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(ARMY ORDER REGARDING CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT OF SOUTH AFRICAN MOUNTED POLICE FORCE.)

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PROVISIONAL MOUNTED POLICE FORCE.

New Zealand Government Agency,

3, George Street, Capetown, 28th July, 1900.

SIR,— I have the honour to enclose copy of the Army Order, 9th April, 1900, regarding the above Force, which supplements my cable of even date.

I have, &c.,

HERBT. C. PILCHER,

Agent.

The Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand,
Wellington.

New Zealand Government Agency, Capetown, 27th July, 1900.

Provisional Mounted Police Force.—Army Order, 9th April, 1900.

A LIMITED number of men are required for enrolment in a Provisional Mounted Police Force for employment in the districts of the Orange Free State occupied by British troops. Volunteers for this Force are now called for from mounted colonial corps from all portions of the British Empire which are now serving in South Africa. Engagements for the Force will be for three months, to be extended (with the man's consent) to six months if found necessary later. Men joining this Force will revert to their corps if found unsuitable for police duties, and also on completion of any limited engagement. Men enrolling in the Provisional Mounted Police Force who are found suitable for police duties will have first claim to the appointments in any permanent Police Force which may be created in this State when the country is settled; appointments carrying non-commissioned rank will be reserved for those members of the Provisional Mounted Police Force who may possess the necessary educational qualifications.

Pay, &c.—Men volunteering for this Force from the mounted colonial corps will bring with them their uniform, arms, and equipment, including saddlery. A Government horse will be provided by the State for each man. Consolidated pay will be issued, which will include regimental pay at present rates, and allowance in lieu of free rations and forage.

The rates of pay for the several ranks will be as follows: Lieutenant, £1 5s. per day; sergeant, 15s. per day; corporal, 12s. 6d. per day; private, 10s. per day.

Officers commanding mounted colonial corps are requested to call for volunteers for the Provisional Mounted Police Force from their own corps, and will forward a list of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men offering their services whom they can thoroughly recommend to the Military Governor, Bloemfontein, so as to reach him not later than noon on the 16th April, 1900.

Owing to the nature of the duties that the Provisional Mounted Police Force will be called upon to perform, only the most reliable and steady non-commissioned officers and men should be recommended for appointment.

N.B.—Candidates from the African corps will find a knowledge of the Dutch language a great advantage, but this knowledge is not compulsory. In cases where men have a knowledge of Dutch, officers commanding will record the fact when forwarding their recommendations.

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