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Military Officers and Troops on Plague Duty.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLAGUE COMMISSIONER.

READ—again the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Plague Commissioner, No. 323, dated 8th February 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Issuing instructions regarding the grant of allowances to officers and troops on plague duty and supply of working clothing to the troops.

NOTE FOR THE FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Military officers and troops have for some time been employed on plague duty in this Presidency; the officers assist the ordinary district officers in supervising the observation schemes and carrying out measures for the suppression of plague, while the troops, except at Jalarpet, are chiefly engaged in disinfecting infected places. Under the orders of the Government of India read in G.O., No. 1544 M., dated 5th July 1897, and later orders referred to on pages 401 and 402 of Nathan, Volume I, the officers and troops engaged on sanitary duty are entitled to the following allowances:—

(1) *Combatant British Officers*.—Rs. 300 a month for officers of over five years' service and Rs. 200 a month for officers of less service, plus travelling allowances admissible to members of the Indian Civil Service.

(2) *British Non-Commissioned Officers*.—Re. 1 a day, plus 6 annas a day extra ration money.

(3) *British Privates*.—Twelve annas a day, plus 6 annas a day extra ration money.

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

(5) *Native Non-Commissioned Officers*.—Twelve annas a day.

(6) *Sepoys*.—Eight annas a day.

British and Native troops are also entitled to compensation for wear and tear of clothing at the following rates:—

(7) *British Troops*.—Rs. 15.

(8) *Native Troops*.—Rs. 10.

(9) *Transport Followers*.—Rs. 5.

2. The point for consideration is—What department should bear the above allowances and also all charges which the officers and troops would not have incurred but for their being placed on plague duty. The last sentence of General Instruction I appended to G.O., No. 698, Financial, dated 15th August 1898, states: "The expenditure connected with troops employed on plague duty is Imperial and need not be included in the civil estimates of plague charges." It seems necessary to cancel this ruling formally with reference to G.O., No. 957, Financial, dated 27th October 1898, in which it is stated that the emoluments of Military officers employed on plague duty in this Presidency will be treated in the same manner as in Bombay. The Bombay procedure is stated to be as follows:—

(a) *Officers deputed exclusively on Plague Duty*.—Their emoluments are paid and audited in the Civil department.

(b) *Officers retained on strength of regiments but doing plague work without being formally transferred to the Civil Department*.—Their pay alone is paid and audited in the Military department, but allowances granted to them for plague duty and all other expenditure due to their employment on plague duty is debited to the Civil department.

3. If this procedure is applied to this Presidency, the pay and allowances of all the seven Military officers named in the papers printed in G.O., No. 1112, Financial, dated 25th November 1898, are debitable to the plague budget, while in the case of the officers in charge of the disinfection parties at Mattigiri, Guntakal, Molagavalli, the allowances alone but not the pay should be charged to the Civil department. There is a detachment of 60 sepoy on guard duty at the Jalarpet inspection station, and the officer in charge of it is not entitled to any plague allowance under the orders quoted in paragraph 1, but it is presumed that his travelling allowances and all expenses connected with the moving and encampment of the troops under him but not their pay should be debited to plague. Similarly it would seem that all charges (e.g., the charges referred to in Plague Commissioner's Proceedings, No. 672, dated 14th November 1898, which would not have been incurred by the troops on disinfection duty but for their being engaged on this duty should also be debited to plague. The salary and allowances of officers exclusively employed on plague duty should be paid from Provincial as is now being done, but the allowances to the second class of officers as well as the charges on account of compensation for clothing, batta to men, and contingent expenditure of all kinds incurred in consequence of disinfection work may, I think, be debited to "Local."

4. If orders are issued accordingly, it must follow that provision should be made in the Provincial plague estimates for the items mentioned above.

4th January 1899.

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

READ—also the following papers:—

From the Collector of Salem, to the Plague Commissioner, Madras, dated 8th February 1899, Ref. on C. No. 394.

ABSTRACT.—Inquiring whether provision should be made in the plague budget to meet the batta and other charges connected with the employment of troops on plague duty.

G.O., No. 213, Financial, dated 11th February 1899.

Order—No. 213, Financial, dated 11th February 1899.

In Home Department letter, No. 673, dated 26th June 1897, to the Government of Bombay, the Government of India classified the duties performed by troops in connection with plague into two kinds—

- (1) Sanitary duties, i.e., searching, disinfecting, superintending, scavenging, &c.
- (2) Guard duty.

It laid down at the same time that guard duty is an ordinary military duty which any body of troops may be called upon to carry out and that therefore no allowances should be granted for its performance. The sanitary duties, on the other hand, it recognized as unusual, as well as disagreeable and dangerous, and it considered that officers and men who are called upon to execute such duties should receive adequate remuneration.

2. The following scale of allowances was accordingly sanctioned for the performance of sanitary duties in the Bombay Presidency:—

(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 five years' service, and Rs. 200 a month for officers of under five years' service, together with travelling allowances admissible to members of the Indian Civil Service.

- (2) *British Non-Commissioned Officers*.—Re. 1 a day.
 (3) *British Privates*.—Twelve annas a day and six annas a day extra ration money.
 (4) *Native Officers*.—Rs. 1-8-0 a day.
 (5) *Native Non-Commissioned Officers*.—Twelve annas a day.
 (6) *Sepoys*.—Eight annas a day.

3. The foregoing allowances will be similarly granted in this Presidency to all officers and troops who have been, or may be, employed on plague duties.

4. Orders have already been passed in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 173 P., dated 2nd February 1899, regarding the supply of working clothing in lieu of compensation for wear and tear of clothing.

5. As regards the distribution of these charges, it is to be observed that the emoluments of staff corps officers deputed exclusively on plague duty are, under existing orders, treated as *direct* and debited to 24-D. MEDICAL—GRANTS FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES—*Provincial*. The allowances granted to military officers retained on the strength of their regiments, but performing plague duties without being formally transferred to the Civil department, whose pay is borne by the Military department, and all other expenditure due to their employment on plague duty, together with charges on account of clothing, batta to men and contingent expenditure of all kinds incurred in consequence of disinfection work will be borne by *Local* or *Municipal* funds, according to the area within which the officers and troops are employed.

6. In accordance with the foregoing rulings, the travelling allowances of the officer in charge of the detachment on guard duty at Jalarpet and all expenses connected with the moving and encampment of the troops under him will be debited to *Local*. Similarly the charges referred to in the Plague Commissioner's Proceedings, No. 672, dated 14th November 1898, which would not have been incurred by the troops on disinfection duty at Guntakal but for their being engaged on this duty, will be debited to *Local*.

7. The ruling contained in the last sentence of paragraph 1 of the "General Instructions" appended to G.O., No. 698, Financial, dated 15th August 1898, viz., that the expenditure connected with troops employed on plague duty is Imperial and need not be included in the civil estimates of plague charges, is cancelled.

8. The Plague Commissioner will be requested to report to the Financial Department whenever troops are detailed for plague duty, intimating the nature of the duty in each case.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Plague Commissioner.
 „ Local and Municipal Department.
 „ Public Department.
 „ Accountant-General.

From J. K. BATTEN, Esq., Acting Collector and District Magistrate, North Arcot, to the Plague Commissioner, Madras, dated Camp, Ránipéttai, 16th February 1899, R.C. No. 714-P.

With reference to your Proceedings, No. 353, dated 8th February 1899, I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to let me know whether you consider the supply of turbans to troops on plague duty unnecessary. In the letter forwarded with my letter, Ref. on Cur. No. 205 P., dated 18th January 1899, the Commandant of the 28th Regiment asks for the supply of turbans also, but in paragraph 2 of your Proceedings under reference you sanction only the supply of two suits and a pair of boots.

PROCEEDINGS—No. 656, dated 7th March 1899.

The Government Order read above is communicated to all Collectors and the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, for information and guidance.

2. The allowance admissible to a British non-commissioned officer is Re. 1 a day + 6 annas a day extra ration money and not as stated in paragraph 2 (2) of the Government Order.

3. In addition to two suits of white drill and one pair of boots, each sepoy on plague duty should be allowed two white turbans.

4. The President, Municipal Commission, Madras, and the Collectors of districts in which troops are employed, have been already requested to make provision for Military officers and sepoy in the monthly plague estimates in accordance with the orders now issued by Government and also to include them in the monthly printed plague establishment lists.

Personal Assistant,
for Plague Commissioner.

To all Collectors (A, B, C, J, K).

- „ the Sanitary Commissioner.
 „ the Surgeon-General.
 „ the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
 „ the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.
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