

**CHAPTER 88.****VOLUNTEER.***List of Subsidiary Legislation.*

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2. The Volunteer Regulations.

**PROCLAMATION***under section 18 (1) (b).*Proc. 9 of  
1953.

WHEREAS it is provided by section 18 (1) (b) of the Volunteer Ordinance that where the Governor is satisfied that there is apprehended civil disturbance in the Colony, he may, by Proclamation published in the Gazette, order the Commandant Local Forces from time to time to give, and when given to revoke or vary, such directions as may seem necessary or proper for embodying all or any part of the Volunteer Force, and in particular to make such arrangements as the Commandant may think proper with regard to units or individuals whose services may be required in other than a military capacity:

AND WHEREAS I am satisfied that there is apprehended civil disturbance in the Colony:

NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby order the Commandant from time to time to give, and when given to revoke or vary, such directions as may seem necessary or proper for embodying all or any part of the above-mentioned Force, and in particular to make such special arrangements as the Commandant may think proper with regard to units or individuals whose services may be required in other than a military capacity.

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## REGULATIONS

Regs. 19 of 1948. *made by the Governor under sections 15, 16, 17, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31 and 33 on the 16th June, 1948.*

Short title.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Volunteer regulations.

Inter-pretation.

2. In these regulations—

"the Force" means the British Guiana Volunteer Force;

"regulation" means a regulation of these regulations;

"schedule" means a schedule to these regulations;

"section" means a section of the Volunteer Ordinance;

"training year" means the year commencing on the 1st January and ending on the 31st December.

The Force.

3. (1) The Force shall have an establishment not exceeding a total of 600 all ranks, exclusive of any troops who may from

time to time be seconded or attached to the Force from any other Corps or Regiment.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-regulations (3) and (4) of this regulation, there shall be organised, within the Force, a Battalion of Infantry with Headquarters as hereunder—

(a) Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company, and one Rifle Company at Georgetown;

(b) one Rifle Company at New Amsterdam;

(c) one Rifle Company at Skeldon.

(3) The Commandant may, with the approval of the Governor, organise, within the Force, other Companies and sub-units and assign Headquarters to any such Company or sub-unit.

(4) Subject to the provisions of sub-regulation (1) of this regulation, the Commandant shall have the power to determine, and to vary, from time to time the establishment of Battalion Headquarters, and of the Companies and sub-units formed within the Force.

4. (1) No person who has not attained the age of 18 years shall be apportioned as an Officer of the Force.

Age limits for appointment of Officers.

(2) No person who has attained the age of 31 years shall be appointed as a Second-Lieutenant of the Force:

Provided that the Governor may, in any special case where the circumstances so warrant, waive the operation of this sub-regulation.

5. (1) The Governor may under section 7 appoint the following Officers of the Force—

Officers appointed by the Governor under s. 7.

(a) Majors;

(b) Captains;

(c) Lieutenants and Second-Lieutenants.

(2) In addition to the Officers specified in sub-regulation (1) of this regulation, the Governor may under section 7 appoint fit and proper persons to be Officers for the purpose of performing the duties of Judge Advocate or Surgeon, and such persons shall hold such rank and seniority as may be proper and as the Governor may from time to time direct.

6. (1) Every Second-Lieutenant, if recommended by the Commanding Officer, will be promoted, after 12 months service, to the rank of Lieutenant.

Promotion of Officers.

(2) Promotion will as a general rule be governed by establishment and will be given in volunteer force seniority to Officers qualified by service in the field and by examination; but in the interest of the Force it may be necessary to promote or appoint Officers who are not next in seniority or who have not served in the lower ranks.

Retiring age  
of Officers.

7. The Officers hereunder specified shall retire from the active list on their attaining the ages hereunder set forth—

(a) the Lieutenant-Colonel	...	...	...	50 years;
(b) Majors	...	...	...	50 years;
(c) Captains	...	...	...	45 years;
(d) Lieutenants	...	...	...	40 years:

Provided that the Governor may if he thinks fit from time to time extend, for periods of not more than 2 years at any one time, the retiring age as aforesaid with respect to any particular Officer, and provided further that the retiring age as aforesaid shall not be extended by more than 5 years.

Selection of  
Warrant  
Officers to  
be appointed  
by Governor.

8. The Warrant Officers referred to in section 9 shall be selected from serving members of Her Majesty's Regular Army.

Resignation  
of Officers.

9. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsections (4) and (5) of section 20, the Governor may, in his discretion, grant permission to an Officer to resign his commission, and where an Officer applies to resign on the ground of ill-health, he may, for the purposes of the said subsections, request that he be medically examined.

(2) Subject to the provisions of subsections (4) and (5) of section 20, an Officer may be required to resign his commission—

(a) where he is found guilty of misconduct and such finding is confirmed by the Governor; or

(b) where in the opinion of the Governor the circumstances so require—

and where such an Officer refuses to resign his commission within the time specified by the Governor, the Governor may direct that the name of the Officer be removed from the list of Officers.

Preliminaries  
to enlistment  
under s. 16 (1)

10. (1) Where any person applies to enlist in the Force he shall be given a document in the form from time to time approved by the Commandant, containing a summary of the terms of service, and liabilities, of a member of the Force.

(2) No person shall be attested under section 16 (8) until the attesting Officer is satisfied that such person fully understands the nature and purport of such document.

(3) No person shall be attested under section 16 (8) before he has undergone the medical examination referred to in regulation 11.

(4) An application for enlistment shall be in the form from time to time approved by the Commanding Officer.

11. (1) The standards of physical fitness required under section 16 (1) (d) shall be those for the time being required for enlistment in Her Majesty's Regular Army: Physical fitness.

Provided that the Commanding Officer may, if the circumstances so warrant, approve of the enlistment of men who are below such standards of fitness.

(2) In order to ascertain their physical fitness, applicants for enlistment shall, and other ranks who desire to be re-engaged may, be required to undergo a medical examination.

(2) Such medical examination shall be conducted by one or more Surgeons of the Force appointed under regulation 5 (2).

12. The following persons shall not be eligible for enlistment in the Force— Persons ineligible for enlistment in the Force.

(a) persons who are members of Her Majesty's military, naval or air forces;

(b) persons who are members of the British Guiana Police Force;

(c) persons who have been discharged from any of those forces for misconduct of any sort, or with a bad or indifferent character.

13. Except with the permission of the Commandant first had and obtained, every non-commissioned officer and volunteer shall retire from the Force on his attaining the age of 45 years and every warrant officer appointed under section 10 shall retire from the Force on his attaining the age of 50 years. Retiring age for other ranks.

14. (1) Annual training under section 17 (1) (a) shall take the form of Camp Training, or Training Exercises, or of both Camp Training and Training Exercises. Annual training under s. 17 (1) (a)

(2) For the purposes of pay and allowances, every day's attendance on annual training shall count as 1 day, provided

that the period of time covered by the training on any one day shall not be less than 7 hours.

Pay and  
ration  
allowance  
when in  
training  
under  
s. 17 (1) (a).

15. (1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation, every member of the Force, while in annual training under section 17 (1) (a), shall receive rations or ration allowance at the rate appropriate to his corresponding rank in the British Guiana Police Force, and shall receive pay at the following rates per day—

(a) Lieutenant-Colonel	...	..	...	...	\$12.00
(b) Major	...	...	...	...	\$10.00
(c) Captain	...	...	...	...	\$8.00
(d) Lieutenant	...	...	...	...	\$6.00
(e) Second-Lieutenant	...	...	...	...	\$4.75
(f) Warrant Officer, Class I	...	...	...	...	\$4.75
(g) Warrant Officer, Class II	...	...	...	...	\$4.00
(h) Colour-Sergeant	...	...	...	...	\$3.50
(i) Sergeant	...	...	...	...	\$3.00
(j) Corporal	...	...	...	...	\$2.50
(k) Lance-Corporal	...	...	...	...	\$2.00
(l) Volunteer...	...	...	...	...	\$1.75

(2) The Staff Officer and Adjutant, a warrant officer appointed under section 9, and a clerk storekeeper or other employee appointed under section 13, shall not receive pay under this regulation.

Annual  
training  
under  
s. 17 (1) (b).

16. (1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation, every member of the Force, by way of annual training under section 17 (1) (b)—

(a) shall in the first twelve months of his service attend 40 drills, and in every subsequent year thereafter 30 drills;

(b) shall fire the Annual Weapon Training Course laid down in Volunteer Force Orders for the time being in force.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation—

(a) a drill shall consist of one hour's actual instruction;

(b) not more than 3 drills may be performed on any one day; and

(c) where a parade lasts longer than 3 hours it shall be counted as three drills.

(3) Where on appointment or enlistment a member of the Force has served for not less than two months in any of the forces enumerated in sub-regulation (5) of this regulation and has completed the recruit drills required of a recruit in any such

force, he shall be deemed for the purpose of paragraph (a) of sub-regulation (1) of this regulation to have, on such appointment or enlistment, completed his first year of service with the Force.

(4) Where on appointment or enlistment a member of the Force has completed a recruit's course of Weapon Training in any of the forces enumerated in sub-regulation (5) of this regulation, he shall be deemed to have, on such appointment or enlistment, completed his first year of service with the Force.

(5) The forces referred to in sub-regulations (3) and (4) of this regulation are—

(a) the Regular Army, the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the Royal Air Force;

(b) the Territorial Army;

(c) the Junior Training Corps; and

(d) the permanent or Volunteer Forces of any Dominion or Colony.

(6) Other ranks who complete, or are deemed to have completed, their first year's training in the Force will be regarded as trained men.

17. (1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation, every warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or volunteer shall be paid the sum of 24 cents in respect of every drill attended by him, up to a number not exceeding 80, during a training year.

Pay for  
drills.

(2) In addition to the amount specified in sub-regulation (1) of this regulation, every warrant officer or non-commissioned officer who is approved by the Commanding Officer as an instructor shall be paid the sum of 24 cents in respect of every drill attended by him, up to a number not exceeding 80, during a training year:

Provided that no sum shall be payable under this sub-regulation in respect of drills attended by the warrant officer or non-commissioned officer before he was approved as aforesaid as an instructor.

(3) Payment under this regulation shall be made at the last parade before Christmas in each training year:

Provided that—

(a) where a member of the Force is discharged therefrom, payment may be made at any time after such discharge; and

(b) the Commanding Officer may, in his discretion, make payment at the end of any quarter in respect of drills attended during that quarter.

(4) No payment shall be made under this regulation to a warrant officer appointed under section 9.

Weapon training course.

18. (1) All other ranks who complete the Annual Training Course and reach the qualification standards required shall receive a grant as set out hereunder—

Marksman	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$5
First Class Shot	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$4
Second Class Shot	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$3
Qualification	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$2

(2) Payment of such grant shall be made at the end of the quarter during which a member of the Force so qualifies.

(3) No payment shall be made under this regulation to a warrant officer appointed under section 9.

Pay on embodiment.

19. (1) Every member of the Force who, on embodiment, is found to be physically fit and is retained for military duty shall be paid a gratuity of \$5.

(2) He will, during the period of his embodiment, receive rations or ration allowance at the rate appropriate to his corresponding rank in the British Guiana Police Force and shall receive pay at the daily rate specified in regulation 15 (1).

(3) The Staff Officer and Adjutant, a warrant officer appointed under section 9, and a clerk, storekeeper or other employee appointed under section 13, shall not receive a gratuity or pay under this regulation.

Distribution of uniform, arms and appointments.

20. The Commandant shall distribute the uniforms, arms, ammunition and appointments within the Force as he may consider best for the efficiency of the Force.

Safe custody and maintenance of uniform, arms and appointments.

21. Every member of the Force shall be responsible for the safe custody and maintenance, in a state of military efficiency, of the uniform, arms and appointments entrusted to him.

Uniforms and allowance.

22. (1) An Officer shall be provided with the same uniform and equipment as other ranks; and in addition thereto, he shall be provided with a sword, a revolver, and a Sam Browne belt.

(2) The grant referred to in section 20 (3) shall be \$96, and the annual grant referred to in section 20 (3) shall be \$24.



23. For the purposes of sections 20 (4) and 20 (5) and of regulation 10, ill-health means ill-health certified by one or more Surgeons of the Force appointed under regulation 5 (2). Ill-health.

24. Where any warrant officer, non-commissioned officer, or volunteer retires or is discharged from the Force he shall deliver up to the Commanding Officer or any person authorised by him, in good order (fair wear and tear excepted) his arms, uniform and equipment. Arms, uniform and equipment to be delivered up in good order by other ranks on leaving the Force.

25. A certificate of discharge shall be in such form as may be approved from time to time by the Commanding Officer. Form of certificate of discharge.

26. The Hospital Fees Regulations and any regulations amending or substituted for the same and for the time being in force shall have effect— Hospital accommodation and treatment.

(a) as if the rates under paragraph B of Schedule II applied to Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Volunteers, of The British Guiana Volunteer Force who sustain any injury whilst on duty or contract any complaint or disease whilst on duty; and

(b) as if the expression “ non-commissioned officers ” included warrant officers of the Force.

27. (1) The Commanding Officer while absent from and not in the exercise of his command cannot issue Volunteer Force Orders or any other orders relating to such command. Limitation of powers of Commanding Officer, and of officer in temporary command of the Force.

(2) An Officer in temporary command of the Force shall not, without reference to the Commandant, issue standing Volunteer Force Orders or alter those which are at the time in force, or authorise the application of the funds of the Force for any purpose other than ordinary current expenditure.

28. (1) Directions of the Commandant under sections 18 and 19 shall be published in the Gazette and in two daily newspapers circulating in the Colony, and copies of such directions shall be distributed among members of the Force in such numbers and in such manner as the Commanding Officer shall from time to time approve. Publication of notices.

(2) Local Forces Orders, and Volunteer Force Orders, made under section 33 shall be posted up at the headquarters of the various Companies and other sub-units to which the Orders

relate, and copies of such Orders shall be distributed among members of the Regiment in such numbers and in such manner as the Commanding Officer shall from time to time approve.

Sickness and other reasonable excuse under sections 26 (1) and 27.

29. (1) For the purposes of sections 26 (1) and 27, sickness means sickness certified by one or more Surgeons of the Force appointed under regulation 5 (2).

(2) The Commanding Officer may, under sections 26 (1) and 27, allow as reasonable any excuse which, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, he considers to be reasonable.

Meaning of "prescribed officer" in section 27.

30. The expression "prescribed officer" in section 27 means the sergeant-major of the Force in the case of a non-commissioned officer or volunteer, and an Officer of the Force in the case of a warrant officer.

Exercise of jurisdiction under section 29 (1) of a court of summary jurisdiction.

31. An offence which under section 29 (1) is cognizable both by a court-martial and a court of summary jurisdiction shall not be tried by a court of summary jurisdiction unless such court is satisfied, by a certificate of the Commanding Officer, that the person charged has not, in respect of such offence, been tried by a court-martial or been dealt with by the Commanding Officer.

Disability pension.

32. The Governor may, with the approval of the Legislative Council, award a disability pension to any member of the Force who, without his own default, is permanently injured in the actual discharge of his duty as a member of the Force by some injury specifically attributable to the nature of his duty.

Leave of absence.

33. Leave of absence shall be granted to the Staff Officer and Adjutant, and the Warrant Officers appointed under section 9, in accordance with the terms of their respective agreements (if any), and, where there is no such agreement, in accordance with the rules for the time being in force for Officers on the Fixed Establishment of the Colony.

Leave and superannuation rights of clerks, storekeepers and other employees.

34. The clerks, storekeepers and other employees referred to in section 13 shall be eligible for the same leave and superannuation rights as if they were appointed to corresponding grades of the Civil Establishment.

Leave from duty as a member of the Force.

35. The Commanding Officer may, if he thinks fit, from time to time grant leave to any member of the Force to be absent from duty as such member.