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Supt N.W.M.P.
Ft Macleod
Alta

January

Monday 1 Ft Macleod

Beautiful day with scarcely any snow General holiday. The men very quiet they had a smoking concert at 9.00 A.M.

Supt Macdonell, Insprs Davidson Oliver and Jarvis dined with ___ Macdonells, Davidson and Misses Macdonell and Lyons dined with us at 7.00 a very pleasant party. The officers received callers in the afternoon in the dining room of the Offrs Mess not too many called All hands in barracks seemed to enjoy themselves greatly

Retired at (*xed out* midnight) 2 AM.

Tuesday 2 Ft Macleod

Weather fine but a little colder than yesterday busy all day in the office. Sent an Indian to get some whiskey from a man who sold him some last night Also to new town to get some from a disputed(?) party. Sgt Macleod to be with him. Men of H Divn moved out of their quarters for the ball and went into the space ___ in the hospital and to D Division. Inspected the decoration for the ball as far as todays progress ____.

Zero at 4.15 oc

Wednesday 3 Ft Macleod

Corpl ___ up and ___ with a fine of \$5.00 for frequenting half breed dance Sinclair one month H.L. for same and breaking barracks

One drunk before Davidson and self JPs \$5.00 and costs or ten H.L. Favel by name. CS Denny charged with selling liquor to Indians

One White Tel ___ also. Dr McEachern called and was given a long interview

He says he is satisfied with the state of affairs on the ranche and arranged ___ ___ to have matters kept ___ by means of Sgt Watson

Thursday 4 Ft Macleod

Weather cold and below zero. Busy all day. The Macdonalds of Glengarry ranche came in today. The officers and men busy getting the hall decorations etcetera arranged Spent the afternoon at home. But got all my work started.

Friday 5 Ft Macleod

29 deg below 0 last night. Usual routine work. Went to the ball which proved tot be good . Worked up as much of the cases as I could. A large number of people at the ball.

Saturday 6 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Very cold last night got milder as the night wore on. The ball the best yet in the district or in fact that I have seen in the northwest or Manitoba. The whole of H Division ___ but told off to answer the purpose. One room for dancing the opposite one for a reception room and a ladies dressing room off it. The mess room for a coffee room, and all very prettily decorated indeed. Judge Macleod complimented the men and all.
___ Scott one ton of hay

Sunday 7 Ft Macleod

(*xed out* Weather fine. Nothing going on. The men busy straightening up everything after the ball which all pronounce a grand success. Did all ___ routine work. A ham breakfast at Broughtons but did not go as Broughton has asked N.C.O. and this will make it awkward.)

All hands went to church ___
Macdonald and daughter drove down Dined at the Macdonnells at 6 P.M. got home early.

Monday 8 Ft Macleod

Weather very stormy all afternoon. Mr AB Macdonald and Miss Macdonald went home this PM Insp Jarvis went to the Davis ranche with the B___s I advised them not to go as the weather was so threatening. Oliver went without leave but it was no mistake. I think he'll see to it when he returns.

Tuesday 9 Macleod Alta

Busy today as usual. Very heavy Chinook blowing all day. Thermometer Reg 33° above zero. Remanded three vagrants and one man charged with theft until tomorrow at two P.M. Also put off Dennys case and Peters until Friday

Jarvis and Oliver returned but had a hard time of it

Wednesday 10 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. A tremendous chinook blowing all night Snowed in the early morning two in. in depth. Spoke to Inspector Oliver re his absence from duty and pointed out how he should practice strict attention In fact gave him lots of advice. He promised ___ much. Ordered Casey to attend to several matters.

Inspector Jarvis and I sat on cases all P.M. We gave one month HL to Carruthers(?) Larceny one to ___ three to another man for do. dismissed one case

Thursday 11 Ft. Macleod

Weather stormy all morning ___ from sou'west

Mess meeting re D.J. Campbell. Carried ___ unanimously that the former resolution stand. Wroughton did not care about it. He has been "thick" with Campbell

Very busy all the morning in the orderly room. There seems to be no end of work.

Inspr Jarvis and I dismissed the charge against Thomson for vagrancy looked around the barracks.

Friday 12 Ft Macleod

Weather very fine temperature 45° chinook blowing. Several men chgd before me fined Fanning for neglect to take the horses out when ordered, but on account of a doubt ___ on it dismissed the chg

3 days solitary confinement to the prisoner Montand(?) for tearing curtains when removing the decorations of the ball room

Denny ___ twice by Sanders and ___ for selling liquor to Indians. Case not finished Peters case ___ until Denny ___.

Saturday 13 Ft. Macleod

Weather fine chinook 45° above zero, water ___ all over. Asst Comr McIllree came to barracks per C&E. Saw Judge Macleod re the Bd of Health and suggested we can do no more at present

Jarvis and I fined an Indian Blood for giving liquor to another Indian pleaded guilty and got full ___ the law. Dennys case being tried today by Davidson and Sanders they adjourned until Tuesday. The Asst Comr dined with us and ___ ___ went home

Sunday 14

Weather fine. Temp 45° above zero. Church parade attended as usual Inspected barracks afterwards all correct except the log stable which has been used for baled hay and snow has drifted in. Ordered it to be rectified ___ ___ and all set right. Nothing else doing just ____. Asst Comr adjourned (?) case at ___ think he could inspect the canteen, Hospl and Q.M.S. tomorrow

Monday 15 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Asst Comr in O.R. and did business with me re different matters. Ordered Detachments to put up ice. Looked over the whole of the Quartermaster stores and expressed himself as highly pleased with all the changes wrought. Explained to him that it was wrong to ___ ___ of the board of officers which ___ the Quartermaster to be ___ ___.

Tuesday 16 Ft Macleod

Weather fine but cool wind. Asst Comr inspected the barracks, shops hospital horses herd – Gd room cells, prisoners ___ ten to 11. at ___ ___ Const ___ wished private interview to report Comg Offr Lethbridge but was refused as that officer was not present
Asst Comr at Judge Macleods that evening. I worked all day. Macdonnell has a board of officers ___ ___ re stores
Denny and Peters Selling Liquor to Indians (*top of next page* got off by a fluke)

Wednesday 17 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Asst Comr inspected the canteen and expressed himself highly pleased with it in every respect. I inspected several parts of the bks this P.M. Very busy. Wired ___ Jackson Blackfoot Montana that I had arrested two men on suspicion of having held up the Northern Pacific train

on September last. Gave orders to Inspectors Jarvis and others to get books (?) for Local Orders.

Asst Commissioner left at 2.30 P.M. by C of E Ry. Got RR piano tuned today.

Thursday 18 Ft Macleod

calling evidence against Constable Eden for various charges. Busy at lots of work with Sergts M___ Spicer and Barker Sgts Genereaux and Birtles decided upon monuments to policemen who died here since the Force came into the country. White bronze is the material requested. We arranged that a nice stone be brought from the works in St. Thomas (for each cemetery) with crest and motto of the Force and draped Union jack.

Friday 19 Ft. Macleod

Weather fine and still for a wonder. Macdonnell went to Lethbridge with a large party of ladies and two gentlemen to attend the ball. Took (~~xed out~~ rest of) Edens evidence in defense. Wired to Montana to one of the sheriffs re the train robbers. We arranged finally re the monument to be constructed for the cemetery of Prot. and Catholics here Wrote to the Agent Bloods re the Indian who has just come ("Rising Head") from Mont. Wrote the ___ and the Comr.

Saturday 20 Ft Macleod

Weather cold with sharp North wind, a few pots of flowers froze last night the first for some time (years) and yet the fires did not go out. Busy. Davidson remanded the prisoners re train robbery for three days more wired State attorney.

Sunday 21 Ft Macleod

Weather cold. 10° below zero and a slight wind all day. Did not attend church. Macdonell returned at 8.30 Morris has an investigation in hand Attended to several official matters.

Mrs Casey and daughter returned today.

Monday 22 Ft Macleod

Weather fine but very cold. 42° below zero last night. Very busy all forenoon. Sent Jarvis to the Stand Off detachment

Comr notified me that Norman is to come here. I presume without his wife as the Comr orders me to put him in one of the single officers quarters. ___ up today. Macdonell is returning I put him in the kitchen for something to eat today. Wire from Capt Cooke saying that ___ ___ cases of small pox and ___ departed ___ ___ ___

Tuesday 23 Ft Macleod

Weather cld. 40° below in barracks 45° in town. Busy all day
Telegram from the sherrif (Jackson) Mont to the effect that the supposed train robbers were not the men. Inspt Davidson ___ them.

Wind changed to sou west.

Mackenzie called re the case of Chippy the Indian who ___ out to Caleb(?) Dewey.

Telegram from Captain Cooke saying that the small pox has not increased on S. Peigan Res. and that danger is past

Wednesday 24 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. A Chinook blew last night from ten oc to about 5.30 and after that it was calm and cold Then in the morning it became very pleasant.

Busy all day Sent Choquette out to the Boundary to meet some Indian Police. Sent the horse brought in by Many Sioux .

___ over to the Agent South Peigans. Norman arrived from Regina to take command of D Division. I placed him in quarters temporarily.

Thursday 25 Ft Macleod

Weather very fine far above zero. Told Norman that he need not take over the D Divn until Monday and that he could choose quarters which he did, taking Hopkins room.

Busy all day. Ordered constables Burke and Espinosa to be tried before two Justices for frequenting a bawdy house

Looked around the quarters etc a great deal.

The prisoners are busy cleaning out latrines every night.

Friday 26 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Busy large amt of correspondence going out. Gave passes to men to attend the concert in aid of the episcopal church. Constable Sinclair to court(?) in the mess. (Sgt) ___ they ___ another he is a prisoner

Saturday 27 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. A strong chinook blowing temperature 45° above zero
Attended to all routine etc etc
Ordered lumber for my fence and Supt Macdonells

Sunday 28 Ft Macleod

Inspected the mess rooms ___ do saddle rooms stables cells Gd room
canteen and found all correct but one bridle in ___ ___ saddle room.
Church parade for all. I attended as usual. A very small parade
Chinook blowing
Canteen robbed last night of \$28.00 cash

Monday 29 Ft Macleod

Weather calm and snowing a good deal. A great many men under arrest and
chged before me. I am quite disgusted with the kind of men I have to deal
with ten per cent appear to be unfit, a result that is caused by recruiting in
Winnipeg without care. Capt Cooke has arrested Calf Sun and “___
Persons” and I have sent ___ ___ for witnesses to the S. Blackfoot Agency
Pat Burgess fined for being drunk and disorderly
Summoned ___ ___ for more exposure of _____

Tuesday 30 Ft Macleod

Snow fell about two or three inches last night. Cold morning but not very
disagreeable. Dismissed the charges against Constable Edwards for drunk
and creating a disturbance in town. Sent down for the 8 men from Regina
___ ___ sent to measure hay at the Porcupines. Took the red sleigh. Mr
Haultain came re Constable Dennis and the temperance Society

Wednesday 31 Ft Macleod

Weather cold. Tried several men. Busy all day in the orderly room.
Dismissed charge against Constable Edwards for drunk and disorderly
Fined Constable Coates for assaulting Const Mousseau (\$5.00)
Should have got more gave him a severe lecture
Davidson tried one Hanley for neglecting to expose his hide. Constable
Macdonell brought in Mr Maloney for taking off the ___ of mail ___ very
stormy ___ from Sou west.

February

Thursday 1 Ft Macleod

Weather very stormy but not cold. Busy all day. Got a suit by express it did not fit so I sent it back and explained the faults. The charges against Hanley (?) and M____ put off until Friday. Stormy but is a Chinook all day. Supt Norman took over D Division today from Sanders and signed the returns. Went through officers mess kitchen and raised Cain.

Friday 2 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. A ball in honour of the police was given in town hall All hands not on duty or otherwise debarred attended and behaved in a very creditable manner. Left when the last dance but one was in progress The hall was good and the best ball ever given by the citizens of Macleod up to date. A(?) Macdonald stayed with us all night and wife and daughter at Capt Macdonalds. Busy all day which was fine. Hide case against Hanley dismissed.

Saturday 3 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. AB Macdonald and family went home today. I was told by him that in all cases either for hide & or cattle killing Mackenzie could be called in, and that he could also make out the papers in the case. Busy all day, did lots of office work . ____ called at night and stayed a couple of hours The people who went to the ball stayed around the town most of the day at a ____ ____ ____.

Sunday 4 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. A Chinook blowing but raw not being strong enough.
Did not go to Church as I was to(sic) busy. Stayed in OR all morning and attended to many matters of business Wrote and called Hon Mrs Jervis of ____ Derby England re her son, Stepney at Lees Creek, told her amount of money required (at her request) to purchase his discharge. Have some friends at the house tonight.

Monday 5 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day.

Tuesday 6 Ft Macleod

Weather very fine mercury 50° Busy all day attending to correspondence etc Sanders and I sentenced Calf Sun to six months in gaol at Calgary for assault on Const Good with pistol wired Jarvis the same. The Indian pleaded guilty arranged to send him up to Calgary tomorrow. Got ___ of ___ of accounts (?) ___ time and ordered that the N.C.O. could be brought in under arrest.

Wednesday 7

Weather fine. Sent Corporal Ca___s to Lethbridge to ___ up case of cattle stealing by some men named Brown and White. Sent up to Cuthbert order to investigate a case of cattle killing (supposed) at the Alberta Ranche

Sent two men up to arrest Lone Man for selling liquor he was arrested and lodged in the guard room last night. Constable Brown arrest for ___ and attempted rape. He also broke windows of the womans house. Whitford arrested for giving liquor to Ind

Thursday 8 Ft Macleod

Weather fine, calm - 32° - above zero. Casey and I sentenced Magnus Whitford to six months impt with HL and three hundred dollars or three months if not sooner paid for selling intoxicants to Indians We also sentenced Mike(?) who got the liquor to three mons HL for having in his possession. ___ remanded ___ McDougal for having a ___ in his possession. Davidson remanded an Indian, Iron Shield cattle killing. Supt ___ "Lone Man" ___ and ___ selling liquor to Indian

Friday 9 Ft Macleod

Busy. Snow fell last night. Stormy from the east. Jarvis and I tried Lone Man a Cree half breed for selling liquor to Indians and fined him \$300 and impt with hard labor for six months. A strong case was made. Gave Jarvis orders re several other matters. C___ at Lethbridge to attend to killing of Whitneys cattle

Saturday 10 Ft Macleod

The work is going on as usual.

Nothing doing in the afternoon. Office scrubbed out.

Sunday 11 Ft Macleod

Weather fine a chinook blowing in the night. Chch parade went to the C of E as usual. Afterwards inspected the whol barracks except artizans shops

and quartermasters store thoroughly and found it fairly correct. ____
Corporal ____ Tulloch was the best of all Did nothing in the afternoon. Got
lots of mail and private letters on duty matters. Did not agree with all of the
wisdom contained therein.

Monday 12 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. ____ here all day. He came on Sunday for the pay. I ordered
him to see about the mileage of the Porcupine detachment as compared with
others. Looked into the matter of Jac(?) Flemings and Napoleon Macdougall
on the horse stealing in Montana. Macdougall says it was Bernard
Macdougall who came along with him. Looked around a little. Constable
Gray the carpenter had 49 dollars stolen Cons Burke drunk arrested for the
offence.

Tuesday 13

Busy all day. Const Burke brought before Davidson J.P. to answer to the
charge of stealing Constable Grays money

M____ up and asked for his evidence which he did not get. The man is
crafty or I would ____ be troubled by him.

Sent off all back ____ matter that is today I had it ____
____ on Stock taking has not finished the book.

Wednesday 14 Ft Macleod

Weather fine Nothing of importance going on. Busy all day in the office at
the correspondence. Dr Davis here.

Comr letter ____ re ____ to hand will report upon him. Kingman(?)
(Constable) complains of SM ____ for saying that he said to the women "get
off" if brought to the orderly room ____ chg. The report was ____ to Sergt
Genereux who could not take it further. I think he said so himself.

Thursday 15 Ft Macleod

Busy. Fine day Chinook blowing

Nap Macdougall charged stealing horses (*xed out* going on ____) ____ has
asked leave to get paper to write the Commissioner about his case. The man
is crazy and got leave

R.C. Macdonald late of Battleford is in town. Reports improved times
up there. He is inspecting the Ins. agencies of his Comp Norman and
Hopkins to start tomorrow morning.

Friday 16 Ft Macleod

Weather fine but a little sharp. Up in good time I am very busy

Got telegram to release Macdougall and Jas. Fleming as they are not wanted.

Supt Norman left with Inspector Hopkins for the Southern detachments for the purpose of inspecting them

Inspector Casey left for a few days leave with the same officers and is to look into the ____ ____

Saturday 17

Weather fair.

Men busy as usual cleaning up their barracks etc etc

Attended to a lot of correspondence

Got a letter from McIlree in which he says the Commissioner is concerned on account of the very serious offences on defaulters sheets of the Di vision and fears that the Minister will complain of it. Let them do so it is not my fault that 30 or forty per cent of the men of this Command are drunkards and sent here to be reformed.

Constable Dillon died tonight.

Sunday 18 Ft Macleod

Weather cold. 10° below zero.

Wrote McIlree in reply to his to which I (*xed out* have) referred yesterday. Ordered a complete list of the charges which have ____ against 37 men of the Command to enable me to place the affairs before the Comr in a proper way

Constable Cook returned to duty from the hospital for drunkenness. Got a telegram from Comr yesterday to do so. It had already been decided upon.

Monday 19 Ft Macleod

Weather fair. Attended to work and busy all day. Fined Constable Cooke for bringing liquor into barracks and hospital. Case not my ____ today.

Tuesday 20 Ft Macleod

Arranged for Const Dillons funeral at R.C. Church.

Coffin to be good and everything first class as ___ as the ___ will permit. Sent Cowdry up to Pincher Creek with a team. Arranged to have him come back tomorrow.

Wednesday 21 Ft Macleod

___ Inspector Evans to ___ ___ with Constable Macdonald and to return this P.M.

Funeral (___ except the firing) for Constable Dillon. All hands attended it and after service Supt Macdonell went to station and saw the remains shipped to his father in Bothwell Ontario. Wired Baker re team etc etc Fine day ___ ___ a mistake ___ re cloaks. Col. Macleod from Calgary today

Thursday 22 Ft Macleod

Beautiful day. Court sits this P.M. Sent (?) to Inspector Jarvis for the word (?) of the witnesses in criminal cases (*xed out* and) against Indians and Constable Burke. Busy all day. ___ the case of ___ and that of Const Watts for offences.

Fined Constable Cooke (949) 10.00 and 28 days CB for being guilty of bringing spirits ___ ___ into the hospital etc etc

___ ___ Persons got off on account of Jerry Potts having been drunk in court and did not explain Conybeares question properly.

Friday 23

Weather windy (a Chinook). Busy all morning court sitting. Jarvis left for Stand Off today at 10.00

I find that ___ ___ complaint about the detachment is groundless. Court sat in the afternoon but nothing done "Iron Shirt" was tried but not yet completed.

Wrote Comr a private letter re Constable Massena(?) and drunks(?) etc. also Spicer as S.M. ___ called last night and Macdonnell. He explained the case of

Saturday 24 Ft Macleod

The case Iron Shirt tried today but adjourned for further evidence of a boy at Ft Shaw(?) school who is en route. Called in Constable Massena again and after some talk got him to understand what I had to say. ___ wash(?) him if

he would withdraw the letter he wrote and for which he was punished. This he did. Baker busy with Casey about a waggon to be struck off. etc. etc. A ___ of an officer reported to me but not to go any farther.

Sunday 25 Ft Macleod

Weather very fine. A chinook blowing and the drifts melting. Attended church as usual and afterwards inspected the Guard room, cells prisoners, Div Mess rooms ___ do. R.R. rooms, Hopl fire buckets ___ pantries. Saddlery harness, stables canteen etc Dined at Macdonells at 5.30 Came home early. A prisoner escaped Weasel White Buffalo at 10.00 while employed cleaning latrines. The guard did not fire an alarm which was a great mistake

Monday 26 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. A strong chinook blowing. V.S. Wroughton back from Lethbridge. I tried the man who allowed "Weasel White Buffalo" to escape and acquitted him. He was held to blame but his character was considered when I dealt with him.

Jarvis has caught an Indian for killing cattle, hide ___ witness found. Wrote a great deal and did a lot of work in the O.R.

Tuesday 27 Ft Macleod

Weather fine a warm chinook. Busy all day. A lot of men sentenced to dismissal have applied through me to Comr for remission of the same. I forwarded and said that I would suggest dismissal on first drunk(?) provided he could ___ the ___ ___ this time. Sanders and Davidson are preparing for the officers exam written papers and the NCO and Constables as well. To be held on the 1st March (prox)

Wednesday 28 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. A strong "Chinook"

Busy looking into matters of all sorts. Had one Macdonald arrested for aggravated assault on a little child of Mrs Thornton(?) (___ Lake) A pistol numbered 2232 and one number obliterated by design Jarvis and Hopkins(?) in for the exams.

March

Thursday 1 Ft Macleod

Strong Chinook pools of water all over. Big fire at 10.00 A.M. at the back of Messrs Evans and Mac Farquhars dwelling houses. Two horses burnt to death Stables and ___ house burned down. Men all turned out and worked splendidly, putting the fire under control by 12.30 The fire engine ___ use water being convenient a large pool in front of the houses "filling the bill" ___ of ___

The exams going on today.

Friday 2 Ft Macleod

Weather cold wind changed to the north a prairie fire on the north of Willow Crk

The examinations going on for officers N.C.O.s and Constables

Officers will pass well I think. Busy all morning. The two prisoners Rowley (?) and Denny refused to go out and clean the latrines at Stand Off. Rowley reconsidered the matter which I said might help him.

Officers finished their examinations. It is reported that they did well

Saturday 3 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. It snowed a couple of inches last night. N.C.O. and Constables finished their examinations today. Const ___ held(?) some Indians up for cattle stealing.

Sunday 4 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Ch parade as usual. Did not attend for I had took much to do. The mail in as usual

Sent off weekly report and monthly also. Jarvis at Pincher Creek on leave.

Monday 5 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Some snow on the ground. ___ up for sleeping in exam, and I ordered that Non Coms who did not pass were to stay in the Brks until they pass the exam with 70 per cent.

Several men to be dismissed the Force their applications rejected. Ordered Hopkins to be very particular about his detachment and send in any man who is not up to the mark

Tuesday 6 Ft Macleod

Weather cool, but a strong chinook in the afternoon.

Busy at Routine in the orderly room.
Fires broke out in the town started by an incendiary or fire bug. Men turned out twice, the fires were put out by ____.

Wednesday 7 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. A strong chinook blowing
Sent Constables Forde and Townshend to Indian Head to take the Gold ____
Staff Sergt Hilliard returned today. D.W. Davis also the latter called re . (*xed out* cattle) horses. He thinks it too early to buy in April . Staff Sert Hilliard ordered to relieve Cotter at Stand Off.

Thursday 8 Ft Macleod

Busy all morning. Strong Chinook and thaw from the few hard drifts. Men paid today. Sent out for Corporal ____ kit and to bring in ____ Roby.
Cotton in __ the escape of lads from the Industrial School at the Blood Reserve. It is a C of E institution ____ ordered Cotton to see the Agent on all these subjects in which the affair is really appertaining to internal economy

Friday 9 Ft Macleod

Weather windy but fine. Busy all morning. The Indian Weasel White Buffalo recaptured.

Saturday 10 Ft Macleod

Weather fine but strong Chinook wind blowing all day. Placed Constable Miller(?) again under arrest for permitting the Indian to escape.
Evidence of the two Indians (*xed out* clearly) ____ ____ shows that the Constable was very negligent indeed. Remanded until Monday next.

Dr Gerard(?) came to me and reported that he thought there was a likelihood of small pox being in the C of E Indian school at the Agency I told him to see Colonel Macleod Chairman of the Bd

Sunday 11 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Church parade at the usual hour. Windy all P.M. Nothing of importance. Colonel Macleod came to me and said that Dr Kennedy was satisfied from an examination today that there is no small pox at the C of E Indian school, and reports to that effect in writing

Mr ___ very angry at Dr Gerard for making such a foolish report.

Monday 12 Ft Macleod

Fine day. A Chinook blowing

Investigated the escape of the prisoner "Weasel White Buffalo" The evidence is strong against the Constable who had charge of the prisoners (Constable Miller) Great carelessness shown by Corporal A___.

Usual routine going on today.

Rowley and ___ ordered to leave the Force.

Ordered Casey to ___ the Black Maria wagon and repaint it.

Tuesday 13 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Norman and Casey to Leavings with pay ___ the latter to arrange for contract for ___ at that detachment and Mosquito Crk.

Busy at ___ work. Ordered MacD ___ ___ get work.

Sergt ___ and Corporal Waterfield applied for transfer and ___ respectively. I told them not to do so.

Wednesday 14 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Busy at routine. Insp Jarvis and others busy at their studies, they are doing well. Lectures going on all day by Sanders and others. Tried a charge against ___ Scout Jack ___ and with the Agent Mr Nelson dismissed the charge which was of having liquor in possession on an Indian reserve. Spite the cause of the chg

Thursday 15 Ft Macleod

Weather fine busy all morning. I inspected the shops transport etc. with ___ ___ Ordered ___ ___ on the fire wagon just renovated from the remains of the old Black Maria. And it is to be painted as the other platform ___ wagons are

A man arrested last night for the crime of attempted arson and up this A.M. before Davidson Signed and ___ all the returns.

Friday 16 Ft Macleod

Busy at routine

Examination of officers N.C.O. and Constables going on each day. Sanders looking after it. I think the exams will be passed creditably.

Saturday 17 Ft Macleod

Very fine day. I inspected the whole of the barrack square, and went to the Hospital and saw the sick.

Bentley and Major Deane back from Lethbridge came up to see us. Mr ___ gave us some ___ of fire appliances.

The officers passed their last paper in the morning. Jarvis a good paper on drill

Sunday 18 Ft Macleod

Weather fine did not attend church but all hands did

I inspected the whole of the barracks etc as usual all officers attended except Macdonell who was not yet back from church

Looked into many matters of duty all day, and arranged for lots of things.

Monday 19 Ft Macleod

Weather cold. The wind changed at 12.30 last night and a small flurry of snow fell. Wind north. Busy at Quartermasters returns my numerous routine duties and states of one sort or another also looking into the matter of the exams

A man was seen in Caseys quarters last night but owing to the N.C.O. of the guard being at the rear there was no chance to get him for the other man was at the ___ ___ Const Wilson and one only in the said rooms.

Tuesday 20 Ft Macleod

Weather fine, calm Thermometer was 32 at 9.30 but rose rapidly later on. No prisoners. The examinations turned out well. Busy at routine etc etc

Mail came in with instructions for quarantine and also instructions to the following ___ ___ re Indians going to the Woods(?)

"I trust that you will see that this is looked after" I wonder when we will cease to be treated as children.

Wednesday 21 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Busy at routine. A lot of correspondence going on with Head quarters on a lot of subjects of very little consequence.

___ must have a shortage of ___

Thursday 22 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Went around the square looking to matters Fined Randall one dollar for being absent from his work. Wrote memo to Davidson for appearing in field serge at O.R. parade. Norman apologized for the same. Did a lot of work. Ordered Corporal Browne to see that he got the ___ of posts she(?) required for the ___ ___ Big Beard(?) and for the shed for the extra horses at the same time
Ordered him to see if any people were leaving the country and why do. and if ___ ___ ___ representation to come in.

Friday 23

Weather dull and dark but not cold. Holiday for all hands in the barracks but no church parade.

Saturday 24 Ft Macleod

Weather fine busy at routine

Diphtheria is reported to be in the town. I have taken action to have the place fumigated. A woman from Lethbridge brought the disease.

Left the Ante room at about 9.00 came back in the PM hours and found Supt Norman, Casey Oliver and ___ Bright playing poker with chips on the table. They seemed surprised at my return.

Sunday 25 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Did not go to church. Suffering from Diharrea and therefore could not. Busy part of the day in the office but had to lie down later. Ordered tomorrow to be observed as a holiday.

Bob Macdonald a half breed was to be arrested for being drunk and assaulting ___ ___ I issued a warrant. He broke away from Wells but S ___ got him, later on he got a rifle to stand off the Constables

Monday 26 Ft Macleod

Weather very fine One of the nicest spring days I have seen Spoke to Casey about the poker playing in the mess. He gave a lame excuse. I spoke to him also about taking cards to inspections of the barracks at the outposts. And he did not deny it. But afterwards went and told a string to Norman who spoke to me about it. I said I would see him later. I do not think either of them support me as they should do.

Tuesday 27 Ft Macleod

Weather stormy all last night and up to 11.30 today.

A mess meeting presided over by Supt Macdonell I had not time as I was busy with several matters. Made out detail of prisoners to be employed each day until work is done which we have in hand

Wrote Norman re the poker in the Ante-Room on Sat night.

Wednesday 28 Ft Macleod N.W.T.

Weather fine. A stormy chinook all day. Calm at 7.30 P.M. Spoke to the officers at 11.00 re the poker in the Officers mess on Sat night. All said they regretted the incident and that no harm was meant by it. Busy all morning and a part of the afternoon at routine work etc etc.

Thursday 29 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Busy at all sorts of duty

Constable McLachlan up for absent from stables told him to behave himself well when away from home. Ordered many things to be done. Wrote to Inspector Macdonell Capt Cooke, Mrs Jarvis Richard Hulburt(?) and T.C. Elliot of 409 Craig Street Montreal Pquebec I enclosed in the latter \$2.45 in P.O.s and \$2.00 in cash for some Military books. ___ ___ and Macaulay Sent prisoner Gauthier to make his ___ of church 7 AM

Friday 30 Ft Macleod

Weather fine but windy. Busy at routine. Arranged for work to be done next week.

Saturday 31 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day at routine work in the office

Inspected part of the barracks and the hospital Not satisfied with the latter and entered same in book as usual. Told orderly to ___ ___ He ___ attended to it before Sunday etc. found fault with the kitchen.

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Sunday 1 Ft Macleod

Weather fine, but a little cloudy. Church as usual. Was not perfectly satisfied with the marching of the Presbyterians the rest were all right. A large number of people in church and the choir good. I lent the parson a

team and driver to enable him to hold service at Peigan Mission. Inspected the barracks and everything etc etc after church and found it all correct except doors of cupboards in one or two of the rooms and the R.R. Had the parties cautioned.

Monday 2 Ft Macleod

Weather fine but very windy. Busy at routine. One Serg up for not having the guard turned out at retreat and neglecting to report that it had not been done. Sgt Nicholson(?) was the man a good non com. I cautioned him but the next will catch it if I am spared to try him

___ says that there are no ___ in D Division ___ and that he will produce (?) all. This is apropos of a complaint of a complaint from H Qrs re the Stock taking board.

Tuesday 3 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Routine. Wrote Cuthbert re the hay at Pincher Creek

Wired O.C. Calgary re the saddles ___ as transferred to Calgary (E) in June 1888. Got stores put on reqn for officers mess etc

Wrote ___ and Duggan saying I could not meet their accts(?) before July next.

Told S.M. to attend to everything

Wednesday 4 Ft Macleod

___ and Duggans letter replied to. Cannot do anything for them before July if then.

Ordered S.M. to see about the manure for the garden. Sergt Brown says he sent all ___ was for the last two months.

Dave Cochranes man caught stealing manure for Dave, had no excuse.

Wrote for balnkets and the harness blacking

Walked around the barracks and square and looked to matters

Sgt Jarvis here from ___

Thursday 5 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. All hands busy at cleaning up the square, gardening and all sorts of work. Busy ___ ___ at routine

Fined Constable ___ \$10.00 for being drunk etc in barracks I also awarded 7 days C.B. in accordance with my scale

The men are preparing for the building of the magazine and the cells in addition to the guardroom ___ being put up.

Friday 6 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. All hands busy at cleaning up ___ building the magazine and cells, repairing and all sorts of work and gardening.

Cochrane came up to see me about the quarantine I explained the matter to him. He says he is bringing in about 2500 head of steers to fatten and mature on the range.

Party at my house to see Insp Casey off.

Saturday 7 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day Lots of work going on I ordered rope for skeleton and squad ___ for the Inspectors.

Also put in orders ___ the names of the officers to have a sub division in each division. Leavings and Mosquito Creek to be attached to the ___ sub division

___ that a little rivalry will do no harm. Lectured the S.M. in the presence of Inspr Sanders re conduct and bearing towards the officers.