

Public (1898) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 746-47

Dated 11-6-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Forwarding, with remarks, to
the Govt of India for favourable consideration,
application from 2nd Lieut A. S. Presham
of the East Coast Railway Volunteers Rifles
for permission
to join the Indian Army Reserve of
Officers.

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SUBJECT,

Forwarding, for favorable
consideration, an application
of 2nd Lt. A.S. Hutton for
permission to join the Indian
Army Reserve of Officers.

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From The S. A. G., Madras
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding, with remarks,
the declaration of 2nd Lieut.
A. S. Preston as reqd. by para 18
G. O. G. No. 224 of 1894.

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Public DEPARTMENT

C. No. 1250

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Application to join Indian Army Reserve.

FOR ORDERS.

2nd Lieut. A.S. Preston of the East Coast Railway Volunteers submits an application to join the Indian Army Reserve of officers. The application is supported by the Commandant of the Corps, the Brigadier General Commanding Madras District & the D.A.G. The last two officers state that he fulfills the required conditions. The D.A.G., however, adds that the applicant is just beyond the margin of age: this indeed appears from 2nd Lieut. Preston's appln. itself in which he states that he was born on 3rd Dec. 1867.

2. The regulations for the Indian Army Reserve of Officers will be found notified in G.G.O.No.308 of 1894 re-published in Madras G.O.G.No.224 of 1894 - please see volume put up marked with red tape. According to para 1 of these regulations the following officers & gentlemen may, among others, be granted commissions as officers of the Indian Army Reserve:-

(c)

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(c) Indian Volunteers, except soldiers on the Unattached List.
(d) Officials other than Military Officers in the service of the Govt. of India.
(e) Private Gentlemen residing in India; and according to para 3 of the same regulations a commission as 2nd Lieut. may be given to any gentleman fulfilling the conditions of clauses (c) (d) & (e) supra up to the age of 30 years provided -
(a) that he is recommended by the local Govt., &
(b) that he has obtained a certificate of proficiency such as is granted to a Captain of Volunteer Forces in India, for which purpose, if not an officer of Indian Volunteers, he may be attached to a Volunteer Corps in India.

Furthermore, para 4 of the regulations provides that commission will not be issued to officers of the Indian Army Reserve until actually called up for service & para 5 states that commissions will not be granted ^{to} candidates who are not medically fit for service or whose character & qualifications ^{are not satisfactory} prescribed may, subject to the approval of Her Majesty, be dispensed with in cases where the Governor-General in Council may, on the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief in India, consider that the exigencies of the service rendered it desirable that those provisions should not be enforced."

2nd Lieut. Preston, as already stated, fulfills all the conditions prescribed in the regulations except that he is just beyond the margin of age. He is supported

"If, however, an officer desires it, his commission may be prepared and issued at any time on payment of the stamp duty of thirty shillings."

"but the limitation as to age & the qualifications"

is in fact any candidate of application open to him by the rules. The case of 2nd Lieut. Preston is the first of the kind of 3.0.90 M. does not answer]

to which presumably, in the absence of precedents, the apply has to be forwarded)

* G.O. 127 of 1897 which seems to contain para. 45 is not available. The original G.O. 308 of 1894 only contains 27 paras.

We are not in a position to say this. The Comm. in Chief of India is.

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by the Commandant of the Corps, the Brig. Genl Commg. & the D.A.G. and also possesses proficiency certificate required by the rules. No case parallel to that of 2nd Lieut. Preston is traceable although all possible search has been made in the records. Orders are requested as to whether the application may be forwarded for the favourable consideration of the G. of I with a recommendation for the relaxation of the rule as to limit of age. ^{It may be noted that} the declaration forwarded by 2nd Lieut. Preston - C.No.1273 - does not, as observed by the D.A.G., appear to be necessary before he is actually admitted to the Indian Army Reserve of officers - Para 18 ~~of~~ of G.O.G. 224 of 1894 (volume put up)

16.5.98 In this case the exigencies of the service mentioned in para 6. of the G.O. in question may be considered satisfied & Lieut. Preston himself as only just over 30 and in India. G.O. No. 357-B (Military) Organisation & Mobilisation of 4.2.97 these observations are made "In Considering the question of the deficiency in the number of British officers, in event of war on a large scale, the attention of the Government of India has been drawn to the slow progress made in forming an Indian Reserve of Officers under G.O. No. 308 of 1894". The G.O. (which please see) goes on to resolve that a Committee be formed to consider the question of raising

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the rules and other kindred subjects.
This being so the G.O. in Council (through
the C. in C. in India) may be addressed
with a view to the relaxation of
clause 3. so far as to allow 2nd Lieut.
Preston to be given a commission as
2nd Lieut. in the V.A.R. of Officers
though he is just over thirty years of age.

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The application may be
forwarded for favorable
consideration with the
remark that the question
whether ^{conditions justifying} a relaxation of the
age rule must be left
to the determination of the
Govt. of India.

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(From Orders)

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The Govt. of India will be
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To D.A.G. (P)

Letter No 747.
To the Secy to the Govt. of India,
Mily. Dept
(with enclosures)
Sir,
I am directed to forward for
the favourable consideration of the
Govt. of India the accompanying
application from 2nd Lieut. ^{Arthur Sarkone} Preston
of the East Coast Railway Volunteer
Rifles

the to join the Indian Army Reserve of
 The Officers. The applicant fulfils
 the (all the conditions prescribed in the
 with regulations published in G.O.
 No. 308 of 1894 except that he is
 just beyond the margin of age (30 years);
 his application is supported
 by the Commandant of the Corps, the
 Brigadier General Commanding the
 Madras District and the Lieut.
 General Commanding. With reference,
 however, to para 6 of the regulations
 just referred to, I am to say that
 this Govt. would leave the question,
 whether conditions exist in the case
 of the applicant justifying a
 relaxation of the age rule, to the
 determination of the Govt. of
 India.

FROM ORDERS.

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