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F. S. JAMES,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 1.—THE VOLUNTEER ORDINANCE, 1921.

RULES made by the Governor under section 33 of the Volunteer Ordinance, 1921:—

1. The Straits Settlements Volunteer Force will comprise the following units. Specialist units will be raised as may be practicable.

(a) SINGAPORE.

- (1) One Company Singapore Volunteer Artillery.
- (2) One Company Singapore Royal Engineers (v).
- (3) One or more Companies of Singapore Volunteer Rifles of European British Subjects.
- (4) One Eurasian Company, Singapore Volunteer Infantry.
- (5) One Malay Company, Singapore Volunteer Infantry.
- (6) One Chinese Company, Singapore Volunteer Infantry.
- (7) One Company Field Ambulance.

Note:—The Johore Volunteer Rifles (European British Subjects) will be attached for administration and training to the Singapore Volunteer Corps.

(b) MALACCA.

One or more Companies of Malacca Volunteer Rifles, composed of European British Subjects.

- One Company Malay Volunteer Rifles.
- One Company Chinese Volunteer Rifles.
- One Company Field Ambulance.

(c) PENANG AND PROVINCE WELLESLEY.

- One or more Companies of European British Subjects.
- One Eurasian Company.
- One Chinese Company.
- One Malay Company.
- One Company Field Ambulance.

The establishment of the above units are given in Appendix I.

2. *Enrolment.*—(i) Every person desirous of becoming a member of the Straits Settlements Volunteer Force shall forward his application in writing to the Competent Military Authority, who will then instruct such person to appear before him or any commis-

sioned officer or Magistrate indicated by him at a specified time and place for the purpose of ascertaining all particulars regarding such person including the declaration under section 13 (2) of the Ordinance.

(ii) The Competent Military Authority will then arrange for such person to be medically examined.

(iii) Every person desirous of becoming a member of the Straits Settlements Volunteer Force, who has been passed as medically fit for local defence, shall make the appropriate oath or declaration required by section 7. The oath shall be administered by the Competent Military Authority, or any Commissioned Officer or Magistrate indicated by him.

(iv) Each member of the Straits Settlements Volunteer Force, having taken the oath, shall be posted to a specified unit of the Corps of the Settlement in which he is enrolled.

3. *Medical Examination.*—The medical examination shall be carried out by an officer of the Straits Settlements Medical Service or an officer of the Royal Army Medical Corps, or a qualified Medical Practitioner who holds a commission in the Straits Settlements Volunteer Force. The medical examination will merely state whether the Volunteer is fit to serve for local defence or not.

4. *Training.*—(i) Every Colour Service Volunteer must attend yearly a certain number of qualifying parades, as follows:—

(i) Infantry and Field Ambulance Company, 18 parades;

(ii) Engineers and Artillery, 24 parades.

The Infantry, Engineers and Artillery will be required to fire an annual course of musketry. All Colour and Reserve Service Volunteers will attend the annual inspection.

The Reserve Service Volunteers will attend six qualifying parades a year and fire a course of musketry.

(ii) The training year will be divided into four periods each of three months.

In one period of three months there will be no qualifying parades, and this period will be that of the wet season in the particular Settlement.

In the three periods in which there are qualifying parades there will be 12 qualifying parades for Volunteers of the Artillery and Engineer Companies, and 10 qualifying parades for Volunteers of the Infantry and Field Ambulance.

The Artillery and Engineers will attend 8 qualifying parades in each period, and the Infantry and Field Ambulance 6 qualifying parades in each period.

(iii) Reserve Volunteers will attend any two qualifying parades in each period. These parades will be those for the arm to which the Volunteer belongs.

(iv) The Competent Military Authority may notify that attendance at certain parades or camps shall be equivalent to a certain number of qualifying parades.

(v) When a Volunteer has failed to attend the requisite number of parades in any period, the Competent Military Authority may grant him special facilities to make up the number if the circumstances warrant it.

(vi) Besides qualifying parades, there will be other opportunities for training afforded to Volunteers, but attendance at these exercises will not count for minimum attendance.

5. *Calling Out.*—When the Volunteer Force is to be called out by the Governor, the Resident Councillor, or Resident of a Settlement, notification will be given in the Press, or will be addressed to each Volunteer, or will take the form of a recognised alarm signal, or will be made by any means as may from time to time be decided on.

6. *Officers and non-commissioned officers.*—(i) First commissions will be granted in the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

(ii) A candidate for a commission may be required to pass an examination or satisfy the Governor that he is a competent person to hold a commission. The Governor may also require that an officer pass an examination before being promoted to higher rank.

(iii) The Commandant has the power to promote any Volunteer to any non-commissioned rank which exists in the Regular Army, and he may appoint Volunteers to acting or temporary rank. The reduction of any non-commissioned officer holding permanent rank shall rest with the General Officer Commanding.

7. *Discipline*.—When a Volunteer is not serving under the Army Act, the Commandant, Company Commander, or Officer Commanding a detachment to whom the power has been delegated by the Commandant or Company Commander may for breaches of discipline make the following awards only:—

- (1) admonishment;
 - (2) reprimand;
 - (3) deprivation of acting rank,
- and these awards are to be entered on the History Sheet of the Volunteer.

APPENDIX I.

ESTABLISHMENT.

Singapore V. C.

1	Company	...	Artillery
1	Company	...	Royal Engineers
2	Companies	...	Infantry, European
1	Company	...	„ Eurasian
1	„	...	„ Malay
1	„	...	„ Chinese
1	„	...	Field Ambulance.

Malacca Volunteer Rifles.

1	Company	...	Infantry, European
1	„	...	„ Chinese
1	„	...	„ Malay
$\frac{1}{2}$	„	...	Field Ambulance.

Penang Volunteers and Province Wellesley Volunteer Rifles.

2	Companies	...	Infantry, European
1	Company	...	„ Eurasian
1	„	...	„ Malay
1	„	...	„ Chinese.

DETAILS OF ESTABLISHMENT—APPENDIX I.

The Company S. V. A.			Field Company S. R. E. (v.)		
Major	...	1	...	1	
Captain	...	1	...	1	
Subalterns	...	4	...	3	
C. Sgt. Major	...	1	...	1	
C. Q. M. Sergeant	...	1	...	1	
Sgts. & Lce. Sgts.	...	7	...	4	
Rank & File	...	150	...	80	
Trumpeters	...	2	...	1	

NOTE:—Signallers found by S. R. E. (v.).

Infantry Company.			Field Ambulance.		
Major or Captain	...	1	...	1	
Subalterns	...	4	...	1	
C. S. Major	...	1	...	1	
C. Q. M. Sergeant	...	1	...	1	
Sergeants	...	5	...	4	
Corporals	...	8	...	8	
Privates	...	141	Rank & File	...	110
Buglers	...	2			

NOTE:—The European Companies each have an extra platoon as a Machine Gun Platoon.

OATH.

I swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V, his Heirs and Successors according to law, and that I will faithfully serve as a Volunteer in accordance with the provisions of the Volunteer Ordinance, 1921, within*.....

*State where Volunteer elects to serve.

So help me God.

Dated at this day of 192 ..

(Signature)

Before me

(Signature)

DECLARATION.

I declare that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V, his Heirs and Successors according to law, and that I will faithfully serve as a Volunteer in accordance with the provisions of the Volunteer Ordinance, 1921, within*.....

*State where Volunteer elects to serve.

Dated at.....this.....day of.....192

(Signature).....

Before me

(Signature).....

Notification No. 1998 published in the *Gazette* of the 16th December, 1921, is hereby cancelled.

No. 2.—THE VOLUNTEER ORDINANCE, 1921.

THE following Regulations made by the General Officer Commanding under section 34 are approved by the Governor:—

1. Volunteer reservists will train with Artillery, Engineers, or Infantry, according to their previous service.
2. The Competent Military Authority will consult with each Auxiliary Service Volunteer as to the nature and scope of the service he is prepared to render, and will allot him a duty in the Mobilisation scheme of the area. The Auxiliary Volunteer will be expected to keep himself in touch with the mobilisation scheme of the area, and to make himself as efficient as circumstances admit in the performance of his particular duty. The equipment to be issued to an Auxiliary Volunteer will depend on the requirements of his duty.
3. *Officers.*—The Competent Military Authority will submit to the General Officer Commanding the names of serving Colour Service Volunteers whom he recommends for commissions in the Colour Service Companies. The qualifications and particulars of previous service will accompany the recommendation.
4. An officer will be posted to the Corps of the Settlement in which he lives.

An officer removing to another Settlement, will, if his change of residence is permanent, be posted to the Volunteer Corps there, or be attached whilst awaiting a vacancy.

If an officer's absence from his Settlement is clearly of a temporary nature, he will be seconded from his own Corps and be attached to the Corps of the Settlement in which he is temporarily staying.

5. The number of officers in the Volunteer Reserve shall be such as may be decided from time to time; and commissions to serve in the Reserve may be given.

6. Officers shall rank in the Force according to seniority, which shall be the date of their commission or promotion in the Volunteer Force. Where the dates are the same, their seniority shall be that of the order in which their names appear in the *Gazette*.

7. An officer commissioned under a previous Ordinance and serving with a non-European Company may be allowed to continue serving in the rank which he held at the date of the passing of the Volunteer Ordinance, 1921, for so long as he continues to serve in a non-European Company.

8. All questions of rank and precedence of officers shall be governed by King's Regulations where not opposed to any rules made by the Governor under section 33 of the Volunteer Ordinance or to the above regulations.

9. Appointments, promotions, resignations, leave, transfer of officers and other similar matters shall not take effect until published in Orders.

10. An officer may resign his commission, but may continue to serve in the Corps in any lower rank, or as a private.

11. On attaining the age of 45, an officer shall either be posted to the Reserve or retire from the Corps.

12. An officer on leaving the Colony with no intention of returning shall resign his commission.

An officer who is absent over one year shall be considered as having resigned his commission.

13. *Promotions.*—Officers may be promoted to a higher rank:—

(1) when a vacancy occurs; and

(2) when they have passed the prescribed examination, if any; and

(3) when recommended for promotion by the Competent Military Authority.

14. The General Officer Commanding may recommend the Governor to dispense with any examination.

15. Seniority gives no claim for promotion to the next rank.

16. *Non-Commissioned Officers.*—Promotions to non-commissioned rank shall be made only when a vacancy exists. Promotions will only be made in the same arm of the Corps.

17. A volunteer holding non-commissioned rank who is absent from the Colony for one year may be required to revert to the ranks.

18. The establishment of Colour Service non-commissioned officers shall be as laid down in Appendix I to the Rules.

19. *Discipline.*—For every volunteer a record of service will be kept as shown in Appendix III hereto.

20. No officer unless he is the Competent Military Authority or an officer specially detailed by him, or the officer commanding a detachment, shall deal with any charge of an offence against any volunteer beyond conducting a preliminary investigation. Every entry relating to an award by the Commanding officer or a Civil Court must be made and initialled by an officer.

21. No Volunteer may publish in the Press any article or information dealing with the Volunteer Force, unless he first obtains the leave of the Competent Military Authority.

22. An Officers' or Sergeants' Mess where established in a Unit, will be conducted on the lines laid down in King's Regulations.

23. *Uniform.*—As in Appendix I hereto.

24. *Training*.—The training required to be carried out by every Volunteer is given in Appendix IV hereto.
The training will be made progressive and as varied as possible.

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APPENDIX I.
DRESS.

To be detailed later.

APPENDIX II.
VOLUNTEER CORPS.
Enrolment Form.

* I being desirous of being enrolled
as a { Colour Service
Reserve Service
Auxiliary Service } Volunteer of the Straits
Settlements Volunteer Force, do hereby engage to
serve { for a period of four years
until I reach the age of 40 } and to be bound
by the Rules and Regulations which are now in force, or which
may be brought into force during the period of my service.

Signature
Address
.....

* Name in full.
† Strike out whichever does not apply.

APPENDIX III.
VOLUNTEER CORPS.
Record of Service.

Category (Colour Service, Reserve, Auxiliary).
Record of service of (Surname).....(Christian name).....
Number in CorpsMarried or single.....Age.....
Corps.....Company.....Religion.....
Address and profession
Previous training or service:—

Rank.	Unit.	Dates.	Place.	Remarks.

Decorations
.....
Date of Enrolment
Completion of first period of Enrolment
Extended
Enrolled for service in Reserve
Enrolled for service in Auxiliary

PROMOTIONS:—

Lance Corporal

Corporal

Sergeant

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Year.	Training period.				Musketry.	Remarks.
	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.		

Specialist

Examinations

Record of any sentence by a Civil or Military Court, or of any award by Commanding Officer:—

Date.	Offence.	Award.	By whom Awarded.

Officer Commanding,
..... Volunteer Corps.

APPENDIX IV.

TRAINING.

Training will be progressive and as varied as possible. The table below is given as a guide but it is open to Commanding Officers to vary it where found desirable:—

FIRST QUALIFYING PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS.

Number of qualifying parades, 10. (Artillery and Engineers 12).

Number to be attended, 6. (Artillery and Engineers 8).

<i>Infantry</i> .—No. 1 Parade	Squad drill, lecture on rifle.
No. 2 Parade	Squad drill, lecture on musketry.
No. 3 Parade	Extended order, rifle exercises, musketry.
No. 4 Parade	Attack practice, musketry.
No. 5 Parade	Platoon or Company "Scheme" musketry.
No. 6 Parade	Musketry.

The remaining 4 parades will be devoted to making up the additional training which Volunteers, who have already attended some, have lost by omitting others.

After No. 5 parade, no Volunteers will be allowed to attend any parades, unless they can complete the six necessary attendances. The only exception will be in the case of Volunteers who may be allowed by the Competent Military Authority to qualify under Rule 4 (v), or when under Rule 4 (vi), parades or camps which may count as 2 or 3 qualifying parades, are likely to be held.

The Artillery and Engineers will train under their own company arrangements, except that 12 qualifying parades, and 8 attendances will be substituted for 10 and 6 respectively.

During all periods specialist classes will be held. These will be optional, and arranged to suit those concerned.

The 2nd qualifying period.—In this period there will be two classes of Volunteers:—

- (1) Volunteers who have not trained before;
- (2) Volunteers who have attended six qualifying parades.

The programme for the former class will be as given above for the first period.

The training for Volunteers who have carried out 6 parades will be as follows:—

- 7th parade—Attack practice.
- 8th „ —Attack and defence practice.
- 9th „ —Outpost scheme.
- 10th „ —Defence of localities, street fighting.
- 11th „ —Retirements, pickets, etc.
- 12th „ —Simple night operations.

Note:—Volunteers will begin to fire in this period. A modified course on a 30 yards' range will be fired until an open range is available, in Singapore.

The remaining 4 parades for this period will be treated in the same way as in the first period. They will be attended by Volunteers who have to make up the necessary number, and the same restrictions will apply.

The 3rd qualifying period.—In this period there will be three classes of Volunteers:—

- (1) those who have done no qualifying parades;
- (2) those who have done 6;
- (3) those who have done 12.

The training is to be progressive, therefore there will be three kinds of parades—

- (1) for Volunteers as in class (1) above, who will train as explained for the first period;
- (2) for Volunteers as in class (2) above, who will train as explained for the (2) period;
- (3) for the Volunteers as in class (3) above, who have only 6 parades to qualify.

These last 6 parades will be devoted to training in those subjects where training is most required.

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