

The King has sanctioned these addenda to the final Gazette of Honours for South Africa as a very special case, and in consequence of the Despatches in which the services of the Natal Local Forces were brought to notice having miscarried during the transfer of the Command-in-Chief in South Africa from Field-Marshal Lord Roberts to General Lord Kitchener.

War Office, Pall Mall,  
4th December, 1903.

ERRATUM.

The name of Corporal A. Bettington (previously described as Corporal W. Bettington), Cape Mounted Rifles (mentioned in Lord Roberts' Despatch of 2nd April, 1901, London Gazette 16th April, 1901, page 2610, and awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal in the London Gazette of 27th September, 1901, page 6329), is as now, and not as previously stated.

EDWARD, R. & I.

WHEREAS We deem it expedient to revise the rules for the promotion and precedence of Our Indian Medical Service:

Our Will and Pleasure is that the Warrants of Our late Royal Mother of 7th December, 1891, 21st October, 1895, and so much of the Warrant of 10th August, 1898, as applies to Our Indian Medical Service be cancelled, and that from and after this date the following rules shall be established, and that by these rules Our Viceroy and Governor-General in Council shall be governed.

1. The substantive ranks of Medical Officers in Our Indian Military Forces shall be as follows:—

Surgeon-General (ranking as Major-General).  
Colonel.  
Lieutenant-Colonel.  
Major.  
Captain.  
Lieutenant.

2. Except as otherwise herein provided, a Lieutenant shall be promoted to the rank of Captain on completing three years' full pay service.

3. Except as otherwise herein provided, a Captain shall be promoted to the rank of Major on completing 12 years' full pay service.

4. Except as otherwise herein provided, a Major shall be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on completing 20 years' full pay service.

5. Time on half-pay, not exceeding one year, shall be allowed to reckon as service for promotion under Articles 2, 3, and 4, where removal to half-pay has been the consequence of ill-health caused by Military Service.

6. A Captain, after at least six years' service, a Major or a Lieutenant-Colonel, may be promoted to the next higher rank by brevet for distinguished service in the field or for distinguished service of an exceptional nature other than in the field.

7. A certain number of Lieutenant-Colonels may be specially selected for increased pay for ability and merit.

8. Promotion from the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel with increased pay to that of Colonel, and from the rank of Colonel to that of Surgeon-General, shall be given by selection for ability

and merit, and the grounds of such selection shall be stated to Us in writing, and recorded in the Office of Our Secretary of State for India.

9. A Lieutenant-Colonel may also be promoted to the rank of Colonel, and a Colonel to the rank of Surgeon-General, for distinguished service in the field. In any such case the Officer shall remain supernumerary in the higher rank until the vacancy to which, in the ordinary course, he would have been promoted, or, in the case of an Officer promoted to the rank of Colonel, until selection for the rank of Surgeon-General.

10. On appointment as Our Honorary Physician or Surgeon under Article 13, an Officer below the rank of Colonel shall be promoted to that rank remaining supernumerary of his rank until he would have attained the rank of Colonel in ordinary course.

11. Exchanges between Officers of Our Indian Medical Service and Officers of Our Royal Army Medical Corps, below the rank of Major, and transfers of such Officers from either of the above Services to the other, shall be permitted subject to the approval of Our Secretary of State for War and of our Secretary of State for India in Council and on the following conditions:—

1. That the Officers shall have less than seven years' service.
2. That the senior Officer exchanging shall take the place of the junior on the Departmental List, and shall not be promoted under Article 3, 4, or 5, until the Officer next above him shall have been so promoted.
3. That the junior Officer exchanging shall be placed for seniority next below all Medical Officers whose commissions have the same date as his own.
4. That the Officer transferred shall be placed for seniority below all Medical Officers holding the same rank at the time of his transfer, and shall not be promoted under Article 3, 4, or 5, until the Officer next above him shall have been promoted.

12. With a view to maintain the efficiency of the Service, Medical Officers shall be placed on the Retired List when they attain the following ages:—

Surgeon-General	..	} 60
Colonel	.. ..	..
Lieutenant-Colonel	.. ..	} 55
Major	.. ..	..

But a Lieutenant-Colonel, who has been specially selected for increased pay, if he attains the age of 55 years before he becomes entitled to the pension for 30 years' service, may be retained until completion of such service; and in any special case where it would appear to be for the good of Our Service that an Officer should be continued in employment, he may be so continued, subject in each case to the sanction of Our Secretary of State for India in Council.

13. An Officer appointed on and after the 11th September, 1890, who may retire on pension before completing 30 years' service, shall be liable, till he completes 55 years of age, to be recalled to duty in case of emergency.

14. Six of the most meritorious Medical Officers of the Service shall be named Our Honorary Physicians, and six Our Honorary Surgeons.

Given at Our Court at Sandringham, this twenty-eighth November, one thousand nine hundred and three, in the third year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

St. John Brodrick.