

532. The officers and non-commissioned officers attached for instruction, those referred to in 531 (2) excepted, will be members of the established regimental messes. The officers will rank among themselves according to their Militia rank and the dates of their commissions; but on all duties connected with the Schools they will, whatever rank they may hold, be considered as junior to the permanent officers of the corps composing the Schools.

### Officers Joining.

533. Officers who desire to join for a course of instruction are required to forward their applications through the ordinary channel of communication to the Deputy Adjutant General of the district in which they reside, who will refer it to the Commandant of the school for report as to when there will be a vacancy and for transmission to the Adjutant General. If their admission is authorized, their names will be communicated to the Commandant of the School and to the Deputy Adjutant General of the Military District. The Commandant will notify the applicants of such approval, and of the date they are to join for the required course of instruction. No officer is to proceed to join a School of Military Instruction until he has received such notification.

(2.) If any individual applies to join a School of an arm of the service other than his own, or to join a school of his arm other than the one nearest to the Head Quarters of his corps, such application with explanations relating thereto, are to be forwarded by the Deputy Adjutant General of the District direct to the Adjutant General.

(3.) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 544 and 546 temporary leave of absence may be granted by the Commandant to any attached officer, requiring such, who gives valid reasons in writing showing the necessity for it. Permission to rejoin at a subsequent date will however be conditional upon there being a vacancy.