

No. 749.

Regulations made by the General Officer Commanding the Troops, with the approval of the Governor, under and in accordance with the provisions of section 11 of the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920, Ordinance No. 2 of 1920, on the 22nd day of December, 1927.

1. Regulation 1 in the First Schedule to the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920, is amended by the deletion of the figures "1920".

2. Regulation 3 in the First Schedule to the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920, is rescinded and the following regulation is substituted therefor:—

3.—(1) The corps shall consist of the following units and auxiliary units:—

Corps Units.

- (a) Corps Headquarters.
- (b) Artillery Company.
- (c) Engineer Company.
- (d) Mounted Infantry Company.
- (e) Armoured Car Company.
- (f) Infantry Company.
- (g) Scottish Company.
- (h) Portuguese Company.
- (i) Medical Section.
- (j) Reserve Company.

Auxiliary Units.

- (k) Supplementary Reserve Company.
- (l) Army Service Corps Cadre.
- (m) Lights Section Cadre.
- (n) Reserve of Officers.

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Army Act and of the Hong Kong Volunteer Ordinance, 1920, and of these regulations, the corps shall be under the orders of the General Officer Commanding the Troops, subject to the general control of the Governor.

(3) The corps shall be under the executive command of an officer who may be either a volunteer officer or an officer of His Majesty's regular forces. If this officer is a volunteer officer, the adjutant of the corps shall be an officer of His Majesty's regular forces, appointed by the Army Council, unless no regular officer is available.

(4) The Commandant of the corps shall be assisted by an administration staff.

(5) The corps Headquarters shall include the Band.

(6) There shall be a specially trained sub-unit of signallers.

(7) The Reserve Company shall consist generally of men who have reached the age of 40 years. No man who is under that age shall join the Reserve Company except with the special permission of the Commandant.

(8) The Supplementary Reserve Company shall consist generally of men who have attained the age of 50 years. Members of the Supplementary Reserve Company shall not be required to undergo training, and shall not, unless called out for actual military service, be required to attend any parade or inspection.

(9)—(a) The Army Service Corps Cadre and Lights Section Cadre shall consist of specially selected individuals whose previous training has rendered them fit to perform such duties as they may be required to perform if called out for actual military service.

(b) The members of the said Cadres shall upon admission make and sign in the presence of an officer of the corps the declaration set out in Form No. 3 in the Second Schedule to the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920.

(c) If either of the said Cadres is called out for actual military service every member thereof shall thereupon take the oath or make the declaration specified in Forms Nos. 1 and 2 in the Second Schedule to the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920, unless he has already taken the said oath or made the said declaration and has not quitted the corps after the taking of such oath or the making of such declaration.

(d) The members of the said Cadres shall not be required to undergo any training, and shall not, unless called out for actual military service, be required to attend any parade or inspection.

(e) No uniform will be issued to the members of the said Cadres unless they are called out for actual military service.

(f) A member of either of the said Cadres may also be a member of the Reserve Company, in which case he shall be subject to all the obligations to which members of that company are subject.

(g) All members of the Army Service Corps Cadre and Lights Section-Cadre shall be at liberty to attend any voluntary parades or exercises organized by their officers.

(10) Any officer of the Corps whose transference to the Reserve of Officers is approved by the Governor, and every officer of the corps who shall be absent from the Colony for a longer period than fifteen consecutive months, shall be transferred to the Reserve of Officers. The said period of fifteen consecutive months may be wholly or in part prior to the date of this regulation.

(11) An officer who shall have been transferred to the Reserve of Officers by reason of absence as aforesaid and shall thereafter return to the Colony may be transferred to the active list or be retained in the Reserve of Officers at the discretion of the Commandant.

(12) Members of the Reserve of Officers shall not be required to undergo any training, and shall not, unless called up for actual military service, be required to attend any parade or inspection.

(13) The Commandant may, with the approval of the Governor, establish one or more cadet companies in connexion with the corps, and every 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.

3. The First Appendix to the First Schedule to the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920, as duly enacted on the 5th day of November, 1926, by the Officer for the time being commanding His Majesty's regular forces in the Colony, and published in the Gazette of the 12th day of November, 1926, is rescinded and the following is substituted therefor:—

First Appendix.

[First Sch., Reg. 7.]

TRAINING.

1. For training purposes the year will be divided into the two following periods:—

Cold weather:—15th October to 15th April.

Hot weather:—16th April to 14th October.

2. There will be a camp of exercise during the cold weather.

3. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 4, 5, and 6, and subject to the regulations in the First Schedule to the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920, relating to members of auxiliary units, every officer and every volunteer shall undergo the following training annually:—

(a) Attend 15 drills or instruction parades, each drill or instruction parade to consist of not less than one hour's actual instruction.

- (b) Carry out the range practices prescribed for the unit of the corps to which he belongs.
- (c) Perform such training preliminary to range practice as may be ordered by the Commandant, provided that this shall not exceed 3 hours in total duration.
- (d) Attend camp for four days. At least two of these days must be consecutive and include a night in camp. For attendance in camp to count as a day, an officer or volunteer must report himself in camp before 8 a.m. and not leave the camp before 5 p.m. In special cases, approved by the Commandant, two days in camp may be replaced by drills at the rate of 3 drills for each day.
- (e) Attend the annual inspection parade.

4. Volunteers who have been declared efficient in three years, which need not be consecutive, shall undergo only the following modified training:—

- (a) Attend 10 drills or instruction parades, each drill or parade to consist of not less than one hour's actual instruction.
- (b) Fire the classification practices of the musketry course.
- (c) Perform such training preliminary to range practice as may be ordered by the Commandant, provided that this shall not exceed 3 hours in total duration.
- (d) Attend camp for 2 consecutive days, *i.e.*, from 8 a.m. one day to 5 p.m. the next day.
- (e) Attend the annual inspection parade.

5. The Commandant, with the approval of the General Officer Commanding the Troops, may exempt any particular portion of the corps from any of the requirements of paragraph 3, or may substitute any equivalent training for any of the said requirements.

6. The reserve company shall undergo the following training annually:—

- (a) Musketry instruction and musketry practice (a modified course only).
- (b) Annual inspection.

The camp will be optional for this company.

7. Bandsmen shall be required to undergo only such modified training as may be deemed sufficient by the Commandant.

8.—(1) A recruit shall during his first year of training attend 40 drills or instruction parades, or such less number of drills and parades as may suffice to render him fit to be passed into the ranks.

(2) A recruit for the reserve company shall during his first year of training attend 20 drills or instruction parades, or such less number of drills and parades as may suffice to render him fit to be passed into the ranks.

(3) Each drill or instruction parade shall consist of not less than one hour's actual instruction.

(4) The term "recruit" includes every volunteer who has not served for at least one year in one of the following forces:—

Royal Navy.

Regular Army.

Royal Marines.

Militia.

Special Reserve.

Imperial Yeomanry.

Any volunteer or defence force in His Majesty's dominions.

Territorial Force.

Royal Irish Constabulary.

The permanent forces of any part of His Majesty's dominions outside Great Britain.

Any University officers training corps.

9. The musketry course will be as laid down in the current Army Regulations.

10. The officers commanding the respective companies shall fix the time and place or parades, drills, and rifle practices.

11. 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.

12. No officer or volunteer shall be deemed to be efficient in any given year until he has undergone the annual training prescribed by or under this Appendix.

4. The following form is added at the end of the Second Schedule to the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920:—

FORM No. 3.

Declaration to be made by the members of the Army Service Corps Cadre and Lights Section Cadre.

I, A.B., hereby undertake that I will serve in the Cadre of the Corps until I resign therefrom in writing, and that in the event of the said Cadre being called up for actual military service while I am still a member thereof I will serve in the said Section until the period of service of the said Section is terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920, or until arrangements can be made to effect my relief. I further undertake to notify the Commandant of the said Corps in the event of my departure from the Colony and of my return to the Colony.

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Signature of member.

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Countersignature of Officer.

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C. C. LUARD, Major-General,
General Officer Commanding the Troops.

Hong Kong, 22nd December, 1927.

Approved by the Governor this 22nd day of December, 1927.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.