

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Report for the Madras Mty.

*Communicating, with remarks, to the
Pres. M. C., Madras, letter from Surg.
Genl. stating that he completed the
training of the hundred — in duties
connected with the transport of the sick
and with disinfection.*

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From

The Sanitary Commissioner
Madras

Order No: 535 of 5/11/98

Communicated to the
Plague Com President.

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M. C. Madras. The Plague
Comr. agrees with the Sanitary
Commr. that half bakka might be
allowed to be made and
granted to the sepoys for the four
days they worked. It is important to
make the work of the sepoys, with their men from
the district. The President is requested to day
is for the purpose of opening, that

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if he agrees to grant the bakka.

SUBJECT.

The proposal made by the S.C.
in paras 3 & 4 of his letter
should be carried out and the
Plague Commr.
accordingly reports the President
to take the necessary action
in the matter.

Stating that he has completed
the training of 100 sepoys on
behalf of the Municipality
of Madras in duties con-
nected with sick transport
and disinfection as required
during plague epidemics

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To the President M. C. Madras
Sanitary Commr. - P.O.

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Office of Sanitary Commissioner,
Egmore, Fort St. George, 2 November 1898.

From

~~Surgeon~~-Lieut. Col. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras,

To

The

Plague Commissioner

Enclosure.

SIR,

*
28th Regt. M.I.

I have the honor to inform you that, in accordance with your verbal request, I have completed the training of 100 sepoy*, on behalf of the Municipality of Madras, in duties connected with sick transport and disinfection, as required during plague epidemics. The men acquired their new duties with intelligence and willingness, that did them much credit. Their training was conducted under considerable difficulties owing to frequent heavy rainfall; as they lived under canvas during the period, they must have undergone considerable discomfort.

As in teaching, I demanded from them complete fulfilment of duties expected by selecting a house for actual disinfection, manual work of a nature outside the usual role of the sepoy was effected. Under these circumstances, I think it would be but fair to allow them half "plague duty batta" for the period they were actually employed, namely, four out of the seven days absent from their headquarters. The following is the full rate sanctioned by the Government of Madras:-

Native officer A, 1-8
 " Non-Comm. Off. " D.R. } per day.
 Sepoy " " 8

2. The men used their own uniform during training. It is however advisable that steps be ^{at once} taken to provide special clothing for them for use during actual plague duty, as was the case under similar circumstances in Bombay. Wherever sepoy were

were employed, they were provided, at the cost of Government, with two suits of "cheap Khaki or blue drill."

3. I advise that not less than 60 men be fully equipped without delay both in respect to clothing and disinfecting plant; so that, at any moment, they may be available for duty. The remaining 40 men, of the 100 trained, could be equipped should plague actually attack the Madras City.

4. I would ^{advise} that white drill be used with such ornamentation as the Commanding officer of the ^{23rd} Regiment may elect in lieu of Khaki or blue drill, as the latter would disadvantageously hide the dirt.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your most obedt Servt.

W. King

St Col. I. M. S.
 Sanitary Commissioner
 for Madras

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