

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 689.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Captain E. G. WAYMOUTH, Royal Artillery, to be Adjutant to the Hongkong Volunteer Corps during the absence on leave of Captain W. ST. C. BLAND, R.A., or until further notice, with effect from the 23rd instant.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th December, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 690.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise CESAR MONTORIO as in charge of the Spanish Consulate during the absence from the Colony of A. SPAGNOLO or until further notice.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th December, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 691.

Notice is hereby given that Messrs. FELTEN & GUILLEAUME, of Mülheim-on-the-Rhine, Germany, have complied with the requirements of Ordinance 18 of 1898, for the registration in this Colony of their Mark as applied to Wire covered with India-Rubber or Gutta-percha; wire fencing, wire sieves and articles of wire gauze not included in other classes; wire, steel wire, iron wire, telegraph wire, wire for telegraph cables and spelter; cordage, rope and twine, in Classes 40, 13, 5 and 50; and that the same has been duly registered.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th December, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 692.

The following Report on the Hongkong Volunteer Corps Camp of Instruction for 1899 is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th December, 1899.

VOLUNTEER HEAD QUARTERS,
VICTORIA, HONGKONG, 16th November, 1899.

*From the Commandant, Hongkong Volunteer Corps, to the D. A. A. General (a)
and C. S. Officer, China.*

SIR,

With reference to your memo. dated 9th November, 1899, I have the honour to forward the following report:—

1. Numbers—Out of a total strength of 24 Officers, 282 N. C. Officers and Men, and 11 unenrolled Boys, 21 Officers, 241 N. C. Officers and Men, and 10 Boys attended the Camp of Instruction, for periods varying from 1 to 10 days, between the dates 20th to 30th October, 1899.

Conduct.—The behaviour in Camp was all that could be desired. The attendance at drills was good throughout, and thorough attention paid to the instruction given.

The course of drills carried out was as shewn on attached printed schedule.

The shooting of the Field Battery was good and great attention was paid to fire discipline which shewed a marked improvement towards the end of the Camp.

In the Machine Gun Companies as much time as possible was devoted to Gun drill and Fire discipline. Gun practices were held on three separate occasions with instructions in clearing jams, &c.

"A" Machine Gun Company shot well and shewed a good knowledge of fire discipline.

In the Competition at the end of the course held at Lai-Chi-Kok on Saturday, the 28th October, the following marks were obtained. The target consisted of 33 targets of varying sizes representing a column advancing with its front covered by skirmishers. Range about 950 yards.

"A" COMPANY.

Targets hit.....	24
Hits on Targets.....	162
Marks for Fire discipline	40 out of 50

"B" COMPANY.

Targets hit.....	23
Hits on Targets.....	145
Marks for Fire discipline	25 out of 50

"C" COMPANY.

Targets hit.....	15
Hits on Targets.....	128
Fire discipline	25 out of 50

From the above it will be seen that "A" Company proved itself the best at Shooting and Fire discipline, but I consider that "B" and "C" Companies also did extremely well taking into consideration that they have only been formed during the last 6 months.

These two Companies shew the greatest interest in their work and I have small doubt but that in the course of the next year they will be on an equal footing with "A" Company.

Infantry.—The Infantry Company being rather few in numbers were combined for drill purposes with the "E" Engineer Company, which is similarly armed with rifles. I consider that the Infantry Company will in the course of the next year become a most efficient Unit. They are under the instruction of a very able Non-Commissioned Officer from the Royal Welch Fusiliers and shew the greatest interest and keenness in their work. A large number of the men of this Company are old Volunteers having served in Volunteer Battalions in England and elsewhere.

The report on the Technical Instruction of the "E" Engineer Company has already been made by Lieut. BAGNALL-WILDE, R.E. A copy is attached.

As already mentioned they were instructed in their duties as Infantry with "D" Company and were most assiduous and painstaking. They shewed a most marked improvement by the end of the course.

A Recruits' Course of Musketry was carried out by all Units, but owing to the small amount of S. A. Ammunition allowed to the Corps in Part I. Schedule 15, of the Volunteer Regulations, a further course could not be carried out. I would suggest that the allowance of S. A. Ammunition should be in future provided on the following scale :—

Per Recruit	28 rounds
Per Efficient	75 rounds

This does not alter the present rate per Efficient, but is merely asking for an allowance for Recruits, there being no such provision at present.

On the 26th October a night attack was made on the Camp at Stonecutters' and afforded the Officers and Men very useful instruction. I attach a report from Major A. Chapman, O. C. Field Battery.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

M. M. MORRIS, Major, R.A.,
Acting Commandant,
Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PARADES WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE DURING CAMP AND WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO:—

Date	Units	Activities	Time	Notes
October, 1899.				
20th, Friday			Camp opened, 5 p.m.
21st, Saturday	Field Battery,	6.15 a.m. Standing Gun Drill; Recruits Musketry.		9 a.m. Laying and Fuze Boring; Recruits, Musketry. 9 a.m. Belt filling and Lecture. 9 a.m. Belt filling and Lecture. 9 a.m. Belt filling and Lecture. 9 a.m. Lecture and Arm Drill. 9 a.m. Lecture and Arm Drill.
	"A" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Company and Carbine Drill.		
	"B" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Company and Carbine Drill.		
	"C" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Company and Carbine Drill.		
	"D" Infantry Co.,	6.15 a.m. Company Drill.		
22nd, Sunday	"E" Engineer Co.,	6.15 a.m. Squad Drill.		Church Parade for all Units at 11.30 a.m. by the Church of England Chaplain.
	Field Battery,	6.15 a.m. Squad and Company; Recruits, Gun Drill.		
	"A" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Musketry Instruction, Blank Ammunition; Recruits, Musketry.		
	"B" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Musketry Instruction, Blank Ammunition.		
	"C" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Musketry Instruction, Blank Ammunition.		
23rd, Monday	"D" Infantry Co.,	6.15 a.m. Extended order practice.		9 a.m. Laying and Fuze Boring. 9 a.m. Company Drill. 9 a.m. Musketry Drill. 9 a.m. Company Drill. 9 a.m. Saluting with and without arms. 9 a.m. Saluting with and without arms.
	"E" Engineer Co.,	6.15 a.m. Arm Drill.		
	Field Battery,	6.15 a.m. Battery Drill.		
	"A" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Gun Drill.		
	"B" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Musketry, Right $\frac{1}{2}$ Co.; Carbine Drill, left $\frac{1}{2}$ Co.		
24th, Tuesday	"C" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Gun Drill.		9 a.m. Laying and Fuze Boring. 9 a.m. Laying and Lecture on Fire Discipline. 9 a.m. Laying and Lecture on Fire Discipline. 9 a.m. Musketry. 9 a.m. Lecture and Arm Drill. 9 a.m. Lecture and Arm Drill.
	"D" Infantry Co.,	6.15 a.m. Attack practice.		
	"E" Engineer Co.,	6.15 a.m. Attack practice.		
	Field Battery,	6.15 a.m. Standing Gun Drill and Fire Discipline.		
	"A" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Company and Carbine Drill.		
25th, Wednesday	"B" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Company and Carbine Drill.		9 a.m. Instruction in Ammunition. 9 a.m. Filling belts and lecture. 9 a.m. Filling belts and lecture. 9 a.m. Filling belts and lecture. 9 a.m. Musketry. 9 a.m. Musketry.
	"C" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Company and Carbine Drill.		
	"D" Infantry Co.,	6.15 a.m. Musketry, Right $\frac{1}{2}$ Co.; Carbine Drill, Left $\frac{1}{2}$ Co.		
	"E" Engineer Co.,	6.15 a.m. Musketry Instruction.		
	Field Battery,	6.15 a.m. Musketry Instruction.		
	"A" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Laying and Fuze Boring; Recruits, Gun Drill.		3.30 p.m., 7-Pr. and Machine Gun Practice at Barrel and Square Targets Anchored, from S. C. Island, East shore (Infantry and Engineer Companies as escort to Guns).
	"B" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Gun Drill (under Adjutant).		
	"C" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Gun Drill (under Adjutant).		
	"D" Infantry Co.,	6.15 a.m. Gun Drill (under Adjutant).		
	"E" Engineer Co.,	6.15 a.m. Musketry.		

5.15 p.m. Fatigue Drill, all Units.
3 p.m. Gun Drill and Fire Discipline; Recruits, Musketry.
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3 p.m. Musketry Instruction.
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9.00 a.m. Laying and Fuze Boring; Recruits, Gun Drill.
10.30 a.m. Belt filling, Lecture & Gun laying.
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4.30 p.m. Company and Carbine Drill; Recruits, Gun Drill.
4.30 p.m. Gun Drill.
4.30 p.m. Carbine Drill, right $\frac{1}{2}$ Company; Musketry, left $\frac{1}{2}$ Company.
4.30 p.m. Gun Drill.
4.30 p.m. Company Drill.
4.30 p.m. Battery Drill.
4.30 p.m. Gun Drill, without limbers.
4.30 p.m. Gun Drill, without limbers.
4.30 p.m. Gun Drill, without limbers, right $\frac{1}{2}$ Co.; Musketry, left $\frac{1}{2}$ Company.
4.30 p.m. Outpost duties.
4.30 p.m. Outpost duties.

PARADES,—Continued.

26th, Thursday,	Field Battery,	6.15 a.m. Right $\frac{1}{2}$ Battery, Musketry; Recruits, Gun Drill.	9 a.m. Musketry Instruction.	2.30 to 6 p.m. Musketry.
	"A" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Company Drill.	9 a.m. Gun Laying and Lecture on Fire Discipline.	4.30 p.m. Gun Drill (Replacing Casualties and damaged Equipment); Recruits, Gun Drill.
	"B" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Company Drill.	9 a.m. Gun Laying and Lecture on Fire Discipline.	4.30 p.m. Gun Drill (Replacing Casualties and damaged Equipment).
	"C" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Company Drill.	9 a.m. Gun Laying and Lecture on Fire Discipline.	4.30 p.m. Gun Drill (Replacing Casualties and damaged Equipment).
	"D" Infantry Co.,	6.15 a.m. Company Drill.	9 a.m. Lecture.	4.30 p.m. Arm Drill.
27th, Friday,	"E" Engineer Co.,	6.15 a.m. Company Drill.	9 a.m. Lecture.	4.30 p.m. Arm Drill.
	Field Battery,	6.15 a.m. Gun Drill and Fire Discipline.	9 a.m. Laying and Fuze Boring; Instruction in Ammunition.	4.30 p.m. Battery Drill.
	"A" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Musketry, Right $\frac{1}{2}$ Co.; Musketry Instruction, Left $\frac{1}{2}$ Co.	9 a.m. Musketry.	3.00 p.m. Musketry, Left $\frac{1}{2}$ Co.; Musketry Instruction, Right $\frac{1}{2}$ Co.
	"B" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Gun Drill without limbers.	9 a.m. Squad and Carbine Drill.	4.30 p.m. Gun Drill without limbers.
	"C" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Gun Drill without limbers.	9 a.m. Squad and Carbine Drill.	4.30 p.m. Gun Drill without limbers.
28th, Saturday,	"D" Infantry Co.,	6.15 a.m. Company Drill.	9 a.m. Arm Drill.	4.30 p.m. Extended Order and Attack Practice.
	"E" Engineer Co.,	6.15 a.m. Company Drill.	9 a.m. Arm Drill.	4.30 p.m. Extended Order and Attack Practice.
	Field Battery,	6.15 a.m. Laying—Laying Examination in Fuze Boring, Instruction in Ammunition and Equipment.	9 a.m. Fatigues on Targets.	2.30 p.m. 7-Pounder and Machine Gun Practice from Lai-Chi-Kok.
	"A" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Gun Drill without limbers.	9 a.m. Fatigues on Targets.	2.30 p.m. Musketry.
	"B" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Gun Drill without limbers.	9 a.m. Fatigues on Targets.	2.30 p.m. Musketry.
29th, Sunday,	"C" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Gun Drill without limbers.	9 a.m. Fatigues on Targets.	10.30 a.m. Commandant's Inspection of Corps.
	"D" Infantry Co.,	6.15 a.m. Musketry.	9 a.m. Musketry.	
	"E" Engineer Co.,	6.15 a.m. Musketry.	9 a.m. Musketry.	
	Field Battery,	6.15 a.m. Examination of Gun Layers; Company and Carbine Drill.	Church Parade for all Units at 7.45 a.m. by the Presbyterian Chaplain.	
	"A" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Company and Carbine Drill.		
30th, Monday,	"B" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Company and Carbine Drill.		
	"C" Mach. Gun Co.,	6.15 a.m. Company and Carbine Drill.		
	"D" Infantry Co.,	6.15 a.m. Musketry.		
	"E" Engineer Co.,	6.15 a.m. Musketry.		
	Field Battery,	6.15 a.m. Return all Bedding, &c., to Qr.-Mr.'s Store.	Camp struck and return to Hongkong 8.30 a.m.	

NOTE:—There will be Gun or other Drills in the Morning and Band practice in the Evening for the Band, as published in orders daily.

HONGKONG.—REPORT ON HONGKONG ENGINEER VOLUNTEER COMPANY.

From Lieut. Bagnall-Wilde, R.E., to O.C.S.M., Hongkong.

HONGKONG, 30th October, 1899.

SIR,

With reference to your memo. *re* the Hongkong Engineer Volunteers, I report as follows:—

Classification.	Number Enrolled.	Number of Attendances.	Number of Practices.	Average per-centage of Attendances.	Number Qualified.	Remarks.
Engine Drivers,	10	144	19	75.8 %	All	{ Including one Officer. One man commenced on the 5th practice.
Electricians,	10	91	19	47.9 %	7	{ One man never attended at all. One man commenced on the 9th practice.

All those in this table marked as qualified are capable of taking charge and working any portion of the defence lights under the supervision of one R.E. Non-Commissioned Officer who would be in charge of one section.

The course has consisted of practice in running the lights and in lectures on the principles of working.

The Engine Drivers are by far the best all round.

Lieutenant MITCHELL has been through a course of Engine Driving and has had practice in directing the lights from O.C.S.M.'s Station. He will also be put through a course of Electric Lighting.

The 2 Non-Commissioned Officers (Sergeant GRAHAM, Electrician, and Corporal WARWICK, Engine Driver) have done very well, and I have the highest opinion of them in every way.

At present no qualification reports have been issued. It is proposed to do this shortly.

After a man is qualified he will have to attend, if an Electrician, 1 practice every 2 months, if an Engine Driver, 1 practice every 6 months.

As a Company, I think that they will be invaluable to us on mobilization as we shall be able to depend on them for reliefs on the Electric Light work.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. BAGNALL-WILDE, Lieut., R.E.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

HEAD QUARTERS,
14th November, 1899.

Major M. M. MORRIS, R.A.,
*Acting Commandant,
Hongkong Volunteer Corps.*

SIR,

I have the honour to report on the work of the Field Battery during the recent Camp of Instruction at Stonecutters' Island.

2. The Camp opened at 5 p.m. on Friday, October 20th, and closed at 8.30 a.m. on Monday, October 30th.

3. I attach a statement of the various drills and parades during the Camp.

4. Gun practices took place on Wednesday, 25th, from Stonecutters' over a Sea range, and Saturday, 28th, over a Land range from a point near the old Customs Station at Lai-Chi-Kok.

5. Instruction in gun-laying was given daily, and evoked great interest and much competition. A very marked improvement has latterly taken place in laying, the excellent results of the course of instruction were to be observed at the practice on 28th when the laying could hardly have been better. Six additional men qualified as gun-layers during the Camp.

6. The Battery formed part of the defence during the attack on Stonecutters' Island and the Mine Fields on the 26th, and displayed great keenness in the operations, and intelligence in carrying out the various orders.

7. During the very limited time set apart for the Battery, 33 men were put through the Recruit's Course of Musketry.

8. The attendance was exceedingly good ; out of a total strength of 95 of all ranks, no less than 87 were present in Camp for periods varying from 3 to 10 days.

9. The average daily attendance was 60.

10. The conduct of the Battery was excellent.

11. I wish to record the indebtedness of the Battery to the Adjutant, Captain Bland, R.A. It was principally due to that Officer's example and his untiring energy that the success of the Camp was assured.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

ARTHUR CHAPMAN, Major,
Officer Commanding Field Battery,
Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 693.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 6th December, 1899.

NOTICE.

On and after the 1st day of January, 1900, the postage on Parcels posted in the Colony to the United Kingdom will be as follows:—

- For a parcel not exceeding 3 lbs. in weight,50 cents.
- For a parcel over 3 lbs., but not exceeding 7 lbs. in weight,.....\$1.00.
- For a parcel over 7 lbs., but not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight, ...\$1.50.

WM. C. H. HASTINGS,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 6th December, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 694.

The following addition to the Register of Medical and Surgical Practitioners qualified to practise Medicine and Surgery in this Colony, pursuant to Ordinances 6 of 1884 and 4 of 1893, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th December, 1899.

PERSONS QUALIFIED TO PRACTISE MEDICINE AND SURGERY.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	NATURE OF QUALIFICATION.	DATE OF QUALIFICATION.
Santos, Isidoro de	2, Lower Castle Road.	Doctor of Medicine and Surgery of the Central University of Madrid and Licentiate in Medicine of the University of Barcelona.	30th June, 1893.