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Ambulance Car Corps

(First Aid Nursing Yeomanry)

Formation of

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1 War Office \_\_\_\_\_ 10 February 2  
Enclosed copy letter from First Aid Nursing  
Society regarding the formation of an Ambulance  
Corps in Kenya; hopes it will be possible to  
recommend favourable consideration of the request for  
official recognition to Governor of Kenya

W.O.  
They don't seem to have moved!

Provided that { recognition } see  
{ the progress in } W.O.

no objection I do not see why the Govt.  
should not be asked to effect official  
recognition to the Corps

I gather that it is in  
connection with the Defence Force matter  
than the W.O.

for consideration  
that the Govt. have  
~~the~~ no objection to giving  
official recognition to the Corps as  
condition that no financial assistance  
is given from public funds & 10% W.O. (incl. cap. exp)

Stanford

18.2.51

I suppose that "official recognition"  
in Kenya means nothing on the  
lines of A. in the W.O. letter  
has I am not at all clear

which is naturally in order.

However, so far as the K.A.L.

is concerned, I cannot see that

any such 'recognition' would be

open to any objection. I mean

as proposed.

M. H. H. 14.2.31.

As far as I know this is the first application of this kind that we have received, though I believe that at one time certain overseas branches of the British Red Cross Society received, & for all I know may still receive, official recognition.

I do not in fact know exactly to what "official recognition" amounts, & Govts will presumably interpret it & have according to their individual idiosyncrasies.

I see no objection to a action proposed.

A. L. H. Dawson 17/2/31

I see no objection. The official recognition means that the Government, while not in any way assisting financially, is prepared to give assistance in small ways e.g. letting them have a room for meetings &c.

I presume the actual "recognition" would be by an announcement in the local gazette. It does not mean anything more than sympathetic consideration when no cost is involved.

P. J. Cox 17.2.31

J. M. Allen 18/2/31

? As proposed.

see Parliament 18.2.31

See Wilson

There is no help whatsoever over the Red Cross situation.

So proceed.

[Possibly "recognition" will mean that members of the Red Cross Section will be exempt from service in the D.F. - or are they all women?]

W.C.S. 18.2.31

Handwritten note: "Handwritten"

2. No. - Gov. 141 - (No. 1 & encls.) - Lond - 26 FEB 1931

50" Precedents to note

No. 0. - (a.c. 2.) - (1 ans.) - 26 FEB 1931

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note C.A. B.9.

H. Hoover 304  
H. June  
States proposes to extend official recognition  
to the section on understanding that it  
will not involve grant of financial assistance,  
and Lady Sidney Saban has been informed.

copy to W.O. 47 refile 3.

C. L. note  
2/6/31 to Clemson & Chase to see  
before action.

S. I. Case  
W. O.

Johnston

2/4/31  
at

5. To. W. O. (w/c 4) — B/17 JUL 2 1931

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
KENYA.

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COL. OFFICE

4<sup>th</sup> June, 1931.

My Lord,

No 2

With reference to Your Lordship's despatch No.141 of the 26th February regarding a Section of the Ambulance Car Corps of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry which it is proposed to form in this Colony, I have the honour to state that this Government proposes to extend official recognition to the Section on the understanding that such recognition will not involve the grant of any financial assistance from public funds.

2. Lady Sidney Farrer has been informed to this effect and that the respective Departments of this Government will be pleased to render any assistance and advice in their power, subject to the above understanding.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servant,

Brigadier-General,

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD PASSFIELD, P.C.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON, S.W., 1

Copy to B/1/7

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O. O.

- Mr. Chamberlain M/2
- Mr. Lee M/2
- Mr. Tomlinson
- Sir C. Dottomley.
- Sir J. Shuckburgh.
- Sir G. Grindle.
- Permt. U.S. of S.
- Partly. U.S. of S.
- Secretary of State.

O. D.  
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26 Feb. 1931

DRAFT.

Kenya  
 Govt.  
 P.O. B.C.

26 FEB 1931

no. 141.

copy to W.O.

From W.O. - 83/2440 (C.L.) 10/2/31  
 From W.O. in day A.C.C. - 15/3/30  
 From Comd. A.C.C. - 11/8/30

Sir,

I have etc. to <sup>for your info.</sup> ~~enclose~~ a copy of a letter, dated <sup>with</sup> ~~the 10th February~~ and ~~enclosure, from the War Office and to~~ ~~inform you that I have no objection~~ ~~to your giving official recognition to~~ <sup>regarding a</sup> ~~the section of the ambulance car corps of~~ ~~the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry which~~ ~~it is proposed to form in Kenya,~~ ~~the condition that~~ "such recognition does not <sup>involve</sup> ~~constitute~~ the grant of any financial assistance from public funds."

2. I should have no objection to your ~~giving~~ ~~official~~ ~~recognition~~ to the section, ~~provided~~ ~~that~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~understood~~

Yours etc

(Sd) PASSFIELD

Tel. No. Victoria 9400.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:  
The Under-Secretary of State,  
The War Office,  
London, S.W. 1.  
and of the following number quoted.

THE WAR OFFICE,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.



RECEIVED  
12 FEB 1931  
COL. SE

10th February, 1931.

83/2440 (C.I.)

*No note  
of any  
kind*

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to forward copies of letters received from the Colonel in Chief and Commandant of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (Ambulance Car Corps) relative to the formation of a section of the Corps in Kenya Colony. I am to explain that as was announced in Army Order 94 of 1927, this Corps is officially recognised by the Council as a voluntary reserve transport unit which has placed its services at the disposal of the War Office for service in any national emergency, either as a unit or, in the event of the formation of a Women's Reserve, as individual members of that reserve. General Officers Commanding-in-Chief at home have accordingly been instructed to extend such recognition as is possible to local sections of the corps on the condition that no financial assistance is given from Army Funds.

In these circumstances the Council hope that Lord Passfield will be able to recommend to the Governor of Kenya for favourable consideration the request that official recognition should be given to a section of the corps to be formed in that country.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*W. Wilson*

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
S.W.1.

26 Feb 1931  
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First Aid Nursing Yeomanry,  
(Ambulance Car Corps),  
14, Grosvenor Crescent,  
London, S.W.1.

13th March, 1930.

COPY.

The Secretary,  
War Office.

Dear Sir,

In conformity with our policy of forming Sections of the Ambulance Car Corps (First Aid Nursing Yeomanry) wherever possible, we are anxious to form one in Kenya Colony where we already have sufficient trained members to form a nucleus.

At a meeting of the Advisory Council of the Ambulance Car Corps held on March 5th it was decided to request the War Office to approach the Colonial Office to grant recognition of the projected scheme under the Kenya Defence Force Scheme.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) E. Carter.

Maj. General.

Colonel in Chief,  
Ambulance Car Corps.



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END

First Aid Nursing Yeomanry,  
(Ambulance Car Corps),  
14, Grosvenor Crescent,  
London, S.W.1.

11th August, 1930.

COPY

The Secretary,  
War Office.

Dear Sir,

With reference to our letter of the 13th March last, in which we requested the War Office to approach the Colonial Office with a view to granting recognition to a proposed Section of this Corps in Kenya Colony; we should be grateful to know whether anything has transpired in this respect.

We are now in a position to offer you some further details of the scheme. The proposed Section, if approved, will be under the control of two members of the F.A.N.Y. The Lady Sidney Farrar, of Pele, Mau Summit, will be organising. Officer, and Mrs. Easton, of Turbo Valley, Kenya, will be in charge of the mechanical side of the work. These ladies state that there is a very promising number of prospective recruits to form a nucleus, and that training could be arranged for with a little help from the military authorities. They would appreciate formal recognition of the proposed Section on the same lines as it is already granted in this country, that is, advice and some help with training courses from the regular Command in Kenya, and permission to offer their services to the authorities in times of civil or other disturbance. There is of course, the distinct understanding that no monetary obligation is entailed, vide our other letter of March 13th instant re County Sections.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) L.A.M. Franklin

Commandant.