

S U P P L E M E N T
TO
GENERAL ORDERS

SEPARATE No. 23 OF 1842.

BY THE HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

BOMBAY CASTLE, 18th MAY, 1842.

The Hon'ble the Governor in Council is pleased to publish the following Compilation of all existing orders under the head "Colours and Standards."

By order of the Hon'ble the Governor in Council,

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Secy. to Govt.

COLOURS AND STANDARDS.

I. WHENEVER Colours shall be wanting for any Corps, they are to be indented for on the Adjutant General, whose duty it will be to have them properly prepared, and, when ready, to send them to such Corps as they may be intended for. G. G. O. 11th
Apr. 1800.

II. An Allowance of 450 Rupees to be made for Battalion Colours, including Tassels, Pikes, Spears, and cases complete. G. G. O. 16th
Oct. 1793.

III. The sum of Rupees, (175) one hundred and seventy five, is granted for the provision of each of the three Standards allowed to a Regiment of Native Cavalry, including Tassels, Spears, and cases complete. G. G. O. 19th
Nov. 1819.

IV. (*H. C. L. to the Govt. of India No. 6, dated 1st June 1836 Para. 1.*) Having received from the President of the Board of Commissioners for the affairs of India, a communication that it would be satisfactory to the King, if the Standards and other War Trophies captured by the King's and Company's Forces in India, were placed at His Majesty's disposal, it being his Majesty's intention to collect all similar Relics, and place them in the great Hall and Chapel of the Royal Hospital at Chelsea. We derived much gratification from a compliance with the wish which had thus graciously been expressed, and took immediate measures for accomplishing the object in view. G. G. O. 25th
Oct. 1836.

V. We accordingly forwarded to the Royal Hospital, the Standards &c. enumerated in the following List, vizt.

VI. Two State Standards of Hyder Ali, and Tippoo Sultann, taken at the storming of Seringapatam on the 4th May 1799.

VII. Two Pendants belonging to the above Standards, Colors of the French Corps taken at the storm of Seringapatam.

VIII. Colours which belonged to the Brigades of General Perron, taken in the Mahratta War of 1803.

IX. Seven Standards taken from Mahratta Regular Corps at the Battle of Assaye on the 23rd August 1803 by the Army under Major General Sir Arthur Wellesly.

X. Sixteen Colours taken from the Mahratta Regular Corps in the campaign of 1803, by the Army under Major General Sir Arthur Wellesly.

XI. A pair of Colours of a Battalion of Goorkas, taken at Muckwanpore in the Nepal War on the 28th February 1816, by the Forces under the Command of Major General Sir David Ochterlony, K. C. B.

XII. Three Colours of Durjan Sul, taken at the storming of Bhurtpore, by the Forces under the Command of General Lord Combermere, on the 18th January 1826.

XIII. Being desirous to mark the interest which we attach to these Trophies, won by the valour of the King's and Company's Forces in India, we requested our Chairman and Deputy Chairman to attend at the first Levee after the Colors should have been deposited at the Royal Military Hospital, for the purpose of presenting to His Majesty, a List, descriptive of the Colors and of the occasions upon which they were captured. Our Chairman and Deputy Chairman (accompanied by a considerable portion of the Court of Directors) attended accordingly, and were most graciously received.

XIV. You will perceive from the list which we have quoted, that we possess comparatively few of the Military Trophies which have been won by our Armies in India. The rest we should hope have been carefully preserved at the seats of Government of the respective Presidencies; and in order that we may follow out in the most effectual manner, the object of concentrating in one appropriate Building, the whole of the Military Trophies taken by the British Arms, we now desire that such as are in the possession of your Government, may be forwarded to us, accompanied by a list, descriptive of the occasion upon which they were captured.

HONORARY BADGES AND DISTINCTIONS.

XV. (*Hon'ble Court's Letter dated 10th December 1802*) We have to inform you that His Majesty has been graciously pleased to grant permission to the several Regiments of his Army which served during the late Campaign in Egypt to assume and wear in their Colours a Badge as a distinguishing mark of his Royal Approbation and as a lasting memorial of the glory acquired to his Majesty's Arms by the zeal, discipline and intrepidity of his Troops in that arduous and important Campaign. G. G. O. 12th
Apr. 1803.

XVI. We have also the pleasure to inform you that such Corps of the Hon'ble Company's Army as bore a part in that Campaign are to be allowed to participate in this honor.

NOTE.—2 Companies Regiment of Artillery.
2nd Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry. Now 2nd Grenadiers.
1st Battalion 7th Do. Now 13th Regiment.

XVII. (*Extract from G. G. O. dated 7th February 1818.*) Corycaum as the scene of its late exploit is to be inscribed on the Colours of the 2nd Battalion of the Grenadiers, and on the Appointments of the Officers and Men in addition to any others which may have been heretofore granted.

XVIII. The Commander in Chief, has very particular pleasure in being made the channel of communication to this Army, of the following Regulations of the Hon'ble the G. G. O. 24th
May 1823.

Government in Council, from which it will more than ever be clearly shewn, that gallant and faithful service, of however remote a date, will be always cherished in the recollections of a grateful and protecting Government.

XIX. The General Orders of the 3d April 1811, 28th November 1817, and 2d April 1818, fully evince that very remarkable instances of Fidelity, Conduct, and Gallantry, in the case of Individuals, have not hitherto passed unrewarded by Government; the proposed extension, however of the system, as noticed in the subjoined Regulations, will, His Excellency is persuaded, be received with every due feeling by the Troops:—He begs them to believe that he will have equal gratification in bringing before the Governor in Council, instances of the nature meant to be distinguished, and which by no means apply to a state of extended Warfare only.

XX. Commanding Officers are requested to be very particular in having these Orders read and clearly explained on Parade to the Men under their command.

GENERAL ORDER, BY GOVERNMENT.

Bombay Castle, 20th May 1823.

XXI. In order to perpetuate the remembrance of the acknowledged Bravery and Discipline of the Bombay Army, when engaged with the Enemy in the Field, the Hon'ble the Governor in Council is pleased to direct, that the following Regiments and Battalions shall bear on their Colours and Appointments, the Badges of Honorary Distinction hereafter specified, in addition to any Honorary Badges already bestowed on them.

XXII. The two Companies of the Regiment of Artillery, which were at the Siege and Capture of Seringapatam in 1799, to bear on their Appointments the word "*Seringapatam*."—The two Companies which were in Egypt in 1802, to bear on their Appointments, the emblem of the *Sphinx*, and the word "*Egypt*."—The 3d Company, a Detachment of which was engaged in the Battle of Assaye on the 23d September 1803, the word "*Assaye*" on its Appointments;—and the Company, a Detail of which was engaged in the Battle of Kirkee on the 5th November 1817, the word "*Kirkee*" on its Appointments, in testimony of their Services on those memorable occasions.

XXIII. The First Bombay European Regiment, which served at the Siege and Capture of Seringapatam, and was engaged in the Battle of Kirkee, to bear the words "*Seringapatam*" and "*Kirkee*" upon its Regimental Colours and Appointments.

XXIV. The 1st Battalion 1st (Now 1st Grenadier) Regiment Native Infantry, to bear the word "*Mangalore*" upon its Regimental Colours and Appointments, in consideration of its distinguished valour and discipline at the Siege of that place in 1782.

XXV.	The 1st Batt.	2d now 3d	Regt. N.	Infantry.
	2d ditto	2d do.	4th do.	do.
	1st ditto	3d do.	5th do.	do.
	2d ditto	3d do.	6th do.	do.
	1st ditto	4th do.	7th do.	do.
	1st ditto	5th do.	9th do.	do.

having served at the Siege and Capture of Seringapatam, to bear the word "*Seringapatam*" upon their respective Regimental Colours and Appointments.

XXVI.	The 1st Batt.	2d now 3d	Regt. N.	Infantry.
	1st ditto.	3d do.	5th do.	do.
	1st ditto.	4th do.	7th do.	do.

to bear on their Regimental Colours and Appointments, the further Honorary Distinction of "*Sedaseer*," in commemoration of their brilliant Success, when opposed by the largest body of Tippeo Sultan's principal Troops, commanded by himself in person, on the 6th March 1799, and sustaining for the greater part of the day the repeated warm Attacks of the Enemy's Army, after they had surrounded them on all sides.

XXVII.	The 2d Battn.	1st now 2d	Gr. Regt. N. I.
	2d do.	6th do.	12th Regiment N. I.
	1st do.	7th do.	13th do.

which fought at Kirkee on the 5th Nov. 1817, to bear the word "*Kirkee*" upon their Regimental Colours and Appointments.

XXVIII. It being the intention of Government to confer Medals, or other appropriate Distinctions, on small Detachments, and on Individuals, who may signalize themselves in Action; the Governor in Council directs that Commanding Officers will be careful to point out all such Instances to his notice, in reporting any Services on which they may be engaged.

XXIX. The 23rd Regiment N. I. formerly the 1st Battalion 12th Regiment, having, with the exception of the European Officers, been originally formed from the late "Poona 1st Auxiliary and Supernumerary Battalions" of which about 500 Men were in action with the Enemy at Kirkee on the 5th of November 1817; the Hon'ble the Governor in Council is pleased, in acknowledgment of the attachment of the Native Troops to the British interests on that trying occasion, to authorize the Honorary Badge of "*Kirkee*" to be borne on the Colours and Appointments of that Regiment, as granted to the other Corps distinguished on the same memorable occasion.

XXX. The Hon'ble the Governor in Council is pleased to permit the following Corps and Detachments of the Army of this Presidency that were employed in the last expedition

to Arabia, to bear on their Colours and Appointments the words "*Beni Boo Ali*," to commemorate the signal defeat of that tribe of Arabs on the 2nd March 1821; viz:—

1st Troop Horse Brigade of Artillery.
 5th Company 2nd Battalion of Artillery.
 Bombay European Regiment.
 1st Battalion 2nd now 3rd Regiment Native Infantry.
 " " 7th " 13th
Flank Companies. { 2nd Bat. 2nd now the 4th Do..... Do.... Do.
 1st Bat. 3rd now the 5th Do..... Do.... Do.
 1st Bat. 4th now the 7th Do..... Do.... Do.
 2nd Bat. 9th now the 18th Do..... Do.... Do.
 3rd Company late Pioneer Battalion.

XXXI. In testimony of the services of the Army of the Indus, the Governor General is pleased to resolve, that all the Corps, European and Native, in the Service of the East India Company, which proceeded beyond the Bolan Pass, shall have on their Regimental Colours the word, "*Affghanistan*," and such of them as were employed in the reduction of the fortress of that name, the word "*Ghuznee*," in addition.

G. O. G. G.
 18th Nov. 1839.

NOTE—*The Troops which proceeded as above are:—*

3rd & 4th Troops Horse Artillery.
 Detachment Foot Artillery and 1st Company Golundauze.
 1st Regiment Cavalry Lancers.
 19th Regiment Native Infantry.
 Sappers and Miners (Engineer Corps.)
 Detachment Poona Auxiliary Horse.

XXXII. (No. 638 of 1839.) With the sanction of the Government of India, the Hon'ble the Governor in Council is pleased to authorize the word "*Aden*" being borne on the Colours and Appointments of the undermentioned Corps, present at the Capture of Aden.

G. G. O. 4th
 Dec. 1839.

4th Company 2nd Battalion of Artillery.
 6th Company Golundauze Battalion.
 1st Bombay European Regiment.
 24th Regiment Native Infantry.

XXXIII. That in consideration of the honor conferred on the 5th Regiment Native Infantry by the conduct of the Detachment of that Corps, in the defence of Kahun, this Regiment shall be permitted to have "*Kahun*," inscribed on their Colors, and borne on their Appointments.

G. Notn. 29th
 Mar. and G. G.
 O. 3d Apr. 1841.

XXXIV. With the sanction of the Government of India, the Hon'ble the Governor in Council is pleased to permit the Corps of Sappers and Miners, to bear the word "*Khelat*" on their Appointments.

G. G. O. 6th
 Aug. 1841.

XXXV. The Shah Shooja-ool-Moolk of Afghanistan, having conferred a Medal upon the Officers and Soldiers engaged in the Assault and Capture of the Fortress of Ghuznee, on the 21st and 23rd July 1839, in approbation of their Services on that occasion, Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to permit those Officers and Soldiers to accept and wear the Medal in question.

G. G. O. 28th
 May 1841.