

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 316.

The following Regulations made by the Governor-in-Council under the provisions of the Volunteer Ordinance, 1893, on the 25th day of May, 1899, are published.

By Command.

J. G. T. BUCKLE,  
for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd June, 1899.

**Hongkong.***Regulations for the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.*

1. These Regulations may be cited for all purposes as the Hongkong Volunteer Corps Regulations, 1899. Short title.
- 2.—(1.) Terms which are defined in the Volunteer Ordinance, 1893, have the same meaning when used in these Regulations. Interpretation of terms. No. 6 of 1893.
- (2.) "The Commandant" includes the officer for the time being commanding the Corps.
3. The Corps shall be called "The Hongkong Volunteer Corps." Name of Corps.

*Constitution of Corps.*

4. The Corps is raised under the Volunteer Ordinance, 1893. It is subject to the provisions of that Ordinance and of any Ordinance amending it and also to all Regulations made under the authority of that Ordinance. Ordinance and Regulations. No. 6 of 1893.
- 5.—(1.) The Corps shall consist of five units as follows:— Composition.
- (a.) A Battery of Light Field Artillery;
- (b.) Three Machine Gun Companies; and
- (c.) An Engineer Company.
- (2.) A Band may be formed and maintained and shall consist of members of the units of the Corps. The Commandant may, with the approval of the Governor, make regulations for the government of the Band.
6. The object of the Corps is to aid the Regular Troops in the defence of the Colony against foreign attack and to assist the Government in the repression of local disturbances. Object.
7. In order to ensure a military character to the Corps, it will, with the consent of the General Officer Commanding the Troops for the time being, be administered by him, under the general control of the Governor. Military administration.
8. No person shall be eligible to become a member of the Corps unless he— Eligibility for membership.
- (1.) Is a British subject;
- (2.) Is not less than 18 years and not more than 50 years of age; and
- (3.) Is physically fit for military service, according to a standard for the time being fixed by the Commandant, with the approval of the Governor.
- 9.—(1.) No person shall be admitted as a member of the Corps except on the proposal of two members of the unit to which he seeks admission, and with the approval of the Commanding Officer of the unit and of the Commandant. Admission of member.

(2.) The names of the person proposed and his proposers shall be posted at Headquarters for not less than five days before the person proposed is admitted as a member of the Corps.

Obligation of member.

No. 6 of 1893.

First Schedule.

**10.** Every volunteer shall, on his admission as a member of the Corps or as soon afterwards as may be, in addition to taking the oath or making the declaration prescribed by the Volunteer Ordinance, 1893, sign the form of enrolment set forth in the First Schedule to these Regulations, and shall be bound thereby.

*Establishment of Corps.*

Establishment of staff, units, and Band. Second Schedule.

Recruiting of supernumeraries.

**11.** The establishment of the staff and units of the Corps and of the Band shall be as set forth in the Second Schedule to these Regulations.

**12.** Recruiting of supernumeraries for any unit will be permitted, so long as the total number fixed as the establishment of the Corps is not exceeded.

Appointment of staff and appointment and promotion of officers.

**13.**—(1.) The appointment of all members of the Staff is vested in the Governor.

(2.) Recommendations for the appointment and promotion of all officers of units will be submitted by the Commandant to the Governor through the General Officer Commanding the Troops for the time being.

Appointment of supernumerary officers.

**14.** Supernumerary officers may be appointed in any unit, but any such officers shall be absorbed into the establishment as soon as vacancies occur therein.

Notification of appointments and promotions of officers.

**15.** All appointments and promotions of officers shall be notified in *The Government Gazette* and shall take effect from the date of such notification or from such other date as may be mentioned therein.

Appointment and promotion of non-commissioned officers.

**16.**—(1.) Recommendations for the appointment and promotion of all non-commissioned officers of units will be submitted by the Commanding Officers of such units to the Commandant.

(2.) Promotion will be by seniority, tempered by selection, in each unit, and will be subject to the obtaining of the necessary certificate of qualification for promotion.

*Drill, Training, and Discipline.*

Drill season.

**17.** The drill season will extend from the 1st of October to the 31st of March in each year or a similar period at such other time of the year as may be found more suitable.

Parades, drills, etc.

**18.** The Commandant shall fix the time and place for parades, drills, and carbine practices.

Annual Inspection.

**19.**—(1.) The Annual Inspection will take place at the end of the drill season. It will be held by the General Officer Commanding the Troops for the time being or by a Field Officer (senior in rank to that of the Commandant) appointed by him for that purpose.

(2.) It shall be the duty of every member of the Corps to be present at the Annual Inspection unless he is specially excused by the Commandant or furnishes a medical certificate of sickness.

**20.** A Camp of Instruction shall be held in each year, at a place appointed by the Commandant, for the training of the Corps.

Camp of Instruction.

**21.** Classes will be held at convenient times in each year for the instruction of members desirous of obtaining certificates of qualification for promotion as non-commissioned officers.

Classes of instruction.

**22.** The members of the Field Battery shall be trained also to work moveable armament.

Extra training of Field Battery.

**23.** As prescribed by the Army Act, it will be the duty of the Commandant when he knows that any members of the Corps, when not on actual military service, are about to enter upon any service which will render them subject to military law, to provide for their being informed that they will become so subject and for their having an opportunity of abstaining from entering upon that service.

Subjection to military law.

#### *Equipment.*

**24.** All non-commissioned officers (except staff sergeants) and men shall be armed with carbines and bayonets.

Small arms.

**25.** The Government will supply arms and accoutrements for the use of the Corps.

Supply of arms and accoutrements.

**26.**—(1.) The uniform of the Field Battery shall be as stated in Part I of the Third Schedule to these Regulations.

Character of uniform. Third Schedule: Part I.

(2.) The uniform of the Machine Gun Companies shall be as stated in Part II of the Third Schedule to these Regulations.

Third Schedule: Part II.

(3.) The uniform of the Engineer Company shall be as stated in Part III of the Third Schedule to these Regulations.

Third Schedule: Part III.

**27.**—(1.) Officers will provide and maintain their own uniform and appointments, according to the scale laid down in the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations.

Providing of uniform.

(2.) Volunteers will be provided by the Corps with uniform in accordance with the scale laid down in the Third Schedule to these Regulations.

Third Schedule.

**28.**—(1.) Uniform shall be worn, when so ordered, at all parades, drills, and carbine practices.

Wearing of uniform.

(2.) Under no circumstances may articles of uniform be worn with plain clothes.

**29.** The Government will supply practice ammunition annually for the use of the Corps, in the proportion laid down in the Fifth Schedule to these Regulations.

Supply of practice ammunition. Fifth Schedule.

#### *Finance.*

**30.**—(1.) A capitation grant will be paid annually by the Government to the Commandant of twenty-five dollars for each member borne on the muster roll on the 1st of January or enrolled between that date and the 1st of October following.

Capitation, efficiency, and proficiency grants and allowances for Camp, Transport and Officer's outfit.

(2.) An efficiency grant will be paid annually by the Government to the Commandant of twenty-five dollars for each officer and for each volunteer who is certified to be efficient in the manner and in accordance with the conditions set forth in Part I of the Sixth Schedule to these Regulations.

Sixth Schedule: Part I.

(3.) A proficiency grant will be paid annually by the Government to the Commandant of twenty dollars for each member of ranks above and including that of Sergeant who is certified by the Commandant to be proficient.

(4.) An allowance will be paid annually by the Government to the Commandant of two dollars per caput per diem, for Camp expenses, for members attending a Camp of Instruction, for not less than three days and not more than eight days.

(5.) A transport allowance of one thousand dollars will be paid annually by the Government to the Commandant.

(6.) An efficiency grant will be paid annually by the Government to the Commandant of ten dollars for each member of the Reserve who is certified to be efficient in the manner and in accordance with the conditions set forth in Part V of the Sixth Schedule to these Regulations.

Sixth Schedule: Part II.

(7.) An allowance of not more than two-thirds of the total cost of outfit and in no case to exceed twenty pounds, or its equivalent in local currency, will be paid by the Government to each officer on first appointment towards the cost of his outfit. One-half of this allowance shall be paid on appointment and the other half on the gaining of a certificate of proficiency. Should an Officer fail to become proficient within twelve months from appointment he shall be liable to refund all or part of the allowance made to him, at the discretion of the Commandant. Should an Officer leave the Corps within two years of appointment, he shall be liable to refund all or part of the allowance made to him at the discretion of the Commandant.

Appropriation of Fund.

**31.** From the Fund formed under paragraphs (1.) to (6.), both inclusive, of the last preceding Regulation, the Commandant will defray the cost of the following supplies and services:—

- (1.) Supply of uniform to volunteers;
- (2.) Supply of practice ammunition, additional to that supplied by the Government;
- (3.) Payment of Instructors;
- (4.) Hire of transport for parade, camp, or other purposes;
- (5.) Custody, care, and repair of arms and equipment;
- (6.) Custody of stores;
- (7.) Upkeep of rifle ranges; and
- (8.) All other expenses connected with the maintenance of the Corps in a state of efficiency and not otherwise specially provided for.

Liability to refund capitation grant in certain case.

**32.** In the event of a volunteer or member of the Reserve for whom the capitation grant has been paid leaving the Corps, under circumstances not deemed by the Governor to be satisfactory, before the expiration of six months after such payment, the Corps will be liable to refund to the Government a proportionate part of such grant.

Liability of member to make good loss to Corps.

**33.** A volunteer or member of the Reserve who causes loss to the funds of the Corps by failing to obtain in any year a certificate of efficiency, or from any other avoidable cause, will be liable to make good the same.

*The Reserve.*

**34.**—(1.) There shall be a Reserve of mem- Reserve of members.  
bers which shall be composed of the persons  
hereinafter mentioned.

(2.) The Governor may from time to time fix the strength of the Reserve as compared with the strength of the Corps.

**35.** Any member of the Corps who has ob- Right of certain members to pass into Reserve.  
tained five annual certificates of efficiency may, if he desires it, pass into the Reserve, provided that the strength of his unit is maintained and that the strength of the Reserve is not exceeded.

**36.** Members of the Corps and other persons Other members of Reserve.  
duly qualified as mentioned in Regulation 8 who, through pressure of business or other good cause, cannot afford the time to continue or to become active members, may be permitted to join the Reserve, but subject to the proviso contained in the last preceding Regulation.

**37.** An officer or non-commissioned officer Retention of rank in Reserve.  
who wishes to retain his rank on passing into the Reserve must have served for three years in that rank.

**38.** The uniform required to be kept by a Uniform of member of Reserve.  
member of the Reserve shall be of such pattern and with such distinguishing mark as may for the time being be approved by the Commandant.

**39.** Every member of the Reserve shall be Liability of members of Reserve, No. 6 of 1893.  
subject to the provisions of the Volunteer Ordinance, 1893, with respect to the calling out of the Corps for actual military service, and also to the provisions of these Regulations with respect to the efficiency grant for members of the Reserve.

*Miscellaneous Matters.*

**40.** The Government will provide and main- Providing of premises.  
tain suitable premises for the use of the Corps.

**41.**—(1.) The following books shall be kept Books and returns.  
by the Adjutant and Quartermaster, under the supervision of the Commandant:—

- (a.) Muster Roll;
- (b.) Roll of Members of the Reserve;
- (c.) Record of Attendance at Parades, Drills, and Gun and Carbine Practices;
- (d.) Diary of Adjutant's Instruction; and
- (e.) Account of Receipts and Expenditure.

(2.) Periodical returns and reports shall be Seventh Schedule.  
rendered by the Commandant as set forth in the Seventh Schedule to these Regulations.

*Made by the Governor-in-Council under section 12 of the Volunteer Ordinance, 1893, on the 25th day of May, 1899.*

J. G. T. BUCKLE,  
*Clerk of the Executive Council.*

## SCHEDULES.

## THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

FORM OF ENROLMENT OF VOLUNTEER. Regulation 10.

I, A. B., being desirous of becoming an active member of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps and having been duly admitted thereto, do hereby engage to be bound by any

authorized rules and regulations which may now be in force in the Corps or which may be brought into force during my period of service.

Dated this            day of            1            .

(Signed)            *A. B.*

Witness :

Regulation  
11.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE.  
ESTABLISHMENT OF CORPS.

STAFF—

Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant . . . . .	1
Adjutant and Quartermaster . . . . .	1
Surgeons . . . . .	2
Corps Quartermaster Sergeant . . . . .	1
Total staff . . . . .	5

(1.) FIELD BATTERY—

Major . . . . .	1
Captain . . . . .	1
Lieutenants . . . . .	3
Total officers . . . . .	5

Battery Sergeant-Major . . . . .	1
Battery Quartermaster-Sergeant . . . . .	1
Sergeants . . . . .	6
Total sergeants . . . . .	8

Trumpeters . . . . .	2
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Corporals . . . . .	6
Bombardiers . . . . .	6
Wheeler . . . . .	1
Carriage-smith . . . . .	1
Gunners . . . . .	82

Total rank and file . . . . . 96

Total all ranks . . . . . 111

(2.) MACHINE GUN COMPANIES, the strength being equally divided between the three Companies—

Captains . . . . .	3
Lieutenants . . . . .	6
Total officers . . . . .	9

Company Sergeant-Majors . . . . .	3
Sergeants . . . . .	12
Total sergeants . . . . .	15

Trumpeters . . . . .	8
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Corporals . . . . .	12
Bombardiers . . . . .	12
Gunners . . . . .	120

Total rank and file . . . . . 144

Total all ranks . . . . . 171

(3.) ENGINEER COMPANY—

Lieutenant . . . . .	1
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Sergeants . . . . .	2
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Corporals . . . . .	2
Sappers . . . . .	25

Total rank and file . . . . . 27

Total all ranks . . . . . 30

Grand total all ranks . . . . . 317

BAND—

Sergeant-Drummer . . . . .	1
Corporals . . . . .	2
Drummers, Fifers, etc. . . . .	20

## THE THIRD SCHEDULE.

Regulation  
26.

## UNIFORM.

## PART I.

## FIELD BATTERY.

ARTICLES.	No.	REMARKS.
Helmet and Fittings, White and Khaki .....	1	{ White and Khaki Puggaree.
Cloth Field Service Cap .....	1	
Cloth Frock and Trousers.....	1 suit.	{ Artillery Pattern, as for English Volunteers.
Khaki Drill Frock and Trousers...	2 suits.	
Cape .....	1	
Blue Putties .....	2 pairs.	

## PART II.

## MACHINE GUN COMPANIES.

ARTICLES.	No.	REMARKS.
Helmet and Fittings, Khaki .....	1	Khaki Puggaree.
Field Service Cap .....	1	
Serge Frock and Trousers .....	1 suit.	
Khaki Drill Frock and Trousers...	2 suits.	
Cape .....	1	
Khaki Putties .....	2 pairs.	

## PART III.

## ENGINEER COMPANY.

ARTICLES.	No.	REMARKS.
Helmet and Fittings, White and Khaki .....	1	{ White and Khaki Puggaree.
Cloth Field Service Cap .....	1	
Cloth Frock and Trousers.....	1 suit.	{ Engineer Pattern, as for English Volunteers.
Khaki Drill Frock and Trousers...	2 suits.	
Cape .....	1	
Khaki Putties.....	2 pairs.	

## THE FOURTH SCHEDULE.

## UNIFORM TO BE PROVIDED AND KEPT BY OFFICERS.

Regulation  
27.

ARTICLES.	No.	REMARKS.
Helmet and Fittings, White and Khaki .....	1	{ White and Khaki Puggaree.
Cloth Field Service Cap ..	1	
Forage Cap.....	1	
Serge Frock and Trousers.....	1 suit.	
Khaki Drill Frock and Trousers...	2 suits.	
Great Coat .....	1	
Cape .....	1	
Putties.....	2 pairs.	
Summer Mess Suit.....	1	
Lace Overalls .....	1 pair.	
Badges of rank, Buttons, and Shoulder Badges.....	1 set.	
Sword .....	1	
Sword Knots .....	3	
White Waist Belt and Slings ....	1	
Cross Belt and Pouch .....	1	
Sam Browne Equipment .....	1 set.	

*N.B.*—Officers of a Machine Gun Company will not keep White Helmet, etc.

Regulation  
29.

THE FIFTH SCHEDULE.

PRACTICE AMMUNITION.

PART I.

SMALL ARM AMMUNITION.

ROUNDS.		REMARKS.
Ball.	Blank.	
20	10	Per each efficient—to be expended under the orders of the Commandant.
5	...	For each efficient for match shooting.
50	...	For each efficient to enable Commandant to supply ammunition at a reduced rate.

PART II.

GUN AMMUNITION.

GUN.	ROUNDS.		REMARKS.
	Projectiles.	Charges (Service).	
Q. F. or other Gun.	70	70	Per Battery—to be expended under the orders of the Commandant.
7 pr. or other Gun.	150	150	For instructional purposes.
Do.	...	50	

PART III.

MACHINE GUN AMMUNITION.

ROUNDS.		REMARKS.
Ball.	Blank.	
1,500	...	Per each effective Gun—to be expended under the orders of the Commandant.

Regulation  
30.

THE SIXTH SCHEDULE.

CONDITIONS OF EFFICIENCY.

PART I.

FOR VOLUNTEER.

A Volunteer, in order to be reckoned as an "efficient" under Regulation 30, must be present at the Annual Inspection of the Corps unless enrolled subsequently to the date of Inspection or absent on leave specially granted by the Commandant, or through sickness duly certified, and must obtain a certificate of efficiency according to the following form, except that, in the case of a member of the Engineer Company, reference to gun drill, etc., shall be omitted:—

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF EFFICIENCY.

I hereby certify—

(1.) That *A. B.*, No. \_\_\_\_\_ was duly enrolled in the Muster Roll of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps on the day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ and is actually a member of the Corps on this date.



- (2.) That he attended during the twelve months ending on the day of 1 the number of drills as shown below, ordered by the Commandant; each of such drills being of not less than one hour's duration.
- (3.) That he possesses a competent knowledge of squad and company drill, the manual and firing exercises, and gun drill.
- (4.) That he attended the gun practice of his Battery [or Company] and possesses a competent knowledge of the general duties of a gunner.
- (5.) That he was present at [or absent from stating circumstances] the last Annual Inspection of the Corps.

(Signed.) *Lieut.-Colonel,*  
*Commandant.*

HEAD QUARTERS,  
HONGKONG, April, 1

PART II.

FIELD BATTERY.

	NUMBER OF DRILLS.		
	Squad, Company, Musketry, and Inspection.	Gun Drills and Gun Practice.	Total.
Recruit and Trained Volunteer, 1st and 2nd year's service .....	10	20	30
Trained Volunteer, 3rd and subsequent year's service )	6	9	15

PART III.

MACHINE GUN COMPANIES.

	NUMBER OF DRILLS.		
	Squad, Company, Musketry, and Inspection.	Gun Drills and Gun Practice.	Total.
Recruit and Trained Volunteer, 1st and 2nd year's service .....	10	20	30
Trained Volunteer, 3rd and subsequent year's service )	6	9	15

PART IV.

ENGINEER COMPANY.

	NUMBER OF DRILLS.		
	Squad, Company, Musketry, and Inspection.	Electric Works.	Total.
Recruit .....	14	16	30
Trained Volunteer .....	8	10	18

## PART V.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE.

*Form of Certificate of Efficiency.*

I hereby certify—

- (1.) That *A. B.*, No.        was duly enrolled in the Muster Roll of the Reserve of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps on the        day of        1       , and is actually a member of the Reserve on this date.
- (2.) That during the twelve months ending on the day of        1       , he attended
- (3.) That he was present [*or absent from stating circumstances*] the last Annual Inspection of the Corps.
- (4.) That he is possessed of a suit of service uniform.

(Signed.) *Lieut.-Colonel,*  
*Commandant.*HEAD QUARTERS,  
HONGKONG,        April, 1       .Regulation  
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## THE SEVENTH SCHEDULE.

## RETURNS AND REPORTS.

The following Returns and Reports will be rendered by the Commandant, on the dates shown, to the General Officer Commanding or to such Officer as he may appoint:—

No.	Nature of Return.	When Due.	Remarks.
1	Annual Return of Corps..	1st January.	For Transmission to the Governor.
2	Return of Guns, Arms, Accoutrements, etc.....	Do.	Do.
3	Annual Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure	15th January.	Do.
4	Inspection Return .....	After Annual Inspection.	Do.
5	Nominal Roll of Efficient	To accompany Annual Training Report.	Do.
6	Report on Gun and Musketry Practices .. .....	Do.	Do.
7	Report on Revolver Practice .....	Do.	Do.
8	State of Corps .....	Do.	Do.
9	Monthly Return .....	1st of each month.	Do.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 317.

The following Report of the Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department for 1898 is published.

By Command,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd June, 1899.

*J. G. T. BUCKLE,*  
*for the Colonial Secretary.*

No. 24.

BOTANICAL AND AFFORESTATION DEPARTMENT,  
HONGKONG, 13th May, 1899.

Sir,—I have the honour to submit the usual annual Returns and my Report on the work of this department for 1898.

## STAFF.

2. The Assistant Superintendent was absent on leave from February 19th, 1898, to February 17th, 1899, during which time I performed his duties (in addition to my own) without remuneration.

3. The first clerk, HUI WA, was detected of embezzlement and he absconded in June; in November he was apprehended, convicted, and sentenced to imprisonment. He was succeeded by the second clerk, Mr. WONG KWONG-MING, whose place was filled by Mr. WONG LUN-I.

4. The Head Forester, Mr. LOA QUAI, resigned on April 15th in order to commence business on his own account. He was succeeded by the second forester, Mr. SUEN TUNG. Both these men had been trained from boys in the department.

5. There was an aggregate of 380 days sickness amongst the Chinese staff of 53. Leave of a few days each was granted to 30 of the men.