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Sending to the P. S. D., with
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D. A. G., Madras Command, on the results of
the appointment of a temporary Adjutant
to the Madras Artillery Volunteers.

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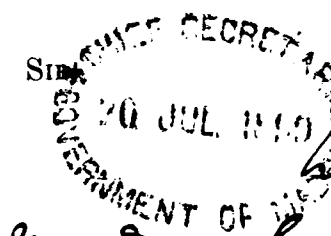
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Head Quarters, Madras Command,
Office of the Deputy Adjutant General,
Ootacamund, 21 July 1899.

From
The DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL,
Madras Command,

To
The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras,
Ootacamund.



With reference to proceedings
of Madras Government, Public, No. 1341,
dated 5 November last, I am desired by
the Lieutenant General commanding
to report as follows with regard to the Mad-
ras Artillery Volunteers: -

Strength - (i) This has been considerably
reduced, viz from 135 to 97, owing to a
large number of members transferring
their services to the Railway, and there
being no corresponding increase in recruits
during the period for which the Temporary
Adjutant was appointed.

(ii) No Europeans belonging to the mercantile
community have joined during the year.
The reason of this is, in Sir George Wolseley's
opinion, that they are not disposed to
serve in a battery composed very largely of
Europeans. The establishment of the Corps
is fixed at two batteries and, if one of these
could be formed exclusively of the former,
it

it is considered there would be a large influx of recruits of a proper stamp.

(iii) As the Colonel on the Staff, R.A., does not inspect the corps, the reports of other officers have to be relied on for information concerning it but, from what can be gathered from reports received, it appears that the physique of the majority of the men is considerably below what is required for working with heavy guns and, unless a better class of man can be induced to join, it is a question for consideration whether the corps should be maintained as an Artillery Corps at all.

Efficiency - It is regretted that no marked advance in this respect can be reported, but the annual inspection report for 1898-9 is a satisfactory one. The General Officer Commanding Madras District brought to notice therein that, in spite of the provisions of P.M.G. Military, dated 4 October 1893, there was no concealing the fact that men were not encouraged to attend parades and were required to make up time afterwards. This being the case, it was hardly to be expected that men would go out of their way to work for the efficiency of the corps. Attention has now been called to the instructions contained in the above P.M.G. by P.M.G. Public, No. 720, dated 28 ultimus, and it is hoped that the expression of the wishes

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of the Madras Government will have satisfactory results.

2. Sir George Wolseley further desires me to say that the experiment of having a Temporary Adjutant for the corps has not proved sufficiently successful to warrant a recommendation for a further trial. Lieutenant Mayne, having been the only Subaltern officer available for duty with his own company during the six months he was officiating, was unable to give as much time to the Madras Artillery Volunteers as was necessary, and it is not anticipated that, in the event of another officer being appointed to officiate, he would have much more time to devote to the corps. Moreover, the Subalterns of the Garrison Company located in Fort Saint George are very junior and therefore unsuited for the position of Adjutant.

3. With a view to increasing the popularity and consequently the strength and efficiency of the corps, Sir George Wolseley recommends: -

(a) that a permanent Adjutant be appointed;

4. In conclusion, I am to say that a good feeling exists in the corps and might well be fostered with good results. If men are keen enough to remain in the corps and attend its parades under present conditions, it might be reasonably expected that, under improved circumstances, the keenness already exhibited would increase and, with it, the strength and efficiency of the corps.

C. Lincolnson, B. General,
Deputy Assistant General.

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The D₂. A.M. Genl
Madras Command submit
the report called for by
the Govt. of India in para
3 of the letter printed with
No. 1341 Public, dated
5.11.98, as to whether any
appreciable increase in
the strength & efficiency
of the Madras Artillery
Volunteers has resulted
from the appointment
of a temporary Adjutant
to the Corps.

2. Lieut. Wayne, R.A.,
the temporary Adjutant
appointed, assumed the
duties on the 21st Nov: 1928

The report was therefore due about 21 May last, but in the telephone message received with G.O. 45,638 Public Date 9 June 1922, the Dy. Adj. Genl explained that the report which had been prepared had been lost, & that a fresh one would have to be prepared & drawn up; also that owing to Lieut. Magnus' transfer to Aden, there would be delay in the submission of the fresh report.

3. The report now received shows that there has been a reduction in the strength of the Corps owing to a number of members transferring their services to the Railway; that there has been no marked advance in efficiency in consequence of the appt. of an acting adjutant, & that no European members of the Mercantile Community have been induced to join -

4. With regard to the Lt. Genl's suggestion that one

J. H.

I agree, and I doubt whether the result anticipated by the Lt. Genl. from such a measure would be realized. At any rate, we have no evidence or grounds for expecting such a result. The result falling off in numbers cannot be attributed to the mixture of Europeans with Europeans.

A. H.

I agree that it would be unlikely that such a battery could be brought up to anything like full strength. The number of The L. B. C. F. considers that if one of the two Batteries composing the Corps could be formed exclusively of Europeans there would be a large influx of recruits of the proper stamp.

Adj. Genl.

& if Europeans are able in Aden is small, & most of them are in the Licensed Company or the all.

A. H.

Batteries of the Companies of the Corps should be formed as: exclusively of Europeans belonging to the Mercantile Community, it is submitted that it would not be appropriate for such a measure to be ordered by Govt. There is no rule in Vol II A. R. I. regarding the formation of Class Companies in Vol Corps, but under para 5 the enrolment of all members rests with Commandants of Corps. The offg. Commandt. might, if he was fit, arrange to receive one ^{Battery} company entering for Europeans, without the intervention of Govt., but it seems doubtful whether under such an arrangement, the ^{Battery} company would be maintained at anything like full strength, & whether the measure would tend to esprit-de-corps -

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Yes. Hence the measures calculated the
value of the advantage of a permanent
adjuvant would depend mainly on the
character and special fitness of the virus
it might be appointed adjuvant. Usually
not to increase virulence.

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Letter. No 907 of 14.8.99.

To the Secy. to the Govr. of India
Military Dept

Sir,

With reference to para
3 of your letter 42725. B
dated 13 Oct 1898, I am
directed to forward the
accompanying copy of a
report from the Dr. Adv. Sec

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Under Command, by R.A.
11022,
dated 20 July 1899, on the
results of the appointment
of a temporary Adjutant-
to the Under Artillery
Volunteers.

2. Lieut. H.B. Mayne,
R.A., the officer appointed
to the post, assumed charge
of the duties on the 21 Nov^r
1898, and the report was
therefore due towards the end
of May last. The delay
in its submission is ^{owing} due to
the fact that the report
originally prepared was lost
in the office of the General
officer Commanding the London
District, and ^{that} Lieut. Mayne
having in the ~~meant~~ mean-
while been transferred
to Aden, it was some time
before a fresh report could
be obtained.

3. The report now for-
warded shows that there has
been a reduction in the
strength of the Corps owing

to a number of members
leaving to transfer their
services to the Railway;
that there has been no
marked advance in
efficiency in consequence
of the appointment of an
acting Adjutant, & that
no European members of
the mercantile community
have been induced to join.

4. With reference to
the suggestion of the Lt. Col.
Commanding the Force, that
one of the batteries of
the Under Artillery Volunteers
should be formed ex-
clusively of Europeans, I
am to say that H.B. the
Governor in Council does
not consider that such
an arrangement could
appropriately be ordered
by Govt., & that the matter
should be left to the
officer Commanding the Corps
under para 5 Vol IX, A.R.
His Govt., however, doubts

whether the result is
 anticipated by the Gov. Gen.
 from such a measure would
 be realized. The recent
 falling off in numbers
 cannot be attributed to
 the mixture of Europeans
 with Eurasians, and in the
 opinion of this Govt, it is
 unlikely that a battery
 reserved entirely for
 Europeans would be
 maintained at anything
 like full strength. The
 number of Europeans
 available in London is
 small, ^{many} ~~most~~ of them
 are already members of
 the Mounted Company, ^{attached to} ~~of~~
 the London Volunteer Guard.

5. I am to state that
 the measures recommended
 by the Genl. Secy. Comd. the
 Govt, in para 3 of the
 report, are in the opinion
 of H. B. the Govt in Council,
 calculated to ^{benefit the Corps} ~~the~~ ~~benefit~~
 & have the support of this

Govt. I am to add that
 the advantages attaching
 to the appointment of a
 permanent Adjutant to
 the Corps would depend
 mainly on the character
 & special fitness of the
 officer selected for the
 post, & that an officer
 with the necessary
 qualifications could
 do much to advance
 the interests of the Corps.

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