

No. 308.

**Hongkong.**

*Regulations made by the Officer Administering the Government-in-Council under Section 11 of the Volunteer Ordinance, 1893, (Ordinance No. 4 of 1893), this 6th day of October, 1910.*

1. These Regulations may be cited for all purposes as the Hongkong Volunteer Regulations, 1910. Short title.

2. In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires—

“The Corps” means the Hongkong Volunteer Corps. Interpretation of terms. No. 4 of 1893.

“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 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. 4 of 1893.

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

- (a.) Four Artillery Companies.
- (b.) An Engineer Company.
- (c.) An Infantry Company.
- (d.) A Scouts Company. (Mounted and Foot.)
- (e.) A Band.

(2.) The Commandant may, with the approval of the Governor, establish one or more Cadet Companies in connection 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. Cadet Companies.

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, 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 Head Quarters for not less than 5 days before the person proposed is admitted as a member of the Corps.

Obligation  
of member.

No. 4 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.

Establish-  
ment 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 supernu-  
meraries.

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.

Appoint-  
ment of staff  
and appoint-  
ment 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.

(3.) Every Officer appointed to a Commission as 2nd Lieutenant, Lieutenant, or Captain in the Corps, or promoted in the Corps, will, unless he has served:—

- (a.) In the Regular Forces, has passed his examination therein for the rank of Lieutenant, and has been specially reported by the Inspecting Officer as competent to carry on the duties of his rank;
- (b.) In a similar arm of the Special Reserve, or Territorial Forces, and has passed an examination for the rank to which he is appointed;
- (c.) As a Sergeant of the same arm of the Corps, and obtained a certificate of proficiency;

be required at or before the second inspection of the Corps after he has obtained such appointment or promotion to pass the examination laid down in the Seventh Schedule to these Regulations for the arm of the service to which he belongs.

An Officer who fails to obtain a certificate will be again examined in six months, and in the event of a second failure will be required to resign his Commission. The examinations will be conducted by a Board consisting of a Field Officer and a Captain of the Regular Army and the Staff Officer of the Corps, appointed by the General Officer Commanding.

Appoint-  
ment of  
supernu-  
merary  
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 appoint-  
ment 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.

Appoint-  
ment and  
promotion of  
Non-Com-  
missioned  
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.

(The members of the Scouts Company will be permitted to elect their own Non-Commissioned Officers subject to the approval of the Commandant.)

(4.) In the case of promotion to the rank of Sergeant a certificate of proficiency must be obtained.

To obtain this certificate candidates will be examined in all the subjects laid down in the Seventh Schedule to these Regulations for the arm to which they belong.

## DRILL, TRAINING, AND DISCIPLINE.

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. Drill season.

18. The Commandant shall fix the time and place for parades, drills, and rifle practices. Parades, drills, etc.

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. Annual Inspection.

(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.—(1.) 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.

(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.

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. 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.

23. All Non-Commissioned Officers (except Staff Sergeants) and men shall be armed with rifles and bayonets. Small arms.

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

25. The uniform of the Corps shall be as stated in the Third Schedule to these Regulations. Character of uniform. Third Schedule.

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 at all parades when so ordered.

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

28. The Government will supply practice ammunition annually for the use of the Corps. Supply of practice ammunition.

## FINANCE.

29. The Government shall pay annually to the credit of the Corps Fund, which shall be administered by the Colonial Treasurer:—

(1.) A capitation grant of \$25 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 and efficiency grant and allowances for camp and transport.

(2.) An efficiency grant of \$20 for each member who is certified to be efficient in the manner and in accordance with the conditions set forth in the Fifth Schedule to these Regulations.

(3.) An allowance of \$2.50 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.

(4.) An allowance to cover expenses of transport of \$1,250 to be paid annually on 1st January in every year.

Appropriation of Fund.

30. From the Fund formed under Regulation 29 the Colonial Treasurer will, on presentation of claims duly authenticated by the Commandant, 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, 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 Annual Camps 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.

Money received by Commandant.

31. All sums received by the Commandant on behalf of the Fund shall be paid by him into the Treasury.

Officers' outfit allowance.

32.—(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 out of the Corps Fund 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.

Liability to refund capitation grant in certain case.

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 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.

#### STORES.

Stock Book to be kept.

35. A Stock Book for Stores issued on payment shall be kept shewing the nature and value of each article and the member of the Corps to whom it is issued.

Order Book to be kept.

36. For every receipt and issue of Stores there shall be a Voucher. An Order Book for all Stores required shall be kept and on receipt of the Stores entry shall be made in the Stock Book. The receipt Vouchers shall consist of the counterfoil of the Order Book, invoices from the Crown Agents, or other firms and Departments which supply Stores. Issue Vouchers shall consist of receipts signed by the members of the Corps to whom the Stores are issued on an Issue Book with pages numbered consecutively. The Issue Book shall be checked by the Commandant and each signature authenticated by his initials.

37. In every case the folio of the Stock Book shall be inserted on the Voucher and the entries made on the day of issue.

38. All Stores ordered from England must be obtained in the usual manner through the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

39. The Government will provide and maintain suitable Head Quarters for the use of the Corps. Providing of Head Quarters.
40. The Commandant may, with the approval of the Governor, make regulations for the government of the Band. Regulations for Band.
41. The Staff Officer shall also perform the duties of Quartermaster. Quartermaster.
42. The Corps Sergeant-Major shall also perform the duties of Quartermaster Sergeant. Corps Quartermaster Sergeant.
43. The Commandant may, with the approval of the Governor, make regulations for the management of the Regimental Institute. Regimental Institute.
- 44.—(1.) The following books shall be kept by the Staff Officer :— Books and returns.
- (a.) Muster Roll ;
  - (b.) Record of Attendance at Parades, Drills, Gun, Rifle, and Revolver Practices ;
  - (c.) Account of Receipts and Expenditure ;
  - (d.) Stock Book for Stores ; and
  - (e.) Order Book for Stores.
- (2.) Periodical returns and reports shall be rendered by the Commandant as set forth in the Sixth Schedule to these Regulations. Sixth Schedule.
45. The Hongkong Volunteer Regulations, 1908, are hereby revoked.

SCHEDULES.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

FORM OF ENROLLMENT 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                      , 19      .

(Signed)                      *A.B.*

Witness :

Regulation 10.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

ESTABLISHMENT OF CORPS.

Staff :—

Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, .....	1
Staff Officer, .....	1
Medical Officers, .....	2
Corps Sergeant-Major, .....	1
Orderly Room Clerk, .....	1
Armourer Sergeant, .....	1
Total Staff, .....	7

Regulation 11.

NOS. 1, 2, 3 AND 4 COMPANIES, HONGKONG VOLUNTEER  
ARTILLERY.

Major,.....	1
Captains, .....	4
Lieutenants, .....	8
Total Officers,.....	13
Company Sergeant-Majors, .....	4
Sergeants, .....	16
Total Sergeants,.....	20
Trumpeter,.....	1
Corporals,.....	16
Bombardiers, .....	16
Gunners,.....	128
Total Rank and File, .....	160
Total all Ranks, .....	194

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER ENGINEERS.

Captain, .....	1
Lieutenants,.....	2
Total Officers, .....	3
Company Sergeant-Major, .....	1
Sergeants, .....	4
Total Sergeants, .....	5
Corporals, .....	4
Sappers, .....	48
Total Rank and File, .....	52
Total all Ranks, .....	60

INFANTRY COMPANY.

Captain, .....	1
Lieutenants, .....	2
Total Officers, .....	3
Colour-Sergeant, .....	1
Sergeants, .....	4
Total Sergeants, .....	5
Corporals, .....	4
Privates, .....	90
Total Rank and File, .....	94
Total all Ranks, .....	102

SCOUTS COMPANY.

Captain,.....	1
Lieutenants, .....	2*
Total Officers, .....	3
Colour-Sergeant, .....	1
Sergeants, .....	5†
Total Sergeants, .....	6
Corporals, .....	10‡
Privates, .....	52§
Total Rank and File, .....	62
Total all Ranks, .....	71

MOUNTED SECTION.

* Lieutenant, .....	1	† Corporals, .....	3
† Sergeants, .....	2	§ Privates, .....	15

BAND.	
Sergeant, .....	1
Corporals, .....	2
Bandsmen, .....	20
Total all Ranks, .....	23
Grand Total all Ranks, .....	457

THE THIRD SCHEDULE.

Regulations  
25 and 26 (2).

UNIFORM.

ARTICLES.	No.	REMARKS.
Helmet and Fittings, Khaki, .....	1	{ Khaki Puggaree. ..... Indian Pattern, Khaki Serge.
Cloth Service Cap, .....	1	
Coat, Warm, British, .....	1	
Khaki Drill Frock and Trousers,*	2 suits.	
„ Serge Frock and Trousers,	1 suit.	
„ Putties, .....	1 pair.	

\*Scouts Company,..... { 1 pair Khaki Drill Trousers.  
 { 1 pair Khaki Drill Breeches.

THE FOURTH SCHEDULE.

Regulation  
26 (1).

UNIFORM TO BE PROVIDED AND KEPT BY OFFICERS.

ARTICLES.	No.	REMARKS.
Helmet and Fittings, White and Khaki, .....	1	{ White and Khaki Pug- garee.
Cloth Service Cap, .....	1	
White Tunic and Trousers,.....	1 suit.	
Khaki Drill Frock and Trousers, ..	2 suits.	
Khaki Serge Frock and Trousers,	1 suit.	
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.

Regulation  
29.

## THE FIFTH SCHEDULE.

## CONDITIONS OF EFFICIENCY.

## PART 1.

## 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, must have fired the musketry course and attended the number of drills laid down in Part 2 of this Schedule.

## PART 2.

## GARRISON ARTILLERY COMPANIES.

	NUMBER OF DRILLS.		
	Squad, Com- pany, Musketry, and Inspection.	Gun Drills and Gun Practice.	Total.
1st and 2nd years' service,	10	* 20	30
3rd and subsequent years' service, .....	6	* 9	15

\* At least one Gun Practice.

## ENGINEER COMPANY.

	NUMBER OF DRILLS.		
	Squad, Com- pany, Musketry and Inspection.	Technical.	Total.
1st and 2nd years' service,	10	16	26
3rd and subsequent years' service, .....	6	6	12

## INFANTRY COMPANY.

	NUMBER OF DRILLS.		
	Squad and Musketry.	Company Field Training and Inspection.	Total.
1st and 2nd years' service,	20	10	30
3rd and subsequent years' service, .....	6	9	15



## SCOUTS COMPANY.

	NUMBER OF DRILLS.		
	Squad and Musketry.	Company Field Training and Inspection.	Total.
1st and 2nd years' service,	20	10	30
3rd and subsequent years' service, .....	6	9	15

## BAND.

	NUMBER OF DRILLS.		
	Band Practices and Musketry.	Parades and Inspection.	Total.
1st and 2nd years' service, .....	20	10	30
3rd and subsequent years' service,	9	6	15

*Note.*—Drills attended in the 1st year in excess of 30 or 26, count towards the 2nd year, but a minimum of 15 or 12 must be attended in the 2nd year.

## THE SIXTH SCHEDULE.

Regulation No. 44 (2).

## 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.	
3	Annual Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure,	15th January.	Do.
4	Report on Annual Training, .....	After Annual Training.	Do.
5	Nominal Roll of Efficients,	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.

Regulations  
Nos. 13 and  
16.

THE SEVENTH SCHEDULE.

EXAMINATION ON APPOINTMENT AND ON PROMOTION.

ARTILLERY COMPANIES.

- (a.) Practical examination in drilling a company.
- (b.) Duties of commanding a guard. Mode of marching reliefs and posting sentries.
- (c.) Practical acquaintance with the rifle exercise (manual and firing).
- (d.) Practical acquaintance with drills of the guns in use in his own company.
- (e.) General knowledge of the ammunition, stores and carriages for the same.
- (f.) Semaphore Signalling.

ENGINEER COMPANY.

- (a.) Practical examination in drilling a company.
- (b.) Duties of Commander of a guard. Mode of marching reliefs and posting sentries.
- (c.) Practical acquaintance with the manual and firing exercises.
- (d.) Practical acquaintance with the engines and lights in use in the Command.
- (e.) Field Telephones.
- (f.) Semaphore Signalling.

INFANTRY AND SCOUTS COMPANIES.

- (a.) Practical examination in the drill and manœuvre of a company.
- (b.) The command of a company in Battalion.
- (c.) Skirmishing.
- (d.) Duties of Commander of a guard, and mode of marching reliefs and posting sentries.
- (e.) Practical knowledge of the manual and firing exercises; aiming drill, and blank firing.
- (f.) Knowledge of and competency to superintend target practice.
- (g.) Map reading and field sketching.
- (h.) Semaphore Signalling.

**No. 309.**

*Order made by the Officer Administering the Government-in-Council under Section 9 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1900, (Ordinance No. 6 of 1900), this 6th day of October, 1910.*

The following scale of postage rates on parcels to New Zealand will come into force on and from October 1st, 1910:—

Not exceeding 3 lb. in weight,.....	\$1.20
Exceeding 3 lb. but not exceeding 7 lb. in weight,.....	1.80
Exceeding 7 lb. but not exceeding 11 lb. in weight,.....	2.40.

Parcels must not exceed 11 lb. in weight, 3½ feet in length, breadth or depth, or 6 feet in length and girth combined, except in the case of parcels addressed to Post Offices in New Zealand which are not served by railway, coach or steamer. The maximum dimensions and weight admissible to these offices are:—Length 2 feet, breadth or depth, 1 foot, weight 5 lb. The contents of such parcels must not be too fragile to permit of their safe transmission in mail bags.

Parcels may be insured up to £50, fee payable being 25 cents for £12 and 15 cents additional for every additional £12 or part thereof.

No compensation will be given unless parcels are insured.