

3rd Volunteer Battalion, the Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment), Second Lieutenant W. R. Valentine resigns his Commission. Dated 24th February, 1897.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, the King's (Shropshire Light Infantry), Lieutenant J. G. Harrison to be Captain, and to be granted the honorary rank of Major. Dated 24th February, 1897.

17th (North) Middlesex, Captain F. Marshall resigns his Commission. Dated 24th February, 1897.

Surgeon-Lieutenant H. Sanders resigns his Commission. Dated 24th February, 1897.

13th Middlesex (Queen's Westminster), Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Colonel J. W. Comerford retires under the provisions of paragraph 111 of the Volunteer Regulations, 1896, with permission to retain his rank, and to continue to wear the uniform of the Corps on his retirement. Dated 24th February, 1897.

21st Middlesex (the Finsbury), The undermentioned Gentlemen to be Second Lieutenants:—
Myer Henry Josephi. Dated 24th February, 1897.

Walter Herman Fenner. Dated 24th February, 1897.

Alfred Fenner Wagner. Dated 24th February, 1897.

1st Wiltshire, Herbert Lorraine Earle Wilks, Gent., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant. Dated 24th February, 1897.

1st Volunteer Battalion, the Prince of Wales's (North Staffordshire Regiment), Lieutenant A. J. Hall to be Captain. Dated 24th February, 1897.

The undermentioned Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants:—

E. R. Boote. Dated 24th February, 1897.

R. A. Llewellyn. Dated 24th February, 1897.

S. M. Haig. Dated 24th February, 1897.

3rd (Rensfrewshire) Volunteer Battalion, Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), William Pollock, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 24th February, 1897.

4th (Stirlingshire) Volunteer Battalion, Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), John Gilfillan Ronald, M.B., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant. Dated 24th February, 1897.

18th Middlesex, Edmond Ultain Frederick Mac-William Bourke, Gent., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant. Dated 24th February, 1897.

24th Middlesex, The undermentioned Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants:—

E. Hood. Dated 24th February, 1897.

W. R. Stephenson. Dated 24th February, 1897.

H. F. McClintock. Dated 24th February, 1897.

1st Tower Hamlets, Surgeon-Lieutenant J. P. Simpson, M.D., to be Surgeon-Captain. Dated 24th February, 1897.

VOLUNTEER MEDICAL STAFF CORPS.
The Glasgow Companies, Quartermaster William Kidston resigns his Commission. Dated 24th February, 1897.

MEMORANDUM.

VOLUNTEER INFANTRY BRIGADE.

South Midland Brigade, Supernumerary Captain J. H. Margetts, 2nd Volunteer Battalion the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, resigns his appointment as Supply and Transport Officer to the Brigade. Dated 24th February, 1897.

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Treasury Chambers, February 22, 1897.

THE Chancellor of the Exchequer has appointed Mr. William Rawson Shaw to be Steward and Bailiff of the Manor of Northstead, in the room of Sir George Otto Trevelyan, Bart.

OFFICIAL VOCABULARY FOR CODE TELEGRAMS.

A NOTICE under the above heading appeared in the London Gazette of the 12th January, 1894.

The decision embodied in that notice under which the use of the Official Vocabulary would have become compulsory for European code telegrams from the 1st January, 1898, was not maintained by the International Telegraph Conference recently held at Budapest.

Under the decision of the Budapest Conference the Vocabulary is to be enlarged, and the use of the new Vocabulary is to become obligatory both for European and extra-European telegrams, but not until a date to be fixed by a future Conference. The next Conference will not be held before 1901.

All words in the present edition of the Vocabulary, with the exception of a few incorrect expressions, a list of which has been distributed to all purchasers, will be included in the new edition which is now in preparation by the International Bureau of Telegraph Administrations at Berne, and the Bureau has announced, in a circular of which a translation is appended, that all legitimate words in existing codes will also be inserted, if such codes or a list of the words comprised in such codes be forwarded to the Bureau before the 31st of March next.

Persons who now make use of any legitimate code-words other than those contained in the present edition of the Official Vocabulary are, therefore, recommended, if they desire to ensure the continued validity of such words, to forward copies of their codes or collection of code-words to the International Bureau as requested.

As there appears to be a certain amount of misapprehension on some points arising out of the request that codes or collections of code-words may be submitted to the Bureau, the Postmaster-General thinks it right to call attention to the following points:—

1. It is unnecessary to send to the Bureau copies of codes which have been compiled from the present edition of the Official Vocabulary, as all the words in that work, with the exception of a few incorrect expressions, will be incorporated in the new edition.

2. It is unnecessary to send to the Bureau individual copies of published codes or of codes compiled from published collections of code-words, if the compilers or proprietors of those published codes or collections of code-words have themselves forwarded the works in question to the Bureau.

3. The Bureau is not concerned to know the meanings attached to code-words, and it is quite sufficient for the purpose in view if a list of the words comprised in each code be forwarded.

4. The Postmaster-General will, if desired, communicate with proprietors or publishers of codes, in order to ascertain whether they have taken step to ensure the continued validity of legitimate words in their codes by complying with the request of the Bureau.

5. The Postmaster-General will, if desired, forward to the Bureau codes or collections of code-words sent to him with that object.