

219. Unless at least two-thirds of the troop, battery, or company is on parade the inspection will not take place, but must be postponed to a later date.

220. Inspecting Officers will carefully inspect the rifles in store as well as those in the hands of the men.

221. Inspecting Officers will specially notice in their inspection reports how reconnoitring duties are performed by the several troops of Cavalry Volunteers.

STORES.

222. All stores which are supplied by Government for the use of Volunteers will be issued through the Staff Officer of the district to the Officer Commanding troop, battery, and company, who will be accountable for the same, and will be held responsible that the arms and accoutrements are at all times kept clean and serviceable, and that they are returned into store, when required, in good order and condition, fair wear and tear excepted.

223. In batteries of Artillery Volunteers the non-commissioned officers attached as Instructors are to act under the Staff Officer of the district as custodians of the guns, gun ammunition, and artillery stores.

224. The locks of the rifles, when in use, should be taken to pieces and thoroughly cleaned and oiled at least once in every three months, by properly qualified persons. In wet weather, or after firing, the rifles should invariably be cleaned immediately after parade.

225. Not less than once in twelve months the Government Armourer or his assistant shall inspect all arms in the district.

226. Volunteers must not, under any circumstances, tamper with rifles; and any rifles which on inspection may be found to have had their locks or any other parts improperly altered will be at once returned into store, and repaired at the expense of the members to whom the rifle was issued.

227. Charges for loss or damage of arms, accoutrements, &c., the price of ammunition issued for practice, and the price which will be charged for any service ammunition made away with or lost through neglect, will be in accordance with a scale to be hereafter issued.

228. When leave is applied for exceeding one month, a Volunteer must return his uniform, rifle, and Government property to the Staff Office, and deposit the sum of £1, to be paid to him on his return.

ARMS, ACCOUTREMENTS, AND AMMUNITION.

229. Arms and accoutrements will be supplied to all the enrolled members of a corps except the commissioned officers thereof.

230. Ammunition in the following annual proportions, to be reckoned from the 1st January in each year, is allowed to Volunteers of the several arms without payment, on the condition that such ammunition shall be expended under the command and supervision of either a commissioned or non-commissioned officer :—

	Gratis.		Allowed to be Purchased.
	Ball.	Blank.	
CAVALRY.			
For every enrolled member ...	130	30	In such quantities as the supplies in store may permit. Price to be fixed by Commandant.
ARTILLERY AND NAVAL.			
Per Gun, Shot or Shell* ...	24	24	
For Small Arms.			
For every enrolled member ...	130	30	
RIFLE.			
For every enrolled member ...	130	30	

* To be issued on the demand of the Officer Commanding Artillery and Naval Volunteers.

231. Targets will be supplied to Officers Commanding districts on a requisition approved by the Commandant.

DRESS.

232. The uniform for all ranks will be the same as for corresponding ranks in Her Majesty's Service, substituting silver for gold, with the exception of the Commandant, who shall wear gold.

233. In the event of any corps of Cavalry applying for authority to change its uniform, scarlet will be the colour authorized to be worn; facings, dark blue.

234. The colour of the uniform of Rifle Volunteer Corps will be scarlet; the facings will be dark blue.