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Passages to Lt.  
for locally enlisted members of E. Afr. forces

Santo Comes, with Treasury. Proposes to sanction proposed grant of passages on the understanding that any officer or man not destined for post between army is demobilized locally, & travels as a civilian without army pay or allowances.

Mr Robinson

Mr Bicknell

Discussed with Mr Boreas, Secy of  
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P.S. I suggest writing to a

Dr Greenwith

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WAR OFFICE,  
Whitehall,  
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15th January, 1919.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to forward for your information copies of correspondence which has passed regarding the grant of passage to the United Kingdom to officers and other ranks of the local East African forces, commissioned or enlisted locally in East Africa.

The Council would propose, subject to the concurrence of the Secretary of State for the Colonies to sanction the concessions outlined in Treasury letter of 20th December 1918, 47592/18, on the understanding that any officer or man who is not destined to serve in the post bellum army is demobilized locally and travels to the United Kingdom as a civilian without any pay or allowances. As the incidence of charge would follow the general principles governing expenditure on the East African Campaign the Council would be glad of the Secretary of State's concurrence in the proposals, before sanction is given.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

*D. B. White*

Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

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0165/67. (F.5.)

5th November, 1918.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that they have had under reconsideration the question of the provision of passages for Officers who are required to leave East Africa after two years' service in that country for recuperative purposes.

Officers serving in Expeditionary Force areas, who proceed on leave, are granted indulgence passages on transports, and with their Lordships sanction, free rail conveyance from Tarento or Marseilles to their destinations in the United Kingdom, but no transports proceed from East Africa to the United Kingdom and no opportunities at present occur to enable the Officers in question to tranship into vessels proceeding via the Cape to the United Kingdom. Officers serving in East Africa are therefore practically debarred from availing themselves in any leave, which is considered necessary in the interests of their health and efficiency after considerable service in tropical climates, and the opportunity of a packet passage to their home countries.

The conditions of service in the East Africa Force are somewhat similar to those in the West Coast of Africa, and under paragraph 1 of the Allowance Regulations free passages are admissible to officers on leave from the West Coast of Africa after certain periods.

After full consideration the Council are of opinion that in view of the special circumstances of East Africa all Officers who are required to that country for a period of not less than two years should be provided with passage to their home countries but and as a condition of service.

I am to request that your Lordships will please to give their early sanction to this proposal.

Sir,

Secretary,  
Treasury.

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TREASURY CHAMBERS

18th November, 1918.

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Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Cubitt's letter of the 5th instant, (0165/67 (F.5.)) respecting the provision of passages for Officers who are required to leave East Africa after two years' service in that country for recuperative purposes.

In reply I am to observe that if the conditions of the armistice are fulfilled, hostilities in East Africa will shortly come to an end and demobilization will begin. In the circumstances I am to suggest that there will be no longer any necessity for proceeding with the Army Council's proposal, as the officers in question will presumably be brought home before long at the public expense with a view to being demobilized in the United Kingdom.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) Robert Chalmers.

The Secretary,  
War Office.

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0165/284. (F.5.)

10th December, 1918.



Sir,

With reference to War Office letter of the 5th November 1918 - No. 0165/67 - regarding the provision of passages for officers after 2 years service in EAST AFRICA, and the Treasury reply of the 18th November 1918 - No. 42521/18 - I am commanded by the Army Council to say that there may be cases of officers who will continue to serve in EAST AFRICA and, in their case, the Council consider that the concession of free leave asked for is a necessary one. The Council will therefore be glad of their Lordships concurrence in the proposal.

The Council have also received a cable request from the General Officer Commanding, EAST AFRICA that officers and other ranks of the local EAST AFRICAN Force, commissioned or enlisted locally, may be allowed to proceed to the United Kingdom for release or discharge provided that their service exceeds 1 year; and that if their service exceeds 3 years they may be allowed to return to EAST AFRICA at the public expense within 6 months should they desire to do so. In view of the fact that these officers and men are all, to some degree, suffering from the effects of their military service under trying climatic conditions, the Council consider that the concession might reasonably be given, and they would ask their Lordships sanction at an early date.

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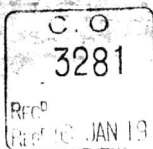
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Your obedient servant,

(SD) H. R. CURTIS

The Secretary,  
Treasury.

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TREASURY CHAMBERS.

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1820<sup>th</sup> December, 1918.

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Cubitt's letter of the 10th instant (0165/284 (F.5.)), regarding the provision of free passages to officers serving in East Africa, I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to say that They sanction the concession asked for in War Office letter of the 5th ultimo to those officers who will continue to serve in East Africa, provided they have had 2 years service in that country.

As regards the proposal in the second paragraph of the letter under reply, My Lords would not in any case feel justified in sanctioning the grant of a return passage to the United Kingdom free of cost to officers and other ranks of the local East African Forces, commissioned or enlisted locally. If however the Army Council are able to assure them that the concession will not be extended to personnel serving in other countries than East Africa, They are prepared to sanction the grant to such officers and men of a free passage to this country (but not back again) on, or with a view to, release or discharge, provided that their service exceeds 1 year, as an exceptional arrangement owing to the trying climatic conditions of the local campaign.

I am,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) T.L. Heath.

The Secretary,  
War Office.

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Downing Street,

23 January, 1919.

Sir,

**DRAFT**

THE SECRETARY,

WAR OFFICE.

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Mr. Machtig, 28/1/19

Mr. Robinson 2/1/19

Mr. Robinson, 20.1.19

Mr. Gifford

Mr. Lambert

Mr. H. Reid

Mr. Fiddes

Mr. Hewins

Mr. Long

I am etc. to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 0165/ 358 (F.S.) of January 15th regarding the grant of passages to the U.K. to officers and other ranks of the local E.A. Forces, commissioned and enlisted locally in E.A.

2. It would appear that there are three classes involved -

(1) Imperial forces including South

Africa and India. The position as regards these is that these troops will be evacuated from E.A. and there seems therefore no reason why any return passage to E.A. should be granted. Lord Milner doubts whether any officers or men, residing locally, have been attached to the Imperial Forces, but if there are any such their cases could be considered on their merits.

(2) K.A.R. The K.A.R. have regard to their own and it has been arranged that locally appointed K.A.R. officers who have completed a tour of K.A.R. service, viz. 20 months should be eligible on discharge for a free

To O.A.G. E.A.P. tel.  
(herewith)

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consider the case of the F.A.P. in this  
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of local settlers. Lord Milner notes the  
decision which the W.D. and Treas. have come to  
in their case. It appears to him, however,  
that some discontent may possibly arise if  
officers of the Local Force are treated less  
favourably than officers locally appointed to the  
F.A.P. ~~in the first place,~~  
sent to the F.A.P. of the F.A.P. A telegram, of  
which a copy is enclosed.

I am, etc.