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By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION

FOR EXTENDING PARDONS TO SOLDIERS WHO MAY HAVE DESERTED FROM OUR LAND FORCES.

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WHEREAS We are desirous to mark the completion of the fiftieth year of Our reign by extending Our Pardon to soldiers who may have deserted from Our Land Forces previously to the issuing of this Our Royal Proclamation, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby accordingly grant Our Most Gracious pardon to all men who having, before the date of this Proclamation, deserted or absented themselves without leave from Our Regular Forces, Militia, or Reserve Forces, or having fraudulently enlisted within the meaning of Section 13 of the Army Act, or having while in the Army Reserve irregularly enlisted in Our Regular Forces or Militia, shall report themselves within two months

from the date of this Proclamation, if residing in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man, or within four months therefrom, if residing elsewhere; and We do hereby declare that such men shall, on so reporting themselves, be released and discharged from all prosecutions, imprisonments, and penalties, other than loss of service, pay, deferred pay, or pension, commenced or incurred by reason of such offences; and We do further declare that all such men who enlisted before the 21st June, 1877, or who have been in a state of desertion or absence without leave for a period exceeding five years, or who may be physically unfit for military service, will not be called upon to rejoin for service, but will be granted protecting certificates on their so reporting themselves.

The men to whom this Our Proclamation applies are not to report themselves in person, but are to do so by letter, giving full particulars by which they can be identified, and if they are suffering from physical disability rendering them unable to rejoin the Service, they are to state the same clearly.

If they belonged to—	They should write to—
The Cavalry now serving at Home	To the Officer Commanding the Regiment.
The Cavalry now serving Abroad	To the Officer Commanding Cavalry Depot, Canterbury.
The Royal Artillery	To the Deputy Adjutant-General, Royal Artillery, Record Office, Woolwich.
The Royal Engineers	To the Officer in charge of Royal Engineer Records, Chatham.
The Foot Guards	To the Officer Commanding Regiment, Whitehall, London.
The Infantry of Line	To the Officer Commanding Regimental District.
The Royal Malta Fencible Artillery	To the Officer Commanding the Corps.
The West India Regiments	To the Officer Commanding the Regiment.
The Commissariat and Transport Corps	To the Officer Commanding Corps, War Office, London.
The Ordnance Store Corps	To the Officer Commanding Corps, Woolwich.
The Medical Staff Corps	To the Officer Commanding Corps, Whitehall, London.
The Army Reserve	To the Officer from whom they received pay.
The Militia	To the Officer Commanding Corps.

And We do hereby make further declaration that every offender herein referred to who shall not avail himself of the Pardon We now graciously offer, shall be held amenable to all pains and penalties provided under the Army Act, the Militia Act, or Reserve Forces Act, as the case may be.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, this seventeenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and in the fiftieth year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.