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G.O. No. 1468

DATED 27-11-19

[Despatch Abstract.]

2 Foster W.S.--

Directing in modification of G.O.No.780 Home (Edn) dated 17-7-15 that the practical training of Sergeant----would be considered to have been terminated on the 16th June 1915.

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Office of the Sub Divisional Officer.
Wellington. M.W.S.

22nd Sep^r 1919.

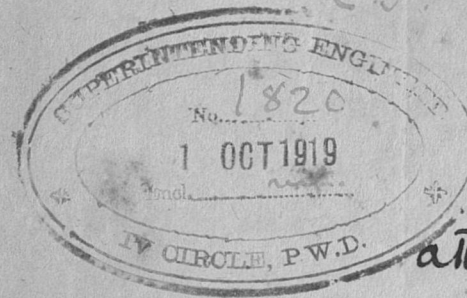
From Staff Surg^t W. S. Foster.
Supervisor P.W.D.



Through.
The Executive Engineer
Coimbatore Division.

Thro' The Asst. Commr
Royal Engineers
Wellington Subd.

To. The Chief Engineer P.W.D.



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Sir. I respectfully beg to draw your attention to my position on the Classified List of M.W.S. and P.W.D. Military Subordinates and to explain that - owing to Compulsory duty with the Indian Defence Force while on my Practical Course during 1914-15, which prolonged the probationary period and deferred the date of my posting to the Department till 17-7-15 - I have been superseded by six M.W.S. men whose date of posting is 16-7-15.

If this injustice is allowed to remain, my whole military career in the Department and my pension on retirement will be materially affected - more so, as 5 out of the 6 M.W.S. men above mentioned are younger than I.

I therefore respectfully beg that action may be taken to put me in my rightful position i.e. subsequent to the date on which S. Sgt. G.G. Sawyer was posted, which would be on 17-6-15; as I was in no way to blame, and in view of the serious consequences this bears on my military prospects.

I beg to remain

Yours faithfully

W. S. Foster

Sir.
Your most obedient servant
W. S. Foster S. Sgt.

24.9.19

To: The. Machine Engineer

Combustion tower

Forwarded for bank of deposit

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30.9.19

2.9.19

T. W. Wilson Esq.
Offy. A. C. R. E. Weymouth
28.9.19

No 900-W dated 2-10-19
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Remained.

Mr. [Signature]

Offy: Superintending Engineer
W circle.

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30.9.19

C.N. 3069 E } from Staff Sergeant W.S. Foster n.
22.9.19.
End: by the A.C.R.E. 9th (Secunderabad)
Drs. n. 2275 24.9.19
End: by the J.E. IV O.N. 900W 2-10-19
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Staff Sergeant W.S. Foster's petition requesting
that the date of his appointment as Overseer
1st grade may be antedated to 17.6.15

D.S.

Vere memo n. 4579C
2.6.1914

- (1) Sergt. T. Bertram
- (2) Corporal P. Watson
- (3) W. H. Donald
- (4) P. Macdonald
- (5) Sergt. G. G. Sawyer
- (6) Corporal W. S. Foster

Staff Sergeant W.S. Foster was the
last among the six military upper imbore
students who passed out of the College in
1914. He was posted to the Combustion Dist.
for his practical course. He joined the
Division on the 16th June 1914. He should
ordinarily have completed his practical
course on the 15th June 1915 ^{has he done so} and he would
have been appointed to the P.W.D. with effect
from the 16th June 1915, but on account of
a portion of the practical course (2 months
and 1 day) having been spent on military
duty ^{was on the recommendation of Mr James} it ~~was~~ extended by that
period (Vide memo n. 2328 C of 23.3.15).
As, however, ~~Mr~~ Sergt. Foster petitioned that
his practical course should not be
extended for the reason that the period
in question was spent on ^{Compulsory} military duty,
his petition was forwarded to the
Principal, Eng. College - Vide letter n. 442

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4423 C of 19.6.15. The extended practical course should have ended on the 16th August 1915 but on his representation it was terminated in G.O. No. 780 Ed of

p. 2 of No 5446 C
2.8.15

'K'

of 17.7.1915. ~~and~~ The date of this order was taken to be the date on which it ~~was~~ ^{was} so terminated and his appointment to the P.W.D took effect from that date, i.e his course was cut short by only one month. It was not anticipated that this would have ^{had} so serious an effect upon his military position, as is now pointed out by him.

Vide 5446 C/A
2.8.15

p. 10 of flag 'K'

2. For the circumstances under which ^{Staff} Sergh Foster, though he was the 6th & last military student of his year, was appointed to the P.W.D, please see the notes with Memo. No.

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3943 C of 31.5.1915.

3. In the circumstances now ^{Foster} points out by Staff Sergeant ^{Foster} it seems that his appointment should take effect from the 16th June 1915.

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G.O. No. 780 Ed of 17.7.15 should ~~apparently~~ be given retrospective effect in order that this may be done. Submitted that Home (Ed) may

may be requested to be good enough
to state whether this may be done & if
(Ld) SR 25.10.19 *ph* so to issue orders accordingly.
2.11.19

P.W.O. 3069 E/19-1
7.11.1919.

Home to us

ph 6/11/19



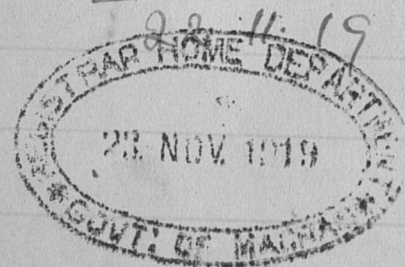
Con 2585 A/8.11.19

Home (Con) *ph*
Said that in the circumstances
explained in the above notes, the
recommendation of the P.W.O. may
be accepted.

2 Draft said. If approved it may
be sent to ~~Dist~~ for ^{reminders of any} ~~approval~~
before issue.

Con 2585 A-1
21.11.19

D.P.I
No 170 431



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8.11.19
19/11/19

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19.11.19

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20/11/19

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I approve of the action *ph*

Home (Con) *ph*

The draft may issue

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25.11.19
25/11/19

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27.11.19

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Forster W.S

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that the ~~the~~ practical training of Sergeant — would be considered
to have been terminated on the 16th June 1915.

READ AGAIN G.O. No., dated 191

” ” ” ” 280 ” 17-7-1915

READ ALSO:—

C. 2545A, From the Staff Sergeant W. S., No. —, dated 22-2-1919.

Profr. Superior P.D.

29. Gust. W. 82. $\frac{111}{527}$ circ. 900. W. 26-1919.

” ” ” ” ” ” 191 .

ORDER.

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No. 1468, dated 27-11- 1919.

In modification of the orders issued in f.o. No 780, Home (Edn), 8 1770, the practical training of Corporal (now Staff Sergeant) W. S. Foster, would be considered to have been terminated on the 15th June 1915. A sufficient portion of his service ^{up to 1914} to complete the one year's practical course would be treated as part of the course.

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The P.W.D. (C.I.I. agreement
with the C.I.I. of 1910)

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18.11.28

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May 20th 1911

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