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Brooks Grant H.B.

1915

4 Dec.

Last previous Paper.

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Pay & Allowances
wound gratuity.

Submit claim for balance of pay & ration
& filled a claim of \$110.99. Involves further
med report showing that statement that injury
was rec'd while game shooting was incorrect, &
repeat appln for wound gratuity.

Mr. Beckwith

I have spoken to you.

Dpt to WO, as to ~~the~~ wound
gratuity herewith.

Review as to justice action
about pay.

Yrs 12/15

15th 10/15 atms

Mr. Read
Mr. Beckwith

Two Dpts for con. after discussion
with you. A dispatch to Gov.
will be necessary & pp. should
be re-circulated.

This seems the best Yrs 12/15
arrangement possible. He gets the first
half of his leave at full African rate,
but this is not unreasonable, especially
as he has been an official of the S.A.A.

Copy No case to Dec 15
Duns? 16 Dec 15
to LA
* Copy of report for Capt 20 Dec 15

WO reminds - 14/12/15

Next subsequent Paper.

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22/14/16

Const. Transport Office, N. P. D.)
after since May 1914.

W.G.S.

75.12.15

Stone.

G. J. R.

15/11/15

W.S.

The copy on this paper is one of those
lost in the "Peria". Will you please
make a fresh copy of the despatch (No.)
rechie's of the incident?

W.G.S. 11/16

Stone

Remind W.C. 21.

W.G.S. 12/16 Stone

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To *ga*

From
Lieut. H. Brian Brooks,
3rd Batt. The Gordon Highlanders,
(Late Captain
East Africa Transport Corps).

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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King Street Barracks,
ABERDEEN, 4th December, 1915.

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Ref. letter No. 45551/1915.

Sir,

With reference to para. 1 of the above mentioned letter addressed to Messrs. Holt & Co. on the 13th October last, I have the honour to lay the following points before your notice.

I appeared before a Medical Board in British East Africa on 13th March this year, and was boarded out of the country on four months sick leave on full pay, leave starting from April 18th, the day on which I left Mombasa. Copy of original Command Orders by Major General R. Wapshare Commanding the Forces in British East Africa, dated Nairobi, Tuesday 30th March, 1915.

"No. 271, Captain H. Brian Brooks, East Africa Transport Corps is granted four months leave on Medical Certificate, and permitted to proceed to England, the period of leave to count from the date of embarkation."

On 31st May I was passed by a Medical Board fit for General Service in Europe, but unfit for service in the Tropics. And again on the 23rd of July a similar decision was passed.

On finding that I would be of no further service in East Africa I immediately applied for a transfer to The Gordon Highlanders with a view to getting to the front in Europe. However, this was only finally settled on 22nd August.

During my sick leave I received neither billet allowance nor ration allowance, which officers returned from Expeditionary Force on sick leave are entitled to.

I have therefore the honour of laying before you the following claims.

(a) Balance of salary from May 22nd till August 9th, both dates included, @ £400 per annum (81 days) . . .	£ 87. 13. 0
(b) Billet allowance for first 91 days of leave @ 3/- per day, for a Captain	13. 13. 0
(c) Ration allowance from 27th April, date of arrival at Marseilles, till 9th August, both dates included, (105 days), @ 1/9 per day	<u>9. 3. 9</u>
Total	<u>£ 110. 9. 9</u>

2. With reference to para. 2 of the above mentioned letter, I have the honour to inform you that a Medical Board was held on my wound in British East Africa on March 31st of this year, the proceedings of this Board I forwarded to you on the 18th of last August. On this you will see that mention is made of the fact that in private life I had been a big game hunter, and this according to the Officer Commanding the 1st Scottish General Hospital Aberdeen must have been the cause of his mistake, as he had only seen the proceedings of the Board and had never even spoken to me on the subject, nor had I at that time even been before a Medical Board regarding my wound, in this country.

I attended a Medical Board at the above Hospital on the 18th October, where the Medical Board went into the question of my wound and forwarded together with the proceedings of the Board a copy of a letter written by the Doctor who attended to me at the time of my wound.

Having heard nothing since on the subject, I returned to the above Hospital on 22nd ultimo and received from the President and members of the Board the enclosed letter marked A.

I have now the honour of applying once again for a wound gratuity.

As I am expecting to leave for the front within a very short time and am naturally anxious to have my affairs settled before my departure, I have the honour to request that you will communicate with me as soon as possible on the above mentioned matters, and that you will pay same into my account with Messrs. Holt & Co.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. M. B. Brook
— Lt. —
Lieut.,

3rd Batt. Gordon Highlanders.

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1st Scottish General Hospital
Aberdeen.
Nov 22nd 1915.

with reference to letter H5551/1915, ^{Paragraph 2.}
Colonial Office Downing Street, addressed
to Mrs. Holt & Co, and shown to us
by Lieut. A. B. Brooke, late Captain
East African Transport Co, we beg to
state that a subsequent amended
Board held by us was forwarded
in which we stated that the injury
to his hand was caused by a jumble-
bomb received in military service &
under circumstances over which he had
no control. A medical Board was
held at the office in East Africa shortly
after the injury - the proceedings of which
we have seen.

The statement that the injury ^{was} received
by the officer while game shooting is incorrect,
owing to a misunderstanding by his Board.

W. R. Pine Major General
President

J. C. Smith Capt. R. Smith
Members

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(44517)

Write of to you letter to
0765/6829 7.3. of Sept
25th I am etc to enclose
to be laid before the AC
a copy of a letter which
has been rec'd from Capt
H.D. Brooke ^(late) East African Transport
Corps on the subject of his
pay and wound gratuity

2 Jan to request you
to draw the attention of the
AC to Paragraph 2 of
Capt Brooke's letter and
to the enclosure thereto
which supports the view
put forward in the letter
from this Dept of 2 Sept
that Capt Brooke's injury
was received while ^{he was} on
active service and not
as the result of an
accident while he was
shooting his game
I am B.L. will be
obliged if further enquiry
might now be made into
the matter and if he

DRAFT

Re Sec
LWO

From 19/12/15
L. B. Brooke by 14/1/16 for.

for enc. etc

(40790)

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would be informed at as
early a date as possible
of the amount of the
wound gratuity which Capt.
Brooke is now receiving
if he had been serving
under the War Office
at the time when he
sustained the wound.

I am
Yours
Sincerely
J. H. [unclear]

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Mr H. B. Brooke
(3rd Batta The Gordon
Highlanders)

Egn 15/12/15
in B. [unclear] 15.12.15
in Road 15

for [unclear]
20/15

Recirculated

Copies for [unclear] 21 Dec 15

I am etc to ack. ret
of yr. letter of 4th
December, in which
you forward a claim
for pay, allowances
& wound compensation.
As regards the
question of pay, I am
to state that you
were on May 21st passed
by an Army Medical
Board as fit for
General Service in Europe,
temp. not for service in
a tropical climate.
In these circumstances, and as
you did not propose to
return to S. Africa, no
further pay after May
21st was issued to

you. Any further pay
issued issued, in any
case have been at
Army rates only, since
it has now been
decided that officers
of the local volunteer
forces in S. Africa are
to receive pay ^{British} at Army
instead of at African
rates, when ^{they are} considered
out of S. Africa on
account of illness or
wounds.

I Mr. B. L. has now
decided that as you
did not receive a
commission in this
country until August
1894 last, you may
be granted pay at

Army rates (ie 12/6^d
a day) from ~~April~~
May 22nd to August
21st. It also does
as in the case of
officers of the K. A. F.
who, after the expiration
of their ordinary S. African
leave are granted ^{an}
(at British Army rates)
extension ^{until they}
are absorbed into their
British regiments. The
Army Agents for the
Colonies have been
authorized to pay ~~you~~

the amount in question
your account with Messrs. Holt & Co
4 your claims for
billet and ration
allowance in addition
to salary as from
the date you were in

left E. Africa cannot be
admitted, as it is
contrary to the
regulations for officers
of the local E. Africa
forces to draw such
allowances when away
from East Africa.

No action has been
taken as regards the
assessment of your
compensation in your case
as the President of
the Medical Board which
examined you stated
(and upon further enquiry
confirmed his statement)
that you had informed
him that the injury
to your hand had been
incurred while you were
performing his game &
not in the course of your
military duties. It
was, however, of your

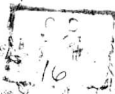
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present letter, the 114
marks again being
referred to the WO
as to the amount
of wound compensation
which you will have
received had you sustained
your injury while
serving under the
DofC. and it is
hoped that it will be
possible to address
a further communication
in this matter to you
at an early date.

I am

Yours

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JW

16 Dec 15

Pressing

Gentlemen,

With ref. to the letter

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The Army Dept.

(45557)

from the Dept. of 13 Oct.

I am etc to pay
(32 Batts, The Sudan Highlands)

Lt. A. B. Brooks (late
Captain, East Africa
Transport Corps) ~~to~~ pay

at the rate of 12/6^d
for the period
a day & from 22nd May
to 21st August 1915,

both dates inclusive
from E.A.D. funds

2 Lt. Brooks, whose

address is King Street

Barracks, Aberdeen,

denies that the payment
should be made to his
account with Messrs. Hall

A.C.E.

OFFICE OF THE

SECRETARY OF STATE

On 14/12/15
has been by 14.12.15 f

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2aP. Conf.

For info & to be filed

For 18/12/15

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for copy

With ref. to my conf.
desp. of 10 August
on the subjects of
Lieut. H. B. Brooke,
Lt. Col. Geo Gordon
Highlanders and late
Captain, Post office
Transport Corps, I
have etc. to transmit
to you, for your info,
two enclosed copies
of corresp. regarding
Lt. Brooke's pay,
allowances, wound
compensation etc.

- Brooke 18 Aug ✓
- 28538 int. at end ✓
- W.O. 28 Aug ✓
- 28538 ✓
- W.O. 31 Aug ✓
- 40390 ✓
- To W.O. 2 Sept ✓
- 40390 int. at end ✓
- W.O. 25 Sept ✓
- 44319 ✓
- To C.A. 13 Oct ✓
- 45551 ✓
- Lt. Brooke 4 Dec ✓
- 56455 ✓
- To Lt. Brooke 16 Dec ✓
- 56455 ✓

THOMAS
(Signed) EDWARD LAM