

The committee believe that their proposals would offer a convenient means whereby members of allied regiments in the forces of those dominions that have adopted the system of compulsory service might continue their military training while absent from the dominion for any length of time; and they suggest that in order to facilitate the adoption of the scheme the various regiments allied to King Edward's Horse should be allied to each other in the same way, if they are not already so allied.

The Army Council, before considering the details of these proposals, are anxious to ascertain the views of the Governments of the dominions affected by them, and I am accordingly to request you to move the Secretary of State for the Colonies to have the scheme submitted to the Governments concerned for their observations, more particularly on the financial questions involved, and to forward them to me in due course for the information of the Army Council.

I am to enclose a copy of a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Committee of Administration on the subject of the pay and allowances to be issued to, and the grants for upkeep of uniform and saddlery to be drawn for, men of King Edward's Horse who, whilst on leave in the oversea dominions, make themselves efficient by training with an allied regiment.

I am, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

E. W. D. WARD.

#### PROPOSALS OF THE COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATION, KING EDWARD'S HORSE.

1. THAT a member of King Edward's Horse, or any of the allied regiments in the forces of the oversea dominions, in the event of changing his country of residence, be permitted to transfer from one regiment to another, as junior of the rank he is at the time holding, provided that he obtain the permission of the officers commanding both regiments concerned.

2. That, in the event of there being no vacancy for a member in the regiment to which he desires to be transferred, he be borne as supernumerary to the establishment until a suitable opportunity presents itself for his absorption.

3. That service performed continuously in two or more of the allied regiments be counted as equivalent to service performed continuously in one regiment.

4. That a member of a regiment in the forces of the oversea dominions allied to King Edward's Horse who may be temporarily in England be permitted to qualify for the rank of subaltern with King Edward's Horse.

#### COPY OF LETTER TO CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATION, KING EDWARD'S HORSE.

SIR,—

War Office, London S.W., 6th September, 1910.

In reply to your letter of the 4th July last, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that pay and allowances may be issued to, and grants for upkeep of uniform and saddlery drawn for, men of the King Edward's Horse who, whilst on leave in the colonies, make themselves efficient by training with an allied regiment.

The pay and allowances issued will be at Home rates, and for a period not exceeding the period of the regiment's annual camp training at Home. The claims for the amounts due in respect of training and for the grants will be supported by certificates from the officer commanding the unit to which the yeoman has been attached, showing the period of the attachment, the training performed during the period, and whether he is proficient in equitation.

I am, &c.,

E. W. D. WARD.

#### No. 5.

New Zealand, No. 130.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 6th April, 1911.

With reference to your despatch, No. 17, of the 10th February, I have the honour to request that you will inform your Ministers that the King's exequatur empowering Mr. Karl Joosten to act as German Consul at Christchurch, received His Majesty's signature on the 24th March.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer administering the Government of New Zealand.

#### No. 6.

New Zealand, No. 132.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 7th April, 1911.

With reference to my predecessor's circular despatch of the 17th July, 1905, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Ministers, copies of a circular despatch which has been addressed to the Governors of the Crown colonies relative to the introduction of penny postage for letters from the Commonwealth of Australia to the British self-governing dominions, colonies, and protectorates.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.