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Captain & Brevet Major C.R.Scott, C.M.S.C.
Captain & Brevet Major W.E.L.Coleman, C.M.S.C.

Deputy Minister;-

1. Under the provisions of General Order No.43,1920, a "Record Section" was established and added to the Corps of Military Staff Clerks. The Section was to be comprised of 18 Officers and 39 "Other Ranks".
2. By A.P.Rs. Nos.47(a) and 50(c),1921, Captains and Brevet Majors C.R.Scott and W.E.L.Coleman were appointed to the Corps as Captains, with effect from the 11th.November and 1st.December 1921, respectively. They were granted the brevet rank of Major with seniority as from the date of equivalent rank held by them in the C.E.F., viz. from the 19th. August,1918, and 1st.July,1916, respectively.
3. The re-organization of the Record Section, C.M.S.C. was not however proceeded with, and in the interests of economy, Permanent Force establishments which were considerably increased from C.E.F. personnel had to be brought under reduction.
4. By General Order No.14,1927, the Corps of Military Staff Clerks was re-organized. The "Record Section" to which the above noted Officers were appointed, was disbanded, and the Officer personnel (Majors Scott and Coleman) with "Other Ranks" were absorbed into the present "A" and "B" Sections, C.M.S.C.
5. Both these Officers have the grievance that they entered the Permanent Force with the understanding that they would be appointed and remain combatant Officers, i.e., not be classified as "Officer Clerks" which is the commissioned status for Officers of the Corps of Military Staff Clerks.
6. It has been further represented by them that they should be placed on the "List of Officers permanently employed but not borne on Regimental Establishments". (See page 33 of Militia List, Part 1.).
7. Major Coleman also claims that in event of him being retained as a classified officer of the Corps of Military Staff Clerks, and not becoming established as a combatant Officer, he should be permitted to reckon the whole of his non-permanent commissioned service as an officer of the Governor General's Body Guard, viz., from 2nd. February 1910, to the 30th. November, 1921, as qualifying service for promotion to the rank of Major in the C.M.S.C. to which he was appointed on the 1st. December, 1921.
8. As regards the contention referred to in para.6, the list of Officers not borne on regimental establishments is for senior staff officers only, and it is the intention that this list shall be composed of officers who have vacated regimental cadres on promotion to very senior rank and appointments such as District Officer Commanding or Commandant, Royal Military College. It is not desirable that there should be any departure from this policy.
9. The claim of Major Coleman (referred to in para.7) that he should include non-permanent commissioned service to reckon as qualifying service towards promotion in his present appointment as an officer of the C.M.S.C. has also been considered on several previous occasions and refused, and could not be favourably entertained under any circumstances.
10. Both officers have been persistent in their contentions which

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