

GENERAL ORDER.

HEAD QUARTERS,
Montreal, 4th March, 1841.

THE COMMANDER OF THE FORCES has received an intimation, that Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men, belonging to Regiments in British North America, will be allowed to volunteer for a Regiment, to be styled the ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT, on the following conditions, instead of those published in General Orders, dated Montreal, 28th September, 1840 :—

1. This Regiment will be subject to the Regulations, and Discipline of the Service, in like manner as are at present all other Battalions of the Army.

2. The Services of this Regiment will not be extended beyond the Continent of North America, and the adjacent British Possessions and Islands.

3. The Officers of the Royal Canadian Regiment will receive the same rates of Pay as Officers of corresponding rank in the Infantry of the Line.

4. The Non-Commissioned Officers, and Private Soldiers, will receive the same Pay as is now granted to the Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers of Her Majesty's Foot Guards, and will be entitled to additional Pay for length of Service, or to Good Conduct Pay, after fourteen, twenty-one, and twenty-eight years' service, in addition to the ordinary Pay of the Foot Guards.

5. No Soldier will be permitted to volunteer into the Royal Canadian Regiment, who shall not have served Fifteen Years in the Army, and whose character is not declared by his Commanding Officer, in his own hand-writing, to be at least "Good."

6. After *Twenty-five* years actual service in the Army, of which at least *Ten* years must have been in the Royal Canadian Regiment, the Soldier will be entitled to his Discharge, with Pension, according to existing regulations, upon the condition of being obliged to serve, if called upon, in a Veteran Battalion, or as Militia ;—free Discharges from this Battalion, under *Twenty-five* years service, will be prohibited altogether, except in special circumstances.

7. East and West India Service being allowed to reckon for men enlisted before the warrant of November 1829,—as *three* years for *two*, in claiming additional Pay and Good Conduct Pay,—though not in claiming Pension, it will also be allowed to reckon in making up the *Fifteen* years' qualification, for volunteering to the Royal Canadian Regiment, but will not be allowed to reckon as part of the actual service of *Twenty-five* years required for discharge.

8. Such Non-Commissioned Officers, as may be permitted to volunteer, will be allowed to hold the rank they had attained, with the Guards' Pay allotted to them, but the same proportion of Non-Commissioned Officers to the number of Men, as exists in Regiments of the Line, will be observed in permitting Non-Commissioned Officers to volunteer into the Royal Canadian Regiment, and the proportion of women, and their children permitted to receive Rations at the public expense, will be extended for this Battalion from *six* to *twelve* for every hundred men.

As the number of Serjeants and Corporals who will be received in the Royal Canadian Regiment is restricted, the names of the Candidates will be inserted in the Nominal List, in the order in which Officers Commanding Regiments may consider them entitled to priority of selection.

The same course will be observed with the Married Men, whose names will follow each other, and to whom the restriction as to the number of women, and their children to receive Rations in the Royal Canadian Regiment, is to be clearly explained.

9. The Soldiers will be allowed every opportunity for profitably employing their leisure time in Agricultural labour, or in handicraft, when not engaged in the performance of Military duty ;—Regulations for this purpose to be made from time to time by the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, subject to the approval of the Commander of the Forces in Canada.

10. It is proposed to station this Regiment on Frontier Posts, except in such cases as the exigencies of the service may require a different arrangement.

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