

if need be to complete the number of drills needed for the efficiency of a Volunteer for the year ending thirty-first October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two; but if the drills of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, be so reckoned, then they shall not be again reckoned for the year ending thirty-first October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

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SCHEME referred to in the foregoing Order in Council.

*Scheme of Amendments relative to the Efficiency of Volunteers as set forth in Her Majesty's Order in Council, dated twenty-seventh July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, referred to in this Order.*

1. The Certificates of Efficiency granted to enrolled members of the Volunteer Force hereafter, shall be dated the first November in each year. They shall be granted on the previous submission of the Adjutant, and be signed in case of difference of opinion between that Officer and the Commanding Officer of the Corps by the Officer appointed by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State to act on that behalf, in lieu of the Assistant Inspector of Volunteers as heretofore provided. If no Adjutant be appointed to, or acting for a Corps, the certificate shall be granted and signed as the Secretary of State may direct.

2. In order that the efficiency of the Volunteers may be increased, the certificates shall, in addition to, or in substitution for, the requirements prescribed by the former Order in Council, state—

(1) As to all the Corps :

- (a) That the Volunteer does not belong to the Regular, Militia, Yeomanry, or Army Reserve (including Enrolled Pensioner) Forces; and that he is not enrolled in any other Volunteer Corps.
- (b) That the Volunteer was a member of the Corps at the date of the certificate.
- (c) That, if absent from Inspection with leave of the Commanding Officer, or through sickness duly certified, he has attended two extra drills.
- (d) That each drill is of not less than one hour's duration.

Attendance at a Brigade Drill may be counted as a drill towards efficiency, but attendance at a Review must not be so reckoned.

(2) As to Light Horse :

- (e) That the Volunteer is in all respects acquainted with his duties as a Light Horse Volunteer, and that he has attended such a number of drills, as under the Regulations heretofore in force would entitle him to an Extra Certificate of Efficiency.

(3) As to Artillery Volunteer Corps :

- (f) That the Volunteer has been instructed in the use of guns, if the means of instruction have been available.

(4) As to Engineer Volunteer Corps :

- (g) That he has gone through the Course of Instruction prescribed for a Recruit in Regulations issued by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

- (h) That he has attended 6 Engineering Drills and acquired a practical knowledge of one of the Annual Courses of Instruction prescribed for Engineer Volunteers in Regulations issued by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

- (i) That he was present (unless absent with the Commanding Officer's leave, or through sickness duly certified) at the last Annual Inspections (Drill and Engineering) of the Corps.

(5) As to a Mounted Rifle Volunteer :

- (j) That he fired 20 rounds of ball cartridge in the first period of Class Firing, in accordance with the Musketry Regulations for the Army.

Or,

That on the 18, he completed the three periods of Class Firing under the personal superintendence of the Adjutant or other Officer appointed under the Secretary of State's authority to act as such, and obtained the number of points to qualify him (so far as target practice is concerned) as a marksman under the Musketry Regulations for the Army, and in either case that he has attended such a number of drills, as under the Regulations heretofore in force would entitle him to an Extra Certificate of Efficiency.

(6) As to Rifle Volunteer Corps :

- (k) That he fired 60 rounds of ball cartridge in Class Firing during the year; or fired 20 or 40 rounds, and passed into the 2nd Class.

Or,

That on the 18, he completed the three periods of Class Firing under the personal superintendence of the Adjutant or other Officer appointed by the Secretary of State to act as such, and obtained the number of points to qualify him (so far as target practice is concerned) as a marksman under the Musketry Regulations for the Army.

- (l) That he fired 5 rounds of blank ammunition in volley firing, and 5 rounds in independent firing, during the year, in a squad of not less than 5 files.

- (m) That he attended 9 Company and Battalion Drills during the year, of which at least three shall have been Battalion Drills.

This is in substitution of the rule which required attendance, in the case of an Administrative Regiment, at 3 Battalion and 6 Company Drills, and, in that of a large Corps, at 6 Battalion and 3 Company Drills.

- (n) To constitute a Battalion Drill reckoning towards efficiency, 100 at least of all ranks (exclusive of Permanent Staff and Band) must be present, of whom not less than 16 must be Officers and Sergeants.

To constitute a Company Drill reckoning towards Efficiency, 20 at least of all ranks (exclusive of Permanent Staff and Band) must be present, of whom not less than 3 must be Officers and Sergeants.