

administrative regiment, or attached to another corps of the same arm, any such reference shall be made through the officer commanding such regiment or such last-mentioned corps.

7. In the case of a corps forming part of an administrative regiment, or attached to another corps of the same arm, the certificate shall be countersigned by the field officer commanding the administrative regiment or such last-mentioned corps, this counter-signature being held to imply merely that the field officer has no knowledge of any reason why the certificate should not be granted.

If the field officer thinks fit to withhold his counter-signature from the certificate of any volunteer, he shall refer the matter to the officer appointed by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State to act in that behalf, whose decision shall be final, and who shall countersign the certificate if he thinks it ought to be granted.

8. Where the situation and circumstances of an artillery volunteer corps in any particular year are such as, in the opinion of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, to create serious obstacles to the fulfilment by the volunteers belonging to that corps of the requirement of attendance at gun practice, the Secretary of State shall have power to dispense with that requirement from such corps in such year.

9. Where the situation and circumstances of a rifle volunteer corps are such as, in the opinion of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, to create serious obstacles to the fulfilment by the volunteers belonging to the corps of the requirement of attendance at battalion drill such number of times within twelve months as is prescribed upon the annexed forms of certificate, the Secretary of State shall have power to reduce for such corps the number of battalion drills, and to increase proportionately the number of company or squad drills requisite to entitle the volunteers belonging to the corps to certificates of efficiency.

10. If any regiment or corps shall have in any year attended for not less than four clear days at a camp of instruction, not including the days of assembly and return, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State may make such modifications in respect to the qualification for efficiency of any of the members of such regiment or corps as may appear to him to be desirable to meet the circumstances of the case.

11. Where the situation and circumstances of a corps which is not of sufficient strength to constitute by itself a regiment, brigade, or battalion are such as, in the opinion of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, to render it impracticable for the corps to be united with or attached to another corps of the same arm, or where under any other circumstances the services of an adjutant are not available, the Secretary of State shall have power to make from time to time such special provisions respecting the granting and signature of certificates of efficiency as he may think fit.

12. 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 proficient in drill and instruction to his satisfaction, then, notwithstanding anything hereinbefore provided, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State shall have power to direct the withholding of certificates of efficiency at the end of that year from all volunteers belonging to the corps.

13. The inspecting officer at the annual inspection in any year shall have power to direct the withholding of a certificate for or in respect of any volunteer, in any case in which he considers it

proper to do so, on account of the want of proficiency in drill or instruction of that volunteer, or on account of his sword, carbine, or rifle, as the case may be, being in bad order and condition.

14. If in any one year a volunteer is resident during the drill season of his corps at a greater distance than 10 miles from its head-quarters, he may (with the written consent of both commanding officers) be attached for drill purposes to another corps. In such case, all his drills for efficiency (including attendance at inspection) must be performed with that corps, but he must wear the uniform of his own corps.

15. In case any alteration in the terms of any of the annexed forms of certificate should from time to time appear expedient, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State may make the same by regulation, so as no alteration be thereby made in the amount of the requirements and qualifications stated in or upon the form, and so as none of the provisions of this Order be thereby altered.

16. Terms used in this Order or in or upon the annexed forms of certificate have the same meanings as they have when used in the Volunteer Act, 1863.

The term "recruit" used upon the annexed forms of certificate means a volunteer who has never served for at least six months in Her Majesty's regular forces, or served and attended training in a regiment of militia, or who has never been returned as an efficient in an annual return of a volunteer corps.

FORMS OF CERTIFICATES OF EFFICIENCY.

Army Form E 563 (late W.O. Form 1667).

FOR LIGHT HORSE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

We hereby certify :

(1.) That A. B. No. was duly enrolled in the muster roll of the Light Horse Volunteer Corps on the 18 and is actually a member of the Corps on this date.

(2.) That he 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.

(3.) That he is provided with an efficient horse and horse furniture for the service.

(4.) That he attended, during the twelve months ending the 31st October 18,* drills of this Corps, ordered by the Commanding Officer; each of such drills being of not less than one hour's duration.

(5.) That he rides well, and possesses a competent knowledge of the cavalry sword exercise, and dismounted and mounted troop and squadron drill, as laid down in the Cavalry Regulations, and is in all respects acquainted with his duties as a light horse volunteer.

(6.) That he was† the last annual inspection of the Corps.

_____ Commanding Officer.

_____ Adjutant.

Head-Quarters, _____
1st November 18 .

* For Recruits. If present at inspection, 19 squad or troop drills, including the inspection. If absent from inspection with leave of the Commanding Officer, or through sickness duly certified, 21 squad or troop drills.

2nd Year. If present at inspection, 19 squad or troop drills, including the inspection, or such number not less than 9 drills, including the inspection, 3 of which have been drills of the whole corps, as will with the number performed in the previous year amount to 38. If absent from inspection with leave of the Commanding Officer, or through sickness duly certified, 21 squad or troop drills, or such number not less than 11 drills, 3 of