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Assisted Passage to Wives of Local Force

In copies letter to Treasury from O.S.O. and reply. Treasury unable to sanction proposal resp. free return passage for Wives

W. G. ...

Please see Col. Aimey's account on 39636/19.

This case between O.S.O. & Treasury is now registered for record.

W. G. ... points out that as W.O. will not repatriate the wives of local force officers, as Treasury will not bring them under the O.S.O. scheme, there is nothing which we can do now. I agree.

The assistance wh. can be given is therefore as in the dispatch, on 39636/19 - but we may be able to get W.O. to arrange passages for all wives of local force officers & next, but not the

subsequent Paper.

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expense of the messons for whom  
messages are arranged (subject  
to the assistance wh. we give) -

This ~~how~~ does not really  
help so far as the financial  
side goes.

→ Col. Armerly took them

he returns

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By ~~substantial assistance~~  
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31.7.19

Sir, With reference to your letter No. 27095 of the 4th of July to the Colonial Office, relative to the question of granting assistance, in certain cases, towards the cost of return passages to East Africa for the wives of members of the East African Local Forces, I am directed by the Oversea Settlement Committee to enquire whether the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury would be prepared to regard such cases as falling within the scope of the Government scheme of free passages to ex-service men and their dependents who are approved as settlers in other parts of the British Empire. A copy of the Press Statement dealing with the scheme is enclosed for facility of reference.

It is true that it is laid down that members of Dominion and Colonial Forces are excluded from the operation of the scheme. The Committee, however, understand that, though the same rule was laid down in the Repatriation Regulations, in actual practice the repatriation scheme was extended to the wives and families of members of Colonial Forces, where such forces were paid from Imperial Funds, and that the same principle has been adopted in dealing with applications for grants in aid of educational training from officers and men of similar educational standing.

The Committee were informed that certain of the East African Forces were paid from a common charges account which was financed by the War Office and that the bulk of the expenditure will finally be borne by Imperial Funds. In these circumstances they would suggest that the free passage scheme which they are administering might be extended to cover members of those Colonial Forces which have been paid in this manner. The cases to be dealt with would come under three heads:-

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heads:-

(a) men who had returned to this country after discharge and desired to proceed over- either to the Colony or Protectorate in which they enlisted, or to some other part of the British Empire.

(b) men who on enlistment had sent their families home and desired that they should join them again.

(c) men who wished their families to join them for the first time.

In all cases of course the approval of the Overseas Government concerned would be necessary before the application for a free passage could be granted.

The Committee have ascertained that the Government of the East Africa Protectorate has agreed to bear the cost of return passages to that Protectorate in cases where a member of the Forces has had 20 months commissioned service or 24 months service in the ranks. There are, however, certain cases at present under consideration which would not come within the terms of this arrangement and in these circumstances it is hoped that the Lords Commissioners will agree to the proposed extension of the Overseas Settlement scheme. It is anticipated that this extension though it would enable the Committee to assist in several desirable cases, will involve any considerable additional number of those entitled to participate in the

SIR,

Your obedient servant,

