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VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Treasury,  
Melbourne, 25th July, 1859.

**I**N consequence of the deplorable death of Lieutenant-Colonel Neill, Deputy Adjutant-General and Inspecting Field Officer of Volunteer Corps in this Colony, and in order to comply with the requirements of the Act 18 Victoria No. 7, the Major-General in command of Her Majesty's Forces has consented for the present to assume the superintendence and inspection of such Volunteer Corps.

Captain George Dean Pitt, 80th Regiment, Inspector of Musketry, Acting Deputy Adjutant-General; C. H. Hall, Esq., late 40th Regiment, Staff Officer of Volunteers; and W. A. Dean Pitt, Esq., late 60th Rifles, will aid in the performance of this service under the Major-General's orders.

In pursuance of the above-mentioned arrangement, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments on the Staff:—

Captain G. DEAN PITT, to have the rank of a Colonel of Volunteers;  
CHAS. H. HALL, Esq., to be Captain and Staff Officer of Volunteers;  
CHAS. B. PAYNE, Esq., to be Lieutenant of Naval Volunteers, ranking with a Captain of the Land Force;  
W. A. DEAN PITT, Esq., to have the rank of Captain of Volunteers.

GEO. HARKER.

Treasury,  
Melbourne, 25th July, 1859.

His Excellency the Governor has directed the following letter from the late Lieutenant-Colonel Neill, Deputy Adjutant-General and Inspecting Field Officer of Volunteer Corps, to be published for general information, His Excellency having approved of the recommendations contained therein being carried into effect by Colonel Neill's successor.

GEO. HARKER.

Deputy Adjutant-General's Office,  
Melbourne, 16th July, 1859.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for submission to His Excellency the Governor in Council, the accompanying Rules and Regulations for the Volunteer Companies to be raised under my superintendence, and to express a hope that, if approved of, authority may at once be granted for their promulgation.

2. Having reason to fear that a belief exists that the result of the power vested in me of recommending gentlemen for commissions, will be my submitting to His Excellency the Governor the names of such only as have served in Her Majesty's regular army, I beg to bring to the notice of His Excellency the course I propose to pursue in the event of Volunteer Companies being raised.

1st. To select in each district, from such gentlemen as enroll themselves, one of acknowledged local influence, to whom I shall recommend a commission as Acting Lieutenant be granted, and who should be the channel of communication between the company he represents and myself.

2nd. That this Acting Lieutenant shall fall in at all parades and be instructed as a private.

3rd. That when the companies have made sufficient progress in their drill, I in the first place shall select non-commissioned officers from those volunteers who have displayed most zeal and aptitude, and from these I shall at a future period (if their proficiency continue satisfactory) select the officers.

I do not recognise that because a gentleman has held a commission in Her Majesty's regular army, he must necessarily be better qualified to be an officer of volunteers than a civilian: a knowledge of rudimentary drill, and such military movements as are applicable to a volunteer force, is easily acquired, and the absence of a certain amount of *professional* smartness will, in my opinion, be more than counterbalanced should the selection of officers fall on gentlemen exercising a beneficial influence among their fellow volunteers.

Should the Royal Proclamation of the 15th instant be responded to in the spirit in which I believe it will, I feel assured that a very considerable and effective force will speedily be raised, in anticipation of the passing of the Militia Bill.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

(Signed)

J. MARTIN BLADEN NEILL,  
Lieutenant-Colonel, Deputy Adjutant-General,  
Inspecting Field Officer of Volunteers.

The Honorable the Treasurer, &c., &c., &c.,  
Melbourne.

Deputy Adjutant-General's Office,  
Melbourne.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF VOLUNTEER COMPANIES IN VICTORIA.

The following Rules and Regulations, having been approved by His Excellency the Governor, are hereby published for general information:—

1. That the company be open to all respectable persons resident in the district wherein the company is raised.
2. That every member take the oath of allegiance, and subscribe to it, as also a declaration that he is willing to serve in the company for which he volunteers for the term of one (1) year; and that he will subject himself to such Rules and Regulations as shall be promulgated by the Deputy Adjutant-General, and shall have received the sanction of His Excellency the Governor.
3. Any member changing his residence must give notice of the same in writing to the officer commanding the company to which he belongs, seven (7) days prior to the change taking place, under a penalty of Five shillings (5s.)
4. The uniform, which shall be approved of by His Excellency the Governor, for the Volunteer Companies, shall on no account whatever be subjected to any alteration, either in quality or pattern.
5. In the event of arms, accoutrements, clothing, or other Government property being issued to companies, any damage done thereto shall be made good by the member causing the same.
6. In the event of any member wishing to make a suggestion, representation, or complaint, he is to submit the same in writing to the officer commanding the company to which he belongs, who is required to lay the same, as soon as possible, before the Deputy Adjutant-General, who will then take such steps for enquiry into the matter as shall seem to him to be expedient.
7. Any member changing his residence permanently, and leaving the district for which he volunteered, may be relieved from his engagement (entered into according to Rule No. 2) with the company of the district he is quitting; but should he remove into a district in which another company is enrolled, he shall be liable to be enrolled in and serve with such company until the expiration of his term of service.
8. Any member who may be permanently relieved from the obligations to which he subscribed in Rule No. 2; and to whom clothing has been issued by the Government, shall pay for the same according to a scale to be afterwards approved.

9. The Deputy Adjutant-General will fix, from time to time, places and times for the assembly of the different companies for drill. Any member absenting himself from such parade shall be subject to a fine of Five shillings (5s.).

10. All fines, charges for damage of arms, accoutrements, &c., are to be recovered from members in conformity with section 3, 18 Victoria No. 7.

11. Officers commanding companies will, on or before the third of each month, send to the Deputy Adjutant-General, a return, according to a form which will be furnished to them, showing the strength of their respective companies.

12. Whenever a volunteer corps or company shall be placed under the orders of a general officer, it is always to be led by its own proper officers.

13. Members of the various companies will be liable to be placed in arrest under the following circumstances, viz. :—

1st. By order of the Deputy Adjutant-General, or an Officer of the Staff.

2nd. By the Officer commanding the company, pending the investigation of any charge.

3rd. By the Senior Officer present, for any misconduct when in uniform, in which case the person so placed in arrest must, without remark or altercation, proceed immediately to change his dress, nor is he again to appear in uniform until released.

14. Any member refusing to obey the lawful commands of his superior officer, or being guilty of insubordinate conduct, on parade or on duty, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Five pounds (£5) in addition to dismissal from the company.

(By Order)

GEO. DEAN PITT,  
Acting Deputy Adjutant-General.

#### NOTICE.

Volunteers willing to serve in the various companies of the Rifle Corps proposed to be formed in the neighborhood of Melbourne will be pleased to enter their names in books kept for the purpose by the Clerks of Petty Sessions in the Court Houses of their respective districts, who will be in attendance on the following days, viz. :—

DISTRICT.	PLACE.	TIME.
Melbourne Proper	} Court of Petty Sessions ... ..	Tuesdays and Fridays, from 3 to 6 p.m.
North Melbourne ...		
Collingwood ...	Ditto ... ..	Tuesdays and Fridays, from 3 to 6 p.m.
Richmond ... ..	} Ditto ... ..	Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 3 to 6 p.m.
Hawthorn and Kew		
Prahran and South Yarra	Court of Petty Sessions, Prahran ...	Mondays and Thursdays, from 3 to 6 p.m.
St. Kilda ... ..	Court of Petty Sessions ... ..	Tuesdays and Fridays, from 3 to 6 p.m.
Emerald Hill ...	Ditto ... ..	Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 3 to 6 p.m.
Pentridge ... ..	Court of Petty Sessions, Brunswick ...	Tuesdays and Fridays, from 3 to 6 p.m.
Williamstown ...	Court of Petty Sessions ... ..	Tuesdays and Fridays, from 3 to 6 p.m.

(By Order)

GEO. DEAN PITT,  
Acting Deputy Adjutant-General.

Crown Law Offices,  
Melbourne, 25th July, 1859.

#### TERRITORIAL MAGISTRATE.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to direct the name of

GEORGE DEAN PITT, Esquire, Acting Deputy Adjutant-General,

to be added to the Roll of Magistrates for the colony of Victoria.

By His Excellency's Command,  
H. S. CHAPMAN.

