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No. 7117

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SUBJECT.

Endorsement by the Military Dept on letter from the Adjutant General stating A.G. the Commander-in- concurs in the proposed in connection with the organization of the Telegr Sections of the Corps of E

DISPOSAL. Ref. to A.G.

No. 48376 Dated 24 October 89

Returned with remark that there is no objection in the Public Works Depart- ment to the draft Army Circular, on the understanding

that no portion of the pay of the officers who will be graded as supernumerary Asst Engineers will be met by this dept.

Sd/ R R C. Duncan Brookman
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Ag Joint Secretary to Govt
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To
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MILITARY DEPARTMENT, 8TH NOVEMBER 1889, No. 7764.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Organization—Telegraph Department.

Read the following papers:—

No. 126. *From Major-Genl. E. H. H. COLLEN, C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Brigdr.-Genl. A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated Simla, the 10th August 1889, No. 2007-B.*

Organization—Telegraph Department.

In continuation of the letter from this department, No. 1968-B, dated the 7th August 1889, I am desired to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council and for concurrence, the accompanying correspondence,* together with the draft of an Army Circular which it is proposed to issue showing in detail the manner in which the proposed changes in connection with the reorganization of the telegraph sections of the Sapper Corps in the three Presidencies are to be carried out.

2. I am to request the favor of an early reply.

* To Adjutant-General in India, dated 10th August 1889, No. 2006-B.

From Major-General E. H. H. COLLEN, C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General in India; dated Simla, the 10th August 1889, No. 2006-B.

Organization—Telegraph Department.

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3288-C (Organization—Telegraph Department), dated the 27th June 1889, conveying the Commander-in-Chief's opinion on the several proposals of the Director-General of Telegraphs for the reorganization of the telegraph sections in the three corps of Sappers and Miners.

2. In reply I am to forward, for His Excellency's concurrence, the accompanying draft of an Army Circular which it is proposed to issue, laying down the manner in which the proposed changes are to be carried out. As regards the reduction of the present strength of the Sappers and Miners in the three Presidencies, it will be seen that the numbers to be reduced are shown as somewhat less than those suggested by the Commander-in-Chief, but it is believed that His Excellency will not object to the modified scale.

3. When the present scheme was first proposed, it was intended that, by passing men through the Telegraph Department, a reserve of trained men would be formed in each corps, but the numbers proposed in para. 4 of your letter would appear to admit of a sufficient number for an effective reserve, and the distribution now proposed would enable the proportionate numbers hitherto existing in the three Presidencies to be maintained, viz., in Bengal and Madras 4 squads each, and in Bombay 2 squads of 1 Non-Commissioned Officer, R.E., 1 Havildar, 1 Naick and 6 Sappers, making a total as shown in the margin.

Non-commissioned officers, R.E.	10
Havildars	10
Naicks	10
Sappers	60

4. The question of the extra allowances to be given the men under instruction will form the subject of a separate communication, and para. 6 of the circular will probably require revision.

ORGANIZATION.

TELEGRAPHS.

Reorganization of the Telegraph Sections in the Corps of Sappers and Miners in the three Presidencies.

The reorganization of the telegraph sections in the corps of Sappers and Miners in the three Presidencies having been decided on, the Governor-General in Council sanctions the changes involved being carried out in the following manner :—

(1) The telegraph equipment with the Sapper corps in the three Presidencies will be handed over to the Telegraph Department, which will credit the Military Department with the value of all articles that can be utilized.

(2) In future expeditions the Civil Telegraph Department will make all arrangements for the supply of telegraph with the army, utilizing either civil establishments, or the Sapper establishment of officers, non-commissioned officers and men, who will be attached to the Telegraph Department from time to time for instruction, under arrangements detailed in clause (3), and who may revert to regimental or other duty.

(3) Two sub-divisions of telegraphs north of the Ravi reduced and rearranged by the Director-General of Telegraphs, will be entirely worked by the Sappers.

The total number of officers and men to be placed at the disposal of the Director-General of Telegraphs for this purpose will be—

Officers	2
British non-commissioned officers	3
Havildars	3
Naicks	3
Sepoys	18
Officer	1
British non-commissioned officers	2
Havildars	2
Naicks	2
Sepoys	12
Officer	1
British non-commissioned officer	1
Havildar	1
Naick	1
Sepoys	6

The first detachment (from Bengal) will be of the strength marginally noted, and at the end of six months another detachment composed of—

will be sent for instruction, the total number required to work the two sub-divisions, as above detailed, being thus employed at the end of six months. At the end of twelve months, a third officer will be sent for training by the first officer, but no men will be sent as a double number of men were provided for the first squad. At the end of eighteen months, while the above proportion of trained officers, non-commissioned officers and men will be employed in actually working the telegraph line, the first officer will leave and another officer with a further detachment of—

British non-commissioned officer	1
Havildar	1
Naick	1
Sepoys	6

will join for training at the end of 24, 30, 36, 42 and every succeeding six months. Under this arrangement one officer and one squad will be relieved every six months, and the total establishment to be placed at the disposal of the Director-General of Telegraphs when the system is in full working order will be as under—

	Officers.	British N.C. Officers.	Havildars.	Naicks.	Sappers.
Working in Telegraph Department.	2	3	3	3	18
Undergoing six months' training.	1	1	1	1	6
Total ...	3	4	4	4	24

(4) To supply the reliefs and to keep up a reserve for contingencies, British non-commissioned officers and native ranks sufficient to furnish 10 squads for instruction will be retained at the head-quarters of the several corps, the present establishment being proportionately reduced, the numbers in future being as under—

	Present.	Future.
Non-commissioned officers, Royal Engineers	20	10
Havildars	5	10
Naicks	7	10
Sappers	80	60

These 10 squads will be allotted four to Bengal, four to Madras, and two to Bombay, each squad consisting of—

Non-commissioned officer, Royal Engineers	1
Havildar	1
Naick	1
Sappers	6

(5) Each officer undergoing instruction will serve 18 months in the Telegraph Department. If he so desire, he will be graded as a Supernumerary Assistant Engineer, in the Military Works Department, if belonging to the Bengal Presidency, and in the Public Works Department, if belonging to the Madras or Bombay Presidency. A Company Commander will be graded as a 1st grade and a Company Officer as a 2nd-grade Assistant Engineer. At the end of his 18 months' tour of telegraph duty, he will have the option of reverting to his original appointment in the Sappers and Miners, or of joining the Military Works or Public Works Department with his departmental grading for eventual absorption in the establishment of either department. In the event of an officer choosing departmental employ his place will be filled up in the corps of Sappers and Miners to which he previously belonged, but not otherwise, and no officiating appointments as Company Commander or Company Officer will be made if the corps of Sappers and Miners to replace officers detailed for telegraph duty under this scheme.

(6) All pay and allowances of non-commissioned officers and men, except travelling allowances, will be paid by the several corps, and while employed in working the telegraph lines after the first six months they will draw their usual working pay and allowances.

(Signed) E. H. H. COLLEN,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 2007-B.

Copy, with copy of correspondence and Army Circular, forwarded to the Public Works Department for concurrence.

(By Order.)

(Signed) E. G. BARROW,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

SIMLA,
10*th August* 1889.

No. 5882.

Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for favor of remark, with advertence to Proceedings of Government, No. 5870, dated 28th August 1889.

2. An early reply is requested.

(By Order.)

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

28*th August* 1889.

To the Adjutant-General.

No. 127. *Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, Ootacamund; dated 10th September* 1889, *No. 2254-B.*

See my 2007-B, 10th August 1889. Sapper telegraph sections. Following additions made to Army Circular: Officers receive pay of grade as Assistant Engineer, Military or Public Works Department. Working pay for Natives allowed as under—First class 2 annas daily, second class 1 anna 6 pies, third class 1 anna. British non-commissioned officers receive 25 or 50 per cent. on Engineer pay according to class. Extra allowance to depend on proficiency in telegraph work. Please expedite reply.

No. 6319.

Forwarded to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in continuation of this office docket No. 5382, dated 28th August 1889, to which an early reply is requested.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND, *13th September* 1889. (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl., *Secretary to Government.*

To the Adjutant-General.

No. 128. *Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, Ootacamund; dated 13th September* 1889, *No.* 2282-*B.*

See my 2254-B, 10th, for rates working pay for Natives therein detailed. Substitute following: 50 or 25 per cent. on sanctioned rates of working pay in addition to those rates according to proficiency, viz., first class 2 or 1 anna daily, second class 18 or 9 pies, third class 12 or 6 pies.

No. 6329.

Forwarded to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in continuation of Military Department No. 6319, dated 13th September 1889.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND, *14th September* 1889. (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl., *Secretary to Government.*

No. 129. *From Brigadier-General M. C. FARRINGTON, C.B., Adjt.-General, Madras Army, to Brigadier-General A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 14th October* 1889, *No.* 2321-*NA* (*Organization—Telegraph Department*).

In returning your memoranda as per margin,* with enclosures, I have the honor, by desire of the Commander-in-Chief, to state that His Excellency concurs in the proposed changes in connection with the reorganization of the telegraph sections of the corps of Sappers, but at the same time forwards for consideration remarks† by the Commandant, "Queen's Own" Sappers and Miners, on the subject.

* No. 5882, dated 28th August 1889.
„ 6319, „ 13th September 1889.
„ 6329, „ 14th „ „

† Letter No. 70-W, dated 11th September 1889.
„ No. 73-W, „ 18th „ „

From Colonel A. F. HAMILTON, R.E., Commandant, "Queen's Own" Sappers and Miners, to the Adjutant-General, Madras Army; dated Bangalore, 11th September 1889, No. 70-W. (Through the Officer Commanding Bangalore District; dated 11th September 1889, No. 4643.)

With reference to your No. 1999-NA, dated 30th August 1889, and draft of Army Circular forwarded therewith, I have the honor to make the following remarks:—

(1) It is not mentioned whether the proposed training is to include both construction and signalling. If all the men are to be trained as signallers, a good knowledge of English is essential, which is not so necessary in a lineman.

(2) With reference to para. 5 of the Army Circular supposing the Company Commander to be away for training in telegraphy, the Company Officer would have the whole of the work and responsibility of a Company Commander for the period of eighteen months without receiving any portion of the pay of that appointment. This could be obviated by making officers with the Telegraph Department supernumeraries to the establishment of the Sappers as is already done in the case of Submarine Mining Officers.

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(3) With reference to para. 6 of the Army Circular, the withholding of the usual working pay and allowances during the first six months of training would render this service very unpopular, especially as many of the men have already passed for rates in both signalling and construction.

From Colonel A. F. HAMILTON, R.E., Commandant, "Queen's Own" Sappers and Miners, to the Adjutant-General, Madras Army; dated Bangalore, 18th September 1889, No. 73-W.

With reference to your No. 2102-NA (returned herewith), dated 14th September 1889, and correspondence thereto attached, I have the honor to make the following remarks:—

The officers on telegraph duty being graded as Assistant Engineer and paid as such, I presume that officers would be appointed to officiate in their appointments in the Sappers during their absence.

2. I consider that the extra allowances proposed for British non-commissioned officers in telegram 2254-B and those proposed for Native Sappers in 2282-B are fair rates of pay.

No. 5047-A.

Forwarded. The report required by your No. 1999-NA, dated 30th ultimo, was forwarded to you under Diary No. 4643 of the 13th instant.

BANGALORE, *18th September* 1889. (Signed) H. BENGOUGH, Brigdr.-Genl., *Commanding Bangalore District.*

No. 7117.

Forwarded with draft India Army Circular to the Public Works Department for favor of concurrence.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE, *17th October* 1889. (Signed) H. R. SHELLEY, Colonel, for *Secretary to Government.*

No. 130. No. 4837-C.

Returned with remark that there is no objection in the Public Works Department to the draft Army Circular, on the understanding that no portion of the pay of the officers who will be graded as Supernumerary Assistant Engineers will be met by this department.

(By Order.)

(Signed) R. R. E. DRAKE-BROCKMAN, Lt.-Col., R.E., *Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.*

24th October 1889.

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 8th November 1889, No. 7764.

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

No. 132. *To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated 8th November* 1889, *No.* 7765.

(True Extract.)

A Kenney Herbert.

Brigdr.-Genl.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.
„ Inspector-General of Ordnance for information.

Exd. J. Henricus.

P.W.C. No. 10930

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No 6837 C. 24.10.89.

To

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 8th.

Issued

Recd. 16-11-89. Encl.

C.O., 8th November 1889, No. 7764.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 126—132.

Organization—Telegraph Department.

Telegraph Sections of the Sappers and Miners.—Government of India addressed on the subject of the changes proposed to be carried out in connection with the reorganization of the —.

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