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# NOTES.

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TERMS GRANTED TO CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE PROVINCIAL SERVICE OF THE SURVEY OF INDIA WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE MUSSOOREE VOLUNTEER RIFLES, WHO HAVE PROCEEDED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

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FROM SURVEYOR GENERAL, NO. 1158-T., DATED THE 12TH SEPTEMBER 1914.

The only orders as regards the stoppage of leave which have been received in this Department and communicated to the Surveyor General are those contained in Army Department letter of 4th August 1914. These obviously do not apply in the present case. We may wire to Surveyor General as below:—"Your telegram No. 1158-T., dated 12th instant. Mussoree Volunteers. Please say what orders of this Department you refer to and quote the number and date."

L. E. K.,—12-9-14.

I informed Hon'ble Member on the telephone this morning that the Assistant Accountant General had referred the case of officers of the Provincial Survey Department (12 in number) who belonged to the Mussoree Maxim Gun Detachment. This detachment is to leave on the 16th instant. I ascertained from Home Department that the general question of granting permission to officers in civil employ to volunteer for active service had not been taken up, but that one or two isolated applications had been rejected. So far the view held by us is that permission should not be given in such cases, but the present case is exceptional as the detachment leaves in a few days.

I have, as directed by Hon'ble Member, explained the present case to Private Secretary to the Viceroy who has obtained His Excellency's orders which are as follows:—

"The present case should be treated as exceptional and those that can be spared should be allowed to go."

These orders I have communicated to General Walters who has wired them on to Mussoree, adding that this Department will address the Surveyor General on the question of pay. I may now wire to Surveyor General.

"Your telegram no. 1258-T., dated 12th September 1914. The orders of Government are that the present case should be treated as exceptional and those that can be spared should be allowed to go. You are at liberty to decide which members of detachment should be allowed to go, granting them such leave as may be due. Question of pay during absence should be referred officially."

After issue, we can take up the general question or suggest that Home Department should do this.

L. J. KERSHAW,—12-9-14.

I think Home Department should take it up. It is a general question affecting all services.

R. W. C[ARLYLE],—12-9-14.

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TO THE SURVEYOR GENERAL, DATED THE 12TH SEPTEMBER 1914.

FROM THE SURVEYOR GENERAL, DATED 13TH SEPTEMBER 1914.

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The terms asked for are, what Army Regulations allow. Time is short, but presumably Home and Army Departments should be consulted. I may mention, however, that in a separate file which came to us a few days ago and in which the Surveyor General raised the question of the terms which should be granted to Volunteers engaged on active service, the Army Department have said that Army Regulations, Volume IX, paragraph 140 (that is the same paragraph as quoted by the Surveyor General) would govern the case.

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(Secretary has not seen this file which is at present with the Hon'ble Mr. Wheeler.)

L. E. K.,—13-9-14.

Article 140, Army Regulations, seems clearly to apply, but other departments would have to be consulted before we can say this definitely. I have ascertained from the Hon'ble Mr. Wheeler that the question is under consideration.

I will try to get the matter settled to-day, but a reply is wanted at once and we may wire urgent:—

"Your telegram No. dated 13th instant. Application of Article 140, Army Regulations, Volume IX, is under consideration and, if possible, decision will be communicated to you so as to enable you to inform officers affected before they leave Bombay. Please report number of survey officers who have volunteered."

L. J. KERSHAW,—13-9-14.

R. W. C[ARLYLE],—14-9-14.

The telegram to Surveyor General has issued. Home Department may now be consulted.

L. E. K.,—14-9-14.

F. NOYCE,—14-9-14.

I have spoken to Home Secretary. He is pushing through this question of pay and will let me know when it is decided.

L. J. KERSHAW,—14-9-14.

FROM THE SURVEYOR GENERAL, NO. 1169-T., DATED THE 15TH SEPTEMBER 1914.

Information. Office understands that the main file is in the Home Department.

L. E. K.,—15-9-14.

F. NOYCE,—15-9-14.

L. J. KERSHAW,—15-9-14.

FROM THE SURVEYOR GENERAL OF INDIA, NO. 1259-T., DATED 28TH SEPTEMBER 1914.

On the general file, which is in charge of the Home Department, the Secretary of State

Let Surveyor General see this.

L. J. KERSHAW,—1-10-14. has been asked by telegram to sanction certain allowances for Volunteers on active service and we must await his reply.

F. NOYCE,—29-9-14.

L. J. KERSHAW,—1-10-14.

Surveyor General of India.

Noted and returned with thanks.

S. BUBBARD,—1-10-14.

Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

Information. We may await a further communication from Home Department.

L. E. K.,—2-10-14.

F. NOYCE,—2-10-14.

FROM THE SURVEYOR GENERAL OF INDIA, NO. 1392-T., DATED THE 14TH OCTOBER 1914.

In the Surveyor General's telegram, dated the 13th September 1914, it was stated that the officers in question were proceeding on active service on the following day. Home and Army Departments may be consulted as to the procedure to be adopted.

L. E. K.,—14-10-14.

F. NOYCE,—15-10-14.

Home Department.

The Surveyor General proposes transferring to the Army Department those subordinates of his department who have proceeded on active service, but as the Department of Revenue and Agriculture have issued instructions to the effect that these men should be granted such leave as may be due to them, they should presumably be regarded as on leave, until final orders are issued as to the terms to be granted to them and others similarly situated.

2. The Department of Revenue and Agriculture have also informed the Surveyor General that the application of paragraph 140, Army Regulations, India, Volume IX, to the cases of the above persons was under consideration, and they have presumably been informed of this. This is not, however, quite the case, as it is proposed to grant them certain special terms, one of which is the grant of furlough rates of pay *plus* pay and allowances of army rank. As to this matter sanction has been received from the Secretary of State to a modification of the proposals made to him, but it is at present under consideration to again urge upon him the desirability of sanctioning those originally proposed. The decision finally arrived at in the matter will, in due course, be communicated to the departments of the Government of India.

J. A. W.,—18-10-14.

Paragraph 1.—Will Army Department kindly advise as to the procedure?

Paragraph 2.—As proposed.

C. W. E. COTTON,—19-10-14.

Army Department.

If the proposal of the Home Department that these Volunteers are to be considered as on leave and receive leave pay, is sanctioned, the officials of the Survey of India Department who have proceeded on service will continue to belong to that department.

They should not, therefore, be transferred to the Army Department.

J. L. MEYER,—20-10-14.

J. M. WALTER,—20-10-14.

The reply to paragraph 1 is contained in General Walter's note above which is concurred in

B. HOLLOWAY,—22-10-14.

Home Department.

May be returned to the Department of Revenue and Agriculture. The actual proposal under consideration is to grant such Government servants as proceed on active services out of India furlough pay *plus* pay and allowances of army rank, and not leave pay as stated in General Walter's note above. *Vide* paragraph 2 of the note above.

J. A. W.,—23-10-14.

FROM THE SURVEYOR-GENERAL OF INDIA, NO. 1498-T., DATED THE 22ND OCTOBER 1914.

The question of what pay should be drawn by the Provincial officers of the Survey of India, who have proceeded as Volunteers on active service overseas, is under consideration in the Home Department. We may therefore let the Home Department see in the first instance. If there is likely to be any delay in the settlement of the general question, it appears to be necessary that some arrangements should be made for the maintenance of the wives and families of the officers in question in the meantime, and we may, therefore, ask the Home Department kindly to advise us with regard to the Surveyor General's suggestion that he should be permitted to advance Rs150 per mensem as a subsistence allowance to the wife of each officer pending a decision in the matter.

J. H. G.,—23-10-14.

L. E. K.,—23-10-14.

F. NOYCE,—23-10-14.

Will Home Department kindly advise whether any decision has been arrived at regarding the pay of Volunteers on active service and the nature of the leave to be granted. Also whether, if no final decision has been arrived at, it is reasonably certain that not less than half pay will be given.

I have ascertained from Finance Department that if this be so, they will not object to the Surveyor General being authorised to advance half pay to the wives of those officers who have gone and are prepared to make the necessary arrangements.

We would feel obliged if the case would be treated as urgent, as we are anxious to do what we can for the wives of our officers.

L. J. KERSHAW,—23-10-14.

Home Department.

The Surveyor General asks for permission to grant an allowance of Rs150 per mensem to the wives of those Provincial officers of the Survey of India who have proceeded on active service out of the country. As the husbands are drawing Rs300 and over per mensem, there would be no objection to this amount being paid monthly, had the Secretary of State agreed to the proposal to grant furlough rates of pay in such cases. But as matters stand, furlough allowances can only be paid where furlough is due, and the position where none is due is correctly stated in the concluding paragraph of the Surveyor General's letter.

The circumstance, however, strengthens the case for a representation to the Secretary of State that the terms originally proposed should be sanctioned, which it is at present under consideration to do. Meanwhile the case of the families is urgent, and since the officers proceeded on service in the belief that such allowances would be sanctioned, it seems reasonable to presume that at least in their cases, the Secretary of State will agree to furlough pay being granted to them. If not, the Government of India would, no doubt, in the special circumstances of the case, sanction the amount being paid to the families, on the analogy of the allowances sanctioned to the families of prisoners of war who have been interned in Ahmednagar.

It is possible, however, that a more liberal scale of subsistence allowance is admissible from the army than is stated in Mrs. O'Sullivan's letter, and we may first ask the Army Department Unnecessary. The separation allowances sanctioned at Home are much lower. C. W. E. COTTON. kindly to favour us with remarks as to this matter.

J. A. W.,—24-10-14.

These cases add powerful support to the view that the Secretary of State should be asked to reconsider his recent orders. As these particular cases are of some urgency, I think we may advise the Department of Revenue and Agriculture as at A above, with Finance Department's concurrence.

C. W. E. COTTON,—26-10-14.

The position is as stated above. The Army Department has agreed that a protest should be made to the Secretary of State and the file is now in the Finance Department.

2. Of these particular Survey Department officers, two only seem to have furlough due to them. If, then, the Secretary of State's orders stand, these two could be given furlough and the rest extraordinary leave without pay. That seems to be an impossible position, especially as these men certainly left under the impression that the Secretary of State was likely to agree to the Government of India's proposals. I remember Lord Willingdon sent telegrams while they were waiting to start, pressing for some statement as to their pay and rather inferring that otherwise the men might have declined to go, which might have been embarrassing.

3. The file had better go to the Finance Department at once to be linked with the general case. We have already advised a remonstrance in that. Would Finance Department agree that, in addition, it should be urged that in any case these men should be given the original terms proposed.

H. WHEELER,—27-10-14.

Finance Department.

We have already agreed in the general file to a protest being made to the Secretary of State against his decision on the general question as to the terms under which Government servants in civil employ may proceed on active service. We may agree to the addition now proposed in paragraph 3 of the Hon'ble Mr. Wheeler's note of the 27th October 1914 being made on behalf of the Provincial Survey officers and, we may add, of any other civil employes who have already gone to the war.

G. J. P.,—27-10-14.

I understand that by the last two lines of paragraph 3 of his note, Mr. Wheeler means the terms originally proposed to Secretary of State on the linked file, viz., "furlough pay" plus allowances of army rank. If so, we certainly need not object to the proposal made in paragraph 3 of Mr. Wheeler's note, but I respectfully think it would weaken the general case very much to say that "in any case" these men—whose case is very strong—should get these terms. It would surely be better to quote their case as an instance, showing the hardship and inequity of Secretary of State's orders. If he still remained firm, we could then, if we abandon the protest, ask for special terms for these men.

I quite agree.

J. B.

I agree. This is, I think, much better than laying stress on the fact that we gave reason to hope that these terms would be approved. It will not help us with Secretary of State to say that we have forced his hands.

J. B.

F. W. JOHNSTON,—27-10-14.

I agree. Also we might bring out in our protest on the general case the fact that this concrete instance shows (1) that there will, in practice, be plenty of cases in which furlough is not due and (2) that the military allowances due will, in some instances at any rate, be those of non-commissioned officers and privates, a ridiculous, and impossible remuneration for men, with families, holding civil appointments in India.

J. B. BRUNYATE,—27-10-14.

Home Department.

The file may now be returned to the Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

C. W. E. COTTON,—28-10-14.

FROM THE SURVEYOR GENERAL OF INDIA, No. 1528, T., DATED THE 27TH OCTOBER 1914.

A further letter from the Surveyor General has been added to the file, showing the hardship to which the wives of these officers are being subjected owing to the fact that no provision has been made for their maintenance, pending the settlement of the general question relating to the pay to which they are entitled while on active service. The notes in the Home and Finance Departments show that it has been decided to go back to the Secretary of State with regard to this question. The proposal which was originally submitted to the Secretary of State was that such Government servants as have proceeded on active service out of India should draw furlough pay *plus* pay and allowances of army rank. The Secretary of State has objected to this arrangement and though there is no information in the file as to what he has sanctioned, it would appear that he has only agreed to furlough pay in addition to military pay, if furlough pay is due. It has been decided to remonstrate against this decision and to press for the acceptance of the proposal made by the Government of India, it being pointed out to the Secretary of State that if his orders are to stand, such officers as are not entitled to any furlough, except extraordinary leave without allowances, will be reduced to the ridiculous position of only being entitled to receive military pay of rank while on active service, which may be that of a Non-Commissioned Officer or a Private. The decision of the Secretary of State on the general question may, therefore, be awaited.

2. In the meantime, as pointed out in the notes of this Department, some arrangements are necessary in order to provide for the maintenance of the wives and families of the Survey Officers who have proceeded to the front pending the settlement of the general question. The Surveyor General has suggested that he should be authorised to grant them a subsistence allowance of Rs 50 a month, and in Secretary's note of the 23rd October, it was stated that, if it was reasonably certain that the officers in question would not get less than half their pay while on active service, the Finance Department would not object to this course and were prepared to make the necessary arrangements. It is not clear from the notes recorded in the Home and Finance Department whether they are agreeable to any advance being made to the wives of the survey officers referred to, pending the result of the reference, which it has now been decided to make to the Secretary of State. As the letters received from the wives of two of these officers show, they are being put to considerable hardship owing to the fact that they have been unable to draw any portion of their husbands' salaries since they left. In these circumstances this point may again be referred to the Finance Department, with the request that, if there is no objection, this Department would be glad if the proposal made by the Surveyor General could be agreed to.

3. There remains for consideration the question raised in Surveyor General's letter no. 1392-T., dated the 14th October 1914, whether the officers of the Provincial Service of the Survey of India who have proceeded on service overseas should be transferred to the Army Department. The opinion expressed in the Army Department is that if the proposal of the Home Department, that these volunteers are to be considered as on leave and receive leave pay, is sanctioned, the Survey Department officers will continue to belong to the Survey of India, and should not, therefore, be transferred to the Army Department. The Home Department have not expressed any opinion as to whether they concur in this view and we may, therefore, refer to that Department again for their advice on this point after the question of the subsistence allowance, which is really urgent, is settled.

J. H. G.,—29-10-14.

L. E. K.,—30-10-14.

As I understand it, the decision of the Finance Department is that we can do nothing for these women pending the Secretary of State's orders, their case being quoted to strengthen the proposals to which the Secretary of State's sanction is being asked. I venture most respectfully to urge that it is most important that something should be done for them and done at once. Finance Department should again, I think, be asked to sanction the Surveyor General's proposal that he should be allowed to advance Rs 50 to each of them pending the Secretary of State's orders. There would be no objection to the condition being imposed that, if the Secretary of State's decision were adverse, the amount would be recovered from

the pay of the officers after they return to duty. There can be no doubt that the officers themselves would infinitely prefer that the money should be advanced on this condition than that their wives should be left in the difficulties in which they appear to be at present.

F. NOYCE,—30-10-14.

Finance Department.

Mr. Kershaw brought me this case and asked that authority might be given to sanction immediate advances at the rate of Rs150 a month in these cases where wives have been left behind by survey subordinates on Rs300 a month proceeding in emergency to the front: this to be in anticipation of the Secretary of State's sanction to the grant of furlough *plus* military allowances which is being again applied for.

2 Hon'ble Member is reluctant to anticipate sanction in a matter where we already know that the Secretary of State is in disagreement with the view taken by the Government of India. He agrees, however, as to the necessity for providing these wives with funds to the extent indicated. The advance may, therefore, be made in the first instance from the Indian Imperial Relief Fund, and be afterwards adjusted as pay—if the Secretary of State sanctions our original proposals—on the protest which is now being made. If he still refuses sanction, even in this particular case, the charge will, in the last resort, be borne by the Fund.

3. I read Hon'ble Member my note of the 27th October in this case. Hon'ble Member concurs in it, and considers that this concrete example will much strengthen our general case. I have ascertained from Mr. Wheeler that it has not been mentioned in the telegram prepared by the Home Department on the general case, but that he concurs in the view just stated and will draft a supplementary telegram bringing this case to notice, if the file is sent back to him. We should be much obliged, therefore, if Revenue Department, after issuing the orders regarding advances, will send the file to Mr. Wheeler personally, marked "urgent" or "immediate".

J. B. BRUNYATE,—30-10-14.

Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

I have consulted the Hon'ble Mr. Brunyate and taken Secretary's instructions. The following telegram should issue to the Surveyor General:—

"Telegram No. 1939, dated 30th October 1914. "Your letter No. 1498-T., dated 22nd October. Please advance Rs150 per mensem to wives of survey officers. This telegram issues with the approval of the Finance Department. Letter regarding adjustment will follow".

The file should then go at once to the Hon'ble Mr. Wheeler. We should be glad to have it back as soon as possible in order that the further action regarding the issue of letters to the Surveyor General and to Accounts officers may be taken.

F. NOYCE,—30-10-14.

Home Department.

A telegram on the general case has been submitted to His Excellency.

It is proposed to send the supplementary telegram drafted in order to emphasise the position to the Secretary of State.

H. WHEELER,—2-11-14.

R. H. C[ADDOCK],—2-11-14.

#### SUMMARY.

The general case of the terms to be given to Government servants volunteering will be remembered. It has recently been submitted to His Excellency with a draft telegram protesting against the Secretary of State's ruling as to terms.

The case of these officers of the Provincial Survey who went with the Maxim Gun Detachment with Expeditionary Force "C," will also be remembered. They were ordered to go in a hurry and a certain amount of telegraphic correspondence ensued as to their pay while they were awaiting to sail at Bombay. They were eventually told what the Government of India were recommending to the Secretary of State, and on the belief that this would be sanctioned they sailed. Their services were urgently required.

Further facts have now come to light regarding them which afford an excellent example of the impossibility of the Secretary of State's decision. Four out of six have no furlough due and under the Secretary of State's orders will proceed on leave without pay. Most seem to be non-commissioned officers or privates, and one wife and family have been handed Rs



with which to keep themselves for a month. Temporary arrangements are being made to help them but meanwhile it is proposed, with His Excellency's permission, to send the supplementary telegram drafted below to the Secretary of State.

H. W.

H. WHEELER, 2-11-14.

Private Secretary to the Viceroy.

I am very glad that the advance has been made. These poor women must not be allowed to suffer.

Draft telegram approved.

H[ARDINGS],—3-11-14.

Return papers to the Department of Revenue and Agriculture, which will perhaps let Finance Department see.

H. WHEELER,—3-11-14.

ENDORSEMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE NO. 1972, DATED THE 7TH PRO. NO. 71 NOVEMBER 1914.

For information only.

R. D'A.,—14-11-1914.

C. W. E. COTTON—16-11-14.

End.—P. J. M.

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No. 1972, dated Simla, the 7th November 1914.

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*Endorsed by the Department of Revenue and Agriculture.*

A copy of the undermentioned papers is forwarded to the Home Department, for information.

From the Surveyor General of India, telegram no. 1158-T., dated 12th September 1914.

To the Surveyor General of India, telegram dated 12th September 1914.

From the Surveyor General of India, telegram dated 13th September 1914.

To the Surveyor General of India, telegram no. 1310, dated 14th September 1914.

From the Surveyor General of India, telegram no. 1169-T., dated 15th September 1914.

From the Surveyor General of India, letter no. 1259-T., dated 28th September 1914.

From the Surveyor General of India, letter no. 1392-T., dated 14th October 1914.

From the Surveyor General of India, letter no. 1498-T., dated 22nd October 1914, and enclosure.

From the Surveyor General of India, letter no. 1523-T., dated 27th October 1914, and enclosure.

Extract paragraph 140 of Army Regulations, India, Volume IX.

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Telegram no. 1158-T., dated the 12th September 1914.

From—The Surveyor General of India,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

Adjutant General has called for detachment, Mussooree Volunteers for service outside India. Several Provincial officers of Surveys are required and willing to go. Under your orders I am declining to grant them leave. Will you please consult Adjutant General as his orders to the Volunteers are at variance with your orders to me. If Survey officers go on service, terms of pay must be settled.

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Telegram dated the 12th September 1914.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture,

To—The Surveyor General of India.

Your telegram no. 1158-T., dated 12th instant. The orders of Government are that the present case should be treated as exceptional and those that can be spared should be allowed to go. You are at liberty to decide which members of detachment should be allowed to go, granting them such leave as may be due. Question of pay during absence should be referred officially.

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Telegram dated the 13th September 1914.

From—The Surveyor General of India,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

Three. *Eleven* Volunteer Survey officers called out for service. They ask full pay under Army Regulations, Volume IX, paragraph 140, sub-paragraph 3. May I tell them Government agree to this. Urgent reply requested as men leave to-morrow.

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Telegram, no. 1310, dated the 14th September 1914.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture,

To—The Surveyor General of India.

Your telegram dated the 13th instant. Application of Article 140, Army Regulations, Volume IX, is under consideration, and, if possible, decision will be communicated to you so as to enable you to inform officers affected before they leave Bombay. Please report number of Survey officers who have volunteered.

Telegram no. 1169-T., dated the 15th September 1914.

From—The Surveyor General of India,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

Your 1310 of the 14th instant. Eleven Survey officers have volunteered.

No. 1259-T., dated the 28th September 1914.

From—Colonel Sir S. G. BURBARD, K.C.S.I., R.E., F.R.S., Surveyor General of India,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

In continuation of my telegram no. 1169-T., of the 15th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the marginally mentioned Extra Assistant Superintendents of the Provincial Service of the Survey of India, who are members of the Mussooree Volunteer Rifles, proceeded on service overseas with the Maxim Gun Company.

2. I have the honour to request that you will kindly let me know the pay which it is proposed to grant to these officers, when a decision has been arrived at.

No. 1392-T., dated the 14th October 1914.

From—Colonel Sir S. G. BURBARD, K.C.S.I., R.E., F.R.S., Surveyor General of India,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

In continuation of my letter no. 1259-T., of the 28th ultimo, I have the honour to request that the marginally mentioned Extra Assistant Superintendents of the Provincial Service of the Survey of India, who are members of the Mussooree Volunteers, and who have proceeded on service overseas with Expeditionary Force "C", may be transferred to the Army Department.

No. 1498-T., dated the 22nd October 1914.

From—Colonel Sir S. G. BURBARD, K.C.S.I., R.E., F.R.S., Surveyor General of India,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

In continuation of my letter no. 1392-T., dated the 14th instant, I have the honour to forward herewith, in original, a letter from Mrs. O'Sullivan, the

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wife of one of the Provincial officers of the Survey of India, who proceeded as a Volunteer on service overseas with Expeditionary Force "C."

2. I understand that the terms to be given to the officers who volunteered for service overseas have not yet been decided. When they are settled, I shall be much obliged if you will kindly inform me whether the monthly pay due to these officers will be payable to their wives.

3. Meanwhile, as a decision about the pay may not be arrived at for some time, I think it will be necessary to pay a subsistence allowance to the wives of these officers.

I therefore beg to enquire whether you will permit me to advance Rs150 per mensem to the wife of each officer pending a decision in the matter.

The pay which each officer was drawing before he proceeded on military duty is mentioned in the margin.

Mr. E. C. O'Sullivan	Rs. 350
" C. H. Tresham	" 350
" A. J. A. Drake	" 300
" F. H. Grant	" 300
" F. W. Smith	" 300
" F. J. Grice	" 300

The subsistence allowance, if sanctioned, will be payable to Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Tresham, Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Smith, all of whom are in Mussooree. Mr. Grice is unmarried.

4. Mrs. O'Sullivan is claiming for her husband three months' full pay for privilege leave and twelve months' furlough pay. Her claim is based upon the following two telegrams:—

(a). *From the Adjutant General, Simla, to the Officer Commanding, Mussooree Volunteer Rifles, <sup>98</sup>/<sub>25</sub> (A.G.M.)*

Your 39-W. Regret I cannot obtain definite ruling immediately matter pay. Surveyor General has apparently been asked to submit his recommendations. Probable that leave pay *plus* military pay of rank will be admissible. Believe that Government will treat matter sympathetically.

(b) *From India, Revenue, Simla, dated 12th September 1914, to Surveyor General of India.*

1309. Your telegram no. 1158-T., dated 12th instant. The orders of Government are that the present case should be treated as exceptional and those that can be spared should be allowed to go. You are at liberty to decide which members of detachment should be allowed to go, granting them such leave as may be due. Question of pay during absence should be referred officially.

5. With reference to your telegram no. 1309, quoted above, I have the honour to state that I informally granted leave of absence to the Volunteer officers who were proceeding on military duty. But I did not formally and officially sanction any particular kind of leave.

Firstly, because your telegram no. 1310, of the 14th September last, told me that the terms of service will be settled hereafter. Secondly, because there was no time for the submission and sanction of leave applications.

Thirdly, because I am in great doubt what kind of leave to sanction. It seems to me that privilege leave and leave on urgent private affairs are rather out of place for officers serving outside India on military duty. Privilege leave is too short and in some cases none is due. The only other leave due to Mr. O'Sullivan is furlough for one year on half pay. Mr. Tresham is likewise due to furlough for one year on half pay. But Messrs. Drake, Grant, Smith and Grice not having completed ten years' service are not entitled to any furlough, so the only leave that they can get will be extraordinary leave without allowances.

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Dated 15th October 1914.

From—Mrs. D. O'SULLIVAN,

To—Colonel Sir S. G. BURRARD, K. C. S. I., R. E., F. R. S., Surveyor General of India.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 14th October, wherein you state that, as my husband has gone with the Indian Expeditionary Force, he has ceased to be under the Survey of India. I do not understand this position at all. Before my husband left he was assured that if Government did not grant him full pay during his absence on military service he would be put on combined leave due him, that is, three months' privilege and one year's furlough, which would entitle him to draw full pay for three months and furlough pay for the other period. I am now told by you to communicate, through Colonel Beer, with the military authorities regarding my subsistence allowance. All they can do is to grant me the allowance due to the wife of a military private amounting to £8 per month. I am confident that the wives of the men in the Survey who have gone as Volunteers to serve their country in this time of stress expect the head of their Department to see them out of their difficulties, and I beg you will forward this letter to the Surveyor General with the view of his moving the Government to provide for our living as soon as possible, as none of our husbands have private means and we are being put to great distress for want of funds.

No. 1528-T., dated the 27th October 1914.

From—Colonel Sir S. G. BURRARD, K. C. S. I., R. E., F. R. S., Surveyor General of India,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

In continuation of my letter No. 1498-T., of the 22nd instant, I have the honour to forward in original a letter to my address, from Mrs. Grant, the wife of another Provincial Officer of the Survey of India, who has proceeded as a Volunteer on service overseas, with Expeditionary Force "C."

2. I think that this letter furnishes additional grounds for granting advances to these ladies, while the question of their husbands' pay is unsettled.

3. The only leave which I am able to grant to Mr. Grant is privilege leave for less than three months and extraordinary leave without allowances. He has no furlough due to him. The terms of service offered to him, namely, leave pay *plus* military pay seem, therefore, hardly suitable. I think that suitable terms in his case would be half civil pay *plus* military pay. As he had to embark before the question of his pay could be settled, I think that his case should be regarded as exceptional, and should not necessarily be brought under the rules that it may be now found necessary to frame in order to meet such cases in future.

Dated the 21st October 1914.

From—Mrs. CLARE GRANT,

To—Colonel Sir S. G. BURRARD, K. C. S. I., R. E., F. R. S., Surveyor General of India.

Being unable to communicate through the post with my husband, I venture to take the liberty of addressing you in the matter of his pay and allowances. I am constrained in a matter of urgency to address you direct, for which I trust you will kindly accept my apologies.

I understood my husband swore in for military service on terms of leave pay *plus* military pay, and the promise that his would be made a special case of, and treated liberally and sympathetically. He was directed to sign his pay

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bills in advance for twelve months, so that there might be no delay in the disbursement of his pay to his wife; yet so far I have received, on behalf of my husband, his pay for the period 1st to 14th September 1914 only.

Failing prompt relief, I am placed in a situation of considerable hardship, at a time when all local outstanding accounts must be settled, the expenses of my journey to the plains provided for, and the exorbitant excess of *cent. per cent.* on our pension fund premia met, at the risk of forfeiture of the benefit of the fund, this last charge making considerable inroad on the scanty half pay.

I therefore beg that you would kindly direct and urge an early settlement of my claim, either by departmental action or by informing the military authorities of my situation, giving them particulars regarding the nature and amount of leave and allowances due my husband.

I shall be most grateful and thankful for any help you could give me in this matter.

Telegram P., no. 698, dated 3rd November 1914.

From—His Excellency the Viceroy,

To—The Secretary of State.

In continuation of my telegram of the 3rd November on the subject of

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terms to Government servants volunteering. We cite the case of six officers of the Provincial Survey, two on R 350 and four on R 300, who sailed with Maxim Gun Detachment with Expeditionary Force "C" in September last, as a concrete example of difficulties involved by Your Lordship's ruling. Although we could not guarantee terms, we informed them of our recommendations, as departure was urgent. On this they sailed, and failure to do so would have been most embarrassing. Two have furlough due and four have none. The military allowances due are those of non-commissioned officers or privates, and accordingly one wife has been given the absolutely inadequate allowance of R 8 per mensem. We think this clearly shows that few, if any, will volunteer on the terms suggested by Your Lordship.

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Exd.—P J. M.

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