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13th August, 1915

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency will be glad if, at your convenience, you will kindly revise the Volunteer Regulations and frame up-to-date Regulations to be passed by the Governor in Council under Section 5 of "The Volunteer Active Service Ordinance, 1915".

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SGD) C.F.C. *Condell*

Colonial Secretary.

Captain F.J. Newnham,

Commanding Officer,

Falkland Islands Volunteers,

Stanley.

REGULATIONS FOR THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS VOLUNTEER FORCE.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Army Acts and the King's Regulations dealing with offences against Military Order and Discipline, the Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Volunteer Force may for each or any of the following offences inflict a fine not exceeding one pound (£1) on any member of the Force who without reasonable cause shewn to the Officer Commanding-

- (a) neglects to obey any general or other order,
- (b) fails to appear on parade or rendezvous appointed by the Commanding Officer or goes from thence without leave or without urgent necessity quits the ranks, or,
- (c) absents himself from any drill or class of instruction when ordered to attend, or,
- (d) commits any act to the prejudice of good order or Military discipline.

Made by the Governor in Council under the
provisions of The Volunteer Active Service
Ordinance, 1915, this seventh day of
October, 1915.

(sgd) T. N. Goddard,

Clerk of the Executive Council.

F.I.V.F.

Headquarters

16th August, 1915.

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated the 12th instant I have the honour to submit a draft of Regulations proposed for the F.I.V.F. for the consideration of His Excellency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SGD) F.J. Newnham. Capt.

Commandant.

Hon. C.F. Condell

Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Regulations of the Falkland Islands Volunteer Force.

1. The Force is serving under the Volunteer Ordinance 1892 and the the Volunteer Active Service Ordinance 1915 and the members are consequently subject to the provisions of those Ordinances, and of any other Ordinance by which they have been or shall be amended, and to all Regulations which have been or shall be issued under the authority of the Governor.
2. The Force shall consist of - (1) Enrolled members, consisting of efficient and non-efficient, -(2) Honorary members, the latter contributing to the Funds of the Force a sum of not less than 10/- per annum, but not being enrolled for service.
3. All subscriptions shall fall due on, and the necessary drills and musketry exercises be completed by the 30th June in each year unless an extension of this period be granted by the Governor.
4. stet. substitute "Force" for "Corps"
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6. stet. substitute "Force" for "Corps"
7. Each member shall be responsible for the due preservation of all articles issued to him which are the property of His Majesty's Government or of the Force, and on quitting the Force he must surrender such articles in good condition, fair wear and tear only excepted, or he will be required to pay to the Force the cost of making good any damages or deficiencies therein.
8. stet.
9. stet. to "finance of the Force". This Committee shall consist of 2 members appointed by the Governor, 1 appointed by the Honorary members and 5 elected by efficient members at the annual general meeting.
10. stet. substitute "Force" for "Corps"
11. as 13.
12. as 14. substitute "Force" for "Corps"
13. All fines shall be paid on or before the first day of the month succeeding that in which they have been incurred, and shall be collected by one of the sergeants and paid by him to the Commanding Officer.
14. as 11. substitute "Force" for "Corps".
15. Honorary members shall be permitted to use the practice range when it is not required by the enrolled members under regulations approved by the Commanding Officer.
16. as 12. substitute "Force" for "Corps"
17. as 15.

18. The Musketry Coute will be that prescribed by the Musketry Regulations, published by the authority of the Secretary of State, in force for the time being or the portion thereof appointed by the Governor.

19. Gun Drill and Practice.
as 17.

20. Mounted Infantry.
as 18.

21. as 19.

Regulation during Active Service.

22. Every member of the Force when called out shall be bound to assemble at such place and perform such service as may be directed by the Governor. If any such member not incapacitated by infirmity for service refuses or neglects so to assemble he shall be deemed a deserter.

23. Every member of the Force when called out on Active Service is subject to Military law.

24. Every member of the Force shall be deemed to be on duty so long as he continues to wear the clothing and accoutrements of the Force.

25. The provisions of the Army Act, with certain modifications, are applicable to members of the Force. Any member who

(a) neglects to obey any general or other orders,

(b) fails to appear on parade or absents himself from any class of instruction when ordered to attend,

(c) quits the ranks without urgent necessity,

(d) commits any act to the prejudice of good order or military discipline,

shall on conviction by court-martial, be liable to suffer imprisonment or such less punishment as is mentioned in the Army Act.

26. If a charge be made against a member of the Force the Commanding Officer may, except in the case of an Officer, deal with the case summarily and may inflict a fine, not exceeding 10/-, detention not exceeding 7 days, or other such punishment as is mentioned in the Army Act.

27. Any money or fine recoverable under these regulations may be recovered in a summary way in the Police Magistrate's Court notwithstanding the amount may be in excess of the ordinary jurisdiction of that Court.

[Seal]

Signed W. L. ALLARDYCE.

No. 4,



1915.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

WILLIAM LAMOND ALLARDYCE, Esq.,

Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,

GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

(26th February, 1914.)

An Ordinance to Amend the Volunteer Ordinance, 1893.

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the Colony of the Falkland Islands, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. Every Volunteer when called out on active service by Proclamation under the hand of the Governor shall receive from the Government such pay and allowances, quartering and billeting, as the Governor-in-Council shall from time to time direct, and while in receipt of such will not be entitled to claim pay from his employer, except at such times and under such conditions as are hereinafter specified.

Pay and Allowances.

2. When on the written request of an employer a Volunteer is permitted or instructed by the Commanding Officer temporarily to resume his civil employment no payment shall be made by the Government in respect of the period during which such Volunteer shall be released from military duty, and the employer shall pay full wages to the Volunteer in respect of such time as he shall work for his employer during the period of such release.

Pay on release from military duties.

3. Should any employer apply for the temporary services of Volunteers other than his own employees, he shall be responsible for the full payment, at the current rate of wage, of such men as may by the Commanding Officer with the approval of the Governor be selected to perform such work in respect of such time as they are thus employed.

Prevention of employees
from becoming Volunteers.

4. If it is brought to the knowledge of the Commanding Officer that any employer, by threats or otherwise, wilfully prevented or endeavoured to prevent an employee from becoming a Volunteer at any time during which the Volunteer Force or any part thereof is on active service, the Commanding Officer may institute proceedings against such employer, and any employer convicted under this section shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds for each offence.

Regulations.

5. The Governor-in-Council may from time to time make, amend, and revoke Regulations appertaining to the general management, discipline, and control of the Volunteer Force, and such Regulations may provide for the punishment of any infraction thereof.

Courts-Martial.

6. At such times as the need arises and it appears to the Governor, having regard to the officers at his disposal, that the provisions of the Army (Annual) Act with regard to Courts-Martial cannot be given effect to, it shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint such Officers as he may consider desirable to sit on Courts-Martial which shall have all the powers and responsibilities attaching under the Army (Annual) Act above mentioned to Regimental, District, General, and Field General Courts-Martial as the case may be.

Repeal.

7. Sections 11 and 13 of the Volunteer Ordinance, 1893, are hereby repealed.

Short Title

8. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Volunteer Active Service Ordinance, 1915" and shall be read and construed as one with the "Volunteer Ordinance, 1893."

Passed the Legislative Council this 24th day of February, 1914.

Assented to by the Governor and given under the Public Seal of the Colony this 26th day of February, 1915.

(Signed) T. N. GODDARD,

Clerk of the Council.

703/15.

20th September, 1915.

Commanding Officer,

F.I. Volunteers,

Stanley.

I am instructed by the Governor to forward the
enclosed Minute for your consideration.

(Itld) C.F.C.

Colonial Secretary.

(Enclosure to Memorandum of the 20th September, 1915)

"Hon. Col. Sec.

I have gone carefully through the draft
"Regulations" sent in by the O.C., Volunteers.

Reg. 1. Not necessary.

Reg. 2. Not necessary. Provided for under part I
of the Ord. No. 5 of 1893. It does not appear to me that
Regulations can provide for "Honorary Members" when the Ordinance
does not authorize such membership, but I shall be glad to
receive the views of the C.O. on the subject as he has included
this class of member in his Draft Regulations. I am aware
the present "Regulations" include Hony. Members but the matter
should be thought out further.

Reg. 3. First part with regard to subscriptions
appears to me to hang on "Hony. Members".

I suggest that the Musketry course should be first
set out, and as a sub paragraph "the course shall be completed
by the 30th June &c., &c.,"

Why 30th June, dead of winter? I should have
thought between October and the end of April a more suitable
season.

Reg. 4. Is this intended as a "Regulation", or
should it not be a "Rule"?

Reg. 6. What meaning, in view of section 3 of
the Ord. of 1893?

Reg. 7. Is this not provided for by Section 21
of the Ord. of 1893?

Reg. 8. Is this not provided for by Section 20
of the Ord. of 1893?

Reg. 9. Should not this be a "Rule", not a Regulation?

Reg. 10. do. do.

Reg. 14. See remarks Reg. 2.

Do not appear in Order.

Reg. 15.

Reg. 16. Should read "Every member shall be provided
with a copy of the Regulations in force".

Reg. 17. Should, I think, follow after musketry course.

Reg. 18. Musketry course should be set out in a
schedule to the Regulations.

Reg. 23. It does not appear to me that this necessary
or right in these Regulations.

Reg. 24. I think should be left out.

Reg. 26. Offences should be set out and then the punishment by O.C., Vol.

For the guidance of the O.C., Volunteers I may perhaps be permitted to draw his attention to the provisions of the Volunteers Ordinances and to the provisions for making

"Regulations" by the Governor in Council for the general management of the property, finances and civil affairs of the Corps, subject to the approval of the Governor.

The two must be kept apart.

The Regulations should provide the number of rounds of free ammunition to each member of the Force, and the conditions under which additional rounds can be purchased by any member of the Force for his own use on the Range.

The wording of the "note" to Reg 16. of the Regulations of 1st Aug, 1904 does not appear to me to be very clear. A Member should qualify in class III before being allowed to go on to class II, and in II before going on to class I.

100 yds is a useful distance standing, I think.

(Itld) D.Y.

Gov.

13.9.19.

(1904)

REGULATIONS

of the

Falkland Islands Volunteer Corps.

1. The Corps is serving under the Volunteer Ordinance of 1893, and the members are consequently subject to the provisions of that Ordinance, and of any other Ordinance by which it has been or shall be amended, and to all regulations which have been or shall be issued under the authority of the Governor.

2. The Corps shall consist of-(I) Enrolled members, consisting of efficient and non-efficient, -(II) Honorary Members, the latter contributing to the funds of the Corps a sum of not less than 10s. per annum, but not being enrolled for service.

3. All subscriptions shall fall due on, and the necessary drills and musketry exercises be completed by the 30th June in each year.

4. Any Officer or Member who has been supplied with uniform and who is returned as non-efficient in the annual returns of the Corps, shall pay to the funds of the Corps a sum equal to the Capitation Grant which he failed to earn. The Commanding Officer may, with the advice of the Finance Committee, remit such payment in special cases.

5. The Non-Commissioned Officers shall be appointed by the Commanding Officer after qualifying in proficiency.

6. No person shall be admitted as a Member unless with the approval of the Commanding Officer, and on the proposal of two or more Members of the Corps.

7. Each Member shall be responsible for the due preservation of all articles issued to him, which are the property of the Corps. Fair wear and tear only excepted.

8. The expression "property of the Corps" shall include articles which have been purchased out of the funds of, or presented to, or lent to the Corps.

9. A Committee shall be appointed yearly, termed a Finance Committee, to aid the Commanding Officer in the management of the finances of the Corps. This Committee shall consist of two Officers, two Non-Commissioned Officers and two Privates or Gunners, with the Commanding Officer as President.

10. The Commanding Officer shall cause an abstract of the accounts to be annually prepared for the information of every Member of the Corps.

11. Honorary Members may, in accordance with regulations, wear the uniform of Privates of the Corps, to be provided at their own expense, with such distinguishing marks on the sleeve as may be approved by the Commanding Officer. They are not to interfere in any way with the Military duties of the Corps, but they may, when the Commanding Officer approves, attend "plain clothes" drill.

12. Every Member is expected to provide himself with a copy of the Rules of the Corps.

13. The Commanding Officer shall fix the time and place of parades, drills, and rifle practice.

14. The Senior Officer in Command shall have power, subject to the approval of the Commanding Officer, to inflict the following fines :-

	Amount for every subsequent offence.	
For loading contrary to orders) or shooting out of turn)	2/6	5/-
For discharging the rifle) accidentally.)	2/6	
For pointing the same, loaded) or unloaded, at any person)	10/-	
without orders, &c., &c., &c.,)		

All fines imposed on Members of the Corps shall be entered in a book kept under the orders of the Commanding Officer for that purpose.

15. The number of drills required for efficiency shall be as follows :-

Recruits the first year, if present at the annual inspection, 30 drills, if absent from inspection with leave or if joined subsequent to inspection, 32 drills; the second and subsequent years, 12 drills, if present at inspection or 14 if absent from inspection with leave.

(II) A Volunteer having previously served in His Majesty's Forces may be treated as a second year's man if efficient.

(III) The nature of drills and exercises to be performed to earn the Gratification Grant will be Squad drills, Rifle exercises, Firing exercises, Skirmishing, Company drills, &c. in addition to the annual course of musketry.

16. The Musketry Course will be as follows :-

Third Class.

Description of Practice.	Dimensions of target.	Distance in yards.	No. of rounds fired.	Position.
Independent	4 by 4	200	7	Lying.
Do.	"	200	7	Sitting.
Independent	6 by 4	300	7	Lying.
Magazine do.	"	300	7	Lying behind cover 45 secs. allowed from command -commence.

Trained Volunteers will be required to make 55 points in the above practices and Recruits 48.

Second Class.

Independent	6 by 6	400	7	Lying.
Rapid do.	"	400	7	Lying behind cover 50 seconds allowed.
Independent	6 by 8	500	7	Lying.

Trained Volunteers 42 points. Recruits 36 points.

First Class.

Independent	6 by 8	500	7	Lying.
"	"	600	7	"

Trained Volunteers 35 points, Recruits do not fire beyond 500 yards.

NOTE.- Those who fail to make the required number of points in the 3rd class will repeat the practice and will only be able to qualify as 1st class shots; those failing a second time will again repeat the practice and will only be able to qualify as 2nd class shots; those failing a third time will be classified as 3rd class shots.

Any member who may fail to make the required number of points in any of the above practices may be allowed, provided he pays for the ammunition, to repeat the practice or practices in which he failed and thus qualify as marksman or first class shot. Notice of his intention to do so must be given to the Instructor the same day in order that the practice in which he failed may not be marked up in the Musketry Return.

Gun Drill and Practice.

17. Trained Volunteers who belong to the Gun Section will be required to attend 10 Infantry Drills and perform the usual course of musketry. 10 gun drills and 3 gun practices will be required in order to entitle members to wear the Gunnery Badge.

Mounted Infantry.

18. In order to qualify as Mounted Infantry, trained Volunteers will be required to attend 7 mounted drills, 10 ordinary infantry drills and the usual course of musketry.

19. In reference to anything not provided for in these Regulations the Volunteer Regulations for the time being in force in England shall be taken as a guide.

(SGD.) F. DUROSE, Lieut.

Approved,

(SGD.) W. HART BENNETT,

Acting Governor.

1st August, 1904.

F.I.V.F.
Hdqtrs.

27th Sept. 1915.

Hon. Col. Secretary.

Regulations.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of copy of His Excellency's comments on the Regulations suggested for this Force.

In drawing up these Regulations I had before me for reference the existing Regulations, the Ordinances of the Colony, the King's Regulations, the Army Act and the Official Volunteer Regulations for the year 1901.

The latter publication contains a model form of rules which was evidently followed in drawing up the Regulations of 1904, and in accordance with that precedent I followed the forms before me.

As it is accepted that every member should have a copy of the Regulations my endeavour was to make a draft which should be comprehensive, embodying the main relevant points as laid down by the Ordinances and War Office Regulations, - in order that it should not be possible for a member to plead ignorance of the provisions of the Ordinances - and at the same time as concise as possible.

1. I note that the preamble is deemed unnecessary; it was adopted from the model. (Vol.Reg.p 258)

2. His Excellency has asked for my views on the subject of Honorary members.

a. It appears from the Official handbook that this class of members ~~are~~ authorised in Volunteer Corps. They are not to be included in the muster roll nor are they to be called on for actual service unless they become enrolled members. They appear to be men who, while debarred by health or other causes from active service, are desirous of expressing their sympathy with the Volunteering spirit by assisting the Corps financially and by personal interest.

b. Honorary membership has been previously adopted in this Colony and the idea encouraged. A list of 35 members (Honorary) appears in C.S. 430/13.

From the circumstances of the case the Force here is a small one and has had a chequered existence. The spirit of Volunteering appears to be in a moribund condition and in my opinion anything which could give fresh life to it, such as an active interest in the Corps and the Club, taken by the leading men would be of advantage.

Mr. Harding in conversation stated that a number of residents would be willing to continue their honorary membership and suggested a subscription of 2 guineas per annum. I considered this too high as a minimum and therefor proposed 10/- for the Corps and 10/- for the Club. It is open to Honorary members who so desire to give additional subscriptions to prize and other funds.

3. The period 30th June is the one previously adopted in the Colony. The musketry year for the Territorial and auxiliary forces ends on 31st October. I presume 30th April will correspond most nearly with that date.

4. Taken from the existing Regulations.

6. Taken from the existing Regulations and the model rules. This regulation was quoted to me in reply to my objection that an undesirable person might apply for Honorary membership.

7. Reproduced from the Ordinance for the information of members.

8. Reproduced from the Volunteer Regulations for the same reason.

14. This is in accordance with Regulations and it ^{was} ~~is~~ not in order for me to omit it.

15. Taken from the model in Volunteer Regulations.

17. The usual practice was followed in putting drills before musketry course. I note that His Excellency wishes the Order transposed.

18. This clause was purposely worded in this way to cover any alterations that might be made from time to time by the Secretary of State for War and obviate reprinting of the Regulations. By the Ordinance of 1895 the Governor may declare the standard of efficiency.

The present official Musketry course for the Territorial Force with which Volunteers are grouped, is,

A Recruits' Course:-

Part I.

1. Grouping	100 yds	5 rounds, lying with rest.
2. Application	200 "	" " " "
3. "	" "	" "
4. "	300 "	" " " "
5. "	" "	" kneeling.
6. "	500 "	" lying with rest.

Part 2.

7. Grouping	100 "	" lying 4 shots in 12" ring.
8. Application	200 "	" "
9. Snapshooting	200 "	" with cover.
10. Application.	500 "	" " rest.

B. Annual Course;

Part 1.

1. Grouping	100 yds.	5 rounds lying.
2. Rapid	200 "	" "
3. Snapshooting	" "	" with cover.
4. Slow	300 "	" " "
5. "	" "	" kneeling.
6. "	500 "	" lying.

Part 2.

7. Grouping	100 "	" lying.
8. Snapshooting.	200 "	" with cover.
9. Rapid.	200 "	" "
10. Slow.	500 "	" with cover.

23. Taken from Army Act Sect.177;Ord. Sect 18. I inserted this to remind members of their liabilities.

24. Noted.

26. offences are set out in Sect. 4 to 40 of the Army Act.

I suggested, in Sect. 25, four heads which appeared to cover points to which attention should be drawn. The Regulations for punishment are many and complicated. In Sect. 26 I condensed the powers and the limitations of the C.O. in dealing with the offences mentioned specially in Sect. 25 as defined in Army Act 46 and King's Regulations 467 and 493.

Ordinarily, a C.O. may deal with a case summarily instead of bringing the offender to a court martial, the soldier having his choice except in minor cases.

In the Regular Forces deductions may be made from pay.

Since the P.I.V.F. is at present receiving no pay I have suggested fines in lieu, limiting the amount to that allowed for drunkenness, the only offence for which a fine is stated in the Regulations.

I note the line drawn between Regulations and Rules which was not observed in the previous Regulations, and will submit an amended draft when His Excellency has given his ruling on the point of Honorary members.

The rounds allowed for the Territorial course are 90 per man. The previous custom here has been to allow members to purchase rounds for practice on the range at 6d per packet of 10, I believe this is under cost price. I think there should be a limit of say 100 to 150 per annum. The Corps provided ammunition for the annual shooting competition.

The notes to Sect. 16 will fall to the ground under the new Regulations.

The position of standing at 100 yds, is not now recognised by the School of Musketry. If the returns are compared with the returns of the rest of the auxiliary forces the men would be handicapped by this position in the Official course.

I suggest that an extra exercise be put in of 5 rounds in this position.

(SGD) F.J. Newnham Captain

Commandant.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO. 122.

Government House, Stanley.

9th October, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that Captain F.J. Newnham, Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Volunteers, has represented to me that now that the members of the Force have been allowed to return temporarily to their civil employment, he is unable to get many of them to attend drill and practices. In view of his representations I requested Captain Newnham to be good enough to revise the Falkland Islands Volunteer Regulations of the 1st August, 1904, and to frame regulations, to be made by the Governor in Council under Section 5 of the Volunteer Active Service Ordinance, 1915, suitable to present day local conditions and to meet his representations.

2. Captain Newnham has drawn up a skeleton draft of the Regulations he proposes, but as his draft does not appear to me to meet the case, I caused him to be furnished with a copy of the notes I made on his draft. In reference to these notes Captain Newnham has sent in a further minute which I am unable to view as conclusive.

3. I submit for your information copies of the correspondence which has passed on the subject. For facility of reference I also enclose copy of the Volunteer Ordinances, No. 5 of 1893 and No. 4 of 1915, as well as a copy of the Regulations of 1st August, 1904.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

4. It does not appear to me that there is any real necessity at the present time to resort to the provisions of the Army Act and the King's Regulations to deal with the members of the Volunteer Force complained of, or that the provisions of those measures are wholly suitable for present local conditions. The measures provide for punishments, such as stoppage of pay, confinement to Barracks or prison. In our case the men temporarily returned to their civil employment do not receive pay as members of the Force, and consequently so long as they receive no military pay cannot be fined pay. At the same time I do not consider it desirable for the Commanding Officer to resort to the alternative and by Court-martial confine or imprison the offending members of the Force.

5. I have therefore, pending further consideration respecting the revision under The Volunteer Active Service Ordinance, 1915, of the Regulations of 1904, made in Executive Council a short regulation empowering the Officer Commanding the Volunteers to fine up to a sum of £1 any member of the Force who absents himself from drill without reasonable cause shown. I enclose a copy of the Regulations which in the circumstances appears to me and to the members of the Executive Council to be amply sufficient.

6. I am inclined to hope now the regulation has been made that when the members of the Force become fully acquainted with it, there will seldom be occasion to act under it, provided the Officer Commanding the Force endeavours to gain the

the confidence of the men and associates himself with them at their instruction classes and drills.

7. I understand many of the members of the Volunteer Force threaten to resign on the termination of the war. With a view to retaining and maintaining a Defence Force for the Colony the opportunity might be taken after the war to introduce the Defence Force system which has I believe taken the place in most Colonies of the Volunteer system.

8. Under the Volunteer Ordinance, 1892, section 3, the Governor can only accept the services of a body of persons desiring to be formed into a Volunteer Corps, whereas under the Defence Force Ordinances of the West Indian Colonies I am acquainted with, the Governor may accept the services of any person desiring to join the Force. For obvious reasons the latter, the acceptance of individual service, is preferable.

9. In the correspondence enclosed the question is raised with regard to the "Honorary" membership of the Volunteer Force of this Colony. The Force is at present composed of "Active" members, and "Honorary" members, but it does not appear to me that the Volunteer Ordinances contemplate an "Honorary" class of membership. Under section 26 of the Ordinance No. 3 of 1893 "Every member of a Volunteer Corps shall on his admission or soon afterwards as may be take the oath set forth in the Schedule". The oath is to the effect that the member will faithfully serve for the defence of the Islands against the King's "enemies and opposers whatsoever according to the conditions of my service". Under section 12 of the Ordinance the Governor may call out any Volunteer Corps

corps for Active service and every Officer and Volunteer belonging to every corps so called out shall be bound to assemble x x x" In the circumstances I can find no exemption from service of the "Honorary" member.

10. If you approve that on the termination of the war the Volunteer system in this Colony should be superseded by the Defence Force system I ask that I may be supplied with copies of recent Ordinances on the subject in other Colonies. Possibly the Defence Force Ordinance of Antigua or St. Lucia with but few alteration might be suitable for this Colony.

11. In any fresh legislation for this Colony, if the Defence Committee sees no objection and you approve, provision might be made for the "Honorary Membership" by way of a Rifle Club, subject to Regulations to be made by the Governor in Council under the Ordinance. In this Colony such a club may be found to be of service in maintaining the Defence Force.

12. I shall be glad if I may be supplied, with a copy of the Defence Force Regulations either Antigua, Dominica, or St. Lucia, whichever Regulations have been the more recently revised and approved. These Regulations will be of assistance and might be used as a guide in revising the local regulations of 1904.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Dorothy James
Governor.