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WOMEN'S TRANSPORT SERVICE(FIRST AID NURSING YEOMANRY)

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FILE A.

Gov. Dip. Kenya - 165 22 3 38
States that it would be of assistance in considering general question of functions of Kenya Womens Transport Service (First Aid Nursing Yeomanry) in event of war if latest information regarding position of Womens Transport Service in England could be supplied.

? copy to W.O. in a short draft referring to
Not on. X 17076/31 and asking what reply
should be returned to the Gov of Kenya.

Clarke White 2/4

J. Cole

A. Mawe
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Attorney 26/4
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2 To W.O. - No 1 on 17076/31 and 2 of No 1 - loss 22 APR 1958

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3 W.O. 123/1026 A.C.L.G. 11.5.38.
states that the question of employ of women with the services is under conser. the decision will be notified as soon as it is reached.

? Copy of No 3 & of No 2 without enclosure to Gov. Lt. ref No 1 — and note to B. U. in four months if nothing is in form W.O. as promised in para 7 of No 3.

Noted
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Clarke White 18/5

See
unpublished
19.5.38.

A. Mawe
20.5

Attorney 26/4

8. WO 122/1036 T A 5 _____ /11/38

Ref 7. Two copies of letters addressed to Territorial Army Officers, and Royal Air Force.

Mr. Mealy of the War Office (Ext. 586) telephoned yesterday to say that if any elucidation of No. 8 should be required, he would be ready to help.

CRP:evs
2.11.38.

The voluminous enclosures to this letter will give the Gov. full details of the main Women's Organisation's operations in England in the future. The enclosures do not, however, cover the points raised in the last sentence of (b). Mr Mealy has told me over the telephone that the Women's Transport Service, although it is officially recognized, receives no pay from official funds: any remuneration which serving members may receive comes from unofficial funds. Coordination with the Army is achieved by bringing the W.T.S. under the direct command of the Army, and this will continue to hold good in the

is the Auxiliary Territorial Service

future, for, although it is hoped that
nearly all members of the WTS will
join the new Auxiliary Territorial Service,
the WTS and other voluntary organisations
has officially recognised (Appendix A of
Memo. letter of 19/9) will continue to exist.

Draft despatch submitted.

Chorley White.

12/11

P. J. Cole
11/11

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C. O.

- Mr. Colley White 12/11
- Mr. Sot/RWAMP/KAR 10/11
- Mr. Parkin 15/11 f.
- Mr. A. J. Durr
- Sir H. Moore
- Sir G. Tomkinson
- Sir J. Shuckburgh
- Permi. U.S. of S.
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- Secretary of State.

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Kenya.
No. 689.
G.P.

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FURTHER ACTION.

I have etc to ask the

(6) receipt of your despatch No 575 of the 8th of October on the subject of the Hawaiian Transport Service, and to transmit copies of letters of the 19th September and 10th October from the W.O. to the Territorial Army (and Air Force) Associations, in the enclosures to which full details are given of the organization for the employment of women with the Service, called the Auxiliary Territorial Service, which is now being brought into operation in this country.

2. It is expected that the greater part of the

personnel of the Women's Transport
Service will be absorbed into the
A — T — S — . The former
organisation, which is an unofficial
body to whom official recognition
has been accorded, will however
continue in existence. ~~The~~

Its members ~~of the W — T — S —~~
receive no pay from official
sources. On the other hand
members of the A — T — S — will,
as is seen from ^{para 5 of} ~~the~~ enclosure A
to the W.D. letter of the 19th September,
receive pay for training: the rates of
pay which they will receive when
called up for service are at present
under consideration.

3. Coordination between the W — T — S —
and other organisations is achieved by the
former taking its orders from the Suitable
Army (or Air Force) command.

I have etc

Form No. 3.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to
The Under-Secretary of State,
The War Office,
London, S.W.1.
and the following number quoted.

THE WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

123/1036 (TAS)

1st Nov 1938

The Under-Secretary of State for War presents his compliments to *the Under Secretary of State Colonial Office*

and is commanded by the Army Council to transmit ~~for~~ ~~the~~ information ~~of~~ *with reference to Colonial Office letter No 38364/38 of 28th October 1938* a copy of the documents noted in the subjoined schedule

on the subject of *the women's Auxiliary Territorial Service*

123 - Orig. memo. to Under Sec. (A)

| Date | From | Description |
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| 19 9 38 | War Office | Letter to Territorial Army |
| | | proposals regarding scheme of the Auxiliary Territorial Service for the Army |
| 10 10 38 | | do for Royal Air Force |

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KENYA
No. 575



GOVERNMENT HOUSE
NAIROBI
KENYA

8th October, 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Colonial Office letter 38354/38 of the 22nd of April, 1938, addressed to the Under Secretary of State, War Office, and to ask whether the Army Council are now in a position to supply full information on the subject of employment of women with the Services in England. In particular I should be glad to know whether the Women's Transport Service receives any pay for training or after being called up for service, and if so, how it is co-ordinated with any organisations that work on a voluntary basis.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. Bracken Dopham

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL.
GOVERNOR.

Copy to Mr
L. ... (9)

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MALCOLM MACDONALD, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S. W. 1.

Tel. No.—Whitehall 9400.

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THE WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1

133/1036 (A.G.1.b).

11^A May, 1938.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 22nd April, 1938, No. 38564/38, forwarding a copy of despatch No. 165 from the Governor of Kenya regarding the Women's Transport Service (First Aid Nursing Yeomanry).

I am to state that the whole question of the employment of women with the Services is at present receiving active consideration in this Department and that a decision is to be expected shortly.

Meanwhile, I am to say that, at present, the Women's Transport Service (First Aid Nursing Yeomanry) is regarded primarily as an organisation for supplying drivers of motor vehicles, and that the alteration of its title was effected in order to emphasize this rôle.

I am to add that, as soon as a decision on the question mentioned above has been reached, full information will be forwarded in order that the Governor of Kenya may, if he considers it desirable, make arrangements on similar lines in Kenya.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

At Willmott

Copy to Kenya (2)

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
London S.W.1.



22 March, 1938.

Sir,

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I have the honour to refer to Sir Joseph Byrne's despatch No.304 of the 4th June, 1931, regarding the extension of official recognition by this Government to a local section of the Ambulance Car Corps, First Aid Nursing Yeomanry, now known as the Women's Transport Service (First Aid Nursing Yeomanry), and to state that the question of the functions which this section could most usefully perform in the event of war has recently been under consideration.

2. It will be appreciated that the functions which the Women's Transport Service could perform in the event of war would necessarily be more limited in this Colony than in England or Europe; but it would be of assistance in considering the general question if this Government could be furnished with the latest information as regards the position of the Service in England.

In particular I shall be glad of information as to the extent to which it is administered by the War Office and the control exercised by the War Office over units either in England or abroad, whether it performs any functions in England besides transport service and whether it has been allotted any definite role in time of war, either in England or in connection with any expeditionary force.

I shall be glad to learn whether the change from the original name of the Service has any special significance.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. Ormsby Gore
GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

copy to 160 (2)

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
W. ORMSBY GORE, P.C. M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
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