

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 694.

The following Regulations are published.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th November, 1902.

Hongkong.

Regulations for the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

1. These Regulations may be cited for all purposes as the Hongkong Volunteer Short title.
Regulations, 1902.

2. In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpretation of
terms. No. 6 1893.

“The Corps” means the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

“The General Officer Commanding the Troops” includes the Senior Officer for the time being commanding the Troops.

Terms which are defined in the Volunteer Ordinance, 1893, have the same meaning when used in these Regulations.

“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 Ordinance and
Regulations. No. 6
of 1893. provisions of that Ordinance and of any Ordinance amending it and also to all Regulations made under the authority of that Ordinance.

5.—(1.) The Corps shall consist of three units and a Band as follows:—

Composition.

(a.) Two Garrison Artillery Companies.

(b.) An Engineer Company.

(c.) A Band.

(2.) The Commandant may, with the approval of the Governor, establish one or Cadet Companies. more Cadet Companies in connexion with the Corps; any such Company shall, as regards its establishment, administration and government, be subject to such regulations as the Commandant may make with the approval of the Governor.

6. The object of the Corps is to aid the Regular Troops in the defence of the Object. Colony against foreign attack and to assist the Government in the repression of local disturbances.

7. In order to ensure a military character to the Corps, it will, with the consent of Military
administration. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, be administered by him, under the general control of the Governor.

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 pro- Admission of
member. posal 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.

(2.) The names of the person proposed and his proposers shall be posted at Head Quarters for not less than 5 days before the person proposed is admitted as a member of the Corps.

10. Every volunteer shall, on his admission as a member of the Corps or as soon Obligation of
member. 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 No. 6 of 1893:
First Schedule. First Schedule to these Regulations, and shall be bound thereby.

ESTABLISHMENT OF CORPS.

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

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.

Recruiting of supernumeraries.

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 and promotion of all members of the staff are 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.

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 appointment and promotions of members of Staff and Officers.

15. All appointments and promotions of members of Staff and 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.) The appointment and promotion of all Non-Commissioned Officers of units are vested in the Commandant.

(2.) 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.

(3.) 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 and rifle 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 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.

Camp of Instruction.

20.—(1.) A Camp of Instruction shall be held in each year at a place appointed by the Commandant for the training of the Corps.

(2.) It shall be the duty of every member of the Corps to attend the Camp of Instruction for not less than three days unless he is specially excused by the Commandant or furnishes a medical certificate of sickness.

Classes 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 the promotion as Non-Commissioned Officers.

Subjection to military law.

22. 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.

EQUIPMENT.

Small arms.

23. All Non-Commissioned Officers (except Staff Sergeant) and men shall be armed with carbines or rifles and bayonets.

Supply of guns, arms and appointments.

24. The Government will supply guns, arms and appointments for the use of the Corps.

Character of uniform.
Third Schedule: Part 1.

25.—(1.) The uniform of the Garrison Artillery Companies and Band shall be as stated in Part 1 of the Third Schedule to these Regulations.

(2.) The uniform of the Engineer Company shall be as stated in Part 2 of the Third Schedule to these Regulations. Third Schedule :
Part 2.

26.—(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.
Fourth Schedule.

(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.

27.—(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.

28.—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.

29.—(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 pro-
ficiency grant and
allowances
for camp,
transport, and
Officers' outfit.

(2.) An efficiency grant will be paid annually by the Government to the Commandant of twenty-five dollars for each member who is certified to be efficient in the manner and in accordance with the conditions set forth in Part 1 of the Sixth Schedule to these Regulations. Sixth Schedule :
Part 1.

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

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

(2.) A transport allowance of one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars will be paid annually by the Government to the Commandant on the 1st of January in every year.

31.—(1.) 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.

(2.) 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.

(3.) 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.

32.—From the Fund formed under Regulations 29 and 30 the Commandant will defray the cost of the following supplies and services :— Appropriation of
Fund.

- (1.) Supply of uniform to Volunteers;
- (2.) Supply of practice ammunition, additional to that supplied by the Government ;
- (3.) Payment of Instructors, not on the staff of the Corps ;
- (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 ;
- (8.) The holding of an Annual Camp of Instruction ; and
- (9.) All other expenses connected with the maintenance of the Corps in a state of efficiency and not otherwise specially provided for.

33. In the event of a member 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 to refund
capitation grant in
certain case.

Liability of member to make good loss to Corps.

34. A member 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.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Providing of Head-Quarters.

35. The Government will provide and maintain suitable Head-Quarters for the use of the Corps.

Regulations for Band.

36. The Commandant may, with the approval of the Governor, make regulations for the government of the Band.

Quartermaster.

37. The Adjutant shall also perform the duties of Quartermaster.

Corps Quarter-master Sergeant.

38. The Corps Sergeant-Major shall also perform the duties of Quartermaster Sergeant.

39. The Commandant may, with the approval of the Governor, make regulations for the management of the Regimental Institute.

Books and returns.

40.—(1.) The following books shall be kept by the Adjutant and Quartermaster:—
 (a.) Muster Roll ;
 (b.) Roll of Members of the Reserve ;
 (c.) Record of Attendance at Parades, Drills, Gun, Carbine, and Revolver Practices ;
 (d.) Diary of Adjutant's Instruction ; and
 (e.) Account of Receipts and Expenditure.

Seventh Schedule.

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

41. The Hongkong Volunteer Corps Regulations 1899 are hereby revoked.

Made by the Governor in Council under section 12 of the Volunteer Ordinance, 1893, on the 6th day November, 1902.

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Council.

SCHEDULES.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

FORM OF ENROLMENT OF VOLUNTEER.

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 Ordinance or Ordinances for the time being in force relating to Volunteers, also by any rules and regulations for the time being in force in the Corps.

Dated this day of , 190 .

Witness :

(Signed) A.B.

Regulation 11.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

ESTABLISHMENT OF CORPS.

Staff :—

Major Commandant and Adjutant,	1
Major 2nd in Command,	1
Medical Officers,	2
Corps Sergeant Major,	1
Orderly Room Clerk,	1
Armourer Sergeant,	1
Total Staff,	7

NO. 1 COMPANY HONGKONG VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

Captains,	3
Lieutenants,	4
Total Officers,	7
Company Sergeant-Major,	1
Company Quartermaster-Sergeant,	1
Sergeants,	12
Total Sergeants,	14
Trumpeters,	2
Corporals,	8
Bombardiers,	8
Gunners,	116
Total Rank and File,	132
Total all Ranks,	155

NO. 2 COMPANY HONGKONG VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

Captains,	3
Lieutenants,	4
Total Officers,	7
Company Sergeant-Major,	1
Company Quartermaster-Sergeant,	1
Sergeants,	12
Total Sergeants,	14
Trumpeters,	2
Corporals,	8
Bombardiers,	8
Gunners,	116
Total Rank and File,	132
Total all Ranks,	155

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER ENGINEERS.

Captain,	1
Lieutenants,	3
Total officers,	4
Company Sergeant-Major,	1
Sergeants,	3
Total Sergeants,	4
Corporals,	4
Sappers,	48
Total Rank and File,	52
Total all Ranks,	60

BAND.

Sergeant Drummer,	1
Corporals,	2
Drummers, Fifers, etc.,.....	20
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Total all Ranks,	23
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Grand Total all Ranks,.....	400
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Regulation 25.

THE THIRD SCHEDULE.

UNIFORM.

PART 1.

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

PART 2.

ENGINEER COMPANY.

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

Regulation 26.

THE FOURTH SCHEDULE.

UNIFORM TO BE PROVIDED AND KEPT BY OFFICERS.

ARTICLES.	No.	REMARKS.
Helmet and Fittings, White and Khaki,	1	White and Khaki Puggaree.
Cloth Field Service Cap,	1	
White Tunic and Trousers,	1 suit.	
Khaki Drill Frock and Trousers,	2 suits.	
Great Coat,	1	
Cape,	1	
Putties,	2 pairs	
Summer Mess Suit,	1 suit.	
Red Stripe Overalls,	1 pair.	
Badges of Rank, Buttons, and } Shoulder Badges, }	1 set.	
Sword,	1	
Sword Knots,	2	
Waist Belt and Slings,	1	
Cross Belt and Pouch,	1	
Sam Browne Equipment,	1 set.	
Coat, Warm, British,	1	Indian Pattern, Khaki Serge.

THE FIFTH SCHEDULE.

Regulation 28.

PART I.

SMALL ARM AMMUNITION.

ROUNDS.		REMARKS.
BALL.	BLANK.	
20	10	For 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 2.

GUN AMMUNITION.

Vide Regulations for the Volunteer Force, 1901, paras. 751 to 773 according to guns allotted by C. R. A., China.

PART 3.

REVOLVER AMMUNITION.

ROUNDS.		REMARKS.
Ball.	Blank.	
50	...	For each Officer and Non-Commissioned Officer armed with a revolver.

THE SIXTH SCHEDULE.

Regulation 29.

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 unless he is specially excused 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 _____ 19____, and is actually a member of the Corps at this date.

(2.) That he attended during the twelve months ending on the _____ day of _____ 19____, 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, firing exercises, and (except Engineer Company) gun drill.

(In the case of Engineer Company, read technical drills for gun drill.)

(4.) That he attended (except Engineer Company) the gun practice of his 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.

*Major R.G.A.,
Commandant.*

HEAD QUARTERS,
HONGKONG, April, 19____

PART 2.

GARRISON ARTILLERY 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 3.

ENGINEER COMPANY.

	Number of Drills.		
	Squad, Company, Musketry and Inspection.	Technical.	Total.
Recruit,	10	16	26
Trained Volunteer,.....	6	6	12

THE SEVENTH SCHEDULE.

Regulation 40.

RETURNS AND REPORTS.

The following Returns and Reports will be rendered by the Commandant, on the dates shown, to the General Officer Commanding the Troops.

No.	NATURE OF RETURN.	WHEN DUE.	REMARKS.
1	Annual Return of Corps,	1st January.	For transmission to Governor.
2	Return of Guns, Arms, Accoutrements, etc.,	Do.	Do.
3	Annual Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure,	15th January.	Do.
4	Report of Annual Training,	After Annual Training.	Do.
5	Nominal Roll of Efficient,	To accompany above.	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. 695.

The following is published.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th November, 1902.

POSTAL NOTES.

1. Postal Notes of the values named below, payable within three months at any Post Office in the United Kingdom, or at Constantinople, can be obtained at Hongkong or at any British Post Office in China at the following prices, which include commission :—

1/-.....	65 cents.
1/6.....	98 "
5/-.....	\$ 3.15
10/-.....	\$ 6.30
20/-.....	\$12.60

2. The purchaser of any Postal Note must fill in the Payee's name before parting with it. He may also fill in the name of the Office where payment is to be made. If this is not done the note is payable (within three months) anywhere in the United Kingdom, or at Constantinople. Any Postal Note may be crossed to a Bank.

3. Postal Notes should *always* be forwarded in *Registered Covers*. If this precaution is not taken NO ENQUIRIES WHATEVER will be made as to the loss or alleged loss of any Note.

4. Postal Notes issued in the United Kingdom are NOT payable in Hongkong or China.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

HONGKONG, 13th November, 1902.