

NOTICES.

No. 822.

Hong Kong.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 10 of the Naval Volunteer Ordinance, 1933, the Governor makes the following regulations:—

Regulations of the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force.

PRELIMINARY.

1. The Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force (shortly referred to hereinafter as the Force) is raised under the Naval Volunteer Ordinance, 1933, and the Acts and Ordinances incorporated therewith. The Members of this Force are termed the Hong Kong Naval Volunteers (shortly referred to hereinafter as the H.K.N.V.) and shall be subject to those Ordinances and Acts and all Regulations made with regard to them by the Governor. Statutory Authority for the Force.

2.—(1) Subject to the general control of the Governor, the H.K.N.V. shall be under the orders of the Commodore in charge of His Majesty's Naval Establishments at Hong Kong (referred to hereinafter as the Commodore). Committee.

(2) The Commodore shall be assisted by a Committee, termed the H.K.N.V. Committee of which he shall be, *ex officio*, the President. The other members of the H.K.N.V. Committee shall consist of the Commanding Officer of the H.K.N.V. (*ex officio*) and such other officers of the R.N. or the H.K.N.V. as the Governor may see fit to appoint.

(3) The H.K.N.V. Committee shall be responsible to the Governor for the internal administration of the force. The Committee shall forward to the Governor all recommendations for appointment, promotion and retirement and shall submit to him their proposals on all matters relating to efficiency and maintenance.

3. Members of the Force and of the H.K.N.V. Committee may have access, at any time on application to the Commanding Officer, to a copy of the Naval Volunteer Ordinance, 1933, and of the Acts and Ordinances incorporated therewith and of the Regulations for the time being in force made thereunder. Access to Regulations and Ordinance.

ORGANISATION.

4. The Personnel of the Force shall consist of two categories, which will be made up as follows:— Personnel.

LIST I. Volunteers attending for instruction.

LIST II. Volunteers borne on the List for Administrative purposes but not necessarily attending for instruction.

The authorised establishment of the Force is given in Tables A1 and A2 (below).

The Staff of R.N. Instructors allowed to the Force is shown in Table B (below).

TABLE A1.

Establishment of H.K.N.V. Officers.	LIST I	LIST II
<i>(a) Military Branch</i>		
(1) Executive Officers		
Captain	1	
Commander	1	
Lt. Commander	2	
Lieutenant & Probationary Lt.	2	
Sub-Lt. & Probationary Sub-Lt.	4	
(2) Engineer Officers		
Eng. Lt. Commander	1	
Eng. Lt. & Probationary Eng. Lt.	1	
Eng. Sub-Lt. & Probationary Eng. Sub-Lt.	1	
<i>(b) Special Branch</i>		
Lt. Commander	1	
Lt. & Probationary Lt.	1	
Sub-Lt. & Probationary Sub-Lt.	1	
<i>(c) Medical Branch</i>		
Surgeon Lt. Commander	1	
" " & Proby. Surg. Lt.	1	
" " (D) & " " (D)	1	
Surg. Sub-Lt. & Proby. Surg. Sub-Lt.	1	
" " (D) & " " (D)	1	
<i>(d) Accountant Branch</i>		
Pay Lt. Commander	1	
" & Probationary Pay Lt.	1	
Pay Sub-Lt. & Proby. Pay Sub-Lt.	1	
<i>(e) Accountant Branch (c)</i>		
Officers for clerical non ac- countant and coding duties, etc.	1	
Pay Lt. Commander (c)		
" (c) & Proby. Pay Lt. (c)	1	
Pay Sub-Lt. (c) & Proby. Pay Sub-Lt. (c)	1	
<i>(f) Chaplain Branch</i>		
Chaplain & Probationary Chaplain	1	
<i>Establishment of Cadets</i>		
Executive	As directed by the H.K.N.V. Committee and approved by the Governor.	
Engineer		
Medical		
Accountant		
" (c) Special		

As directed by the H.K.N.V. Committee and approved by the Governor.

TABLE A2.

Ratings (European)	Seamen.	LIST I	LIST II
	Engine Room.		

As directed by the H.K.N.V. Committee and approved by the Governor.

Ratings (Chinese)	Seamen.	LIST I	LIST II
	Engine Room.		

As directed by the H.K.N.V. Committee and approved by the Governor.

The Personnel on List II will include those Executive commissioned and warrant Officers, Cadets and Ratings who by reason of the distance from Hong Kong at which they reside will not be able to attend local drills. It will also include such other members of the Force as are not required for List I.

TABLE B.

	LIST I	LIST II
Officer Instructor	1	
Warrant Officer (T)	1	
Petty Officers		
Gunners Mate	1	
Yeoman of Signals	1	

The Personnel of List II will be in every way an integral part of the H.K.N.V. and entirely under the orders of the Commanding Officer.

Executive Volunteers on List II will be limited to those who have already performed a considerable amount of training or sea service. Volunteers on List I may be allowed to transfer to List II subsequently, provided that they have performed a reasonable amount of training and if due to a change of residence or other circumstance they find difficulty in attending drills.

Volunteers on List II will be permitted and encouraged to attend for important ceremonial parades, lectures and other special occasions.

RANK AND COMMAND.

5.—(1) H.K.N.V. Officers take precedence after R.N., R.N.R. and R.N.V.R. Officers rank for rank, irrespective of seniority. Precedence.

(2) The Commander in Chief, China Station, may, subject to the approval of the Governor, grant Naval Command and authority to any Officer during the tenure of a particular appointment.

(3) The establishment of the commissioned and warrant Officers, Cadets and Ratings of the H.K.N.V. shall be fixed by the Governor and is shown in Tables A1 and A2 in regulation 4.

(4) The relative precedence of commissioned and warrant Officers and Cadets of the whole force is determined solely by the rank and date of their commissions or warrants or appointments in the force.

(5) List II commissioned and warrant Officers and Cadets attending ceremonial parades, etc., shall not on account of rank or seniority supersede those on List I.

UNIFORM.

Uniform
for officers.

6.—(1) The uniform of Officers of the Force is the same in all respects as that of Officers of corresponding rank and branch of the R.N. with the following exceptions:—

(i) Instead of each distinction stripe of gold lace round the sleeves of the coat, there is a waved line of three-eighths inch gold lace. (The half stripe, however, is a straight line of one-eighth inch gold lace).

(ii) The edges of the coloured cloths denoting Branches other than the Military Branch are waved to follow the curves of the lace. When there is more than one stripe of distinction lace the coloured cloth fills the space between the stripes.

(iii) The buttonhole of white twist for Cadets R.N. is replaced by a Maroon twist.

NOTE:—The waved lines of the distinction lace consist in continuous curves and not in straight lines with rounded angles.

(2) Commissioned and warrant Officers embarked in H.M. Ships will be required to have the following:—

No. 4	} Frock Coat and	{ Frock Coat Undress Coat (Monkey Jacket) Trousers, Plain, Blue.
No. 5		
No. 7	Mess Undress	{ Jacket. Evening Waistcoat; Blue. Trousers, Plain, Blue.

NOTE:—The corresponding white uniform will be required.

(3) The following articles should also as a general rule be provided by Executive Officers when embarking in H.M. Ships:—

Uniform Greatcoat or Watchcoat

Sea Boots.

On ceremonial occasions, Officers must appear in the appropriate dress laid down for Officers, R.N. General regulations concerning the wearing of uniform patterns, etc., are contained in the Quarterly Navy List.

(4) Cadets will be required to have the following uniforms :—

No. 5	Undress	{	Undress Coat (Monkey Jacket)
			Trousers, Plain, Blue.
			Cap
No. 7	Mess Undress	{	Mess Jacket
			Evening Waistcoat (blue)
			Trousers, Plain, Blue
			Oilskin

NOTE :—The corresponding white uniform will be required.

(5) All Officers (including Cadets) of the H.K.N.V. on joining will be supplied with the following :—

No. 5	{	Monkey Jacket
		Trousers
		Cap
		one pair shoes
No. 7	{	Mess Jacket
		Trousers
		Evening Waistcoat

NOTE :—The corresponding white uniform will be supplied.

(6) Officers on being granted commissions or warrants will in addition to the above be eligible for a uniform allowance of \$200.00.

An Officer who withdraws or is discharged from the force before the completion of three years will be required to refund the amount paid to him to the extent of one quarter of the allowance in respect of each year or portion of a year by which his service falls short of three years but in exceptional circumstances not attributable to the officers misconduct or imprudence the refund may be waived in whole or in part at the discretion of the Commodore.

(7) The uniform for Ratings is to be of the same pattern as for Ratings of the Royal Navy with the following exceptions, ^{Uniform} _{for Ratings.} viz. :—

(i) *Men not dressed as Seamen.*—To wear the letters "H.K.N.V." $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in height on the left sleeve of the coat, the bottom of the "H.K.N.V." to be 4" above the bottom of the sleeve.

(ii) *Men dressed as Seamen.*—To wear the letters "H.K.N.V." $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in height on the left sleeve of the jumper, the bottom of the "H.K.N.V." to be 4" above the bottom of the sleeve.

(iii) The cap ribbon is to be of the admiralty pattern approved for the Force.

(iv) Ratings are forbidden to appear partly in uniform and partly in civilian dress.

(8) All Ratings of the Force on joining will be supplied with the following kit.

- One blue serge suit
- One cap
- One pair of boots
- Two blue collars
- Two flannels
- Two lanyards

NOTE :—The corresponding white uniform will also be supplied. Articles comprised in the H.K.N.V. kit for Ratings remain the property of the Force.

CEREMONIES.

Ceremonies.

7.—(1) The Force will be inspected annually by the Commodore or by a Naval Officer deputed by him.

(2) Full Naval honours at the funerals of members of the Force who die otherwise than under training may be rendered at the discretion of the Commanding Officer, subject always to the proviso that no expense falls on Naval funds.

(3) Drill Ships and Shore Establishments if supplied with the necessary material should wherever possible "Dress Ship" in accordance with Article 93 of the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions.

PERMANENT STAFF.

8.—(1) The permanent Staff comprises the R.N. Instructors as shown in Table B in regulation 4.

(2) The conditions of service, of all Members of the permanent Staff shall be as laid down by the Commodore: Provided however that their remuneration, if any, if payable from the revenues and assets of the Colony shall be determined by the Governor in Council.

(3) The officer Instructor will be appointed by the Admiralty, being selected from Officers on the Active List of the Royal Navy of and below the rank of Commander.

The Officer Instructor is purely a Staff Officer and is not entitled to take command of any of the H.K.N.V. when an Officer of the Force is present, except for the purpose of instruction.

An Officer Instructor is appointed to give instruction to the Force. He is subject to the orders of the Commanding Officer, and he is required to assist him in carrying on the Naval duties of the H.K.N.V. but he is not to take any part in its civil affairs, except where expressly authorised by these regulations.

He is to superintend the Drills and Exercises of the H.K.N.V. and is, under the Commanding Officer, to have control over the Petty Officer Instructors as regards their discipline and duties as instructors.

(4) P. O. Instructors will be appointed by the Commodore. They may be employed on clerical work, supervision of repairs and general duties connected with the Force under the authority of the Officer Instructor, provided their instructional duties are not interfered with.

They are purely Staff Petty Officers and are not entitled by virtue of their Naval Rank to take the command of any of the H.K.N.V. when a Petty Officer of the Force is present except for the purpose of instruction.

They are to consider the Officer Instructor as their immediate Superior and apply to him in all matters that may be necessary.

They are expected on all occasions to set an example to the H.K.N.V. and they will only be allowed to retain their positions so long as they conduct themselves and perform their duties satisfactorily.

Each Petty Officer is to keep such record of the Drills carried out under his supervision as the Officer Instructor may require.

ENTRY AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONED AND WARRANT OFFICERS AND CADETS.

9. All commissioned and warrant Officers and Cadets of the Force are appointed by the Governor and receive appointments, warrants or commissions in a similar manner to Officers and Cadets of corresponding rank in the R.N. Entry and appointment of Officers and Cadets.

All Candidates recommended by the H.K.N.V. Committee will be nominated by the Commadore for appointment, warrant or commission.

Officers who have resigned their commissions in the R.N., R.N.R. or R.N.V.R. may apply for entry in the Force.

All Candidates for entry must satisfy :—

(a) A Medical Board that they are physically fit for service in the branch which they wish to enter.

(b) The H.K.N.V. Committee that they have the qualifications required of an Officer or Cadet.

All commissioned and warrant Officers and Cadets will be entered on probation and will not be confirmed until they have :—

(a) Served for a year as probationary.

(b) Been recommended as suitable by the Commanding Officer.

The Special Branch of the Force will consist of those who have no qualifications for and are not required to perform executive, engineering, medical, accountant or chaplains duties, but who are required as specialists in certain subjects such as Civil Engineers, Chemists, Designers, Professors, Artists, Interpreters, etc. Special Branch.

HONORARY COMMISSIONS.

10. The Force is allowed an Honorary Commander and such other Honorary Officers as the Governor may think fit to sanction. Honorary Commissions.

Such Officers may wear the uniform of their respective ranks on ceremonial occasions in the Colony. If worn, it must be that which is appropriate to the occasion.

Honorary Commissions are restricted to gentlemen who in the opinion of the Governor have rendered such exceptional service in promoting the interests of the Force as to merit recognition by the award of an honorary commission.

PROMOTIONS.

Promotions.

11. Commissioned and warrant Officers and Cadets of all branches below the rank of Captain will, if qualified by the following regulations, be eligible for promotion to the higher ranks at the discretion of the Governor.

The date of seniority of Officers promoted will be the date on which their promotion was approved by the Governor unless directions are given to the contrary.

The Governor may promote commissioned and warrant Officers and Cadets of all branches to a higher rank if considered deserving of the advancement on account of specially good service, although they may not have all the necessary qualifications as defined below.

Commissioned and warrant Officers and Cadets who shall have displayed zeal in promoting the efficiency of the Force will be favourably considered for advancement.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROMOTION.

Qualifications for promotion.

12. Subject to vacancies existing in the establishment Officers and Cadets of all branches may be promoted, provided they have:—

(a) Passed a qualifying examination for the rank to which they are eligible.

(b) Regularly attended Drills and Lectures and at all times qualified as efficient.

(c) Been recommended by the C. O.

NOTE:—The standard of examination at (a) will be laid down by the Commodore.

Every Officer after reaching the rank of Sub-Lt. will be required to qualify in the following subjects:—

Gunnery

Pilotage

Navigation

Signals

and specialize in one or more of such subjects.

The syllabus in each subject will be laid down by the Commodore and may be varied from time to time.

ENGINEER CADETS.

Engineer Cadets.

13. Every applicant for entry as an Engineer Cadet must possess such qualifications as may be approved by the Commodore.

PAYMASTER CADETS.

Paymaster Cadets.

14. Every applicant for entry as a Paymaster Cadet must be a Chartered or Incorporated Accountant.

ENTRY & QUALIFICATION OF RATINGS.

15. Every applicant for entry as a Rating in the Force ^{Ratings.} must first satisfy the Commanding officer that he is a fit and suitable person to be entered. The Commanding Officer may appoint such other officers as he thinks fit to assist him in the examination of recruits. The applicant must also pass a medical examination.

DRILL.

16. The training of the Force is to comprise Seaman- ^{Training.} ship, including handling of boats, knotting, splicing both hemp and wire rope, rigging sheers and derricks, minesweeping and mining instruction, signalling and telegraphy, navigation and pilotage, gunnery, including squad and rifle drill, torpedo and depth charges and instruction in the recognition of ships by day and night.

17.—(1) Every Executive commissioned and warrant ^{Efficiency.} Officer, Cadet and Rating shall qualify as "efficient" on or before the 31st October in every year of his service. In default thereof the Commanding Officer is empowered to inflict a fine, the amount of which shall not exceed fifty dollars for any year in which such Officer, Cadet or Rating fails to qualify and such failure is to be reported to the Commodore.

(2) For the purpose of qualifying or requalifying as "efficient," attendance at the Annual Inspection is obligatory unless leave of absence be granted for special reasons. An application for leave of absence must be in writing to the Commanding Officer and must state the precise reasons for making it, a Medical Certificate being attached in case of sickness.

(3) A Drill consists of not more than two hours' instruction in seamanship minesweeping, signalling, navigation, pilotage, gunnery or torpedo.

(4) Voluntary naval training will count as one Drill for each day of training performed up to but not exceeding five Drills in any one year.

(5) Executive commissioned and warrant Officers, Cadets and Ratings on List I are required to qualify or requalify as "efficient" in each year and to do so they must:—

(i) Carry out 14 Drills per year ashore and 14 Drills per year afloat.

(ii) Satisfy the Officer instructor that they have a knowledge of minesweeping and seamanship compatible with their respective seniority, length of service. etc.

(iii) Pass a qualifying examination in one of the following, the syllabus for the examination, to be laid down by the Commodore:—

- (a) Pilotage
- (b) Navigation
- (c) Signals
- (d) Gunnery

(6) The attendance at lectures of commissioned and warrant Officers, Cadets and Ratings on List II is optional but should be encouraged.

Members of the Force may volunteer for periods of 6 months naval training.

18. Any member of the Force may volunteer for naval training for a period not exceeding a total of six months in every four years.

Accommodation when embarked on H.M. Ships.

19. When members of the Force are embarked for service in H. M. Ships, they are to accommodate themselves to the berthing and messing arrangements usual to the Officers and men of the Royal Navy.

Gun room Officers on reaching the age of 23 will mess in the Wardroom.

DISCIPLINE.

Discipline.

20. The discipline of the Force is governed by the Naval Forces Act 1903 and the Acts incorporated therewith and by these Regulations and by the Ordinance under which they are made.

Inquiries.

21. The Commanding Officer may at any time order an inquiry into any matter which he may consider it expedient to investigate and which comes within his power as Commanding Officer but formal Courts of Inquiry can only be held under the authority of the Commodore with the approval of the Governor and in accordance with the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions.

Meetings and Memorials.

22. Meetings are not to be held by the Members of the Force for the purpose of expressing an opinion upon the act of a Commanding Officer or of recommending him to take a particular course of action; nor are memorials to be drawn up to the same effect. No meetings except those authorised by the Commanding Officer, will be recognised.

Writing for publication.

23. All members of the Force are forbidden to write for publication or to publish or cause to be published either directly or indirectly any matter or information relating to the Naval Service, unless the permission of the Commodore has first been obtained.

Saluting.

24. All members of the Force when in uniform are to pay the customary marks of respect to such Officers of the Navy, Army, Air and Auxiliary Forces as are entitled to be saluted by members of corresponding rank in their own service.

Assembly under arms.

25. The H.K.N.V. are not to assemble under arms for any purpose unconnected with parade drill or rifle practice, except with the approval of the Commodore.

CALLING OUT FOR ACTUAL SERVICE.

Calling out of H.K. N.V. for actual service.

26.—(1) In case of great national or local emergency or in case of actual or apprehended invasion of or attack on the Colony, or in case of serious local disturbance, or in case it may be desirable to take precautions against the possibility of serious local disturbance, the Governor (without prejudice to any powers that may be exercised by His Majesty or by His Majesty in Council or by the Governor or by the Governor

in Council in any such case) may, by proclamation, call out the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force or any portion or members thereof for actual service.

(2) Every member so called out shall be bound to assemble at such place as may be directed by the Governor, and to perform such service as may be required, and if he refuses or neglects to so assemble or to perform such service he shall be deemed a deserter: Provided that no member of the Force so called out shall be liable, without having previously volunteered or consented to do so, to serve or proceed on duty beyond the limits of the Colony, its neighbouring waters and its sea approaches.

(3) The period of such service shall continue as long as the Governor may consider necessary, and shall end only by order of the Governor.

(4) In any proceedings whatsoever the production of a copy of a number of the Gazette, purporting to be printed by the Government printers, and containing what purports to be a proclamation by the Governor under sub-section (1) shall for all purposes whatsoever be conclusive proof that the said proclamation was issued and was lawfully issued, and that the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force, or the portion thereof or the members thereof, referred to in the said proclamation, was or were duly called out for actual service on the date which purports to be the date of the said number of the Gazette.

(5) All members who, when called out on such actual service as aforesaid, leave families unable to support themselves shall, during the period of their absence on such service, be entitled to relief for their wives and families, and it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to fix the amount of such relief.

(6) All members who may have received wounds or injuries when called out on actual service as aforesaid, and the widows and families of such volunteers who may have been killed or have died within twelve months after having been wounded or of wounds received during such actual service, or have died within twelve months from illness directly traceable to fatigue or exposure incident to such service, shall be entitled to such pensions or gratuities as may be fixed by the Governor in Council: Provided that no pension under this sub-section shall exceed the sum of one thousand dollars per annum.

27. All members of the Force when called out on actual service, and also when undergoing or attending cruises or courses of instruction or training, shall be entitled to such pay and allowances, if any, as may be prescribed by the Governor in Council.

Pay and allowances in certain cases.

MISCELLANEOUS.

28. (1) All moneys subscribed by or to or for the use of the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force, and all effects belonging to that force or lawfully used by it not being the property of an individual member thereof, and the exclusive right to sue for and recover current subscriptions, arrears of subscriptions and other moneys due to the force shall vest in the Commanding Officer for the time being with power for him to sue, to make contracts and conveyances and to do all other

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lawful things relating thereto, and the Commanding Officer shall be deemed to be a public officer within the meaning of the Crown Suits Ordinance, 1910, and the service of the force shall be deemed to be a public service within the meaning of that Ordinance.

(2) If any person being or having been a member of the Force refuses or neglects to pay any money subscribed by or undertaken to be paid by him towards any of the funds or expenses of the force such money shall (without prejudice to any other remedy) be recoverable by the Commanding Officer from him, with costs, in a summary way before a magistrate at any time within eighteen months after the same becomes due or payable.

(3) The Commanding Officer may appear before a magistrate under this section personally or by any member of the Force authorised by him in writing under his hand.

Declaration
of allegi-
ance, etc.
Schedule.

29. Every member of the Force shall, on his admission to the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force or as soon afterwards as may be, make the declaration in the form in the Schedule to be administered by a Justice of the Peace.

W. T. SOUTHORN,
Colonial Secretary.

HONG KONG,
22nd December, 1933.

SCHEDULE.

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FORM OF DECLARATION.

Declaration.

I, A.B., do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will faithfully serve His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in accordance with the provisions of the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Ordinance, 1933, (and of any Ordinance amending, supplementary to or substituted for the same) and of the regulations which may be in force thereunder from time to time, and that I will not improperly communicate, during or after my term of service in the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force, to any person any sketch, plan, model, article, note, document or information which has been entrusted, shown or communicated in confidence to me, or has been obtained by me, owing to my position as a member of the Force.