

C.S.

OFFICES & OFFICIALS  
(Miscellaneous.)

NAVAL & MILITARY  
(Miscellaneous.)

19 40.

No. 146/40.

Secretary of State.

SUBJECT.

1940.

23rd August.

GRANT OF KING'S EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

1. Telegram No. 85 from Secretary of State of 23. 8. 40.

~~C.C. Des. 7~~

~~F.Y.C. & n.a.~~

*AD 27/VIII/40*

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Have consulted the five executive officers of the force & far from having any objection they feel highly honoured at the proposal.

The M.O. & Padre have not been asked as I am not sure that this applies to them.

*AD O.C. D.F.  
30.VIII.40.*

~~A.C.S.~~

~~G.T.C. "yes" & further action necessary.~~

*AD 30/VIII/40*

2. Telegram No. 90 to S. of S. of 30. 8. 40

*P.H.*

Subsequent Paper.

Telegram to S. of S. of 2. 9. 40.

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Telegram <sup>No 101.</sup> from S of S of 28/xi/40.

P.H.  
4.

O.C. Defense Force,

Draft telegram put up for your comments  
please. Complications with regard to Lieut.  
Sheppard may arise unless his position  
is made clear.

C.S. [unclear]  
1/12/40

Telegram No. 120 to S. of S. of 2/12/40.

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Telegram No. 40 from S. of S. of 3/4/41.

(6)

Telegram No. 113 to S. of S. of 5/7/41.

(7)

Telegram No. 44 to S. of S. of 7/4/41.

(8)

Telegram unnumbered line from S. of S. of 4/7/42.

9.

Y.C. Referred, pl. N.E.F. at present. ?

[unclear]  
6/5/42

n.a. to b.c. def 7.  
[unclear] 6/21/42

O.C. Defense Force  
to be referred to pl.  
[unclear]  
4/4/42

Annals Colonial Secretary

Seen [unclear] [unclear]  
7/21/42

Telegram. Circular Unnumbered from Secretary of State of 5/11/42.

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TELEGRAM.

From SECRETARY OF STATE

To H. E. THE GOVERNOR

Despatched : 19 Time :  
Received : 23rd August 19 40 Time : 21.45

No 85

*How news*  
It is proposed by omnibus gazette notice to grant Kings emergency commission in general list to all holders of Governor's commissions in Colonial local forces who do not already hold Kings commissions. These emergency commissions would have effect from 3rd September 1939 or date of first appointment to Governor's commission if such date was later than September 3rd 1939. Such officers will not (repeat not) be entitled to army pay or other pecuniary benefit under pay warrants etc. The grant of emergency commissions carry an Imperial liability to serve outside Colonies concerned. In view of delay which would be involved it is not proposed to obtain prior acceptance of individual officers before publishing gazette notice, but in case any officer being unwilling to accept such liability his emergency commission will then be cancelled. All officers concerned should therefore when the time comes be advised accordingly and any such case should be notified to the War Office through the usual channels. Army Council would reserve the right to terminate such emergency commission if it became no longer possible for any reasons to utilize an officer's services in Colonial Force. When gazette notice has been published, as to which I will notify you later, nominal roll of officers (state Christian names) granted commissions and date of such commissions should be forwarded to me.

Please telegraph whether any objection is seen to this procedure. Grant of these commissions does not imply any intention on the part of the War Office to remove officers concerned from service in local defence force so long as they are needed with these forces.

G. T. C.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 30th August, 1940. Time: ...

Received: ... .. 19 ... Time: ...

No. 90. Your telegram No. 85 King's emergency  
commissions no objection to procedure.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

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From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 28th November, 1940. Time : 1730.

Received : 29th November, 1940. Time : 1030.

No. 101. My telegram of <sup>Ad 1.</sup> August 23rd and subsequent correspondence King's Emergency Commissions. Steps are being taken to issue an omnibus Gazette notice on the following lines begins:-

All present holders of a Governor's Commission in Colonial Forces not holding a King's Commission are appointed to Emergency Commission in General List British Army with effect from September 3rd 1939 or date of appointment of a Governor's Commission if such date was later than September 3rd 1939.

As from date of Gazette notice, the grant of a Governor's Commission carries with it an appointment to an Emergency Commission in General List British Army with effect from the date of grant of Governor's Commission.

The grant of such Commissions will be subject to the conditions that govern commissioning during the present emergency. ends.

Scheme embraces all officers holding local Governor's Commissions and there are no age limits.

All first appointments to Emergency Commissions are in the rank of 2nd Lieutenant, excepting in cases where the candidates have three years or more previous service reckonable under Article 3 Royal Warrant for pay 1940 when they are appointed direct in rank of Lieutenant. All higher ranks <sup>are</sup> acting when they are approved War establishment vacancies.

I will inform you when the notice has been published meanwhile please forward to me the nominal roll showing full name and date of appointment of Governor's Commission of all officers concerned.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 2nd December, 19 40. Time: ...

Received: ... .. 19 ... Time: ...

*Red H.*  
No. 120. Your telegram No. 101 following is nominal roll showing full names and dates of appointments of Governor's Commissions all Officers local Defence Force :-

Duncan Russell Watson (retiring 31st December, 1940) 10th January, 1923; Robert Greenshields 20th February, 1928; Arthur Isadore Fleuret 28th January, 1931; Lawrence Walter Aldridge 25th July, 1934; George Kinneard, Medical Officer; Gerald Kenneth Lowe, Chaplain 11th February, 1938; Eric Fergus Dunlop Medical Officer 4th June (appointed Medical Officer temporarily during absence of Senior Medical Officer); Christian Andreason 12th June; James Austen Woodgate 28th September; Hugh Cullen Harding 6th November, 1939; William Barlas 24th April; Charles Frederick Sheppard 6th August, 1940; last named is Colour-Sergeant in Royal Marines loaned to Colony.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 3rd April, 1941. Time: 0600.

Received: 4th April, 1941. Time: 1030.

Re (5)  
No. 40. With reference to your telegram No. 120 of December 2nd  
1940 Roll of Officers Governors Commissions. Please state date  
of Commission of Kinneard Medical Officer. Confirm name Eric Fergus  
(Dunk) John Dunlop and state year of Commission. Please also state year of  
Commission of Andreason Woodgate and Barlas.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 5th April, 19 41. Time : ...

Received: ... .. 19... Time : ...

No. 43. Your telegram No. 40 Roll of Officers date of Commission of Kinneard 11th February, 1938. Year of Commission Andreason, Woodgate 1939 Barlas 1940. Name Eric Fergus John Dunlop confirmed.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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Despatched : 7th April, 19 41. Time : ...

Received : ... .. 19 ... Time : ...

Red. 7.

No. 44. My telegram No. 43 year of Commission

Dunlop 1939.

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G.T.C.