

EAST AFR. PROT.
UGANDA
NO. 24933

RESEARCH
24933
Rec'd
JUL 08

Governor's No.

Roller 292

1908

(Subject)

Police uniforms, East Uganda

20 pms

Last previous Paper.

Yes
369 1/4

Reports as to agreement come to
with Uganda 2/9. KAR advised no
custo but no commitment will be
obtained.

(Minutes)

Crown Agents

I presume you
have got the pattern etc.
Have you also received orders
for the supply -
M. W. J.

Mr. Ellis

has been in communication
with Capt. Edwards. We have
got the pattern and have received
orders from Govt E. Africa and
Uganda.

Publy
M. W. J. Carson

Pat by

Stamp area with illegible text

04

Governor's Office,

Mombasa,

June 20th 1908.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 192

(Incl. 1.)

24933

REC'D
11 JUL 08

My Lord,

*g
2
1/2/08*

With reference to paragraph 3 of Lord Elgin's despatch No. 684 of the 20th December last on the subject of assimilating the patterns of uniform to be worn by the Police of the Uganda and East Africa Protectorates I have the honour to report that the Adjutant and Pay and Quarter-master of the East Africa Police met the Inspector General and the Deputy Inspector General of the Uganda Police at Kampala, and the Committee thus formed came to a unanimous decision as to the patterns to be adopted for both Protectorates which have been approved by Mr. Hesketh Ball and myself.

2. A copy of Captain Smith's and Mr. Gamble's report, together with particulars of the needed patterns decided upon, is enclosed.

3. The only point of difference with the Inspector General King's African Rifles, who approved of the rest of the patterns, was in

connection

H.M. Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON, W. C.

connection with the red Cumberbund, for which he thought it would be advisable to substitute red cuffs to the sleeves.

4. - Subsequent correspondence with Uganda, however, showed that strong objections were raised by the Inspectors General of Police in both Protectorates to the red cuffs, which would be liable to run in wet weather and look unsightly. Mr. H. Bell and myself have therefore decided to adhere to the red Cumberbund, as originally proposed by the Committee.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Bell

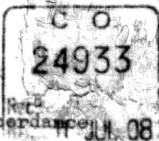
Copy.

Police Head Quarters
Nairobi,

March 23rd 1908.

The Inspector General,
E. A. Police.

Sir,



I have the honour to inform you that in accordance with your instructions the Acting Adjutant and myself have discussed the question of assimilating, as far as possible, the uniforms of the East Africa and Uganda Police Forces, with the Inspector General Uganda Police and we have decided on patterns as per attached statement which we trust meets with your approval.

In order to avoid any risk of men of the King's African Rifles being mistaken for Police, or vice-versa, we have, you will observe, suggested the adoption of a red Cumberbund and this together with the high-collared blouse with regimental numbers on the collar and black Jersey, will completely do away with any such question. Our great-coat, whistle lanyards and waterproof capes and duty badges further prevent any such mistake from arising.

As regards the Blouse. The Inspector General, Uganda Police has adopted the East Africa Police pattern on trial as he is not sure whether the high collar will cause excema

districts of the Uganda Protectorate.

Practical reasons the Jersey is not used by the Uganda Police as it has been found to attract a dangerous tick which exists in the Uganda Protectorate.

Waterproof capes are also only used in East Africa Police - the latter being issued to Coast Stations instead of greatcoats, owing to the heat and very heavy rains. Gaiters and boots are likewise peculiar to the E. A. Police.

the latter being issued to Indian Police only and African Police at Baringo Station where the ground is too stony for chaplies. Chaplies are necessary, as you are aware, in the East Africa Protectorate for safari purposes.

The Inspector General Uganda Police has written separately to His Excellency the Governor, Entebbe, informing him regarding the above and I have the honour to request that you will be ^{so} good as to forward the attached list to His Excellency the Governor, Nairobi, should you approve of same, with the request that it be forwarded as soon as possible to the Colonial Office as the July issue of clothing etc. for the E.A. Police has already been put back three months and unless particulars as to patterns are in the Crown Agents hands at an early date they cannot comply with orders and it is most important that the clothing and equipment should be ready for issue in East Africa on July 1st.

I would point out that frogs and bandoliers cannot be obtained until it is decided whether the Police are to have the .303 or .450 weapon. This question also holds up the obtaining of ammunition and spare parts of rifles from England unless a decision is soon arrived at the Police, for the next year in succession, will have to forego the annual military course, the importance of which I need not draw your attention to.

I have &c., &c.,
Sd/- G. SWALD GAMBLE
Asst. Pay & Quartermaster
E. A. P.
Sd/- G. SMITH
Asst. Adjutant
E. A. POLICE.

PARTICULARS of sealed patterns of Uniforms
to be adopted for East Africa Police.

C O.
24933
11 JUN 08

---000---

- Fez Red felted, K.A.R. pattern
- Tassel for fez Black, as supplied to Uganda Police
- Blouse Khaki, as per sample posted today to Crown Agents, (blouses will have small buttons so that holes for buttons will require to be made accordingly small.)
- Knickers Khaki, as per sample recently sent to Crown Agents.
- Turtles Blue, as supplied to Uganda Police
- Cummerbund Red
- Great coat Blue, with detachable cowl, as supplied to Uganda Police.
- Chevrons (A.C.O.) good conduct White braid on black cloth
- Chevrons (grade) Red " " " "
- Buttons Brass, two sizes, large and small, with same device as on silver buttons recently sent to Crown Agents which should now be destroyed.
- Brass numbers (for collars of blouses) On same principle as white metal numbers supplied to British Guiana Police.
- Duty badge As supplied to British Guiana Police.
- Whistle Metropolitan Police pattern, without chain
- Lanyard for Whistle Khaki as supplied to Uganda Police
- Fez - - - - -
- Jersey K.A.F. pattern, black, with shoulder pads
- Blankets G.S. pattern
- Boots 7/- a pair is allowed to E.A. Police estimates for boots. The Crown Agents should supply as serviceable a boot as is obtainable at this price.
- Capplies Sample posted today to Crown Agents.
- Saversacks Khaki drill as per sample recently sent to Crown Agents.

Waterbottle with web carriage, cork & chain

As per sample recently sent to Crown Agents but not to be covered with felt. Waterbottles should only have a covering of Khaki drill.

Waterproof capes

As per pattern referred to in Crown Agents letter 286/E. Africa 1886 of 27th January 1908 to Treasurer, Mombasa.

Braces)

Brown leather. Mackenzie pattern equipment.

Frogs)

Pattern of frog is subject to decision as to whether Police are to have .303 or .450 weapon.

Pouches)

Greatcoat Straps with connectors)

Belt)

Brown leather. Mackenzie pattern equipment.

Sling for rifle)

Pattern of frog is subject to decision as to whether Police are to have .303 or .450 weapon.

End pieces)

Baton

Obtained locally

Bandolier

To be abolished.

Sd/- G. SMITH
Ag. Adjutant
E. A. Police.

Sd/- Oswald Gamble
Ag. Pay & Quartermaster
E. A. Police.