

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 3444-56

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Serjeant Sheridan Ousey, Ordered that the Govt of India be requested to authorize the final admission <sup>as a special case</sup> of the reward <sup>under a misapprehension of the rules</sup> granted to him for passing the High Proficiency Examination in Telugu and to make the rules on the subject clear.

The Govt of India addressed

9.12.97

by the Accountant General  
P. W. Dept. as to the  
interpretation of the  
term "Departmental  
Examination" as used  
in Art. 1227 C. S. Regs.  
In reply to this reference  
from the Examiner, the  
Accountant General  
P. W. D. pointed out that  
James Sheridan was  
not entitled to any  
reward for the High  
Proficiency Examination,  
he having passed  
after joining the P. W.  
Dept., and after the  
issue of Govt. of India  
Circular No. 1 P. W. dated  
21 May 1895, and  
that consequently he  
was not entitled to  
travelling allowance  
for the journey to &  
from the place of  
examination. The  
Controller of Military  
Accounts was then  
asked his views.

for information as to  
the rules under which  
he admitted the  
wound, & that officer  
states that it was  
based with reference  
to Art. 812, Army Regs  
India, Vol I, Part I,  
as amended by clause  
25, India Army Circulars  
of 1896, which was  
published after the  
issue of the  
G.O. of India  
Mil. Dept. Letter No  
1272 B dated 22 April  
1895. There is thus  
some confusion in the  
rules, for while G.O.  
of India Circular No  
1 P.W. dated 21 May  
1895, disallows the  
grant of wound to  
military officers in  
permanent civil employ  
for poisoning in language  
under military rules,  
Clause 25 India Army  
Circulars of 1896 brings

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Application was  
then made for the  
grant of travelling allow-  
ance to James Sheridan for  
the journey from Kurur  
to Madras to attend the  
examination, and for  
the return journey. The  
claim was admitted  
initially by the  
examiner, pending an  
expression of opinion

+ this is the  
same as para 95  
appendix B, Vol I  
P.W. Code

such officers within the  
scope of Art. 812, Army  
Regulations India Vol I  
Part I. Para 95,  
appendix B, Vol I of  
the P.W. Code is moreover  
a copy of Art. 812 of  
India Army Regs, and  
then to point out that  
while para 73, Chapter II  
Vol I P.W. Code, has  
been amended by  
Standing Order No 48  
of 1895 and 162 of 1896  
no amendment  
made in  
appendix B.

5. It seems clear  
therefore that the wound  
drawn in the  
Sheridan. The  
travelling allowance  
for the journey to and  
from, were passed under  
a misapprehension of  
of the rules and  
as the retirement  
of such large sums  
from an over-see, who

them under proper  
 thought, would be  
 a great hardship,  
 have directed to request  
 that the Govt. of India  
 will authorize their  
 final admission as a  
 special case, and  
 also that steps may  
 be taken to make  
 the rules on the subject  
 clear. This latter, when

applying to the  
 reports mentioned in  
 para 95 Appendix B  
 for training under military rules  
 are not applicable  
 to military officers

permanently employed  
 in the P. W. Dept. of each  
 is the intention of the Govt. of  
 India

2/5/1907

W. H. S.  
 20.11.07  
 27.9.07

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