

SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTABULARY.

RECORD of CONDUCT and SERVICE of *John Alexander Marion*

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.

Name, <i>J A Marion</i>	Date of Birth, <i>19-8-81</i>	Married or Single, <i>Single</i>
Register Number, <i>2085</i>	Height, <i>5-6 1/2</i>	Calling, <i>Farmer</i>
Graded on Enlistment,	Eyes, <i>Brown</i>	Religion, <i>Pres.</i>
	Hair, <i>Dark</i>	Weight, <i>9-st. 10 lbs.</i>
	Complexion, <i>Dark</i>	Next-of-Kin, <i>Peter Marion, Father.</i>
	General Appearance,	Address, <i>Palmerston P.O. Ontario, Canada.</i>
	Country, <i>Canada</i>	

PROMOTIONS.

TRANSFERS.

REDUCTIONS.

* To be filled up by the Commanding Officer.

Date.	From	To	Remarks.	Officer's Signature.
<p><i>Died Petrusburg 15 August 1901</i> <i>Supplicatae atites pyromnia</i></p>				

Re-engagement.

Re-engaged on 190
 for a further term of
 at 3d. a day extra pay.

Signature of O.C. Division.....

FURTHER PERIODS.

Transfer to the Reserve.

I,, certify that, on my transfer this day to the Reserve, S.A.C., I do perfectly understand the several conditions laid down in Paragraph 21, Conditions of Service, and in Standing Orders for Reserve of the S.A.C., and I do engage and swear that I will faithfully fulfil the conditions of that paragraph and these orders.

SO HELP ME GOD.

I have been paid up to date, and have no further claim on Government regarding my past Constabulary Service.

Signature.

Witness.

Read over in my presence, and signed before me this, the day of 190

My address will be



SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTABULARY.

Application for Enlistment.

The following is the form of application to be filled in by candidates

(When completed this Form should be folded and forwarded as addressed on fourth page.)

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

(To be in Applicant's own Handwriting.)

1. What is your name and address ?.....
2. What is your present age and where were you born ?...
(Candidates under 20 and over 35 are not eligible.)
3. Are you a British subject ?.....
4. What are your height, weight, and chest measurement ?
(These particulars must be medically certified. See OVERLEAF AS TO MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.)
5. Names and addresses of referees to respectability of character and fitness for service.....
(Applicant must forward at least two testimonials to character with this paper, special reference being made to Riding and Shooting and to steadiness and sobriety.)
6. What is your trade, profession or calling ?.....
Are you or have you been an apprentice ?.....
7. Name and address of next of kin.....
8. Have you been in South Africa, for how long, and in what capacity ?.....
9. Which languages can you both read and write ?.....
10. Have you any knowledge of Colonial Dutch, or of any of the native languages used in South Africa ?.....
11. Are you single ?.....
12. Can you—
(a) Ride ?.....
(b) Shoot ?.....
(c) Swim ?.....
13. Have you had any military training ?.....
14. Do you now belong to Her Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Royal Navy, the Volunteers, the Yeomanry, the Army Reserve, the Naval Reserve Force, or to any of Her Majesty's Colonial Forces ? If so, to what Corps ?.....

John A. Marion
Palmerston East
21 in August Palmerston
Yes
5'8" 140 lbs 37"
Rev. J. M. Cull
Palmerston East
Mr. James Burns P.S. Teacher
Farming
I am an apprentice on farm
Peter Marion
Palmerston East
No
English
No
Yes
Yes
Yes with shotgun
Fairly well
No
No

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS <i>(To be in Applicant's own handwriting)</i>
15. Have you ever served in Her Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Royal Navy, any of H. M. Colonial Forces, or any other public situation? If so, attach your discharge certificate and other official papers.	No
16. Have you been dismissed from any of the above services, or from any situation, or have you resigned, and if so for what reason, and with what object?	No
17. Are you subject to fits or any other bodily infirmity? Are you ruptured?	No No
18. Have you ever been convicted by a Magistrate or a jury? If so, state nature of offence and punishment inflicted.	No
19. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?	Yes

The following Declaration must be made before a Justice of the Peace.

I hereby solemnly declare that the above answers are in every respect true, and in my own diction and handwriting.

John A. Marion

Declared before me at *Cheneston* this *20th* day of *February* 1901.

M. M. [Signature] J. P.

The above named applicant has satisfied me

that he is a * *Good* rider and a * *fair* shot, and being qualified in other respects, I have enlisted him

Recruiting Officer

Place *London*

Date *March 4 1901*

* State whether "fair" or "good".

[Signature]
Doc 1

Perry Hall
Capt. S. A. [Signature]

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

I certify that I have examined the above named applicant John A. Mason and that he is not seriously mutilated or deformed in person, or, in my opinion, afflicted with myopia, hernia, varicose veins, varicocele, weak abdominal rings, hæmorrhoids, or any disease calculated to shorten life, or to impair physical or mental energy. I certify also that he has had the small-pox or has been vaccinated, and is entirely free from any disease usually considered infectious or contagious; and that he is of good strong frame and capable of service in South Africa.

And I declare that, as far as I can judge, he shows no sign of alcoholism or intemperance.

Height... 5 ft 7 1/2 in boots 5 ft 6 1/2
Weight... 140 lbs 136 1/2 lbs
Chest Measurement... 32 inches bare skin 31 1/2 inches
Complexion... dark
Eyes... brown
Hair... dark

REMARKS:-

This is a physically sound young man with plenty of activity & energy & make a good man of a little on the small side

W.H.

Chas. Bellin Major Am.S.

4,3,01

Rec. M. O.

W.H. Johnson
Signature of Medical Officer,
Leigos Station

On Her Majesty's Service.

FREE.

To Adjutant-General,

Headquarters,

OTTAWA.



Palmerston.

Ont.

July 20 1901

Although not knowing much about John A. Marion personally, I have been acquainted with his father for a good many years. His father is a substantial farmer in this neighbourhood, and has brought up his family respectably. I have given this applicant a few lessons on rifle shooting, and I have no doubt he will make a good shot with a little practice. He is healthy, vivacious and active looking and I have no doubt will make a good recruit for the South African Constabulary.

William Amesson - Major
Late 30 Regiment

It is hereby certified that I have known
Mr John Marion Smith he was a child & since he is
a person of good, steady moral character. He is the
son of my respectable parents & can be relied on
in a place of trust. I have, therefore, great pleasure
in recommending him as a young man of
good & industrious habits.

Wm M. Cull

Palmerston, Ont

Presby Bureau Ontario

Feb 1912

1901

Palmerston Feb. 18th 1901.

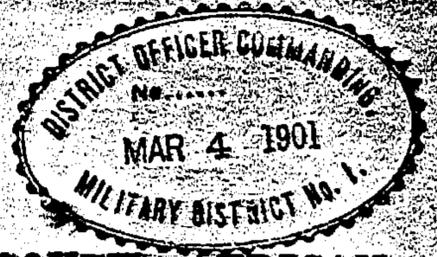
To whom it may concern.

I hereby certify that I
have been acquainted with
the bearer, Mr. John A. Marion,
for a number of years, and
I have pleasure in testifying
to his high moral character.

Jas. Burns.

P. S. Teacher.

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AGREEMENT FOR SERVICE IN SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTABULARY.

Names in full..... *John Alexander Marion*
 Date of birth..... *19 August 1881* age *20* years *6* months
 Place of birth..... *Palmiston, Ontario*
 Trade, calling or occupation..... *Fanner*
 Residence..... *Palmiston Ontario*
 Height..... *5* feet..... *6 1/2* inches. Chest measure..... *34 1/2* inches.
 Weight..... *136* pounds.
 Marks (if any)..... *Nil*
 Colour of hair..... *Dark* eyes..... *Brown* complexion..... *Dark*
 Religion..... *Presbyterian*
 Married or single..... *Single*
 Next of kin (Name in full)..... *(Father) Peter Marion*
 Address..... *Palmiston Ont*
 Present corps..... *None*
 Remarks.....

ENGAGEMENT.

I, *John A. Marion* do hereby contract, promise and agree to serve His Majesty King Edward VII., His Heirs and Successors, in the South African Constabulary, established and constituted under and by virtue of the proclamation of Field Marshal Lord Roberts, Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces in South Africa, dated at Pretoria on the 22nd October, 1900, under the terms and conditions, and at the rates of pay and allowances mentioned and set out in the circular of the Inspector General of the said Constabulary dated at Pretoria the 20th day of October, 1900, for a term of three years or until sooner lawfully discharged therefrom, and I agree to place myself under and to be subject to the orders and directions of the officer or officers detailed to transport me from the place of enlistment to the enlistment depot of the corps in South Africa, and do promise and undertake to obey the same.

And I do further agree while en route from my place of enlistment or attestation to South Africa to submit myself to and to be bound by the disciplinary clauses contained in the said proclamation of Lord Roberts before mentioned.

In the event of my being adjudged guilty of any misbehaviour at any period or portion of the journey from the place of my enlistment to the depot in South Africa, I acknowledge that I render myself liable at the option of the Inspector General not to be accepted for the corps, and I agree that no right or claim for compensation or for any transport or other expenses shall accrue to me if rejected in consequence of such misbehaviour.

Witness *Kawaulassq* } *John Alexander Marion*
 Signature

Dated at *London* the *4th* day of *March* 1901.

SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTABULARY.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I, *John A. Marion* do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Edward VII, His Heirs and Successors, as lawful sovereign of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony dependant on and belonging to the said Kingdom, and that I will defend Him to the utmost of my power against all traitorous conspiracies or attempts whatever which shall be made against His Person Crown and Dignity, and that I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to His Majesty His Heirs and Successors all treasons and traitorous conspiracies and attempts which I shall know to be against Him or any of them, and all this I do swear without any equivocation, mental evasion or secret reservation. So help me GOD.

Sworn before me at *London*
this *4th* day of *March*
A.D. 1901.

John Alexander Marion

J. V. D. M. H. M.
D. S. L. 1

OATH OF OFFICE.

Perry Hall
Capt. S. A. C.

I, *John A. Marion* do solemnly swear that I will faithfully, diligently and impartially execute and perform the duties required of me as a member of the South African Constabulary and will well and truly obey and perform all lawful orders and instructions which I shall receive as such without fear, favour or affection of or towards any person or party whomsoever. So help me GOD.

Sworn before me at *London Ont*
this *4th* day of *March*
A.D. 1901.

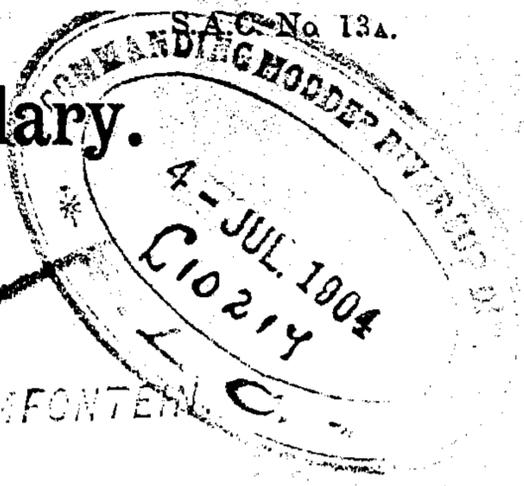
John Alexander Marion

J. V. D. M. H. M.
D. S. L. 1

Perry Hall
Capt. S. A. C.

South African Constabulary.

MEMORANDUM.



From

D.C.

Bpa

To

P.D.C.

Modder.

From

S.D.C., BLOEMFONTEIN

To

D.S.O.

ANSWER.

2/7/1904

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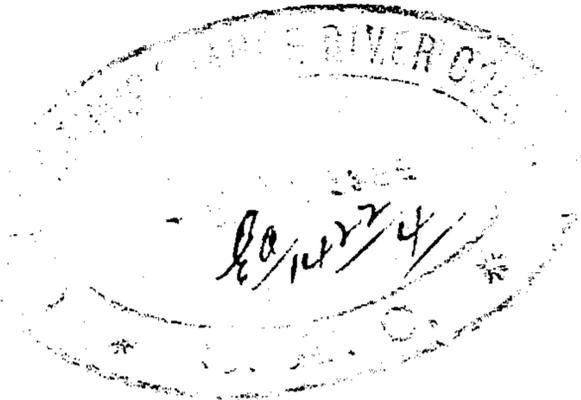
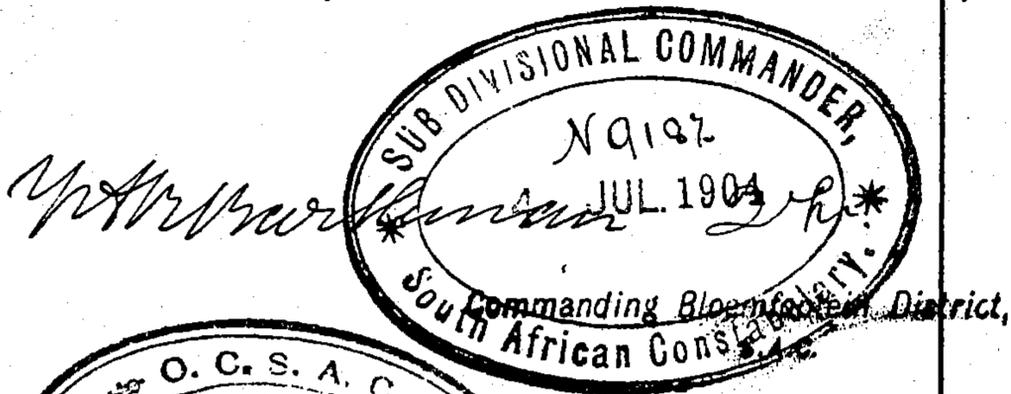
Re Min 1 of att 1
Corpl Lawrence informs me that the late Spr. J.A. Mason was not on active service in SA in 1899, 1900. but landed 25th April 1901. with the sac for service.

Please see Min:

2.

W.K. Hottley

COMMANDANT, MODDER RIVER SUB-DIVISION,
S.A.C., BLOEMFONTEIN.



South African Constabulary.

MEMORANDUM.

S.A.C. No. 134
 COMMANDING ORANGE RIVER SUB-DIVISION
 14 JUL 1904
 L 10 446
 S.A.C.

From D.S.O. 8/14/04

From S.D.C., BLOEMFONTEIN.

To S.D.C. Modder

To D.S.O.

7 - JUL 1904
 N9268
 5.7.1904

ANSWER.

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Reference Min: 2 -
 No mention is made in
 Min: 1 that Marion Sewed
 in 1899-1900. His ^{active} service
 was from 26. 4. 01 to 15. 8. 01.

Min. 1. now duly
 complied with.

Please cause Min 1
 to be complied with at the
 earliest possible convenience
 and return form to me so
 soon as completed. I have
 pencilled in the Affidavit to
 be sworn.

W.K. Botley Lt
 COMMANDANT, MODDER RIVER SUB-DIVISION
 S.A.C.

COMMANDING ORANGE RIVER COLONY
 15 JUL 1904
 8/14/04
 S.A.C.

B.O.
 J. Neesley Powell
 Lieut:
 for D.S.O.

of in
 answer

Sent on to
Comm. of Crown Lands
Toronto

Ontario

Canada

15.7.01

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Report of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office immediately after the date of Death.

Army Form 100

REGIMENT or CORPS

S A B

Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company

Gunston

Regtl. No.

2055

Rank

3rd Troop

Name

John A. Innes

Date and Place of Birth

19th August 1871 Palmerston Ontario

Trade or Calling

Farmer

Enlisted—When and Where

4th March 1901 London Ontario

Date

Fifteenth of August

Died Place

Petersburg

Cause of Death*

Supplicator's Plague Pyemia

*especially state (1) if killed in action; or (2) if died within 12 months from—Wounds received in action; illness due to field operations; or (3) fatigue, privation, or exposure while on military duty; injury while on military duty.

Pay List, or (in India) Casualty Return with which the non-effective account will probably be forwarded to the War Office

August

Will, if any left

Not known

Whether in receipt of an annuity for meritorious service, or distinguished conduct

No

Medals, if entitled to any

South African Medal with O.B. Bar

Whether known or supposed to have been married

Not married

Name and address of widow and children, if any

Nil

Whether the Gratuity authorised by Article 1124A, Pay Warrant 1899, has been, or will be, paid at Corps

No

Latest information as to kin (if any known) with address

*Peter Innes (Father)
Palmerston Ontario Canada*

Small Book to be forwarded with this report.

I hereby certify that the next of kin has been informed.

A. S. Eaton Commanding

Squadron, Troop, Battery

19 Troop, 1st S.A.B.

Station and date

Lybrand

Transmitted

Commanding

Regiment

Received 22/8/01

Send form for
Dawse to fill in and
to be ret'd to his office
Set. 6.04

Ret. + again sent out. 5.7.04

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South African

MEMORANDUM

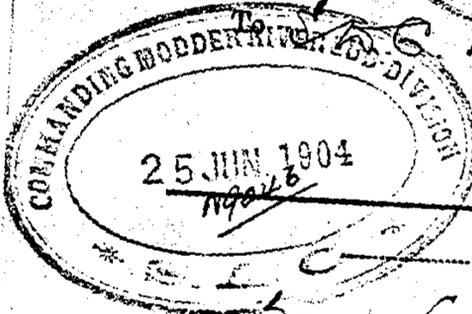
From A.S.O.

2 JUN 1904

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S.A.C.

Modder.



24. 6. 1904

Form L10069 of even date. Kindly cause E2030 Corp S. Sawse to fill in and swear the affidavit on Page 4 of the annexed form

Please return same, when duly completed, to this Office.

B.O.

J. Healy Dawne

Lieut.
for B.S.O.

DIVISIONAL COMMANDANT
South African Constabulary
* 24 JUN. 1904
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110069
L.C.

From *of 10. 6. 1904*
Bloemfontein
South African Constabulary.

From
S.D.O., BLOEMFONTEIN

To
S. D. C.
Modder River

To
D. S. O.

ANSWER.

24 JUN. 1904
a H.B. 11236

23rd June 1904

Refce: attached:
I beg to inform you that
E. 2030 Corp. Gause. S. was
a particular friend of the
late Const. A. Mason.
They both enlisted for
the S.A. Constabulary at
London, Ontario, Canada
on 5th March 1901.

Ref: your E. A.
1422/7 dd. 18.6.04
Please see previous
minutes.

M. J. W. Barthelemy J. Lieut
Commanding Bloemfontein District
S.A.C.

W. K. Kotley Lt.
for COMMANDANT BLOEMFONTEIN SUB-DIVISION,
S.A.C.
24 JUN. 1904
1422/7

Asked S.H.G. Modder
for name of Comrade
18.6.04

18.6.04



South African Constabulary.

MEMORANDUM.

From RECRUITING OFFICER, S. A. C. CAPE TOWN.

10/11/22

From

To *Div. Comdt. 1904*
S. A. Constabulary
13 Blomfontein

To

ANSWER.

June 7th 1904

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*The attached correspondence
passed to you for necessary
action; please.*

W. Messingwold Capt.

RECRUITING OFFICER, S. A. C. CAPE TOWN.

file in Constabulary

*? ^o ^x ^h ^t ^a ^r ^a ^a ^e
*Comrade.**

See also Mr. ...



ATTESTATION PAPER.

I, John Alexander Marion, do engage and swear that I will faithfully serve Her Majesty Queen VICTORIA, Her Heirs and Successors according to Law, in the South African Constabulary for two years from this date, or for two or more years on re-engagement, or for such shorter periods as are granted non-commissioned officers and men who have served over six months in the field in the present campaign; and I engage to abide by the provisions of Proclamation No. 24, of the 22nd October, 1900, published in the "Government Gazette" of the Transvaal; by the Conditions of Service dated 20th October, 1900, which I have read and declare to understand; and of such Standing Orders as may be from time to time promulgated under that Proclamation, and should my term of service expire while I am on active service, or engaged in any special public duty, I bind myself to complete such service or duty before claiming my discharge. I understand that I shall be entitled to receive pay at not less than five shillings a day, in addition to rations, clothing, and equipment, etc., which will be supplied to me, and that my arms, horse, and equipment remain the property of the Government on termination of my service.

SO HELP ME GOD.

Witness.

Read over in my presence and signed before me this, the day of 190

Attesting Officer.

You are hereby warned that if, after enlistment, it is found you have given a wilfully false answer to any of the following questions, you are liable to a punishment of two years imprisonment with hard labour.

- (1) Are you a British subject? Yes
(2) Do you now belong to Her Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Royal Navy, Volunteers, the Yeomanry, the Army Reserve, Naval Reserve Forces, any Colonial or Auxiliary Force. If so, to what corps? No
(3) Have you ever served in any of the above-mentioned corps? No
(4) Have you ever served in the South African Constabulary before? No
(5) Are you married or single? Single

I, John Alexander Marion, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true.

Signature.

Witness.