

2. Where the situation and circumstances of any Volunteer Corps in any particular year are such as, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, to create serious obstacles to the fulfilment by any of the Volunteers belonging to that Corps of the requirements for efficiency, the Secretary of State shall have power to relax or dispense with one or more of the requirements from any of the Volunteers belonging to such Corps in such year, or to substitute equivalent conditions of efficiency.

3. Where any Corps shall have been precluded by an epidemic from complying with the requirements herein prescribed, or shall in the first year of its service have encountered exceptional difficulties in the completion of its organization and efficiency of its members, it shall be competent to the Secretary of State to modify or dispense with, so far as applies to such year of service, the stipulated conditions of efficiency of any members of such Corps.

4. No Corps, except as specified hereunder, will be exempted by the Commander-in-Chief from attending camp, unless for very special reasons, and exemption for two consecutive years will never be granted unless exceptional reasons justify the Secretary of State in specially exercising his power under Articles two and three hereof.

The following Corps are not obliged to attend camp, but are liable to the extra attendances in lieu:—

1st Orkney Royal Garrison Artillery Volunteers.

7th (Isle of Man) Volunteer Battalion, Liverpool Regiment.

7th Volunteer Battalion, Gordon Highlanders.

5. No Volunteer who is absent from the annual inspection of his corps, except in case of sickness duly certified, or by leave granted in writing for special cause by the commanding officer, shall be entitled to be deemed efficient.

6. Where a corps is by its own default not inspected during the year, or where the officer inspecting a Volunteer Corps at the annual inspection in any year reports that the Corps is not efficient in training and instruction to his satisfaction, or that irregularities have occurred in its training and administration, then notwithstanding anything hereinbefore provided, the Secretary of State shall have power to direct that none of the Volunteers belonging to the Corps shall be deemed efficient.

7. The commanding officer, or the inspecting officer, shall have power to direct that a Volunteer shall be deemed non-efficient if he considers it proper to do so, on account of the want of efficiency of that Volunteer, or on account of his arms or equipment being in bad order and condition.

8. Terms used in this Order, or in the schedule hereto, have the same meanings as they have when used in the Volunteer Act, 1863.

The term "recruit" used in the schedule shall not include a Volunteer who has served for two months in the Royal Navy, Regular Army, Army Reserve, Royal Marines, or Royal Irish Constabulary, or has attended the preliminary drill, or drill on enlistment, or annual training of a Militia unit, or has performed one year's efficient service in the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, or the permanent forces of a Colony, or in the year immediately preceding his enrolment has attended as a member of a cadet corps or cadet battalion, sanctioned by the Secretary of State, the number of drills prescribed for the arm of the service which he has joined.

Recruits who join too late in any year to become efficient therein, may be allowed to reckon attendances made before first November towards the number required for efficiency in the following year.

9. The provisions herein contained shall take effect from the first November, one thousand nine hundred and one.