

### III.—Attachment to Regular Forces or Permanent Local Forces.

9. *Period and Nature.*—A candidate to be eligible for nomination must have been attached to a British Regular unit or to a unit of the Permanent Military Forces (as stated in paragraph 3 (e)) for two consecutive months at any time after the completion of his first annual training, and must have obtained a satisfactory certificate as set forth in Appendix IV. During the attachment a candidate will be instructed in drill, discipline and interior economy, musketry, semaphore signalling, and practical tactics. No charges will be admissible against Imperial Funds in connection with this attachment.

10. *How arranged.*—The attachment will be arranged by the officer or body administering the Regular or Permanent Forces, who will cause a candidate who has qualified to be furnished with a certificate as set forth in Appendix IV.

### IV.—Nomination.

11. *Notification to War Office.*—The nominating authority mentioned in paragraph 2 will notify to the War Office each half-year the names of any duly qualified candidates he is desirous of nominating.

This notification must reach the War Office by the 1st January or 1st July, as the case may be, and should be accompanied by the following documents for each candidate: (a.) An extract from the register of the candidate's birth; or, in default, a certificate of his baptism or other documentary evidence, accompanied by a declaration made by one of his parents or guardians before a Magistrate, giving his exact age. (b.) A certificate of his having served the required number of annual trainings (each training in a distinct year). (c.) A certificate as to his attachment to a unit of the Regular or Permanent Military Forces in accordance with paragraph 9 and Appendix IV. (d.) A certificate from the nominating authority that he is satisfied that the candidate is a *bona fide* resident, that he is of good moral character, unmarried, and in all other respects a fit and proper person to hold a commission in His Majesty's army. (e.) Either a statement of the date the candidate passed the army entrance examination, or a certificate showing that he has passed one of the examinations named in paragraph 8.

Should the number of candidates nominated exceed the number of commissions allotted to the dominion or colony for the half-year, the commissions will be awarded to those candidates who obtain highest marks in the examination in military subjects. Commissions not taken up by one dominion or colony may be awarded to candidates from another if the exigencies of the service permit.

12. The necessary papers and instructions for the candidates' examination (a) by a Medical Board, (b) in military subjects, in the following March or October, as the case may be, will then be sent to the local section of the Imperial General Staff.

### V.—Medical Examination.

13. *Where held.*—Each nominated candidate will be examined by a Medical Board, convened locally, and will not be allowed to proceed with his examination in military subjects (see paragraph 17) unless pronounced by this Board to be physically fit for His Majesty's service.

14. *Conditions as to Fitness.*—The general conditions as to height, chest girth, eyesight, &c., are given in Appendix I.

The Board has power—(a.) To pass a candidate physically fit. (b.) To report a candidate as unfit; but (1) in a case in which a defect can be cured by operation or treatment, to recommend that he be re-examined by a Medical Board after such operation or treatment\*; (2) in a case in which a candidate is slightly below one or other of the conditions as to height, chest girth, &c., enumerated in Appendix I, and in which the Board consider that he will fulfil them within six months, to recommend that he be re-examined at the end of that period: a candidate so recommended will be re-examined at the end of six months, and will not be granted a commission unless he has then attained the standard required according to his age. (c.) To reject a candidate as physically unfit.

No relaxation of the eyesight test can ever be allowed.

The decision of the Board will be final as regards the physical eligibility of a candidate to attend the examination in military subjects in pursuance of his nomination on that occasion.

A candidate rejected under (c) will, however, not be debarred from offering himself for nomination if eligible in other respects on a subsequent occasion, should he desire to do so. If again nominated, his admission to the examination will depend on the report of the Medical Board which will then examine him.

### VI.—Preliminary Medical Examination.

15. *Advisability of.*—It is suggested that a candidate before commencing his course of study should undergo a thorough medical examination. By such an examination any serious physical disqualification would be revealed, and the candidate probably spared expense and the mortification of rejection.

16. *Military Medical Board.*—A candidate may undergo a preliminary examination by a Military Medical Board, not more than two years before he presents himself for nomination, under the following conditions: (a.) Application must be addressed to the nominating authority, accompanied by a fee to be assessed locally. (b.) Instructions will be issued for the examination to take place at the station nearest the candidate's residence where a Medical Board can be held; the

\* Such a candidate will be re-examined at the end of six months. If not then pronounced fit, his name will be removed from the list of nominated candidates.