

MUNGAROA RANGERS UPPER HUTT 1880

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New Zealand Defence
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From James W Gray Upper Hutt
Subject Forwards named of 54 persons who offer their services as a Volunteer Corps to be called the Mungaroa Rangers

Memoranda

Referred to Officer Comp The Wellington District 06 August 1880

I do not recommend the Government to accept the services of the applicants. I find that in this district the attendance on parades if members belonging to existing suburbs and County Corp is far from satisfactory.

Unless the Government is anxious to increase the numbers of Corps within this District, I think it will be better to decline the service men, whether as Rifles Rangers or as Garady (E Neal Co Wgt) 09 September 1880

Upper Hutt 14 August 1880

To The Minister of Defence Wellington

Sir

Enclosed is a list of a number of residents in the Upper Hutt District containing Fifty Four signatures, who are desirous of forming themselves into a Rifle Volunteer Corps to be styled the "Mungaroa Rangers" and as a member of the proposed Corps I have been instructed to communicate to you their wish and ask that their services be accepted.

The whole of the men joining are made fully acquainted with the views of the Government with regards to capitation money granted to Volunteers so that they are joining fully prepared that there is no money granted now.

Trusting that the request will meet with a favourable reply from the Government.

I remain Sir Yours faithfully James Gray Secretary

PS Many have expressed a wish that they would like to see a Carabry [sic] Corps formed would the Government, if they did not except the services of the "Mungaroa Rangers" be favourably disposed forwards it if formed. JG

At a Public Meeting held at Mr Bishops Provincial Hotel Upper Hutt on Saturday 10 July 1880 it was Resolved that a Volunteer Rifle Corps be formed and the following Gentlemen do hereby subscribe their names as members of the Company.

Alexander Cruickshank	John McCulloch
R W Whiteman	T G Collett
Charles Maynor	S J Yates [sic]
W Greenwood	S Smith
Edward Whiteman	W Bishop
William Whiteman	James Greenwood
William Trueman	George Weston
Andrew Brown	G McHattie
J Bowyer	I J Cruickshank son or sen
James W Gray	W Avery
J W Cudby	C R Pearse
W Corbett	W Rouse
T Stevens	T Morgan
G Stevens	Stephen Greenwood
W Jones	Timothy Tuomey
Richard Rule	George Findlay

George Burns	R Robinson
O Robinson	W C Spackman
R Mantell	G Deue
R Raochmass	T Whiteman
J Whiteman	F Oldham
Robert Clochese	John Johnson
Alex McCulloch	C Butler
George Pearse	Henry B W Greive
John H Cruickshank	George Wilkins
G Schmark	W R Welch
G Welch	Fred Cudby

(Please note that the hand writing was hard to transcribe so I apologise for any errors)
