

1936

Kenya

No. 38009

SUBJECT

C0533/463

Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer

Reserve

Previous

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Specimen 6  
Litho

1 Gen. Byrnes - No. 627

10.12.35

Tis. 2 articles + 12 printed copies of the Kenya  
R.N. Vol. Res. (Annals) Volume - No 38 of 1935, together  
with Legal Rights & Compensation Table.

Gen. Byrnes - Secret

12.12.35

Comments on (1)

**DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE**

No. 1. The enlistment of native  
ratings has been approved  
in principle in No 19 on  
3/10/35.

The Office  
of the Attorney General  
has the necessary  
legal power.

Subject: Legal Obns

No. 2. Litig.

? Sanction G.S.

C.O. Ordinance to  
Army Reg. 20 on  
3/10/35.  
Subsequent Comm.

C. G. P. Smith  
4/1/36

No. obvious

Yes: adm. should be told and also W.O.  
who should have a copy of the A.G.'s memo.

J.S.G. Flood

7.1

J.K. Lloyd  
10.1

P.L. Cox

W.O.S.

14.1.36 above

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Army

(Info. on Rpt. & Table in) 20/1/36

To Kenya 39 (Answer) 6/3 20.1.1936

6. Annals - Secret -

Concern generally with recommendation of the  
Com. C. in the matter of medals. Presume that  
the report to be prepared by General is a decision to  
award medals to the person of a sergeant  
for the 6th anniversary.

There is very little to be said for  
Commander of the 6th Coy.

As regards paragraph 5 of the  
report of the C. Com. &

additional stress is provided  
satisfactorily; & the two

Army have been furnished  
with the Governor's recommendation

of awarding the same & for  
the purpose of preparing  
recommendation for the C.

Annals (to be published in  
Annals of the Army)

C. R. ...  
11.2.36

M. 75/2

To Kenya. Secret (w/c) 18 FEB 1936

To Army (w/c) 24/2/36  
Secret

Extract from Official Report No. 10 30/1/36

Understand that such cases are 20/1/36

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE Received for record

Publy  
Approved  
17/3/36  
A. ...

10. General Secret - 7 June 1936

Ref. to report annually received from the  
which carries a list of officers who are entitled to  
act as Commissioning Officers Candidates of the R.N.V.R.  
acceptance of 3 additional candidates in the Colony

Ref. to let 11.5.36  
Ref. to report of Officer in command suggest  
would be advantageous if the committee  
could send their report early to the  
Commander in Chief East Indies who might  
submit it to the War Office on 20/1/36

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11.5.36 has been received in view  
of views of 11.5.36. It has been

held up for the Governor's  
Conference Secret File. Part is  
still in circulation, but I think  
that the spare copies of the  
papers submitted to the Conference  
& the conclusions being the will

the position clear  
I think I ought to Advise  
Chiefly  
197/36

12 To Admiralty (info 10 & enclosed) comm. - 10 JUL 1936

13. Admiralty. ----- 22 July, 1936.  
12 and transmits copy of signal to the Commander-in-Chief East Indies, regarding the appt. of a retired Naval Officer for the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

For a year is not too high.  
The Chief of Staff Officer Submarine  
at the time - a pensioner  
John P. Allen

Copy to Kenya  
for Kenya  
to work here

JJ Bassett  
29/7/36  
at home

14 To Admiralty, Secret - A/1/27 JUL 1936  
(info 12 & 13: 10 enclosed)

15. Governor, Secret. ----- 27.7.36.  
Transmits annual progress Report on the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

16. Exhibit for P.P. Webb  
Ref. Return to R.C. Bottomley 27/7/36

No. 11. A very satisfactory report.  
A. City General to Admiralty of up  
Secret

(Commander Webb has done well.  
Honour Branch to work.)

No 16. See the Comm with the  
Admiralty Nos. 12 & 13.

? Put by  
Chiefly with  
10700/36

The Admiralty proposal is clearly based  
on the idea that the appt. will be  
a full time job. Also even to  
£700 a year + comm. pension seems  
rather excessive. However we can  
only await the Gov's recommendations.

JJ Bassett  
11/8  
I agree we must await Gov's decision.  
As regards the annual progress report,  
this should, I think, go to the C.D.C.  
If you agree, I will send it over on  
return of this paper.

JJ Bassett  
Webb 12.8.36 am 1936



See ODC.

Will you please circulate  
No 15, encls. to the Committee.

Howary  
1/4

N. Howard

I have circulated No 15  
under cover of ODC Paper No 1229

21.9.36

Secretary  
ODC

Governor General 27-10-36  
Ref. No. 10; transmits copy of report of discussion  
with Admiralty representatives and copy of Admiralty  
telegram regarding selection of Commander and suggests  
that he should receive his Commission direct from H.M.

This dispatch has been lying about for  
some time past because the papers  
could not be found and was  
because of the fact the presence  
of Panganyika has not yet agreed  
to the proposals (see last paragraph  
of the dispatch).

The matter is complicated by the  
recent decision that Panganyika  
should not contribute to a joint  
RNVR unit or to the head  
quarters at Mombasa, & further  
by the legal complications in the  
way of establishing an CA RNVR  
unit.

It might be useful however to

find out from Army Co. whether  
they would be prepared to nominate  
a retired naval officer to succeed  
Commander Tom Wood, on the salary  
suggested by the force of Kenya & Uganda  
& the Resident Panganyika. The question  
of whether the Officer should receive  
a Commission direct from H.M.  
must await the decision in  
reply to the formation of a  
Combined C.A. unit or separate  
units and Panganyika unit.

C. Ross  
27/10/36

15-10-36  
Ref. No. 17; states that the Governor of Tanganyika has no  
comments.

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Comments were to the Army  
in the course of the last week  
(I found out from Mr. [Name], Army  
that in [Name] is the proper  
person with whom we should  
communicate to.)

C. Ross  
26/10/36

18. Governor tel. No. 253.----- 26.10.36.  
Ref. No. 17; states that the Governor of Tanganyika has no  
comments.

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No 19 is not really in point now that it  
is decided that Tanganyika is not to  
contribute to the CA RNVR unit

Submit a revised draft  
letter to Army, after speaking  
to [Name].  
C. Ross  
28/10



25. Admiralty (Marine 50) 4.12.36  
No objection to Comdr. Blunt being approached but  
difficult to Comdr. Lloyd would be a very suitable  
officer if Comdr. Blunt's salary

26. Admiralty 9.12.36  
No objection to Comdr. Blunt being offered the  
appointment and states that Lt. Comdr. Lloyd is also  
a candidate for the post: comments as to salary  
stating that they would have no objection to a local  
Commission being issued to the Officer selected.

I discussed yesterday with Major Trench  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the procedure for selecting  
a candidate for this post. In the  
course of this discussion it was  
ascertained from the Admiralty  
that they wd. not wish to put forward  
any other candidates for approval  
except with Comdr. Lloyd. Major Trench  
agreed that the selection sh. be  
made from the two candidates whose  
names had been mentioned, thus  
ensuring the salary of wh. wd. be  
selected in filling the vacancy  
was widely known.

On this basis, Mr. Flood agreed  
that the vacancy might be  
referred to appointments Branch, &  
that the usual procedure sh. be  
followed for setting the candidates.

I have also spoken to Mr. Marshall  
you Adm. who says that Comdr. Lloyd  
was aware that the salary offered  
was £700 inclusive of retired pay &

that he was prepared to accept it.  
Mr. Marshall said however that the  
Adm. were very doubtful whether he  
wd. remain satisfied with an appointment  
This bears out the impression received  
of Mr. Chairman on the app. file.

27. I am submit V.F. & also a 2<sup>nd</sup> dep.  
& a 2<sup>nd</sup> s.o. letter to Mr. Wade, etc.  
Mr. Chairman & I prepared  
collaboration

J.J. Paslin  
/12

I talked to Mr. Lloyd on the telephone. There  
have no candidates to put of, V.F. need not  
therefore go through them.

I have sent a P. to Lt. Comdr. Lloyd, Com. Blunt  
app. are being completed.

We shall like V.F. files, as soon as passed.  
The regards minor affairs, course I have added  
a sentence giving the dates of the next  
two courses; the Admiralty have specifically  
asked for seven days notice, at the least,  
and have signposted themselves by saying,  
that C.S. officers can only be taken if  
vacancies are available. We must, therefore,  
make every effort to inform the Ad.  
in plenty of time, if Com. Blunt is selected,  
and is to undergo a course.

The mention of the possible limit of  
tootlessness which I have added  
to the final paragraph of  
the 5th letter has been made  
with Mr. Parkins consent.

May Com. Plants file be  
released as soon as possible  
please. Though we have reports  
from T.T. I have put your  
draft in next despatch (which  
should go by the same mail as  
the 5th letter), asking for  
telegraphic reply so that there  
should be no danger whatever  
of Com. Plant being raised  
any more. I have enclosed  
the 5th letter. The 5th  
(28) is in file. I have put  
up the draft to be sent  
in a week.

R. G. Mansel

18/11/36

The reply to (28) is at (2) n 27186/36  
A copy shall be placed on this file.

See No. 1 in 1937 file.

R. G. Mansel  
18/11/36

11/11

Copy sent to [unclear]

to Wade

22 Dec 1936

So Kenya. Secret (2) cons - 2  
(adjuncts. no in diff)

4 DEC 1936

I have taken V.F.

May we see reply to (28) as soon as  
received please?

R. G. Mansel  
21/11/36



C.O.

33009/36 Kenya.

Mr. Paskin. 212

Mr. Charnaud

Mr. Lloyd

Mr. Blunt

Mr. ...

Mr. ...

Mr. ...

Mr. ...

Mr. ...

Mr. ...

Mr. ...

Mr. ...

**2 DRAFTS**

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From ...  
Record of ...  
(i.e. ... first ...  
of ... 70 on ...  
25858 E.A.)

- Copies for Appts. File.
- (i) Lloyd. *attd 30/3/12*
  - (ii) Blunt. *31/12*
  - (iii) 1 Spare to Mr. Charnaud.

with reference to my Report

dated ... of the 5th of November ...

of the selection of a ...

the Royal Navy to command ...

of H.M.S. in East Africa, I have the honour

to transmit to you for your consideration

a copy of a letter ...

stating that the ...

offer no objection to the ...

Commander D.E. Blunt, ...

25861



C. O.

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Mr.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shackleton.

Sir G. Grindle.

Permt. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

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**DRAFT.**

File A

(60) (61) (65)  
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(26)

also regard Lt. Commander V. Lloyd as a  
very suitable officer for this appointment

2. On arrival in this country

Commander Blunt had applied to me for

employment in the Colonial Service with

particular reference to the vacancy under

discussion. I enclose a copy of a

statement of previous employment furnished

by him. Very satisfactory reports have

been received on his service in Tanganyika

but I have no official information regarding

his service in Kenya during the last two

years. It will be observed from the letter  
dated 16/11/47

from the Admiralty that Commander Blunt

had a good record in the Royal Navy and

that

C. O.

Mr. [unclear]  
Mr. [unclear]  
Mr. [unclear]  
Sir G. Balfour  
Sir J. Shackleton  
Sir G. Brindley  
Panel D.S. of S.  
Parly. U.S. of S.  
Secretary of State

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... although it is some years since he  
... served as an Inspector-Commissioner  
... consider that he would be suitable for this  
... appointment if he were given a course in  
... linesweeping before taking up his post.  
... In these circumstances, I should be glad to  
... be informed by telegram whether his services  
... in Kenya have been satisfactory, and whether  
... you would now be prepared to recommend him  
... for the appointment in question.

3. The normal duration of a  
... intermediate course may be taken as 28 days.  
... I assume that in the event of Commander  
... Blunt's selection for this post, you would  
... be prepared to agree to his undergoing

It is understood that the  
Admiralty have provisionally  
arranged courses to take  
place between the dates  
of 11th January to 12th  
February and 14th February  
to 12th March.

HALL

C. O.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Tomlinson

Sir C. Botton

Sir J. Shuckburgh

Sir G. Grindle

Mr. G. S. of S.

Mr. W. S.

Secretary of State

(10)

of the 17th of June, it will be observed

from the Admiralty signal ~~quoted~~ in which was

from the Admiralty signal quoted in

(17)

your Secret (2) despatch of the 27th of

August, that Commander A.L. Pears has had

recent mine sweeping experience. From the

statement in Section 4 of the record of the

Conference of the 22nd of July, it is noted

that the candidates were not considered to have

the necessary qualifications for the post.

It is assumed that Commander Pears is

considered unsuitable on other grounds.

As regards Commander Bernhard, I have no

information about

6. As regards the salary of the

appointment, it will be observed that while

the

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with the Chief  
of Staff  
at the Admiralty

(17)

the Admiralty consider that £700, inclusive of <sup>naval</sup> retired pay, would be adequate in the case of Commander Blunt.

they have doubts whether it would be adequate for Lt. Commander Lloyd. Moreover,

I understand that Their Lordships dislike the principle of offering a salary inclusive of *consider that there are objections in* (25) *to the proposal G*

retired pay and that they would prefer that a fixed salary should be decided upon which would be irrespective of the retired pay of candidates for the post. In these circumstances, you may perhaps be prepared to consider fixing the salary of the post, to be drawn from Kenya funds, at (say) £500.

I assume that you wish the appointment, in

C. O.

Mr.  
Mr.  
Mr.

Mr. Tomlinson.  
Sir C. Boltonley.  
Sir J. Shuckburgh.  
Sir G. Grindle.  
Permt. U.S. of S.  
Parly. U.S. of S.  
Secretary of State.

DRAFT

in the first instance, to be on agreement for one tour of service, which would be renewable at the officer's services, satisfactory

I am, etc.

Mr. Paskin 17/12

Mr. Charnaud 18/12  
MAJOR FURBER 18  
Mr. Flood. 18/12

on Nov 18 AIR MAIL

Sir C. Parkinson

Sir G. Tomlinson

quarto for Mr. Flood's signature.

Sir G. Ballomley

Sir J. Shuckburgh

22 December, 1936.

Perms. U.S. of S.

Perms. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State

DRAFTS

A. de V. WADSWORTH  
C.O.M.G., O.B.E.

(21)

You will receive by this mail an official despatch about the selection of an officer to command the R.N.V.R. I am sorry that it has taken so long to reach this stage but it ought not now to take very much longer before we can make a definite selection. As you will realise the main difficulty has been on the question of salary, though of course part of the delay has been due to the Tanganyika aspects of this question.

You will see that, in spite of the rejection of the three local candidates at the meeting of the 22nd of July with the Chief of Staff, East Indies, the Admiralty are prepared to regard Grant as a suitable candidate. In these circumstances you may

wish

**FURTHER ACTION.**  
Copies for file of  
(i) Grant  
(ii) Lloyd  
(iii) and to Mr. Charnaud.

(last 2/17)

(26)



wish to reconsider the question whether either Pears or Bernard might also be suitable. As regards Pears, to take it that since he has the qualification mentioned in (a) and (c) in Section 1 of the record of the writing, he will tick out on the grounds that he has not the required force of character.

As regards Bernard, we have no information whatsoever and if you think he ought to be considered against Blunt, you will no doubt tell us so in reply to the official requisition. I must however warn you that the appointment is being dealt with by our

Appointments Branch, so that a P/1 would be required, together with your recommendation and all the necessary reports from local employers and referees. Further enquiries will also be necessary here, all of which would entail considerable delay.

As regards Lloyd, about whom Admiral S.R.G.R. Evans wrote direct to Byrne in the 24th of September, our Appointments Branch

G. O.

- Mr.
Mr.
Mr.
Sir C. Parkinson.
Sir G. Tomlinson.
Sir G. Bottomley.
Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Permt. U.S. of S.
Permt. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State

DRAFT

32 (20)

FURTHER ACTION.

Minute 1
6/4/36
25558
EA

Branch have had one short interview with him as a result of which they feel some slight doubt as to whether he would prove altogether suitable to handle a force manned by white volunteers and natives, (on this aspect of the question, perhaps too much weight should not be attached to the fact that the specific recommendation comes from Admiral Evans). We also gather from the Admiralty that it is doubtful whether he would remain satisfied with the salary offered (though this doubt should be regarded if you adopt the suggestion to offer £500 regardless of required pay). Lloyd's papers are however now being completed and it is proposed that he should be interviewed again at somewhat greater length.

As regards Blunt, he created a very good impression at a short interview, the Appointments Branch and we are inclined to think from this, and from an examination of his papers that, even

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Sir C. Parkinson

Sir G. Tomlinson

Sir C. Bollenley

Sir J. Shackburgh

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Secretary of State

**DRAFT**

Minute 1  
7/14/36  
in 11/15/36

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too much weight should not be attached to ~~the~~ the specific recommendation ~~made~~ by Admiral Evans). We also gather from the Admiralty that it is doubtful whether he would remain satisfied with the salary offered (though this doubt should be lessened if you adopt the suggestion to offer 2500 regardless of married pay). Lloyd's papers are however now being completed and it is proposed that he should be interviewed again at somewhat greater length.

**FURTHER ACTION.**

Minute 1  
6/17/36  
25898  
LA

As regards Blunt, ~~he~~ created a very good impression at a short interview, ~~the~~ the appointments Branch and ~~we~~ are inclined to think from this, and from an examination of his papers that, even

even allowing for his lack of recent service experience (which would be largely offset by a minesweeping course), he might be more successful at handling both white volunteers and native crews, than someone (without this particular qualification) appointed direct from the Navy.

I am sorry to have had to write at such great length on this question, but thought it best that you should have all the consors. before you.

*Yours sincerely*

P.S. I ought perhaps to mention that Blunt also wishes to be considered for appointment as Game Warden. You will shortly receive a despatch enclosing his application together with one from Billyard-Leake.

(Signed) J. E. W. FLOOD

*You may wish to know however, that in a letter from DAVERNEY submitted to Blunt with this application, the following sentence appears: "If administrative difficulties here at times arise, it has always been quite some time since we have had a letter from Blunt dated 7/1/1911"*

*682004*

*(382) 750*



Any further communication should be addressed to

The Secretary of the Admiralty,  
London, S.W. 1

quoting *C.W./M.05129/36.*

RECEIVED  
10 DEC 1936  
O.O. REGY

26  
L.P. - No. 8

*Doc*  
Admiralty, S.W. 1.

9th December, 1936

Sir,

*20.*  
In reply to your letter of the 4th November, 1936, No. 38009/36, concerning the appointment of a Commanding Officer and Instructor for the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that Their Lordships would offer no objection to the appointment of Commander D.E. Blunt, at present resident in the colony. He had a good record in the Naval Service and although it is some years since he served at sea, he could be given a course in minesweeping before taking up the post. It is understood that he speaks Swahili fluently and is used to handling East African natives, qualifications which would be of great value as Officer Instructor. This Officer is in receipt of retired pay from the Ministry of Pensions at the rate of £165 15s. 5d. and the salary offered by Kenya in his case would, therefore amount to rather more than £500 per annum and could be considered adequate.

*bpm to Kenya (12)*  
*Ans*  
The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
S.W. 1.

HB

2. Lieutenant Commander Lloyd is also a candidate for the post. This Officer is at present on the Active List, but if selected, My Lords will be prepared to permit him to retire at an early date with retired pay amounting to £407 10s. 0d. per annum. My Lords accordingly have some doubt whether an inclusive remuneration of £700 plus free quarters, which would in fact amount to a salary of only about £300 from the Kenya Government, would be adequate for this Officer. This Officer would be very suitable for the appointment as he has had recent sea experience in the Minesweeping Branch of the Service.

3. My Lords would have no objection to a Local Commission being issued to the Officer selected.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
*H. S. ...*

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4D.  
1st December, 1936.

Dear Flood,

20.  
With reference to your letter of 4th November, 1936, on the matter of an officer for the Kenya R.N.V.R., I write to say that we shall have no objection to your approaching Commander Hunt with an offer of a salary of £700 for the post less the value of his retired pay, which is at present £165. 15. 6. from the Ministry of Pensions, — also we can arrange if you desire, for him to do a Minesweeping Course. On the other hand, it has been suggested that Lieutenant Commander L. R. Lloyd, who is now on the Active List but will shortly be due to retire, would be a very suitable officer as he has had recent sea and Minesweeping experience. I am led to understand that he would accept the post, although his retired pay would be slightly over £400, the salary that he would be drawing from Kenya would seem to be very small for the responsibilities that the post entails. On this point I should perhaps say that we feel a little doubtful about the principle that the salary offered should be inclusive of...

of...



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Liaison Officer:- Commander J. O. Wyatt, O.B.E., R.N.

410/35

30th November, 1936.

C. A. Grossmith, Esq.,  
Colonial Office,  
London,  
S. W. 1.

Dear Mr. Grossmith,

Re Officer Instructor for the R.N.V.R. in Kenya.  
I enclose copies of two recommendations from Admiral  
Sir E. R. G. R. Evans, Commander-in-Chief, The Home,  
on behalf of Lieutenant-Commander J. V. Lloyd.

In addition to these recommendations, I consider  
the fact that he is Senior Officer, Reserve Fleet,  
Minesweepers, The Home, and that he is still serving,  
means that you are going to get an officer with from  
the Service and therefore thoroughly up-to-date in  
naval matters.

I understand that it has been suggested that  
the sum of £700 salary should be inclusive of pension  
but this is hardly fair on the officers competing  
for the post, as naturally pensions vary so much and  
in any event I presume that the Colony would have to  
bear the difference, so that in the case of an  
officer whose pension was £200 the Colony would have  
to bear £500 per annum, whereas in the case of an  
officer whose pension is £400, the Colony would only  
be liable to the extent of £300 per annum.

If, therefore, the Colony would suggest a fixed  
sum, say, £500 per annum, it would not differentiate  
between the officers according to the amount they  
receive in pension.

Yours sincerely,

*John O. Wyatt*  
COMMANDER, R.N.,  
LIAISON OFFICER.

of retired pay; it seems to us that if the Government  
of Kenya are desirous of reducing the salary from  
retired pay plus £700 a year, <sup>with ultra pay in addition,</sup> it would be better that  
they lay down a fixed amount irrespective of the retired  
pay that the Officer is drawing. The matter is however,  
one rather for you than for us.

Yours sincerely,

*J. O. Wyatt*

P.S.

An official letter is being sent to you.

(26)

24th. September 1956.

Your Excellency,

I have had an application from Lieutenant-Commander L.V. Lloyd (Senior Officer, Reserve Fleet Minesweepers, the More) to be recommended for the appointment of Officer Instructor, R.N.V.H., Kenya.

I can very strongly recommend Lloyd, who could do the job easily. He has had a lot of war experience, is married, and his wife would like to go to Kenya. He has no children.

I have had great experience with Dominion and Colonial R.N.V.H. forces, and as always on the look out for good men. For more than 2 years I had the six Australian R.N.V.H. Divisions under my command, and since then four South African R.N.V.H. Divisions, in which I took a great interest and helped to get into a really efficient state, through obtaining the proper types for Officer Instructor, with the right knowledge, and I do consider Lloyd the proper type.

I have written to Rear-Admiral Brogley at the Dominions Office recommending Lloyd who is 42 years of age, and very fit physically.

Believe me to be  
Your Excellency's  
obedient servant

(Sgd) E.R.G.R. EVANS

Admiral  
Commander-in-Chief  
The More.

His Excellency,  
Brigadier-General  
Sir J.A. Byrne, GCMG, KBE, CB.

31st. August 1936.

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My Dear Admiral,

Lieutenant-Commander L.V. Lloyd (Senior Officer, Reserve Fleet, Minesweepers, the Hore), is anxious to be considered for the appointment of Officer Instructor, R.N.V.R., Kenya.

Lloyd is very strongly recommended by Rear-Admiral Young, Senior Officer, Reserve Fleet, the Hore, and from what I know of him he could do the job quite easily. Lloyd has a lot of war experience, he is married, his wife would like to go to Kenya, and he has no children.

If there is anything more that I can do to further his interests in this matter, I would be more than grateful if you would let me know whom to approach on his behalf.

Lloyd is 42 years of age, and very fit physically.

Yours very sincerely

(Sgd) E.R.G.R. EVANS

Rear-Admiral A. Bromley  
C.M.G., C.V.O.  
Dominions Office  
London, S.W.1.

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KENYA.

SECRET.

DO THING STREET,

24 November, 1956.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your Secret despatch of the 27th of July, and to inform you that the Annual Progress Report on the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve for the year 1955-56 has been considered by the Overseas Defence Committee.

The Committee were pleased to note the excellent progress which had been made in the Force since the change over to native ratings, and they expressed a desire that their congratulations might be conveyed to all concerned. They also wished to place on record their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Lieutenant-Commander J. E. N. Nood during his service with the Force ever since its formation.

I note with pleasure the views expressed by the Committee, and I shall be obliged if a suitable expression of appreciation may be conveyed to all concerned.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signature)

GOVERNOR

BRIGADIER GENERAL

SIR JOSEPH BYRNE, G.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B.,  
etc., etc., etc.

Mr. Patten 29/4  
Mr. Flood 29/4  
Mr.

Sir C. Parkinson  
Sir G. Tomlinson

Sir G. Hanbury  
Sir J. Spence

Mr. J. P. [unclear]  
Parliamentary Secretary

Secretary of State

**DRAFT**

Mr. Patten 29/4  
Mr. Flood 29/4  
Mr. [unclear]

Q to Mr. Flood 29/4

Dear General

I have just received  
your letter regarding  
the matter and I am  
glad to be able to  
reassure a student  
to come to the  
R.M.V.A. at a salary  
of £700 (income of  
any naval pension) plus  
quarter and house allowance, etc.  
and of course, for  
your telephone to the  
22nd of July to the  
East India Club  
Dept. had been contemplating  
a salary of £700 plus  
pension but had a  
that they could afford  
this - any case  
it was never intended  
that the Unit will expand  
to the extent which we

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have been seen contemplating

We have therefore been wondering  
if the salary proposed by General [unclear] was not  
enough to attract a candidate from  
this country, whether we could not come  
to some arrangement with one of the  
three local candidates mentioned in  
the Govt Secret Dep. of the 17<sup>th</sup> of June.

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It is true that at the  
conference on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July with the  
Chief of Staff, East Indies, none of these  
candidates were considered to have  
the necessary qualifications wh. were  
specified as follows:

(a) for [unclear]

(b) [unclear] [unclear]

(c) [unclear] [unclear]

We were wondering whether if one of these  
candidates were regarded as satisfactory  
under (a), we could perhaps supply  
the deficiency under (c) by giving him  
a short course somewhere, & perhaps put  
up with a lack of (b).

(possibly at  
Nellore to save  
the cost of  
sending him  
to England)

Of the three candidates mentioned, seen from  
Admiralty Telegram of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July, that  
Parris is qualified under (b) & (c), so that  
it is to be presumed that he is lacking in (a).

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We do not appear to know anything about Blunt or Bamford; but 23

(v. app. file h.w.)

(and if you think he wd. file in all these reports)

Blunt is in this country at present & has been warmly recommended to us by a former Kenya official. If necessary therefore he should be asked to accept the salary offered & to leave in course. as he is a local and we shall of course find it difficult to get a replacement before he leaves.

Yours sincerely  
[Signature] J. G. Wood

C. O.

38009/36.

Mr. Grossmith. 25/10

Mr. Parkin 29/10

Mr. Hood 27/10

Sir G. Parkinson

Sir G. Tomlinson

Sir C. Beveling

Sir J. Stirling

Parly. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State

DOWNING STREET.

October, 1936

SECRET

DRAFT.

THE SECRETARY,  
ADMIRALTY.

Sir,

I am etc. to refer to your

secret letter of the 22nd of July,

no. M-08742/36, regarding the proposed

appointment of a retired naval officer

to act as Commanding Officer and Instructor

of the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve

including detachments at Zanzibar and

Dar-es-Salaam, and to transmit to you, to

be laid before the Lords Commissioners of

the Admiralty, a copy of a despatch from

the Governor of Kenya enclosing the record

of a Conference held at Government House,

Mombasa on the 22nd of July, at which

the Chief of Staff, East India Station,

was present.

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From Mr. Kenya 27/10/36 (17)

From 18/10/36 (16)

FURTHER ACTION  
Copy to Mr. Parkin  
Mr. Parkin  
Mr. Hood  
Mr. Grossmith  
Mr. Parkinson  
Mr. Tomlinson  
Mr. Beveling  
Mr. Stirling  
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Parly. U.S. of S.  
Secretary of State

Mr. Parkin

2. The conclusion reached at the Conference in regard to the terms of the appointment of an officer to command and instruct the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (East Africa), was that a salary of £700 - £750 per annum inclusive of the officer's naval pension would be appropriate. It was also agreed that a house allowance, or an allowance in lieu thereof, should be granted, plus the usual passage allowance and leave, and an outfit allowance of £12 (the house allowance would amount to approximately 15 per cent of the officer's salary).

3. It will be seen that the signal from the Admiralty dated the 22nd of July, in which their Lordships suggested that the officer selected should receive a salary of £700 a year exclusive of retired pay was received by the Governor of Kenya from the Commander in Chief, East Africa Station, after the Conference.

~~The Secretary is disposed to agree~~

with

C.O.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr.

Sir C. Parkinson.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Parliamentary U.S. of S.

Party U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

DRAFT

*In the light of this decision it seems less likely that*

FURTHER ACTION.

In connection with the statement of the Governor of Kenya that the

salary proposed by their Lordships is

more than can be afforded, ~~and as~~

~~in view of the fact that no contributions are considered desirable that any contribution should be made from Tanganyika funds towards~~

either the cost of defences at Mombasa

or the cost of an East African Minesweeping

Unit. In this connection I am to invite

reference to the secret letter from this

Department of the 21st of October,

No. 6214/36A/36. The Secretary of State

is also disposed to agree that the post of

Commanding Officer of the East African

Royal Naval Volunteer Force ~~is not~~

comparable in responsibility with that

of the post of Commanding Officer of the

Straits Settlements Royal Naval Volunteer

Reserve.

5. In these circumstances, I am to

enquire whether their Lordships would be

prepared to recommend a retired naval

officer to command and instruct the

existing Royal Naval Volunteer Unit

at Mombasa on the terms agreed upon,  
at the Conference at Government House,  
Mombasa, on the 22nd of July.

6. A copy of a further despatch  
from the Governor of Kenya dated the  
15th of October 1952 is enclosed, from  
which it will be seen that the early  
selection of an officer is most desirable  
and it has been found necessary to transfer  
the present Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-  
Commander J. E. K. Noid) who is an Executive  
Engineer in the Public Works Department,  
Kenya, to the headquarters of that  
Department in Nairobi.

*In regards the proposal  
that the officer selected for this  
appointment should remain in  
command direct from the King,  
I am to report that the  
T. Lordship and Mr. Clerk-Sue  
has recently found it necessary to  
reject a similar proposal  
regard to the Officer of the new  
Kenya Regt. (Territorial Force)  
who is to replace the Kenya*

Defence Force. In these circumstances we find it difficult to agree that officers of the R.N.V.R. should receive these commissions direct from the King unless there were some very strong reasons for ~~doing so~~ as regards this I am to say that Mr. O'Connell is not satisfied that such a procedure is necessary in view of the appointments were to the command of a combined East African Force with detachments raised in Kenya, Tanganyika and Zanzibar. <sup>So far as Tanganyika is concerned</sup> ~~however~~ <sup>it is</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>likely</sup> to be the case, & the ~~probability~~ <sup>possibility</sup> that it will be ~~possible~~ <sup>possible</sup> to raise a detachment of the R.N.V.R. in Zanzibar is also not free from doubts of a legal character, as to which Mr. O'Connell will be addressing Your Lordships. For the present therefore it will be convenient to regard the post as that of the Commanding Officer of the Kenya R.N.V.R. - which



Case there will be no necessity  
to consider any departure from  
the usual arrangements whereby  
the appointment is made by  
the Governor.

(Sgd) J. E. W. Hood

AIR MAIL



GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
NAIROBI

KENYA

No.

KENYA

SECRET (2)

RECEIVED  
7th August, 1935

8 SEP 1935

C.O. REG.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my Secret Air-mail despatch of the 17th June, 1935, on the subject of the selection of a retired officer of the Royal Navy to command and instruct the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in East Africa, and also to my Secret despatch of the 21st March, 1935, on the subject of craft for minesweeping.

2. I held a Conference on the 22nd July, to which his Excellency the Naval Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, sent his Chief of Staff and Staff Officer for Operations, and at the conference both these matters, with others, were considered. I attach a record of the discussion.

3. Subsequent to the conference I received from Admiral Sir Alexander Ramsay without comment a signal from the Admiralty, dated 22nd July, which reads as follows:-

"Reference Governor of Kenya's letter of 17th June and proceedings of recent Conference of East African Governors. Their Lordships view is that it is very desirable to appoint a retired naval officer as Commanding Officer of Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and that the officer selected should if possible have had recent Minesweeping experience. Of the three officers mentioned in paragraph 4 of letter quoted, only Commander A.L. Pearse who retired in September, 1925, has had minesweeping experience. Other suitable retired officers are available in England and definite recommendations will be made if and when request for nomination is made.

Qualifications....

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE W. CRMSBY GORE, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
COLONIAL OFFICE,  
DOWNING STREET, S.W. 1.

AIR MAIL

KENYA

No.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE

NAIROBI

KENYA

Qualifications of other retired officers resident in East Africa would also be examined if they were known to be volunteers for the post. Conditions of appointment might approximate to those governing appointment of Commanding Officer of Straits Settlements Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, which include following: salary 700 pounds a year, in addition to retired pay, with free partially furnished quarters and free passage for officer and family. 4 years' agreement, and 3 months' leave with pay at the end of that period. You will no doubt consider whether salary mentioned is suitable with regard to the cost of living and other conditions in Kenya. L.C.O. 0012

4. As regards the conditions of appointment referred to in their Lordships' signal, I fear that the salary proposed is beyond what we can afford. The post of Commanding Officer of Straits Settlements Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve is presumably a much more responsible one than that of the Commander of this small East African Unit. I agree, however, that in the course of time, especially if and when the Reserve has a vessel of its own, a salary approximating that recommended may be justified.

5. I wish to urge most strongly that, for the reasons briefly set out in the enclosed notes of conference, this officer should receive his Commission direct from His Majesty.

6. I have, through the Secretariat of the Governors' Conference submitted this despatch in draft to the Governors of Tanganyika and Uganda and to the British Resident at Zanzibar. Mr. Mitchell and Sir Richard Rankine have already concurred in its terms, and I will telegraph the views of Sir Harold MacMichael as soon as they are received.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient, humble servant

BRIGADIER-GENERAL

Record of a Conference held at Government House,  
Mombasa, on 22nd July, 1935.

Present:

His Excellency the Governor.  
The Commander, Northern Brigade, the King's  
African Rifles.

Captain L.H.K. Hamilton, D.S.O., R.N.,  
Chief of Staff, East Indies.

Commander T.C. Hampton, R.N.  
S.O. (Operations), East Indies.

Lt.-Commander J.E.M. Noad,  
O.C., Royal Naval Volunteer  
Reserve (East Africa).

-----  
the private secretary.

I. Officer to Command and instruct the R.N.V.R. (East Africa)

The proposals contained in the Kenya Memorandum to the  
Governors' Conference (Conference paper GC/3/9) were re-examined.

It was ascertained that it would be necessary to offer  
the following terms, having regard to the responsibility of the  
duties and the status of the command, vis-a-vis other posts at  
Mombasa, military and civil:

Salaries: £700 to £750, inclusive of any naval  
pension; plus a house allowance or an  
allowance in lieu thereof; plus usual  
passage allowance and leave.

The claims of certain local candidates were examined,  
but it was considered that none of them appeared to have all the  
necessary qualifications which were as follows:

1. the required force of character;
2. recent service in the Royal Navy;
3. recent experience in minesweeping.

A knowledge of the African, the lingua franca and  
local conditions was not thought to be a decisive qualification,  
as has been demonstrated in the case of officers of the King's  
African Rifles this knowledge is capable of being acquired to a  
sufficient degree very quickly by a keen and intelligent man.

His Excellency.....

is, a draft letter which would be submitted to the other members of the Conference, a draft air mail despatch to the Secretary of State asking for a retired officer of the Royal Navy to be selected for this post on the terms and conditions outlined above. We would ask the Conference Secretary to invite the attention of the Governments to Appendix 5 of the Kenya Memorandum (GC/S/9) which presupposed that the officer selected would be in receipt of a Naval Pension of about £300 a year. The Conference Secretary would be asked also to stress the need for very early action in view of the fact that the present Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Commander Road, could not be available to command the Reserve after the end of September next.

II. Some difficulty was foreseen in the matter of Command of the Unit. It was felt that the officer selected to command and train the Reserve ought to have executive authority over any detachments such as those to be formed in Garissa and Dar es Salaam, and it was thought that a solution of the difficulty would be to ask the Secretary of State to obtain for this officer a Commission signed by His Majesty which would operate in all Territories. This would give him a position analogous to that of the Commander of the Northern Brigade, The King's African Rifles who has executive control over troops in both Kenya and Uganda: an arrangement which has in practice proved entirely satisfactory. Officers of the Reserve junior to the Commanding Officer could as heretofore be commissioned by the Officer administering the Government of his Territory.

III. It was agreed that the outfit allowance to be paid to each officer of the Reserve on first commission should be as recommended by the Commander-in-Chief, namely £12.

IV. Reference was made to the proposal to acquire for the Reserve Headquarters two identically similar buildings, for which...

for which provision (£550) had been included in the 1950 estimates submitted in the Kenya memorandum to the Board of Conference. In view of the continued necessity for the Kenya economy it was thought that the Reserve ought, for the present, to be without these new orders. It was felt that as the boats were really necessary to enable the port of Mombasa to be developed and to train, it was agreed that the boats should be taken to be like one of the similar to the latter now on charge. It was thought this could be required at a cost not exceeding £50 V. Reference was made to the charges claimed by the Zanzibar Government for the hire of "Al Nuzura" as a training ship and while it was hoped that it would be possible to obtain a reduction of the rate quoted (£30 a day) the question of a permanent vessel on charter was thought, to receive further consideration. Kenya Government of 15th March, 1950, to the Secretary of State and on 21st March 1950, the same was sent to the Secretary of State and on 21st March 1950, the same was sent to the Secretary of State and on 21st March 1950, the same was sent to the Secretary of State.

Captain Hamilton agreed that even if the East African Territories could not at present face the cost of maintaining a permanent crew it would be a definite step forward if they could obtain a vessel on such terms as had been suggested in the Kenya Dispatch above quoted. He said that on the basis of a rough estimate of the cost of the engineering services in respect of such a vessel on a basis of 50 days under steam the estimate is about £500. It was agreed that the possibility of manning in the reserve technical engine-room and a view was taken of the possibility of a permanent crew being obtained from the vessel during the period of the sea trials, and that Mombasa was the best of the ports.





had with the Naval Staff here it was suggested that we should pay this Officer not less than £700 or £750 a year inclusive of his pension which would be about £300 a year. This would have meant an extra charge of £200 a year on the joint account, not a very formidable sum.

Subsequent to this local conference, a signal was received from the Admiralty to the effect that the salary should not be less than £700 a year exclusive of any pension already earned by the Officer. The signal stated that this was the salary paid in Singapore, but the position there is I submit quite different as until we get a craft of our own the work involved in inspecting and training the small detachments in the three territories is not of a very onerous nature. I do not think that at present we can afford the larger salary but I will be guided by the views expressed by the other Governors.

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AIR MAIL

KENYA  
No.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
NAIROBI  
KENYA

PT. MUMBA.

27th July, 1956.

SECRET

Sir,

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I have the honour to refer to Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister's ( now Lord Swinton's ) Secret Despatch of 20th January 1955 on the subject of the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and to transmit for your information a copy of Vice Admiral the Honourable Sir Alexander Ramsay's letter No. E.I.3208/1 of 23rd July and of the annual Report on this Unit enclosed therewith.

2. With reference to the 4th paragraph of the Royal Commander-in-Chief's letter, I desire to associate myself with the tribute paid to Lieutenant-Commander Wood, and will bear in mind the recommendation contained therein when I have to bring to your notice those who, in my view, consider merit recognition in the New Year Honours.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE W. G. GARDNER, F.R.S., F.R.C.S.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
COLONIAL OFFICE,  
DOVE COURT SQUARE,  
LONDON, S. W. 1.

Naval Commander-in-Chief,  
East Indies Station,  
c/o H.M.S. Naval Office,  
CC10210, Ceylon.

No. E.I. 3208/1.

22nd July, 1935.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the attached report of progress on the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (R.N.V.R.) with which I concur.

2. I consider that the unit has obtained a most satisfactory standard of training, considering the short time that R.N.V.R. has been open to native recruits.

I am in agreement with paragraph 15 of the report, concerning the award to be made to the Lieutenant Commander J. H. M. Head, R.N.V.R. (Kenya). I would suggest for the consideration of your Excellency that it might be possible for this gentleman to be recommended to the appropriate authority for the award of a suitable decoration for his services to the Empire.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

ADMIRAL R. W. S. RUSSELL,  
Vice Admiral,  
Naval Commander-in-Chief.

His Excellency the Governor of Kenya,  
Government House,  
NAIROBI.



ATTENDANCE:

6. Two parades are held weekly. The average attendance at these drills is about 50. Taking into account that certain ratings have employment which makes it impossible for them to attend at times, I consider that the figures show great keenness and are most satisfactory.

SHORE TRAINING:

7. Seamanship: The following training in elementary seamanship has been carried out:-

- Bonds and hitches,
- Knots and solices,
- Lead and line,
- Boat pulling,
- Boat sailing, including rigging and unrigging the boat and some mast drill.

A fair standard of proficiency has been obtained in all the above subjects.

8. Signalmen: The standard reached varies considerably, some ratings have attained a high standard, particularly at sea ashore.

All signal ratings can read and make semaphore at a slow rate.

Some instructions have also been given in both International and Naval Flag Codes.

DRILL:

9. Considerable attention has been paid to pistol and rifle drill, and a satisfactory standard has been reached. The appearance of the unit on parade under arms is acceptable in view of the short time that the unit has been in its present form.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT:

10. The uniform and equipment was clean and in good order. Certain articles of uniform have only just arrived in Mombasa, and have not yet been issued.

SEA TRAINING:

11. The whole unit has had 2 days' sea training in the "Hathora". The weather was bad on both occasions, but proved valuable training for all concerned. A Mark V Orossea sweep was operated successfully. Stations for entering and leaving harbour, etc., were exercised.

12. As the primary object of the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve is to act as an efficient minesweeping unit immediately on the outbreak of war, it is desired to emphasise the paramount importance of such training. It is hoped that further opportunities of obtaining minesweeping experience will occur shortly.

ATTENDANCE:

6. Two parades are held weekly. The average attendance at these drills is about 50. Taking into account that certain ratings have employment which makes it impossible for them to attend at times, I consider that the figures show great keenness and are most satisfactory.

SHORT TRAINING:

7. Seamanship: The following training in elementary seamanship has been carried out:-

- Bonds and Hitches,
- Knots and splices,
- Lead and line,
- Boat pulling,
- Boat sailing, including rigging and unrigging the boat and some mast drill.

A fair standard of proficiency has been obtained in all the above subjects.

8. Signalmen: The standard reached varies considerably, some ratings have attained a high standard, particularly at semaphore.

All signal ratings can read and make semaphore and Morse at a slow rate.

Some instructions have also been given in both International and Naval Flag Codes.

DRILL:

9. Considerable attention has been paid to rifle and rifle drill, and a satisfactory standard has been reached. The appearance of the unit on parade under arms, at present, is certainly in view of the short time that it has been in existence, in its present form.

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT:

10. The uniform and equipment was clean and in good order. Certain articles of uniform have only just arrived in Mombasa, and have not yet been issued.

SEA TRAINING:

11. The whole unit has had 2 days' sea training in the "Hathern". The weather was bad on both occasions, but proved valuable training for all concerned. A Mark II Crosses buoy was operated successfully. Stations for entering and leaving harbour, etc., were exercised.

12. As the primary object of the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve is to act as an efficient minesweeping unit immediately on the outbreak of war, it is desired to emphasize the paramount importance of seamanship. It is hoped that further opportunities of obtaining practical experience will occur shortly.

RIFLE AND REVOLVER PRACTICES:

13. All European members of the unit have a good knowledge of and Lewis guns. It is considered desirable that a rating should be made for all the ratings to do a short annual musketry course, and for the Officers and Petty Officers a Pistol course in addition. It would be necessary for the native ratings to do a preliminary course in .22 rifle shooting before being allowed to fire live ammunition, and it is suggested that two .22 rifle courses should be held for the unit for this purpose.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER:

14. I am informed by the Commanding Officer that Chief Petty Officer Barham has carried out his duties in an entirely satisfactory manner during the period under review and appears to me to be a most efficient and capable officer.

COMMANDING OFFICER:

15. It is stated that James Gordon, a member in principle, by the East African Governors in conference to appoint a retired Naval Officer as Commanding Officer of the ship on the 1st of the 11th (East Africa) and to the 1st of the 11th (East Africa) will shortly relinquish his appointment on leaving East Africa.

16. I wish once more to draw attention to the fact that several volunteers have been offered to serve on the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (RNVR) ever since the war and particularly the 1st of the 11th (East Africa) and I believe that the 1st of the 11th (East Africa) will shortly relinquish his appointment on leaving East Africa.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
[Signature]

Commanding Officer  
H.M.S. [Ship Name]



SECRET

LP. No. 8

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Any further communication should be addressed to

The Secretary of the Admiralty,  
London, S.W.1.

Reference N. 03742/36.

Admiralty, S.W.1.

20th JULY 1936

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24 JUL 1936  
C. O. REGY.

Sir,

(12)  
With reference to paragraph 4 of your letter No: 53009/36 of 10th July, 1936, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit herewith, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a signal to the Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, concerning the proposed appointment of a retired naval officer to act as Commanding Officer and Instructor of the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*A. Phillips*

The Under Secretary of State,

COLONIAL OFFICE,

S. W. 1.

*copy to Kenya (12)*

DAH/



C. O.

Mr. Grossmith. (197)

Mr. Parkin (197)

Sir G. Parkinson.

SECRET

Sir G. Tomlinson.

TRANSIT

Sir G. Verulamby.

Sir J. Spackman.

Colonel H.S. S.

Major G. S. S.

Secretary of State



DRAFT

THE SECRETARY

(ADMIRALTY)

... etc. to refer to paragraph  
 ... your secret number of the 17th  
 January No. H. 0.168/36 and to transmit to  
 you, to be laid before the Lords  
 Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of  
 the despatch from the Governor of Kenya  
 regarding the man for the services of  
 a qualified officer of the Royal Navy as  
 Commanding Officer and Instructor of the  
 Kenya Royal Naval Reserve  
 including any documents in Arabic and  
 Dar-es-Salaam.

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submitted to the recent conference of  
General District Governors. A copy of the  
memorandum in question was sent to the  
Admiralty under cover of the Secret letter  
dated the 15th of June  
(1864) and a copy of the proceedings  
of the Governors' Conference was enclosed in  
subsequent letter dated the 9th July. For  
convenience of reference an extract from the  
memorandum is enclosed herewith.

The Governor of Bengal has been in  
communication with the Commander-in-Chief, East India Squadron,  
to whom copies of all the relevant correspondence  
will have been sent, may visit Bombay on the 20th of  
July and that it would be advantageous if the  
Lords Commissioners would send to him direct  
an expression of their views upon the  
terms and conditions upon which it might be  
possible at an early date to secure the services  
of a qualified retired officer, and any available  
information regarding those retired officers now  
resident in the Colony who may be suitable.

Mr. Ormsby Gore

C. O.

- Mr.
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir C. Parkinson.
- Sir G. Tomlinson.
- Sir C. Bottomley.
- Sir J. Stuckburgh.
- Repnt. U.S. of S.
- Party U.S. of S.
- Secretary of State.

Mr. Ormsby Gore will be  
grateful if their Lordships will  
communicate with the Commander-in-Chief  
as suggested by the Governor. He will  
also be glad to receive a copy of any  
communication sent.

DRAFT

I am, etc.

FURTHER ACTION

AIR MAIL

KENYA

No.

SECRET



GOVERNMENT HOUSE

NAIROBI

KENYA

17th June, 1946

Sir,

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Secret (Secret)

I have the honour to refer to your predecessor's Secret Despatch of 19th February, to Admiralty Secret Letter M.04681/35 dated 17th January enclosed herewith, and also Secret Air Mail letter C/D/A.9.9 of 14th June from the Secretary of the Governors' Conference to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, transmitting a copy of the Proceedings of the Secret Session of the Conference held at Dar es Salaam.

In accepting the proposals contained in the Kenya Government's Memorandum on East African Coast Defence (Paper No. GO(S)9), the Conference also accepted the statement of considerations set out in Appendix 6 to that Memorandum which stressed the need for the services of a Retired Officer of the Royal Navy as Commanding Officer and Instructor of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, including any detachments at Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam.

I should be glad if the Admiralty could be approached with a view to ascertaining the terms and conditions upon which it might be possible at an early date to secure the services of a qualified Retired Officer, and in this connection I must emphasise the need for the economical economy as the requirements of Coast Defence, together with Land Defence, already constitute a heavy load of expenditure.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE W. G. ORMSBY-GORE, P.C., M.P.,  
 SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
 COLONIAL OFFICE,  
 DOWNING STREET, S.W.1.



AIR MAIL

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4. Were a suitable Retired Officer to be found in the Colony, such an Officer would probably start duty with some knowledge of the Lingua Franca, and there might be an initial saving in the matter of Passages. I understand that the following Retired Officers who are normally resident in Kenya have expressed a desire to be considered for the appointment, but I have no knowledge of their qualifications:

Commander D. Blunt (at present on a visit to England)  
Lieutenant-Commander A. Pears,  
Lieutenant-Commander H.F. Bernhard.

5. I am addressing a copy of this despatch to the Commander-in-Chief, East Indies Squadron, enclosing also a copy of the Secret Proceedings and Memoranda referred to, and also a copy to the Secretary of the Governors' Conference.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

H. B. J.  
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL,  
GOVERNOR.



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Mr. Greenwith. 2.36

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Sir C. Parkinson,

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Downing Street.

Sir G. Tomlinson

X Sir C. Bottomley 17.2/2

19 February, 1936.

Sir J. Shuckburgh

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Secretary of State.

Sir,

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GOVERNOR.

No. 24  
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I have etc. to <sup>refer</sup> acknowledge  
~~to my predecessor~~  
~~the receipt of your secret telegram~~  
No. 287 of the 15th October last, and  
to transmit to you for your information  
a copy of a letter containing the  
observations of the Admiralty on the  
Report by the Naval Commander-in-Chief,  
East Indies Station, dated the 16th of  
August last.

2. As regards the last paragraph  
of the letter from the Admiralty, the  
information contained in your secret  
telegram, No. 30 of the 1st of February  
respectively on the subject of  
as regards magazine accommodation has  
not  
been transmitted to the Admiralty..

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ENCLOSURE  
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Chg to Adm. Hq.  
Ref. No. 6

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3. I take this opportunity to  
place on record my appreciation of the  
work performed by Lieutenant-Commander  
J.E.M. Neal as Commanding Officer of  
the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

(See memo  
order No 7  
3/10/41)

I have, etc.

Signed



Any further revision should be submitted to the Secretary of the Admiralty, London, S.W.1

LP No 8  
Admiralty, S.W.1  
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17th January, 1936

M. 04681/35

S.E.C.R.E.T.

Sir

I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to refer to your letter, No. 32009/35, of 17th October last, transmitting for remarks a copy of a despatch from the Governor of Kenya concerning the training and efficiency of the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and requirements for the seaward defences of Mombasa.

My Lords are in general agreement with the views of the Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, and concur in his recommendations, which are briefly:-

- (i) To recruit 68 suitable seafaring natives for the R.N.V.R.
- (ii) To provide a Lieutenant Commander R.N. (Retired) as Commanding Officer and Instructor of the force.
- (iii) To provide a suitable vessel (or vessels) for training purposes in peace and employment in minesweeping duties in war.
- (iv) To provide for the force (a) a number of Lewis guns (b) reserve stores for the minesweeping equipments, and (c) stores for the examination service and the port war signal station.
- (v) To store at Mombasa the 5" coast defence guns and searchlights, and to consider arrangements for their erection and manning, including the supply of ammunition and provision of a magazine.
- (vi).....

The Under Secretary  
of State  
COLONIAL OFFICE  
S. W. 1

(vi) To provide a magazine for the storage of ammunition etc., for the auxiliary minesweeping vessels required in war.

3. My Lords note that the Secretary of State has already authorised the Governor to give effect to (1) and to warn the Legislative Council that provision may be required for (ii). They consider that the appointment of an Officer Instructor would be of great value to the force, particularly in view of the necessity for training Europeans rapidly to become Petty-Officers. Precise details of the expense involved in the appointment will be furnished, if required. My Lords also note that the Governor has been authorised to appoint a small Committee to consider how effect could best be given to (iii).

4. As regards (iv), three magazines together with the normal quantity of spare parts and outfit of ammunition could be supplied at a cost of approximately £330 including freight. Particulars of the cost of reserve minesweeping stores were supplied to the Colonial Office when arrangements were made for the supply of two Mark III equipments. Stores for the examination service vessels and the port war signal station have recently been sent to Mombasa but none

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has yet been supplied for the examination battery.

5. As regards (v), the question of installing and manning the coast defence guns, etc., which are about to be despatched to Mombasa has formed the subject of recent correspondence between the Colonial Office and War Office. My Lords presume that the War Office will arrange in due course for the supply of examination stores for the battery (see above).

6. I am to confirm the statement in Commander-in-Chief, East Indies' letter of 16th August, 1935, that ammunition suitable for auxiliary minesweeping vessels is available (from imperial reserves) at Trincomalee. My Lords had intended to approve the transfer of a suitable quantity to Mombasa when a magazine was available, without prejudice to the financial adjustment involved. They had assumed that a magazine would be provided for storing the ammunition for the 6" guns in which space would be available for storing the relatively small quantity of Naval ammunition. They still consider that an arrangement on these lines would prove best, and presume that they will be informed as soon as a decision is reached on the provision of a magazine for the 6" ammunition.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J.S. Barnes





accompanied the letter from this Department  
*of the 17-12-1935*  
~~that the recruitment of~~  
sixty-two natives as seamen and signalmen for  
the Reserve was recommended by the Naval  
Commander-in-Chief, East India Station.  
Provision for the pay and allowances of  
sixty-two Arab and African seamen and signalmen  
during annual sea training has been included

in the Estimates of the Colony for 1936.

Thomas has informed the Governor  
of Kenya that His Majesty will not be advised  
to exercise his power of disallowance in respect  
of Ordinance No. 38 of 1935.

I am, etc.

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C. O.

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DOWNING STREET.

20 January, 1936.

Mr. Grosewith. 1071

Mr. Paskin. 151 f.

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Sir C. Parkinson.

Sir G. Tomlinson

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shackburgh

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Adm. of State.

**DRAFT**

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

WAR OFFICE.

Sir,

I am etc. to transmit to  
you for the information of the  
Army Council, a copy of Kenya  
Ordinance No. 38 of 1935, amending  
the provisions of Section 8 of the  
Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve  
Ordinance 1931. A copy of a report  
by the Attorney General of the  
Colony, explaining the purpose of the  
amending legislation, is also  
enclosed.

Mr. Thomas has informed  
the Governor of Kenya that His Majesty  
will not be advised to exercise his  
power of disallowance in respect of  
Ordinance No. 38 of 1935.

I am, etc.

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FURTHER ACTION



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

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December, 1955.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith two authenticated and twelve printed copies of "An Ordinance to Amend the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Ordinance, 1951," No. XXVIII of 1955, which passed its third reading in Legislative Council on the 21st November, 1955, and to which I assented in His Majesty's name on the 4th December, 1955.

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2. A copy of the legal report by the Attorney General, together with a comparative table, is also enclosed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

Brigadier-General

G. O. V. E. R. N. C. R.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P. C., M. P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W. 1

No. XXXVIII

1935



Colony and Protectorate of Kenya.

IN THE TWENTY-SIXTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF  
HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V

JOSEPH ALOYSIUS BYRNE, C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B.  
*Governor*

Assented to in His Majesty's  
name this 11th day of July  
1935.

J. BYRNE

*Governor*

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE KENYA  
ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE  
ORDINANCE, 1931

**ORDINANCE No. XXXVIII of 1935**

**An Ordinance to Amend the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Ordinance, 1931.**

ENACTED by the Governor of the Colony of Kenya, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (Amendment) Ordinance, 1935, and shall be read as one with the Kenya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Ordinance, 1931, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

2. Section 8 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the addition thereto of the following:—

Amendment of section 8 of the Principal Ordinance.

"Provided that the Governor, at any time when he considers it desirable in the public interest, may by notice in the Gazette direct that non-Europeans of any specified class or classes may be enlisted in the Reserve, and in such notice may make provision for a special age of enlistment and period of enlistment and for such other conditions relating to enlisted non-Europeans as he may think fit. Save in so far as any special provision is so made in any such notice, all the provisions of this Ordinance and of any regulations made thereunder shall apply to all non-Europeans so enlisted."

Passed in the Legislative Council the twenty-first day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five.

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which passed the Legislative Council and is presented for authentication and assent as a true and correct copy of the said Bill.

**J. F. G. TROUGHTON**

*Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council.*

LEGAL REPORT

THE KENYA ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1935

Section 3 of the Principal Ordinance provides that every member of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve must be a British subject of European race or origin.

The Officer Commanding the Reserve has reported that although no difficulty is anticipated in obtaining the requisite number of petty officers from the European personnel, it has been found impossible to recruit European lower deck ratings up to the minimum peace establishment. It is considered, therefore, that the ratings required to bring the unit to full peace establishment should be recruited from non-Europeans of the seafaring population, and this Bill is designed to give effect to that proposal.

A Comparative Table is attached.

In my opinion, His Excellency the Governor may properly assent to this Bill in the name and on behalf of His Majesty.

Nairobi,

21st November, 1935.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

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COMPARATIVE TABLE

THE KENYA ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1935

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