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Police Report 1906-7

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This might want for the pro
reply to our despatch of the 26th of
June or $\frac{21480}{25950}$. If a reply
has been received by the middle of
month

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We have from the pro a good looking
one (see despatch for $\frac{25950}{25950}$) & I do not think
the return of any one to pursue the matter
further. The next term will be starting out
to run things. I give the all the
support in case of any kind of resignation
Public Affairs

"Governor's Office,

Mombasa,

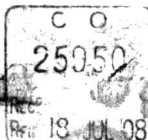
June 26th 1908.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 308.

(Incl. L.)

My Lord,



As desired in Your Lordship's telegram of the 23rd instant I have the honor to submit the reports on the Police by the Inspector General of Police for the year ending the 31st March 1907.

2. In future the annual reports of the Inspector General will be submitted as they are received, independently of the General Annual Report which accompanies the Blue Book.

3. During the year under report the Police were still to a large extent under the immediate control of the Civil Officers in the outstations, both as regards discipline and interior economy, and recruiting. This practice which was unavoidable at first, has gradually been remedied as the Police become better officered and the Inspector General was able to obtain control over the outlying detachments of the Force.

4. Similarly with regard to the extraneous duties performed by the Police, which resulted from the system in the past, necessitated by the conditions

H. H. Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

LONDON, S. W.

also report
1908-07.

of the time in newly acquired districts, in which the aid of the Police was invoked in almost every branch of Administrative work. I have referred to this in a late despatch in connection with the re-organisation of the Police, and shown what steps have been taken to set matters on a proper footing. As regards the Police collecting hut tax and assisting in the counting of huts, I have always been strongly opposed to the Police anywhere being in any way connected with Revenue; the practice is open to grave abuses and opens the door to corruption.

6. Shortly after I took charge of the Protectorate I issued orders that the Police were not to be employed in collecting hut tax, and it was with the greatest reluctance that I allowed them to continue assisting in the counting of huts, on the urgent representations of the Provincial Commissioners that without this help the Revenue could not be collected.

7. In the case of the Constable at Fort HARRIS was an unfortunate one of armed Police being allowed to help a Chief in the collection of hut tax, the setting of a case against the Constable, and the case being the subject of judicial enquiry.

8. Provision for a Pay and Quartermaster's establishment appeared in the current year's estimates, and Mr. Beale was appointed Pay and Quartermaster in August 1894, the salary being met from savings till

the close of the year.

9. I have elsewhere fully explained the reasons why it was not possible to proceed with a training depot. This is now about to be started at Maitasha.

10. The matter of the Police at Mombasa and at Nairobi has been since dealt with, new lines being in course of erection in both towns.

11. The whole question of the reorganisation of the Police has been dealt with in reports lately submitted to Your Lordship, upon which I have fully noted my views and recommendations. It is not therefore necessary that I should deal further with this subject in conjunction with the report now submitted.

I have the honour to be,
With the highest respect,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient,
Humble servant,

J. H. ...

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In Dispatch No. *308, as June 16, 08.*

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REPORT
on the Police
for the year 1906-7

No. 55

I. G. P'n. Office,

Nairobi,

10th June 1907.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Police Administration report for the year ending 31st March 1907.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Inspector General of Police.

The Secretary to the
Administration,

10th June 1907.

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Annual Report

The strength of the Force on the 31st March 1907 stood as follows:-

Insp. Genl.	1
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Superintendent	1
Asst. Superintendents	9
Inspectors	14
-do- temporary	19
Serjt. Instructors	7
Sub Inspectors	6
Asst Sub Inspectors	11
Officers	2
N. G. Co.	332
Men	1662

Returns

The following Returns are attached:-

- (1) Criminal Statistical
- (2) Property Stolen & Recovered
- (3) Strength & distribution of the Force.
- (4) Daily Parade Roll.

Changes

The following changes took place in the Force:-

- Mr. Donald, I. G. P. went on 6 months leave on the 10th June '06 & returned on 28th November '06.
- Capt. Riddick, B.I.G.P. officiated during Mr. Donald's absence.

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R. M. Ewart, A.S.P. was promoted to rank of Superintendent on 23rd May 1906.

Capt R. W. B. Huftace, A.S.P. went on 6 months leave on 12th June 1906 & returned on 13th November 1906.

J. P. Moore, A.S.P. went on 6 months leave on 8th December 1906.

G. Mc J. Tew, A.S.P. went on 6 months leave on 16th January 1907.

H. Rayns, A.S.P. went on 6 months leave on 14th January 1907.

V. D. Tynden, A.S.P. promoted from rank of Inspector from 1.7.06.

Capt. G. Smith, appointed A.S.P. on 26th October 1906.

Capt. J. A. B. Williams, appointed A.S.P. on 30th October 1906 and went Home on "special" duty on 2nd February 1907.

Inspector Watchan, went on 6 months leave on 1st January 1907.

Inspector Milton, promoted from Sergeant Instructor on 18th May 1906.

Inspector Richardson - promoted from Sergeant Instructor on 26th June 1906.

Inspector McDermott - appointed on 1st October 1906.

Inspector Cheyne - appointed on 4th February 1907.

Inspector Fanner - appointed on 12th January 1907.

Inspector McClymont - appointed on 9th February 1907.

Inspector Fitzgerald - temp: appointed on
21st May 1906.

Inspector Lydford - temp: appointed on
22nd May 1906.

Inspector Foster - temp: appointed on
24th May 1906.

Inspector Long-Innes - was temporarily
transferred as Deputy Superintend-
ent of Jail, Newbarr from 3.2.'06
to 26.1.'07.

Sergt. Instr. G. Wood - appointed on 27.4.06
in place of Sergt. Instr. Rainbow
resigned.

Sergt. Instr. Harnett - appointed on 13th
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Hughes time-expired.

Sergt. Instr. Darke - appointed on 14.11.06
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promoted to Inspector.

Sergt. Instr. E. Webb - appointed on 1.12.06
in place of Sergt. Richardson
promoted to Inspector.

Sergt. Instr. T. Quinn - appointed on 27th
January '07 to fill vacancy.

Sergts. Quest & Hughes returned to their
Regiments after serving out their agreements
on the 21st December 1906.

The following local appointments were
made provisionally:-

- G. P. Bradney as Inspector on 15.3.07
- S. C. Ward " " " 15.3.07
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A. E. Hoey " " 28.3.07.

Examination.

The following officers I am glad to say passed the Swahili Examination on 21.4.08:-

A.S.P. H. Rayne

Inspe. J. E. Watcham

Insp. P. D. Tyssen

on 13.10.06:-

A.S.P. W. Rigby }
Insp. W. J. Rully } Higher Standard

A.S.P. J. P. Moore }
Insp. J. C. Bentley }
" J. L. Likeman } Lower Standard.
" C. S. Long-Innis }
" E. Anisraen }

Criminal Statistical
Return

It is impossible to say whether the crime had increased for the year under report in comparison with last year as I was able only to give a return of the crime from the three principal Stations in my last year's report. Nairobi undoubtedly shows an increase, this is only natural. It is the Head Quarters of the Protectorate and is growing very rapidly. The European population has more than doubled, I attribute a large proportion of the thefts & robberies due in a great measure to the careless manner the people look after their property & to the indifferent class of house boys engaged by them. If they would only take the trouble before engaging a servant to send him to the Police Station

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for verification of his character I am sure these petty thefts would decrease very appreciably. Some of the white population are far from desirable, recently two Europeans arrived from the South one of them had been sentenced to 18 months. I am glad to say he has left the country but before going he notified his intention of returning - I hope the Immigration Ordinance will operate against his landing.

Owing to the scarcity of food supplies towards the latter part of the year there was a tendency to commit a number of petty larcenies.

Judging by the percentage of convictions viz 87% roughly it will be seen the working of the Police had been satisfactory though the return of stolen property recovered is only a little over 35%.

Supervision of
Criminals.

This is done to a great measure by taking notice under Sec. 109 & 110 Cr. P. Code. All bad characters & persons without ostensible means of livelihood are arrested & bound over to be of good behaviour. A system of having all habitual & dangerous criminals photographed has also been started with the Gaol Authorities in Mombasa as is done in Bombay.

I am also in communication with the Judges of having rules drawn up under Sec. 565 Cr. P. Code so that any change of residence after release from the Gaol of notorious bad characters should be notified to the Police. I consider this very ne-

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necessary now that the criminal class have realized the difficulties of getting about freely looted.

I have not been able to start a Criminal Investigation Dept. as yet but all Officers are encouraged on proceeding on leave to study the system. I am glad to say that some of them are undergoing a course of it.

Duties Performed by the Police.

I have to again report that I am called upon to supply men to perform many extraneous duties, practically the whole of the hut tax through-out the Protectorate my men assist in the collection of & the huts are also counted by them. Detachments of Police are then away for considerable periods under the control of Civil Officers this hampers them in their legitimate work & make it very difficult to keep them trained & efficient - it also opens the door for bribery. I quote a case which occurred at Fort Hall. A Chief was given two armed Police for the purpose of assisting him in the collection of hut tax One Constable was sent by the Chief to stop a Sub Chief's goats & sheep who it was alleged had not paid his tax. The Constable was struck on the head with a stick by one of the Sub Chief's men, he returned & reported this to the Chief who turned out with his men & the other constable, the end of it being that one man was shot.

Police are also used for collecting labor, driving carts, serving civil processes, supplying escorts & infact they

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assist in the collection of the greater part of the revenue of this Protectorate. For nearly six months I was called upon to supply an escort of one Officer & 40 rank & file to the Survey Party.

It is owing to these various duties on my Department that I have been short handed & have had to abandon beats not been able to establish new posts etc.

Besides I consider the performance of such work gives the men an erroneous idea of what is their legitimate duties, the result of this is that when they are called upon to act in their bona fide capacity they are ignorant of it.

Restrictions.

I again wish to refer to your Excellency's notice the fact that we have no Depot or Quarter Master Store without which it is impossible to properly train & equip the men. It makes our whole system of training, clothing, & keeping up the Corps both difficult & unsatisfactory.

Some of my detachments are still under the control of Administrative Officers who cannot be expected to devote much time & attention to the Police under them in addition to ~~the~~ ~~their~~ their own duties, & in this respect I have received complaints from some of the Collectors. When the Civil Officer goes on tour the detachment is left entirely in charge of the Sergeant Major which is not desirable. I attribute a large leakage of the ammunition to this cause.

Musketry.

Owing to the very bad state of nearly all the ammunition & Rifles I had to discontinue musketry through out the Protectorate. In some of the Collectorates where the course was gone though I received reports that with some of the rifles a bullet could be put in at the breach & would comfortably come out at the other end. I also got bad complaints about this ammunition.

I have since received a consignment of 200,000 rounds of ammunition from the Uganda Protectorate. I consider that all the forces in this Protectorate & Uganda are armed with 303 this Police force should be supplied with the same weapon.

Clothing. Issue
of the Regiment

Under our present system of re-issuing kits &c. it is impossible to keep the men smart in appearance; e. g. a Police Constable loses or spoils his jacket, on being made to pay for it the money is credited to "Miscellaneous Revenue" I have therefore no way of replacing the lost or spoilt article & the Police Constable remains an eye sore till the next issue is due. I have tried repeatedly to adjust this matter with the Treasury but have failed.

Lines.

I have to again report on the most unsatisfactory state of the Lines both at Mombasa & Head Quarters they are dilapidated and insufficient.

Inspectors.

I feel it my duty to bring to your 113

Excellency's notice that promotion to the senior grades should be made by selection from the Inspectors here, now that a good number of them are qualified having acquired a knowledge of the language & of the law in force, They have joined the lower grade with the intention of gaining the necessary experience, & if such men are superseded they will not remain & the Force will suffer. The Inspectors are the backbone of the Corps & only such men as can ultimately be promoted to the higher grade should be taken as such. I attach great importance to this point. At present the European Inspectors hold no rank, I have recommended they should be given one star & to understand good work, energy, & zeal will lead to promotion, I believe this will do more to strengthen the Corps than anything I can suggest.

Sergeant

The present system of sending Sergeant

Instructors. Instructors from Home for 3 years has this disadvantage, that just as an Instructor is at his best we lose him, he takes some time to learn the language & to get to know the men & used to the local condition, he is then replaced by a new Sergeant who is useless for quite a long time. Permanent Instructors would be infinitely more valuable.

N. C. O's.
&
Men.

The great difficulty I have to contend with is that nearly all the N. C. O's. & men are illiterate & it takes a lot of time explaining & conveying to them their

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→ duties which after a time owing to defective intelligence or bad memory they forget and have to be taught over again.

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By the introduction of a Depot this difficulty would be got over.

Men are also very much averse to doing duty at Head Quarters. This is in my opinion due to two of the following reasons:-

- (1) Work-greater than at any other place
- (2) More expensive to live in. It is very difficult to obtain a good class of recruit for Wairebi & I consider in order to encourage the better class to join the pay should be increased.

Police Ordinance.

A new Police Ordinance was passed on 6th December 1906.

Code.

A Departmental Code has also been introduced.

Inspection.

I observed in my last tour of inspection that the Police Officers in the Provinces was not afforded every facility by the Sub Commissioner & Collector to move about the district to investigate crime & to acquire an accurate knowledge of the district & its inhabitants. I trust this restriction has now been removed, for I am of opinion if Police Officers are allowed more freedom of action, that a good deal of the crime which is at present suppressed by the natives, would come to light as has been proved to be the case in one of the districts when the Collector afforded every encouragement to the Police Officer he had with him.

Incident.

Before closing my report,

I must refer to the flogging incident which took place on 14th March. About 100 Europeans took the law into their own hands & 3 natives were publicly flogged in front of the Town Magistrate's Court for impertinence to two ladies. I refer to the incident to bring to your Excellency's notice the petition I am placed in. I am responsible for the prevention of all crime & for law & order. I have over two thousand armed Police for this purpose but I may not use them against Europeans.

In conclusion I would bring to Notice for commendation, the following Officers:-

Superintendent Hart - he was in Charge of Nairobi for the greater part of the year, he worked hard and was very successful in the investigation of his cases & in keeping crime down.

A.S.E. Rayne - This Officer was stationed at Kisumu - The Sub-Commissioner has warmly commended his services & I heartily endorse all that he has said. He was sent on special duty to stop the illicit traffic of Arms & Ammunitions in the Turkana & Karameja country. He did this work most satisfactorily, considering he was assisted in this work by four Constables, he captured a large quantity of Ivory, 126 Rifles, over 5000 rounds of ammunition, & a quantity of powder & caps & got a conviction in each of the cases.

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A.S.P. Capt. Mustace - he is stationed at Mombasa where he is doing good work.

A.S.P. Rigby - This Officer was in charge of the Survey Report. The Officer of the Survey reported most favourably on him & the men - he was also in charge of Kisumu where he was successful in getting convictions in most of his cases & in recovering most of the property stolen.

Amongst the Inspectors - Inspectors Bentley, Reilly & Long-Innes have worked hard & done good work. Inspector Long-Innes was for the greater part of the year lent to the Gold & Mining Departments & by the Officers of both these Departments his work was reported on very satisfactorily.

Mr. Jolley, my Head Clerk has given me entire satisfaction - In addition to his own work he helped me in the Quarter-Masters work.

Inspector General of Police.

