

RECORDS - VAN REENEN

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- A ADMINISTRATION 62 files 1903-1927
- A1 Circulars 5 files 1912-1925
- A1.1 General 3 files 1912-1923
- 1912: Special bicycle circular.
- 1919: Property stolen in Bloemfontein, police animals' sudden death, recruits rejected educationally, otherwise fit.
- 1920: Lists of absconders, completion of work to premises occupied by police, elections 1921, members of Force tried by magistrates, class grading of constables, issuing of railway holiday concession certificates, requisitions for furniture, minor works and hiring, recruiting, appointment of special constables for escort, economy, fingerprints of juveniles, marriage, class grading of constables - test papers.
- 1921: Completion of major and minor works, elections, members of Force tried by magistrates, class grading of constables, issuing of railway holiday certificates, requisitions, recruiting, appointing of special escort constables, economy, fingerprints of juveniles, marriage, damage to premises occupied by S.A.P., use of designation
- 1922: Finger impressions, applicants for enlistment in S.A.P., injuries, vacation leave and pay, suspended sentences.
- 1923: District surgeons and police, applications for sick leave, attestation - Indian, Coloured and Native members of the Force, service of criminal process on Sundays and Public Holidays, members of the Force contracting debts, stolen stock disposed of in Johannesburg market, leave - "technical break", occupation of police quarters by members of Force on leave, complaints against police by public, course of training
- A1.2 Divisional - Pietermaritzburg 1 file 1923, 1925
- The searching of prisoners, instructions regarding persons sent to hospital by the police, application for enrolment for Force, promotion examination, standing orders - Criminal Investigation Dept., medical health.
- A1.3 Press 1 file 1915
- Anthrax - warning to stockowners.
- A2 Correspondence and memoranda, 23 files 1907-1927
- 1907: Application for temporary permit, musketry, whereabouts of natives, duties of patrol areas, statements for court, shooting competition, politics, subsistence allowance, squatting, procedure in investigating cases, horse sickness, collection of education tax, extra forage, horse rugs, Sydenham Rifle Club, irrigation, colonization settlements in the Cape Colony, registration of voters, native labour agents, way bill, lost stock, visit of HRH Crown Prince of Portugal, rail warrants, S.A.C. Cricket Club, complaints to police, sheep entering O.R.C., Transvaal volunteer military tournament.
- 1908: Working of unconvicted prisoners, import permits for rifles, suspected stock theft and vagrancy laws, cloak straps on horses, empty sacks, graves, grass burning, sleeping in camp, constabulary, trucks from Natal, subsistence allowance claims, index to police orders, restrictions on horses, mules and donkeys to and from Natal.

1909: Horse sickness, equipment and revolver ammunition, instructions for the use of registers and forms, expenses incurred on extra duties, ORCP Rifle Club, SAO Association, messing accommodation, railway warrants, statement showing post cart routes in the ORO - agents' names and fares, index to general orders, horse and mule rations, police school attendance

1910: Stock thefts, subsistence allowance, rules and opinions on laws of the ORC, native passes, index to general orders, holding of violent death inquiries, issuing of railway warrants, examination for promotion to Corporal. - Dutch, veterinary, saddlery, requisitions.

1911: Combination machine, horses for veterinary inspection, rail warrants, trees, native practising as a doctor, licences, native deserters, receipt of equipment, repairs, probation regulations.

1912: Agents for foreign firms taking orders for liquor, cruelty to stock by natives, stock thefts, admission of children to gaols, musketry practice, amendments to scab regulations, binoculars, horses, stationery, equipment, telephone requirements, remounts.

1913: Instructions for the compilation of criminal statistics, equipment, tax collection, shoeing, preparation for transfers, financial instructions, Van Reenen Gymkhana Club, recruits wanted, horses, buildings occupied by police, free issue of clothing, pay, general report - flour mills, theft of saddlery, forage - SAMR, Natives Land Commission, Post-Commandant's rent, divisional police sports, sale of noxious drugs.

1914: Regulations under Section 7 of Criminal Justice Administration Act No.40, extension of service time, widths and types of gates, assisting of weights and measures - US, payment to acting police during absence of leave, amended inventory for equipment, rental, motor car ordinance 1913, furniture - P.W. Dept., number of children present in District, outstanding warrant returns, births and deaths registration - police assistance, recruits for SAP, May monthly report, District Sports Club, safes, German and Austrian reservists in the Union, mobilisation affecting Van Reenen, curtailment of expenditure, complaints, tattooing of police animals, death of constable, precautions against tulip poisoning, signboards, recruiting for Gen. Botha's Force, horses and mules roster, out hay issue, death of police horse.

1915: Preparation of blood smears, supply return, native police return off son to native mother, free telephone connections, special constables, mess accounts, certificates to deal in poisons, trees for police stations, scab infected sheep on farm 'Tiger Kloof', fingerprint instructions, horse sickness, uniforms for special constables, supplies, death of special police horse, vet. history sheets, vet stores, value of police horses board, closing of RCI dockets, scale of supplies to animals, return of dipping tanks, re-engagements, defacing of stamps for pay-sheet receipts, recruits for SAP, distinguishing collar letters and numerals, exchange transfers, farm register, horse rugs, Union expeditionary force for Europe, African Overseas Contingent, daily patrol mileage, branding and tattooing of horses, export of maize to Holland, parliamentary elections, repairs and care of Duplex machine, Land Bank v. W.J. van Zyl, forage, P.W.Dept., furniture, dress, applications for inmates from Diepkloof Reformatory, special constables.

1916: Directions for use of Blue-Tongue vaccine, register of charges investigated, stolen stock, warrant of arrest, veterinary inspection, native families, Schoondraai, safe registers, appointment of special constables to arrest persons liable to detention, tenders for supplies, Govt. Notice No.1366, financial instruction No.202 annexure, instruction re poll and dog tax collection, sheep stolen or lost.

1917: Proclamation No.102, extradition expenses, record sheets to be used by magistrates in all summary trials, wearing of uniform details on active service for soldiers on sick leave, desertion of service, enemy subjects, recruits for SAP, statistics of destitute and mentally defective children, Liquor Licensing Ordinance No.A of 1903, economy in use of government stationery, boards of enquiry on injuries, requisition for European clothing on repayment, shoeing smiths, stoves in possession of Ord Border guard, Bets in horse, permit for removal. of bull, stamping of duplicate receipts, European war planes seen flying in the Union, typhus fever precautions and regulations, infectious disease enquiry form.

1918: Unserviceable equipment, supplies, service of criminal subpoenas on witnesses for circuit court, quality and terms of delivery for free rail contracts, trees for planting at S.A.P., typhus precautions, wearing of uniforms by returned members of native labour contingent, closing off accounts, financial instruction, No.4, war bonus, application for awaiting trial prisoners, equipment - post, disinfectant fluid, treatment of police horses suffering from Lampas, recruiting for SAP, care of Duplex machines, care of harness and saddlery, transfers, binoculars on charge to station, economy in use of government stationery, arms and ammunition, surplus of forage, destruction of dogs, Cost of Living Commission, ex-police active comforts fund, cost of living, arrest of naval ratings, completion of works at police stations, return of patrol, Public Service Commission of Enquiry

Local Allowances and War Bonuses, retirements, income tax 1918 -assistance of police, Commission of Enquiry on Public Service, maintenance of Graves Trust Fund, medical examination of applicants for employment in SAP, correspondence conveyed through the post free of charge, sale of liquor to Basutoland chiefs, medical attendance to members of the Force when on leave, post equipment, alleged theft by false pretences, outbreak of scab, issue of rail warrants, sports meeting S.A.P. - Bloemfontein, horses -reports, issue of warrants of apprehension, war position, spare stretcher, night passes for native women.

1919: Boarding of unserviceable equipment, death of police animals, escorts to lepers, instructions to articles to Gov. Labs. for forensic purposes, Rife Naylor's Lotteries (Delagoa Bay Money Currency and other lotteries, entry of natives from Basutoland into Natal, closing of financial year, educational standard of recruits for SAP, illicit liquor traffic, promotion, stock theft, gambling, horse duty roster, query on ownership of goat, sick horse, government orders relating to transport, first reports of serious crime, forwarding of specimens in anthrax cases, medical syringe, list of machinery users, Public Service Commission of Enquiry, typist and stenographer for Divisional Headquarters, noxious weeds, civil messengers' fees, vermin hunt clubs, notification and treatment of snake bite.

Subsistence allowance, movements of cattle in districts where East Coast fever have occurred, anthrax - Rensburgkop, closing of financial year, private trunk calls from official telephones, discipline, issue of provincial railway warrants, shortage of foot police, distinguishing collar and letter numerals, duties performed for other government departments, economy in the use of stationery, uniform allowance, control and suppression of stock diseases, dog training course - Irene, ration allowance in police lock-ups, attestations and re-engagements,

criminal procedure, post and personal equipment, police duties, leave forms, allowances for meals supplied, lending of books from magistrates libraries to police prosecutors, issue to pound-masters, admission of guilt, financial instruction No-32 and No.27, shoeing of police horses, transfer of prisoners, summary of Children's Protection Act No.25 of 1913, standing committees, retirements on attaining age limits, plain clothes constables, 10% concession granted by Aberdeen Line, exhibits in criminal cases, SAP Orphanage Fund in No.28 District, 1914-15 Star, trial of members of the Force, proof of membership, recruiting for SAP, Kestell Cup Shooting Trophy, arrest of persons on suspicion, medical examination for applicants to SAP, arrest of natives for political offences, leave applications, application for Post Commander's allowance, criminal cases where police dogs are employed, criminal statistics, cost of living allowance.

1921: Standing Committees, estate of late A.J. Louw of Hamilton, employment of motor transport for official purposes, emergency duty - Rand, SAP Orphans Fund, stop orders to insurance companion, loss of saddlery, clothing on repayment, criminal statistics, need for economy, rations to detainees in police lock-ups, claims for fees at police lock-ups, claim for hire of horses, married establishment of the Force, requisition articles on repayment, the Nonquai, stamp duty on receipts, pauper burials, first reports of serious crime, sending of productions to government laboratories for examination for forensic purposes, shoeing of police animals, SAP hospital patients, stock casualties - recent blizzard, farm register, medical attendance, private use of official telephone connection, creation and control of sport in SAP, stamp duty on receipts, contributions to the Union Defence, Police and Prisons Services Pension Fund, divorces.

1922: Offer of rewards by members of the Force, destruction of locusts, instructions to patrol, extraneous appointments, masters and servants cases, lost stop order, cancellation of leave, criminal statistics, industrial crisis - S.A. 1922, removal of restrictions on grant of vacation leave, Forum 5/65-5/66 and 5/69, transport, shoeing of police animals, cigarette excise and surtax duties, promotion examinations, British War and Victory medals, railage of furniture - transfer of SAP members, horses sent into Bloemfontein for casting, treatment etc., card register for owners and occupiers of farms, use of privately owned vehicles, loss of public funds, illicit immigration of Asiatic into Union, motor car ordinance, travelling criminals, incremental pay.

1924: Stolen stock, 1st page .Gov. Gazette 10.4.24, clothing stores lists.

1925: Pilferage from trucks in transit L.S.211, sheep missing from truck, Gov. Gazette 9.10.25 (incomplete).

1926: Alleged stock theft, Gov. Gazette 10.6.26, desertion of natives.

1927: Withdrawal of desertion charges.

Undated: 2 letters re mending of fence from resident magistrate to Capt. Ingle, native servant deserted, equipment regulations, supply of rations of forage by general "free on rail" contractors, musketry practices, Tvl. town police - conditions of service, OFS Colony Police - telegrams, museum for criminal relics.

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District Orders 14 files 1908-1917

Harrismith District Orders which include subjects such as; transfer of horses, subsistence allowance, transfers, labour agent, re-engagement, helmets, police duties for other departmental, rifle permit, colonial boundary fence, movements, native increase and decrease, mule decrease, vehicle decrease, shoeing of horses, private charger, pay, recruits, rural police, accommodation, fingerprints, native stock lists, recreation, prospecting, promotion, maps, electric light, dockets, leave, native passes, examination for promotion, Asiatic, outpost room, mealier crushers, arms equipment, returns, telegraphic warrants, repairs, revolver ammunition, punishment, photographic circulars, forage, fines, clothing on repayment, cheques, beacons, poll tax, bars and hotels, horse sickness, game ordinance, unserviceable stores, horse rugs, patrolling farms, agriculture and stock diseases, complaints, horse rations, grazing, civil actions, persons living on farms, trees, veterinary surgeon, stable orders, addition to government buildings, R.M's court,

H.C.O. 'a mess', engines to Natal for winter grazing, sale of animals, dog tax, accused persons arrested without warrant, S.A.C. Association, debts, beds, non-payment of school fees, game licences, syphilis, ports of entry, NPC's, census, accounts, master and servants ordinance, telephone trunk lines, annual sweep, liquor selling, bilingual efficiency of police, cruelty to animals, equipment, admission of children to gaol, rail warrants to witnesses for prosecution, legal practitioners not to inspect affidavits, telegraph system on government business, diseases of stock, squatters, deviation of roads, law books, vaccination, fuel and light, care of horses, return of ammunition expended and vermin destroyed, post, stoves, manoeuvres, rations to prisoners, stamping of receipts, last ration certificates, outpost men, service of process, identification of prisoners sentenced to death, dangerous weapons, handcuffs, strike-duty, police drillbooks, marriages, postings, sick leave, increments of pay, ambulance badges, death, dangerous weapons, handcuffs, strike-duty, police drillbooks, marriages, postings, sick leave, increments of pay, ambulance badges.

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Divisional Orders, 4 files 1917-1920

OFS Divisional Orders No.26 of 1917/18 containing subject of transfers allowances, leave, animals, police post, dismissals, posting of recruits, search for stolen stock and produce, SAP Provident Fund, salaries, cessation of lance rank, duty, casualties in families of Force, rewards and commendations, dogs, motor cycles, vehicles, fingerprints, horse care, unnecessary violence in effecting arrests, injuries, amendment of union military code, promotion, re-engagement, rations to native prisoners, rail warrants issue, protection of wild birds, punishment, detective probationer's allowance, telegrams, dress orders, wheel tax ordinance No.4 of 1916, ordinance stores, responsibility of members in court cases, King's police medal, new police districts and posts, private effects of prisoners.

Re-addressing of the "Nonquai" magazine, disposal of "Found" property ; lotteries and raffles warning, deaths of constables, Spanish flu, kit inspection, holiday concessions, handwriting experts, dress orders, forage, treatment of native chiefs at their kraals, police animals suffering from Lampas, missing railway tarpaulins, acceptance of bail, re-distribution of officers, franking, chevrons from overseas military service, army reservists, Indian, Coloured and Native employers, promotions, overdue municipal accounts, escorts to lepers, leave restrictions.

- A5 Duty Book 1 item 1920
Constable A.L. Steynberg, No.6974. Duty Book - Bethlehem District No.28, May-Nov.1920.
- A6 Occurrence Books 4 files 1915-1922
Pages from Occurrence Books registering date, time, nature of occurrence, action taken or remarks and mileage.
- A7 Ordinances 1 file 1903, 1906
7 Vaccination Ordinances of 1903
1 Ordinance to amend the lawn relating to passes, 1906.
- A8 Pass Books 1 file 1916-1926
Counterfoil Native Pass Book, May-Jul.1916.
Carbon manifold copy - Outward Pass Book, 1923-1924
3 carbon manifold copies- Inward Pass Books, 1924-1926
- A9 Patrol Reports, 6 files 1916-1924
Monthly Patrol Reports from Oct.1916 to Aug.1924 at Van Reenen Area, Harrismith District 33, with number of patrols, number of farms visited, mileage, grand total of N.C.O's average miles and men on station per man per diem, mounted, with special instructions to patrol and patrol's remarks on visits.
- A10 Poll and Dog Tax 1 file 1907-1922
Correspondence and memoranda re collectors of education, poll and dog tax, native poll tax for Harrismith District, instructions to poll-tax collectors, rulings and opinions on laws of the O.R.C. governing poll taxes, Coloured persons - poll tax collection and returns, Schedule A return of Coloured persons residing on farms under Poll Tax Consolidation Ordinance 1904, No.4 and No.6 Patrols Schedules A, 2 books of 100 poll tax receipts, 1921 & 1922.
- A11 Telegrams 1 file 1907-1917

Incoming telegrams to Van Reenen re forwarding of stock, identification of stolen jewel-case, warrant of arrest, native wanted for murder, detainees, doctor's visit, reports for duty, passes, arrival of personnel for employment, border guards, summons, desertion of service, stock theft, escape from custody, and search, registrations, addresses of polling area, voters' lists, tracing of reports, wanted native suspects, claims, escort of leper, perjury case,

Asiatics allowed in area, hidden letters, stones placed on railway lines, man decapitated, Coloured families court cases, railway officials on station, escorts, stolen goods, railway water, railway gangers and officials residences, subpoena in rape case, dimensions of police land, taking over of police buildings - Natal, arrest of soldiers, rifles stolen, chits for shoeing horses, transfer of police, police horses, Indian store broken into and burnt, natives stopped re clean health certificates, natives leaving Cape Town on behalf of Shepstone Whaling and Fishing Company, examination of native women's passes on trains.

- A12 Voters 1 file 1907-1910
Correspondence and memoranda re registration of voters, first biennial registration of voters, voters roll and revision, names of farms and farmers including Van Reenen, Paulina, De Beers, Braamhoek, Colinge Pass and. Bosch Hook.
- B AGRICULTURE 2 files 1907-1922
B1 Agricultural Census 1 file 1907-1922
Agricultural Census List 1918-1919
Agricultural Census Lis1919-1920
Agricultural Census Lis1922
Annual Census of Agriculture 1918-1919 - holdings of under 1 morgen
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Instructions to Enumerators
Return of Census (undated)
B2 Dept. of Agriculture 1 file 1915
Stock Disease Regulations
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- C CRIME 47 files 1901-1927
C1 Case Dockets 15 file 1907-1927
1907: Warrant for jewellery theft, letter re housebreaking and theft, native card-sharpers, warrant for stock theft.
1908-9 Further information re stolen horse from Frankfort, description of native escaped from hard labour party.
1910: General charges against other government departments, Docket Forms of Cases: re stock theft, neglecting to pay poll tax, wood theft from farm, desertion of service, natives arrested without passes, malicious injury to property, oxen eating native's mealies, watch theft, theft of wire netting, trespass.

1913: Investigation Diary and Report Form, desertion of service, assault, rape, refusing to obey order, stock theft.
1914: Common assault, death from exposure.

1916: Desertion of service, common assault, stock theft, pound ordinance 1911, entering Colony without pass, absent without leave, malicious injury to property, refusing to work, trespass, clothing and meal theft, failing to commence work, wife's desertion of kraal, absconding from government service, death due to dysentery.

1918: Common assault, pass infringements, horse saddlery and silver theft, trespass.

1919: Wheel tax ordinance 1916 - failure to pay, stock theft, failure today dog tax, poll tax, common -theft, desertion, pass infringement, dangerous gates, trespassing, common assault, holding of wages, squatting, failure to fix badge on vehicle.

1920: Body of drowned native found, stock theft, desertion of service, theft of clothing, bicycle theft.

1921: Travelling without pass, desertion of service, robbery with violence, theft of SAR tarpaulins, accidental death by burning,

1922: Common assault, stock theft, desertion of service.

1925 Stock theft.

1926: Assault on police, common assault, common theft, stock theft, cultivating dagga, attempted rape, general tax - natives, habit-forming drugs.

1927:1 Common assault, absence without leave, malicious injury to property, pass law, inward pans law, East coast fever regulations, contra-dagga ordinance, stock theft, withholding wages, common theft, cruelty to animals, theft of revolver and ground sheet, dog tax, murder, trespass, kaffir beer law, housebreaking and theft, assault with intent, rape, railways and harbours regulations.

- C2 Charge Sheets 1 file 1916, 1917
Charge sheets with particulars - name, address, nationality of accused, charge, person charging, exhibits, value and description of property stolen and recovered, officer in charge and result of trial.
- C3 Indices to Information 8 files 1909-1916
Index to Information's includes persons wanted etc., lost and stolen stock, lost and stolen property.
- C4 Information 11 files 1912-1919
O.F.S. Police. Criminal Investigations Dept.
Information on persons wanted for crime, persons missing and whereabouts wanted in O.F.S. and other provinces, lost and stolen stock and property lost and found, cancellations.
- C5 Lost and Found Lists, 5 files 1919-1927
Lists of absconders, persons and information wanted, lists of lost and stolen miscellaneous property, lists of lost and stolen jewellery, lists of lost and stolen bicycles, motor cycles, motor care and accessories, lists of stolen animals.
- C6 Loot Stock Dockets 1 file 1909-1910
1909: Lost and Found Stock, Harrismith District.
1916-1918: Dockets on Lost, Stolen or Pound Animals with Investigation Diary and Report Forms, correspondence and a telegram.
- C7 Prisoners' Property Receipts 2 files 1920-1924
Prisoners' property receipt books, recording their money and other effects and their total value.
- C8 Private individuals complaints, 1 file 1910-1919

Correspondence re stock theft, trespassers, desertion, refusal to work, suicide.

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R.C.I. Returns, 1 file 1921-1922

Register of charges investigated from Dec.1921 to Oct.1922 containing charge, value stolen, value recovered, investigation officer and their remarks.

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Statements, 2 files 1913, 1923

Statements on first information of crime and witnesses' statements.