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the subject of the allowances to be granted
to troops employed in Plague duty.

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Allowances to Troops on Plague Duty.

Communicating to the Plague Commissioner, the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, and the Accountant-General, the orders of the Government of India on the subject of the allowances to be granted to troops employed on plague duty; and approving the Plague Commissioner's proposals regarding the supply of working clothing to troops in lieu of compensation.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following paper:—

G.O., Mis. No. 1544 M., dated 5th July 1897.

Read—the following paper:—

From J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Medical), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 26th June 1897, No. 681.

I am directed to forward, for the information and guidance of the Government of Madras, a copy of a letter, No. 673, dated 26th June 1897, addressed to the Government of Bombay, on the subject of the allowances to be granted to troops employed on duty connected with the plague.

ENCLOSURE.

From J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Medical), to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General Department, dated Simla, 26th June 1897, No. 673.

In continuation of this department, telegram No. 613, dated the 17th instant, I am directed to state that the question of the allowances to be paid to combatant commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers and men when employed on duty in connection with the plague has been considered by the Government of India, and I am now to communicate their orders on the subject for the information and guidance of the Government of Bombay.

2. The duties performed by the troops in connection with plague appear to be of two kinds:—

- (1) Searching, disinfecting, superintending, scavenging, &c. This may be called Sanitary duty.
- (2) Guard duty.

The Guard duty is an ordinary military duty which any body of troops may be called upon to carry out, and the Governor-General in Council is therefore of opinion that no allowances are admissible for its performance.

The Sanitary duty, on the other hand, is an unusual one, and it is disagreeable and dangerous. His Excellency in Council considers that the officers and men who have been called upon to execute it should receive adequate remuneration. His Excellency in Council recognises that the same troops may be occupied on both sorts of duties at the same time, and in this case it must be left to the discretion of the Local Government to decide, on the merits of the case, whether or not the allowances should be granted.

3. The following are the allowances sanctioned by the Governor-General in Council for the performance of Sanitary duties:—

- (1) Combatant British officers. The same rate as that admissible to officers employed on famine duty under article 101 of the Civil Service Regulations, namely, Rs. 300 a month for officers of over 5 years' service, and Rs. 200 a month for officers of under 5 years' service.

(2) British non-commissioned officers. Re. 1 a day.

(3) British privates. 12 annas a day and 6 annas a day extra ration money.

(4) Native Officers. Rs. 1-8-0 a day.

(5) Native non-commissioned officers. 12 annas a day.

(6) Sepoys. 8 annas a day.

4. From the date of issue of the orders allowances at the above rates should be substituted for the allowances which are at present being paid under the orders of the Government of Bombay. In cases where no allowances have hitherto been paid, the present orders may be applied retrospectively, with effect from the date on which the troops were employed on Sanitary duty.

5. It is understood that the two officers of the Indian Staff Corps who were deputed to Sind on special plague duty and who have been employed in supervising the disinfection of large villages (*vide* the resolution of the Government of Bombay, No. ²³⁹²/_{1857-P.}, dated the 3rd May 1897) have hitherto been paid detention allowance at the rate of Rs. 5 a day. The Government of India consider that the rates sanctioned in paragraph 3 above should be applied retrospectively in the case of these two officers who have been employed on important executive work. They should also be granted the travelling allowances of a military officer in civil employ, namely, those admissible to a member of the Indian Civil Service.

6. In conveying sanction to the grant of the allowances which have hitherto been paid to troops employed on plague duty, I am to say, with reference to your letter No. M.—211-P., dated the 20th April 1897, that whilst the Governor-General in Council fully recognizes the importance of prompt action to which your letter alludes, His Excellency in Council is of opinion that it would have been better and would have saved some difficulty and embarrassment if, when it was decided to employ troops on plague duty and to grant them special allowances for the work, the question of the allowances had been immediately referred to the Government of India.

Order—Mis. No. 1544 M., dated 5th July 1897.

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(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

Copy to Public Department.

Read—also the following paper:—

From L. E. BUCKLEY, Esq., I.C.S., Plague Commissioner, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 11th January 1899, Ref. on C. No. 1899 of 1898.

I have the honour to request the orders of Government as to the allowances that should be paid to military officers and troops employed on plague duty in this Presidency. The rates sanctioned by the Government of India for the Bombay Presidency which will be found mentioned on pages 401, 402 of Vol. I, Nathan's Plague in India, may be adopted for this Presidency.

As regards the compensation for wear and tear of clothing, it may be found cheaper as in Bombay to issue working clothing, and I solicit sanction for adopting this alternative course if satisfactory arrangements can be made. It may be mentioned in this connection that Mr. Hammick allowed half batta for the four days during which the 100 sepoy's placed at the disposal of the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, for plague duty were under training, by the Sanitary Commissioner, and also approved of the Sanitary Commissioner's proposal that sixty of them should be provided with two suits of white drill each. A copy of Mr. Hammick's Proceedings is submitted for information of Government.

2. I solicit very early orders as the sepoy's at Guntakal who have been at work for three months or so have as yet received no allowances.

From the Plague Commissioner, dated 21st January 1899, Ref. on C. No. 808.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting copy of his letter to the Commandant, 28th Regiment, Madras Infantry, sanctioning the supply of clothing to the troops on plague duty at Vellore, and stating that orders on the subject of allowances will be communicated to him as soon as they are obtained from Government.

Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner, Ref. on C. No. 1214, dated 30th January 1899.

Read—the following paper:—

Telegram from the Collector of Salem, dated 30th January 1899.

"Sappers on plague duty clamouring for batta, please expedite orders or allow me make advance."

Proceedings—Ref. on C. No. 1214, dated 30th January 1899.

The following telegram will be despatched to the Collector of Salem:—

"Allow troops batta 8 annas a day in anticipation. Government sanction solicited."

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Plague Commissioner.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, in continuation of Ref. on C. No. 1899, dated 11th January 1899.

ORDER—No. 173 P., dated 2nd February 1899.

The orders of the Government of India on the subject of the allowances to be granted to troops employed on duty connected with the plague, recorded in the Government Order read above, will be communicated to the Plague Commissioner, the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, and the Accountant-General.

2. The Plague Commissioner's proposal regarding the supply of working clothing in lieu of compensation is approved.

(True Extract.)

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for Secretary to Government.

To the Plague Commissioner.
" the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
" the Accountant-General.
" the Financial Department. ✓
" the Sanitary Commissioner.
" the Surgeon-General.
" all Collectors (A—L).
" the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.
" General Officers Commanding districts.

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