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Volunteer Reserve

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Mr. Read

(Minutes.)

I presented the papers for Captain Chancellor, who was keeping them for his W. to see my intention. There seems to be nothing to be done but to return the file to Capt. Chancellor so that he can see whether any committee for the future organization of the V.R. together?

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Captain Chancellor 16/5

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Mr. Stur

Submitted after till at the request of Mr. Stur
naming Capt. Chancellor C.O. of minutes
& attached.

G.C.H.

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My Lord,

I have the honour to forward herewith certain papers in connection with the East Africa Volunteer Banners.

These papers have already been forwarded to H.M. Acting Commissioner but since some little time must elapse before they can arrive in England I have considered it advisable to forward copies direct to H.M. Secretary of State.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient servant,

W. H. Murray

Brigadier

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The Right Honourable,

The Secretary of State for the Colonies,

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His Majesty's Acting Commissioner
East Africa Protectorate.

Memorandum on minutes of proceedings of meeting
Volunteer Reserve Corps Commandants: February
21st 1907.

I submit a memorandum upon the proceedings
of a meeting of the East Africa Volunteer
Reserve Corps Commandants which met on Fe-
bruary 21st 1907 to discuss with me certain
points in connection with the East Africa
Volunteer Reserve.

Each paragraph
refers to the
corresponding
number in the
minutes of pro-
ceedings).

1. I recommend the adoption of the Resolution
to permit the enrolment of Coaness & Parsis
in the Volunteer Reserve-- and the conse-
quent amendment in the Ordinance as re-
quired.
2. I recommend the appointment of an Instru-
ctor with the qualifications as laid down.
The corps numbers about 200 members and is
increasing. The provision of an Instructor
charged with the inspection of arms, equip-
ment and ammunition will ensure that Gov-
ernment property is properly cared for.

The present system of inspection cannot efficiently guarantee that arms equipment and ammunition in outlying districts are properly cared for, and for these duties as well as those of an Instructor I recommend the appointment of a qualified Non-Commissioned Officer under the R.A.F. conditions of service for Non-Commissioned Officers, responsible to the O.C. Troops East Africa for the proper inspection of Arms Equipment, and Ammunition in possession of Volunteer Corps.

The amendment of section 16 as now proposed should be carried out.

The sanction of the Secretary of State as to the proposed disposal of the Capitation Grant must be obtained.

This sanction when received will be made applicable to all Volunteer Troopers in Uganda and British Central Africa.

I recommend the proposal to provide the trained markers for each Corps. Hitherto markers have been obtained from the King's African Rifles battalions, but the increase of the numbers in the numbers of members requires that a Corps should have their ranges available on most days, and on occasions when it may not be possible to obtain markers from the King's African Rifles. The expense will not be much greater than at present since King's African Rifles markers are paid for their services.

6. I recommend the proposal regarding the Government grant, but since Corps estimate for amounts that usually have to be considerably cut down, the distribution to the various Corps of the Government grant eventually sanctioned must be in the hands of a disinterested person such as the D.C. Scout who could decide as to the merits of the various applications for grants and distribute amounts proportionate to the original applications and to the amount of the Government grant at disposal.

7. It will be necessary to purchase rifles out of the present year's Government grant if a sum of money is available for this purpose. I recommend that Lee rifles complete with sword bayonets be obtained. The desirability of obtaining the new pattern short rifle should be decided.

8. I am in favour of the issue of the equipment proposed the cost however will be about £200 and this amount has not been estimated for in 1907-1908 estimates. If it is decided to obtain the equipment special provision must be made this year for the amount required or if it is decided to postpone the issue till next year, provision in next year's estimates must be made. (1908-1909).

9. The alteration of the date as proposed will be to the advantage of all and should be carried out.

10. This I consider should be provided, the cost to Government will be small and no special provision is necessary for this year.

As regards the points brought forward at the meeting, it will be advisable to circulate for the information of Section Commanders the minutes as taken down in paragraphs (1), (2), (3).

The O.C. Troops will do this when the Commissioner's approval has been accorded.

As regards (4). The O.C. Troops will place before the Commissioner a scheme, for consideration after further discussion with Captain Cowie.

As regards (5). I do not recommend any alteration in the present Ordinance but that each case of a European resident in Nombasa who desires to join the Volunteer Reserve, be submitted to the Commissioner, when it is satisfactorily known that such European cannot leave his business occupation to serve outside Nombasa Island. The Commissioner would then authorise the modification of the oath to read to "appear for military service on Nombasa Island," in each particular case as it arose.

I consider that it is necessary that the recommendations put forward in my memorandum of March 1st 1906 as regards the relations of the O.C. Troops to the Volunteer movement, should be carried out.

That the O.C. Troops should be in closer touch with the Volunteer Reserves and that he should be the channel of communications passing from the Volunteers to the Commissioner and from the Commissioner to the Volunteers.

That he should be responsible for the preparation of such returns as the Inspector General King's African Rifles may call for, which are those mentioned in the above quoted memorandum, namely a statement of enrolled members and efficient in each Corps on January 1st & February 1st or possibly on April 1st and October 1st as being more suitable dates. Further that he should ask Corps Commanders to draw up a half yearly or yearly report upon their Corps; which he should embody in a report upon the Volunteer movement generally and which he should submit to the Inspector General King's African Rifles on his annual tour of inspection to the Protectorate.

If these recommendations are carried out the idea of the "central authority" and the "cohesion" which I referred to in my memorandum of March 1st 1906 will be put into practice.

The movement is deserving of every encouragement and if Volunteers see that their efforts to become efficient are being watched and appreciated, the effect cannot but be good.

W. P. Mallory

Brigadier General

Inspector General

The King's African Rifles.

W. P. M.

1st March 1907.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

East Africa Volunteer Reserve.

Meeting held at Nairobi on Wednesday 21st 1906.

Present:

Brigadier General Sir W. H. Murray, K.C.M.G., C.B.,

Inspector General The King's African Rifles.

Nairobi and District Corps. Capt. F. W. Anderson,

Railway. Mr. J. E. Barrie,

Company. Mr. Granville.

Nairobi (Mounted Section). Capt. H. Cowie.

Also

Mr. Hobley, Sub-Commissioner.

Mr. Crookshank, Traffic Superintendent
Uganda Railway.

Mr. Tanner, Uganda Railway.

Lieut. Colonel E. J. Harrison B.S.O., C.B., R.A.F.

1. It was resolved that Goanese and Parsi be allowed to join the Volunteer Reserve to form distinct sections combined Goanese and Parsi sections to be formed in the Railway, Nairobi and District and a Women's Corp.

Section Commanders of Goanese and Parsi section to be Europeans.

Section 4 of the Ordinance to be amended as follows after the words "European parents" add "or a Goanese or Parsi" and in Schedule A. (2) after the words "So help me God" add "or such other form of oath as may be allowed in the case of a Parsi".

2. The appointment of a Volunteer Instructor with a

small arms factory & these Certificates was considered advisable, to provide for the periodic inspection of Arms and ammunition more particularly in out-stations and to give instruction.

The Uganda Railway General Manager would be able to provide this N.C.O. with a free pass over the Railway.

It was unanimously resolved that Section No.16 of the present Ordinance be expunged and that in its place section No.16 of the earlier Ordinance be substituted.

The section (No.16) as at present worded lays down that a member can only qualify at the one annual meeting. The original section (No.16) lays down that a member may qualify "at another meeting of this Corps" which has been specially called for practice or for competition of (for) prizes".

It would also be advisable to add to this section the proviso that "a member may also qualify at any station where there is a detachment of the King's African Rifles and a Military Bango and must obtain the certificate signed by the Officer Commanding the detachment to the effect that he has so qualified".

The paragraph relating to the penalty for non-efficiency should stand.

Section No.16 as amended would then stand.

Each corps must hold an annual rifle meeting for rifle practice and for competition for prizes. Each registered member must fire annually the Lustery course laid down in Schedule B and must obtain 43 points in it in order to rank as efficient, provided a member

who from any sufficient cause may be unable to attend the Annual rifle meeting of his Corps may be allowed by the Senior Officer to comply with the requirements for efficiency at another meeting of his Corps which has been specially called for practice or competition for prizes, or a member may also qualify at the station where there is a detachment of the King's African Rifles and a Military Range and may obtain a certificate signed by the Officer Commanding the detachment to the effect that he has so qualified. Any registered member who shall fail to qualify with an good and sufficient cause shall be liable to be fined by the Senior Officer a sum not exceeding 15 rupees to be recovered in accordance with section 9 of this Ordinance.

4. The question of the disposal of the Capitation grant was also discussed.

It was proposed that, from April 1st 1907 the Capitation grant should be disposed of as follows:-

75% towards range and other expenses connected with the Corps.

25% towards prizes for shooting.

That in future the Government Local Auditor shall audit the Auditor's Reserve Corps accounts.

5. It was proposed that each Corps should provide itself with a number of target ranges, to be paid for out of Government grant for purchase of targets and out of Capitation grant.

6. It was proposed that each Corps shall estimate yearly

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yearly its requirements for a Government grant but that the distribution of this grant be left in the hands of the C.S. Troops East Africa in accordance with the amount sanctioned in estimates.

7. It was proposed that the shortage of Rifles be made up, it was estimated that 77 Rifles would be required to arm all volunteers and it was suggested that a small reserve be also kept.

8. It was proposed that equipment be provided for the volunteers and be issued to them, to consist of:-

1 Bandoliers - Shoulder

1 Rifle Sling.

1 Belt and Frog for Bayonet.

1 Net.

1 Water Bottle.

1 Mess Kit.

9. It was proposed that the date December 31st in section 17 be altered to March 31st to fit in with the financial year and as also being more convenient.

10. It was proposed that efficient members of the Corps be allowed to purchase up to 500 rounds ammunition at cost of 1 anna p. round, it was pointed out that only probably 20% of the Corps would avail themselves of this privilege and that the cost would not be heavy. The ammunition thus purchased would be used for practice for the various competitions for Challenge Cup, etc.,

The following

The following points were also brought forward:-

(1) That the establishment of a Volunteer force is not likely to meet with success at present and that the Volunteer Reserve system should continue.

(2) That the election of Company Officer should be carried out by the issue of voting papers to those members in out-stations who cannot attend at a meeting called for the election of officers. That these voting papers be sent out with a notification that if not returned duly filled in by a fixed date the vote of a member will not be recorded.

(3) That where the resignation of a Company officer is considered necessary in the interests of the Corps, the President of the Corps will bring to the notice of the Commissioner the opinion of the members of the Corps as to the advisability of such resignation and will ask for a ruling upon the subject.

(4) The question as to the formation of a Mounted Section, the difficulties in connection with this scheme are those connected with the provision of horses.

It has already been proposed that Government should inaugurate a scheme for the purchase of horses and for their issue to Volunteers on a credit system.

It would seem advisable that more details as to this proposal should be obtained and that some definite proposal should be drawn up. The C.O. Troops E. Africa has been asked to take the question in hand.

(5) The question has been raised of the modification of the form of oath No. 1 Schedule A to suit the particular cases of certain Europeans in Mombasa who are anxious to join the Volunteer Reserve but who cannot undertake to serve in East Africa generally since their duties will not permit of their absence from their business occupations in Mombasa.

It is proposed to limit the number who are permitted to serve on Mombasa Island only to those whom it is known are unable to undertake the condition of General Service in East Africa and in their case to modify the oath to "appear for Military Service on Mombasa Island."

(Signed) W.H. MANNING BRIGADIER GENERAL

Inspector General
The King's African Rifles

Nairobi,

1st March, 1907.

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Quartermaster

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Mr. Perry

Inspector General

Mr. Ellis

Mr. J. W.

Mr. Andrews

Mr. Fox

Mr. Lucas

Mr. F. Hancock

Mr. Churchill

The Earl of Elgin

J. W. Fox

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Volunteer Service

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