

# ANSBACH-CIBOLA ZEITUNG

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## ANSBACH ON HIGH ALERT

Following reports of serious civil disturbances in the Alexandrian hinterland His Royal Majesty has ordered the Colonial Garrison of Ansbach onto its highest state of alert.

The fleet has also been put onto alert and ordered to step up its patrols.

The colony's valiant defenders under their new commander Lieutenant Colonel Hugh O'Neill have been effectively mobilised now since the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. It is reported that the 42nd Al-Istikhbarat al-Askariyya (Fedayeen) Regiment and the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment (Viking Regiment) have already moved up to the border with Alexandria to secure the main road between Schwabach and Geneva.

Hugh O'Neill was quoted as saying 'We have been given firm orders by His Royal Majesty to safeguard the interests of the Crown and the security of the colony. You may rest assured the border on our side shall remain inviolate regardless of what disorders occur on the other side.'

## PORT AUGUSTUS

The Royal Governor His Excellency Charles de Montford has initiated a new development policy for Ansbach with the creation of the Port Augustus Economic Office and the putting out for tender of contracts for the construction of new factories, docks and shipyards in Port Augustus and a colonial rail network to link this envisaged manufacturing hub with the main colonial settlement at Schwabach.

In spite of criticisms from certain quarters over the high cost of the rents currently proposed by the PACO there has been some success in attracting inward investment from Montin Engineering Consultants and potentially the Royal Bank of Commerce as well. It is hoped that this will stimulate economic growth in the colony.

## NATIVE TROOPS

The commander of the Ansbach Colonial Garrison, Lieutenant Colonel Hugh O'Neill, has authorised the commissioning of a special battalion of what have been termed 'Native Scouts' or 'Askaris' to serve in defence of the colony at this time of heightened tension.

In spite of concerns as to the loyalty of the new troops and their reliability if ever called upon to fight fellow Cibolens it is expected that these new soldiers will fight alongside the regular Royal Army in the defence of Ansbach as well as any other future campaign.

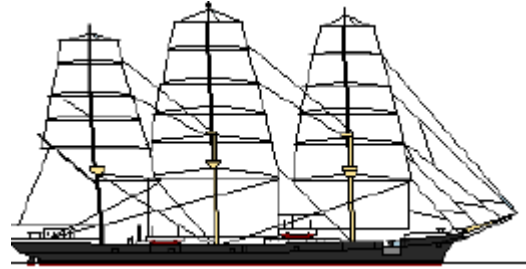
Recruitment is currently underway amongst the natives.

An artists impression of the new uniform of the Askari is included below:



*Many Question the Loyalty of the New Native Regiment*

## GOTZBORG NEWS



*HMS Jagger*

His Royal Majesty has received a gift from the Empire of the Alexandrians, a outdated cruiser that had become a museum piece in its homeland has been donated to the Gotzburg Navy where it has taken on a second lease of life as a training ship for the familiarisation of our sea cadets with the cutting edge of our naval technology.

## REINFORCEMENTS FOR ANSBACH

His Royal Majesty has ordered Colonel Sir Benjamin Grey, KB, OE, to take the Life Guard Cuirassiers (2nd Regiment, Royal Guard Cavalry) under his command and join the King of Pendronia's Own Regiment (24th Royal Infantry), 2nd Battalion, Montefeltro Artillery (14th Regiment of Artillery) in embarking from the homeland for Ansbach. This will represent a significant boost to the Royal Army garrison in the colony which is on high alert in light of the deteriorating situation in Alexandria.

## **EDITORIAL**

### **Cibola's Woe: Ansbach's Opportunity**

It is believed by many that the lack of growth afflicting the continent of Cibola stems from the absence of a stability and economic cooperation pact similar to that in the neighbouring continent of Novasolum. Many point to the dark history of the continent and the ancient savage self destructive conflicts of Germania, Treisenberg and San Martin for domination which destroyed each in turn. It was onto this withered stalk of a continent, blasted by war and chaos that the Royal Colony of Ansbach was first grafted. Some also point to the recent tensions between Alexandria and Matbaa over expansion into the interior.

Yet both Alexandria and Gotzborg are members of the Novasolum community and there is no sign of the prosperity in Geneva and Schwabach that can be seen in St. George or Altamore.

What is clear is that we lack a strong economy based upon a developed service sector. Yet as a colony it is not our place to have such a economic model that instead befits' the metropolis of our homeland. What we should instead be looking to do is to service our home economy by the provision of raw materials. For this purpose however Ansbach is too small. As an anchorage its twin ports of Schwabach and Port Augustus are ideally placed for international trade and could in the fullness of time rival Geneva to the north and Bsmayah to the south as a hub of international trade. However in terms acquiring resources for export to the mother country we are at a disadvantage, our catchments area is too small and the hinterland beyond closed in by the frontiers of rival expansionist states. With the recent collapse of organised governance in Fergustein the interior of the Cibolen continent would be open to exploitation were not our potential monopoly thwarted by the continued presence of imperial rivals Matbaa and Alexandria. It is transparently obvious that each aspires to continental hegemony. Success for either party would give a monopoly in resources and the ability to dictate to us terms for trade that could be disadvantageous to us.

We cannot permit the monopolisation of resources of this continent but instead should take the opportunity presented to us by weak and antagonistic regimes to carve out the space to make a living from the acquisition of free and uncontested access to exploitable resources.

To this end we ought not to be afraid of taking decisive action when it is called upon as necessary for the protection of our economic and diplomatic on this continent.