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Distribution of Army.
Movements of Troops.

CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Madras Command,
Ootacamund, 4th October 1898.

With reference to Madras Command Orders Nos. 459 and 560 of 1898, the following arrangements are ordered for carrying out the relief of British and Native Troops of the Madras Command in 1898-99:—

Corps, &c.	From	To	How to proceed, and by what route.	Date of movement.	Approximate date of arrival at destination.	Remarks.
Royal Artillery. L Battery, R.H.A. ...	Kirkee	Secunderabad	By route march with horses and guns, via Poona, Sholapur, Hominabad and Sidashipet. (Bombay Routes 227, 241, 33 (1) and *268).	From Poona, 24th January 1899, after Hinjouri Camp.	29th February 1899	{ To meet en route at Sholapur on the 8th February 1899, and exchange transport and native establishments. Each Battery will retain its horses and guns.
S do ...	Secunderabad	Kirkee	By route march with horses and guns, via Sidashipet, Hominabad, Sholapur and Poona. (Madras Routes *225 and *234. Bombay Routes 33 (1) 241, 227 and 99).	20th January 1899	24th February 1899...	
21st Field Battery ...	Bangalore	Secunderabad	By route march with horses and guns, via Chedajpur, Anantapur, Kurnool and Janampet. (Route 15).	From Artillery Practice Camp Vishvanathpur, 25th January 1899.	7th March 1899	This Battery should retain its native establishments.
40th do. ...	Ahmednagar	Bangalore	By route march with horses and guns, via Satara, Kolahpur, Belgaum, Dharwar, Harhar and Hiriyur. (Bombay Routes 240, 172, 70, 65, 132 (1), and Madras Route 9).	From Poona, 24th January 1899, after Hinjouri Camp.	18th March 1899	The native establishments of this Battery should be sent back to Ahmednagar from Bangalore by rail on arrival at latter station.

* Bombay Route 269 from Sholapur to Secunderabad, and Madras Routes 225 and 234 from Secunderabad to Sholapur are the same.
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Corps, &c.	From	To	How to proceed, and by what route.	Date of movement.	Approximate date of arrival at destination.	Remarks.
42nd Field Battery	Secunderabad	Ahmednagar	By route march with horses and guns, via Sidhapur, Hominabad, Sholapur and Barshi. (Madras Routes 225 and 234. Bombay Route 53 (2).)	29th December 1898	30th January 1899	The native establishments of this Battery, should be sent to Bangalore from Ahmednagar by rail on arrival at latter station.
No. 6 Mountain Battery	Mandalay	Intogh	By rail to Rangoon, thence by sea to Calcutta, and thence by rail and route march.	Mandalay, about 18th December 1898. Rangoon, 20th do.	Calcutta, 24th December 1898.	Leaving guns, equipment, mules, tindals, store lascars, syces, bhisties, packallies and conservancy establishment behind for No. 9 Mountain Battery. To take over the above.
No. 9 do.	Darjeeling	Mandalay	By rail to Calcutta, thence by sea to Rangoon, and thence by rail.	Calcutta, 10th December 1898	Rangoon, 14th December 1898. Mandalay, about 16th December 1898. 23rd March 1899	To meet en route at Nagpur on the 31st January 1899 and exchange transport and native establishments. Each Company will retain its guns, elephants, bullocks, &c.
No. 7 Company Western Division (Heavy)	Secunderabad	Jhansi	By route march with guns, &c., via Hingoli, Karanja, Nagpur, Jabalpur, Kuralee and Saugor. (Madras Route 226, and Bengal Routes 432, 430, 688, and 407.)	19th December 1898		
No. 9 do.	Jhansi	Secunderabad	By route march with guns, &c., via Saugor, Kuralee, Jabalpur, Nagpur, Karanja and Hingoli. (Bengal Routes 407, 688, 430 and 432, and Madras Route 226.)	12th December 1898		
Native Artillery.						
No. 7 (Bengal) Mountain Battery.	Bhamo	Kohat	By river to Mandalay, thence by rail to Rangoon, thence by sea to Calcutta, and thence by rail and route march.	Bhamo, * about 20th December 1898 Rangoon, 5th January 1899	Calcutta, 9th January 1899	Leaving guns, equipment, mules, store lascars, 3 syces, and any other local establishments behind for No. 8 Bengal Mountain Battery.

* An advance party of No. 8 Bengal Mountain Battery will arrive at Bhamo about the 21st December 1898.

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No. 8 do.	Kohat	Bhamo	By route march and rail to Calcutta, thence by sea to Rangoon, thence by rail to Mandalay, and thence by river.	* Calcutta, 27th December 1898.	* Rangoon, 31st December 1898. * Bhamo about 7th January 1899	To take over the above.
Native Cavalry.						
1st Madras Lancers	Bellary	Secunderabad	By route march with horses via Rachore and Mahbootnugger (Routes 27 and 15).	28th November 1898	21st December 1898	To hand over transport to 3rd Madras Lancers.
2nd do.	Bangalore	Bellary	By route march with horses via Anantapur. (Routes 15 and 17).	7th January 1899	30th January 1899	To meet at Anantapur on the 23rd January 1899, and exchange transport.
3rd do.	Secunderabad	Bangalore	By route march with horses, via Janampet, Kurnool and Anantapur. (Route 15).	27th December 1898	8th February 1899	
British Infantry.						
2nd Bn. Royal Scots	Mandalay	Poona	By rail to Rangoon, thence by sea to Bombay, and thence by rail.	1st party, about 4th Oct. 1898 2nd party, about 27th Feb. 1899. 1st party, 7th Oct. 1898. 2nd party, 2nd March 1899.	1st party, 17th Oct. 1898. 2nd party, 13th Mar. 1899.	Leaving native establishments except 1 munshi, 1 pakal, and 1 bhisti behind for 2nd Durham Light Infantry.
1st Bn. Royal Warwickshire Rifle Regiment.	Egypt	Bellary & Fort St. George.	By rail from Bombay	Expected to arrive at Bhamo on the 28th October 1898. The Regiment will be despatched thence, the Head Quarters and one wing to Bellary, and the other wing to Fort St. George under the orders of the G. O. C. Bombay District.	Bellary, 3rd November 1898, Fort Saint George, 7th idem.	Halting 2 and 6 days at Poona. To take over native establishments from 2nd Welsh Regt. but employ such as may be necessary temporarily until return of those of that Regt. from Ahmednagar.
1st Bn. Lincolnshire Regiment.	Egypt	Secunderabad	By rail from Bombay	Expected to arrive at Bhamo, the Left Wing on the 28th October 1898 and the Head Quarter Wing on the 18th Nov. 1898. The Regiment will be despatched thence to Secunderabad under the orders of the G. O. C. Bombay District.	2nd and 23rd November 1898.	Halting 2 days at Poona en route.

* An advance party of No. 8 Bengal Mountain Battery will leave Calcutta on the 10th December, arriving at Rangoon on the 14th and Bhamo about the 21st idem.

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Corps, &c.	From	To	How to proceed, and by what route.	Date of movement.	Approximate date of arrival at destination.	Remarks.
2nd Bn. Suffolk Regt.	Rangoon & Port Quetta Blair.	...	By sea to Karachi and thence by rail.	Rangoon, 13th February 1899 Port Blair, 16th do.	Karachi 1st March 1899.	Leaving native establishments (except 1 mial, 8 bullocks and 1 peon) behind for 1st Royal West Kent Regiment.
2nd Bn. Welsh Regt.	Bellary and Fort Saint George.	Ahmednagar and Satara.	Wing to proceed by rail from Madras to Hospet, whole Regiment to proceed from Bellary and Hospet by route march, via Hospet, Mandari, Hubli, Dharwar, Belgaum, Kollapur, Satara and Dhond. (Madras Route 18, and Bombay Routes 65, 70, 172, 32 (1) and 26.)	Bellary, 3rd November 1898 Madras, 7th do. Hospet, 9th do.	22nd December 1898.	The native establishments of this Regiment to be sent back by rail to Bellary and Madras from Ahmednagar on arrival at latter station.
1st Bn. Royal West Kent Regiment.	Dum Dum.	Rangoon and Port Blair.	By route march to Calcutta, and thence by sea.	First party, Calcutta, 13th January 1899. Second party, Calcutta, 4th February 1899.	Rangoon, 17th January 1899. Rangoon, 9th February 1899. Port Blair, 13th February 1899.	To take over native establishments left behind by 2nd Suffolk Regiment.
2nd Bn. Durham Light Infantry.	Poona	Mandlay	By rail to Bombay, thence by sea to Rangoon, and thence by rail.	(1st party, 20th Oct. 1898. 2nd party, 13th Feb. 1899.	Rangoon { 1st party, 30th Oct. 1898. 2nd party, 24th Feb. 1899.	To do. do. by 2nd Royal Scots.
Sappers & Miners.	Bangalore	Secunderabad	By rail	5th January 1899	Mandlay { 1st party, about 1st Nov. 1898. 2nd party, about 26th Feb. 1899. 7th January 1899.	
No. 6 do.	Secunderabad	Bangalore	do.	7th do.	9th do.	

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Native Infantry

7th Madras Infantry	Kampli and Rangoon and Sitabadi.	Port Blair.	By rail to Bombay, and thence by sea.	Bombay, 17th November 1898.	Port Blair, 26th November 1898. Rangoon, 30th November 1898.	
16th do.	Rangoon	Berhampur and Cuttack.	By sea to Gopaulpur, and thence by route march to Berhampur, whence one Wing will march to Cuttack via Khurda. (Route 137).	5th December 1898. * Wing, Berhampur 12th Dec. 1898.	Gopaulpur and Berhampur, 10th December 1898. Wing, Cuttack, 24th December 1898.	* Together with Hd. Qr. Wing 22nd M.I.
19th do.	Secunderabad	Quilon, Trichur and Trevandrum	By rail, &c., as follows:— i. First party of Regiment by rail to Cocanada, and thence by sea. ii. 1st Company of above by sea to Quilon, 5th January 1899 ... to Cochin, and thence by backwater. iii. 2nd Company by backwater. iv. Second party of Regiment by rail to Cocanada, and thence by sea.	Secunderabad 24th December 1898. Cocanada 29th do. Quilon, 4th January 1899. Cochin, 6th do. (morning). Trichur, 8th do. (morning). Trevandrum, 7th do. (morning).	Quilon, 23rd January 1899.	

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Corps, &c.	From	To	How to proceed, and by what route.	Date of movement.	Approximate date of arrival at destination.	Remarks.
20th Madras Infantry	Tochi	... Cannanore ...	By route march and rail to Karachi, and thence by sea.	Karachi 20th October 1898	25th October 1898.	
22nd do.	Berhampur and Cuttack.	Kampit and Steibuldi.	By route march as follows:— Hd. Qr. * Wing from Berhampur to Cuttack, via Khairan (Route 137). Whole Regiment from Cuttack, via Angul, Sambalpur, Raipur, Bhandara and Nagpur. (Routes 69 and 213.)	Berhampur, 12th Dec. 1898 do. Cuttack, 26th	Cuttack, 24th December 1898. Kampit, 23rd February 1899	* Together with Wing 16th M.L.
24th Madras Infantry	Quilon, Trichur and Trevandrum.	Secunderabad	By sea &c., as follows:— i. First party of Regiment by sea to Cocanada, and thence by rail. ii 1½ Company by backwater to Cochin, and thence by sea. iii ½ Company by backwater ... iv. Second party of Regiment by sea to Cocanada, and thence by rail.	Quilon, 21st December 1898 Trichur, 3rd January 1899 (evening). Trevandrum, 7th do. (evening). Quilon, 9th January 1899...	(Cocanada, 27th Dec. 1898 Secunderabad, 31st Dec. 1898. { Cochin, 5th Jan. 1899 morning. Quilon, 7th do. Quilon 8th do. (evening). { Cocanada 15th January 1899. Secunderabad 19th January 1899.	

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25th do	... Cannanore ...	... Bangalore ...	By route march, via Periyambadi ghat, Hunsur, Yelwall and Seringapatam, (Routes 240 and 12.)	15th December 1898	10th January 1899.	
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Periodical Detachment Reliefs.

Corps.	From	To	REMARKS.
British Infantry.			
2 Companies 2nd Bn. Essex Regiment ...	Shwebo	Bernardmyo	By route march to Kyoukmyoung and thence by river and route march
do.	Bernardmyo	Shwebo	By route march to Thabeitkyin and thence by river and route march.
2 Companies 2nd Bn. Essex Regt. ...	Shwebo	Bhamo	By route march to Kyoukmyoung and thence by river.
do.	Bhamo	Shwebo	By river to Kyoukmyoung and thence by route march.
14 Companies 1st Bn. Middlesex Regt.	Wellington	Malapuram	By route march to Coonoor,* thence by rail to Tirur, and thence by route march
do.	Malapuram	Wellington	do. to Tirur, thence by rail to Coonoor,* and thence by route march
1 Company	Wellington	Calicut	By route march to Coonoor,* and thence by rail.
do.	Calicut	Wellington	do. rail to Coonoor,* and thence by route march.
1 Company	Wellington	Cannanore	By route march to Coonoor,* thence by rail to Calicut, and thence by route march or by sea if a Government steamer be available.
Native Infantry.			
3 Companies 13th Madras Infantry	Port Blair	Rangoon	By route march, or by sea if a Government steamer be available, to Calicut, thence by rail to Coonoor,* and thence by route march.
1 Company 20th Madras Infantry	Fort Stedman	Loikaw	By sea, (R.I.M. Steamer) on 28th November 1898.
do.	Loikaw	Fort Stedman	By route march.
1 Company	Fort Stedman	Bhampon	do.
do.	Bhampon	Fort Stedman	do.

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Periodical Detachment Reliefs—continued.

Corps.	From	To	REMARKS.
British Infantry.			
1 Company 20th Madras Infantry	Fort Stedman	Taungyi	By route march.
do.	Taungyi	Fort Stedman	do.
1 Company 12th Madras Infantry	Bhamo	Thabeitkyin	By river.
do.	Thabeitkyin	Bhamo	do.
1 Company 20th Madras Infantry	Fort Stedman	Thamakan	By route march.
do.	Thamakan	Fort Stedman	do.
1 Company Native Infantry	Mandalay	Kyoukmyoung	By river. (Government Steamer).
do.	Kyoukmyoung	Mandalay	do. (do.).
1 Company Native Infantry	Quilon	Trevandrum	By backwater.
do.	Trevandrum	Quilon	do.
1 Company Native Infantry	Madras, Bangalore or Trichinopoly.	Ootacamund	By rail to * Coonoor, and thence by route march.
do.	Ootacamund	Madras, Bangalore or Trichinopoly.	By route march to * Coonoor, and thence by rail.
1 Company	Bangalore	Oosoor	By route march.
do.	Oosoor	Bangalore	do.

* If line to and from Coonoor is open for public traffic, otherwise to and from Kullar.

N.B.—Dates of movement (where such are not otherwise provided for) in connection with detachment reliefs should be fixed under the orders of General Officers Commanding Districts concerned and intimated to this office as soon as fixed.

11. Particular attention is invited to note X on page 11 of this Circular regarding precautions to be taken in connection with plague.

NOTES.

- I.—Attention is requested to the orders for the movement of troops by sea, rail and land, Army Regulations, India, Vol. X, (Passages), Parts I and II.
- II.—Troops proceeding by water will furnish the Deputy Adjutant General at Head Quarters and District Staff Officers concerned with Effective States for embarkation as laid down in Army Regulations, India, Vol. X, Part I; and those requiring Railway conveyance will furnish District Staff Officers concerned with Returns as ordered in Part II of the same Regulations.
- III.—The dates fixed for movement will be adhered to: those named for arrival are approximate, but should be followed as far as possible.
- IV.—Where it can possibly be arranged, the original movement of Corps, &c., or Details from stations, and their arrival at stations of destination should be fixed so as to avoid either departures or arrivals on Sundays. For purposes of this note, the ports of Madras and Rangoon should be viewed both as stations of destination as well as starting stations *en route* to and from Burma.
- V.—With reference to Army Regulations, India, Vol. X, Part II, para. 74, as reconstructed by G.O. No. 49 of 1897, Officers Commanding Corps, &c., marching will furnish this office every Monday with Progress Reports. Halts will be made on Xmas and New Year days as well as Sundays unless circumstances prevent. Attention is also directed to this Office No. B/13889, dated 12th June 1896.
- VI.—Particular attention is requested to Army Regulations, India, Vol. X, Part II, para. 179 (Clause XI), regarding indents for supplies and intimation of movements to the Civil Authorities. Care should be taken that the supplies indented for are according to actual requirements and are not excessive. Officers Commanding British troops marching in relief should, at least one month before departure, give full particulars of supplies required to the Chief Commissariat Officer of the District from which the troops move.
- VII.—General Officers Commanding Districts are requested to communicate with Civil Officers concerned in view to the wells being cleaned out, and water supply generally looked to, at all the encamping grounds in their respective commands at which the troops may have to halt *en route*. Charges for cleaning encamping grounds should be adjusted by the Civil Authorities concerned (*Vide* Army Regulations, India, Vol. X, Part II, paras. 13 and 14).
- VIII.—The special attention of Officers Commanding Corps on the line of march is directed to Army Regulations, India, Vol. X, Part II, para. 31. All camp followers accompanying Corps should march under responsible surveillance.
- IX.—The sick and families of British troops and the heavy stores of all corps marching will, as far as practicable, be sent by rail.

X.—* If a station or District from which troops are about to move in relief should be at the time infected by plague, or, if their routes lie through infected Districts, the following precautions should be taken in communication with the Civil Authorities to prevent the spread of the disease:—

- (a) If a Corps, &c., or its followers are infected, assuming that cases of plague have been segregated, the Corps, &c., should remain in segregation for ten days after the occurrence of the last case before moving in relief.
- (b) If a Corps, &c., moves from an infected station or district, the followers should be kept in segregation for ten days previous to departure.
- (c) If a Corps, &c., under orders to proceed by route march, moves from an infected station, or, if its route lies through an infected district, the circumstance should be at once brought to the notice of, and alternative Routes suggested to Command Head Quarters in view to the desirability of moving it *by rail* being submitted to Army Head Quarters for consideration and orders.
- (d) In cases where a Corps, &c., referred to in clause (c) has already commenced its movement by route march and an outbreak of plague on the route renders railing necessary, this should be carried out in communication with, and under the orders of the General Officer Commanding the District in which the Corps, &c., is at the time *en route*, and a report made subsequently to Command Head Quarters for communication to Army Head Quarters.
- XI.—When parties are sent in advance of the Head Quarters of their Regiments or Batteries to take over buildings, &c., &c., of the Corps, &c., to be relieved, families should not accompany them.
- XII.—With reference to Army Regulations, India, Vol. X, Part II, para. 138, Native troops under orders to move with families by route march may, if they wish it, send their families by rail or sea *at their own expense* claiming difference of cart-hire for the distance marched by the troops. Family guards, however, should travel at expense of Regimental funds by rail or sea. In cases where provision has been made in the Programme for the conveyance of families *by sea*, there is no objection, if they wish it, to their proceeding by other modes of movement *at their own expense*, but they will *not* be allowed difference of cart hire.
- XIII.—Due intimation should also be given to the Civil Authorities concerned when families of Native troops are about to be despatched, and all necessary precautions taken to avoid the possibility of risk from cholera or other epidemic disease that may be prevalent *en route*.
- XIV.—The full complement of *private* followers admissible under Regulation should not be taken unless that number be absolutely necessary for the efficiency of Corps, &c., and with regard to the due convenience of officers and men. *Vide* Quarter Master General's Circular No. 2728-A, dated 24th December 1892.
- XV.—All camp equipage, previous to being transferred to another Corps, should be surveyed in accordance with Army Regulations, India, Vol. III, para. 177.
- XVI.—Light tents issued to Corps, &c., as Station Stores, are, on their departure, to be left behind. The attention of General Officers Commanding Districts is directed to Quarter Master General's Circular No. 3135-B of 28th October 1889, regarding the additional lascars allowed for mobilization camp equipage being retained at mobilization stations.

XVII.—The attention of General Officers concerned is requested to the orders communicated under Quarter Master General's No. 3903-B of 23rd November 1888, and they are directed to arrange, in communication with each other, to ensure Government transport being utilized to its fullest extent in carrying out movements. They will also similarly arrange for relieving and relieved Batteries, Corps, &c., taking and handing over establishments, transport, &c., (as may be necessary in accordance with Regulations) at stations concerned, or exchanging such while on the march. Each Battery of Horse or Field Artillery should retain its horses and guns.

XVIII.—Ambulance transport for British and Native troops marching should be provided under India Army Circulars of 1887, Clause 47, and Army Regulations, India, Vol VI (Medical), Section XIX.

XIX.—The attention of Officers Commanding Corps, &c., and Detachments moving in relief is called to para. 3 of Circular No. 6, dated 6th March 1895, and letter No. 567-C dated 12th June 1897 from the Quarter Master General in India, requiring that information as to the strength of such Corps, &c., or Detachment should be furnished to the Officer in charge Quarter Master General's Office, Simla, by deferred telegram on the 1st of each month: also to this Office Circular No. 1875-A, dated 17th September 1895 and G.O.C.C. No. 236 of 1897 as to the Office of the Quarter Master General in India being furnished with departure and arrival reports.

XX.—During the movement season, telegraphic reports should be made to the Quarter Master General in India, Simla, of the outbreak and progress of cholera at any railway rest camp, or in any cantonment in which a railway rest camp may be situated. (Madras Command Order, No. 397 of 1896).

XXI.—Attention is invited to Army Regulations, India, Vol. X, Part II, paras. 71 to 76 as reconstructed by G.O. No. 49 of 1897.

(By order)

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Deputy Adjutant General.

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