

1937

Kenya

No. 38240

SUBJECT.

C0533/484

Organization of Territorial Force

Previous

1936

Subsequent

S.F. 2. *Legislation*

1938

C.I.
REFERENCE.

1. GOV. KENYA.....677.....19.12.36.
Requests application be made to War Office for appt. of
two Company Sergeant Majors to be seconded from the
Regular British Army as Permanent Staff Instructors to
the Kenya Regiment (Territorial Force) on conditions
indicated and would like particulars of selected
candidates together with their sailing date to be
transmitted to him by air mail as soon as possible.

1936 file
recovered from behind
3... WAR Office
Mr. Colman
4-1-37

The Governor refers to para 4 of his
despatch of the 25th of July (No 13
on the 1936 file). In that paragraph
it is stated that "The Regiment
will be provided with a regular
Staff consisting of one Staff
Officer, one Regimental Sergeant-
Major and one Permanent Staff
Instructor per Company"

The Staff Officer has been
appointed (Lord Statheden).
The Governor now asks that
application be made to the WO
for the appointment of 2
C.S.M.s to be seconded from
the Regular British Army as
Permanent Staff Instructors
to the Kenya Rgt (Territorial
Force)"

(I assume that it
is intended to
promote one of
the C.S.M.s to
R.S.M. in due
course.)

I submit a draft in which
I have asked that the A.C. may
be approached with a view
to the employment of the 2
C.S.M.s of the Brigade of Guards
as Staff Instructors on the
Permanent Staff of the Kenya
Rgt (T.F.) This I believe is
the correct procedure.

13/1/37
2 So. 150. (10/11) 1025 - 13 JAN 1937

No reply received from War office

? Wait another month

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R. 297

27.2.37

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1/3

10/11/37

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3. ACTING GOV. KENYA.....146.....4.3.37.
Raises question of age limit for the Kenya Auxiliary Force and requests that S. of S's decision be communicated by telegram.

Kenya objects to our proposal to have a superior age limit on enrolment in the Auxiliary Force. The superior limit in the existing Defence Force is 50 and we had suggested either 50 or 55 as suitable for the new Auxiliary Force. The Local Committee of Council, however, express the opinion that there should be no superior age limit and that all able-bodied men should be included in the scope of the bill because otherwise there would be some people outside the scope of the Defence Scheme and the military authorities would be hampered in organising the defence of life and property. Boiled down to ordinary sense this means that they want to be able to mobilise everyone and issue him orders as to where to go. It could hardly be contended that Lord Kitchener, who is nearly 90 and half mad, would be a suitable member of the

Auxiliary

Auxiliary Force but if there was no power to catch him he might insist on staying on his farm and be a nuisance by diverting forces for his own protection. This is praiseworthy enough, and I suppose we can agree, but if they don't call the Auxiliary Force in Kenya the "Gorgeous Wrecks" - I shall be surprised.

I think we can telegraph as per draft herewith.

[Handwritten signature]

15.3.37

As Kenya have the conscription (European) principle in the event of emergency there is reason for their desire.

Section 12 (1) of the Auxiliary Force Ordinance provides that any person certified to be medically unfit for service under the Ordinance shall be exempt from service in the Auxiliary Force. If we simply remove the age maximum of Class II, I should think that the majority of persons over 50 will be considered by the M.O. as unfit for general military service. Also, it will be a little difficult for the Regulations to provide for training periods for Class II, if some members of this Class are obviously beyond an age when such training would be useful or necessary.

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Not military as much as Government, the want to have power to order a levy district rather to get off his farm & come to Nairobi. J.

What we want is to provide that all Europeans (of all ages) come under military direction in an emergency and available for such employment as is suitable. A man of 60, e.g. might not be able to take the field but he might be usefully employed in some organising or supply job at the base.

So, I suggest that the best way to give Kenya what they ask for and, at the same time, to avoid complications regarding fitness for service, or training, is to amend Section 8 by substituting "fifty" for "fifty-five" in Class II; and to add another class:-

"Class III - Persons who have attained the age of fifty years.

Then a medical officer may be able to say that a certain person is not fit for general service but is fit for base or office duties &c; and the

Regulations for training can say something about Class III.

P.S. Co

18/3/37

I think Major Cole's suggestion is a very good one. It avoids the absurdity of mobilizing conscientious objectors, who would only be in Class III. Such persons could be exempt from annual training.

J. E. O. P. G. D.

1937

I have passed the draft.

I should like to see the Comd

about them & come

G.S. 19.3.37

4 15.0.63

19.3.37

Person in charge of Propaganda (see minutes of Sept 1936) not yet explained to the authorities.

M. H. H. 1007
Defence Force 11/11/37

5. Will you please indicate what reply should be sent to the attached letter to the S. of S. about "conscription" in Kenya?

A. G. G. G. G.

Sir C. G. G. G.

12/3/37

See yellow flag in 38240/36.

Blue Flag. 38240/36.

There is no question of any decision to introduce conscription. Under the existing Defence Force Ordinance in Kenya which was passed in 1938 all European males who are British subjects in Kenya are compulsorily registered provided that they are under the age of 50. Between the ages of 18 and 30 they were required to do military training for a maximum of 100 hours a year and above 30, not less than 10 hours a year. The proposal now on foot is to replace the Defence Force, which was never very satisfactory, with a Territorial Force, enlistment in which shall be voluntary and an Auxiliary Force in which, as hitherto, enrolment is compulsory. There is no provision for the exemption of the conscientious objector except that provided by Section 1(2) of the Draft Ordinance which is that the Governor may exempt any person or class of persons from the obligations imposed by the Ordinance. In practice, of course, the Governor would be prepared to give reasonable exemption on genuine conscientious grounds, but being opposed to compulsory military service would not be one of them, I should say.

Draftsman

J. E. O. P. G. D.

15.3.37

W. G. G. G.

Please circulate for 38240/36

W. G. G. G.

A.O.G. Kenya — TEL 63 — 22.3.37

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Requests to be informed of present position with regard to appointment of two Permanent Staff Instructors.

I understand from Mr Whitcombe that we have been hanging up the ~~recommenda-~~ ^{recommendation} of two Instructors, in the absence of printed prints of the terms & conditions of service. Copies have now been made & are being sent to you today. A note is being added to the letter to the two urging expedition.

Draft let. to Kenya tomorrow.

Chuter Ede
23.8.37

8. Tel ltr to Gov Nairobi — 23/37

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9 O.A.G. KENYA — 153 — 6.3.37

Details arguments adduced before the Select Committee regarding recommendation that commissions in the Kenya Regiment should be granted by H.M. and requests early reply.

The Bills published in October last to provide for the establishment of the Kenya Regiment (T.F.), and for the establishment of the Kenya Auxiliary Force have been introduced into the Legislative Council and considered by a Select Committee. The Committee has reported on the Bills and their reports are

registered on 38240/2/37 and 38090/3/37 respectively.

It will be seen that the amendments recommended by the Committee were so numerous that it was considered desirable to re-print the Bills incorporating the amendments.

It seems from No.7 that the Bill to establish the Kenya Regiment, at least, has been passed by Legislative Council. It is not clear, however, whether the Acting Governor has assented to the Bill. In this connection see Article XXXIV (7) of the Royal Instructions and the proviso ^{in that Article} in view of the earlier correspondence in regard to this legislation, presumably the Acting Governor would be in order in assenting to the Bills as passed by the Legislative Council.

Territorial Regiment
Section 3(4) of the new Bill clearly states that "the officers of the Regiment shall be commissioned by the Governor". It is clear that the arguments adduced before the Committee do not warrant any re-consideration of the question whether officers of the Kenya Regiment (T.F.) should be commissioned by His Majesty or by the Governor so ? reply to No.9 to the effect that the Secretary of State sees no reason to re-consider the decision conveyed to the Governor of Kenya in paragraph 3 of his despatch No.734 of the 21st of September, 1936.

No 21
38240/36

I have not at this stage examined the Select Committee's reports to see whether all the amendments proposed by the Secretary of State and by the War Office have been made. But it is interesting to note that as regards the Auxiliary Force, the old

title of Kenya Defence Force has been revived. The Force will be called the Kenya Defence Force. The motive is no doubt political. The papers should be re-circulated to compare the new Bills with the previous ones.

C.A. Grossmith

25.3.37.

Of the 3 reasons suggested why the grant of commissions by the Gov. is inevitable:-

(a) the suggestion that the Gov. might be influenced by political considerations is beneath contempt; & in replying to this day, I suggest that the S. of P. has read with surprise this implied reflection on the Kenya Representative in Kenya.

(b) the fact that officers may be called upon to serve with the K.A.R. is clearly not cause any difficulty, since an "officer" is defined in the K.A.R. Distⁿ as "an officer commissioned or in the pay or an officer in H.M.'s Imperial, Colonial or Protectorate forces---", wh. wd. clearly include an officer of the Kenya Regt. attached to the K.A.R.

(c) the vt. whether any difficulty wd. arise if the Regt. or a part of it, were called upon to serve outside Kenya, is really a vt. for the Joint Advisory Panel.

Dept. But I doubt whether the W.O. wd. be troubled with the vt. again. If any such difficulties were likely to arise, it is inevitable that the point had not arisen in connection with the Colonial Local forces. For that matter, as stated in No 13 on 38240/36, in Australia also officers of the Defence Force are appointed & commissioned by the Gov. Genl.

It is to be assumed that the point wd. have been taken when it was referred to them in No. 23 on 38240/36. On the contrary in their reply (No 33), the W.O. were more concerned in the view that there were grave difficulties in the way of accepting the Kenya recommendation that commissions in the Regt. shd. be granted by the King.

I shd. therefore reply that the S. of P. sees no reason to reconsider his decision on this point; say that S. of P. is satisfied that no difficulties wd. be anticipated on regard (b) & (c); & comment on papers in para (a) above.

As regards Mr. Grossmith's proposal that the file shd. be sent to compare the Bills as printed in 72 & 73 with the ^{existing bills} I doubt whether any useful purpose wd. be served by the undertaking this labour at this stage.

It has always been understood that these Bills wd. require critical comment by the W.O. when passed

I think we can defer further
consideration of the Bills (as well as
of the point whether the Gov. is
competent to assent to these Bills)
until we get his reply, with the
texts of the Bills as passed by Leg. Co.
We might however let W.O. have, for info.,
copies of the revised Bills, with the
reports of the Select Committee, showing
the changes that have been made.

? Reply to No 3 as proposed at X
above; +

Send to the W.O. copies of No 9 &
the reply; copies of a memo to Nos 1
on 1/2 & 1/3; in a short letter
suggesting that further consid. shd.
be deferred until we receive from
the Gov. the texts of the Bills as
passed by Leg. Co.

J. P. Pascoe
27/3

(W.O.)
Jb

I agree as to (a). There are certain difficulties regarding seniority and precedence in connection with a Governor's commission but in the event of war or emergency it would be simple to ask W.O. to grant temporary Army rank. In other colonial auxiliary forces, such as the various European Reserve forces in West Africa, the officers

(receive)

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local commissions in the forces from the Governor; in addition they may apply to be granted a commission in the Regular Army Reserve of Officers. These applications are submitted to War Office and, if approved, a parchment commission from the King is issued. These two commissions may be held concurrently and this gives the officer an Army status as well as a local military status.

I think that the War Office would be prepared to do the same for officers of the Kenya auxiliary forces.

So, as the matter can be quite easily adjusted by later procedure, I agree that the objections in (b) and (c) are not serious.

Perhaps in replying to Kenya we might mention the fact that in other Colonial auxiliary forces, the officers are commissioned by the Governor and may, in addition, make application for the grant of a commission in the Regular Army Reserve of Officers which, if granted, may be held concurrently with the Governor's commission.

J. P. Pascoe
1. 4. 37.

I do not think that any constitutional question can arise over giving assent to these Ordinances. The Bills do not interfere with the discipline or control of the forces or of any part thereof. That provision in the Royal Instructions is intended to meet the case of a Government wanting to do something which would affect the discipline of forces subject to the Army Act which happened to be within the ambit of the Colony. It cannot apply to the establishment of an entirely new force, which would be raised on any conditions that are thought fit, and in any case, the Secretary of State has surely been consulted enough. I therefore think there is no trouble on this score.

The only point to be dealt with is that of commissions in the Kenya Territorial Force. It is somewhat ridiculous that the Unofficials in Kenya should talk about the Kenya Regiment being in "the

mire

aire of politics". If it is, who put it there?
Also the Governor of the Colony is His Majesty's
representative, and should be treated as such
on all occasions, a fact which is sometimes
overlooked in Kenya. I think, however, that
the points put forward by Major Cole are
sufficient to justify an answer as per draft
herewith.

J.S.W. Hand

2.4.1937

Sir J. Lubbock
As this question of
Kenya's Commission is rather
serious in no. 9 I send on
sentences you with the
view taken in the minutes: it
is fully expressed in the Staff.

W.S.H.
6.4.37

Sir John Abery has approved the draft

B. Lohm

1/4
ctm

AIR MAIL
12/4

10 To Kenya - 293 - (9 amad) - 12/4/37

C.S.
Apr 1937

War Office

1.2.37

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DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE to be supplied with 230 copies of
"African No. 784".

The position is that the
pamphlet is to be reprinted and
we might rely on in diff. I should

L. Brown
2.2.37

R. 309
10/10/37

W. Lambert

2 To W.O. - (11 amad) 3/4 - 16 FEB 1937

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Note 3/16/37

Note 13
6/10/37

W.O.

16.3.37

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Enquiries whether 230 copies of African No. 784
can now be supplied as without the pamphlet
it will not be possible to call for candidates.

Dft. L. Brown
22/3/37

14 To W.O. - w/ 22 c. of Memo. - 12 amad
- 3/4 - 20 MAR 1937

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W.O.

2.4.37

Requires, for reasons indicated, that the supply
of "African No. 784" may be made up to 230 copies.

This paper should now
circulate to begin with and to the
East Africa Dist. for comment of
paras 1, 2 & 4 of ho. 15

If it is agreed that
we are to name a candidate from
outside of the Budget of Trade, etc.

extra info can be prepared if
necessary sent to HQ.
L. Brown
7.11.27

P. J. Whitehead
7/4

I have had a talk with Major Smith (M.O.2 was
open) about this and he is going to see the A.G.I.A.
branch about it on the hope of the Sunday club
to let us have the Guards also that Kenya want
I explained that we wanted to keep Kenya all in
one in the matter of the new Kenya recruiting
force, especially at the beginning, and that this
was the time to try and raise dependence on
recruiting ideas
Major Smith will let me know the result and
no action need be taken pending his confirmation

A.I. G.C.
8/14/27

He is 10 days, if Major Smith
has not replied. The O.A.F.
has asked by telegram that the
the two Guards W.O. or M.O. should
be sent out as early as possible.

C. J. Brown
8/14

J. J. Brown
8/14
at home

Recvt
nothing further yet from HQ. see
mins. d. 8.4.37

J. J. Brown
8.4.37

There has been a battle going on in the War Office over
restricting these appointments to N.C.Os of the Brigade of
Guards. The D.R.O. felt that all N.C.Os of the Army, Line
as well as Guards N.C.Os should have equal chances of
selection for attractive appointments. He considered that
in East Africa the Guards N.C.Os were getting unfair prefer-
ential treatment. I explained to M.O.2 that Kenya had
specially asked for Guards N.C.Os & that in the circles we
would like to have them for these two special appointments.
That Line N.C.Os were not left out in the cold since in any
B.N.C.O. appointments for the K.A.R. generally we should give
equal consideration to Line N.C.Os & such N.C.Os preponder-
ated in the RWAFF. M.O.2 supported this view & agreed that
we did not want further delay in the matter by having to wait
until the whole Army was circulated for applicants.

~~Major Smith (M.O.2)~~ Major Smith (M.O.2) now telephones
me that the D.R.O. has given way & that they are proceeding with
with applicants from the Brigade of Guards only & will let
us have names as soon as possible.

A.I. G.C.
8.5.27

18. GOV. KENYA... TEL. No. 97... 1.5.37
Enquires whether selection of instructors has been made
as their early arrival is desirable as it is proposed
to bring the Kenya Regiment Order into force w.e.f. 1st
June and Defence Force Order w.e.f. 1st Sept.

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add.
J. J. Brown
4/5

(when dpts. have issued this file + 7/36
shd. be annexed to 58240/2/37 below
& sent to the D.S.)

17 to Gov. Kenya. Tel. No 101. 15.37

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air mail 18 To Wade 20. 41537

10. WAR OFFICE 28.5.37.
Fwds. appln., together with customary documents in respect of Sergt. V.J. Bobbett, Welsh Guards and enquires whether he shd. report for interview.

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Major Cole with perhaps see then MCO.

C. J. Parnin
31.5.37

J. J. Parnin
3/5

X Yes - on duty day between 11 and 5.
I hope other candidates will be forthcoming. If there are no more from the Guards, I have a list of the Canadian forces in the British application books who might be considered. I saw a letter forwarded to me (informing that the Home Guards had a candidate (W. G. Swinton into whom Campbell had asked a good man to recommend).

P. L. Cole
1-6-37

Then ask W.O. to arrange for him to come here for an interview with Major Cole on 21st, & when he will come

J. J. Parnin
4/6
above

20. WAR OFFICE 3.6.37.
Fwds. appln., together with customary documents in respect of Corporal (Lance-sergeant) G.H. Carter, Grenadier Guard and enquires whether he should report for interview.

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Include him in action directed on 19
& Reserve for Major Cole to see.

J. J. Parnin
7/6
above

To W.O. (19+20 and) cons

28/6

8.6.37

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Mr. Cole
P. L. Cole
1936

I have interviewed Sgt Bobbett & L/Sgt Carter.

Sgt Bobbett, Welsh Guards.

His employment sheet says that he is a good instructor who takes an interest in his job. Sometimes suffers from lack of tact.

He gave me the impression of a very keen, intelligent & efficient N.C.O. who is a rifle shooting enthusiast. He gave no signs of wanting in tact; he is quite frank & straightforward. I think that in the past he has been inclined to impatience with other subjects outside his special hobby of shooting and has recognised this failing. I should judge that he has overcome it.

The Lt-Colonel Commanding Welsh Guards (Colonel Beckwith-Smith) confidently recommends him & says that he is a good instructor & a good disciplinarian.

I consider that he is suitable for the Kenya appointment.

L/Sgt Carter, Grenadier Guards.

His employment sheet says that he is rather slow but capable N.C.O. Good instructor and thoroughly reliable. A previous entry also mentions his being rather slow, although capable, reliable & trustworthy.

Although he appears to be satisfactory in his Regiment but "rather slow", he did not impress me as possessing the temperament required for the Kenya local forces appointment. He seems to lack the personality we must have for such a post.

I am afraid that I cannot recommend him as suitable for the appointment.

I suggest that we inform the W.O. that Sgt Bobbett is considered suitable & ask for his services at once. Inform War Office that before considering L/Sgt Carter we should be obliged if the names of other applicants could be obtained from the Brigade of Guards.

21.10.57

13. 6. 57.

I send on in view of the mention of
"Case of Carter", which is considered ~~such~~ such

a crime in Kenya. Also, in the earlier entries on his employment sheet, he was described as "inclined to be idle", & "d. do well when inclined". But he seems to have got over this, as the later entries repeatedly describe him as "hard working" & "reliable".

as proposed by Major Cole

J.P. Paskin
2/7

He had a lesson & seems to have learned it.

as proposed

J.P. Paskin
2/7

Mr Paskin,

I have had a talk with Major Lloyd, the Bde Major Brigade of Guards, about Sgt Carter. He tells me that they have no other candidate available from the Brigade.

To W.O. (if neg does) Conns 14. 7. 37.

Mr Paskin,

I have had a talk with the Bde Major, Brigade of Guards, about L/Sgt Carter. He tells me that there is no other candidate available from the Brigade of Guards and, at my request, promised to make further enquiries about L/SGT CARTER. Later, he informed me that the Regiment (Grenadier Guards) had said that L/Sgt Carter was a very good instructor, and that, although he might give an impression of being a bit on the slow side, he was really a very reliable man. Major Lloyd thought, from the result of his enquiries, that L/Sgt Carter would be all right for the appointment.

In view of these further enquiries, and the Regiment's good opinion of L/Sgt Carter, I would be prepared to withdraw the objection in my previous minute and to recommend that L/Sgt Carter should now be accepted. The Brigade Commander, Major Lloyd, would be prepared to accept the recommendation of the O.C. Grenadier Guards.

? Now write to W.O. and say that, as a result of further enquiries, we will now accept L/Sgt Carter and ask if his services can be made available at once.

J.P. Paskin
4/8

P. Cole
31. 7. 37

23 To W.O.

11. 8. 37

24. WAR OFFICER.....4.8.37.
Fds. appln. in respect of Sergt. H. Allan, Scots Guards, and enquires whether it is desired that he should be DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE referred to report for interview.

25. O/C WELSH GUARDS, PIERBRIGHT CAMP.....6.8.37.
Enquires whether arrangements should be made for Sgt. V. Bobbett to undergo inoculation and vaccination at Cardiff before he proceeds on leave & for exam. by M.O. to the Colonial Office.
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26. WAR OFFICE.....12.8.37
States that services of Corp. G.H. Carter have been made available & requests confirmation of his appl. & instruction regarding his embarkation may be forwarded to him.
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27. O/C WELSH GUARDS, PIERBRIGHT CAMP.....12.8.37
Asks whether Army Form in respect of Sgt. Bobbett & states that his Medical History Sheet will be sent as soon as possible.
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FF will be made clear as reported fit

28. Prov. Dep. Kenya.....4.8.37
States that it has been decided to form a third Company for the Regiment & requests M.O. to assist to second a suitable Lt. Sgt. Major for the Brigade of Guards on condition indicated.

ho. 24. ? asks that he may be sent for interview as soon as possible (there are now three vacancies - see No. 28).

ho. 25. We have not had a reply to para. 2 of ho. 22 but W.O. have told me over the phone that Bobbett is available and that we may get on with his appl. They will send over the usual letter later.

I think that it is best to call the Prov. Dep. Major

Asst. as Comd. Sgt. Major
Capt. Poy 1990 Passy 18th Ent; addy
(See No. 1)

to the letter (which will go to the O.C.) that if the C.P. advises vaccination a further letter will be sent in this respect. (The n.c.o. is now being vaccinated see No. 27)

~~send message to C.A.~~

no. 26.

? report as being Sgt. Major Post. Pay £390 - Passage 18th Sept.

send message to C.A. as to both men, say that the message that should be provided except that the uniform should be the foreign service uniform of their British Regts.

no. 27

? Post by messenger

no. 28

? wait until Sgt. Allan has been interviewed. If he is suitable we can tell W.O. of the third vacancy and ask for his services.

L. Morris
17.8.37

~~L. J. Whitehouse~~

P. S. Cole
17.8.37

Major Cole

In No 28 it is "particularly requested" that the candidate selected should be unmarried; but in No 24 it is said that Sgt Allan is married. Unless you think it likely that a further "whip round" ~~will~~ may produce an unmarried candidate from the Brigade of Guards, we should (I think) tell the Gen. that the only available candidate from the Brigade is married, and we will either in the crisis, be obliged to look for an unmarried candidate from a Line Regt.

J. J. Cassin
17/8

As you know, there was some difficulty with the War Office about restricting these appointments to the Brigade of Guards and although the D.R.O. at the War Office finally gave way it was more or less on the understanding that future appointments (N.C.O.) in Kenya should be open to the Army.

I think that we should try and get an unmarried man. They make a particular point of that.

I suggest that we give War Office the substance of 28 (or send them a copy of the despatch) and ask if they can furnish the names of any unmarried applicants, not below the rank of Sgt or W/Sgt, from the Brigade of Guards. We might add that if no candidates from the Brigade of Guards are forthcoming, the Govt of Kenya will be asked if he will accept the appointment of a N.C.O. from one of the other infantry units.

A.

But, I think that we should complete the action on the appointments of S. G. Bobbett and Carter first as we want to get them out quickly.

P. S. Cole
18/8

yes: we must try to meet Kenya's wishes

Get on with the two sergeants now and then proceed as at A.

J. S. G. H. J.
18.8

29. To % 3 ^{General Fund} ~~British~~ ^{British} ~~British~~ ^{British} } ^{Hand on}
 set 1/29/30 30. " % 17 ^{Welsh Guards, Light Coy} } ^{draft}
 31. c.a. Passage + Pay _____ } 21.8.37
 32. c.a. Pay + Passage _____ }

Nos 29 to 32 Transferred to P.F.'s. 54722 EA
 54723 EA

33. DOCUMENTS IN RESPECT OF I./SGT. CARTER.
 No 33 Transferred to P.F. 54722 EA.

34. WAR OFFICE.....17.8.37.
 Services of Sgt. Bobbett have been made available;
 requests confirmation of his appt. and instrns.
 regarding his embarkation be fwd. to him through
 his Commanding Officer.

35. O/C. 1st. Bn. Welsh Guards.....20.8.37.
 Encls. Medical History Sheet (B.178) endorsed to effect
 that Sgt. Bobbett has been re-vaccinated and that
 protective inoculation has been carried out.
 No 35 Transferred to P.F. 54723 EA.

36. O/C. 3rd. Bn. Grenadier Guards.....17.8.37.
 Requests appt. be made for I./Sgt. Carter to be
 examined by Medical Advisor to Colonial Office and
 to receive further instructions regarding embarkation.

N.B.
 made 11/9
 the address of the
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 Bampton,
 Devon

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This action
 was taken on
 the T.F. (54) 22 EA.

No. 33 - ? Sent sig. roll to C.A.
 2/10, & await C.A.'s report.

No. 34. ? Put by I./Sgt. Bobbett
 (See in T.F. 54) 23 EA. 3/9

No. 35 - I have placed the seal
 with the other docs in No. 27
 ? Put by

No. 36 - In view of No. 29 -
 ? Put by I./Sgt. Carter

No. 24 - As Sgt. Allen is
 married it is not
 desired that he shd. call
 ? return the docs
 saying that, as he is married
 / it

This has now
 been transferred
 to T.F.

See
 action on
 T.F.

attend here for interview;
 No. 28 - take action as in
 Major Bobbett's minute of 18/8.
 I. Main
 31/8/37

L. J. Williams
 3/9
 31/8/37.

7/4/37
 3/9
 W. H. Williams

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 action on two
 drafts within
 37. C.A. 8.9.37
 Enquire what arrangements should be made
 regarding clothing supplies for Messrs
 Bobbett & Carter
 ME he.

Please see paras. 3 & 4 of No. 1.
 ? Reply to C.A.'s that these M.C.O.'s
 will be equipped in the same manner
 + on the same scale as B. M.C.O.s
 appointed to the K.A.R. (African pamphlet No. 784)
 1. The fact that they will wear the foreign
 service uniform of their British Regiments,
 (I have spoken to the individual concerned
 in the Stores Dept. of the C.A.'s, who thinks
 it will be possible to get the uniform
 in time from the War Office).

Yes Please
 W. H. Williams
 9.9.37.

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38 TWO. (24 and + encls) add in orig.

39 TWO (etc 28) CONS

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40 To CA (Stores). min (37 and)

K 80: 37

No reply received to (39)

? wait a month

D. J. Davis
R 297
18/10/37

I do not mind in original
officially etc but ? a telephone
enquiry as to how they are getting
on might be useful.

J. J. Bassini
10/11

41 MAR OFFICE

21.10.37

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Find application together with customary documents in respect
of Sergt. C. Bromfield, Grenadier Guards who is the only
applicant recommended for the appl. (39 and)

from his documents the NCO appears to fulfil the
requirements of the post. He has an "exemplary"
character - it seems to be a good workman, with
self confidence who has done well. His medical
history is all right.

A view of the Range maintained on a Grenadier NCO
I suggest that in the special case we might
consider the proposal with a view to inform
Sergt. Bromfield is acceptable for the

he shall be able to
be seen when he
comes home but is not
to be seen from the
Grenadier

appointment, notes on being passed on to
by the C.P. and to his availability to embark for
Kenya on or about 1st January. A/N that Sgt.
Bromfield may be instructed to report at that time
as soon as possible after his arrival in the Kenyan
before usual letter of appointment.

Send copy of letter to H.O. to the sub-branch "Eastern"
"for information" (to make sure that the WO is not
missed the bulletin before they leave Egypt.)

J. V. Cole
13.11

(It will be as well to have all the necessary papers for
ready to go to the office to deal with an application
to the C.P. and to the letters for information and
delay. We should also refer C.A.'s of appointment and
explain to the officer to deal with any applications
retained for reference regarding the
to inform Kenya

J. J. Bassini
17/11

above.

42 To 9c 2nd Bat Gren. Guards. (After). Cons. U.F.S.

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43 To W.O. (of 42 in orig + encls) H/1 in orig.

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44 To CA (Pay) - min

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45 To CA (Passage) - min

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46 To CA (Stores) - min

20.11.37

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47 To 2nd Gren. Guards

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NOW SEE NO 1 OR
1938 FILE

29.11.37

Reforms (No. 2) and states that Sergeant Brownfield is not now desirous of employment as a C.S.M. in Kenya Regiment (Territorial Force).

is a very annoying especially as Kenya are desirous for the Head N Co.

he must now cancel all arrangements and let C.M. and Kenya know.

As Sgt Brownfield was the only Guards applicant, a request to the War office for a further effort with the Brigade of Guards will mean much delay, at the very least.

I have written S/O to Hdqrs N A Co to inform them of Sgt Brownfield's withdrawal and made a suggestion that they might consider

- (a) selecting one of the 9 C.S.M.s appointed to the K.A.C. N A Co temporarily to the Kenya Regt. Permanent Staff for duty until we can get a further candidate from the office; or
- (b) selecting one of those 9 C.S.M.s for transfer to the Kenya Regt. P.S. and that we should send out another N Co to the K.A.C. to replace the man transferred to the P.S.

It seems that they are going to give up the idea of keeping the Kenya Regt. Permanent Staff as a close preserve for Guardsmen but they would have to do that some time.

for the time being we might want for the N A Co

Hdqs reply to my suggestions.

Being up on 29th December if the reply is not

received by that date.

P. J. Gu

10.12.37

The Gov. was informed officially of Sgt Brownfield's selection, in No 48, & we must clearly inform him of his withdrawal.

Do you see any objection expanding, or in the

P. J. Gu
17/12

No. I agree that we should let Gov. know the position, especially as the difficulty is largely due to the change in the Kenya Regt. N Co.

P. J. Gu
21.12.

50. To: Kenya 11/1

30 DEC 1937

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30 DEC 1937

C. O.

Mr. Paskin 17/12

Major Cole 21/12

Mr. Paskin 21/12

Sir H. Moore.

Sir G. Tomlinson. (48)

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Perm. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State



Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 1018 of the 22nd of November, I have etc. to inform you that Sergeant C. Broomfield has intimated that he is not now desirous of employment as a Company-Sergeant-Major in the Kenya Regiment (Territorial Force).

As you are aware, the delay in filling this appointment has been due to the particular desire of the Government of Kenya that a candidate should be selected from the establishment of the Brigade of Guards.

It is now clear that if importance is still attached to this stipulation it will be necessary to contemplate the possibility of further delays in filling this appointment unless arrangements can be made for a ~~candidate~~ N.C.O. serving with the K.A.R.

either

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either to be attached or transferred to the Kenya Regiment, and replaced by another N.C.O. for service in the K.A.R.

The possibility of some such solution of the difficulty has been suggested semi-officially to the Brigade Major of the Northern Brigade, K.A.R., and I propose to defer further any steps for the filling of this vacancy until I receive your recommendations in the matter.

(Signed) W. ORMSBY CORB.

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C. O.

Mr. *Moore 16/11*
Mr. *Whitehead 18/11*
Mr. *J.S.*

Returned (249)

To go to H.O. in force in
ass. draft.

Sir H. Moore.
Sir G. Tomlinson.
Sir C. Bottomley.
Sir J. Shuckburgh.
Permi. U.S. of S.
Parly. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

20th Nov. 1917.

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The Officer commanding
2nd Battalion,
Brenthorpe Guards.

*Mp. No. 783-784
K.A.R. Regt (and another)
Health Abn.*

Sir,
I am in the pleasure to inform you that, subject to his being passed as physically fit for service by the Consulting Physician to the Dept., No. 2612398 Sergeant G. Broomfield, of the unit under your command, has been selected for appointment as a temporary Sergeant Major Instructor in the Kenya Regiment (Territorial Force), with pay at the rate of £390 a year. The conditions attached to the appointment

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are similar to those for
non-commissioned officers
serving with the N.A.R.

I am to transmit
to you a copy of a pamphlet
containing the conditions of
service for non-commissioned
officers employed with the N.A.R.,
and a copy of the Regulations
for the N.A.R. (with amendments),
and a copy of a pamphlet giving
advice on health matters.

Particulars as to the free kit
which will be issued to
Sergeant Broomfield are contained
in the Regulations except that
the uniform with which he will
be provided will be the
foreign service uniform of his
British regiment.

3. The Army Council has
been asked to instruct Sergeant
Broomfield to report to
the Colonial Office for interview
as soon as possible after his
arrival

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arrived in England. When he
calls at this Dept. he will
be furnished with a letter
of authority for his examination
by the Sanitary Physician.
In the meantime, he should
be given a copy of his
Medical History Sheet for
inspection by the Sanitary
Physician. The Sanitary
Physician will send his report
direct to this Dept. and
the fee for the examination
will be paid by the
Colonial Government.

4. If passed as fit,
Sergeant Broomfield will be
required to embark for East
Africa by the S.S. "Mantola"
which is due to leave London
on the 8th of January, 1935.
The C.A. for the Col., 4,
Millbank, London, S.W. 1,
will provide him with a
free second class passage to

to members and will send
the passage ticket to you.
The articles of kit supplied
by the brass agents will
be forwarded direct to the
vessel.

5. If Sergeant Broomfield
so desires, the brass agents
will, on his making application
to them, issue an advance
of pay not exceeding one month's
pay. Any such advance will be
recovered from his pay by
such instalments as the Governor
of Kenya may direct.

6. Sergeant Broomfield
should be furnished with a
railway warrant (^{marked} payable by
the brass agents for the local
Kenya funds) for the journey
from his station or address on
board in England to Talbury
when embarking for East Africa.
Any other expenses necessarily incurred

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Mr.

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by Sergeant Broomfield in
proceeding to the point of
embarkation, will be refunded
to him (on the production of a
properly prepared statement of
such expenses) on his joining
the Kenya Regiment (Territorial
Force).

7. The method of
providing for allotments of pay
to relatives in this country
will be explained to Sergeant
Broomfield by the brass
agents. The amount of such
allotments must not exceed
half his pay. It must be
clearly understood that
separation allowance is not
payable to his dependants.

3 am 22.

(Signed) I. E. W. FLOOD

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C. O.

Mrs. Seward 4/9/37
 Mr. Whitcomb 4/9
 Mr.
 Sir H. Moore.
 Sir G. Tomlinson.
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 C. O. D.
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 D-10

11 September, 1937

Sir

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The U.S. of S.
 War Office

No 25. 17.8.37 D

With reference to your letter of the 2nd of April, No. 0165/2375 (A.G.I.A), I am etc. to transmit to you, to be laid before the Army Council, a copy of a despatch from the Governor of Kenya ^{regarding} ~~on the subject of~~ the ~~a third~~ appointment of 2 Permanent Staff Instructors for the

2 p/c

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