

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

No. 562.

Corps Memorandum.

HORSE GUARDS,

WAR OFFICE, S.W.,

11th March 1886.

It having been decided that the conditions under which Officers of Royal Engineers may be permitted to elect for service in India shall be modified, the following Extracts from Warrants recently signed by Her Majesty are circulated for general information:—

Reprinted from Royal Warrant (India Office), dated 20th February 1886.

1. Officers of Our Corps of Royal Engineers may, with the sanction of Our Secretary of State for India in Council, elect to render continuous service to the Government of India, and the election shall be open to:—

(1.) Officers who, at the date of this Our Warrant, are performing their first tour of service in India, or who may hereafter proceed to India for that purpose (the election to be made within four years of their first arrival in India, or in cases where this period has already been completed on or before the 1st October 1886).

(2.) Officers who are now serving on the Indian Establishment, but who have served part of their time elsewhere than in India.

(3.) Officers who having previously served in India are now serving on the British Establishment (the election in each of the latter cases to be made on or before the 1st October 1886).

2. Officers electing for such continuous service shall enjoy the conditions of Indian pay and allowances at present existing, subject to such modifications of the same as may at any time appear expedient.

3. They shall be eligible for leave under the conditions applicable to Officers admitted to Our Indian Staff Corps on or after the date of this Our Warrant.

4. They shall be subject to the same regulations as to military promotion, and liability to removal from the effective list, as apply to the other Officers of Our Royal Engineers.

5. They shall be required, should occasion arise, to serve elsewhere than on the Indian Establishment.

6. They shall be allowed, under conditions to be laid down by Our Secretary of State for India in Council, and with his sanction and that of Our Secretary of State for War, to exchange with Officers of the corps serving on the British Establishment.

7. They shall be liable, in view to their becoming acquainted with the progress made in military science and engineering, and to their qualifying themselves for promotion in their corps, to return to England to do duty at the School of Military Engineering, for such periods and under such conditions as may, from time to time, be prescribed by Our Secretary of State for India in Council in concurrence with Our Secretary of State for War, and such duty shall count as service for Indian pension.

8. The Regulations under which, with the view of securing the flow of promotion in Our Corps of Royal Engineers, Officers of the corps may be placed on half-pay or retired, shall not be held to disqualify the Officers on the Indian Establishment so affected from continuing to hold any appointments in the civil departments of the Government of India which they may have been holding previously, and, subject to the discretion of the Government of India, their tenure of such appointments shall be regulated by the rules which apply to other persons holding similar appointments in the same departments.

9. Officers permitted to elect for continuous Indian service shall be eligible, except as is hereinafter laid down, for pensions under the conditions and at the rates applicable to Officers admitted to Our Staff Corps after the 1st July 1881.

10. Service for pension shall be reckoned from date of first commission, and it shall include all service on the effective list, and on the half-pay or retired list provided for in Article 8 of this Our Warrant.

11. An Officer serving on the Indian Establishment at the date of this Our Warrant, who has served part of his time elsewhere than in India, or an Officer serving on the British Establishment at this same date, who may hereafter proceed to India, shall on retirement receive a pension consisting of the retired pay to which he would be entitled under Our Warrant regulating the retired pay of Our Royal Engineers generally, and, in addition, such a portion of the difference between the said retired pay and the Staff Corps pension belonging to his length of Indian service as is represented by the proportion his

Indian service bears to his total service. In calculating the period of Indian service for pension, three years of British service shall be reckoned as Indian service.

12. Should an Officer retire before he has served a sufficient time to entitle him to a pension under the rules applicable to the Staff Corps as aforesaid, he shall be granted only such retired pay or gratuity as he would have been entitled to receive under Our Warrant regulating the retired pay of Officers of Our Royal Engineers generally had he not elected for continuous Indian service.

13. Officers who have already had periods of leave under conditions which allow them to count such periods as service for pension shall, in the event of their volunteering for permanent service in India, be allowed the benefit of counting such periods towards pension under the conditions of this Our Warrant.

14. Officers of the permanent Indian Establishment transferred to the Half Pay List on account of ill health shall come under the same conditions as Officers of the Indian Staff Corps.

Reprinted from Royal Warrant (War Office). Dated 9th March 1886.

60a. An Officer of Our Corps of Royal Engineers may, subject to the conditions and regulations laid down by Us, or by Our Secretary of State for India in Council, elect to render continuous service under the Government of India.

972a. An Officer of Our Corps of Royal Engineers who shall elect to serve permanently in India, under the conditions referred to in Article 60a, shall, as regards pension, be subject to such regulations as may, from time to time, be made by Our Secretary of State for India in Council.

Junior Officers will be permitted, as hitherto, to volunteer for a tour of service in India prior to the completion of their course of instruction at the School of Military Engineering.

A first tour of Indian service will in future be for five years.

Officers serving on the Home Establishment who are desirous of accepting continuous service in India will be required to make their election on or before the 1st October 1886; but in such cases it is to be clearly understood that the re-acceptance of their services by the Secretary of State for India in Council will be conditional on vacancies existing in the Indian Establishment at that date.

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Deputy Adjutant-General, R.E.

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WHEREAS it has been represented to Us that it is expedient to secure, for the purposes of the Government of India, the continuous service on the Indian Establishment of Officers of Our Corps of Royal Engineers.

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE is that the following Regulations be established for that purpose, subject, nevertheless, to any modifications which may hereafter appear to Us to be expedient.

Regulations.

1. Officers of Our Corps of Royal Engineers may, with the sanction of Our Secretary of State for India in Council, elect to render continuous service to the Government of India, and the election shall be open to (1) Officers who at the date of this Our Warrant are performing their first tour of service in India, or who may hereafter proceed to India for that purpose (the election to be made within four years of their first arrival in India or in cases where this period has already been completed on or before the 1st October 1886); (2) Officers who are now serving on the Indian Establishment, but who have served part of their time elsewhere than in India; (3) Officers who having previously served in India are now serving on the British Establishment; (the election in each of the latter classes to be made on or before the 1st October 1886).

2. Officers electing for such continuous service shall enjoy the conditions of Indian pay and allowances at present existing, subject to such modifications of the same as may at any time appear expedient.

3. They shall be eligible for leave under the conditions applicable to Officers admitted to Our Indian Staff Corps on or after the date of this Our Warrant.

4. They shall be subject to the same regulations as to military promotion, and liability to removal from the effective list, as apply to the other Officers of Our Royal Engineers.

5. They shall be required, should occasion arise, to serve elsewhere than on the Indian Establishment.

6. They shall be allowed, under conditions to be laid down by Our Secretary of State for India in Council, and with his sanction and that of Our Secretary of State for War, to exchange with Officers of the Corps serving on the British Establishment.

7. They shall be liable, in view to their becoming acquainted with the progress made in military science and engineering, and to their qualifying themselves for promotion in their Corps, to return to England to do duty at the School of Military Engineering, for such periods and under such conditions as may, from time to time, be prescribed by Our Secretary of State for India in Council in concurrence with Our Secretary of State for War, and such duty shall count as service for Indian pension.

8. The Regulations under which, with the view of securing the flow of promotion in Our Corps of Royal Engineers, Officers of the Corps may be placed on half pay or retired, shall not be held to disqualify the Officers on the Indian Establishment so affected from continuing to hold any appointments in the Civil Departments of the Government of India which they may have been holding previously, and, subject to the discretion of the Government of India, their tenure of such appointments shall be regulated by the rules which apply to other persons holding similar appointments in the same Departments.

9. Officers permitted to elect for continuous Indian service shall be eligible, except as is herein-after laid down, for pensions under the conditions and at the rates applicable to Officers admitted to Our Staff Corps after the 1st July 1881.

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Officers of Our Royal Engineers generally had he not elected for continuous Indian service.

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14. Officers of the permanent Indian Establishment transferred to the half pay list on account of ill health shall come under the same conditions as Officers of the Indian Staff Corps.

15. Our Secretary of State for India in Council shall be the sole administrator and interpreter of this Our Warrant, and shall be empowered to issue such instructions in reference thereto as he may from time to time deem necessary.

Given at our Court at Windsor, this Twentieth day of February 1886, in the Forty-ninth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,
KIMBERLEY.

Appointments
Royal Engineers

No. 3583

Government of Madras.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT,

Ootacamund, the 14 June

1886.

Read the following
Telegram from the Secretary to the
Government of India, Military Department
No 550 A.S. dated 10 June 1886.

"Your 3314, 2nd June. You
may distribute the Royal Warrant, and
Royal Engineer Corps memorandum at once."

Order. Resolved that 90 (ninety)
copies of the Royal Warrant and of the
memorandum be forwarded to A.C. the
Commander-in-Chief, with the request
that the Government may be favored
with a nominal roll in triplicate of
Royal Engineer Officers in this Presidency
to whom they may be sent.

(True Extract)

A. Kennedy Secy. to Govt.
Secretary to Government.

To

The Adj. Genl. (with 90 copies of each paper.)
" Public Works Dept. (with 2 copies of each paper.)
(For information.)

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