

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

SEPARATE No. 34 OF 1842.

BY THE HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,

BOMBAY CASTLE, 27th JULY 1842.

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

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

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Lieut. Colonel,

Secy. to Govt.

DISCHARGES.

" EUROPEAN."

I. All European Non-Commissioned Officers, Drummers, and Privates, who may be unfit to serve, and who do not come under the description of the Regulation for Lord Clive's Fund, shall be discharged and sent to Europe by the first opportunity. G. G. O. 28th. Sept. 1799.

II. No Discharges are to be granted to any European Non-Commissioned Officer or Soldier, by the Commanding Officers at Subordinates. G. O. 16th Oct. 1787.

NOTE.—For the course to be pursued in obtaining such discharges, Vide Note to Para. 30.

III. European Soldiers shall be obliged to give in a Warning Certificate, one month before their contracted time expires. G. G. O. 3rd July 1792.

IV. It is recommended to all Soldiers whose contracted time is expired, and who may be desirous of returning to Europe, not to take their Discharge, but to continue to do their duty in the Corps they belong to, until an opportunity offers for their embarkation. Such Soldiers as do not choose to conform to what is recommended so much for their benefit, will only receive the following Rates of Subsistence till the time of embarkation :— G. O. 1st Oct. 1769.

RANK AND CORPS.	Monthly	
	Rs.	A. P.
Serjeant of Artillery.....	14	..
Corporal of Artillery, and Serjeant of Infantry.....	12	..
Bombardier of Artillery.....	10	..
Corporal of Infantry, and Drummer.....	9	..
Gunner of Artillery.....	8	..
Private of Infantry.....	7	..

NOTE.—Such of them as may be in the Hospital, to suffer a deduction for their Hospital diet, as per G. G. O. 20th August 1840.

V. Any Non-Commissioned Officer or Soldier, who shall be discharged after the Clothing shall have been issued to the Corps in which he served, and shall not have received the Clothing, shall either receive his Clothing, or an Allowance in lieu of it, at his option. G. O. 21st Aug. 1772.

VI. Any European Non-Commissioned Officer, Drummer, or Private, either of the Artillery or Infantry, at the expiration of his contracted time of Service, on being struck off the strength of the Corps to which he belongs, shall be furnished with a Certificate by the Officer Commanding his Company, to be counter-signed by the Adjutant and Commanding Officer of the Corps, stating to what period he has been paid up his Pay and all just Demands; and should any arrears of Clothing be his due, the time must be particularly specified in the Certificate, without which voucher every subsequent demand for Arrears of Clothing will be rejected. G. O. C. 19th May 1798.

VII. Not only a Return of the number, but Report of the time to which they are paid up, must always accompany the discharged Men to the Town Major signed by the Adjutant, and counter-signed by the Commanding Officer of the Corps. G. O. C. 11th Dec. 1799.

VIII. Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates who may be discharged from the Service in India, at their own request, and be allowed to continue in this Country after their contracted period of Service shall have expired, will be considered as having foregone and forfeited all claim to be sent home as Charter-party Passengers on the Ships, or at the expense of the Hon'ble Company. G. G. O. 18th Dec. 1833.

IX. Although European Soldiers of this Establishment taking their Discharge in India at the expiration of their limited period of Service, are not entitled to the like indulgence as Unfits, yet they are considered to have a claim to the same comforts on their return home, as Recruits coming to India; on which ground it is agreed that on their embarkation for England, each discharged Soldier be furnished with a Hammock and Bedding, to be supplied on indent to the Marine Department by the Town Major. G. G. O. 23d June 1804.

X. (H. C. L. 23d Sept. 1817, Para. V.) "We have judged it expedient to adopt similar Regulations to those established in His Majesty's Service under date the 25th July 1816, granting an Allowance under the head of "Marching Money" to discharged Soldiers of the British Army, for the purpose of defraying their travelling charges to their respective homes." G. G. O. 4th May 1818.

XI. (H. C. L. 30th June 1819, Para. XVI.) "It having been discovered that several Men discharged at their own request from our European Corps in India, have upon their arrival in the Country offered themselves as Recruits for the Service, we have judged it expedient to give instructions to our Recruiting Officers, not to enlist any Man of this description; and we have come to this resolution with a view of discouraging the numerous applications for Discharges, which on expectation of being re-admitted to the Service is calculated to produce, and which also entail a very heavy expense upon the Company in the payment of the passages and other incidental charges of those men." G. G. O. 3rd Jan. 1820.

XII. (*Para. XVII*) "You will therefore cause this resolution to be notified to all such Non-Commissioned Officers and Private Soldiers, as may apply for their Discharges after having served their contracted time, in order to guard them against a misconception of their being eligible for the Service on their return to this Country."

XIII. (*H. C. L. 3d May 1820, Para. XXIV.*) "We have directed instructions to be issued to the Officer Commanding the Dep't of our Recruits at Chatham, to transmit to the Town Major at each Presidency, all the Attestations and Embarkation Rolls of the Recruits, both of which are to be kept as Records in his Office; and as the latter will contain a correct description of the Recruits, the place, date, and term of enlistment, copied from the Attestations, we desire that you will give orders for Copies of those Rolls to be regularly transmitted to the Corps which the Men may be ordered to join; and we trust that, with such means of information, no mistakes will in future occur in filling up the Discharges."

XIV. (*Para. XXV.*) "It becomes necessary, however, that a different Form of Discharge should be adopted from that which is now in use at your Presidency, and that the Medical Officers who may examine such Men as are unfit for further Service, should be instructed to state in their Certificate, the specific cause of the Party's Unfitness; and you will also direct it to be signified to the Officers Commanding European Corps, whenever any of the Men under their command may be discharged on account of Wounds, that the time, and place, and nature of the Wounds, are to be inserted in the Certificate signed by them."

XV. (*Para. XXVI.*) "We desire that particular attention may be paid to these Instructions, as we have come to the resolution of not admitting any discharged Non-Commissioned Officer or Soldier, upon the Military Fund, who may not have served the prescribed terms, unless the recommendation for his admission expressly states, the cause of his being recommended."

XVI. (*Para. XXVII.*) "To prevent the possibility of any mistakes occurring hereafter, in the making out the Discharges of our European Soldiers, and to insure a strict uniformity in this particular, at all the Presidencies in India, we now transmit to you Forms of Discharges to be in future observed; and we shall expect that strict attention will be paid to the Forms now prescribed."

For Men recommended for the Military Fund.

XVII. This certifies that the Bearer hereof _____ Invalid of _____, — years of age, —feet— inches high, _____ hair, _____ complexion, _____ visage, _____ eyes, by trade a _____, a Native of _____ in the County of _____ and Kingdom of _____, inlisted at _____ on the _____ hath served the Hon'ble East India Company, justly and truly, for the space of _____ years, and is hereby discharged at his own request, (*or if discharged as Unfit, for the reason stated in the annexed Certificate*) having first received a full and true Account of all his Pay, Arrears of Pay, Clothing, and all other Demands whatever, from the time of his first inlisting to the present date, as appears by his Receipt on the other side; and in consideration of his being rendered incapable of further Service in India, as appears by the annexed Certificate under the hand of his Commanding Officer, approved by us, we do recommend him to the Hon'ble East India Company for the Bounty of their Military Fund.

*To all Officers, Civil or Military,
whom it may concern.*

*Given under our Hands and Seals, at Bombay,
this _____ day of _____*

Entered in the Town Major's Office.

By Order of _____

I do hereby acknowledge to have received from the Hon'ble Company, a full, just, and true Account of all my Pay, Arrears of Pay, Clothing, and all other Demands from the said Company, from the time of my first inlisting into their Service, up to the present date.

_____ Witness.

Witness my Hand this _____ day of _____

We whose names are underwritten, Surgeons of the Presidency of Bombay, do hereby attest, that we have examined the Bearer _____ and find him incapable of any further Service in India, in consequence of (*state nature of Complaint or Wound.*)

*Given under our Hands and Seals, at Bombay,
this _____ day of _____*

This certifies that the Bearer hereof _____ attached to the Presidency of Bombay, has served the Honorable Company for the space of _____ years, and that he is disabled from any further Service in India, as appears by the annexed Certificate from the _____ Surgeons of this Settlement, having been wounded at _____ in the _____ on the _____

*Given under my Hand and Seal of Office,
this _____ day of _____*

For Men discharged and not recommended.

XVIII. This certifies that the Bearer hereof _____ Invalid of _____, — years of age, —feet— inches high, _____ hair, _____ complexion, _____ visage, _____ eyes, by trade a _____, a Native of _____ in the County of _____ and Kingdom of _____, inlisted at _____ on the _____ hath served the Hon'ble East India Company, justly and truly, for the space of _____ years, and is hereby discharged at his own request, (*or if discharged as Unfit, for the reason stated in the annexed Certificate.*) having first received a full and true

Account of his Pay, Arrears of Pay, Clothing, and all other Demands whatever, from the time of his first inlisting to the present date, as appears by his Receipt on the other side.

To all Officers, Civil or Military,
whom it may concern.

Given under our Hands and Seals, at Bombay,
this — day of —

Entered in the Town Major's Office.

By Order of —

I do hereby acknowledge to have received from the Hon'ble Company, a full, just, and true Account of all my Pay, Arrears of Pay, Clothing, and all other Demands, from the said Company, from the time of my first inlisting into their Service, up to the present date.

Witness my Hand this — day of —

— Witness.

We whose names are underwritten, Surgeons of the Presidency of Bombay, do hereby attest, that we have examined the Bearer, — and find him incapable of any further Service in India, in consequence of (*state nature of Complaint.*)

Given under our Hands and Seals, at Bombay, this — day of —

This certifies that the Bearer hereof — attached to the Presidency of Bombay, has served the Hon'ble Company for the space of — years, and that he is disabled from any further Service in India, as appears by the annexed Certificate from the Surgeons of this Settlement:

Given under my Hand and Seal of Office, — this — day of —

For Men whose contracted time of Service has expired.

XIX. These are to certify that the Bearer — late — in the — of — Commanded by — in the Service of the Honorable East India Company, hath served the said Company for the term of — years.

He is hereby discharged, having received a full, just, and true Account of all his Pay, Arrears of Pay, Clothing, and all other Demands, from the said Company, from the time of his first enlisting as a Soldier, to the present date hereof.

Given under my Hand in Bombay,

this — day —

Registered in the Town Major's Office.

Town Major.

I do hereby acknowledge to have received all my Pay, Arrears of Pay, Clothing, and all other Demands, from the Hon'ble Company, from the time of my first enlisting as a Soldier, to the date of my Discharge, as Witness my hand.

— Witness.

XX. The Discharge Certificates of European Invalids proceeding to England are in future to be sent for the signature of the Secretary to Government in the Military Department instead of those of the Hon'ble the Governor in Council. G. L. 4th June 1838.

XXI. (*H. C. L. 30th December 1825, Para, II.*) In consequence of several Discharged Soldiers from our Service having lately on their arrival from Bengal, claimed arrears of Clothing and Half Mounting for different periods, and produced Certificates from the Officers Commanding their respective Corps of such arrears being due to them, we have found it necessary to call the attention of the Bengal Government to the subject; and to prevent the occurrence of a similar irregularity in any of the Departments under your Presidency, we desire that you will, immediately on the receipt of this despatch, cause an order to be issued, directing that no Discharged Soldiers from the Company's Service should be embarked for England until all their claims are fully adjusted, at which time, the Certificates of such arrears of Clothing are to be withdrawn from them, to prevent their making any unfounded claims on their arrival in this country; and we expect that you will enforce the strictest obedience to this order, which cannot be dispensed with, in justice to the character of the Service or the claims of the Men,

G. G. O. 18th
May 1826.

XXII. (*III.*) We further desire that you will enjoin the strictest attention to be paid to the making out the Discharges of Invalids, and Time-expired Men, and that the Form of Discharge transmitted to you in our Letter of the 3rd May 1820, in this Department, be un-deviatingly adhered to, and also that in the Rolls accompanying each party of Invalids and Time-expired Men, the character borne by the Men in their respective Corps, be inserted opposite their Names.

XXIII. (*IV.*) As the Town Major at the Presidency will be held responsible for the due observance of this Order, it will be his duty to report to you any neglect on the part of Officers Commanding the Corps from which the Men may be sent, in transmitting to him the Rolls made out according to the instructions,

G. L. 15th
Oct. 1832.

XXIV. (H. C. L. 11th April 1832. Para. XXVIII.) We direct that, in all cases of Men transferred to the Company's Service, from His Majesty's Service, when sent home and recommended for Pensions, the periods they may have served in the King's and Company's Armies be carefully distinguished in their Discharges,

G. G. O. 7th
Jan'y. 1837.

XXV. (No. 6 of 1837.) The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to publish for the information of the Army, the following extract, paragraphs 11 and 12 of a letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated 6th July last, to the address of the Government of Fort Saint George, and directs, that the rule therein laid down, for the discharge of the Soldiers, be considered applicable to this Presidency.

XXVI. (Para. II.) We have adverted to the rules established by His Majesty's Warrant, dated 7th February 1833, regulating the discharge of Soldiers from the Service, we have in consequence revised the orders transmitted to our several Governments on this subject in 1827 | 28, and have resolved that Soldiers who may be permitted to purchase their discharge shall hereafter pay the following sums only.

	£.	or	Rs
Under 7 Years Service,.....	40	„	400
Above 7..... do	36	„	360
10..... do.....	30	„	300
12..... do.....	20	„	200
14..... do.....	10	„	100
15 to 17 .. do.....	6	„	60
17..... do.....	Free.		

XXVII. But all Soldiers so permitted to purchase their discharge must, if they return to Europe, provide their own passage.

XXVIII. We reserve to ourselves the revocation or modification of this indulgence, in time of war, or upon any other contingency which may appear to us to call for an alteration of the present Regulation.

G. G. O. 21st
Aug. 1835.

XXIX. (No. 427 of 1838.) The Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to direct, that in all cases of application from Soldiers to be discharged from the service on payment of the regulated sum, a certificate be handed up, with the application, that the purchase money has been lodged in the hands of the Pay Master of the Division, and Pay Masters are hereby authorized to receive sums deposited on that account, and to hold them pending the decision on the applications.

NOTE. The practice is when the authority of Government is made known for the discharge of a European Soldier at a subordinate Station, who has lodged the regulated purchase money, the Town Major prepares his discharge certificate (in duplicate) and transmits it to the Officer under whom such Soldier is serving, to be signed by him, that he has no claims on the State. It is then returned to the Town Major, who obtains to it the countersignature of the Military Secretary to Government and retransmits the original to be delivered to the Soldier, retaining the duplicate as an Office record.

In the case of a Time-expired Soldier, his Commanding Officer transmits his warning certificate, to be compared with the attestation in the Town Major's Office. If found correct, it is countersigned by the Town Major, and returned accompanied by the Man's discharge certificate for signature, as before mentioned.

XXX. An Acquittance Ro'l, should accompany every Unfit, Invalid, and Time-expired Soldier sent to the Presidency.

N. B.—For the Regulations regarding the purchase of their Discharge by Soldiers who may be employed in a Civil Capacity, (vide Sec. " Establishments.")

G. G. O. 10th
Sept. 1836.

XXXI. (H. C. L. 9th March 1836, Para. 15.) We therefore desire that the indulgence shewn to Serjeant Sayer, at the request of the Acting Chief Engineer, may not be drawn into precedent, and we direct that, whenever a Soldier educated for the Sappers and Miners, shall be allowed to purchase his Discharge, Twenty Pounds be added to the sum paid for his Discharge by a Soldier of the line, with a view to reimburse the Company for the extra expense of the Sapper's education.

G. G. O. 10th
Aug. 1837.

XXXII. All application for discharge for purchase of European Soldiers, to be accompanied by Register Roll of individuals so applying.

NATIVES,

G. O. C. 28th
June 1827.

XXXIII. The Commander in Chief prohibits any Man being discharged the Service without authority from the Head-Quarters of the Army. Whenever circumstances may induce Regimental Commanding Officers to preter an application of this nature, they are to forward to the Adjutant General a nominal Register of the Men recommended to be discharged, stating the reasons in full, and accompanied by the opinion of the Medical Officers for such as may be considered unfit to remain in the Service on account of bodily Infirmity, or disease, and have no claim thereon.

XXXIV. All applications to Head Quarters for the Discharge of Native Soldiers, to be in future accompanied by a Register Roll agreeably to the following form.

G. G. O. 2nd
Sept. 1837.

Regiment Native Infantry.

Register Roll of _____ A. B. recommended to be Discharged.

No.	Names.	Native of what.		Caste.	Date of Enlistment.	Height.		Present Age.		Length of Service.		Remarks.
		Province.	City or village.			Feet.	Inches.	Years.	Months.	Years.	Months.	

L. M.

Commanding Regt. N. I.

XXXV. In order to obviate the necessity which at present exists, for perpetual references to Regiments, to ascertain the correctness or otherwise, of the representations and claims set up by individuals after being discharged from the Service; the Commander in Chief is pleased to cause the annexed "Form" of a Discharge Certificate for Native Troops, to be circulated to the several Corps upon this establishment, for general observation, and enjoins the strictest attention thereto in the preparation of these documents, and for the accuracy of which, in every respect, Commanding Officers will be held personally responsible, so that the fullest information may at once be obtained, as to the causes which in each particular case, have led to the removal of the individual from the service.

G. O. C. 7th
Aug. 1838.

XXXVI. Every Native Soldier on being discharged, is to be furnished with a printed certificate according to the Form here established, which must in every case be confirmed in the Adjutant General's Department before it is delivered to the same.

FORM.

The Honble Company's

Regiment of

On the Bombay Establishment.

Whereof _____ is Colonel.

These are to certify that the Bearer hereof A. B. Trooper or Sepoy, in the aforesaid Regiment hath served the Honble Company in the said Corps, for the space of sixteen years and three months; but being unfit for the Service from (here state cause of discharge) he was recommended by the annual Invaliding Committee (or by what other authority the discharge of the individual may be recommended) assembled at (Station) to be discharged the Service, which recommendation was approved and confirmed by General Orders bearing date (here insert date) or, that he was found Guilty of (here insert the offence by a General, (or as the case may be, Regimental, or other minor) Court Martial, he was recommended to be discharged the Service by the said Court, which recommendation was approved of by His Excellency the Commander in Chief, on the (date); he is therefore hereby discharged the said Regiment, and the Honble Company's Service, he having first received all just demands of Pay, arrears of Pay, Clothing &c. from his entry into the said Regiment, to the date of this his discharge (with or without gratuity as the case may be, if with the amount to be here stated), as appears by his receipt on the back hereof. To prevent any improper use being made of this discharge, and that the Bearer may be known, his height is 5 feet 5½ and his age 34 Years, Marked with a Scar on the left Cheek (or other particular Mark, Scar.)

Given under my hand at Sholapore, this second day of April 1838.

(Signed) C. D. Lieut.-Col.

Commanding Regiment of

I, A. B. do acknowledge that I have received all my Clothing, Pay, Arrears of Pay, and all demands whatsoever from the time of my enlisting in the Regiment mentioned on the other side, to this day of my discharge, as Witness my hand this Second day of April 1838.

Signature or mark of the Individual discharged.

Signed in my presence:

(Signed) C. D. Lieut.-Col.
Commanding Regiment

G. L. 19th
Aug. 1834.

XXXVII. (3rd.)—The Commanding Officers of the Regiments of Native Infantry, stationed at Bombay, are to make over Discharged Sepoys to the Magistrate, sending with each Man a description of his Person and copy of his discharge; and it should be the duty of the Senior Magistrate to pass on such Persons to the Magistrate of the next District, towards their Homes, each successive Magistrate acting in the same way till the Men reach their Villages, or the frontiers of the Presidency, each Man being allowed by the Magistrate during the time he is passing through his District, the same rate of Batta that is given to a Witness passing to or from the Adawlut.

XXXVIII. (4th.)—The Magistrates of Bombay to act in the same manner by all Discharged Sepoys found on the Island, who may state their inability to leave the Country.