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Department of Defence,  
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## NEW SOUTH WALES MILITARY FORCES.

TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF UNIFORM CLOTHING FOR THE  
PERMANENT ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

**T**ENDERS are invited for the supply of Uniform Clothing  
for the Permanent Army Service Corps, New South  
Wales Military Forces.

Forms of tender and all information can be obtained at the  
Regimental Office, Victoria Barracks, Sydney.

Tenders are receivable up to Noon on 22nd January, 1902.

EDMUND BARTON,  
For Minister of State for Defence.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Department of Defence,  
Melbourne, 13th January, 1902.

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TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF UNIFORM CLOTHING FOR THE  
ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (PERMANENT SECTION).

**T**ENDERS are invited for the supply of Uniform Clothing  
for the Army Medical Corps (Permanent Section), New  
South Wales Military Forces.

Forms of tender and all information can be obtained at the  
Regimental Office, Victoria Barracks, Sydney.

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For Minister of State for Defence.

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## NEW SOUTH WALES MILITARY FORCES.

TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF UNIFORM CLOTHING FOR THE  
5TH INFANTRY REGIMENT (SCOTTISH RIFLES).

**T**ENDERS are invited for the supply of Uniform Clothing  
for the 5th Infantry Regiment (Scottish Rifles), New South  
Wales Military Forces.

Forms of tender and all information can be obtained at the  
Regimental Office, Queen's-square, Sydney.

Tenders are receivable up to Noon on the 1st March, 1902.

EDMUND BARTON,  
For Minister of State for Defence.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Postmaster-General's Department,  
10th January, 1902.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

### MANUFACTURE OF WATERPROOF CAPES.

**T**ENDERS will be received at the office of the Deputy Post-  
master-General, Sydney, up to Noon on Wednesday, the  
5th prox., from persons desirous of contracting for the manu-  
facture and delivery to this Department in Sydney of Waterproof  
Capes, during the period to the 31st December next, in accord-  
ance with the general conditions and special conditions to be  
seen at the Departmental Stores, 210 George-street, Sydney,  
where forms of tender and any further information required may  
be obtained.

The Postmaster-General does not bind himself to accept the  
lowest or any tender.

Tenders must be addressed to the Deputy Postmaster-General,  
Sydney, and indorsed "Tender for the Manufacture of Water-  
proof Capes."

JAMES G. DRAKE,  
Postmaster-General.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Postmaster-General's Department,  
7th January, 1902.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

### CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.

**T**ENDERS for the following Mail Services, for the period  
commencing on the 1st March, 1902, and terminating on  
the 31st December, 1902, 1903, or 1904, will be received at the  
Office of the Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, up to Noon on  
Wednesday, the 5th February next:—

1. To and from Guyra and Abington, *via* B. G. Dawson's,  
Hillsborough, Baldersleigh, East Lynne, Hardwood, the bridle  
track to Abington Creek, Needlewood, Avenue Flat, and Koala,  
once a week (tenderers to specify a price for an extra mail a week  
if required); or,

2. To and from Guyra and Koala, *via* B. G. Dawson's, Hills-  
borough, Baldersleigh, East Lynne, Hardwood, the bridle track  
to Abington Creek, Needlewood, and Avenue Flat, once a week  
(tenderers to specify a price for an extra mail a week if required).

3. To and from Yarrara and Wolseley Park, *via* Copabella,  
Hilly's, Doutty's, and Porter's, twice a week.

4. To and from Tumut, Blowering, Talbingo, and Yarrango-  
billy, twice a week; and to and from Yarrangobilly, Yarrango-  
billy Caves, and Kiandra, once a week (Contractor to convey an  
extra mail per week to and from Yarrangobilly and Yarrango-  
billy Caves during period from 1st November to 30th April).

Every tender must state the names in full and the residences  
or business addresses and the occupations of the tenderer, and  
of two respectable and responsible persons willing to join with

the tenderer in a bond in a form approved by the Postmaster-General, guaranteeing the safety of the mails and the due performance of the contract, the penal sum in which bond will be double the annual amount payable under the contract. Tenderers are requested, if possible, to state the name and address of some person or firm in Sydney, to whom notices in connexion with the tender or contract may be sent.

Tenderers must send in a separate tender for each line.

Tenderers must in each case state *how they propose to carry mails, and must furnish a description of the kind of vehicle (where such mode of conveyance is intended) which they propose to use; preference will, however, be given to tenders to convey mails by wheeled vehicle licensed to carry passengers.*

Every tender must be signed by the tenderer and sureties, and attested by a magistrate or postmaster.

Tenders must be addressed to the Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, and indorsed "*Tender for Conveyance of Mails.*"

On every tender there must be indorsed a certificate by a magistrate that the tenderer and his sureties are respectable and responsible persons.

All tenders which do not comply with the foregoing conditions, or are not received before the time specified, will be liable to be rejected as informal.

The stamp duties imposed by law upon the bond and accepted tender (*viz.*, £1 and 1s.) must be paid by the successful tenderer.

Unless Contractors and their sureties sign the bonds within twenty-one days after a notice signed by the Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, requesting them so to do shall have been posted to the Contractor, the Postmaster-General may cancel the acceptance of tenders.

The present hours of starting from each post-office or stage, and other particulars, may be ascertained at the General Post Office, where parties proposing to tender are invited to seek information.

Printed forms of tender may be obtained on application at the General and other post offices throughout the State, and persons tendering are requested to fill up such forms with great care.

The Postmaster-General does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE GENERAL CONDITIONS TO BE OBSERVED BY CONTRACTORS AND REFERRED TO IN THE FORM OF TENDER:—

1. In these conditions "Mails" shall be deemed to include letters, books, packets, post-cards, letter-cards, parcels, newspapers, and other articles intended for transmission by post, whether loose or enclosed in bags, baskets, or other receptacles.

2. The Contractor will be required to find and provide good, substantial, and sufficient carriages; horses with harness, saddles, bridles, and other necessary accoutrements; boats or other appliances, for crossing mails over flooded rivers or creeks, and honest, careful, and steady drivers and postmen of certified good conduct, and to employ only white labour in the carriage of the mails. Contractors are not expected to work their drivers for more than 8 hours a day *on the average*. All horses travelling in front of a mail conveyance must be properly harnessed, and used for the purpose of drawing such conveyance only. In every case where wheeled vehicles are used, breeching must be provided for the wheel horse or horses, if the Postmaster-General shall so require.

3. Such regulations with regard to rates of wages and working conditions as may from time to time be made by the Governor-General, in pursuance of sub-section (S) of section 97 of the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901*, must be observed by the Contractor; and until such regulations are made, the rates and conditions shall be those recognised in the locality in which the work is carried out.

4. If at any time during the continuance of the contract it shall be possible to forward the mails by railway by direct route or otherwise, and whether for the whole or part of the distance contracted for, the Postmaster-General may, by giving one calendar month's notice in writing to the Contractor, either determine the contract or permit the services contracted for to be carried out for the residue only of the line contracted for, and in the latter case may deduct from the moneys to be paid to the Contractor the sum of £12 per mile per annum, or such other sum as may be charged by or payable to the Railway Commissioners for the carriage of the mails over such portion of the railways as the same shall be carried over.

5. If it be determined, during the currency of a contract for carrying mails to and from a railway station and post-office, to remove the post-office to the railway station, the contract may be discontinued on one month's notice being given to the Contractor by the Postmaster-General.

6. The Postmaster-General may, at any time during the continuance of the contract, re-arrange or increase or reduce the frequency or change the routes of the services to be performed thereunder; and if the distance to be travelled or the frequency be increased or reduced, a proportionate increase or reduction, as the case may require, shall be made in the amounts to be paid under the contract, computed upon the basis of the mileage rate of the contract. The Postmaster-General may, however, contract or agree with any person other than the Contractor for any increase in the frequency of such services; and the Contractor shall have no right to demand that any such increased frequency shall be carried out by him.

7. In the event of any change being made in the service contracted for, either in the manner indicated in the preceding clause or with the concurrence of the Contractor, the Postmaster-General may require a fresh bond to be executed by the Contractor and his original sureties, or such other sureties as may be proposed by him and duly certified to by a magistrate as being respectable and responsible persons, and the stamp duty on such bond shall be payable by the Contractor.

8. In carrying out the services contracted for, the Contractor must call at the sites of the various post and receiving offices now or hereafter to be established by the Postmaster-General's Department on the line contracted for, and must travel direct to the door of the office before stopping at any other place whatsoever in any township or place where the office is situated. When the contract is for the conveyance of mails either to and from a post or receiving office situated at a railway station or platform, or to and from a railway station or platform, the Contractor must receive and deliver the mails either at such post or receiving office, or at the door of the mail van, or the railway guard's van, or at both post or receiving office, and the van, as may be required by the Postmaster-General.

9. The Contractor must provide himself with a horn, which he must sound to give notice of the approach of the mail to the different stations.

10. The Contractor shall not be entitled to claim any extra payment on account of the removal of any post or receiving office during his contract, unless such removal shall increase the distance to be travelled by such Contractor on any one day to the extent of 1 mile.

11. In cases where more than one mode of conveyance is specified in the tender, the Postmaster-General may from time to time direct that the mode of conveyance then in use shall be changed to another of the modes specified in the tender.

12. All horses used in the conveyance of the mails will be subject to the inspection and will be liable to the approval or rejection of the Postmaster-General.

13. Postal Inspectors and Mail Guards must be carried without charge whenever they demand a seat.

14. *The Mails are to be despatched from any post-office on the days and at the hours to be fixed by the Postmaster-General, either according to the present arrangement or as he may afterwards determine; and every Contractor will be bound to travel at the rate of 8 miles an hour, including all stoppages, if required to do so.*

15. A fine of 5s. for every five minutes delay after the specified time of starting, and a like penalty for every ten minutes delay after the specified time of arrival, except for the first five or ten minutes respectively, will be imposed by the Postmaster-General, unless he shall be satisfied that the obstacles were insuperable.

16. A fine not exceeding £5 may be imposed by the Postmaster-General for any other breach of contract.

17. In all instances the usual mail road or route between the places mentioned is to be travelled; and where no mail has previously run, the route specified by the Contractor in his tender, or if none is specified, such route as shall be approved by the Postmaster-General must be pursued. In times of flood, when the usual route is impassable, the mails must be conveyed by whatever route the Postmaster-General may direct.

18. Should a Contractor loiter on the road, or wilfully mispend or lose time, so as to retard the arrival of the mail at its proper destination, he is liable to a penalty of £10, in addition to any fine that may be imposed under these conditions.

19. No excuse for delay in carrying mails will be entertained, nor shall anything whatever exonerate the Contractor from liability to the fines hereinbefore imposed. But on production to the Postmaster-General of certificates or statutory declarations by persons of known respectability or other sufficient evidence, showing that the delay in any case was attributable to causes or events which could not have been anticipated or provided against, the Postmaster-General may remit the fines or a part thereof. And it must be clearly understood that in every case the passengers must be a secondary consideration to the mails; and that Postal Inspectors, Country Postmasters, and Mail Guards have instructions to see that this rule is observed.

20. The Contractor shall carry all mails delivered to him under the authority of the Postmaster-General, or of any of the Postmasters, and shall provide secure lockers for the mails in carriages, waterproof coverings for the mails on horseback, and leather pouches for loose articles.

21. The Contractor or Mailman conveying mails on horseback will not be allowed to carry newspapers or parcels in addition to the mails, without special authority.

22. The Contractor shall convey mails from or to any place on the road beyond a mile from the post-office, and shall deface all postage stamps on loose articles which he receives and delivers without passing through a post-office; but he is bound to refuse to carry, and to prevent any of his servants or passengers from carrying, any letter or packet to the prejudice of the Post-office revenue, under a penalty of £5 for each offence. Unpaid letters and those prepaid less than twopence (or less than one penny where the 1d. per ½-oz. rate is in operation) received by the Contractor *en route* for transmission by post must be posted at the next post-office at which he arrives, whence they will be despatched to destination charged with double the amount of the unpaid or deficient postage, to be collected on delivery. For the guidance of the Postmaster at the office of posting, such letters should bear an indorsement by the Contractor, indicating the particular point on the road at which they were received.

17th January, 1902.

23. The Contractor must be careful to make proper arrangements, in all cases, to insure the immediate closing of each gate he may pass through. (For any breach of this condition, or for any injury to a public gate, a penalty of £5 is recoverable under the Public Gates Act of 1875.)

24. The Contractor will be required to complete all journeys appointed to commence on, or immediately before, the date of termination of his contract, and he must duly receive and deliver all mails at the various post and receiving offices and places *en route*.

25. The Contractor will not be allowed to assign or sublet any portion of his contract without the consent in writing of the Postmaster-General. For any breach of these conditions the Contractor will be liable to a fine of £100.

26. The Contractor will be answerable for any neglect on the part of his agents, mailmen, and servants, and for any breach of contract committed by them.

27. In case the Contractor shall fail to perform the contract according to the terms thereof, or shall commit any breach of any one or more of these conditions, or shall become bankrupt or make any assignment of his estate in trust for creditors, or make any arrangement or composition with his creditors, the

Postmaster-General may, by notice in writing to the Contractor, cancel the contract; and thereupon the contract shall be cancelled, and all moneys then due thereunder shall be forfeited without prejudice nevertheless to the rights to any fines and all rights of action and other remedies which the Postmaster-General may have in respect of any breach of the contract.

28. In the event of the death, conviction, or bankruptcy of a surety, the Contractor will be required to name another surety, who must be duly certified to by a magistrate in the prescribed form. The Contractor and both sureties must then execute a fresh bond, the stamp duty on which will be chargeable against the Contractor.

29. All fines and penalties incurred may be deducted by the Postmaster-General from the quarterly instalments falling due to the Contractor or may be recovered by action at law, and must be considered as over and above any penalties provided by any Act of Council or Parliament.

30. Any notice to be given to the Contractor under the contract may be given by delivering the same by letter through the post at or to the address of the Contractor mentioned in the bond.

JAMES G. DRAKE,  
Postmaster-General.

Commonwealth of Australia.

Postmaster-General's Department,  
14th January, 1902.

VICTORIA.

CONTRACTS ACCEPTED.—(Series 1899-1902.)

No. of Contract.	No. of Service.	Particulars of each Tender, and Amount recommended for Acceptance.	Amount per Annum.	Name for Approval.	Charged against Vote or Fund.
1187	857	To and from Post Office, Portsea, and the Steamer at Sorrento, daily, from the 4th November, 1901, at the rate of £13 per annum	£ s. d. 13 0 0	J. N. Farnsworth ...	Conveyance of Inland Mails, 1899-1902.
1188	856	To and from the Post Office, Sorrento, and the Steamer, daily, from 4th November, 1901, at the rate of £13 per annum	13 0 0	E. Morley ...	
1189	26	Addition to Contract No. 25, for conveyance of mails between Grantville and Archies Creek, from 1st October, 1901, to 30th June, 1902, at the rate of £26 per annum	26 0 0	J. J. R. Richards ...	
1190	168	Addition to Contract No. 162, for increased frequency between Regent Street Railway Station and Bundoora from three days a week to six days a week, from 1st February, 1902, to 30th June, 1902, at the rate of £13 per annum	13 0 0	Martin Cagney ...	
1191	872	To and from Post Office and Railway Station, Berwick, as often as required, and effecting a letter delivery at Berwick, from 1st January, 1902, to 30th June, 1902, at the rate of £30 per annum	30 0 0	Stanley Duncan ...	
1192	898	To and from Woomelang and Lascelles, three days a week, from 1st January, 1902, to 30th June, 1902, at the rate of £12 per annum	12 0 0	William Finck ...	

CONTRACT ACCEPTED.—(Series 1901-2.)

		Amount.	
		£ s. d.	
24	—	Repairs to Telegraph Lines between Mansfield and Woods Point. Deposit, £59	597 12 0
			Chappel and Scown ...
			Telegraph Lines, 1901-2.

Cancellation of Contracts.

Contract No. 987, Service No. 872, in the name of James R. Duncan, at the rate of £30 per annum, cancelled from 31st December, 1901.

Addition (No. 1161) to Contract No. 1095, Service 882, in the name of G. W. Simmons, at the rate of £4 per annum, cancelled from 9th December, 1901.

Addition (No. 1167) to Contract No. 1094, Service No. 881, in the name of Mrs. W. Andrews, at the rate of £32 10s. per annum, cancelled from 9th December, 1901.

JAMES G. DRAKE,  
Postmaster-General.



