Circular No. 98.

PAY DEPARTMENT.

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PAY DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS 1874.

I. 1. All funds appropriated for pay purposes of the Army (exclusive of the Military Academy) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, are included in one item of appropriation. See act approved March 3, 1873, in G. O. No. 44, c. s.

2. All sums received, transferred, and disbursed by paymasters on account of that fiscal year may therefore be treated by them upon their “accounts current,” “abstracts of payments,” etc., under the respective heads of appropriations to which they belong.

MILEAGE.

II. 1. Two classes of mileage certificates have heretofore been admitted, to wit: 1. Vouchers in which mileage is charged for the entire journey covered by the officer's orders. 2. Vouchers in which mileage is charged for part of the journey, transportation by conveyance belonging to, or chartered by the U.S., having been furnished for the other part. A third class, heretofore disallowed, will hereafter be admitted, to wit: 3. Vouchers in which mileage is charged for part of the journey, transportation tickets, paid for by the Quartermaster's Department, having been furnished for the other part. Decision of Second Comptroller in letter of April 4, 1873.

III. 1. Mileage will hereafter be paid to contract surgeons for travel under orders (including journeys to attend as witnesses before courts-martial, heretofore excepted), under the same rules which govern payments to officers in like circumstances. (Decision of the Second Comptroller in endorsement of April 15, 1873.) This abrogates the ruling promulgated in par. 239, Paymaster's Manual of 1871. 2. Mileage is also allowed to contract surgeons, under orders, from place at which the contract is made to first station, also for actual travel from place where on duty at date of annulment to place of making the contract; provided that the contract specifies mileage for such travel, and annulment was not made for misconduct or neglect of duty, which facts will be made to appear in the certificate to the voucher. In case of claim for mileage on annulment of contract, the contract and annulment should be submitted to the paymaster for determination of the claim on the basis of the proviso above stated.

4. In paying mileage, distances are to be estimated by the shortest post routes (Sec. 24, act of July 15, 1870), whatever may have been the route actually travelled.

(a) The latest official list of distances is recognized as the guide, but where the paymaster has authentic information that any distance noted therein at date of payment, greater or less than that by the shortest actual post route then in use, he should pay according to the true distance, accompanying his voucher with the data and evidence. (b) If the order prescribes travel via points off the shortest post route between the termini, the estimate of distance will be based upon the shortest post routes between the several points named in the order.

5. The following are some special cases in which mileage is not allowed: 1st. To officers returning to former station from leave of absence. Par. 1,112 Revised Regulations, 1863.

(a) This includes officers joining for duty from "awaiting orders at their own request." Many decisions since January 1, 1870. (b) An officer while on leave of absence, in 1870, was detailed for duty as member of G. C.-M. Upon adjournment of the court "sine die," he rejoined his proper station and claimed mileage for the journey from the court thereto. The Paymaster-General held that the adjournment operated simply to return the officer to his previous status of leave of absence, and that it did not relieve him from the obligation to rejoine his station at his own expense. This view was, upon appeal, sustained by the Secretary of War and confirmed by the Attorney-General September 9, 1871.

2d. To officers joining a new station, from leave of absence, under orders issued prior to commencement of leave.

(a) In case of order to a new station after commencement of leave, the officer is allowed mileage for the excess only of the distance (from place of receipt of order) to new station over that to the old station. If distance to new station be the same, or less, no mileage is allowable. Par. 2,137 Digest Decisions 2d Comptroller. Reaffirmed by Secretary of War March 16, 1871, and by 2d Comptroller's letter January 21, 1873, annulling Par. 2,138 Digest Decisions 2d Comptroller.

3d. To officers travelling to report under first order after appointment to the Army. Par. 1,115 Revised Regulations, 1863.

(a) This includes officers joining upon first order after reinstatement, reappointment, or revocation of order of dismissal. War Department, June 11, 1863. (b) Excepted: 1. Assistant Surgeons joining after passing examination prior to commission. Par. 1,116 Revised Regulations, 1863. 2. Graduates of Military Academy proceeding to join their regiments. Par. 1,116 Revised Regulations, 1863. 3. Enlisted men commissioned. Par. 2,127 Digest Decisions 2d Comptroller. Secretary of War, September 21, 1861. Many decisions to date.

4th. To officer proceeding to and from a military court for his own trial, if found guilty. Par. 2,092, Digest.
NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1873.

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严峻的形势——包括123名新兵，两名上尉，两名中尉，三名炮兵，和两名鞋匠——被分配到德克萨斯州的奥斯丁（来自内华达州、堪萨斯州和德克萨斯州铁路），他们将在收到命令后前往得克萨斯州的圣安东尼奥，这将是一个坏消息，也是未来的付款和凭证将由财政部门进行检查。他们将不会被免于前往新兵训练营，也不会取消或调整正式的命令。新兵将被发送到最前线，甚至在夏季到来之前。

**Saturday, May 3.**

**Discharged.**—Saddler Hugh Dooley, Company A, Sixth Cavalry.

The leave of absence granted Captain O. W. Pollock, Twenty-third Infantry, in Special Orders No. 46, March 13, 1873, from headquarters Military Division of the Pacific, is extended for four months.

**Casualties among the Commissioned Officers of the U. S. Army reported to the Adjutant-General's Office during the week ending Saturday, May 3, 1873.**

- Captain Evan Thomas, Fourth Artillery—Killed in action with Modoc Indians April 26, 1873.
- Captain A. D. Palmer, Fourth Artillery—Resigned April 29, 1873.
- Captain William W. Webb, Fourth Cavalry—Resigned May 1, 1873.
- First Lieutenant Alphonzo Rowe, Fourth Artillery—Killed in action with Modoc Indians April 26, 1873.
- First Lieutenant Thomas F. Wright, Twelfth Infantry—Killed in action with Modoc Indians April 26, 1873.
- Second Lieutenant Josiah R. Rhoads, Fifth Infantry—Resigned May 1, 1873.
- Surgeon Madison White—Died at Fort Columbus New York harbor, April 25, 1873.
- Assistant Surgeon Charles Mansfield, Jr.—Resigned April 26, 1873.

**Changes in Stations.**

The following is a list of the changes of stations of troops reported at the War Department since last report:

- Companies F, H, Fourth Cavalry, from Fort Griffin, Tex., to Fort McKavett, Tex.
- Companies E, M, Fourth Cavalry, from Fort Reno, Okla., to Fort Clark, Tex.
- Company D, Fourth Cavalry, from Fort Irwin, Calif., to Camp Irwin A.T.
- Company G, Fifth Cavalry, from Camp Dodge, A.T., to Camp Dodge A.T.
- Company H, Fifth Cavalry, from Camp Irwin, Calif., to Camp Irwin, A.T.
- Company I, Fifth Cavalry, from Camp Irwin, Calif., to Camp Irwin, A.T.
- Company K, Fifth Cavalry, from Camp Irwin, Calif., to Camp Irwin, A.T.
- Headquarters Seventh Cavalry, from Fort Rancho, D.T., to Ft. Reno, D.T.
- Companies E and F, Seventh Cavalry, from Fort Randall, D.T., to Fort Reno, D.T.
- Companies A, B, and M, Ninth Cavalry, from Fort Clark, Tex., to Fort Concho, Tex.

**IV.** The new rules set forth in par. 8, sec. 2, and par. 1, sec. 3, hereof, will apply only to future payments and to vouchers now pending examination in this office and at the Treasury. They will not affect payments heretofore disallowed and adjusted under former rules. New mileage blanks are in process of preparation.

**V.** At the request of the Adjutant-General, Circular No. 97, from this office, is hereby rescinded, and the following substituted therefor: Officers of the regular forces, or recruiting service, are entitled to mileage, payable by the Pay Department in the following cases only, to wit: 1. For journey to report to the superintendent, under order detailing the officer for recruiting service. 2. While on recruiting service, for journey under orders to rejoin that service after concluding recruits to regiments. 3. For journey to report station or regiment, under order relieving the officer from recruiting service. In other cases than those above, mileage, if any, is payable from the recruiting fund alone.

**VI.** The attention of paymasters is called to the following regulations of general principles, and regulations still in force, affecting the mileage allowance: 1. Mileage is allowed for actual travel only. Sec. 24, act July 15, 1870. Constructive mileage has never been allowed.

1. Payment of excess mileage, when duly authorized, is not in conflict with this principle.

2. The travel must have been performed under orders (sec. 24, act July 15, 1870), of a superior officer. Part 109, Rev. Reg. 1890, pat. 2094, Digest Decisions Second Comptroller.

(a) No officer can order himself to travel as to be entitled to mileage. Part 2094 and 2118 Digest Decisions Second Comptroller.

(b) The travel must also be upon duty. Part 2094 Digest Decisions Second Comptroller. (c) The vouchers must be accompanied by the original order for the travel, or by a copy certified by a disinterested officer. Parts 2094 and 2118 Digest Decisions Second Comptroller. (d) Mileage can be paid for less one journey under the same order unless the order expressly provides for more than one.

3. Mileage cannot be paid for that portion of a journey for which transportation (paid for by the Quarter-master's Department, or upon a conveyance owned or chartered by the U. S.) has been furnished (sec. 24, act of July 15, 1870), or for which transportation is prescribed in the order for the journey, shown (a) below, or for which, under the circumstances of travel—transportation is contemplated by the regulations, though not prescribed in the order. See note (b) below. Failure to avail of transportation in such cases does not constitute a claim for mileage.

(a) An officer, if acting before court-martial, whose order to travel contained the words "the Quarter-master's Department will furnish the necessary transportation," failing to present himself at the place of assignment, but performing the journey at his own expense and claiming mileage therefor. The Secretary of War decided in this case, March 28, 1873, that the officer "should have availed himself of the transportation, having decided not to do so, he is not entitled to mileage." (Given circumstances cited for which transportation is con-