

## **Faithful Volunteers**

Early in 1882 the Commandant of the Queensland Volunteer Force, Lieutenant-Colonel George Blaxland, recommended that 240 Volunteers be excused jury duty, under clause 179 of the Volunteer Regulations, 1879. All the men were classified as 'efficient' or 'extra-efficient' meaning they attended most or all drill sessions and took part in the required musketry practice. Lt-Colonel Blaxland considered that "... they have well-earned this slight recognition (public) of their faithfulness in the performance of their several Volunteer Duties." The recommendation was approved by the Governor.

The surviving list represents a rare insight into the Queensland Volunteer Force of the early 1880s. Very few lists of early Volunteers survive, but this list is of those judged the best in 1881. Only the names are reproduced here, though rank details are contained in the original documents.

### *Brisbane District*

John Morton, John Tregenza, CA Reid, Nicolas Point, EA Gregory, Arthur Imrie, St John Thornhill, Charles Gorton, George Jones, Arthur Walker, Patrick Wood, William Perkins, Charles McCarthy, Charles Hunt, John Aird, James Slade, James Murphy, Henry Spell, James Revell, George Ferguson, James R Sankey, PO Smith, George Curry, John Manson, John Martin, Robert Cross, Robert Knox, William Sugars, William Woodhouse, Alexander McKellar, John Smith, James Mullen, William Moore, James Moffatt, AJ Holdway, John Lane, James Graham, Thomas Ferguson, George H Newman, JB Stanley, Thomas Cross, Charles Kertland, George McLennan, William Lowerly, James Lindsay, Alfred Moss, Thomas J Walker, Charles Arkenstall, William Alexander, AJ Thynne, Edwin Holloway, James Clacher, James Hamson, Charles Patten, William Clacher, Thomas Bell, Henry Fry, RD Britherton, Arthur Bowman, John Brown, William Walton, William Gray, William Britherton, John Walton, George Little, Wm R Alexander, Edward Headland, John Bell, Henry C Patten, Edward Grey, James Murray, Wm Henry Hancox, Edward Diggles, Frederick Gill, Thomas Clacher, Walter Bradley, Alexander McFarlane, James Gartside, William Watson, David Lanham, Walter Lanham, Henry Smith, George Ramsay, George Bradley, George Hardy, William L Grant, Theodore Denecke, Charles Wardle, Amos Walker, Felix G Fooks, Henry Neighbour, John McGrath, William Woods, John Robertson, Robert Allison, James Dalzell, Nathaniel Smith, Henry Ford, Charles Rose, Frederick Woodgate, Charles Smith, Thomas Grimes, William A Hinks, William Barron, George Hinks, Henry Reid, Thomas Ogilvie, George Bell, Dennis Reilly, Edward Bell, CM Paul, George R Rogers, Thomas Harris, Thomas R Gray, Edward Ede, WJ Hardgraves, John Reid, AA Brooks, Arthur Thrower, Henry Carter, Robert Stokes.

### *Ipswich District*

Robert Atkinson, Michael B Gannon, John McDonald, William Davis, Joseph Beasley, Thomas Beverley, John Salisbury, William Lovell, John Minslow, John Byers, David Howie, Joseph Beasley, David Daun, William Jameson, David Davis, George Dellar, William Cooke, William Thallon, Timothy Hegerty, William Betts, Henry F Panton, Francis Foreman, FH Larteer, Michael Murphy, John McDonald, Henry Stringfellow, Thomas Gogan, Alfred Knight, John Salisbury, John Skinner, Samuel A Thorn, James Collett, George Beverley, Henry Skinner,

John Jeffrey, Charles Scrivens, William Stokan, James Stokan, Alfred Skinner, Donald McIntosh, William Collett, John Jenkins, Michael Considine, George Young, William Carew, Arthur Kropp, Wallace Collett, Tobias Commerford, Frederick Smith, James Taylor, Thomas Brodie, William Bryce, William Scott, Robert Hodges.

*Toowoomba District*

Richard Godsall, James Murray, James Renwick, Henry Downey, Arthur C Stanborough, George Beer, Martin Doyle, William Hearly, Henry Pottinger, John Byrne, Henry Fox, John McClay, James Stirling, William S Hall, George Black.

*Warwick District*

CAJ Woodcock, William Gerish, William Wailes, J Baines French, John Paradine, George Chandler, John Meredith, Fredrick Gardiner, Richard Howell.

*Maryborough District*

Johnathon Murray, George Hooton, Benjamin French, JA Murray, RB Murray, WF Murray, John Gaskill, John Kyle, William Woolley, MH Copp, Alfred Cichowskie, S Henry Foster, S Hastings.

*Rockhampton District*

Robert S Ellis, Robert Abraham, William Burton, James Burton, William Sumpter, Fredrick Cheshire, John G Brown, William Smith, Mark Brewer, George Potts, Henry Batchelor, William Stanley, Thomas Nobbs, Henry Nash, Ferdinand Ruft, James Hamilton, Alfred Ayling, Charles S Campbell, Joseph Bartlem.

*Townsville District*

John Jones, William Davies, William Havelock Morgan, Henry Martin, John McPherson, James Autcliffe, John Sleigh, Robert Douglas, Arthur Walters.

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