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[Despatch Abstract.]

Grant of a Messing allowance, & a gratuity
to European Non-Commissioned Officers & Men
of the British Army in India

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13. If a married soldier dies, the gratuity that might otherwise have been payable to him in respect of his service with the colours, calculated as in paragraphs 5, 10, or 12, shall be paid to his widow; or, if his wife has predeceased him, be divided equally among his legitimate children. If he leaves neither widow nor legitimate children, no gratuity shall be issued. The gratuity payable to the widow or legitimate children shall be subject to the rules laid down in paragraph 5, as regards men who have rejoined the colours under the provisions of the Home Regulations, and in paragraph 12 as regards other soldiers.

14. A soldier enlisted before the 1st April 1898, who has not elected to come under these regulations, shall not be entitled to any gratuity on discharge or transfer to the Army Reserve, save as may be provided by regulations hitherto in force; nor shall his widow or children have any claim to a gratuity under these regulations.

Deferred pay.

15. Soldiers enlisted before the 1st April 1898, who elect to come under these rules, shall cease to reckon service for deferred pay from the 1st day of the month in which they make their election. Any deferred pay which may have been earned to the date in question shall, subject to paragraph 12, be paid on discharge or transfer to the Army Reserve under the regulations hitherto in force.

16. After the 31st March 1898 deferred pay under previous regulations, shall only be issued to—

(a) Soldiers enlisted before the 1st April 1898, who do not elect to come under these rules, or up to and for the last day of the month preceding that in which they become entitled to messing allowance under these rules, if they do so elect.

Clause 163, India Army Circulars, dated 1st October 1898.

With the approval of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to notify that the provisions of clause 92, India Army Circulars, dated the 1st June 1898, sanctioning the grant of a messing allowance, and a gratuity on discharge or transfer to the Army Reserve, for European non-commissioned officers and men of the regular Forces serving in India, apply to those European non-commissioned officers and men who are in departmental or other extra-regimental employ in India, and are in receipt of military pay of rank (with or without staff pay) and rations or ration money, provided the men individually fulfil the conditions laid down in the circular above quoted.

Memorandum, No. 4900 C., dated 7th November 1898.

Read the following papers:—

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

To—The Adjutant-General in India.

Dated—30th September 1898, No. 2662 F.

With reference to clause 92, India Army Circulars of 1898, I am directed to say that the Government of India, with the approval of the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, have been pleased to decide that European non-commissioned officers and men of the British Army employed departmentally, or otherwise extra-regimentally, in India, and in receipt of military pay of rank (with or without staff pay) and rations or ration money, shall be granted messing allowance under the provisions of the circular above quoted, provided the men individually fulfil the conditions laid down therein.

2. An India Army Circular to this effect is under issue.

Memorandum from—The Adjutant-General in India.
To—The General Officer Commanding the Forces, Madras.
Dated—15th October 1898, No. 2639 D.

Forwarded for information, with reference to his telegram, No. B.T. 1303, dated 13th September 1898.

Copy of Military Department letter No. 2662 F., dated 30th September 1898.

2. This ruling will not be published in G.O.C.C.

3. The following decisions are also promulgated:—

- (a) Non-commissioned officers who have drawn their deferred pay cannot elect to come under the rules laid down in India Army Circulars, dated 1st June 1898, clause 92.
- (b) Non-commissioned officers and men on the unattached list drawing consolidated salaries cannot elect for the new rules unless returned to their corps, when they should at once be called upon to make their election.
- (c) Boys under the age of nineteen years cannot elect to come under the new rules until they attain that age, when they must at once make their election.
- (d) Men who enlisted in India after the 1st April 1898 and before the promulgation of the India Army Circular, come under the new rules.

Memorandum from—The Deputy Adjutant-General.
To—The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.
Dated—Ootacamund, 28th October 1898, No. 17472 A./B.T. (Pay and Allowances—British Army).

Forwarded for information and guidance.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department for information.

(By order.)

(Signed) A. S. RUSSELL,
Deputy Chief Engineer.

ORDER—No. 1479 Ry., dated 30th November 1898.

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(True Extract.)

FRANCIS J. E. SPRING,
Joint Secretary.

To the Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

[For General Distribution].

Circular No. 18 Public Works.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
GENERAL.

Simla, the 3rd November 1898.

Grant to European non-commissioned officers and men of the British Army in India of a messing allowance, and a gratuity on discharge or on transfer to the Army Reserve.

The following is forwarded to the Local Governments, Administrations and officers noted on the margin, for information and guidance.

To

- The Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department.
- The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch.
- The Secretaries to the Government of Bombay, Public Works Department, General and Railway Branches.
- The Secretaries to the Governments of Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh and the Punjab, Public Works Department.
- The Secretaries to the Government of Burma, Public Works Department, General and Railway Branches.
- The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Assam and Coorg.
- The Resident at Hyderabad.
- The Agents to the Governor General for Central India, Rajputana, and Baluchistan.
- The Accountant General, Public Works Department.
- The Director General of Military Works.
- The Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow and Assam.
- The Director General of Telegraphs.
- The Managers, North Western, Oudh and Rohilkhand, East Coast, and Eastern Bengal State Railways.
- The Engineers-in-Chief, Mari-Attock, Bezvada-Madras, Hardwar-Dehra and Ghaziabad-Moradabad Railways.
- The Engineers-in-Chief, Godavery and Indus Bridge Works.
- The Engineers-in-Chief, Kohat-Bannu and Bara-Ajmere-Marwara Railway Surveys.
- The Port Storekeeper, State Railway Department, Calcutta.

By order,

G. H. Walker

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Joint Secy to the Govt. of India,
P. W. Dept., Railway Branch.

Clause 92, India Army Circulars, dated 1st June 1898.

With the approval of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, the Governor General in Council is pleased to sanction, with effect from 1st June 1898, to European non-commissioned officers and men of the Regular Forces serving in India under the following rules, the grant of an allowance to be styled "messing allowance", and also a gratuity on discharge or transfer to the Army Reserve:—

Messing allowance.

A messing allowance of 2½ annas per diem shall be issued to European non-commissioned officers and men of the Regular Forces in addition to any pay and extra duty pay that may be now admitted to them under the Indian regulations, and those who are entitled to draw this allowance will also be exempted from the payment of 9 pias per diem hitherto recovered from the soldier on account of groceries.

The messing allowance of 2½ annas a day may be drawn for every day on which a soldier goes on leave in India for every day for which he receives an advance of pay, but it shall not be drawn for any day on which the soldier does not draw pay, or on which he is in hospital.

3. Except as provided in paragraph 5, a soldier, who enlisted before the 1st April 1898, shall have the option of coming under these regulations from the first day of the month in which he makes his choice; subject, in the case of men enlisted in India, to the conditions laid down in paragraph 8, provided that he agrees to forego any claim to the deferred pay that would otherwise have been earned after such date. Until he decides to accept the new conditions, he will remain under former regulations as to deferred pay, have no claim to messing allowance, and will continue to contribute 9 pies per diem towards his grocery ration.

4. Soldiers of less than five years' service, who were enlisted in England as boys, will be subject to the conditions of paragraph 9.

5. A soldier who has rejoined the colours from the Army Reserve, and is entitled to a gratuity of £20 under the Home Regulations, shall have the option of coming under these rules, a deduction being made from the gratuity of £20 equal to the deferred pay to which he would have been entitled under Royal Warrant for his service with the colours.

6. Soldiers who enlisted before the 1st April 1898, and are otherwise qualified, must elect whether or not they will come under these rules before the 1st October 1898.

7. Soldiers enlisted before the 1st April 1898, who are now serving in the Army Reserve, and may hereafter rejoin the colours, whether on mobilisation or otherwise, shall, on so rejoining have the option of coming under these rules, provided they agree to forego any claim to deferred pay in respect of their service in the reserve or future service with the colours.

8. Except as provided in paragraphs 3 and 5, a soldier enlisted in India, in order to be entitled to messing allowance, and to the exemption from the stoppage of 9 pies, must either—

- (a) hold permanent rank above that of private (excluding lance and acting ranks), or
- (b) if not above that rank,—
 - (i) be certified by his Commanding Officer to fulfil the conditions of military efficiency, laid down in the Queen's Regulations;
 - (ii) furnish such information as will enable his Commanding Officer to satisfy himself by adequate documentary evidence, that the said soldier has attained the age of 19 years. In the absence of such information, he must be certified by his Commanding Officer and the Medical Officer to have, according to the best of their judgment, reached the said age;
 - (iii) if specially enlisted under the Home Recruiting Regulations, be certified by the Medical Officer to have reached the full physical standard for a soldier of the arm in which he is serving;
 - (iv) have enlisted for a longer period than three years with the colours or have extended his service beyond that term.

9. A soldier enlisted in India for the infantry of the line after 31st March 1898 for three years, and extending his service with the colours will only be eligible for the allowance from the date on which he so extends his service. Proof of age and military efficiency, or of having reached the full physical standard, shall not be required for a soldier enlisted before the 1st April 1898, who has more than two years' service at the date of making his election; in case a soldier enlisted as a boy, five years' service shall be the minimum, exempting him from such proof.

Gratuity on discharge or transfer to the Army Reserve.

10. A European soldier, who enlists after the 31st March 1898 for more than three years' service with the colours, or who, having enlisted for three years, extends his service, shall be granted a gratuity of £1 for each full year and for any uncompleted portion of a year of service with the colours up to a maximum of 12 years, reckoned from the date from which he counts service for the purpose of discharge, subject to the following conditions:—

- (i) This gratuity shall be issued to the soldier on transfer to the Army Reserve, or on discharge, except in the following cases:—
 - (a) If discharged to permanent pension.
 - (b) If improperly enlisted while belonging to the Army Reserve, and on detection of the offence, retransferred to the reserve.

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(d) If discharged by purchase.

(e) If a boy, less than 16 years of age on enlistment and discharged before attaining the age of 18 for any other reason than medical unfitness.

(f) If a recruit discharged before being finally passed into the service.

(g) If discharged in consequence of misapprehension or misstatement with regard to age on enlistment or in consequence of his having been claimed as an apprentice.

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European Non-commissioned Officers and men of the British Army

Communicating to officers of the Public Works Department, endorsement of the Deputy Adjutant-General forwarding copy of memorandum from the Adjutant-General in India communicating, with remarks, the decision of the Government of India regarding the grant of messing allowance to — employed departmentally, or otherwise extra-regimentally, in India, and in receipt of military pay of rank and rations or ration money.

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A. Skinnell
Deputy Chief Engineer.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
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„ all Superintending Engineers.
„ the Consulting Architect to Government.
„ the Superintendent of Works, Lighthouse division.
„ the Superintending Engineer on special duty.
„ the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
„ the Examiner, Railway Accounts.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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