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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th December 1866.*

No. 182. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Communicating Orders of the Government of
India relative to the entertainment of a Regi- } (Here enter 6th December 1866, No. 4,249.)
mental Staff of Gymnastic Instructors.

No. 183. ORDER THEREON, 11th December 1866, No. 3,912.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 14.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineers for information.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Adjutant General, Head Quarters, Simla, 23rd August 1866, No. 872E;
to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

Forwarded for the favorable consideration of Government.

Memorandum from Captain J. W. S. STOCKWELL, Director of Gymnastics, Head Quarters, Simla,
10th August 1866, No. 13; to the Adjutant General.

Government letter, Military Department, No. 42 of 1866, sanctions the following Regimental
Staff of Gymnastic Instructors, and rates of pay; at the same time stating that the Non-Com-
missioned Officers holding these appointments are not, for the present, and pending a reference
home, to be supernumeraries of their rank.

One Serjeant Instructor, at 1s. 6d. a day, for 6 days in the week.

Two Corporal Instructors, at 1s. a day, for 6 days in the week. This lays down that these
Instructors are to be Serjeants and Corporals.

Revised Army Regulations, Vol. I., Part I., Division II, Royal Warrant of 3rd February 1866,
states:—

“ 709. The pay of Non-Commissioned Officers and men employed in Gymnastic instruction
shall be as follows:—

Serjeant, as 1st class Instructor, 1s. 6d. and regimental pay.

Corporals, or acting Corporals as 2nd class Instructors, 1s. and regimental pay.”

Attention is here invited, that the Assistant Instructors need not be full, but may be acting
Corporals.

The above Warrant, upon which Government General Order, No. 673 of 3rd August 1866, is
based, was framed upon Proceedings of a Committee to report upon Gymnastic instruction for the
Army, which recommends that the system, when fully established in the service, should be carried
out regimentally: also that the Non-Commissioned Officers, Instructors, should be supernumeraries
of their rank.

In England, however, owing to the formation of camps, &c., necessitating large Central
Gymnasias, the regimental organization has not as yet been practicable, and the men are not super-
numeraries of their rank, because detached from their regiments and appointed permanently to the
different Gymnasias as they are completed.

At Aldershot, a Soldier, whether Corporal or Serjeant, from every European Regiment serving
in India, was trained for the purpose of holding the post of Instructor of Gymnastics with his Corps.

These Instructors, with 2 Assistants, have to introduce the system, which in India is being
applied regimentally: and it is intended they should be Serjeants and Corporals.

Were they to be supernumeraries of their rank, these nominations of the Instructors to Ser-
jeant and Corporals might easily be effected.

But Government letter, No. 42 of 6th June 1866, directs they shall not for the present be
supernumeraries of their rank, and it follows that the trained Instructor, if not a Serjeant, must
remain a Corporal until a vacancy occurs, or until he is promoted by seniority.

As a Corporal the Regimental Instructor, although in charge of the whole Gymnastic training
of a regiment, would receive instead of 1s. 6d. but 1s. a day staff pay, or the salary of an Assis-
tant and 2nd class Instructor, and this would be the case with 23 out of the 34 trained Non-
Commissioned Officers now in the Bengal and Madras Presidencies.

It has already been pointed out that the Home Regulations admit of the Assistants being
either Corporals or Acting Corporals, and it would be very desirable that in India the same plan
were adopted with regard to Serjeant as well as Corporal Instructors.

Therefore the following amendment to Government General Order, No. 763 of 4th August
1866, is proposed, and submitted for adoption, viz:—

That pending reference to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, as to whether
Gymnastic Instructors are to be supernumerary Non-Commissioned Officers of their rank, the
following Regimental Staff is sanctioned:—

One Serjeant, or Acting Serjeant Instructor, at 1s. 6d. a day, for 6 days in the week, with
pay of their proper regimental rank.

Two Corporals or Acting Corporal Instructors at 1s. a day, for 6 days in the week, with pay
of their proper regimental rank.

The above to apply only where the appointments have been duly confirmed, and to Corps
where Gymnastic instruction is being carried on.

From the Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla,
31st October 1866, No. 347; to the Adjutant General.

In reply to your letter No. 872E, dated 23rd August 1866, regarding the pay of Gymnastic
Instructors, I am directed to acquaint you that, as it was hoped an early answer to a reference on
the subject made to the Secretary of State would be received, it did not appear desirable to make
any alterations in the Orders already passed by the Government of India.

2. As, however, further delay may prove inconvenient, I am directed to state that, as a
temporary arrangement, the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council is pleased to sanc-
tion, pending the receipt of instructions from Her Majesty's Government, the following modifica-
tion of the General Order already issued.

3. Where the Regimental Instructor is a Corporal he shall receive the staff salary of a Serjeant
Instructor, and be absorbed into the higher regimental grade on the first opportunity that may occur.

4. Where the Assistant Instructor is an Acting Corporal, he shall be absorbed in the same
way, on the first opportunity.

5. His Excellency in Council believes this arrangement will meet the objection raised, and
requests that it be made known to those concerned. In the meantime the General Order, No. 673
of 1866, may stand as it is until the receipt of final instructions from Home.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, THE 19TH NOVEMBER 1866.

No. 417.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint
George, Military Department, for the information of His Excellency the Governor
in Council.

(By Order,)

(Signed) W. M. LEES, Major,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER, No. 4249, 6th December 1866.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief and Military Account Department,
with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 3009B, 28th August 1866.
(True Extract.)

Marshall Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.
" Quarter Master General.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Military Accountant.
" Examiner Pay Department.
" Inspector General of Ordnance.
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views of the Govt. of
India relative to the
entertainment of a
Regimental Staff of
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