

APPENDIX XLIV

(Regulation 740)

Conditions for the employment of British soldiers in the Bengal Police Force on transfer to the Armed Reserve.

The following are the conditions for the employment of British soldiers in the police force on transfer to the Army Reserve, vide the Government of India, Army Department letter No. A. 41236-1(A.G.-6), dated the 1st April 1927, and memorandum No. A. 44844-2 (A.G.-6), dated the 13th September 1927:

(a) A British soldier can be transferred to the Army Reserve in India provided that-

- (i) he obtains a guarantee of permanent employment;
- (ii) proof is furnished that he is able to maintain himself and his family, if any, in European style; and
- (iii) he abides by the conditions laid down in paragraph 441, King's Regulations, 1923.

A British soldier who is accepted on probation for employment in the Bengal Police will be regarded as having fulfilled conditions (i) and (ii).

(b) In accordance with paragraph 441, King's Regulations, 1923 a British Army reservist residing overseas is not liable to be called up for any purpose, nor does he receive any reserve pay. The military authorities, therefore, have no claim on the service of a British Army reservist residing in India, and the question of the period of probation to be served with the Bengal Police is a matter which is governed by the Police Regulations. British Army Reservists will, however, continue to be discharged from the Reserve on being confirmed in the appointment of Police Sergeant under paragraph 484A(ix), King's Regulations, 1923. As a British soldier's discharge can only be confirmed from the date on which it is actually carried out, and as the certificate of discharge required by section 92(2) of the Army Act must bear the same date, a report of the date of permanent confirmation in or permanent appointment to, the Police Department shall be sent at once to the Officer in charge, Records, concerned in Great Britain two months in advance. The certificate of service (Army Form B- 108), in possession of a reservist, should always accompany this report, for completion by the Officer in charge, Records, in accordance with paragraph 441(e) (i), King's Regulations.

NOTE. To enable the Inspector-General to forward this report Superintendents shall report to the Assistant Inspector General three months in advance the date from which any reservist is to be confirmed in the Bengal Police.

(c) British Army reservists who are confirmed in the Bengal Police will retain their right under paragraph 279, Passage Regulations, India, to passages to the United Kingdom or to a British colony for themselves, and if borne on the married roll on leaving the colours, for their families also, during the period which would be covered in ordinary circumstances by their Reserve service.

(d) If any Sergeant who was a British Army reservist in India is discharged during or at the end of his period of probation, need be sent to the military authorities, but the reservist concerned should be informed that if he wishes to be repatriated or proceed to another country he should apply to the nearest military authority.