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For the Attention of the Governor:

ANSBACH COLONIAL GARRISON

PUBLIC SECURITY BRIEFING 01/06

10 JULY 2006

1. On 5 July 2006 the Ansbach Colonial Garrison received orders from the War Office putting forces currently deployed to the Royal Colony of Ansbach on Alert and called out of barracks.
2. The order stated that this was 'due to increased pressures currently being exhibited in the Empire of Alexandria which could increase and cause detriment to the Royal Colony.'
3. Nominal military command was transferred from the Royal Governor to the Ansbach Colonial Garrison Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Hugh O'Neill.
4. Since 5 July 2006 as Colonial Garrison Commander I have ordered a battalion of native troops to be raised for the defence of the colony. The Askari Rifles Battalion has duly assembled at Schwabach and commenced basic training. (See Annex A)
5. I have also ordered the 42nd Al-Istikhbarat al-Askariyya (Fedayeen) Regiment and the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment (Viking Regiment) to move up to the border with Alexandria to secure the main road between Schwabach and Geneva.
6. 2nd Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, Grand Duke of Lucerne's Cossacks, is currently engaged in the instruction of the Askari Rifles Battalion, I am pleased to report satisfactory progress in their first week of training. The hardship of the native Cibolen's day to day life is such that they are given easily to be disposed well towards the military life. Self-discipline and controlled aggression comes naturally to those whose lives are deprived of the material comforts to which we Gotzers are accustomed. (See Annex A)
7. There has been sufficient enthusiasm amongst the native population for military service that the one thousand places available in the Askari Rifles Battalion has been 'oversubscribed'. For the Cibolen military service means an escape from the grinding poverty and drudgery of day to day existence. While taking the thousand best men of those natives available, chosen for their endurance and mental and physical agility, we have pooled the remaining four thousand into a active reserve which we have designated the Home Guard. (See Annex B)
8. I believe these defensive preparations to be adequate until such time as the promised reinforcements, which the War Office has said will be dispatched from the Mother Country on 9 July 2006, arrive.
9. The situation presently in Alexandria is one of political turmoil and social unrest. The Emperor has abandoned the established Catholic faith in favour of a more eccentric animist cult. This has caused some considerable tension between the Emperor and the Dauphin, who is believed to be plotting a coup with the backing of the majority serving officers in the Imperial Armed Forces and off course the Catholic Church

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- in Alexandria.
10. Should the Dauphin mount his coup attempt there is little doubt that it will succeed. However there is likely to be a significant outbreak of civil disorder and possibly a breakdown in the rule of law. Furthermore if the Emperor is able to escape either abroad or into the provinces the likelihood of civil war would increase dramatically.
 11. Given the proximity of Geneva, the capital of Alexandria, to Ansbach the threat to our security should not be overestimated. Accordingly I recommend that the Alert remain in effect until such time as the Alexandrian situation is resolved.
 12. Depending upon the Alexandrian situations deterioration or improvement it may or may not become necessary, if it is not already prudent, to consider the possibility that some kind of fortification or defensive work may be required to defend Schwabach and Port Augustus. I believe such measures would be appropriate for the defence of the colony.
 13. Accordingly I recommend that the Colony apply to the Royal Cabinet for the funds needed to construct such fortifications. I shall draw up plans for the system of fortifications which can be audited by central government to enable it to be budgeted for. In drawing up these plans I aim to consult with DeBlood Design & Construction and Montin Engineering Consultants (Gotz) Ltd on technical matters to ensure accuracy in all matters.
 14. The design and construction of fortifications in Ansbach would mean a shot in the arm for the national colony and represent inward investment for the colony whilst helping to guarantee its security. I believe that this course of action recommends itself most strongly.
 15. Further relating to harbour security I propose that we contact Königreich Reichlau Schiffbau with reference to the purchase of a LE-25 Motor Launch for Law Enforcement, Search & Rescue, Fisheries or Revenue service.
 16. Except where stated otherwise the Colonial Garrison remains as detailed in the link supplied herein
<http://members.shaw.ca/gotzborg/army-ansbach.html>

Sir, I have the honour to remain your Obedient Servant

[Original Signed]

Lieutenant Hugh O'Neil
Colonial Garrison Commander
Solhausen Barracks
Schwabach
Ansbach

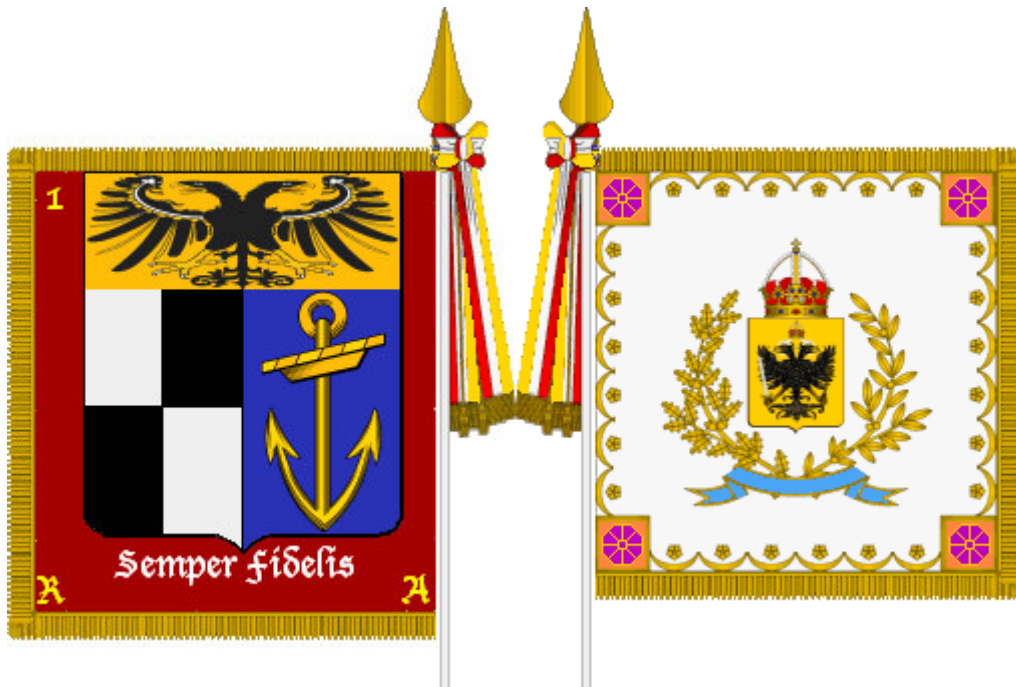
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Annex A

Askari Rifles Battalion



Askari Rifles Battalion 'Regimental' Flag & King's Colours



Depiction of Native Askaris in Uniform

In accordance with the order of the War Office dated 5 July 2006 and signed by Field Marshal HRM King August Charles II Lieutenant Colonel Hugh O'Neill was empowered to raise a native volunteer force to perform a scouting and auxiliary role in support of the regular forces of the Colonial Garrison. The creation of the battalion is accordingly dated to 5 July 2006 and the receipt of the War Office order.

We have taken the option of forming a strong battalion of 1000 men comprised entirely of Cibolen or other indigenous ethnic stock. With the abundance of volunteers for the Askaris we have been able to select

Two weeks basic training commenced 6 July 2006. Weapons familiarisation and drill being taught first and foremost.

The nimblest and most intelligent will be detached as and when required to perform the primary scouting role in support of regular units.

The battalion as a unit will not be ready for field conditions for at least a month (10 August 2006), as it is necessary for the selection and instruction of potential native non-commissioned officers without which the unit will be unable to function at a tactical level.

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Training & Support Group, attached to Askari Rifles Battalion:

Lieutenant Steiner - 2nd Squadron, 10th Cavalry

Sergeant Gort - 2nd Squadron, 10th Cavalry

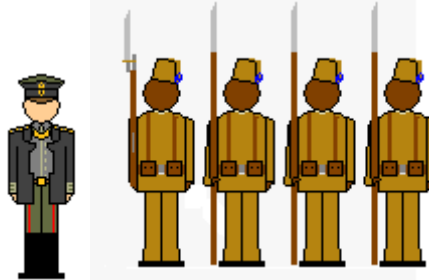
Corporal Hurst - 2nd Squadron, 10th Cavalry

Corporal Maxim - 2nd Squadron, 10th Cavalry

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Annex B

Local Volunteer Force



Local Volunteer Force Recruits together with an officer of the Grand Duke of Lucerne's Cossacks

Of 5,000 Cibolen natives of Ansbach 1,000 were enrolled in the Askari Rifles Battalion, the remained were inducted into the Local Volunteer Force to serve as a part time militia. These 4,000 men have been divided into two LVF Regiments, the 1st LVF Regiment at Schwabach and the 2nd LVF Regiment at Port Augustus.

Unfortunately equipment shortages mean that there are only 250-300 rifles available per regiment, equating to only a quarter of the available manpower being armed at any one time. The pertinent solution has been to permit the remainder of the force to bring with them into service their traditional hunting spears. In addition each regiment is divided in half so when 1000 are on duty the other 1000 are tending their fields or engaging in their other duties, each half taking it in turns on a weekly basis, thus ensuring that the Local Volunteers remain economically useful to the colony.

The Grand Duke of Lucerene's Cossack Regiment has generously agreed to donate some of its surplus equipment to the Local Volunteer Force to help ease the weapons shortage:

- i) 502 Muzzle Loading Rifles (Obsolete design)
- ii) 499 Lances
- iii) 450 Sabres
- iv) 288 Bayonet/Scabbard
- v) 500 Pouches/Belt
- vi) 40 Revolvers (Not Service Issue or Standard type)
- vii) 8 Axes (Various)
- viii) Gunpowder, wadding and shot sufficient for 5 hours sustained firing

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The 3rd Squadron has been contacted to arrange the shipment of the above from Solhausen to Ansbach.

It is not envisaged that the Local Volunteer Force will have any greater role than static defence and assisting the police in the maintenance of law and order in the colony.