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[Despatch Abstract.]

Addressing the Govt of India on the subject of the
present amalgamation of the Milla Volunteer
Corps with the F. M. R. Vol. Rifle Corps to which
is at present attached for administrative pur-
poses

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Order

Returned to the
Deputy Adjutant General,
Madras Command, in
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quest contained in his
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O. 867 of the 3rd instant.

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Chief Secretary

C.W.
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SUBJECT.

Recommending that the
Baleary Vol. Rifles may be
incorporated as a separate
company with the Southern
Mahratta Ry. Vol. Rifle Corps.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

No-82 A. The Officers & Company
J. M. H. 1877

Forwarded for information
of parent of Petitioner

By order
M. J. M.
26.2.97

The A. A. General Co. - Belvaux St.

Returned as requested.

Returned as requested -

2. I am unable to find a gentleman to take up the Command of the Bellary Volunteer Rifle.
3. I have asked the Collector if one of the Civil Officers would do so, and he has replied that none of them are willing -
4. Under these circumstances I would recommend that the Corps be amalgamated with the Southern Mahratta Railway Volunteer Corps which has a detachment of 10 men at this station.

Bellary & J. H. Rowland Off. Col. on staff
5-4-96 } Commanding Bellary

No 1541-A The Officer Commanding
S.M. Railway Volunteers

Hubli.
Forwarded for favour
of remarks and return.

By order
Belgaum Musawelle Major
7-4-97

No 68 of 1897.

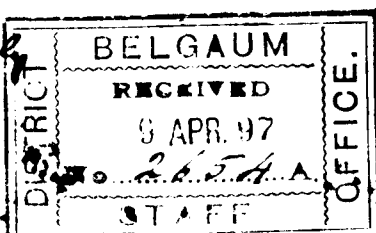
The A.A.G. - Belgaum District.

Returned as requested.

2. I entirely agree with the recommendation of the
O.C. Bellary, as it has been found impossible to
induce any gentleman to take command of the
Corps. I believe, however, that the members of
the Bellary Volunteer Rifles are not unanimous
in a desire for amalgamation, the idea having
been suggested on a former occasion, when
Captain H.C. Johnston, my Adjutant, was
endeavouring to persuade some local gentlemen
to take a commission in that Corps, & eventually
succumbed with Captain Strachan.

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8-4-97

W.W. Coles Major
Commandant. S.M.R.V.



No 1550- The O.C. Bellary.
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remarks on minute V and
return.

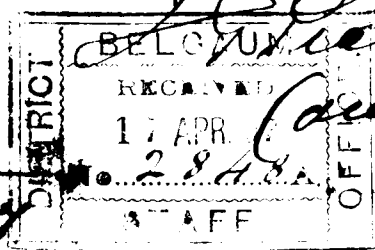
(Reorder)

Musawelle Major
Belgaum
9-4-97
A.C. Br.

The A.A. General
Belgaum District

The Volunteers are unanimous
in agreeing to their amalgamation
with the Southern Mahratta
Railway Volunteers

Forwarded to Mr. Stanley
Bellary
14-4-97



Diary No. 2828
Recd. 12 FEB 1897
Branch 13.2.97



PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

Endorsement of the Deputy Adjutant-General, No. A,
dated 18th January 1897. 0-924

ORDER :- R No. 154, dated 9th February 1897.

The following notification will be published in the Fort
St. George Gazette:—

NOTIFICATION.

VOLUNTEER TRANSFER

Bellary Volunteer Rifles.

Captain R.F. Strachan is transferred to the Supernumerary
List.

2. The Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces will
be moved to take steps to obtain the services of a Volunteer
officer for the Bellary Volunteer Rifles which at present has
no officer on duty with it.

(True Extract)

A. M. S. P.

for Chief Secretary.

To

The Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.

Detachment
27 February 97

To

The G.O.C. Bellary Dist.

Forwarded for favor of necessary
action as regards para 2 of the Order
of Government.

2. Return requested with report.

(By Order)

G. L. Gibson

Br. Genl.

D. M. G.

1317

The Secy. General

Detachment

1/1686 A

Forwarded with reports from O. P. M. R. V. and
of Bellary attached.

S. V. M. No.

Brig. Genl.
Campy Bell Dist.

Bellary

17 April 97.

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No. A/O-6530.

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Detachment
26 April 1897.

To,

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras.
Public Department.

SECRET
7 APR 1897

Forwarded and recommended that
in the circumstances explained in the
attached correspondence, the Bellary Volunteer
Rifles may be incorporated as a separate
Company with the Southern Mahratta
Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps to which it is
at present attached for administrative
purposes.

G. L. Gibson

Brigadier General
Dy. Adjutant General.

Public (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 1198

Telephonic message.

From

The S. C. C.

Order

Current No. 1614
and enclosures ret'd to
S. A. G. Vide Encl. No. 973.
dated 6. May 1897.

No. C. 867

Dated

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SUBJECT.

Requesting to return cor-
respondence re the amalga-
mation of the Bellary Vol.
Rifles with the S. M. Ry. Vols. and
to suspend action thereon pending
receipt of a further com-
munication from his office.

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CURRENT No.

From

The D. A. G.

Ch. adras.

Encl. N^o 10697 18 May 1897

Order

The Dy. Asst. Secy, Madras, is requested to be so good as to state whether it is intended that

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- manually and
- furnished with the S.M.R.V. Rifles
or only until an officer can be found.
Returning papers connected with the incorporation of the Bellary Vol Rifles as a separate company with the S.M. Ry. Vol. Rifle Corps.

SUBJECT.

C.W.
15/5/97

To The Deputy Adjutant General, Madras Command.

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26th April 1897.

To be substituted for the
Memo: bearing same number
and date.

To The Chief Secretary
of the Government
of the Public Department

CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT
NO. 1818

Forwarded and recommended that, until
the local Government can induce gentlemen
to serve as officers in this Corps, the Bellary Volunteer
Rifles may be incorporated as a separate company
with the Southern Mahratta Railway Volunteer
Rifle Corps to which it is at present attached
for administrative purposes.

Edmundson

Br: General
D.A.G.

Public (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 1973

From

D.A.G., Madras.

Order

No. A/O-8218

Dated

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May 1897.

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SUBJECT.

Stating that it would be better
to permanently amalgamate the Bellary
Vol: Rifles with the S.M.Ry. Vol:
Rifles.

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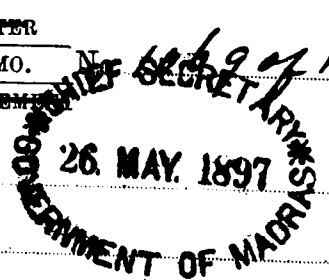
The DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL, MADRAS COMMAND,

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
Madras - Public Department

(Through District)

H REFERENCE, YOUR LETTER NO. 1849 of 18th May 1897.



MEMORANDUM.

Having regard to the strength
of the Bellary Volunteer Rifles, which is
but small and the apparent difficulty of
officering it, His Excellency the Lieutenant
General Commanding considers it
would be better to permanently amalga-
mate it with the Southern Mahratta
Railway Volunteer Rifles.

I Kempster Colonel
for Dy. Adjutant General

[Signature]

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Public DEPARTMENT.

C. No 1614, 1687, & 1818 + 1973

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

~~THE HONBLE MR BLISS, C.I.E.~~

~~THE HONBLE MR GROSE, C.I.E.~~

SUBJECT.

Proposed incorporation
of the Bellary Vol. Rifles (as
a separate company) in
the S. M. K. Vol Rifles

FOR ORDERS.

"A company without
a commander is an
anomaly".

In accordance with
the above opinion of the
L. G. C (vide A in f.o. 1104 Pub-d/9.10.96)
and as there was no pre-
-sent of Capt Strachan return-
to the Command of the Bellary
Volunteer Rifles, that officer
was placed on the
Superannuation list,
and the L. G. C^{was} requested
to take steps to secure
the services of a Volunteer
officer in his stead.
[S.O. 1104 Pub-d/9.10.96 (para 4) 13
and f.o. R 154 Pub-d/9th
Feb 97 C].

No one having been found willing to take the command, the D.C. Bellary, recommends that the Corps may be amalgamated with the S.M. Ry Vol. Rifle Corps which has a detachment of ten men stationed at Bellary.

It is reported that when this idea was mooted on a former occasion, ^{some of} the members of the Corps objected, but that now the members are unanimous in agreeing to the proposed amalgamation.

In the circumstances stated the D.C. recommends that the proposed measure may be adopted. The Bellary Vols are at present attached to the S.M. Ry Vol Rifle Corps for administrative purposes.

para 36 A.R.S. Vol 12

* A.R.S. Vol 12 Prov. Issue

There is nothing in the Regulations to exactly cover the case. But under para 34 the local fort is empowered to sanction the formation of a new Company to an existing Corps with-
out ref to the Govt of India
With ref to paras

22 and 24, however, it is observed that the formation of a Corps requires the sanction of the Supreme Govt; and it may be inferred that, in a case like the present one, where one Corps is to be absorbed ^{into the} another, ^{the Govt} of India should be made aware of the circumstances.

Orders are therefore solicited as to whether
① the L.C. C's recommendation may be accepted and India informed

Accordingly, or
whether ③ India
should be consulted
first.

It is submitted
that the latter
would be the
safer course

This course should be adopted.

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3.6.97

CW.
1.5.97 It would appear that
what is proposed is
practically the abolition of
the Dillany Volunteers Rifles, or
at any rate a change
in their designation. The
"exact designation" of each
volunteer corps is under para
24 of A.R. 1 Vol IX fixed
by the Govt. Genl. in Council. It
is submitted that this matter
must therefore be reported
for orders to the Govt. of India.
It is not plain however whether
the O.C. Dillany means that the
Dillany Volunteers Rifles are to be
permanently amalgamated with the
S.H.V. Rifles, or only until an
officer can be found. Perhaps this
point should be further elucidated.
It appears to me not appear from the

"Having regard to the strength
of the B.V.R. which is but small
and the apparent difficulty
of officersing it, H.E. the L.C.
considers it would be better to
permanently amalgamate
it with the S.H.V. Rifles"

ad
19/5/97

vide addl above C 1973

Army List that there is any
officer of the S.H.V. Rifles at
Bellary. so that it is not
quite apparent in what way
the proposed amalgamation
will improve matters.

NK.

4/5/97.

It will be seen from
C 1687 () that the D.A.G.
asked that the correspondence
forwarded with C 1614 might
be returned, and action
thereon suspended pending
a further communication.
This further report has
now been received (C. 1811).
It repeats the D.A.G.'s
former recommenda-
tion with, however,
the proviso "unless
the local foot can
induce gentlemen
to serve as officers
in the Dillany Corps"

CW.
13/5/97

It seems unlikely, certainly at this
present time of dispirited that any
gentlemen will be willing to take

The command of the Corps. It is there-
fore submitted that the amalgamation
proposed should be given effect to
1/6/97.

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Amalgamation of the Bellary Volr: Rifles
with the S.M.R. Volr. Rifles.

1/6. The Govt. (for approval).

10/6/97.

To
The D.A.G., Madras Command,
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2.4.97

Public Dept:

Read again G.O.No.1104 Pub., d/9-10-96
" " G.O.No.154 Pub., d/9-2-97
" also C.Nos. 1614, 1687, 1818
and 1973.

ORDER W.P. 801 of 25 June 97
Mis

The Govt. of India will be
addressed.
(from orders)

3/7/97
LETTER W.P. 802 of 25 June 97.

To
The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Military Dept: *berp*
3/7/97

SIR,
In Feb. last Captain Strachan,
Commandant of the Bellary Volunteer
Rifles, was placed on the supernumerary
list, and there being thus no officer
left on the effective list of the Corps,
the strength of which is 49, every endea-
vour was made to secure the services of
a volunteer officer in his stead. These
having failed, the L.G.C.F., Madras, re-
commends the permanent amalgamation of
the Bellary Volunteer Rifles with the
S.M.R. Volunteer Rifles Corps, to which
it is at present attached for admini-
trative

detachment of ten men stationed at
Bellary.

2. H.E. the Governor in Council
is of opinion that the proposed amalga-
nation should be given effect to, but
as the proposed arrangement will involve
a change in the designation of the
Bellary Volunteer Rifles, I am directed,
with reference to paras 22 and 24 ,
A.R.I., Volume IX, Provisional issue,
to report the matter for the orders of
the Govt. of India.

~~I have etc..~~

CW
5/6/97

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