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C/m

Monson. 575
for Govr

1914
9th June

ARMS AND MILITARY KIT
FOR SURVEY N.C.O.'s AND SAPPERS

Last previous Paper.
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States Director of Survey's reasons for considering issue necessary. Does not consider issue necessary and advises practice be discontinued.

6.8.14/115 Reg.
(Arms & Military Kit)
And 681-17 July 14

W. Read

The Governor, contrary to the rec. of the Dir of Surveys, proposes that survey n.c.o.'s & sappers should not be issued with arms & military kit.

But - W.O. of 1711 - Nigeria General has already settled the point - i.e. provided W.O. do not object. What we have there ~~for~~ said to W.O. is that if these arms & kit are taken out because W.O. wish it, not the Col. Gen.

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Gen. the cost cannot be borne
by the Col Gen nor ~~any~~ can
any responsibility be taken
for their custody, transport,
maintenance or ultimate return.

The position will be precisely
the same in E. A. S.

? act. receipt - send copy
of correspondence on that paper
to Gov. or rifⁿ - a promise
further commⁿ. ~~at~~ if W.D.
write further on the subject -
saying that in the absence of
any disp. from Hqs. the Gov.
may approve that Purvey U.C.O.
& Sappers will in future be
issued with arms & military
kit on the cond^{ns} in para 2
of letter to W.D. of 3 June.

acct

7/7/14

at once

H. J. R.

9/11/14

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI, JUL 14
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 575.

June 9th, 1914.

Sir,

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I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 310 of April 1st respecting the issue of arms and military kit to Non-Commissioned Officers and Sappers employed on Survey duty.

2. The Director of Surveys considers such issues necessary on the ground that the men may be required to attend ceremonial functions in uniform, that they may be attached to military patrols and expeditions, and that they may have to go through a course of drills as a preliminary to a promotion examination. He gives as instances the occasion of His late Majesty's birthday in 1906 and 1907 when such attendance was ordered, and the Marakwet expedition

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

expedition to which Captain Coode was attached because no Royal Engineer Non-Commissioned Officer was available. He also cites several cases in which Corporals were required to attend a course of drills in uniform.

3. Captain King further states that a rifle and ammunition are needed for protection against wild animals.

4. The reasons given do not appear to me to justify the issues in question and I would advise that the practice of making them be discontinued.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

W. M. ...
 Deputy GOVERNOR.

Copy to be sent to ... (the ...)

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17 July, 1914.

Sir,

DRAFT.

I have the honour

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No 681

to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 575 of the 9th of June, with regard to the issue of arms and military kit to N.C.O.s and Sappers employed on Survey duty in the E. Agr. Prot., and to transmit to you herewith for your information a copy of correspondence with the W.O. showing the decision which has been taken in the matter on this subject.

Gov. Sir H.C. Belfield

MINUTE.

- Mr. Cooke 13/7/14
- Mr. Read 13
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

W.O. to C.O. 9/5/14

C.O. to W.O. 13/6/14

(2) In the event of a further

further letters on this
subject being received
from the W.O., a further
communication ~~of~~ will
be addressed to you.

In the absence of any
despatch, however, you
may assume that

T.N.C.O.s and Sappers
appointed to the Survey
Dep^{ts} will in future
be issued ~~with~~ arms
& military kit ~~for~~ a

the conditions stated
in the second paragraph
of the enclosed letter
to the W.O. of the 13th
of June.