

BIG GUN PRACTICE.

SUCCESS OF WOLLONGONG.

WOLLONGONG, Wednesday.

Members of the local garrison artillery again distinguished themselves in the big gun shooting at Sydney during the late Easter encampment, the results of which are just to hand, and are as follows:—Shooting from the disappearing guns, eight shots at 6000yds: No. 2 Company (Sydney), 6 hits, 1; No. 1 Company (Sydney), 5 hits, 2; No. 4 Company (Wollongong), 5 hits, 3; No. 3 Company (Newcastle), 5 hits, 4. Quick-firing battery, 12 shots at 5300yds: No. 2 Company (Sydney), 10 hits, 1; No. 4 Company (Wollongong), 9 hits, 2; No. 1 Company (Sydney), 8 hits, 3. Service company shoot, to decide the holder of the blue ribbon for 12 months:—No. 4 Company (Wollongong), 18 hits in 20 shots, time 2m 23s, 1; No. 2 Company (Sydney), 15 hits, time 4m 20s, 2; No. 1 and No. 3 Companies (Sydney and Newcastle) tied, with 9 hits each, their times being 3½m and 4m 10s respectively. In the battle firing, Wollongong Company won with 8 hits out of 9 shots at 9000yds.

The following prizes were won by the Wollongong Company:—First in regimental shield, cross guns and swords (1st-class company), gold cup and medals for fastest and best gun detachment in the regiment. Corporal E. Oberg secured the first prize for best gun-layer in the Australian Garrison Artillery.