

The Recruiting Officer

trad (Australia, NSW, Sydney)

D A D G D A
D A Bm A D A D
D A G D Bm D A
D G D A D A D

Rhythm: Waltz

Jig

Reel

Hornpipe

Book: Kynaston. (1710). Twenty Four dances for the year 1710. England.

H.E Clarke, Social Dance and Early Australian Settlement, PhD Thesis, QUT, 2018

Source: The 'Convict Dance and Music Research Project' by Dr. Heather Blasdale-Clarke at QUT

Notes: For more information see Heather Clarke's article at;

This tune can be interpreted as a Waltz, Jig, Reel or Hornpipe

Play at a lively tempo

Tune arranged by Roland Clarke, 2019

History: On the 4th of June, 1789 a small party of convicts performed the play

"The Recruiting Officer", to commemorate the birthday of King George III.

In attendance were the Governor of the new colony in Sydney, Arthur Phillip and a number of other notable figures in the one-year-old colony.

The play was performed in a convict built hut. The play itself dates from much earlier in the c.18th