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KENYA

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Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Previous

Open file.

Subsequent

C.O.533/421.

R34

Mr. G. Greenham
5/1

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18 Gorkha —— Secr. —— 20/7/32. 2
Strongly urges that the approval of H.M.
Government be sought for the immediate
formation of an R.N.V.R. unit. This suggestion,
as to organization, being ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~fully~~ ^{fully}
~~financial provision.~~ Take for telegraphic
Reply.

I had purpose to get the
Government to express an opinion
on this, first, (as you will see I did
not proceed without taking time
and trouble) by sending a copy of
(1) with ~~enclosure~~ (2) on 18/6/32
and (2) on 19/6/32. Short draft
written from T.D. about ~~very~~
~~early~~ and ~~that~~ I had to gear
to meet the views of the E.A.D.

Legitimacy

To: 8. 32

The Government are quite busy; he does
not know when that the Ordinance
will be issued. He would like to receive
my letter to be inserted in front of this
definitely now.

We had application from Kenya 3/6/32
from a complete at the rate, though
agents will apparently be expected to
pay us £33.

1. 1. 8. 32

2. 2. 8. 32

18 Gwanga — Secy — 28/7/32 2
Strongly urges that the approval of H.M.G.
be sought for the immediate
formation of an R.N.V.R. unit. His suggestion
as to organization, training, equipment, & also
financial provision. Take for telegraphic
reply.

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Admiralty to express an opinion
on this, first. (I am not ad-
vised about sending them
will not). By sending a copy of
(1) with this, ref. (2) on 1806/32
& (2) on 904/32, that does
not bring the Tyne together very
early. But I do send
soon however the main facts to D.A.D.

By arrangement

10.8.32

The Admiralty is in a good way, but do
not, of course know that the Admire
and I, what he would let stand
any letter to be sent in from us.
Admiralty would

We feel especially for it being kept
from us excepted as it will, though
likely will apparently be subject to
prior E.S.

It looks as though the K.R.M.V.R. may provide cheap armament for the local authorities, and that even though it does no good, it can do very little harm.

To Admiralty as proposed?

S. Brewin
15/8

~~Dear Sirs,~~
~~Enclosed copy, addressed to~~
~~Admiralty, dated 12th August~~
~~is a copy of a letter from Mr. G. A. Legge was prepared to meet your instructions of our fax we need not know~~
~~whether we will send this will contribute~~
~~1/3rd of the cost of the messengers' salaries~~
£33.

M. R. Peterkin
15/8

Kenya authorities to "store up" and to hand to trouble hot "as required".

J. H. Keen

15/8/32

As proposed (See S. Brewin
should see at the next stage)

G.W.

15.8.32

ant

2 To Admiralty - Conf - w/draft 1 - con -
15/8/32

3 Uganda

Enc. copy despatched to Ga. Kenya ref. 1.
26.8.32

Mr. Adeson

? Put by

For me

7.9.32

We asked in No. 2 for an early reply.

Could we not send a duplicate of No. 3 & enclose
to the Party concerned their "legacy".

W. G. Fletcher
O. N. 19

J. H. Keen

15/8/32

15/8/32 APPROVED UNDER REG. 3
The Admiralty (reg. 3) was approached
by

5 Army

Suggest steps be taken to propose a Committee
of Dec/32 at once: former members
also regarding organisation of the Kenya
R.N.V.R.

6. Kenya

Kenya - 29 Sept 32.
Requires necessary powers
in some case be obtained
immediately.

7. The copy has been attached to 18064/32
Kenya
one

Transferred
to 18064/32

Kenya

on which file applies to the P.C. has
been authorised

- b. This could also be more appropriately
dealt with on the Kenya file and
the file sent to E. Africa Dept. to
obtain the approval of the Council.

L.Smith (13/11/32)

Mr. Director

The matter was

now to you and you

↳ Administrator

13/11/32

I submit two drafts. It may be
considered desirable to add a note
warning that expenditure should
be limited to the necessities due to
financial situation in Uganda.
Drafts b & c appear to be somewhat
concerned with capital expenditure
but I leave.

J.H. Ponsonby

18/11/32

Administrator

I - in this draft this charge has
been included in Para 3. If I take
a broad view of Admiralty dues which do
not seem to have a formally legal
basis or not agreed in the contracts
to (1). However, I have general at
this moment a rather important figure
I had better draw attention to it: "and
in view of the anomalies between (a) & (b) in
3 (ii) of para (a) to (1).

Draft forwarded to you for your
attention to date 26/11/32

By Air
Mail of 29
" 22

CA 1000 4 days (copy) 3 "

To Mr. Kenya

To Mr. Uganda (copy) } Sent

DESTRUCTED UNDER STATUTE

9 To Army. (W.H.T.) - 18/11/32 - 28/11/32
(15 on 18064/32 (Kenya))

This course of procedure seems to settle
of a general nature.

If g.d. see no objection

the correspondence might be forwarded
to a secret sub file of Kenya 18064/32.

In any case a copy of g.d. in

18064/32 should be included with
the file these papers.

H.P. Ponsonby
29/11/32

Mr. Secretary

If you agree, the Admiralty
will be asked to make the necessary arrangements

for this

I agree

Administrator

1-12-32

at once

M. Fulusi

I have ascertained from Mr. C.A. that they have received a requisition from the Kenya Govt. for the attached document - Manual of Coast Fortifications (Chromonial) 1930.

The N.O. have sent it here as it is a secret document.

Send it to the Govt. of Kenya in a secret despatch envelope. No communication to the B.A. nor may be acknowledged.

The receipt form should be signed & subsequently returned to M.G.O.

In Mackay for the
action

J. King

7.9.34

G. B. Fulusi

Signature

~~RECORDED UNDER STATE COPY DOCUMENT & RECEIPT FORM~~ 4.9.34
~~TO GOV. KENYA SECRET~~
~~TO C.A. (P. Fulusi) ARRIVED 4.9.34~~

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B.A. 8.10.34

Lower signature secret
des reference No 10. saying that
the manual is not required
& should be returned.

J. King
10.10.34

Signature
G.W.S.

G/Kenya 6747.

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Tropical African Division,
Colonial Office.

29.8.34.

With reference to your minute 18064/1/32 of September, 1934, stating that a copy of the War Office secret document "Manual of Coast Fortress Defence (Provisional) 1930" had been forwarded to the Governor of Kenya in pursuance of item 22 of indent No. 195 dated 14th March, 1934, I attach a copy of a letter received from the Treasurer regarding this indent, from which you will note that only items 1 and 5 are now required.

In the circumstances you will no doubt decide whether the Government of Kenya should be requested to return the "Manual of Coast Fortress Defence".

C. Garsley

"G" Department,
Crown Agents' Office.
5th October, 1934.

VUB/CJ

1830 Kenya

BY AIR MAIL.

THE TREASURY,

MAIOROHI,

KENYA.

29th August

Ref: No. C.A.I./195/34/6.

CROWN AGENTS

20 SEP

FOR THE COLONIES

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter No. 0/Kenya 6747
of 28th June, 1934, in connection with Indent No. 195/34
I have the honour to inform you that items Nos. 1 and 5
are now required.

In the circumstances, I shall be grateful
if you will delete the remaining items.

I have the pleasure to be,
Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

SECRETARY

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,

4, Millbank,

LONDON, S.W.1.

C. O.

91978/32 General

Mr. Priestman 24/4

Mr. Great-
Mr. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear]

Sir C. Bannister

Sir J. Shuckburgh

Permit. U.S. of S.

Permit. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State

DRAFT. C. O. 16/7/32

KENYA

Secret

GOVERNOR

(S22:18064/32K)

16/7/32

16/7/32

(9)

1st July 1932. P.M.

Kenya Colony of 1932
in 1932. K. I. 1932

1932. 1932 made the draft
for consideration

R. 1932
1932
1932

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1932 - 1932

For airmail 29 Nov

26 November 1932

Sir,

I have etc. to acknowledge the receipt of your Secret despatch of the

(1) — 26th of July on the subject of the

proposed formation of a Royal Naval

Volunteer Unit in Kenya.

2. I have informed you separately of the approval of H.M. Council of Ordinance No. 45 of 1931 in so far as is required by section 20

Colonial Naval Dept. 16/7/32

regards the detailed arrangements set

forth in your despatch under acknowledgement.

I have consulted the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, who

feel that these matters must be left

to the discretion of the authorities

of the Colony and the Commander-in-

Chief

Chief, but in general they are of

opinion that the scheme proposed
is satisfactory.

4. I have, however, to suggest
the following small amendments to
enclosure (2A) to your despatch

above mentioned:-

(iv)

Para. 3 (ii). Delete "in" in

line 6, or alternatively sub-

"I understand that".

Para. 4. Add: "The same standards
are to apply to officers except that,
in their case, vision should be:-

Executive - Rest eye 6/6ths, other
6/12ths.

Engineer - Rest eye 6/9ths, other
6/12ths.

Special Branch - As necessary.

Medical
Accountant &
Accountant(c)
Chaplains } Not less than 1/60
each eye, according
to 6/6 each eye
with glasses.

5. I note that the Government of
Uganda have offered to bear 1/3rd of
the cost of the scheme.

6. A copy of the draft has
been sent to the ~~Minister~~ ^{Govt. etc.} of
Uganda. I have so

(Searched Shoto C.
The Secretary)

5
4. ~~Rest eye 6/6ths, other
6/12ths.~~
5
Report per (31) (ii) &
is not clear whether the
exception (a) and
(b) are or are not
intended. (←
Information

Should appear before
beginning 16 March or
after force is here (ii),
or until the subscriber
(a) and (b) are otherwise

(Sgd.) P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER

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opinion that the scheme proposed
is satisfactory.

4. I have, however, to suggest
the following small amendments to
enclosure (~~1~~) to your despatch
above mentioned:-

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line 6, or alternatively substitute

"I understand that":

Para. 4. Add: "The same standards
are to apply to officers except that."

in this case, vision should be:-

Executive - Best eye 6/6ths, other
6/12ths.

Engineer - Best eye 6/9ths, other
6/12ths.

Special Branch - As necessary

Medical
Accountant &
Accountant (c)
Chaplains } Not less than 6/60
each eye correcting
to 6/6 each eye
with glasses.

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the cost of the scheme.

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has been sent to the Govt. of
Uganda. I have to

(Secty to the C.
the Financial)

4. Rather as per
Mysore Jan 31 (vii) 4
it is not clear whether the
instructions (a) and
(b) are or are not
intended to be
alternatives.

5. It also appears that the money
is being offered to work for
after force a hire
in which the subscriptions
(a) and (b) are alternative.

(Sgd. P CUNLIFFE-LISTER)

COPY

ADMIRALTY. S.W.I.

3rd November, 1932.

CONFIDENTIAL

N.C.127/32.

Sir

In reply to your letter of 21st October last, enclosing a copy of a draft order in-council relating to the formation of the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, I am commanded by His Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty to say that they concur in the terms of the draft order-in-council.

My officials have noted the detailed arrangements for the formation, organisation and training of the proposed force as set forth in the Governor's despatch of 2nd July, and forwarded for their consideration under cover of your letter of 18th November last, No. 91978/32. They feel that these matters must be left largely to the discretion of the authorities of the Colony and the Commander-in-Chief, but in general they are of opinion that the scheme is satisfactory.

3. I am however to suggest the following small amendment to enclosure A to the Governor's despatch:-
Delete "that" in line 5, or alternatively substitute "I understand that".

4. Add The same standards are to apply to officers except that in their case, vision should be:-

Executive ... rest e.g. 6/6ths, other 6/12ths.
Engineer ... Best eye 6/9ths, other 6/12ths.
Special Branch. As necessary.

The Under Secretary of State,
COLONIAL OFFICE.

Medical

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Medical	} Not less than 6/60 Account &	each eye correcting
Accountant(c)		
Chaplains	to 6/6 each eye with glasses	

4. So far as My Lords are concerned, I judge from the information before them the estimates of expenditure furnished to the Governor by the Commander-in-Chief are correct. The outlay visualised in the first year i.e. for training, munitions, stores and signalling equipment would therefore, at about £1,000, I am, etc.,
(Signed) J. S. Barnes

COPY

Orig. regd. on 18064/32 Kenya

M.02127/32

ADMIRALTY,

S.W.L.

22nd September, 1932.

Immediate.
Confidential.

Sir,

No 2
Nol on 18064/32
Kenya

I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to refer to your letters No.91978/32 of the 18th ultimo and No.18064/32 of 31st March last, concerning the formation of a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in Kenya.

2. My Lords did not comment on the ordinance which was passed by the Legislature [redacted] in December last as, at the time of its receipt, they had under consideration the preparation of a model ordinance for use of colonies desirous of forming R.N.V.R. forces. A final draft of the model ordinance was forwarded to you under cover of Admiralty Letter M.01738/32 of the 5th instant, with the suggestion that copies might be sent to the colonies concerned.

No 3 an
90499/32 Genl

3. My Lords consider that it may be desirable for Kenya, at a later date, to pass an amending ordinance so as to bring the ordinance of 18th December, 1931, into line with the model form, and in this manner provide for collaboration with another colony and for the rescinding or variation of regulations made by the Governor. This is not however, a matter of urgency; and in my Lord's opinion the ordinance of

18th

The Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office,

S.W.L.

15th December, 1931, which conforms generally to the requirements of the Colonial Defence Act, 1931, is not unsatisfactory in its present state.

4. My Lords feel that it is very undesirable to take advantage of the enthusiasm for the inauguration of a R.M.V.R. force, which appears to exist in Kenya at present. They suggest, therefore, in the circumstances outlined in the preceding paragraph, that the steps necessary to approve the ordinance of December 1931, be taken at once.

5. A further letter will be addressed to you as soon as practicable concerning the detailed organisation of the Kenya R.M.V.R. suggested by the Governor.

I am etc.

(Signed) F.H. Phillips.

Uganda Protectorate

© No. SECRET



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

UGANDA



Aug 1932.

Sir,

With reference to the Secret Despatch of the 28th July addressed to you by the Governor of Kenya on the subject of the formation of a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Unit at Mombasa, I have the honour to transmit herewith for your information a copy of my Secret Despatch of the 24th August addressed to the Governor of Kenya.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

You most obedient, humble, servant,

ACTING GOVERNOR

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

etc. etc. etc.



Uganda Protectorate.

No. **Secret.**GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
UGANDA.

24TH APRIL 1921

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Secret Despatch No. 208 Vol. 2 of the 5th August with which you transmitted a copy of your secret despatch of 20th July addressed to the Secretary of State on the subject of the formation of a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Unit at Mombasa.

2. I note that Your Excellency intend to take advantage of the present situation at Mombasa for the formation of this unit and that in consequence you have sought the approval of His Majesty-in-Council for the immediate formation of the Kenya Naval Volunteer Reserve.

3. I understand that the present intention is that the Reserve should not consist of more than sixty ratings, that the officers, petty officers and ratings will be volunteers, providing themselves with uniforms and that it is not proposed to grant any pay or allowances at the present time. I observe, however, that Your Excellency visualises the necessity in due

His Excellency
The Governor of the Colony
and Protectorate of Kenya.
S. A. T. G. B. A.

/course

B.

course of providing certain mine sweeping equipment and possibly a section of semi-automatic Q. C. guns. The former was included in the estimate enclosed in Mr. Moore's Secret despatch of the 21st October, 1930, but the latter was not and will increase both the capital and recurrent expenditure to sums in excess of those in respect of which this Government agreed to contribute on the basis of two-thirds Kenya and one-third Uganda.

4. Since this Government has agreed to contribute to the formation and maintenance of this Reserve Your Excellency will, I have no doubt, give this Government the opportunity of expressing its views on any proposal which would have the effect of increasing materially its commitments in respect to the sums in excess of the estimates transmitted with Mr. Moore's despatch.

5. In the event of approval being received for the immediate creation of the Reserve my Government will be prepared to contribute the sum of £13 as being the Uganda share of the expenses for the balance of the current year and, subject to the observations in the previous paragraph of this despatch, is prepared to contribute in future on the basis already agreed upon.

6. In assuring Your Excellency of my satisfaction that you have found means of proceeding with the formation of the Reserve in spite of the financial situation, it is perhaps unnecessary to add that until that situation improved materially my Government takes the view that expenses on the unit should

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be kept as low as are consistent with its maintenance
as an efficient nucleus only, capable of ~~expansion~~
when times are more propitious.

I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's obedient servant,

Sd. F. L. GOODRICH

ACTING GOVERNOR.

91948/32 Genl 17

C. O.

Mr. H. Smith 16/8/32
Mr. Justice Secretary 16.8.32/2

Immediate

Conf.
Secret

Mr. Parkinson
Mr. Tomlinson

Sir C. Bottomley.
Sir J. Shuckburgh
Prem. U.S. of S.
Party. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

DRAFT.

The Secy.

Admirey.

(No. 1)

18 Aug. 32
18064/32
No. 3 on
18064/32
(Recd. 5th)
Sri.

With refce. to C.O.

(18064/32) letter No. 18064/32 dated 31st of
(90499/32) March and No. 90499/32 of the
9th of July, I am directed to
~~transmit~~ to you, to be laid lay
before the J.C. of the Admirey, a
copy of a despatch ~~and~~ ^{and} enclosure,
from the Govt. of Kenya with
regarding ~~regarding~~ to the formation of
The Kenya Royal Naval

Valentine

Volunteer Reserve

I am to request that
any advice which the L. C.
may wish to offer ^{upon this matter} may be
furnished to this Dept. at a
very early date.

I am to

(S) W. J. Biggs

Volunteer Reserve

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KENYA



GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

NAIROBI.

KENYA

No. S C R E T .

RECEIVED
July 1932.

Sir,

*F.305731
150641
Kenya*
I have the honour to refer to Lord Passfield's circular despatch of 16th April, 1931 transmitting copies of the Colonial Naval Defence Act, 1931 and to my despatch No. 38 of 22nd January, 1932 forwarding copies of Ordinance entitled "The Kenya-Royal Naval Volunteer Ordinance, 1931".

2. In his speech introducing the Bill in the Legislative Council the Attorney-General explained that unless circumstances should arise making the formation of the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve an immediate and vital necessity, it was not proposed to proceed with the establishment of this Unit until the Colony's financial position had clarified.

3. The Governor of Uganda and the Naval Commander-in-Chief of the East Indies Squadron were informed of the necessity for delaying the formation of the Unit, one-third of the cost of which the Government of Uganda had already offered to bear. The total recurrent annual expenditure of this Unit would, it was then estimated, amount to £539.10.0 of which this Colony's share would be £359.13.4, of which over £200 was to meet the payment of uniform allowances....

MAJOR THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR F. CUNLIFFE-LISTER, P.C., G.B.E., M.C.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET, S.W. 1.
LONDON.

KENYA.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

NAIROBI.

KENYA

NO.

S R C R E T .

RECEIVED

28th July, 1932.

- R.A. 1932

Sir,

P130534
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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET, S.W. 1.
L O N D O N .

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"That this meeting is strongly in favour of the immediate formation of a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Unit at Mombasa under the terms of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Ordinance, 1931."

This Resolution was proposed by Mr. A.M. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Bemister, member of Legislative Council for Mombasa. It was further agreed at this meeting that the officers, petty officers and ratings of this Volunteer body should individually bear the cost of providing themselves with uniform in accordance with the pattern to be laid down in the Regulations.

5. As I am myself in favour of a Unit being formed, and as I imagine that such a course would meet with your approval I took full advantage of the presence of the Naval Commander-in-Chief and his staff in the Colony to discuss the question with them, and I have since received from Rear Admiral Dunbar-Nesmith his suggestions for the formation, organization and training of the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, copies of which are attached hereto, marked A and B.

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6. It is not proposed to grant any pay or allowances at the present time: this question can, if necessary, be reconsidered when the Colony's financial position has once again become sound. I have, however, no reason to anticipate a demand for any remuneration beyond perhaps a contribution towards out of pocket expenses incurred by officers and petty officers in connection with courses of training in H.M. ships.

7. The uniform for ratings suggested by the Naval Commander-in-Chief is:-

White Helmet

(Ellwood pattern) having
a cap ribbon inscribed
"Kenya R.N.V.R."

White Shirt

(Tennis pattern, without tie)

White Belt

White Shorts

White Stockings

Black Shoes.

8. It is possible that a building suitable for a Drill Hall can be made available free of charge, and the Naval Commander-in-Chief has estimated that the cost of the first year's training need not exceed £65. Having regard, however, to possible contingencies and the need for small initial capital outlay (purchase of training mammals, signalling equipment, &c.,) estimated to cost £65, I consider that it would be wise to make available for the balance of the current year a sum of £99 (Kenya share £66, Uganda share £33). In so far as the personnel of the Unit will be drawn from those who would otherwise be compelled to serve in the Kenya Defence Force, this £66 could fairly be a transfer from the existing Defence Force Vote.

9. While it is proposed that the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve should not consist in the first instance.....

instance of more than sixty ratings, there is no doubt that in course of time it will be possible to expand this Unit so that it may be enabled to undertake such duties as may be required to ensure in co-operation with the Royal Navy the safety of the port and, in co-operation with the civil power, the safety of the population of the island against internal disturbance.

10. It will in due course be necessary to obtain certain minesweeping equipment and possibly a section of semi-automatic Q.G. guns for defence against light surface and under-water craft and against air attack, but I shall address you upon these matters in due course in a separate despatch.

11. I strongly recommend that I should be allowed to proceed with the formation of this nucleus force without delay. Enthusiasm at Mombasa is high and I am ~~sure~~ that it should not be allowed to cool. The importance of Mombasa as the only port for the whole of Kenya and Uganda and for a considerable part of Tanganyika and as a port of refuge in war, is too well known to need recitation here, and I have no hesitation in saying that ~~I~~ believe this proposed Volunteer body would quickly become an exceedingly smart and efficient and also a very economical force. Rear Admiral Dunbar-Nasmith is equally in favour of taking advantage of the present enthusiasm, and I have received from him a copy of his Secret despatch No. 550/E.I. 3221.E. of the 11th instant, addressed.....

addressed to the Secretary of the Admiralty, in which he foreshadows the early establishment of the Force.

12. In conclusion I strongly urge that the approval of His Majesty-in-Council be sought for the immediate formation of the Kenya Naval Volunteer Reserve in accordance with the Colonial Naval Defence Act, 1931, and I should be grateful if I might be notified by telegram if and when the necessary Order-in-Council has been made.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

BRIG.-GENERAL.
GOVERNOR.

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KENYA ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Suggestions for the formation, organization and training
of a Unit of the Kenya R.N.V.R.

Members of the Reserve to be limited at the outset
to the following numbers:-

1 Officer of the rank of Lieutenant Commander, R.N.V.R.,
as Commanding Officer of the Force.

4 Volunteers appointed with the rating of Petty Officer,
to act as Instructors.

50 Volunteers (allows for a complete unit of 50 being
always available).

2. Members to be enrolled under the terms of the Ordinance
and should sign on for three years. At the expiration of a term
of three years a volunteer shall be entitled to claim his
discharge, or sign on for a further period of service if
desired.

3. When members are enrolled they should sign the following
Form of Undertaking:-

To the Commanding Officer of the Mombasa-Hait
or the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

In consideration of your enrolling me a Member of the
Mombasa Unit of the Kenya R.N.V.R., I undertake and bind
myself:-

- (i) To serve for at least three years from the
date hereof (unless previously discharged)
being subject to the Naval Forces Act, 1913,
and the Acts incorporated therewith, to the
rules of the Unit for the time being, and to
the customs and usages of His Majesty's Naval
Service.
- (ii) Except when on actual service I understand that
discharge may be obtained from the Service by:-
(a) Giving the Commanding Officer of the Unit
three months' notice in writing to quit the
force.
(b) At the discretion of the Commanding Officer
of the Unit, paying a sum not exceeding £5.

(iii) Whenever the Government calls out the Kenya Royal
Naval Volunteer Reserve I understand I shall be
liable to serve either ashore or afloat, as may
be directed by the Government and that my services
may be placed at the disposal of the Admiralty
if local commitments are already satisfied.

(iv) When called out and serving either ashore or
afloat I shall be liable to do any duty applicable
to my rating for which I may be found competent
and which is required by the Commanding Officer
(that) I shall be subject to the Naval Discipline
Act.

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STANDARD OF VOLUNTEERS

4. It is necessary that Volunteers should be medically examined before enrolment, and pass the following standard:-

- (a) **VISION.** Normal colour vision.
Absence of squint or deformity
Best eye 6/9ths, other 6/18ths.
- (b) **HEARING.** To hear ordinary conversation with either ear.
- (c) **TEETH.** No specified number required, but a sufficiency of opposing incisors and molars on both sides.
- (d) **HEIGHT & CHEST.** Under 20 years Height 5' 1" Chest 32"
Over 20 years Height 5' 2" Chest 33"
Every additional 2" of height to require one additional inch of chest measurement.

5. **OFFICERS.** The establishment of officers of the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve is fixed by the Government.

At the outset only a Commander Officer will be appointed, and it is intended to select further officers on the results of an examination combined with the recommendations of an Advisory Committee after about one year's preliminary training.

These officers will be appointed on probation and will not be confirmed until they have:-

- (a) Completed one year probationary.
- (b) Completed a short period of training in one of the ships of the East Indies Squadron, during the annual visit to East Africa.
- (c) Been recommended as suitable by the Commanding Officer of the ship in which the training is performed and the Commanding Officer of the Kenya R.N.V.R.
- Exception however will be made in the case of officers who are selected from Volunteers who had War experience afloat as officers in the Royal Navy, Royal Naval Reserve or Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and who will be confirmed in rank on appointment.

6. **MEN.** The Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve of men will eventually be composed of the following branches:-

SEAMEN. Wireless Telegraphy Writer.

For the first year all Volunteers will carry out an identical scheme of training as Seamen, after which opportunity will be given to specialize in certain branches such as Signal and Wireless Telegraphy.

7. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE.** It is recommended that the Government shall appoint an Advisory Committee to serve for a term of years to deal with matters of finance and the general running and organization of the Force.

This Advisory Committee should have 5 Members and, of these, two should be ex-officio and permanent:-

- (a) The Port Captain
- (b) The Commissioner of Customs

The Commanding Officer should administer the internal organization, discipline and training of the Force, and communications for higher authority should be addressed through the Advisory Committee direct to His Excellency the Governor, a copy being sent to the Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, where applicable.

8. PAY AND ALLOWANCE

EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES. It is not proposed to make any suggestions under these headings, but as the Government of Kenya will be aware, certain payment for services and allowances for expenditure are allocated to Volunteers in Great Britain.

These are laid out in detail in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Regulations, 1927, and it is recommended that the Admiralty should be asked for a copy of these Regulations.

9. TRATNIE

TRAINING. A suggested scheme of training to cover a period of 32 weeks is attached as an appendix and as a guide for the type of work that is required in the early stages.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

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LECTURE. "The Royal Navy".

How England's past history has been affected by the Navy.
The Tradition of the Navy. Ship names and a few customs (e.g. saluting the quarterdeck). Mention briefly Drake and Hawkins, Blake and Monk, Hawks, Grenville, Rodney, St. Vincent, and Nelson.

What the Navy did in the Great War.
Types of Ships and their functions (battleships, sloops, etc.) with, if possible, photographs or silhouettes.
Stations and length of Commissions.
Manning of ships - the three Depots.
The Lords of the Admiralty and the Sea Lords.
Branches, Marks of Rank, and Distinguishing Badges (see Seaman's Manual, Vol. I, Chapter 1).
Sea Terms. (Seaman's Manual) Vol. I, page 390.

LECTURE. "The Semaphore Alphabet". No. 1.

Its use. Instruction in the alphabet. (Each man should be given a copy of the alphabet to take away with him.)

DRILL. Squad drill without arms.

LECTURE. "The Semaphore Alphabet". No. 2.
With the class learning to make the letters.

LECTURE. "Bends and Hitches". No. 1. (Seaman's Manual, Vol. I, Chap. III.)
Gear required.
1 fathom of 1" hemp for 2 men.
A few hooks (for Blackwell hitches, etc.)

LECTURE. "The Semaphore Alphabet". No. 3.
The class beginning to read and make letters and figures.

LECTURE. "Compass and Helm". (Seaman's Manual, Vol. I, Chap. V.)
DRILL. Squad Drill without arms.
Rifle Drill.

4th Week.
LECTURE. "The Semaphore Alphabet". No. 4.
The class beginning to read and make words.

LECTURE. "Bends and Hitches". No. 2. (Seaman's Manual, Vol. I, Chap. III.)
Class to be shown Whippings.
Gear required: Sailmakers' twine.

SCHOOL OF NAVIGATION		COLA	-2-
WEEK	LESSON	CONTINUATION	
1st Week.	Introduction	CONTINUATION	
2nd Week.	Navigation	CONTINUATION	
3rd Week.	Navigation	CONTINUATION	
4th Week.	Navigation	CONTINUATION	
5th Week.	Lecture. "The Semaphore Alphabet" No. 5. The class beginning to read and make sentences.		
	Lecture. "The Rule of the Road" (Seamanship Manual Vol. 1 Chap. VII.)		
	Drill. Squad drill without arms. Rifle drill.		
6th Week.	Lecture. "Knots and Splices", No. 1. (Seamanship Manual, Vol. I. Chap. III.)		
	Including Wire splicing.		
	Lecture. "Charts and Chart Work." No. 2. (Seamanship Manual of Navigation, Part III. Chap. I.)		
7th Week.	Lecture. "Knots and Splices." No. 2. (Seamanship Manual, Vol. I. Chap. III.)		
	Lecture. "Charts and Chart Work." No. 2. (Seamanship Manual, Vol. I. Chap. III.)		
	Drill. Semaphore Exercise. Rifle Drill.		
8th Week.	Lecture. "Rule of the Road" No. 2. (Seamanship Manual, Vol. I. Chap. VII.)		
	Lecture. "Semaphore Practice. "Bends, hitches, knots and splices". No. 3.		
9th Week.	Lecture. "Tides, Currents, Fixing by Shore Objects". (Seamanship Manual, Vol. I. Chap. VI.)		
	Lectures. "Colours and Meanings of Naval and International Code." No. 1.		
	Drill. Semaphore Exercise. Rifle Drill.		
10th Week.	Lecture. "Anchoring and Berthing". No. 1. (Seamanship Manual Vol. I., Chap. IX.)		
	Lecture. "Miscellaneous Seamanship".		
	Including "tackles, anchors, steering etc., to prepare the class for the following week(s) practical training.		
11th Week.	Afloat in Harbour Tugs.		
	Class to practical instruction in steering, throwing heaving lines, working wires, engine room telegraphs, paying off courses and fixing on a chart by shore objects, hoisting flags, etc.		
12th Week.	Lecture. "Experience gained in Harbour Tugs."		
	Lecture. "Colours and Meanings of Naval and International Code." No. 2.		
13th Week.			

6.0% "Sounding" exercises 2nd week	Lecture	13th Week.	Lecture.
and other sailing terms of nautical origin will be introduced			"Semaphore Exercise". "Compass and Helm".
1. "How to lay a line" 2nd week	Lecture	14th Week.	Colours and Meanings of Naval and International Code. No. 3.
2. "How to lay a line" 2nd week	Drill		Rifle drill.
3. "How to lay a line" 2nd week	Lecture		"Buoyage". (Manual of Navigation page 226. Seamanship Manual, Vol. I, Chap. IV.
4. "How to lay a line" 2nd week	Lecture		"Lead and Line". (Seamanship Manual Vol. I, Chap. IV.
5. "How to lay a line" 2nd week	Lecture	15th Week.	"Life Saving Apparatus". (Seamanship Manual, Vol. II, Chap. XIV.
6. "How to lay a line" 2nd week	Lecture		"Colours and Meanings of Naval and International Code". No. 4.
7. "How to lay a line" 2nd week	Drill		"Semaphore Exercise". Rifle Drill.
8. "How to lay a line" 2nd week	Lecture	16th Week.	"Semaphore Exercise". "Colours and Meanings of Naval and International Code". No. 5.
9. "How to lay a line" 2nd week	Lecture		"Boats and Boatwork". (Seamanship Manual, Vol. I, Chap. VIII and Vol. II, Chap. XI.
10. "How to lay a line" 2nd week	Lecture	17th Week.	"Compass and Helm". "Navigation". including the use of instruments.
11. "How to lay a line" 2nd week	Drill		"Semaphore Exercise". Rifle drill.
12. "How to lay a line" 2nd week	Lecture	18th Week.	"Anchoring and Berthing".) to prepare the class "Handling of Ships". for the "Methods of unloading cargo, etc." following week's practical instruction.
13. "How to lay a line" 2nd week	Lecture	19th Week.	Class to be taken down to the Docks, to watch ships being berthed, loaded, &c., and to be shown round ships alongside.
14. "How to lay a line" 2nd week	Lecture	20th Week.	"The Morse Code". No. 1. "The Formalities on a Ship entering Harbour".
15. "How to lay a line" 2nd week			Customs; Medical Officer; Quarantine; Papers and Documents to be produced, &c.

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several weeks before
each time exercise
is made to examine the
material and see if it
is fit for use.

VI. "Morse Code".
Lecture.

VII. "Semaphore Exercise".
Lecture.

VIII. "Knots and Splices".
Lecture.

IX. "Hitches".
Lecture.

X. "Rope Work".
Lecture.

XI. "Rule of the Road".
Lecture.

XII. "Moorings".
Lecture.

XIII. "Maneuvering".
Lecture.

XIV. "Pilotage".
Lecture.

XV. "Boats and Boatwork".
Lecture.

XVI. "Arming Boats in Time of War".
Lecture.

XVII. "The Duties of the Officer-of-the-Natch at Sea and in Harbour".
Lecture.

XVIII. "Embarking and Disembarking Troops".
Lecture.

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<u>21st Week.</u>	<u>Lecture.</u>	"The Morse Code". No. 2.
	<u>Lecture.</u>	"The Duties and Powers of an Examining Officer".
	<u>Drill.</u>	Semaphore Exercise. Rifle Drill.
<u>22nd Week.</u>	<u>Lecture.</u>	"Bends and Hitches" A resume.
	<u>Lecture.</u>	"The Morse Code" No. 3.
	<u>Drill.</u>	The class beginning to read and make by flag.
<u>23rd Week.</u>	<u>Lecture.</u>	"Knots and Splices" A resume.
	<u>Lecture.</u>	"The Morse Code" No. 4.
	<u>Drill.</u>	Practice in reading and making by flag.
	<u>Lecture.</u>	Semaphore Exercise. Rifle Drill.
<u>24th Week.</u>	<u>Lecture.</u>	"Rule of the Road". No. 5.
	<u>Lecture.</u>	Semaphore Exercise. Morse Code Exercise.
<u>25th Week.</u>	<u>Lecture.</u>	"Permanent Moorings". (Seaman's Manual Vol. II. Chapt. XV.)
	<u>Lecture.</u>	"Minesweeping" (Seaman's Manual Vol. II. Chapt. X.)
	<u>Drill.</u>	Morse Exercise. Rifle Drill.
<u>26th Week.</u>	<u>Lecture.</u>	"Pilotage".
	<u>Lecture.</u>	Morse Exercise. Semaphore Exercise.
<u>27th Week.</u>	<u>Lecture.</u>	"Shoals, Derricks, Purchases, Davits, etc.,"
	<u>Lecture.</u>	"Colours and Meanings of Naval and International Code". No. 6.
	<u>Drill.</u>	Morse Exercise. Rifle Drill.
<u>28th Week.</u>	<u>Lecture.</u>	"Boats and Boatwork". No. 2.
	<u>Lecture.</u>	"The Duties of the Officer-of-the-Natch at Sea and in Harbour".
<u>29th Week.</u>	<u>Lecture.</u>	"Arming Boats in Time of War".
	<u>Lecture.</u>	The functions of 3-pounder, Maxim-gun, pom-pom, etc.
	<u>Lecture.</u>	"Embarking and Disembarking Troops". (Seaman's Manual.....)

29th Week (contd)

(Seamanship Manual
Vol. II, Chap. XII)

30th Week.
31st Week.
32nd Week.

General Resume as necess.
Rehearsals for Guard of Honour