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SONGO CARRIER CORPS

AWARDS TO PERSONNEL

Agrees with G.O.C. info. that matter should have been dealt with by him. Refers also to case of Col. J. Aikweria. In order to avoid possible duplication of recommendations by G.O.C.'s should be info that it is not desirable for them to initiate recommendations unless it is clearly established services were not under notice 1 of G.O.C. in C.

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Mr. Botchley, *Botchley*

In the case of Colonel Aikweria no recommendation was submitted by the Officer Administering the Government. The recommendation originated in this Office and the case is therefore not in point.

As regards awards to the personnel of the Songo Carrier Corps the Governor of Uganda in 1049D apparently reported on the matter from the Protectorate point of view and it was the War Office who decided to gazette the officers mentioned in it and to give awards in certain cases.

Finally, as regards Nyasaland, ^{which} it would be brought into the matter if the request made in the third paragraph of the War Office letter; ^{were considered} ~~but~~, it ^{may} should be pointed out that --- Nyasaland is in a peculiar position, as General Northey's force is administered by the Colonial Office and recommendations for mentions and awards must necessarily, therefore, pass through the Governor. Please see in this connection *Nov. 13/17*

Answer given 19 Nov 17

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All other communications on this subject should be addressed to the Secretary of State, London, S.W.

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Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter ^{MO.} 45730 of 25th September, relative to the incidence of the pension awarded to Serjeant B.E. Whitehead, East African Transport Corps (Congo Carrier Section).

In reply I am to inform you that, in the circumstances, the Council agree with Mr. Secretary Long, that the pension in this case and in any other similar cases that may be brought to notice, should, like other non-effective charges for the East African Transport Corps, be borne on the Common Charges Account.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

D D White

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.