

3rd Volunteer Battalion, the Bedfordshire Regiment, The undermentioned Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants:—

- H. P. Green. Dated 6th September, 1899.
- R. Batchelar. Dated 6th September, 1899.
- E. W. Brighton. Dated 6th September, 1899.

1st Volunteer Battalion, the Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire Regiment), Robert William Thomas Ewart, Esq., formerly Captain, the West of Scotland Artillery (Southern Division, Royal Garrison Artillery), to be Captain. Dated 6th September, 1899.

d Volunteer Battalion, the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, The undermentioned Lieutenants resign their Commissions:—

- W. F. Russell. Dated 6th September, 1899.
- A. W. Menzies. Dated 6th September, 1899.

3rd Volunteer Battalion, the South Wales Borderers, Alfrad Sale, Gent., to be Quartermaster. Dated 6th September, 1899.

3rd Lanarkshire, The undermentioned Gentlemen to be Second Lieutenants (Supernumerary):—
John Boyd Wilson. Dated 6th September, 1899.

Adam Irvine Templeton. Dated 6th September, 1899.

4th Volunteer Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, Second Lieutenant A. H. Dence resigns his Commission. Dated 6th September, 1899.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, the Hampshire Regiment, Major R. E. Coles resigns his Commission; also is permitted to retain his rank, and to continue to wear the uniform of the Battalion on his retirement. Dated 6th September, 1899.

Lieutenant J. L. Rainier resigns his Commission. Dated 6th September, 1899.

1st Volunteer Battalion, the Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment), Quartermaster and Honorary Captain T. Hutchinson resigns his Commission; also is permitted to retain his rank, and to continue to wear the uniform of the Battalion on his retirement. Dated 6th September, 1899.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, the Welsh Regiment, Second Lieutenant L. David to be Lieutenant. Dated 6th September, 1899.

2nd (Angus) Volunteer Battalion, the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), Surgeon-Lieutenant D. M. Mills, M.D., retires under paragraph 111 Volunteer Regulations, 1898. Dated 6th September, 1899.

3rd (Dundee Highland) Volunteer Battalion, the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), Captain F. W. A. Anderson, the Manchester Regiment, to be Adjutant, vice Major H. C. F. Macdonald, Seaforth Highlanders, who has retired from the Service. Dated 13th September, 1899.

5th (Perthshire Highland) Volunteer Battalion, the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), Henry James Knight, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 6th September, 1899.

6th (Fifehire) Volunteer Battalion, the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), Thomas David Murray, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 6th September, 1899.

3rd Volunteer Battalion, the Essex Regiment, Second Lieutenant B. S. Ince to be Lieutenant. Dated 6th September, 1899.

1st Nottinghamshire (Robin Hood), John Lockhart Elder, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 6th September, 1899.

1st Herefordshire, Major and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel M. J. G. Scobie to be Lieutenant-Colonel and to command, under paragraph 55A Volunteer Regulations, 1898. Dated 2nd August, 1899.

17th (North) Middlesex, Captain C. J. Knightley is granted the honorary rank of Major. Dated 6th September, 1899.

6th Volunteer Battalion, the Gordon Highlanders, James Ebenezer Esslemont, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 6th September, 1899.

16th Middlesex (London Irish), John Stafford Echlin, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant (Supernumerary). Dated 6th September, 1899.

VOLUNTEER MEDICAL STAFF CORPS. The Aberdeen Company, Quartermaster A. A. De Lessert is granted the honorary rank of Captain. Dated 6th September, 1899.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Buckingham.

Joseph Napier Higgins, Esq., Q.C., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 25th August, 1899.

REDUCTION OF THE RATES FOR TELEGRAMS TO SOUTH AND CENTRAL AFRICA.

ON and from the 1st September, 1899, the following Rates will be charged for Telegrams to the undermentioned countries and territories:—

	For each word.	
	s.	d.
Cape Colony	4	0
Natal	4	0
Orange Free State	4	0
Transvaal	4	0
Zululand	4	0
British Central Africa (Nyassaland) ...	4	5
Portuguese East Africa:—		
Beira	4	2
Fontesvilla	4	2
Ancoazi, Bandara, Candida	4	2
Chimara, Chinde, Chiromo	4	2
Iumbo, Macaze, Maquivalvilla	4	2
Masangona, Mbgurrumba	4	2
Mechure, Mhassenge, Mularara	4	2
Ntumbe, Pinda, Quaqua River	4	2
Quilimane, Singal, Tangalene, Tete, Vicente	4	2
Swakopmund (German South - West Africa)	4	2
Northern Rhodesia	4	5
Southern Rhodesia	4	2

POST OFFICE.

INLAND POST.

IN pursuance of the Rules Publication Act, 1898, Her Majesty's Postmaster-General hereby gives notice that a Warrant, dated the 30th day of August, 1899, has been made, on his representation, by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the Post Office Acts, repealing, on and from the 6th day of September, 1899, so much of the Inland Post Warrant, 1897, as prohibits the transmission as a book packet of any article which, though made of paper or of some other substance ordinarily used for writing or printing, and bearing words in writing or printing, is substantially in the nature of stationery or merchandise.

And the Postmaster-General further gives notice that copies of the said Warrant may be