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RELEASE OF OFFICIALS FROM ARMY

Asks if it is decided to medically examine officers whether Army form A.F. 22 would suffice or if any special questions should be asked.

Last previous Paper.

M.C.
50510
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Mr. ~~McClellan~~
Mr. ~~Hood~~
Mr. ~~Robinson~~
~~Mr. Harding~~
Mr. ~~Robson~~

I see no reason why the examining medical officer should not be asked to state whether the officer is, in his opinion, fit for ordinary duty, in Tropical Africa. I would like to add a question to that effect.

6.8.19 7/2/19

Mr. 7/1/19

General Dept may like to see test it should miss elsewhere. I most and decidedly object to Z 22 being used. Examinations on discharge are the most perfunctory things on earth. Ninety nine times out of a hundred the officers will simply be "fit" as you all report and certify as such. I want a full examination. If they do not agree, then we must send each man to

Next subsequent Paper.

WO
15952

8.7/2/19

I agree - but it is only when
the officer is ~~not~~ abroad that
we ask that ~~the~~ ^{an} Army or
~~the~~ Board should
examine him

McConnell

2/19

1. Capt. Matthew M. Williams

... you have not stipulated for
a special medical examination of the officers for
...
... stipulated

We have ~~not~~ stipulated for a special med.
examⁿ of the officers for whom doubt we
... Such a perfunctory examⁿ
probably by the A.M.C. officers with little or no
experience of the Tropics would be worse
than no examⁿ at all.

Mr. Grindle
decided that
was unnecessary
In special cases
if there is reason
doubt as to the
fitness we send
to our M.A.
BOL

... made by the Board, & a
... occasional cases the cause
... followed

12/2/18 We may follow the practice of the
Army and send to M.A. if there is reason for
doubt? B.M.

Yes: On a recent paper I suggested the case
of one of the Big Officers who had ^{just been} ~~been~~ ~~sent~~ out of
the Army
...
... 24/1/19

Sum. 1919
at A.S. ...

Mr Ellis

~~Mr. Roberts~~
~~Col. West~~
~~Col. [unclear]~~
~~Major [unclear]~~

Other Depts have not asked

W.O. for a special exam. of C.D. Officials - 20
The reply to W.O. letter is in your possession. 43

17th Dec 1919

It is only officers serving abroad who
are to be examined by an Army board,
and our object is to prevent a man who
is unfit for Africa from being demobilised
and having to come on half pay from
us (as nearly happened in the E.A. case). The
exam. is bound to be more or less perfunctory,
and to be carried out by doctors
without tropical experience but it is at
least a guide, and if a man is
pronounced unfit we can (as we have done
in one such case) say that we do not
press for his release at present but that
when he next comes to England he
should be told to communicate with
us with a view to exam. by the M.A.
As far as E.A. is concerned, therefore
I think we should reply ~~that~~ by
pointing out that ~~such~~ an exam. by
Army M.O.'s is only necessary in the
case of men serving abroad, and

that in such cases we should prefer
that they should, if possible, be subjected
to a detailed exam. by a board, which
should be asked to state whether, in
their opinion, the officer is fit for service
in E.A. If the board find him unfit,
he should not be demobilised
without reference to us.

C. J. G. 25/2/19

add "in this case a copy of the board's
report should be forwarded to the Dept."

JH
26 2 19

1 agree with E.A. Dept

D. 26 2 19

JG
26 2

A. J. H. 27/2/19

Mr. B. Abbott

Jagun 27/2/19

Wes 27 2 19

Letter drafted as above

A. J. H. 28 2 19

at once

War Office

Park Buildings,

St. James's Park,

London, S.W.1.

31st January, 1919.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Director-General to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated 25th instant, Nos. 59510/1918, and 60612/19 respectively, and to say that it would be of assistance in coming to a decision on the matter if you could say whether, in the event of it being decided to examine the individual officers in question for you, you would be satisfied with the information on A.F.Z.22, a copy of which is enclosed, or whether there are any special questions which you would require answered.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. S. ...

D. D. ...

For Director-General of Mobilization.

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

STATEMENT OF DISABILITY

This form is not applicable to Officers and Soldiers in Hospital or on leave therefrom who will be brought before a Medical Board.

Demobilization every Officer and Soldier, whether remaining with the Colours or not, will be given an opportunity of filling in this Form. Should he not wish to put forward any claim in respect of a Disability due to Military Service he must sign the Statement hereunder to this effect, in the presence of an Officer of the Unit with which he is serving, who will witness the Signature. Whether a Claim is made or not, this Form will be forwarded by the Unit Commander, in the case of every Officer, direct to the Secretary, War Office; and in the case of every Soldier, to the Record Office of his Unit.

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If the Officer or Soldier has previously been discharged from the Army, Royal Navy or the Royal Air Force, he will state:-

(a) Former Regiments or Corps with Regimental Numbers—

Rank

(b) Dates of discharge

(c) Causes of discharge

(d) Particulars of Pension or Gratuity received (if any)

Block to Regt.

Date

Date

at Place

Category or Grade in which joined

I do not claim to be suffering from a disability due to my military service.

Place of Examination

Signature of Officer or Soldier

Signature of Officer witnessing

The claimant answers questions 1—8 the following should be read by, or to, him:—
Your statement will be checked by Official Records. In answering question 2, any special matters which in your opinion caused or aggravated any unfitness from which you are suffering, must be clearly stated.

The claimant will answer the questions in his own words and after completing the form will sign it. An Officer will witness the signature. If the claimant cannot write, he will affix his mark, such fact to be stated.

In what countries have you served during this war, and for what periods?
In what capacity?

If you are suffering from any disease, wound or injury, state what it is, the date when it started, and what in your opinion was the cause of it.

If more space is required a sheet of foolscap should be used and attached firmly to the form.

State the names of any Hospitals in which you have been treated for the above disabilities during this war.

Have you suffered from the disease or injury mentioned in above question 2, or anything like it, before joining Army? If so, give details and dates.

State the names and addresses of any persons you know of any Hospitals in which you were in or to which you were attended you were you joined the Army.

State the name of your National Health Approved Society and, if possible, your membership number.

7. What is the name and address of your last employer before joining the Army?

8. What was:

- a. your Industrial Group occupation before joining the Army?
- b. your trade or calling before joining the Army?

To be checked from A.E. 103, A.F. 61 to A.F. 103.

If above statement has been read over to you and you agree to it and have nothing to add to it

Examination

Signed

(Witness)

Signed

(Witness)

OPINION OF THE EXAMINING MEDICAL OFFICER.

Clear and definite answers to the following questions are to be carefully filled in by the Examining Medical Officer as it is essential that the Minister of Pensions should be in possession of the most reliable information to enable him to decide upon the applicant's claim to pension.

Expressions such as "may," "might," "possibly," &c. should be avoided.

(10) The nature of each disability is to be stated according to whether the disability is (a) caused or aggravated by service in the present war, (b) due to causes not connected with the present war, viz.: (1) previous military service, (2) chronic diseases in pre-war service, (3) ordinary military service before the war. It is essential that in assigning the causes of a disability to differentiate between them.

(11) When there is more than one disability the replies will distinguish between them.

(12) (a) Indicate and particulars

(b) Indicate stationary

THIS PORTION IS NOT TO BE COMPLETED IF A CLAIM IS NOT MADE.

(13) (a) State whether each disability is (i) Attributable to (ii) or (iii) Aggravated

(14) (a) State whether each disability is (i) Attributable to (ii) or (iii) Aggravated

(15) (a) Is each disability in a final stationary condition?
(b) If not, is re-examination before the expiration of the period of twelve months specially advised?

(16) (a) What is the degree of disablement at which in your opinion he should be assessed at present?

(b) The degree of disablement should be expressed in words in the following percentages: 100, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, less than 20 or nil.

(c) In case of aggravation what is your opinion as to the degree of disablement which existed before joining the Army?

Examining Medical Officer's Signature

Rank

Unit to which attached

Place of Examination

Date

W.O. 6788/1
Africa
Nigeria

2579/60
522/26
2575/17
L.S. 11/17

Feb

Feb
1st March 1919

DRAFT.

Secretary
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MINUTE.

I am et to ackn. the receipt of
your letter of the 31st of Dec 1918
with its enclosure respecting the
medical exam. of Original Officers
whose early demobilization has
been requested, and to reply
that medical exam. is only
required in the case of Officers
of Original in Africa
Colonies who are serving in
the Army abroad.

It is not clear, and
I think would prefer that
Officers should, if possible, be sub-
jected to a detailed exam. by
a Board, which should be
asked to state whether or not

Exp.

opinion the officers for services
in S. Africa or in Africa. If
an officer is found to be unfit

~~to the General Board~~ should
not be considered without further
ref to the Dept

I am to add that in either
case a copy of the Board's report
should be forwarded to the Dept