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REPORT ON THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS, FOR THE YEAR
APRIL 1st, 1907. TO MARCH 31st, 1908.

*To be laid before the Legislative Council by Command of
His Excellency the Governor, June 25th, 1908.*

1. On March 31st, 1907, the total strength of the Corps was 289 and on March 31st, 1908, it was 295.

Table I shows the inspection state on 21st March.

2. During the past year 68 members have resigned (3 on medical certificate, 27 in the Colony and 38 on leaving the Colony).

3. Seventy-four new members have been enrolled.

4. The Hongkong Volunteer Reserve Association had on March 31st, 1908, a membership of 219, a decrease of 29 during the past 12 months. Rifle practice is carried out on 2 days a week throughout the year at King's Park Rifle Range, Kowloon, and at the Peak Range.

Table II is a nominal roll of the Reserve Association.

APPOINTMENTS, ETC., OF OFFICERS AND STAFF.

5. The changes amongst the Officers and Staff of the Corps have been as follows :—

STAFF.

Major C. G. PRITCHARD, R.A., Commandant, resigned 1st April, 1907, having completed the period of his tenure of the Command.

Major A. CHAPMAN 2nd in Command appointed Commandant 2nd April, 1907.

Major A. CHAPMAN awarded Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration 11th April, 1907.

Captain D. MACDONALD promoted Major 2nd in Command 15th April, 1907.

Captain A. J. THOMPSON, R.G.A., appointed Staff Officer, Hongkong Volunteer Corps, 18th April, 1907.

Surgeon Lieut. C. FORSYTH promoted Surgeon Captain 9th August, 1907.

Doctor J. W. HARTLEY appointed Surgeon Lieut. 30th September, 1907.

Captain J. H. W. ARMSTRONG was appointed Honorary Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor on the 15th November, 1907.

Sir MATTHEW NATHAN, K.C.M.G., having resigned the appointment, His Excellency Sir FREDERICK JOHN DEALTRY LUGARD, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., was pleased to accept the Honorary Colonelcy of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps on the 25th November, 1907.

No. 1 COMPANY, H.K.V.A.

Lieut. W. NICHOLSON promoted Captain 15th April, 1907.

Lieut. J. T. HAYTON resigned 30th January, 1908, having left the Colony.

No. 2 COMPANY, H.K.V.A.

Sergeant G. BLOOD appointed 2nd Lieutenant 30th September, 1907.

ENGINEER COMPANY.

Lieutenant F. O. REYNOLDS resigned 25th February, 1908, having left the Colony.

EQUIPMENT.

6. The four 15-pr. B.L. Guns on loan from C.R.A. were withdrawn during March, 1908, and are to be replaced by four 15-pr. Q.F. Guns, two of which have already been received.

DISCIPLINE, TRAINING, ETC.

7. The Discipline of the Corps has, as in previous years, been very good.

The following Table gives the number of Efficient, etc. :—

STAFF.	Efficients with more than 30 drills.	Efficients with less than 30 drills.	NON-EFFICIENTS.					Total.
			On leave.	Medical Certificate.	Recently joined.	Absent without leave.	Non-Efficients to pay fine.	
Staff,	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Hongkong Volunteer Troop,	13	14	12	...	1	...	...	40
Right $\frac{1}{2}$ No. 1 Company,	28	8	4	1	...	...	4	45
Left $\frac{1}{2}$ No. 1 Company,	30	15	2	...	7	...	1	55
Right $\frac{1}{2}$ No. 2 Company,	31	10	8	1	1	...	5	56
Left $\frac{1}{2}$ No. 2 Company,	36	6	3	...	3	...	...	48
Engineer Company,	29	9	4	...	...	...	2	44
Total,	174	62	33	2	12	...	12	295

With reference to the above Table 4 members (exclusive of the Staff) have attended over 100 drills and 74 between 50 and 100 drills. The highest number of drills attended was 123 by Corporal A. E. WRIGHT.

Table III is a nominal roll of Efficient.

8. An ambulance class was formed in April, 1907, under Surgeon Captain FORSYTH.

At the conclusion of the course this class was examined by Lieutenant FRASER, R.A.M.C., and 9 members passed a satisfactory examination.

9. On 1st May, 1907, a Semaphore Signalling class was formed under the Staff Officer. This class was examined on 3rd and 5th July and 14 qualified.

10. A special course of instruction was held during September with 4 attendances a week for N.C.O.'s and others desirous of promotion. This course was well attended with most excellent results.

11. Recruits' drills were held twice a week during the summer months and from beginning of September, 1907, to end of March, 1908, there were drills for all members 4 times a week.

GUN PRACTICE, MUSKETRY, ETC.

12. 15-pr. B.L. Gun Practice was carried out on 26th October, 2nd and 30th November, 1907, 3rd February and 14th March, 1908. On all occasions the practice was by sections from one of the Corps' mobilization positions on Stonecutters' Island at targets placed on Chun Hue.

These practices were arranged by and carried out under the supervision of Lieutenant R. M. CROSSE, R.G.A., Instructor in Gunnery and Range Finding, South China.

This Officer kindly attended at Volunteer Head Quarters after each practice and criticized the same in the presence of all the Officers concerned.

I desire to record my thanks to Lieutenant CROSSE for all the time and trouble he has devoted to the Corps.

See Table IV and Appendix A, Camp Report.

13. 303 Maxim Gun Practice was carried out on 23rd and 24th October, 1907, 29th February and 14th March, 1908.

See Table V and Appendix A, Camp Report.

14. Musketry returns for the whole of the Corps are forwarded herewith (see Army Forms B 187 attached) in accordance with the recommendation made by the Colonial Defence Committee. Musketry is very popular with the majority of the members of the Corps and would undoubtedly be still more so if the King's Park Range at Kowloon was available more frequently for their use. During the year 52,089 rounds have been fired by members of the Corps and 25,715 rounds have been supplied to the Reserve Association.

15. The Officers and Staff Sergeants carried out Revolver Practice during Camp. See Army Forms B 187 attached.

CAMPS OF INSTRUCTION.

16. The Annual Camp for the Artillery and Engineer units was held at Stonecutters' Island from 21st October to 4th November, 1907, and that for the Troop near Fan-ling in New Territories from 21st to 26th December, 1907.

I attach Camp Reports (Appendices A and B).

COMPETITIONS.

17. The following interunit competitions took place during the year:—

(1.) Sir MATTHEW NATHAN'S Cup for Efficiency.

This was won by Left $\frac{1}{2}$ No. 2 Company under Captain SKINNER.

The following is the order of efficiency:—

1. Left $\frac{1}{2}$ No. 2 Company, H.K.V.A., O.C., Captain SKINNER.
2. Hongkong Volunteer Troop, O.C., Lieutenant ROSS.
3. Right $\frac{1}{2}$ No. 1 Company, H.K.V.A., O.C., Captain NICHOLSON.
4. Engineer Company, O.C., Captain CRAKE.
5. Left $\frac{1}{2}$ No. 1 Company, H.K.V.A., O.C., Captain WOOD.
6. Right $\frac{1}{2}$ No. 2 Company, H.K.V.A., O.C., Captain ARMSTRONG, A.D.C.

(2.) The Blake Musketry Shield for teams of 8 from each unit at ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards.

This competition took place on 4th May, 1907, and was won by Left $\frac{1}{2}$ No. 1 Company, H.K.V.A., O.C., Captain LAMMERT, and also on 11th January, 1908, and was again won by the same company under Captain WOOD.

(3.) The Sanders Cup was competed for by the Artillery units at 15-pr. B.L. Practice on Chinese New Year's day, 3rd February, 1908, and was won by Left $\frac{1}{2}$ No. 1 Company under Captain WOOD.

(4.) The Gascoigne Shield for Maxim Gun Practice was competed for on 29th February, 1908, and was won by Right $\frac{1}{2}$ No. 2 Company (O.C., Captain ARMSTRONG, A.D.C.)

MISCELLANEOUS.

18. The Corps took part in the King's Birthday parade with the remainder of the Garrison on November 9th, 1907.

19. The Corps paraded with the remainder of the Garrison and lined the streets on 20th April, 1907, on the occasion of the departure of Sir MATTHEW NATHAN from the Colony and again on 28th July, 1907, on the arrival in the Colony of Sir FREDERICK LUGARD.

On each occasion the Troop furnished an escort.

20. The Cadet Company has increased in numbers since the beginning of the present year, there are now 22 members.

A bugle band is being started, and a miniature rifle range close to the Victoria School will shortly be opened.

21. The New Headquarters have been equipped with a complete gymnastic apparatus purchased out of private funds ; classes were held during the winter months and were well attended.

22. The winter clothing alluded to in my last report has now been provided.

23. Alterations in the establishment of the Corps, providing for the formation of an Infantry Company, have been approved and will come into force early in 1908.

24. The purchase of a subtarget machine has been postponed pending the recommendation of the Colonial Defence Committee regarding a similar but cheaper apparatus.

INSPECTION.

25. The Annual Inspection of the Corps was carried out on 21st March, 1908, by His Excellency Major General R. G. BROADWOOD, C.B., Commanding the Troops South China, who expressed his satisfaction with the soldierlike appearance of the Corps and the smart way in which the various drill movements were carried out.

SERVICES.

26. I am indebted to Major PRITCHARD for the efficient state in which he left the Corps on his resignation on 1st April, 1907, and am glad to be able to report that this standard of efficiency has been maintained thanks to the willing co-operation of all members of the Corps and to the help I have received from my Staff Officer. Corps Sergt.-Major W. HIGBY and Staff Armourer G. W. AVENELL have continued to perform their duties to my entire satisfaction.

I have, etc.,

ARTHUR CHAPMAN, Lieut.-Col.,
Commandant, Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

25th April, 1908.

Table II.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

NOMINAL ROLL OF MEMBERS.

Atkinson, Dr. J. M., Barker Road, The Peak.
Auld, J. D., Dodwell & Co., Ltd.
Abley, T., The Disinfecting Station, Caine Road.
Atkinson, R. D., Deacon, Looker & Deacon.
Abraham, E., Chartered Bank of India.
Adams, P. R., H. M. Naval Yard.

Beavis, C. E. H., Wilkinson & Grist.
Bird, L. G., Palmer and Turner.
Berkeley, Sir H. S., Bank Buildings.
Bird, R. E. O., Queen's College.
Bowley, F. B. L., Dennys & Bowley.
Braidwood, W. D., Ellis Kadoorie School.
Brett, C. W. T., No. 7 Ormsby Terrace, Kowloon.
Buyers, C. B., H.K. High Level Tramway Co.
Boyce, W. B., Punchard, Lowther & Co.
Bryer, A., Leigh & Orange.
Blowey, A., H. M. Naval Yard.
Bryan, J. J., Sanitary Board.
Branch, Capt. B., C/o. Butterfield & Swire.
Bird, H. W., Palmer & Turner.
Bond, C., Soldiers' Club.
Baker, R., Chater's Bungalow, Kowloon.
Belillos, Dr. R. A., Alexandra Buildings.
Black, Capt. H. J., 6 Mountain View, The Peak.
Bolton, A. A., Kowloon Docks.

Carter, W. L., China & Japan Telephone Co.
Chater, Sir Paul, Queen's Road Central.
Calthrop, H. G., Queen's Road Central.
Capell, J. R., A. S. Watson & Co.
Campbell, H. F., Shewan, Tomes & Co.
Chatham, Hon. W., Director of Public Works.
Carruthers, E. S., R. E. Office, Headquarters.
Chawkley, H. G., Canteen, Murray Barracks.
Cumming, A., C/o. Butterfield & Swire.

Davis, W. H. T., Hotel Mansions.
Dealy, T. K., Craigmin, Magazine Gap.
Dobbs, W., Public Works Department.
Duncan, G. L., McEwen, Frickel & Co.
Donald, W. H., The China Mail.
Douglas, Capt. J., Prince's Buildings.
Dow, P., Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Dawson, E. W., Sanitary Board Office, Kowloon.
Daniel, W., Punchard, Lowther & Co.
Dixon, Capt. A. W., Butterfield and Swire.
Dowley, W. A., Vacuum Oil Co.
Douglas, J. P., Green Island Cement Co., Hokun.
Denison, A., Denison, Ram & Gibbs.
David, A. J., S. J. David & Co.

Edwards, W. T., Public Works Department.
Eves, G. W., 4 Austin Avenue, Kowloon.
Elwes, W. B., E. E. Aust. & C. Telegraph Co.

Farrell, U. A., Public Works Department.
Forsyth, G. G. S., H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corporation.
Franklin, A. C., Government Civil Hospital.
Fisher, H. G., Public Works Department.
Flood, E. P., H. M. Naval Yard.

Gardiner, J. H., Brutton & Hett.
Glover, C., Punchard, Lowther & Co.
Gibbs, L., Denison, Ram & Gibbs.
Gow, J. C., Kowloon Docks, Hunghom.

Grist, E. J., Wilkinson & Grist.
Graham, W. D., Wilkinson, Heywood & Clark.
Gompertz, H. H. J., Supreme Court.
Goldsmith, H. E., Public Works Department.
Gubbay, A. S., E. D. Sassoon & Co.
Gale, C. H., Public Works Department.
Gow, D., Cosmopolitan Dock, Yaumati.
Gubbay, C. S., E. D. Sassoon & Co.
Goldring, P. W., Goldring & Barlow.
Gibson, Adam, Beaconsfield Arcade.
Gast, W. J. J., Victoria Gaol.
Griffin, A. E., Martinhoe, The Peak.
Green, S. E., 2 Woodland Terrace.
Gipson, G., Victoria Gaol.
Grove, F., Shameen, Canton.

Hickling, Rev. C. H., Union Church.
Hough, T. F., Hughes & Hough.
Hughes, J. Owen, H. Wicking & Co.
Hutchings, J., Public Works Department.
Harvie, J. H., Taikoo Sugar Refining Co.
Hickie, S. D., C/o. McEwen, Frickel & Co.
Hastings, G., Hastings & Hastings.
Hazeland, F. A., Police Court.
Humphreys, W. G., Queen's Road.
Harston, Dr. G. M., Alexandra Buildings.
Haxton, G. K., Kowloon Docks, Hunghom.
Harston, J. Scott, Ewens & Harston.
Henderson, J. M., H.K. & W. Dock Co., Ltd., Hunghom.
Hett, F. P., Brutton & Hett.
Hastings, J., Hastings & Hastings.
Hinds, E. H., McGregor Brothers & Gow.
Humphreys, H., J. D. Humphreys & Son.
Hornby, T. W., 2 Stewart Terrace, The Peak.
Hynes, A. C., H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corp.

Innes, Capt. R., Butterfield & Swire.
Irving, E. A., College Chambers.

Johnston, L. A. M., General Post Office.
Jordan, Dr. G. P., Alexandra Buildings.
Jones, P. N. H., Public Works Department.
Jones, Dr. Evan, Bank Buildings.
Jenkins, A., Hongkong Hotel Office.
Jones, J. N., H. M. Naval Yard.
Jupp, J. A., Humphreys Estate Finance Co.
Jack, W. C., Wilks & Jack, Des Vœux Road.
Jordan, E. G., Bowling Club.
Joseph, E. S., Hongkong Hotel.

Kew, C. H. W., H.K. & K. Wharf & Godown Co.
Koch, Dr. W. Y. M., Government Civil Hospital.
Knyvett, P. K., Vacuum Oil Company.
King, R. H., Punchard Lowther & Co.
Kadoorie, Ellis, Des Vœux Road.
Katsch, E. A., Pacific Mail Office.

Lyon, J. A., Sanitary Board, 10 Robinson Road, Kowloon.
Lewington, J. S., 2 Ripon Terrace.
Lewis, L. S., P. & O. S. N. Co.
Lowe, A. R., Hongkong Club.
Logan, W., Hongkong Hotel.
Law, D. R., Butterfield & Swire.
Logan, H. M., 4 Austin Avenue, Kowloon.

NOMINAL ROLL OF MEMBERS, H.K.V.R.A.,—Continued.

Lambert, J., Lloyds' Register, Alexandra Buildings.
Leask, W. L., C/o. Leigh & Orange.
Lamble, P. T., Sanitary Board, Beaconsfield.
Lane, E. C., Union Insurance Society of Canton.
Lemm, J., Queen's Road.
Lafrentz, C. I., Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co.

Moore, Dr. W. B. A., Hongkong Hotel.
Mackenzie, A., Arthur & Co.
Maitland, F., Linstead & Davis.
May, Hon. F. H., Colonial Secretary.
May, C. W., H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corp.
Medhurst, C. H., Dodwell & Co.
Moses, E. J., Prince's Buildings.
McCubbin, J., Gas Co.
Martin, T. H., Post Office.
May, G. H., Kelly & Walsh.
Moir, A., Peak Hotel.
Michael, J. R., Prince's Buildings.
Michael, S. H., Prince's Buildings.
Marriott, Dr., Alexandra Buildings.
McInnes, J., Engineers' Institute, Des Vœux Road.
Macdonald, Jas., Harbour Office.
Meyer, H. A., E. D. Sassoon & Co.
Mooney, C., Hongkong Hotel.
Miller, J. F., Bradley & Co.
Mackay, E. F., Butterfield & Swire.
Murray, Capt., S.S. *Tak Hing*.

Nobbs, A. P., A. S. Watson & Co.

Olson, J., C. E. Warren & Co., 30 Des Vœux Road.
Ormiston, E., Mercantile Bank of India.
Osborne, E., H.K. & K. Wharf & Godown Co.
Ough, A. H., Leigh & Orange.

Parr, W. R. McD., 16 Queen's Road Central.
Piggott, Sir Francis, Supreme Court.
Peter, J. C., H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corp.
Pinckney, H., International Bank.
Potts, W. H., Alexandra Buildings.
Pidgeon, J. H., 6 Pedder's Hill, Hongkong.
Phelips, H. R., Audit Office.
Plummer, L., P. & O. S. N. Co.
Pemberton, C., China Fire Insurance Co.
Pile, A. G., 5 Humphreys' Avenue, Kowloon.
Pearse, Dr. W. W., Sanitary Board.
Perkins, T. L., Public Works Department.
Pattenden, W. L., Gilman & Co.
Parkinson, C. H., Victoria Gaol.

Rennie, A. H., Hongkong Milling Company.
Ritchie, A., Dodwell & Co.
Raymond, A. J., E. D. Sassoon & Co.
Rathey, W. J., H.K. & W. Dock Company.

Ram, E. A., Denison, Ram & Gibbs.
Richardson, H. T., C. P. R. Co.
Robins, F. T., Victoria Gaol.

Scott, Chas. R., International Bank.
Stewart, Hon. G., Beaconsfield Arcade.
Shepherd, E. B., H.K. Land Investment Co.
Sutton, W. D., A. S. Watson & Co.
Sykes, Henry, Diocesan School.
Smith, A. Brooke, Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Slade, H. W., Gilman & Co.
Sassoon, M. S., Prince's Buildings.
Stubbings, J. J., Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Seth, A., Supreme Court.
Smith, A. F., McEwen, Frickel & Co.
Scott, J. Gray, H.K. Electric Tramway Co.
Smith, P., Queen's Road Central.
Shewan, R., St. George's Buildings.
Smyth, F., Vernon & Smyth.
Swan, Dr. J., Alexandra Buildings.
Stedman, Dr. F. O., Alexandra Buildings.
Steen, J. C., 4 Austin Avenue, Kowloon.
Stackwood, W. G., Ordnance Office, Queen's Road.
Southey, F., 4 Austin Avenue, Kowloon.

Terrey, E. W., Gas Co.
Thomas, G. E., P. W. D., New Law Courts.
Thompson, D. D., Queen's Road Central.
Tomkins, H. E., Reiss & Co.
Turner, A., Palmer & Turner.
Thomson, Hon. A. M., The Treasury.
Tuxford, A. S., N. Lazarus & Co.
Thornhill, Soldiers' Club.
Thomas, H., Public Works Department.

Underwood, J. H., China Sugar Refining Co.

Wakeman, G. H., Land Office.
Wise, His Hon. Mr. Justice, Supreme Court.
Wheal, J. A., Public Works Department.
Wilks, E. J., Wilks & Jack, Des Vœux Road.
Wilkinson, C. D., Wilkinson & Grist.
Wickham, W. H., Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Watt, A. W. J., H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corp.
Wright, F. J., Benjamin, Kelly & Potts.
Wodehouse, P. P. J., Central Police Station.
Willis, David, Victoria Gaol.
White, H. P., Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
Wright, R. J. L., 6 Stewart Terrace, The Peak.
White, H. G., C/o. F. Blackhead & Co.
Woolley, W. H., Sanitary Board, 44 Elgin Street.

Young Hee, Kiabra, Kennedy Road.

Table III.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER TROOP.

Roll of Efficient.

Rank.	Name.	Rank.	Name.
Lieutenant	Ross, C. H.	Trooper	Hickman, H. F.
T. S. M.	Moxon, G. C.	"	Stewart, M.
Sergeant	Brutton, G. K. H.	"	Blason, C. H.
Corporal	Williams, A. J.	"	Leeffe, L. N.
"	Slade, M.	"	Munro, R. F.
Trooper	Looker, H. W.	"	Roberts, A. G.
"	Paterson, J.	"	Morrell, G. E.
"	Melbourne, C. D.	"	Hall, F. C.
"	Potts, P. C.	"	Morfev, A.
"	Howard, E.	"	Vernon, T. C.
"	Walker, A. T.	"	Marshall, G.
"	Master, R. F. C.	"	Maxwell, C. L.
"	Dupree, W. S.	"	Bernard, E. P.
"	Morton Smith, G.		

RIGHT HALF No. 1 COMPANY. HONGKONG VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

Roll of Efficient.

Rank.	Name.	Rank.	Name.
Captain	Nicholson, W.	Gunner	Haggard, H. E.
Lieutenant	Plummer, J. A. T.	"	Pelling, W.
"	Kennett, H. W.	"	Shaw, E.
C. S. M.	Meek, T.	"	Sibbet, J.
Sergeant	Hance, C. E. A.	"	Leonard, J.
"	Henderson, R.	"	James, E. W. H.
"	Mackie, A. J.	"	Petley, H.
Corporal	Seth, S. A.	"	Colvin, H. E.
"	Herbst, C. E.	"	Watling, H. W.
Bombardier	Craddock, H. E.	"	Hays, J. S.
"	Seth, H. A.	"	Turnbull, T. G.
"	Louriero, F.	"	Blunn, A. B.
"	Peake, A. J. W.	"	Pfordten, A. R.
Trumpeter	Witchell, G. B.	"	Young, A. H.
Gunner	Bain, H. M.	"	Haigh, F. D.
"	Duncan, G.	"	McIntyre, M. E.
"	Humphreys, E.	"	Smith, C.
"	Humphreys, C.	* Captain	Macdonald, D.

* Attached.

LEFT HALF NO. 1 COMPANY. HONGKONG VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

Roll of Efficient.

Rank.	Name.	Rank.	Name.
Captain	Lammert, G. P.	Gunner	Manuk, M.
Lieutenant	Gubbay, J. S.	"	Evans, G.
C. S. M.	Gloyn, J.	"	Flood, G. W.
Sergeant	Sayer, H. W.	"	Rodrigues, C. A.
"	Marshall, J.	"	Carter, R. P.
"	Hayward, E. M.	"	Page, B.
"	Chapman, E. A.	"	Ellis, A. R.
Corporal	Sayer, H. C.	"	Jephson, H.
"	Crapnell, A. E.	"	Judah, L. J.
"	Crawford, F. M.	"	Sargon, E.
Bombardier	Lock, H.	"	Tollan, D.
"	Hayward, C. B.	"	Marshall, A. M.
Gunner	Penfold, J. W.	"	Hope, E.
"	Brown, A.	"	Loft, T.
"	Wilkins, F. E.	"	Cousins, G. A. T.
"	Read, W.	"	Gourgey, M.
"	Judah, J. J.	"	Jephson, D.
"	Lewington, W. J.	"	Paterson, R.
"	Catebick, G. G.	"	Brewer, W. F.
"	Quick, H. J.	"	Stewart, R.
"	Hill, G.	"	Mulrooney, J. J.
"	Raymond, E.	"	Hurlow, A. W.
"	Ellis, E. E.	"	

RIGHT HALF NO. 2 COMPANY. HONGKONG VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

Roll of Efficient.

Rank.	Name.	Rank.	Name.
Captain	Amstrong, W.	Gunner	Jacks, P.
Lieutenant	Northcote, M. S.	"	Lang, E. P. H.
2nd Lieut.	Blood, G.	"	McGillivray, J. P.
C. S. M.	Andrew, J. I.	"	Greenhill, L. S.
Sergeant	Grey, B. W.	"	Bone, C. W.
"	Rees, L. C.	"	Bevington, F.
"	Darby, A. J.	"	Clarke, F. S.
"	Day, F. O.	"	Moore, S.
Corporal	Wright, A. E.	"	Chapman, B. F.
"	Garrett, H. L.	"	Rowe, O. S. B.
"	Biden, F. A.	"	Gregory, A.
"	Pugh, A. J.	"	Bullock, J. A. E.
Bombardier	Jackman, H. T.	"	Franklin, G. G.
Gunner	Ironside, W.	"	Weall, T. G.
"	Turner, W. C. D.	"	Beattie, R. B.
"	Harrop, C. E. D.	"	Fielder, B. E.
"	Ramsey, A.	"	Stevens, H. J.
"	Lester, H. W.	"	Wilkinson, H. V.
"	Warrack, A. F.	"	Young, J. A.
"	Hagen, E. C.	"	Le Breton, L.
"	Piercy, A.	"	

LEFT HALF NO. 2 COMPANY. HONGKONG VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

Roll of Efficient.

Rank.	Name.	Rank.	Name.
Captain	Skinner, T.	Gunner	Boulton, S.
* Captain	Wood, G. G.	"	Anderson, W.
Lieutenant	Scott, W. M.	"	Scriven, H. S.
"	Wolfe, E. D. C.	"	Saunders, G. H.
C. S. M.	Rodger, J.	"	McIntyre, W.
Sergeant	Lohead, J.	"	Arnold, C. E.
"	McCorquodale, J.	"	Peche, J.
"	McKirdy, A.	"	Tillman, H.
"	McIver, M.	"	Gibson, J. H.
Corporal	Grimshaw, T.	"	O'Halloran, D. J.
"	Kinnaird, J. D.	"	McPherson, J. L.
"	Crosbie, J.	"	McKay, W.
"	Witchell, R.	"	Carmichael, H. C.
Bombardier	Sorby, V.	"	Miller, R. F.
Gunner	Bassford, W. F.	"	Bridger, R.
"	McIntyre, J.	"	Young, D.
"	Muir, J. G.	"	Croucher, B.
"	Frith, C. E.	"	Mackintosh, W.
"	Ward, C. W.	"	Kirby, J.
"	Duncan, R.	"	Bullen, J. A.
"	Johnston, J.	"	Dinning, H.

* Attached.

ENGINEER COMPANY. HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Roll of Efficient.

Rank.	Name.	Rank.	Name.
Captain	Crake, W. A.	Sapper	Pryce, C.
C. S. M.	Logan, J. D.	"	Pestonji, R.
Sergeant	Bevan, H. S.	"	Haines, N. F.
"	Crawford, J.	"	Souza, M. A. R.
"	Lapsley, R.	"	Carroll, A. H.
"	Logan, J. C.	"	Chunnutt, O. R.
Corporal	Kynoch, G. W.	"	Tennant, T. B. G.
2nd Corpl.	Barrington, J. H.	"	Todd, A. H.
Sapper	Cullen, W. F.	"	Poole, C. J.
"	Hirst, J.	"	Moore, W. H.
"	Ross, J.	"	Taylor, R. A.
"	Quark, F. W.	"	Thom, W. J.
"	Lenfesty, F. P.	"	Fuller, T.
"	Watkins, H.	"	Pendlebury, J. C.
"	Clements, H.	"	Longstaff, J.
"	Pepper, S. G.	"	Crane, A.
"	Pearson, H.	"	Long, E.
"	Simmons, A. J.	"	Melbye, A.
"	Knight, N. J.	"	Hott, A. J. W.

Table IV.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Report on Gun Practice carried out during the year ending 31st March, 1908.

Nature of Practice.	Date on which Practice was carried out.	Number present on Parade.	Number of Rounds fired.	Range.	Remarks.
15-pr. B.L.	26th October, 1907.	97	80	From 3,400 to 4,100	4 series of 20 rounds each from 2 guns. Targets visible from gun emplacements.
"	2nd November, 1907.	94	80		4 series of 20 rounds each from 2 guns. In 2 series targets invisible from guns.
"	30th November, 1907.	41	60		3 series of 20 rounds each from 2 guns. In 2 series targets invisible from guns.
"	3rd February, 1908.	91	100		4 series of 20 rounds each from 2 guns. Targets visible from guns.
"	14th March, 1908.	49	64		3 series at visible targets.
					In all cases owing to the nature of the ground observation of fire was very difficult but the experience obtained from the year's practice has been most valuable and the majority of the battery commanders now show very fair ability in coping with the difficulties of observation.

Table V.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Report on Gun Practice carried out during the year ending 31st March, 1908.

Nature of Practice.	Date on which Practice was carried out.	Number present on Parade.	Number of Rounds fired.	Range.	Remarks.
.303 Maxim.	23rd October, 1907.	46	890	600 to 750	Instructional practice on Stonecutters' Rifle Range.
"	24th October, 1907.	48	1,079		
"	29th February, 1908.	92	3,429	700	Competition for Sir W. J. Gascoigne's Shield at Tai Hang Range.
"	14th March, 1908.	49	343	300 to 600	Fired at towed targets from Stonecutters West. Inspection by General Officer Commanding.

Appendix A.

CAMP REPORT.

From:—The Commandant, H.K.V.C.
To:—Major, General Staff,
South China.

VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS,
HONGKONG, 14th December, 1907.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward the following report on the Volunteer Camp held at Stonecutters' Island from October 19th to November 4th, 1907.

I also forward a duplicate copy (with accounts attached) for the information of His Excellency the Governor.

1. *Numbers.*—Out of a total of 21 Officers and 236 N.C.O.'s and men, 17 Officers and 182 N.C.O.'s and men attended Camp. 4 Officers and 20 N.C.O.'s and men were absent from the Colony.

The Troop did not attend Camp and is therefore excluded from the above total.

The average daily attendance was 125. In addition to which 10 Cadets from the Victoria British School attended Camp from November 1st to November 3rd inclusive.

The following Table shows the average attendance and proportion of full strength daily for the Camps 1901 to 1907 inclusive:—

Date.	Strength deducting those on leave.		Attendance at Camp.		Average daily attendance.	Proportion of total strength daily.
	Officers.	N.C.O.'s and men.	Officers.	N.C.O.'s and men.		
1901,	16	286	14	204	157	.52
1902,	16	234	14	175	142.1	.568
1903,	18	204	17	159	121.6	.548
1904,	16	210	14	170	135.5	.6
1905,	13	189	13	169	127.5	.631
1906,	15	189	15	178	136.75	.67
1907,	17	217	17	182	128	.55

The lower average this year is chiefly due to the very bad weather during 3 days of the second week, also the fact that the cholera junks were moored so close to the Camp was the cause of some men staying away.

2. *Drills.*—I attach a Camp Programme showing the drills carried out by units, but owing to the bad weather some of the parades on the 28th, 29th and 30th October had to be cancelled and lectures which could be given under cover substituted.

3. *Gun Practice.*—A.—Maxim Gun Practice was carried out on 3rd November.

The object of this practice was to test the capabilities of gun detachments in remedying the various failures that are liable to occur with these guns in action. Dummy rounds and different kinds of defective cartridges were inserted at intervals in the ammunition belts. The detachments show a good knowledge of the various causes of failure and were quick in remedying the same.

B.—15-pr. B.L. Gun Practice was carried out on 27th October and 2nd November. On each occasion each half company fired a series of 20 rounds from 2 guns. On 27th October the targets were visible from the gun emplacement and direct laying was employed. The targets represented batteries in action and infantry in fire trenches on hills distant about 3,400 yards. Practice was slow but gave fair results. On 2nd November, Colonel KENT, C.R.A., inspected the Artillery units at gun practice. In 2 series the target was visible from the

guns, direct laying with tangent sights being employed. During each of these series a surprise target came into view some distance from the target being engaged and the Battery Commander was ordered to change to this target. This target was very difficult to locate and the fire effect in these series was poor. In the 3rd and 4th series on this day the target was visible from the guns. Direction was obtained by means of aiming posts in one series and an aiming point in the other. Elevation was given to the guns by using the telescopic sights as clinometers, the angle of sight having been obtained by means of Abney level. Observation of fire was not easy, this was specially so in the 4th series the target being scarcely visible through field glasses. The results were not good but the difficulties of indirect laying have aroused much interest throughout the artillery companies and all gun layers are now attending regularly for instruction in the same.

4. *Engineer Company.*—The technical examination of the N.C.O.'s and men of this company was carried out on November 2nd by Captains WATT and PHILLIPOTS of the Royal Engineers.

Twenty-seven men were present on this occasion and the examining officers expressed themselves as well satisfied with the results of their examination.

5. *Inspection by G.O.C.*—His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops South China visited the Camp on the afternoon of 23rd October and saw the artillery units at maxim practice. He afterwards inspected the Camp, and expressed satisfaction with what he had seen.

6. On November the 3rd, Colonel DARLING, C.E., Commanding the Troops South China in the General's absence, inspected the Corps on parade and subsequently the Camp. He stated that the turn out of the men was good and the Camp arrangements perfectly satisfactory.

7. *Inspection by His Excellency the Governor.*—His Excellency the Governor made his inspection at 5 p.m. 2nd November. He saw the men at 15-pr. B.L. and maxim gun drill and the Cadets at semaphore signalling and afterwards inspected the whole Camp. His Excellency expressed his appreciation of the general efficiency and smartness of the Corps and his satisfaction with the messing and lighting arrangements for the Camp.

8. *Discipline.*—The discipline of all ranks was excellent.

9. *Medical Officer's Report.*—I attach a report from the Corps Medical Officer Surgeon Lieutenant HARTLEY. This officer had much civil work in the New Territories to attend to and was consequently often absent from Camp. During the unavoidable absence of the medical officer Corporal KNOTT, R.A.M.C., proved himself well capable of dealing with any cases of accident or illness that occurred.

10. *Accounts.*—I attach a copy of the Camp accounts and a summary of the amount due from the estimates for the purpose.

11. *Remarks.*—The Camp was laid out in a similar manner to last year and was again lit throughout with electric lights by the Engineer Company.

Ten Cadets from the Victoria British School attended Camp during the last 3 days and attained a very fair degree of smartness at squad drill and semaphore signalling.

The Naval Rifle Range was kindly placed at the disposal of the Corps for the whole period of Camp so that most of the members of the Corps were able to carry out their class firing.

The Officers and Staff Sergeants shot their revolver course during Camp.

Instructors were kindly lent to the Corps by the C.E., C.R.A. and Officer Commanding 3rd Middlesex Regiment and all carried out their work well and tactfully.

All the Officers of the Corps present in the Colony attended Camp regularly throughout and greatly assisted in making it a success.

I have, &c,

ARTHUR CHAPMAN, *Major*,
Commandant, H.K. Volunteer Corps.

PROGRAMME FOR WORK IN CAMP, 1907.

OCTOBER, 1907. Saturday 19th .....	.....	.....	Camp opened 2 p.m.	5-15 p.m. Infantry Drill. All Units. E. Coy. Temporary E.L. Circuits.	Tents to be arranged according to the authorized pattern in Camp. N.C.O.s in charge of Subsections will be held responsible for this duty.
Sunday 20th .....	.....	10-45 a.m. Divine Service	12 Noon. Camp Inspection by Commandant.	.....	Engineer Coy. Musketry Practice during the day.
Monday 21st	No. 1 Co. H.K.V.A. No. 2 Co. H.K.V.A. H.K.V.E.	6 a.m. 15-Pr. Gun Drill, Officers to fall in as Gun numbers. 6 a.m. Maxim Gun Drill, Officers to fall in as Gun numbers. 6 a.m. Squad and Coy. Drill.	10 a.m. Gun Laying	4-45 p.m. 15-Pr. Gun Drill	Right Half No. 1 Co. Musketry Practice during the day.
Tuesday 22nd	No. 1 Co. H.K.V.A. No. 2 Co. H.K.V.A. H.K.V.E.	6 a.m. Maxim Gun Drill, Officers to fall in as Gun numbers. 6 a.m. 15-Pr. Gun Drill, Officers to fall in as Gun numbers. 6 a.m. Instruction by R.E. Instructors.....	10 a.m. Instruction in Ammunition, Fuze Setting, &c. Do. 10 a.m. Wiring E.L. & Cables.	4-45 p.m. Maxim Gun Drill	Left Half No. 1 Co. Musketry Practice during the day.
Wednesday 23rd..	No. 1 Co. H.K.V.A. No. 2 Co. H.K.V.A. H.K.V.E.	6 a.m. Maxim Gun Drill	10 a.m. Instructions by R.A. Instructors. 10 a.m. Command Telephones Communications. Testing Oils.	4-45 p.m. Maxim Gun Practice	Right Half No. 2 Co. Musketry Practice during the day.
Thursday 24th ...	No. 1 Co. H.K.V.A. No. 2 Co. H.K.V.A. H.K.V.E.	6 a.m. Maxim Gun Drill..... 7 a.m. 15-Pr. Gun Drill..... 6 a.m. 15-Pr. Gun Drill..... 7 a.m. Maxim Gun Drill..... 6 a.m. Instruction by R.E. Instructors.....	10 a.m. Gun Laying..... 10 a.m. Arc Lamps. Drawing pistons....	4-45 p.m. Lecture by Instructor in Gunnery, R.G.A. 5-30 p.m. E.L. Instructions. Theory of Oil Engines.	Left Half No. 2 Co. Musketry Practice during the day. 6 a.m. 4 Officers and the Staff Sergeants Revolver Practice.
Friday 25th	No. 1 Co. H.K.V.A. No. 2 Co. H.K.V.A. H.K.V.E.	6 a.m. Battery Drill and Fire Discipline, Firing Blank Cartridge. 6 a.m. Musketry Course.....	10 a.m. Makometer Range Finding and Gun Laying.	4-45 p.m. Battery Drill and Fire Discipline. 4-45 p.m. Musketry Course. ....	.....

Saturday 26th.....	No. 1 Co. H.K.V.A. } No. 2 Co. H.K.V.A. } H.K.V.E.	6 a.m. Battery Drill and Fire Discipline, Firing Blank Cartridge. 6 a.m. Adjustment of Lamps & Starting Engines. Musketry Course.	10 a.m. Gun Laying. 10 a.m. Musketry Course.	2 p.m. 15-Pr. B.L. Practice. 2 p.m. Musketry Course. ....	..... .....
Sunday 27th.....	No. 1 Co. H.K.V.A. } No. 2 Co. H.K.V.A. } H.K.V.E.	8-30 a.m. Divine Service.....	12 Noon. Camp Inspection by Commandant.	.....	Right Half No. 2 Co. Musketry Course during the day.
Monday 28th.....	No. 1 Co. H.K.V.A. } No. 2 Co. H.K.V.A. } H.K.V.E.	6 a.m. 15-Pr. B.L. Battery Drill and Fire Discipline. 6 a.m. E.L. Connections, etc.	10 a.m. Instruction by R.A. Instructors. 10 a.m. Instruction by R.E. Instructors. Testing Dynamos.	4-45 p.m. 15-Pr. B.L. Gun Drill. 4-45 p.m. Maxim Gun Drill. 5-30 p.m. Instruction by R.E. Instructors.	Left Half No. 2 Co. Musketry Course during the day.
Official Guest Night. Tuesday 29th.....	No. 1 Co. H.K.V.A. } No. 2 Co. H.K.V.A. } H.K.V.E.	6 a.m. Infantry Drill Marching Order..... Do.	10 a.m. Fuze Setting and Gun Laying. 10 a.m. Instruction by R.E. Instructors.	4-45 p.m. All Units Infantry Drill Rehearsal for King's Birthday Parade. 6-30 p.m. Working Defence E.L. ....	.....
Wednesday 30th.....	No. 1 Co. H.K.V.A. } No. 2 Co. H.K.V.A. } H.K.V.E.	6 a.m. Maxim Gun Drill..... 7 a.m. 15-Pr. Gun Drill 7 a.m. Maxim Gun Drill..... Instruction by R.E. Instructors.	10 a.m. Range Finding & Gun Laying. 10 a.m. Instruction by R.E. Instructors.	4-45 p.m. Battery Drill and Fire Discipline. 6-30 p.m. Working Defence E.L.	Right Half No. 1 Co. Musketry Course during the day. 6 a.m. 4 Officers and Staff Sergeants Revolver Practice.
Thursday 31st.....	No. 1 Co. H.K.V.A. } No. 2 Co. H.K.V.A. } H.K.V.E.	6 a.m. Battery Drill and Fire Discipline, Marching past with Guns, &c., &c. 6 a.m. Instruction by R.E. Instructors.....	10 a.m. Gun Laying. 10 a.m. Instruction R.E. Instructors Dis-mantling Projectors, Drawing Piston.	4-45 p.m. Fire Discipline. 6-30 p.m. Working Defence E.L.	Left Half No. 1 Co. Musketry Course during the day. Revolver Practice for Officers and Staff Sergeants.
NOVEMBER. Friday 1st.....	No. 1 Co. H.K.V.A. } No. 2 Co. H.K.V.A. } H.K.V.E.	6 a.m. Battery Drill and Fire Discipline, Marching past with Guns, &c., &c. 6 a.m. Instruction by R.E. Instructors.....	10 a.m. Fuze Setting and Gun Laying. 10 a.m. Instruction by R.E. Instructors.	4-45 p.m. Battery Drill and Fire Discipline. Firing Blank Cartridge. 5-30 p.m. Manning Defence Section	Nos. 1 & 2 Cos to complete Musketry Course.

<p>NOVEMBER. Saturday 2nd.....</p>	<p>No. 1 Co. H.K.V.A. / No. 2 Co. H.K.V.A. / H.K.V.E.</p>	<p>6 a.m. 15-Pr. Gun Drill and Fire Discipline. Firing Blank Cartridge. 6 a.m. General Instruction by R.E. Instructors.</p>	<p>10 a.m. Gun Laying. 10 a.m. Instruction by R.E. Instructors.</p>	<p>* 2-30 p.m. 15 R.L. and Maxim Practice for Inspection by C.R.A. * 2-30 p.m. Technical Examination by O./c E.L. & Tele.</p>	<p>* Every member of the Corps should be present at the 2-30 p.m. Parades.</p>
<p>Sunday 3rd</p>	<p>No. 1 Co. H.K.V.A. } No. 2 Co. H.K.V.A. } H.K.V.E.</p>	<p>7-30 a.m. Rehearsal for Ceremonial Parade. ...</p>	<p>9-15 a.m. Tent Inspection by Com- mandant. 10-15 a.m. Divine Service.....</p>	<p>Inspection by H.E. the G.O.C. after Church Parade.</p>	<p>.....</p>
<p>Monday 4th</p>	<p>All bedding, etc. to be returned to Quar- ter Master's Store. E.L. Store to be dis- mantled and re- turned.</p>	<p>.....</p>	<p>.....</p>	<p>.....</p>	<p>.....</p>

Camp struck and return to Hongkong.

Statement of expenditure incurred by the Hongkong Volunteer Corps during the Camp of Instruction at Stonecutters' Island from 19th October to 4th November, 1907.

CAMP SERVICES.

To Catering at Camp from 19th October to 4th November, ...	\$4,184.25
Fatigue party pitching Camp (H.K.S.B., R.G.A.),	} 31.75
Fatigue party striking Camp (H.K.S.B., R.G.A.),	
Range parties for gun practice,	64.50
Extra Instructors,	104.00
Naval Range Expenses,	70.70
Electric Light Sockets, etc.,	49.00
Coolies cleansing camp, etc.,	93.50
Coolies for water supply,	56.10
Coolies cutting grass,	45.10
Watchmen,	6.60
Scavenging: 16 days at \$3.50 each,	56.00
Erecting matsheds,	400.00
Disinfectants, etc.,	11.25
Medical Comforts,	34.88
Lamps, etc.,	14.40
	\$5,222.03

TRANSPORT AND COOLIE HIRE.

To Hiring Steam Launches for Routine and transport,	554.25
Cargo boats for camp equipment, etc.,	52.00
Hiring coolies for transporting equipment, stores, etc., to and from Stonecutters' Camp,	267.20
	\$873.45

MEDICAL REPORT ON THE CAMP AT STONECUTTERS' ISLAND, 1907.

The Commandant, H.K.V.C.

SIR,—The general health of the Camp this year was exceedingly good, especially when one considers the amount of wet weather experienced and the consequent continuous moist state of the ground.

What few accidents occurred were very trivial and resulted in small scratches and skin abrasions only.

There were no serious cases of Diarrhoea—a sickness which one almost expected to occur almost fairly frequently.

The most serious case was one of snake-bite, when Gunner ANDERSON suffered from a wound on the left foot. Owing to the prompt attention of Corporal KNOTT, R.A.M.C., the patient became quite well in a few days.

Three cases of fever occurred; one, distinctly malarial, made itself apparent too soon after the commencement of Camp to have been contracted on the island and was a recurrent attack of Malaria contracted in the New Territories previously.

Corporal KNOTT, R.A.M.C., was exceedingly attentive and performed his duties admirably.

I am, etc.,

J. W. HARTLEY,
Surgeon Lieutenant, H.K.V.C.

Appendix B.

HONGKONG, 7th January, 1908.

To:—The Commandant, H.K.V.C.

From:—Lieut. C. H. Ross, Commanding H.K.V. Troop.

Camp in New Territories, 1907.

SIR,—I have the honour to give you herewith a short report on the Volunteer Troop Camp, which was held from the 21st to the 26th December last.

Site.—The Camp was pitched on the same site as that selected in 1906, *viz.*, on the Southern slope of the hills at the North end of the Fanling valley, close to the village of Ho Sheung Heung and about one mile distant from Cheung Shui. The site is an excellent one for a small camp the ground being level and of a dry sandy composition, with a good stream of water alongside flowing direct from the hill top.

Weather.—The weather was good, some rain fell on the 24th and 25th December, but did not interfere with our work.

Tents.—Ten small tents and two E.P. tents were drawn from the Ordnance Store Department. The E.P. tents were joined together and used as a mess tent. An ample supply of tent-pegs was provided this year, and though we had some strong wind none of the tents were blown down.

Stabling.—A temporary matshed stable was erected for our ponies, it was an improvement on that put up last year.

Transport of ponies across Harbour.—The Army Service Corps being unable to provide a lighter on the 21st December, we transported our ponies to Kowloon by junk. On the return journey an Army Service Corps lighter was provided. I wish again to draw attention to the form of gangway which is provided for the purpose of connecting the lighter with the shore. Last year we were given simple planking about 2½ feet wide, which worked well except that by reason of its narrow width, the ponies were apt to slip a leg over its side,—this year high canvas sides have been added to the planks, and though possibly the arrangement may be excellent for trained animals, it certainly does not commend itself to the China pony. We had great difficulty in getting our ponies to face it, tired though they were after a 26 mile ride. One pony despite our efforts refused to enter and as the tide was falling had to be left behind and brought across later in a junk.

I would recommend a plain gangway about 5 to 6 feet in width, with raised edges say about 6 inches in height.

Attendance in Camp.—Owing to absence from the Colony, sickness, and other causes the attendance of members was ten less than last year.

Our present available strength in the Colony is 24. Of this number, 4 are married men who apparently cannot leave their families at Christmas time, 3 were sick, and 4 were unable to obtain leave of absence from their work. All remaining members attended Camp.

Work performed.—The march out to Camp (26 miles) was performed with two halts of about one hour each, in 7 hours; the return journey with only one halt taking just 6 hours.

I attach a map (which please return) showing the roads ridden or walked over by members during our Camp.

I would draw attention to one expedition, which I think was creditable work performed by two sections each under a N.C.O. working from opposite directions, *i.e.*, from the Camp to Sha-Ta-Kok and over the mountain along the frontier to the Samchun River, and back to Camp *via* Taku-Lin (Kong Ta Hau) Block House. The path over the mountain by the frontier is very steep, some 1,500 feet in height, the road being paved and in many places "stepped". The ride, about 24 miles, took 5½ hours in the case of the section working from the North, and 6½ hours for the section approaching the pass from the Southward.

I think the members, who have attended both the 1906 and 1907 camps, have now a very good knowledge of the frontier portion of the New Territories. The ponies stood the work well, and beyond a few falls off bridges and paddy bunds, we had no accidents. I have to report one case of sore back, and two ponies girthgalled, these were treated with the simple remedy of salt and water and were able to carry their owners back to Hongkong without further harm.

A farrier was in attendance, but his services were not required. Last year many of our ponies required re-shoeing or attendance of some kind, this year we covered more ground and theoretically more shoeing work should have been required. I can only ascribe this satisfactory state of affairs to the better weather we enjoyed this year, and consequent drier state of the ground with less suction on the ponies' shoes.

Saddlery.—I much regret to report that the leather of most of the bridles and headstalls at present in use, has perished.

Practically every bridle had to be repaired while in Camp, and though some of the breaks were no doubt due to careless handling on the part of the members, I think there is no doubt that the condition of these articles is not good. I would recommend that 40 new sets be ordered from India without delay.

I would also ask that a supply of stout straps for fastening blankets and overcoats to saddles be ordered at the same time; these last named articles we have hitherto procured ourselves locally, but they are not a success.

Field Firing.—On Christmas morning, the Troop was divided into two sections and field firing was carried on at small figure targets. The shooting was very fair.

Sentry Work.—Sentries were placed over the Camp from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Every man present in Camp thus performed from four to six hours sentry-work, during the five days we were out.

In conclusion I would mention that the Camp was pitched in a most satisfactory manner, two temporary bridges built and some roads made by Inspector HUDSON, who acts as our Instructor, and whose services were kindly lent to us by the Sanitary Authorities of Hongkong.

The Commissariat was attended to by Ying Kee who carried out his onerous duties to the satisfaction of all who were present.

I have, etc.,

C. H. Ross, Lieut.,
Commanding H.K. Vol. Troop.

REGULARS AND MILITIA.

REGIMENTAL MUSKETRY RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1908.

Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

RECRUITS, CAVALRY AND	}	Number who qualified during the year	<i>Nil.</i>	
INFANTRY		Number who failed to qualify	<i>Nil.</i>	
R.E., A.S.C., R.A.M.C. and Militia.	}	Number trained	<i>Nil.</i>	
		Averages:	Part I.	<i>Nil.</i>
			Part II.	<i>Nil.</i>

TRAINED SOLDIERS.

Squadron or Company.	Averages obtained in		Classification and Percentage.			
	Part I., Table B.	Part II., Table B.		Number.	Percentage.	
Staff.	117.8		Marksmen	65	36.72	
			1st Class Shots	43	24.29	
Right ½ No. 1 Coy. V.A.	90.3		2nd Class Shots	25	14.13	
			3rd Class Shots	44	24.86	
Left ½ No. 1 Coy. V.A.	91.25		Total Number Classified ...		177	
Right ½ No. 2 Coy. V.A.	98.74		Number of men exercised as far as possible, } <i>Nil.</i> but not classified }			
Left ½ No. 2 Coy. V.A.	97.18		(A.S.C. and A.O.C.—Number exercised) ...			<i>Nil.</i>
Regimental Totals.	494.28		Number of men who did not commence the course, but who should have been exercised under the Regulations ...	8	Remarks by the Commanding Officer as to the reason.	
Regimental Averages.	98.85				1 Sick, remainder Non-Efficient, and will be dealt with according to Regulations.	

Result of the repetition of the practices of Part I., Table B., by 3rd class shots.

Number of Men.	Standard reached.			
	Marksmen.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.
<i>Nil.</i>

Regimental Figure of Merit 98·85.

REPORT BY COMMANDING OFFICER.

(This should be a comprehensive report on all matters connected with the musketry training of his unit.)

The Volunteer Range is at Tai Hang which is very unpopular among the members owing to its inaccessibility.

The King's Park Range at Kowloon which is very handy is only available to a limited extent. Consequently as many members as possible had to be put through their course during Camp.

As Camp is held early in the drill season very little preliminary practice was possible.

This is the first time the Artillery Course has been fired by the Artillery Units.

The results are satisfactory.

Hongkong.

A. CHAPMAN, Lieut.-Col.,
Commanding Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

REMARKS BY THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING.

Nil.

REGULARS AND MILITIA.

REGIMENTAL MUSKETRY RETURN FOR THE YERR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1908.

Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

RECRUITS, CAVALRY AND	{ Number who qualified during the year... Number who failed to qualify ...	<i>Nil.</i>
INFANTRY		<i>Nil.</i>
R.E., A.S.C., R.A.M.C. and Militia.	Number trained <i>Nil.</i>	Averages: { Part I. <i>Nil.</i> Part II. <i>Nil.</i>

TRAINED SOLDIERS.

Squadron or Company.	Averages obtained in		Classification and Percentage.			
	Part I., Table B.	Part II., Table B.			Number.	Percentage.
Hongkong Vol. Troop	92·81	59·44	Marksmen		11	17·19
			1st Class Shots		17	26·56
			2nd Class Shots		13	20·31
			3rd Class Shots		23	35·94
Hongkong Vol. Engineer Company.	84·84	51·43	Total Number Classified ...		64	
			Number of men exercised as far as possible, } but not classified			<i>Nil.</i>
			(A.S.C. and A.O.C.—Number exercised) ...			<i>Nil.</i>
Regimental Totals.	177·65	110·87	Number of men who did not commence the course, but who should have been exercised under the Regulations ...	2	These men are Non-Efficient and will be dealt with according to Regulations.	
Regimental Averages.	88·82	55·43				

Result of the repetition of the practices of Part I., Table B., by 3rd class shots.

Number of Men.	Standard reached.			
	Marksmen.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.
<i>Nil.</i>

Machine Gun Course	}	Number of detachments trained during the year	<i>Nil.</i>
		Percentages obtained	<i>Nil.</i>
		Nature of Targets used	<i>Nil.</i>

REVOLVER PRACTICE.

First Year's Practice.		Subsequent Years' Practice.		Total of all Ranks Exercised.	Commanding Officer's Remarks as to the Standard of the Practice.
Numbers Exercised.		Numbers Exercised.			
Officers.	Wt. Officers, N. C. Officers, and Men.	Officers.	Wt. Officers, N. C. Officers, and Men.		
		1	1	2	Good.

AMMUNITION ACCOUNT.

(Not to be completed until the end of the Musketry year.)

Quantity authorised by Regulations to be drawn.		Quantity expended.	
	Rounds.		Rounds.
For :—		In :—	
—Recruits who commenced Table A., at — rounds per man		The practice of Table A.	
Repetition practices of — recruits who failed to qualify		Repetition practice for recruits	
62 Trained soldiers who commenced Table B., at 70 rounds per man	4,340	The practices of Table B., Parts I. and II.	4,480
2 Officers at 70 rounds each	140	The practices of Table B., Part III.	
Received in exchange for Aiming Tube Ammunition		The further training of 3rd class shots (para. 110)... ..	
For Machine Gun practice		The further training of recruits who fail in Table A. (para. 79)	
Total allowed		The testing of arms (paras. 52 & 301)	
On hand, 1st —		Competition for good-shooting badges (para. 176)	
Received from the Army Ordnance Department during the year		Practice by Company (para. 29)	
		Voluntary practice (para. 24)	
		Machine Gun practice	
		Remaining on hand on 1st —	
TOTAL	4,480	TOTAL	4,480

Regimental Figure of Merit 144.25.

REPORT BY COMMANDING OFFICER.

(This should be a comprehensive report on all matters connected with the musketry training of his unit.)

Troop.

This is the first year the Troop has fired the Engineer Course, and the results are satisfactory.

The Course was fired at King's Park Range.

Engineer Company.

See remarks on report of Artillery Units.

The average obtained is very fair considering the number of young soldiers in the Company.

It speaks well for the trouble taken by the Commanding Officer that only 2 men failed to fire the course.

Hongkong.

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REMARKS BY THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING.

Nil.