

# **Photostat copy of the Royal Warrant, 1898, creating the Royal Army Medical Corps**

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*Patron R.I.*

## ROYAL WARRANT.

## Formation of Royal Army Medical Corps.

WHEREAS We have deemed it expedient to alter in certain respects the conditions under which the officers employed upon the medical duties of Our Army are at present serving;

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS that the officers below the rank of surgeon-major-general serving in Our Army Medical Staff shall be formed into a corps, together with the warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of Our Medical Staff Corps;

IT IS OUR FURTHER WILL AND PLEASURE that the designation "Medical Staff Corps" shall be abolished, and that the corps formed as above-mentioned shall be styled "The Royal Army Medical Corps."

The following alterations will consequently be made in the ranks of the medical officers of Our Army:—

Present Ranks.	New Ranks.
Surgeon-colonel.	Colonel.
Brigade-surgeon-lieutenant-colonel.	Lieutenant-colonel.
Surgeon-lieutenant-colonel.	
Surgeon-major.	Major.
Surgeon-captain.	Captain.
Surgeon-lieutenant.	Lieutenant.

The medical staff of Our Army shall in future consist of surgeon-generals (ranking as major-generals), and the title of surgeon-major-generals now serving shall be altered accordingly.

Officers of Our Royal Army Medical Corps holding appointments in Our household troops shall be borne as seconded officers on the establishment of Our Royal Army Medical Corps, and shall be dealt with as regards pay and promotion in accordance with the rules laid down in Articles 384, 385, and 387 of Our Warrant for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion, and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army, dated the 26th April, 1897.

Given at Our Court at *Windsor*, this 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 day of June, 1898, in the 62<sup>nd</sup> year of Our  
 Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

*Lansdowne*