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Regimental Institutions.

Read the following paper:—

No. From Brigadier-General E. COLLEN, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Quarter Master General in India; dated Simla, the 4th July 1889, No. 1318-MW.

Accommodation for Troops.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1901-B, dated 7th June 1889, on the subject of the amount of accommodation requisite in the regimental institutes of British troops.

2. Your letter states that you are directed by the Commander-in-Chief to submit the proceedings of a committee assembled under His Excellency's orders to consider the question of allotting adequate areas for each department of the institutes, and your letter further contains several references to such proceedings. But the only enclosure received with your letter is a note drawn up apparently in your department and embodying the views of Sir Frederick Roberts after a discussion with the officers named in the note.

3. I am to observe with regard to this note that frequent reference is made therein to the conditions governing the dimensions and form of these regimental institutes "laid down by Government," and it might be inferred that these conditions had been laid down apart from and without consulting army head-quarters. The Government of India, therefore, desire to place on record that their instructions are simply the embodiment of the Commander-in-Chief's views as recorded at a meeting held in October 1888 in His Excellency's office. A conclusion having thus been arrived at under the initiation of the Commander-in-Chief and with his full approval was reported to the Secretary of State and has received His Lordship's sanction.

4. The modifications in the dimensions and arrangement of the accommodation in regimental institutes, which are now proposed, have received the careful consideration of the Government of India; and I am to state that, in deference to the strong opinion expressed by Sir Frederick Roberts, the Government of India are prepared to accept generally the dimensions and arrangements now proposed, and will recommend them for the sanction of the Secretary of State for India. His Lordship's sanction must, however, be received before the new proposals can be acted upon, as they go beyond what he has approved.

5. With regard to the details of the institute accommodation given in para. 5 of the note accompanying your letter, the Government of India are inclined to think that the area provided has not in all cases been kept down to the lowest practicable limit. For example, it is proposed to give the corporals' room an area of 576 square feet, the number of corporals being only 40 in a battalion of infantry. In the final revised type plan of an institute the possibility of effecting any reductions of area without detriment to the usefulness of the institute should be carefully considered.

6. The Government of India concur in the opinion that in institutes for small bodies of troops a separate theatre cannot be given, and theatrical performances must be given in some one of the larger rooms of the institute which will be provided with a stage for this purpose.

7. With regard to the remarks in para. 7 of the note relating to the use of inner verandahs for institute accommodation, I am to say that in the opinion of the Government of India inner verandah space of barracks with double verandahs is generally suitable for all purposes for which accommodation is required in regimental institutes and should, therefore, be invariably reckoned as a part of the area admissible.

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8. The principles on which the accommodation for smaller bodies of troops is deduced from that for a battalion of Native Infantry are approved. The area in the hills should be three-fourths of that allowed in the plains.

From Major-General Sir JAMES BROWNE, Quarter Master General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated Simla, 7th June 1889, No. 1901-B (Regimental Institutions).

With reference to Military Department No. 2133-MW (Accommodation for Troops), dated 5th November 1888, on the subject of the area admissible for regimental institutes, I am directed to submit the proceedings of a committee assembled under the Commander-in-Chief's orders to consider the question of allotting adequate areas for each department of such institutes, in consequence of difficulties which had been experienced in the re-appropriation of accommodation for institute requirements, and I am to express His Excellency's hope that the proposals of the committee will meet with the approval of the Government of India.

2. It will be observed that the total area proposed by the committee for a battalion of British Infantry, viz., 12,818 s.ft., is less than that accepted by the Government of India, and approved of by the Secretary of State for India as a tentative measure, if the space for "Canteen Sergeants' quarters," "Librarian's quarters," and "Caterer's quarters" be omitted. For these quarters (at 366 s.ft. each) 1,098 s.ft. are required, and 12,818 s.ft.—1,098 s.ft. = 11,720 s.ft. is the space actually available for the various institutes.

3. I am to explain that, when His Excellency agreed to 12,000 s.ft. as the total area to be allowed for a British Infantry Institute, it was understood that such area included quarters for the different non-commissioned officers in charge. During the last year or so Sir Frederick Roberts has visited nearly every institute in the Bengal Presidency, and His Excellency is quite satisfied that the men cannot be made reasonably comfortable with rooms of smaller dimensions than those now proposed.

4. It will further be apparent on consideration that, as stated by the committee in para. 10 of the proceedings, neither the area of these above-mentioned quarters, nor that of the billiard room can be further reduced, and therefore, in computing the space to be allowed in institutes for smaller units than a battalion of British Infantry, satisfactory results cannot be obtained by taking a proportional area per man, calculated on the total area allowed for a battalion.

5. Very few regiments have a gymnasium, and, besides being available for performances, the hall marked "Theatre" will be very valuable for regimental purposes, not only for fencing, &c., but also for lectures and instruction generally. The increasing want of accommodation for such purposes has been felt for some time past, and has now become an urgent requirement.

6. In conclusion, I am to remark that these regimental institutes are now on their trial; the benefits they confer are gradually being appreciated by the men, and it would, Sir Frederick Roberts considers, be a great misfortune for the army in India if their value should be depreciated to any extent owing to any curtailment of space, which must necessarily diminish the comfort of the soldiers attending them, as many matters in connection with institutes are held in abeyance until the exact area to be allowed for the various departments has been decided.

7. I am to request the favor of a very early reply to this communication.

NOTE.

REGIMENTAL INSTITUTES FOR BRITISH TROOPS.

The orders of the Government of India in regard to the space to be allowed for regimental institutes (*vide* Military Department No. 2133-MW, dated 5th November 1888, to the address of the Quarter Master General in India) are—

- i.—That the total area may be taken at 12,000 s.ft. for a Battalion of British Infantry in the plains.
- ii.—That Government prefer to await the results of further experience before laying down any more definite instructions regarding the arrangement of the buildings, &c., required for a regimental institute.
- iii.—That it is not considered necessary to provide accommodation for use solely as a theatre,—a permanent stage and dressing rooms should be added to one of the rooms of the institute.
- iv.—In the hills the area for an institute for a Battalion of British Infantry is to be taken at three-fourths the area allowed in the plains.
- v.—For other bodies of men the areas will be calculated at the same area per man as for a Battalion of British Infantry, except in the case of small bodies such as a single Battery of Royal Artillery or a Company of British Infantry, which must be specially considered.

2. Difficulties have lately arisen in various stations in arranging re-appropriations within the limits sanctioned by Government, and it has been found that these difficulties were due, partly to the want of definite decision as to suitable areas for each item of accommodation, and partly to the impossibility of applying the proportion fixed for other bodies of troops so as to provide fully for all requirements.

3. With a view to establish the necessary data, the various cases in the Meerut District were carefully gone into by the local officers and were subsequently inspected by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in person. The cases at Amballa were similarly inquired into, and His Excellency compared the various proposals with the orders of Government on the subject.

4. A committee was then assembled under His Excellency's orders at Amballa on the 29th March 1889, for the purpose of discussing the details of accommodation required, and of formulating proposals for definite scales of area to be allowed in each portion of a regimental institute.

The committee was constituted as under—

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India.
Brigadier-General Galbraith, C.B., Commanding Sirhind District.
Colonel G. E. L. S. Sanford, C.B., R.E., Inspector-General of Military Works.
Major N. Arnott, R.E., Deputy Inspector-General of Military Works.
Major Spratt, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Meerut.
Captain Dickie, R.E., Executive Engineer, Military Works, Amballa.

5. The committee having discussed in detail all the instances brought before them decide to recommend the following areas and distribution of accommodation for the regimental institute of a Battalion of British Infantry:—

Canteen—						1,200	s.ft.
Privates' room	...	...	...	...	...	240	"
Bar or issue room	...	...	...	...	...	456	"
Beer store	...	...	...	...	...	576	"
Corporals' room	...	...	...	...	...	366	"
Sergeants' quarters	...	...	...	...	...		
Library—						288	"
Book room	...	...	...	...	...	1,440	"
Reading room	...	...	...	...	...	366	"
Librarian's quarters	...	...	...	...	...		
Recreation and Refreshment rooms—						1,200	"
Temperance room	...	...	...	...	...	672	"
Billiard room	...	...	...	...	...	960	"
Games room	...	...	...	...	...	2,000	"
Theatre	...	...	...	...	...	2,160	"
Refreshment or supper room	...	...	...	...	...	528	"
Refreshment issue and store rooms	...	...	...	...	...	366	"
Caterer's quarters	...	...	...	...	...		
Total area ...						12,818	"

= 13,694 s.ft. per man,

or a total area of 12,818 s.ft. against 12,000 s.ft. sanctioned by Government.

6. In justification of the request for 2,000 s.ft. for a theatre in addition to 960 for a games room, it is to be noted that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief considers it essential that there should be, whenever possible, a large room or hall in the institute which can be used for theatrical performances. He does not consider that the supper room is, as a rule, suitable for this purpose. It is further observed that the auditorium of the theatre can be used for regimental purposes as, for example, fencing, band practice, &c., and above all for regimental instruction by means of lectures. If this space (2,000 s.ft.) is given under the main roof and the verandahs are thrown in in construction as at Jullunder, the total space for the theatre will be doubled in width and will admit of a stage 30' in depth being given. But in institutes for small bodies of troops a room of sufficient size to be used as a theatre cannot well be given without unduly increasing the total area allowed. In such cases it will be better to adhere to the principle laid down by Government and to increase the size of the supper room so as to admit of a stage, &c., at one end; the stage to be screened off from the supper room by a movable partition. Stages and fixtures should be supplied by the State.

7. In cases of re-appropriation of existing buildings, inner verandahs should be included as far as may be possible in the areas of the different components. Where this is not practicable, inner verandah space must be allowed in addition to the areas laid down above.

11. For institutes in the hills the committee propose a reduction in the areas allowed for the plains, subject to the same remarks regarding constants when calculating the space allowed for units of less strength than a battalion. This reduction is at present fixed by Government at $\frac{1}{4}$. It is, however, observed, that if the proportion were made $\frac{1}{2}$ instead of $\frac{1}{4}$, the calculations would be much simplified. The dimensions and areas in the tabular statement for the plains have been arrived at on the consideration that the usual width of a barrack room in the plains is 24 feet. The usual width of rooms in the hills is 20', and if this width were applied in each case, the lengths remaining the same, suitable sizes for each item of accommodation in the hills could be at once obtained from the scale proposed for the plains.

No. 1318-MW.

Copy of the above, and of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

SIMLA,
4th July 1889.

(By Order.)

(Signed)

J. E. BROADBENT,

Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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(True Extract.)

W. H. H. Herbert
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Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Public Works Department.

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