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[Despatch Abstract.]

VOLUNTEERS---UNIFORM.

Recording letter from the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, forwarding copies of correspondences relative to the wearing of uniform by volunteers competing at the next meeting of the Southern India Rifle Association.

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Head Quarters Bangalore District
Bangalore 10th August 1895

From,

Brigadier General M. W. E. Forest C.B.
Commanding Bangalore District
To, The Dy. Adjutant General,
Madras Command,
Ootacamund.

Sir, I have the honor to report that during the last meeting of the South Indian Rifle Association, I found that Volunteers were shooting in plain clothes. This as a matter of discipline, I objected to and ordered uniform to be worn. This order has been entered in the Bye Laws for the forthcoming meeting & has occasioned a protest from some corps. As regards those in this command, I have had a memo. sent by my D.A.A.G. a copy of which I attach - but as similar protests may come from corps in other Commands, I submit the letters I have received for the information of His Excellency Commanding the Forces, for such instructions as he may think fit to give.

2. It will be noticed that there is a similarity in the letters received which points to a common origin.

3. I have refused to have the matter submitted to the Council of the S. I. R. A. as beyond their province.

4. I shall feel obliged by a very early reply as the entries close on the 25th Instant & all corps will have to be communicated with by the Secretary.

I have &c.

Sgt. Matt. Gosset, Br. General,
Commanding Bangalore D.C.

"True copy"

W. H. M. Reed, Br. General,
Deputy Adjutant General.

Copy of a circular memo. no A/840 dated 10th August 1895 from D. H. G. Bangalore District to Officers commanding Bangalore Rifle Volunteers, Coorg & Mysore Rifles & Yercaud Rifle Volunteers.

The G.O.C. regrets that he cannot sanction the request contained in letters from some of the O. C. Volunteer Corps in the Bangalore command, that plain clothes may be worn at the meeting of the South Indian Rifle Association.

The question of the slight damage to their uniform is a small one when considered alongside that of discipline.

The meeting is a military one & the volunteers a military force & they should be only too glad when they are associated with the regular Army, to take their place with them as soldiers dressed like them & not as civilians.

The G.O.C. wishes to raise the volunteers in the estimation of all classes civil & military & he feels that to grant their request notwithstanding what they urge, & which he has duly considered, would be likely to have the opposite effect.

The matter has been submitted for the orders of His Excellency Commanding the Forces.

Lt. Col. M. Reed.

Captain,
Dy. Asst. Adj. Genl., B. D.C.

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"True Copy"
Lt Col. Reed, Captain,
Dy. Asst. Adj. Genl., B. D. C.

"True Copy"

Supintendent of Police, Brig. General,
Dy. Adjutant General.

Form No. 111

Copy of a telegram No. 1/482
dated 12th Aug 1895
from the Deputy Adjutant General Madras Command,
to the General Officer Commanding Bangalore District.

I have acknowledged the receipt of your letter no. 5112 of the 10th instant, forwarding protests against the blanket laying down that uniform should be worn by volunteers competing at the next meeting of the Southern India Rifle Association. I have the honor to inform you that the Lieutenant General Commanding can only regret such appeals should have been seriously put forward.

His Excellency entirely concurs with your opinion that Volunteers when taking part in competitions at Army Rifle Meetings, should be dressed in the uniform of their corps.

His Excellency considers that the proposition as to wearing of khaki clothes on such an occasion is opposed to the spirit of modern volunteering, and if acceded to would deplete volunteer corps to the position of Rifle Clubs.

"True Copy"

Supintendent of Police, Brig. General,
Dy. Adjutant General.

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16th August 1895.

No.

From

The Lieutenant-General COMMANDING the FORCES, Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras.

Sir,

To the question appears to have attracted some attention in the local press, I have the honor to enclose for the information of Government copies of correspondence relative to the wearing of uniform by Volunteers competing at the next meeting of the Southern India Rifle Association.

ENCLOSURES

I Copy of letter no. A
5.192
of 10th August 1895 from
G.O. Bangalore District to
D.A.G. and Memo no. A to
840
O.C. Bangalore Volunteers
II Copy of letter no. E of 10th
4338
August 1895 from D.A.G. to
G.O. Bangalore District

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Lieut. General
Commanding the Forces, Madras.

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From
The Lt General
Comd the Forces
Madras

H.S. the Governor

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Forwarding Copies of
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to the wearing of uniform
by Volunteers Competing
at the meeting of the
South Indian Rifle
Association

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