

India Office, 13th December, 1946.

The KING has approved the resignations of the undermentioned officers from their Colonelcies of Battalions of the Rajputana Rifles and the Sikh Regiment:—

- Brig. C. M. S. MANNERS, D.S.O., M.C., I.A. (Retd.), Col. 1st Bn. (Wellesley's), The Rajputana Rifles.
 Maj.-Gen. H. H. RICH, C.B., I.A. (Retd.), Col. 2nd Bn. (Prince of Wales's Own), The Rajputana Rifles.
 Brig. L. A. STUART, C.I.E., M.C., I.A., Col. 4th Bn. (Outram's), The Rajputana Rifles.
 Brig. F. H. MAYNARD C.B., D.S.O., M.C., I.A. (Retd.), Col. 5th Bn. (Napier's), The Rajputana Rifles.
 Lt.-Gen. Sir Lewis M. HEATH, K.B.E., C.B., C.I.E., D.S.O., M.C., I.A. (Retd.); Col. 1st Bn., King George V's Own (Ferozepore Sikhs), The Sikh Regt.
 Col. H. St. G. M. McRAE, D.S.O., O.B.E., I.A. (Retd.), Col. 3rd Bn. (Rattray's Sikhs), The Sikh Regt.
 Maj.-Gen. W. E. WILSON-JOHNSTON, C.B., C.I.E., C.B.E., D.S.O., I.A. (Retd.), Col. 4th Bn., The Sikh Regt.
 Maj.-Gen. S. R. DAVIDSON, C.B., C.M.G., I.A. (Retd.), Col. 5th Bn. (Duke of Connaught's Own), The Sikh Regt.

The KING has approved the following appointment, retirements, etc.:—

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The undermentioned officers retire:—

- Maj. T. C. DUGUID, Special Unemployed List, 13th July 1944, and is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col. (Substituted for the notifi. in the Gazette dated 28th July 1944.)

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- Col. R. B. CLARABUT, C.B.
 Lt.-Col. H. RENWICK (AI 848).
 Lt.-Col. S. CLEMENCE (531 IA), 12th Dec. 1946.
 "Spec. List" of *Qr.-Mvs. R. Corps of Sigs. (I.A.)*.
 Capt. (Q.M.) E. W. ANDERSON, D.C.M. is granted the hon. rank of Lt.-Col. on reversion to the Retired List, 18th Oct. 1946.

Emergency Commissions.

The undermentioned appt. is made:—

To be 2nd Lt.

- John Reginald GODFREY, M.C. (EC 4066), 18th Sept. 1944.

The undermentioned officers relinquish their commns.:—

- Lt. C. F. NEWBOLD (EC 15753), 7th Nov. 1946.
 Lt. R. F. HEARN (EC 3905), 28th Nov. 1946.
 Capt. R. L. PUNNETT (EC 3990), 8th Dec. 1946.
 Capt. W. E. PETTET (EC 2361), 13th Dec. 1946 and is granted the hon. rank of Maj.

The notifi. in the Gazette dated 8th Nov. 1946, regarding the relinquishment of his commn. by Capt. L. C. TEW (EC 4391), is cancelled.

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- Maj. (E.M.A.E.) T. H. SYMONDS, M.B.E. (OW/36), retires 10th Dec. 1946.

PROVISIONAL RULES AND ORDERS, 1946.

POOR LAW, ENGLAND.

BOARDING OUT OF CHILDREN.

The Public Assistance (Boarding Out) Order, 1946. Provisional Regulations, dated December 7, 1946, made by the Minister of Health under the Poor Law Act, 1930 (20 Geo. 5. c. 17) for the amendment of the provisions of the Public Assistance Order, 1930, relating to the Boarding Out of Children. 104565.

Whereas by the Public Assistance Order, 1930 (S.R. & O. 1930 (No. 185) p. 1405), (in this order referred to as "the principal order") made by the Minister of Health under the Poor Law Act, 1930, provision is made in relation to the discharge of the poor law functions of councils of counties and county boroughs; and by Part VI of the principal order as amended by the Public Assistance (Amendment) Order, 1945 (S.R. & O. 1945 No. 113), regulations are prescribed in regard to the boarding out of children:

And whereas it is expedient that further provision should be made in regard to the boarding out of children:

Now therefore the Minister of Health hereby certifies under Section 2 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893 (56 & 57 Vict. c. 66), that on account of urgency the following regulations should come into immediate operation, and in exercise of his powers under the Poor Law Act, 1930, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order to come into operation forthwith as provisional rules:—

1. This order may be cited as the Public Assistance (Boarding Out) Order, 1946, shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1947, and shall be read as one with the principal order.

2. The following provisions shall be substituted for the provisions contained in Part VI and Form 9 in the First Schedule of the principal order as amended by the Public Assistance (Amendment) Order, 1945.

3. In any case in which, in the exercise of any powers other than the powers conferred by this order, relief other than institutional relief or medical assistance, is afforded by any Council to or on account of a child apart from its parents, the child shall be deemed to be boarded out and the provisions of this order shall apply accordingly:

Provided that the supply of clothing or pocket money to a child who is being accommodated in the area of the Council under an evacuation plan shall not be deemed to be relief for the purposes of this Article.

4.—(1) Relief by boarding out shall not be granted in any case for an initial period exceeding three months, and the case shall be reconsidered within the period for which relief is granted and thereafter not less frequently than once in every three months.

(2) Any such relief may be given by way of loan to the parent of the child.

5.—(1) A Council, before boarding out any child within their area or undertaking the supervision of a child boarded out within their area by another Council, shall appoint a boarding out committee to act as a sub-committee of the Public Assistance Committee.

(2) The Council may, and if required by the Minister shall, appoint more than one such boarding out committee, and each committee shall act for a defined part of the Council's area.

(3) If only one committee is appointed, they shall act for the whole of the Council's area.

(4) A committee may consist wholly or partly of persons who are not members of the Council but shall include not less than three women.

(5) Every committee shall hold a meeting at least once in every period of three months.

6. A person deriving any pecuniary or other personal profit from the boarding out of a child shall thereby be disqualified from becoming or continuing to be a member of a boarding out committee.

7. It shall be the function of a boarding out committee to find suitable homes for children whom any Council may desire to board out in the committee's area and to exercise supervision over all children boarded out under their care.

8. Every child boarded out by any Council shall be placed under the care of a boarding out committee, unless the child is boarded out outside the Council's area, and the Council themselves exercise supervision over the child.

9. Before the Council board out a child in a home outside the Council's area, the Council shall notify to the Council in whose area the house is situated—

(a) the address of the proposed home at which the child will be boarded out; and

(b) unless they have made administrative arrangements with that other Council, that they will exercise supervision over the child;

and any such administrative arrangements shall include arrangements for visiting the child, exercising supervision over the boarding out arrangements and over the welfare of the child, medical examination and medical care and the furnishing of all reports on the child.

10.—(1) Every boarding out committee shall furnish to the Minister or to any of his officers or to the Council, when so required, all reasonable information respecting their proceedings and the children boarded out under their care, and shall keep a book containing a record of the proceedings at each of their meetings.

(2) All records or reports kept by or made to them shall be in the custody of their secretary and shall at all times be open to inspection by any officer of the Minister or of the Council.