

Steele Diary 1892 - 2008.Series1 Box 2 Folder 7

January

Friday 1 Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. The day kept quietly. Service in C of S. Dined at home

Saturday 2 Ft Macleod

Weather fine Received a telegram from the Commissioner to the effect that Col. Herchmer had died at Calgary (suddenly) last night. It was a great shock and surprise to us for although an extremely suspicious man and apt to lend himself to the schemes of his brother and aid him in his attempts to ill treat his officers, yet he, if let alone, would have been as much better man.

I gave Aylen and Baker leave to go to Calgary to the funeral but the latter could not get away. Gave orders for the flag to fly at half mast until further orders.

Sunday 3 Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. did not go to church had too much for the mail. Sanders took charge of the C of S detachment.

Wrote a good deal in the afternoon. Most people thought that Colonel Herchmers sudden death could \_\_\_ attributed to suicide, but a telegram from Insp Allan to Col.Macleod settled that matter as it proved to be fatty degeneration of the heart. He took ill at 10 and died at 11.00.

Monday 4 Ft. Macleod

Recd. telegram from Denny and Sergt Cotter saying that Forde who is charged with killing one May-hew was Saint Marys, had been captured and could be tried before J.P. Wired to Denny not to let the fellow escape at any hazard

Busy all day in court etc The quarterly Bd on stock\_\_\_ is on hand and has

orders to be very strict

Wired Crown Prosecutor about Fordes case

Tuesday 5 Macleod N. W.Ty.

Weather fine. This is my birthday and Bakers. We did \_\_\_ any. Times have changed since we had a little pleasure on such occasions.

Busy in orderly room, visited \_\_\_ cells and stables saddle rooms etc.

Telegram from Denny saying that Forde was committed to stand his trial on the fifteenth and asking for \_\_\_ and Crown Prosecutor

Wired Messrs Conybear & Galliher on the subject and repeated Dennys telegram Have not had a reply on this subject.

Wednesday 6 Macleod

Weather fine but a little windy. Lots of work going on. The quarterly board and other things (word x'ed out) Johnson & Johnson sent up word asking for half the fine in Reg.vs \_\_\_\_ ( if paid) something fishy in this Sent for the interpeyter to see to it

Reported the case in writing to Judge Macleod

Johnson& Johnson re Reg. vs \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ for selling \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ to Indians

Took desposition of Whitford in this case.

Thursday 7 Macleod

Weather fine. Telegram from Denny saying that he had got Fords case put off until the 20<sup>th</sup> instance Wired copy to Conybear and Galliher at once and also wired them saying that I would be ready with the witnessess for extraditions as soon as they were ready for them. Visited sick stables, Hospital and looked around the barracks at 1200 Did \_\_\_ work in orderly room. Clarkson then

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ a/c

Ordered new stable brooms for sick stable

Asst Surgeon Aylen returned from Calgary today.

Friday 8 Macleod

Weather fine. Visited Gd. cells, stables, \_\_\_ room stables. Issued poison (wolf) license to John Daniels a half breed. It is to be set out in the porcupines. Conybear writes saying that the crown pos. will be ready to go at any time to the States to extradite Ford. And suggested that witnesses go this way. Mailed letter to Mr C. Clarke, \_\_\_ Steele, Mr Mann(?), Mr. R Harwood, Supt Deane, Corporal Brown per \_\_\_ Humfrey \_\_\_ \_\_\_ last with \$25.00 in it for Morrison at Fish Creek on a/c of butter received from him (the Morman )

Saturday 9 Ft. Macleod.

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on attended to \_\_\_ )as usual.

Sunday 10 Macleod N.W.Ty.

Weather fine. (x'ed out \_\_\_ \_\_\_ laid an information against one Donneley for having liquor intoxicants illegally in his possession. I sent for him by \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ \_\_\_ to appear tomorrow)

Weather very cold & stormy. 10 °below zero. No church parade today. Wrote lots of letter to different parties on business.

Monday 11 Macleod N.W.Ty.

Weather fine but a little sharp, zero at 1000 but later it cleared up finely. Busy at various cases. Col. Macleod came up re. Johnson & Johnson for black mailing the Mormon who charged some Indians with stealing and killing cattle. \_\_\_ well filled up again. Ford searched and said that he was satisfied at the affair being concluded and that the police had done their duty as well as

possible and that nothing was found.

Paid I.G. Baker a cheque for one hundred dols from Dr. Allen to me on Cowdry Bros Macpherson in.

Tuesday 12 Macleod

Weather fine. busy all morning at correspondence and various cases arranged for witnesses in extradition cases to be ready at St. Marys on the night of the 15<sup>th</sup> Wired Galliher to that effect. Case against one Donnelly for having liquor illegally in his possession.

Wednesday 13 Macleod

Howard went out to the Southern detachments today, gave him orders to send in a reply to my letter to the Mormon Storekeeper by special messenger. Explained that I had written about it some days previous and deserved a prompt reply

Informed Howard that he would be relieved by Inspector Davidson

Thursday 14 Macleod. N.W.Ty

(*xed out* Ft. Macleod) Busy all day. Galliher arrd from Lethbridge. Made arrangements for Matthews Galliher and Dr Aylen to go south to extradite Frank Ford. Ordered that they be made as comfortable as possible. Gave \_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_ orders to that effect. Gave Inspr Matthews fifty dollars (\$50.00) for expenses and warned him to keep them within bounds.

Friday 15 Macleod

Inspected Stables, Hospital, Saddle rooms. Found D Saddle room not clean, and the saddles in it dusty. Matthews, Ayles & Galliher Crown Prosecutor started at 10 AM to extradite Frank Ford, two four horse teams were with them. All are comfortable. Chinook blowing quite mild. Forty two degrees difference between the temperatures last night and was 32° above zero now Eleven (11) below last night at 7.30

Sergt Cotter(?) will go with the party to the S. Peigan agency as guide.

Saturday 16 Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance. Sentenced Const McDowell to 3 mos Hard Labor for “carrying a letter from a vagrant in the Guardroom to a woman of low character in town” Sent one hundred dollars to Matthews he asked for a great deal more but I would not allow it

Busy at correspondence etc from (xed out noon) 9.30 until 12.30

Sunday Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. No parade for C of S – all others held. Did some work in the orderly room. Looked over the quarterly board on the whole it is more like it should be than the last. Baker has done well.

Monday 18 Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance. Tried several breaches of discipline in the orderly room, visited \_\_\_ stables hospital, Recreation room, Gd room, cells sentries and attended to correspondence in the morning.

Tuesday 19

The mail today. Busy working in the office. Comr sits at Regina today, mail did not bring much in except reports from Denny all \_\_\_ as usual. Visited \_\_\_.

Wednesday 20 Macleod

Weather fine 33° Busy all morning. The extradition trial of Frank Ford for killing Matthews sits today at the Agency

Very windy indeed. Clerks busy checking the issues of \_\_\_ \_\_\_ by the parade states.

Inspr Davidson arrd at 5 P.M. but was ordered to Regina with Sanders by the Comr I suppose as witnesses in the case.

Gave orders for team to take them in time for first train tomorrow morning

Did some work in the evening

Mrs Zack Wood arrived last night from Maple Creek.

Thursday 21 Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all morning at returns etc went to \_\_\_ stables found some faults and corrected them. Put in orders instructions about some stable duties. Insprs Davidson & Sanders started for Regina at 10.30 to catch evening train at Lethbridge.

Mail in early. The Macdonnells had a five o'clock tea, a great many there. Got several letters and wrote A.R. Dickey J.B. Clarke, James Ross.

Mac wrote McLennan, he says.

Friday 22 Macleod

Weather mild, 45°

Busy at routine did a lot, visited and attended \_\_\_ stables which did no harm.

Wrote Macpherson re the report against Edwards supposed to have sold ammunition at Cut Banks Montana

S Const Denny arrived at about 7.00 P.M. reports all right at The Agency, but the Ford Case put off until the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Reports Agent \_\_\_ still annoyed at the report that one Edwards sold ammunition on the S. Peigan Res. to Canadian Indians and \_\_\_ had written to Washington denying flatly what \_\_\_ said

Saturday 23 Macleod

Weather fine. Thermometer 55° strong Chinook blowing. Received Macphersons report explaining the thing re Indians getting ammunition from American trader at Cut banks. The story was untrue probably unintentional on account of wrong interpreting by \_\_\_.

White-Fraser here

Sunday 24 Macleod

Weather very fine drove out in the afternoon with Mays and the youngster. Very pleasant and did us good

Prairie fire started by the burning of Rothwells(?) hay stacks by an incendiary. Sent Sgt Spicer out to save what could be and stop prairie fire, did the latter \_\_\_ got further east \_\_\_ the Stand Off trail. A very good days work by the men.

Monday 25 Macleod

Constable Johnsons box searched for having stolen pipes and cigars of Bleasdells. Some were found and Johnson taken into custody. Wrote to Macpherson about the sale of ammuniton to our Indians by Amer traders and told him that \_\_\_ the trader did not live at B\_\_\_ Creek nor at Cut Banks where the am \_\_\_ sold. Issued a summons for \_\_\_ \_\_\_ for refusing to go out to a prairie fire under the Ordinance Const Johnson arrested for theft of goods from Bleasdells store, goods found on him.

Tuesday 26 Macleod

Usual routine

Wednesday 27 Macleod

Usual Routine

Thursday 28 Macleod

Weather fine Nothing of importance Usual routine

Friday 29

Col Irvine arrived from Calgary

Morris picked him up at Pincher Creek. Col. Looks well.

Saturday 30 Macleod

Weather fine usual routine. Macdonnell went up to Pincher Creek to attend a meeting

Sunday 31 Macleod

Weather fine. Did not go to church today. Another prairie fire at Rothwells, all his harness oats etc were burnt. One Sutton arrested on suspicion of having done this.

Col. Irvine on hand (*xed out* that night) at my house stayed until about ten o'clock. Macdonnell back from Pincher Creek.

## **February**

Monday 1 Macleod

Fine. No snow. Sutton charged with arson remanded until tomorrow. Wagner brought up as a thief dismissed with not a stain on his character. Busy at other matters. Dismissed the charge against Constable Ryan who was told off to watch the man Ford supposed to have murdered one Mayhew.

Dismissed (with Sanders) charge against one Wagner a lad who had been employed as an interpreter by the Force. Charged with having J.W. \_\_\_s watch unlawfully in possession.

Tuesday 2 Macleod

Weather fine. No Snow Strong S.Wind by noon

30° at 10.00 and 45° above at 12.00

Dismissed the charge against one "Dutch Frank" for taking a pig unlawfully. It appears that \_\_\_ bought it and did not pay for it and it was returned taken back by Frank Fontaine (Dutch Frank)°

Visited stables , Vty and others, Gd room, cells, all in good shape stables improved a good deal. Dismissed charge of burning stable and barn of Rothwell by one Sutton Attended to other work

Wednesday 3 Ft Macleod

Rothwell came to me and got permission to have Humfrey work up the burning of the barn and stables. I was busy at routine (x'ed out sent) went around the barracks, and visited the sick in hospital etc etc

Dance in the mens qrs. given by their quadrille club.

Plots by that very nice fellow at Regina are being exposed daily. The son of a gun will have a nice time of it

Thursday 4 Macleod

Routine work. Two drunks and some minor offences \_\_\_ tried at orderly Room Weather fine 45° above 0° \_\_\_ and officers up to see me on official business.

Friday 5 Macleod

Weather fine. 45°-50°in the shade

Tried Constable Jarvis of D. Division for associating with bad characters and

sentenced him to one month inpt with H. L. He gave me a lot of trouble by denying (x'ed out this) the chg and causing large number of witnesses to appear to prove it

Morris & Worughton, the latter on duty, to Lethbridge.

Saturday 6 Macleod

Nothing of any importance on hand, busy at ordinary routine. G D Beary(?) in Left for the East on leave. Drayner and Sergt Martin from Regina the latter ostensibly to measure the men for uniforms in reality on some dirty job on the Commissioners I firmly believe

Sgt Barker to the Porcupines to take chg Sergt Roly to the Boundary creek to do likewise. Gave them instruction before starting for the destination.

Sunday 7 Macleod

Did not go to church. cannot do so as long as I am in the frame of mind caused by the Force. Busy at my mail

Monday 8 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy at routine work in the orderly room. Fined two men for drunkenness. Sent a reply to Comr (McIllree) about a charge against one Const Somerville of the Force.

Tuesday 9 Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing going on of importance G Rothwell arrested and admitted to bail for "shooting with intent"

Ball by single officers tonight proved a great success. Corporal Rickman remanded for neglect today \_\_\_ and absent from his detachment

Mail in. The Police Commission adjourned until the return of Judge Wetmore whose son is dying \_\_\_ the Judge returns \_\_\_ to the lad. Chinook blowing all

day.

Wednesday 10 Macleod

Weather fine (x'ed out all day) D.J. Campbell explained when prisoners are to be tried (x'ed outand) when and who. Reduced Corporal Rickman to the ranks today for several offences. Absences being among them and neglect of duty.

Sgt Martin and Sgt. Morrison to south to measure the men for their uniforms. Const Johnson arraigned before Judge Macleod for larceny of pipes etc and sentenced to 12 mos. impt with H.L. Lone Man arrested for assault upon his wife. Dance at Sergt Mess.

(x'ed out Thursday Friday 11 12 13) Macleod

Weather fine. West and Sanders and I fined one McGillis drunk and causing a disturbance. I fined Lone Man for assault upon his wife former fine paid. One Stephenson brought in from St Marys and confined in the Gd room for an attempt to committ rape on his daughter. She is expected here. Steals fire in here today from Lethbridge with Sgt Hilliard. Chinook \_\_\_ all day. Nothing doing after dinner. S Sergt. Hilliard brought in Steals fire from Lethbridge . Nigger Minstrel show in the Recreation room, very good. Stormy

Friday (x'ed out Thursday 12) Macleod

Court sitting today Nothing of importance. Sent witnesses down to see about it. Committed Stephenson for indecent assault on daughter. Released Nolle Prosequi being \_\_\_ Fine in the morning, but a heavy blizzard preceeded by a regular hurricane. came on at 1200 hay stacks supposed \_\_\_ \_\_\_ as it \_\_\_ \_\_\_those on the bound(?) side.

Men had a minstrel show in the town hall

Saturday 13 Macleod

S\_\_\_ presently \_\_\_ and mail for this Monday. Sanders and I sentenced Lone Mans wife to \$1.00 and costs for assaulting A\_\_\_ S\_\_\_. Murray came to see me and asked me to push his application for pension through the officers in Washington which I arranged to do as to can get no one else.

Very wintry \_\_\_ - but not cold. Snow is on the ground about an inch deep.

Sunday 14 Macleod

Stormy and cold. No church parade. Busy part of the time in the office.

Monday 15 Macleod

Weather fine. Thermometer at zero (0) until 12.30 when Chinook raised the temperature and drove the \_\_\_ \_\_\_. Dealt with a few matters of discipline and commenced the preliminary on \_\_\_ for shooting with intent. I do not believe the woman Laura Clifton who makes the statement Several cases on hand

Sent a note of \_\_\_ to Colonel Irvine \_\_\_ a man looking for horses for several men at High River \_\_\_

Retired at midnight as usual.

Tuesday 16 Macleod

The prisoner T Johnson(?) up and sentenced to twelve mos. to run concurrent with Judge Macleods sentence for Larceny etc. Sentenced same man to two mos additional for disob of orders in prison and bad language while at work. Busy at returns and many other \_\_\_.

Wednesday 17 Macleod

Weather cold. I am confined to the house with sore throat . I ordered that \_\_\_ one (1) room "D" Divn to be vacated for the Commission and the men placed in the vacant hospital ward or elsewhere if necessary

They have been put in the hospital and in the other room of their Division.

Thursday 18 Macleod

Weather improved 15° above zero. Throat better. Men of D. \_\_\_ moved into vacant ward are quite comfortable . Signed and attended to all my correspondence to-day. No breaches of discipline to be tried.

Remanded one Smyth(?) again as Laura Clifton is still too unwell to appear against him.

Mays drove out with the Girl(?) and the youngster. Comr wired that teams would be required on Monday at the \_\_\_ to bring party from Lethbridge to this place. Deane replied to and asked to wire exact date when he knows of it

Friday 19 Macleod

Weather fine. Mercury 15° inspected the barracks, recreation room, stables etc all correct. \_\_\_ up other routine matters. Men cleaning houses(?) etc. etc.

Saturday 20 Macleod

Weather fine, but cold

Usual routine

Sunday 21 Macleod

Weather fine Nothing of consequence. Mercury 15 above zero. Church

parade as usual. I attended \_\_\_ did \_\_\_ those not on duty or sick.

Inspected the divisions messes, barrack rooms, ablutions rooms, Kitchens Hospital, Recreation room, stables, saddle room and canteen. Everything in \_\_\_ order and no complaints. Guard room and cells in particularly good order.

Monday 22 Macleod

Weather fine. Soft gentle Chinook blowing mercury 45°. Inspected stables, hospital, Saddle room etc. Attended to routine \_\_\_ prisoner Murray(?) on account \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ \_\_\_ by Neale and me. It is to be handed in to Dr. Allen

Sent Humfrey(?) on special duty to Boundary Creek & to report to Dr. Allen Coll of Customs and at B. Creek to get Denny and Const Percival to work with him. Wrote out instructions for all and to Sergt Roby.

Tuesday 23

Commission sitting

Wednesday 24

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Commission Sitting

## **March**

Tuesday 1

Commission sitting

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Friday 4

Commission Sitting

Orderly room by Comr. all requests granted.

Saturday 5 Macleod

Weather fine. Wroughton Haultain and Morris to Lethbridge in a K. Division wagon.

Sent telegram to Haultain to get evidence in rebuttal put in re the Comrs

statements.

Macdonell ditto to Judge(?) for same.

Mess meeting today D.J. Campbell was asked with unanimous consent not to appear in the mess again. Copy to be sent to all messes of the Police.

Sunday 6 Macleod

Weather windy, no parade. Z.T. Wood and wife with team to Lethbridge en route to Pincher Creek

Monday 7 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy all day. Sent orders to have team for Judge Macleod to go to P. Creek. He countermanded the order at once as he was unwell. Decided to start at 3 P.M. but could not. Got no reply from Haultain re the Judge

Tuesday 8 Macleod

Weather fine. Cold in the morning and some snow. Afternoon clear. Sgt Wright(?) handed in his books etc to \_\_\_ Provost (*xed out* on the) Orders to go to Lees Creek for himself and take charge via Big Bend detachment.

Signed all my a/c etc etc. Wrote many letters (official and private)

Wednesday 9 Macleod

Weather fine. Routine

Thursday 10 Macleod

Busy at routine. Col. Irvine caused an information to be laid against one Creighton(?) for offering an I. to sell of \_\_\_ unlawfully. I sent warrant out tonight with orders to have him here tomorrow

Spring drill going on.

Friday 11 Macleod

Fined Dan Creighton(?) 50.00 and costs of court or (*xed out* three) two months for contravention of Indian Act re obtaining property from Indians without any authority whatever. He \_\_\_ one Harry Hawes(?) in his defence and he was the strongest one against him

Saturday 12 Macleod

Weather fine. 40° deg. at 9.30 drill (Spring) going on. Did lots of work and had a great deal of bother(?).

Ordered \_\_\_ and team for Campbell & prisoners J.W. Murray and Welch.

Told Baker to get the oats as soon as possible to make up S.S. Fanes(?) bad work. He says he can get them for seventy(?) cents a hundred perhaps less.

Sunday 13 Macleod

Church parade as usual. Raw day.

Inspected the Barracks, \_\_\_ Kitchen etc and the Dr absent must give an order re the Inspections and attendance

Monday 14 Macleod

Busy all day weather cold and cloudy

Tuesday 15 Macleod

Weather fine. Busy in the office all day. Macdonell preparing to go to Mosquito Creek to inspect.

Wednesday 16 (*xed out* Weather) Macleod

Nothing of importance

Busy in the office all day

Macdonell went to Mosquito Creek to inspect the post and that at the Leavings also. J(?) Cowdry accompanied him.

Thursday 17 Macleod

Weather fine. Drill as usual. Attended to a good deal of work

Wroughton sent out to inspect the (*xed out* Division) horses. Pincher Creek Kootenai and Big Bend. Drayner went with him

Friday 18 Macleod

Weather raw. no drill to(sic) cold for it as it is done standing in squads with intervals

Busy at routine and office work all forenoon

Inspected the guard, guard room, cells, Stables of D. Division. Saddle room ordered \_\_\_ routine boards and prisoners ditto to be made out at once.

The guard did not turn out properly. Once Constable mixed up and Corporal too hurried in his words of command. Care must be taken to teach them the way to give words of command

Saturday 19 Macleod

Weather very fine. Recd telegram today from A Ross Cuthbert Insp Calgary asking for team to meet the Indian Comr (Reid) at Mosquito Creek Sunday night. Sent them at once. Another telegram at 1.00 which \_\_\_ \_\_\_ to send 30 men to Lethbridge to replace same number of Deanes sent to "The Hat" CPRy strike. \_\_\_ with teams \_\_\_ in \_\_\_ \_\_\_ and had horses shod Put 10 in wagons and 20 mounted they left at 7 P.M. under Sgt \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ out of them.

Busy at routine signed all monthly \_\_\_\_\_ returns

Sunday 20 Macleod

Weather fine. No church parade, so many men away. Busy in orderly room nearly all day

Sent for "Lone Man" Cree Indian and asked him all about Mr Johnson the Coroners \_\_\_ investigation on Mrs McGillis child found that Johnsons report was false and that Lone Man in every respect corroborates the report made by White Fraser. Gave the Indian a half sack of flour some tea sugar and tobacco as a present. Told him that no matter what he said I would have done so. Wrote report, Confidential to the Comptroller re the Johnson case.

Deane writes \_\_\_ that [top of following page] he has not sent men to Hat yet

Monday 21 Macleod

Weather fine. 55° in shade

Lawn tennis played by townspeople. Matthews(?) to Med Hat with Deanes men. Told him to take luggage in case of transfer. Foolish man. crazy about his boy and will be no use for duty while the boy is around.

Post in fine \_\_\_ orders \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ their hats, and on visiting stables found them not swept out clean. Gave orders to have officers inspect them. Wrote a number of letters to parties on duty.

Visited Hopl. stables etc. at 3.45 looked at awkward squad.

Played whist in the mess until 11.00 won 20 points lost none.

Tuesday 22 Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on 60° in the shade at noon. 55 before noon

Tried several minor charges against men. Inspected the men in drill. Sent Const Quinn to the awkward squad under Mahoney. Did lots of routine work.

Informed the \_\_\_ behaved like a fool at Mosquito Creek on the way down

Wednesday 23

Weather fine. Drayner to Lethbridge to relieve Matthews who is to Moose Jaw. Drill as usual

Thursday 24 Macleod

Weather fine. Johnson & Johnson up before Insp Davidson for obtaining money under false pretences. Court sat until 10.30 at night. I gave evidence at 6.00. Bray and a great many witnesses called. Mail in. C.P.R. strike over so it is said. Some letters indicating that the usual low black guard system of spying on the Force is to be continued

Friday 25 Macleod

Weather fine. A little snow last night but all gone by 10.00

Johnson & Johnson committed for trial and admitted to bail by Inspr Davidson

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Young \_\_\_ Mrs \_\_\_ some laid charges against George Robinson for attempt to commit buggery upon him. Admitted Robinson to bail self in \$500.00 and two in \$250 each. Sandy Macdonell and D. \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday 26 Ft Macleod

Weather fine 50° Fined two men Kirkman(?) and Devill(?) for breaking barracks, added 28 days C.B. Potter charged before Sanders and chgs dismissed but told that he could not be tolerated any longer if he did not \_\_\_ himself.

Sunday 27 Macleod

No Church parade

Weather fine. Wrote many letters and signed one for Hd Quarters Mays went to church.

Monday 28 Macleod

Weather fine Drill as usual. Men getting on well. Did lots of routine work in orderly room. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ in this afternoon.

Tuesday 29 Macleod

Weather 40° in shade raw wind, busy at routine in orderly room. Const R\_\_\_ one month and ten dollars (\$10.00) fine for drunk in the streets of Macleod and assaulting Constable Dawson(?), he the said D. being on duty as C.O.O. Appealed.

Wednesday 30 Ft Macleod

Weather fine until night when it rained hard from 8.00 to a very late hour. Busy at routine. Drill as usual. N.C.O. and Const in from the Detachments for work. Visited the stables, drill, etc etc Corral etc in the afternoon. Spent evening at Sanders place.

Thursday 31 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on. Drill, N.C.O. class started. They do well. Ordered Sgt Barker in to instruct. Sgt Wilde to instruct also told off and relieved from Provost for the purpose.

\_\_\_, Potts and Const \_\_\_ to the Peigan Reserve to protect railway men \_\_\_ \_\_\_ status from damage \_\_\_ by the Peigan Indians

Wrote many letters Told off Drayner as Inspecting officer of the Northern part of this district.

Mail in early (4.00)

## **April**

Friday 1 Macleod

Weather fine. Drill as usual. Corpl Featherstone(?) tried to get a transfer because changed from one squad to another at drill. Const came and complained about Spicer (S.M.) I asked him his reasons for app for a transfer, and he said that the S.M. was doing all he could to make it hot for him. \_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_

Interview with a man named Barclay re his wife's abusive language to another person. Wrote several letters. Ordered Corpl \_\_\_\_ to the Leavings.

Saturday 2 Macleod

Weather fine. 60° at 10.00 Drill as usual. Busy in the orderly room no prisoners at all.

S Sergt Hilliard is to \_\_\_\_ today He asked me when drill would be over I told him it would be over very soon but not until there was thorough efficiency.

Visited herd with \_\_\_\_, inspected the barrack rooms kitchens and stables. Brooms and mops on top of \_\_\_\_ to be thrown \_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_. Stops(?) \_\_\_\_ in front of the kitchen \_\_\_\_

Sunday 3 Macleod

Weather stormy in the forenoon no church parade. Busy at routine work all day. Mailed my monthly report

Mailed letters to Robert Harwood, \_\_\_\_ Deane, Thompson(?) Mgr H.B.C. Calgary, Jas A. Dickey Amherst N.S. John F. Mowatt(?) Regina, Huot.

Wrote a great deal all day and retired late 12 midnight.

Monday 4 Macleod

Up early, breakfasted at 9.15. Drill as usual. Routine in the Orderly Room. Inspected the Gd room Sgt Hilliard in charge, cells S. Sergt \_\_\_ in charge but cells not so good as when Sergt Wilde had chg of them. Visited saddle rooms, stables, sick stable. Attended noon stables and found all right. Drill very good improvement most marked.

Ordered that Corpl Browne only does guard on Sunday on account of the necessity of his \_\_\_ \_\_\_ up in drill. Also that some of the awkward squad do guards

Tuesday 5 Macleod

Saw the officers about getting the rifle Assn to work, and collecting membership of same. Spoke to Sergt Majors Stewart and Spicer on the same subject. No drill on account of the very high wind. Ordered \_\_\_ routine matters to be fixed. One man Johnson (*xed out* is) a prisoner in guard room up for refusing to work and using threatening language

Denny came in from Boundary Creek to explain some matters re his \_\_\_ expenses in the Ford case.

Wednesday 6 Macleod

Weather fine but chilly. Drill in the shed with arms. busy all day at routine and office work.

Arranged with the President rifle assn about the range and other matters, declined to do anything if Campbell belonged to the Association.

Gave \_\_\_ one month H.L. for stealing(?) a \_\_\_ for \_\_\_ \_\_\_.

Thursday 7 Macleod

Weather fine. It snowed last night ground covered a couple of inches deep. Drill as usual received instructions from the Hon Minister of Interior through Conybeare to get an information sworn out against Mr Johnson for falsely representing that he had held an investigation re the death of the child(?) of one McGillis.

Ordered that \_\_\_ and interpreter \_\_\_ come in at once from Pincher Creek

Johnson arrested by warrant from Davidson Insp and J.P. I swore(?) to the information

Did all I could about rifle assn

Friday 8 Macleod

Weather very fine. Drill as usual. No prisoners in the orderly room. Went out and visited the rifle range selected also ordered Baker to do all he could to get the range in shape for Friday week

N.C.O. squad will be fit for mounted drill on Monday next. Col. Irvine called to see about some Indians gone south to steal horses from the Crows One of the three(?) left a blind Indian on the prairie in a storm \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_. He found his way back by the yelping of the dogs at the Reserve

Saturday 9 Ft Macleod

Weather raw and windy. Awkward squad at drill in the forenoon. Laura Clifton up on a charge of not clearing away the \_\_\_ around her dwelling under the ordinance for the unincorporated towns.

Busy at routine all morning. Const Quinn(?) up for overstaying pass and being brought back by escort, fined five and 28 days C.B. Arranged for a great deal of work for tomorrow morning while I am at church. Witnesses in

Regina vs Johnson came with Bremmer and I gave them tents and rations

Sunday 10 Ft Macleod

Weather fine. Southeast wind. 50° in shade. Church as usual, crowded in ours. I inspected the barracks etc thoroughly at \_\_\_ \_\_\_ and found all correct to a great extent. Corporal Ballards(?) room the best in the barracks. Saddles & harness in good order horses looking well

Mailed many letters re Recreation Room and other things as well

Monday 11 Ft Macleod

Gallihier here. Reg. vs Johnson \_\_\_ going on. Busy all morning arranged as much work as possible.

Snow soft and north wind blowing

Tuesday 12 Macleod

Weather fine busy all day.

N.C.O. squad examined by me for drill at 2 P.M. they did not pass Mahoney having failed to put them at work at some of the movements in \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ front etc. Ordered that they practice their \_\_\_ as well as any other things required.

Wednesday 13 Macleod

Weather fine, very busy at office etc etc

Ordered Morris to come up to barracks to see what he requires before entering(?) His quarters \_\_\_ by Matthews and if \_\_\_ required I would see to them

Inspected N.C.O. squad and passed them but ordered that they practice words of command all afternoon and tomorrow morning as well. Then to go to the

riding \_\_\_\_

Thursday 14 Macleod

Weather fine. N.C.O. squad at "Words of Command" Corporal Brown did particularly well. Dismissed the squad. Busy at routine and office work in the orderly room attended to it all. Promised Const Dowling ten days leave prior to discharge. Told Sgt Barker to do his best to get on at drilling the ride.

Friday 15 Ft Macleod

Weather fine, but very windy. Did no work except writing as it is a holiday. Church, but no parade. A rifle and Lacrosse match going on but poor day for both. rifle shooting is done on bottom \_\_\_\_ the post as new range is not yet ready.

Saturday 16 Ft. Macleod

Weather fine, 60° in shade at noon. Drill as usual in forenoon. Wrote a good deal. Davidson J.P. holding preliminary exam of a case of bringing stolen horses into Canada from U.S. Blood Indian accused by J. Peigan(?)

Mays went down town in forenoon. Sanders asked for a meeting of the canteen committee.

Mail in. \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ out by Old Mr Ryans place in the afternoon and around the rifle Range way. Dennys place on Willow Creek etc

Sunday 17 Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Church parade. Large one for C of S. Church crowded it being Easter Sunday

Inspected all the Barracks and mens \_\_\_\_ at 12.45 all correct with a few trifling exceptions. Cells very good indeed. No complaints. did lots of routine letters

Monday 18

Monday Usual routine

Tuesday

Weather fine. Dr \_\_\_ says he saw the Railway Engineers working between Lethbridge and here. Davidson fined the freighter Frank Foster for setting the prairie on fire. The fire developed with a large \_\_\_ wind south from the point (\_\_\_La Grandeurs(?)) from which it started.

Tuesday 19

Weather fine

Entered on Mondays page by mistake

Wednesday 20

Weather fine drill as usual. Passed out the first squad of Constables. they did very well indeed. The N.C.O. at sword and mounted drill in the Manège

Very busy at all sorts of work.

Thursday 21 Macleod

Weather fine, drill as usual, Mtd foot & sword. Manege.

A large prairie fire going on from the one started by Frank Foster fined for it and came to Eight Mile store near here

V.S. Wroughton saw it and warned us I sent out a party under Insp Drayner who put it out in good \_\_\_ after six hours work All this way from the Old Mans River to the Macleod and Stand Off trail. The rest of it ran towards Kootenay(?) River. Some \_\_\_ \_\_\_ to working on the West side of the fire Macdonald (Const) came with \_\_\_ from Kootenay

Friday 22 Macleod

Weather fine 73° in sun at 9 A.M. Busy all forenoon at office routine. The prairie fire of yesterday is quite extinguished now. Drove out in the afternoon and inspected the two rides in the flat in open ménage. the men are improving very much. Went to the \_\_\_ of Rifle Assn and had a talk on matters. Went from there to scene of prairie fire of yesterday. Saw the ruins of Hawleys stable and haystacks

The fire ran from \_\_\_ points \_\_\_ Dry Forks of the Kootenay and the Freezeout(?) Lake near Peigan Reserve and burnt from there parallel to Old Mans River above Stand Off

(top of next page) and to Stand Off trail \_\_\_ to Kootenai river

Saturday 23 Macleod

Weather fine, \_\_\_ busy. Two rides this AM as usual. Took an information form one Carr against one \_\_\_ for assault with intent to commit an indictable offence. The \_\_\_ that a rifle and loading it aimed at the poor fellow and nearly scared the wits out of him.

Two trifling cases at O. Room this A.M. all dismissed with caution

Fred Stinson called and \_\_\_ \_\_\_. I was very glad to see him not having seen him for years. He looks well.

Sunday 24 Macleod

Weather fine in the morning but changed to rain at night.

Church parade. Macdonell inspected the barracks because I was too busy in the orderly room. Cowan came up at 10 P.M. with Supt Macdonell. Retired at 12.00

Monday 25 Macleod

Weather stormy snow soft, falling fast \_\_\_ north wind. Fined Const \_\_\_ for

desertion and sentenced him to twelve months impt with hard labor etc

By noon the blizzard worked up to a terrific pitch and at 7 P.M. was the worst ever seen at Macleod since the advent of the police in 1874.

Ordered \_\_\_ duty on No 2 \_\_\_ to remain indoors at the stable until it was fit to \_\_\_ \_\_\_ and to visit stacks and \_\_\_.

Sentenced Const \_\_\_ to 12 months impt with Hard labor for attempting to desert.

Tuesday 26 Macleod

Terrific blizzard still blowing, snow in deep drifts in many places I think the cattle especially the young calves will suffer & ranchers and stockmen lose a great deal.

Const La Perrière got 14 days for not taking proper care of his horse. I dismissed a charge of neglecting to report that pack pony No 14 was sick as it was not very clear that he had.

Wednesday 27 Ft. Macleod

The storm is over. All hands hard at work shovelling away the enormous accumulation of snow around the quarters. Inspected the guard room, cells stables, Saddle room, Recreation rooms etc

Men at work and canteen. Did lots of routine work and correspondence. Arranged to send Const \_\_\_ to Winnipeg for invaliding and wrote letter to accompany him. Sgt \_\_\_ returned to Lethbridge to \_\_\_.

Thermometer has been from 20° - 32° today.

Thursday 28 Ft. Macleod

Busy all day working at routine, a \_\_\_ of letters written.

Snow being shoveled away still N.C.O. at riding drill in the manege.  
Comr does not approve of fixing the whole of the room in the Inspr Morris qrs  
I sent board and Inspector Bakers report

Mail came in in good time. Reports of large numbers of cattle being lost  
in the storm

Have ordered reports in from detachments as soon as possible

Snowing at 11.30 P.M. but mild.

Did a lot of writing got particulars of some \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. Johnson \_\_\_\_\_.

Friday 29 Macleod

Sent a man, Const Raglan(?) to take Humfreys place with Const \_\_\_\_ on (*xed  
out Blood*) Reserve (Peigan)

Sent man to take Fords place at the Leavings of the Willow Creek. sent  
memoranda to men on detachments to do all they could to obtain information  
of the effects of the recent storm.

Sent to Blood Res. for information re Johnsons \_\_\_\_ in investigation (on  
Connors \_\_\_\_). Creighton(?) told me that he never appeared as a witness

Perfomance in Town hall, did not go, my wife did. Very few men went on  
account of an imaginary insult by CSD Wood. Saying that \_\_\_\_ could \_\_\_\_ got  
\_\_\_\_ \_

(top of following page) at Dawsons(?) offices.

Saturday 30

Weather mild. A little snow falling. Humfrey reports stock looking well  
between here and Beaver Creek, no dead cattle or calves, lots of the latter  
skipping around M\_\_\_\_ Whiteford reports a large number of dead calves and

cattle up on Willow Creek. Mail \_\_\_ to Calgary reported lost but no news of him. Ordered the two men for the Leavings to make another effort a Staff Sergt to go to \_\_\_ \_\_\_ with them \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ by the drifts. They had to turn back yesterday morning.

## May

Sunday 1 Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance, bad walking. No church parade nor any inspection of barracks the latter \_\_\_ \_\_\_ there are enough \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_. Busy in orderly getting my returns off in good time my monthly report etc was completed (and mailed)

Wrote five letters one \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Elmes Steele Gill Huot

Most of the men went to church in the morning.

Monday 2 Macleod

Johnson up and remanded until Wednesday morning

Did routine work . Inspected stables and saddle room. A new piece of zinc required in \_\_\_ Saddle room. Drill in the riding school, two classes and one squad of dismounted men with \_\_\_ with Const Mahoney as instructor. Sgts B\_\_\_ and Wilde being the instructors (*xed out* \_\_\_ \_\_\_) of the riding classes. Much improvement \_\_\_ of the 1<sup>st</sup> class \_\_\_ the squad at drill all morning.

Tuesday 3 Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on

Drayner and I fined John Clancy. I fined Constable Daly ten dollars and 28 days C.B. for leaving his post when on duty. Told him and all the rest that I will give the next man three months impt with H.L. Drill both mounted and dismounted going on. Busy in orderly room.

Mail small. Dined at officers Mess. Hogg(?) C.S. \_\_\_\_, Cochrane, and Holland there. Col. Macleod asked for team as he is to try cases in Lethbridge. I ordered it. Galliher \_\_\_\_ Mr Johnson \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Davidson and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ arrest.

Wednesday 4 Ft. Macleod

Weather fine at noon but in early morning threatened rain. \_\_\_\_ air still too cold \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ . Mercury at 36 at 9.30 Sgt Banks up for a minor offence dismissed the chg. against him as frivolous and as another was to blame

Anthony Myles up for carrying a \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ in a stocking and \_\_\_\_ another with it so as to disable him from attendance(?)

Case \_\_\_\_ until the third day from now. Drill morning and \_\_\_\_ mounted and on foot in afternoon, good progress being made. Myles friends tried to bail him.

Thursday 5 Ft. Macleod

Mounted drill morning and \_\_\_\_, dismounted in the afternoon and good progress being made.

Tried Const McDermott (on \_\_\_\_ and in writing) for being under the influence and inattention in the ranks. Fined \$10.00 and 28 days. Inspected stables and Hospital. Looked on at the ride \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ They are getting on very \_\_\_\_ indeed. Ordered (*xed out* plowing) harrowing to be done in the garden etc

(*xed out* Summoned Andrew White to attend for getting liquor for Peigan Frank who got drunk yesterday)

Friday 6 Ft. Macleod

Summoned Andy White to attend tomorrow at barracks for giving whiskey to Peigan Frank. \_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ an Indian formerly convicted of horse stealing and sent to Stoney Mt.

Busy at routine work, visited OR several times. Bull Horn and friends came in very \_\_\_ and told what they knew about Johnsons bogus inquests etc They all said they had suspicious \_\_\_\_\_ before Johnson and that they did not \_\_\_ him.

Bull Horn thought I was making fun of him by asking (*xed out the*) \_\_\_ the whereabouts of some

(top of next page) Indians said to have been witnesses etc.

Saturday 7

Weather is very unseasonable sunny at intervals particularly so at five P.M. Sanders and I tried Andy White and dismissed the case as there was a slight doubt that he gave the liquor to Peigan Frank. Same justices remanded Kid Myles until \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Monday P.M.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ for witnesses Reg vs Johnson Blood Reserve to come in on 18<sup>th</sup> instant to court. Drayner went off to Moosomin and Cannington Manor on a (peeping?) case to be tried there.

Sunday 8 Ft. Macleod

Weather bad in the early part of the day. Snow softly falling. Church parade for all hands as usual. Inspected the mens dinners, barrack rooms, guard room, cells stables Hospital saddle rooms, canteen Recreation room, kitchens wash rooms after church and found all in (*xed out the*) good order, a few little points to be noticed such as fire pails require repainting etc the rooms also

Mail at 1.30 wrote a few letters, official. Recd very few.

Monday 9 Macleod

Drill mounted in the two ménages and sword drill, \_\_\_ and \_\_\_. Foot drill and \_\_\_ sword exercise.

Sanders and I sent Kid Myles up for trial for assault on one \_\_\_ commonly called "Fox." A stone in a sack was the weapon. John Smith asked me to arrest \_\_\_ Johnson \_\_\_ he had gone \_\_\_

couple of days leave to assist him at draughting etc etc)

Ben Wright up today

Tuesday 10 Macleod

Weather bad, very raw. Crown Pros came up today. Sent out for witnesses for his cases. White-Fraser down. All kinds of drill going on, great improvement to be seen.

Mail small.

Mike Harris asked for Sgt Wright to assist in drawing plans of Ry line. Consented

Wednesday 11 Macleod

Old Mr Johnson asked for permission to \_\_\_ down \_\_\_ to court

I refused as he had \_\_\_ circulating false reports against the Police. Macpherson came in and White Fraser went out to P. Creek

Sent summons out to people at St. Marys

An Indian three mos H.L. for horse stealing from Berry(?) Chief in U.S.

Peigan Frank one of our Indian Scouts complained that Inspector

Macpherson had asked for his daughter to have sexual intercourse and was drunk

I told him to send his wife in

Thursday 12 Macleod

Weather fine. Still cool. 50° in the sun at 9.00 P.M. Drill as usual going on Sword. Riding do. Foot. Constable Jamieson(?) was thrown from his horse while en route to his Dt. at Lees Creek and picked up by some Cowboys. Drunk I suppose. A failing of his. Inspr Macpherson to be transferred to the QuAppelle and (*xed out Long*) Wood Mt Ry for duty during const. Inspr Morris has come into barracks. Matthews od quarters.

Mail late. Not much official corres

Friday 13 Macleod

Weather fine, but clouding up 58° in sun no \_\_\_ to speak of.

Passed large foot squad. One man drunk on parade and one drunk in charge of the water cart.

Inspected the two drill rides for an hour. They are doing well.

Saturday 14

Weather fine. Nothing but work signed offl returns and did a lot of \_\_\_

Fined some \_\_\_ for drunk, result of new Licence law which is a \_\_\_ takes full advantage of I assure you.

Macpherson in on transfer to Regina for duty. S.S. Hilliard to Stand Off to return after looking at the stores etc. and pass exams at riding drill then go

through his target practice

Mail in early. I must send for Insurance (Life) in addition to what I have already

Sunday 15 Ft Macleod

Macpherson left at 11.20 Came to report his departure. Said someone had told him that someone had told him that I thought he had been writing to the Commissioner but that he had not.

I replied that some one had done so and done a great deal of harm in the Comd. which might have been a happy family if he had not written. I said that it was no use referring to the man(?) He said that I had a letter of his which had been sent out by Inspr Routledge. I said I had but that I would keep it.

Monday 16 Macleod

See Official

Tuesday 17 Macleod

See Official

*(xed out Weather windy)*

Windy, Chinook.

Fine, 70°

Tried \_\_\_ several cases See official diary.

Wednesday 18

(*xed out* Weather fine. Strong Chinook impossible to drill outdoors Tried several cases on oath. \_\_\_ and Kerrigan. Percival and Harvey for \_\_\_ offences. Remanded until tomorrow)

\_\_\_ Const Alexander for taking beer out of the canteen \$10.00 and 28 days CB. \_\_\_ the \_\_\_ of the \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_.

Const Percival 14 days cells. Deserting post on guard and sentry.

Kerrigans case dismissed but only a \_\_\_ for him

Thursday 19 Ft Macleod

Weather fine Nothing of importance. Dismissed last foot drill squad of first series and the Non Com Officers from riding and heads(?) and posts. One squad of casuals still drilling under Mahoney. I am well satisfied with the progress made. I am now \_\_\_ and get the rest through and finish the rifle practice.

\_\_\_ up for breaking Laura Cliftons windows was yesterday also

Friday 20 Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Nothing of importance. Fined three half breeds for infraction of ordinance respecting skinning of animals found dead \$10 and costs each or fifteen days impt. First case of the kind here. A great many report that some ranchers have given leave to Indians to (*xed out* \_\_\_) skin which has caused a great deal of annoyance to the remainder of them.

Visited C. \_\_\_ ranche

Saturday 21 Macleod

Weather very warm 90° in the shade at 3.00 P.M. 78 at 8.00 P.M.

Fined Desjarlais, Pierce and C. Kennedy for skinning cattle unlawfully. Busy at \_\_\_ work all day except while out driving from 3.15 to 4.30 P.M. Col. Irvine and Macleod called

Sunday 22 Ft. Macleod

Weather fine. Wind north. Cancelled the parade in the morning on account of it. Sorry afterwards it having calmed down and it could have gone. Worked in the orderly room all forenoon.

Monday 23 Macleod

LaCrosse team and Dr. Ayles as Field Capt went down to Lethbridge \_\_\_ a  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sanders went down and two or three men on pass. Heavy shower of rain at 5.30 which will do us much good. Passed a ride of the men who acquitted themselves very well.

Tuesday 24 Ft Macleod

Weather fine 70° in the shade. La Crosse team beaten at Lethbridge Police team beaten here at polo, \_\_\_ \_\_\_. Salute of 21 guns fired in honour of Her Majesty's birthday

Spent evening at Macdonald, retired to rest at 11.15 Only one man confined for being drunk. (Const \_\_\_ MacColman

Wednesday 25 Macleod

Weather fine, 75° in the sun at 9 A.M. Sword drill for Non Coms in the forenoon. One man up for being drunk yesterday Constable McColman. I dismissed the charge in consequence of the good conduct of the rest of the Command. Const McDermott, 7 days more drill for being late for drill

Went down to Dr. Allens in the morning. Const Macdonald was thought to be drunk



