

following. On the 31st January Chief Postmasters will strike out the names of all persons who have not renewed their applications, and make out a fresh list, keeping the names in the same relative order as that in which they appear in the last list, irrespective of the actual date in the month of January on which the application was renewed.

50. The Chief Postmaster will inform an applicant that registration of the application holds good until the following 31st December only, and that to remain effective the application must be renewed within a month from that date. The responsibility for renewing the application rests on the applicant himself. Any application for employment which was on record during the last previous year, and was renewed during the month of January, takes precedence over any older application which was not renewed during the previous year. All applications renewed on and after the 1st February should be recorded in the order of receipt.

51. Officers must have the medical certificate written out on the proper form (P.O. 173). Whenever possible to do so, an ordinary written certificate should be returned to the medical practitioner with a polite request that he will fill up the proper form, a copy of which should be sent him.

52. Every person appointed to any position in the Department is subject to three months' probation (telephone-exchange cadettes to four months), and it is the duty of Chief Postmasters and Officers in Charge to report to the Secretary immediately on the expiration of such probation, or of any extension thereof, as to the fitness of the probationer for permanent appointment. The report must not be delayed. (Read here Rules 265 and T. 309.)

53. Appointees whose medical certificates have been given six months before the date of appointment are required to be re-examined, and a fresh certificate of health furnished.

54. Officers of the Post and Telegraph Department will undergo the following military training:—

(a.) *Liability*.—For persons—

14 to 18 years of age: as for Senior Cadets.

18 to 25 years of age (those who reached their 21st birthday on or before 1st March, 1911, excepted): to undergo instruction in the duties of a Post and Telegraph Corps described in (b). On the recommendation of unit commanders, soldiers who have proved themselves extra efficient for three years may be transferred to the Reserve if they wish.

25 to 30 years of age: in the Reserve.

(b.) *Instruction*.—

(1.) Use of all visual and mechanical signalling apparatus used by troops on the field.

(2.) Knowledge and use of military forms, ciphers, codes, &c.

(3.) Wireless telegraph movable stations.

(4.) Methods of protecting stations, loop-holes, entrenching, &c.

(5.) General duties of Post and Telegraph Department when acting in conjunction with troops.

(6.) Knowledge and use of ground and air lines used by troops in the field.

(7.) Electricity as applied to field uses.

Examination to be held end of each year. Those successful in passing to be graded with equivalent military rank.

(c.) *Training Period*.—Post and Telegraph employees to undergo the same number of half-day parades and drills and exercises as laid down for Infantry (continuous training in camp excepted).

(d.) *Musketry*.—To undergo the same musketry course as for Infantry (collective firing excepted).