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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,
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**War Office,
London, S.W.**

20th April 1919.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 20th February 1919, I am commanded by the Army Council to forward for information and necessary action a copy of further correspondence between the Treasury and this department and of War Office cables to the General Officer Commanding East Africa, regarding the proposed extension of leave of absence of members of the Royal West African Rifles, who are serving in East Africa locally.

I am also forwarding a copy of a telegram received from the General Officer Commanding, South African Military Force, dated 11th February 1919, in reference to the United Kingdom Government's proposed extension of leave of absence of members of the South African Military Force, who are serving in East Africa locally. The question raised therein appears to be for the consideration of your department, and the charge, if the concession proposed is granted, will fall upon your unit funds.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

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

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From - War Office.

To - G.O.C. East Africa.

23rd April, 1919.

11566 S.R.1.A. My telegram 10872 S.R.1.A. April 15th.
All Officers and men locally commissioned or enlisted are to be demobilized in East Africa and to travel home as civilians. They should be correctly described as in foregoing but returning as civilians. Each individual should be provided with a certificate showing that he is entitled to return passage within 6 months of arrival in United Kingdom. Cable probable numbers affected.

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From War Office.

To - G.O.C. East Africa.

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10872 S.R.l.a. Your A.4871 November 17th.

Passages to United Kingdom or country of origin from East Africa may be granted to personnel of East African Forces commissioned or enlisted locally. As to officers, after 20 months and as to other ranks, after 24 months resident military service, and free passage back to East Africa within six months of arrival in United Kingdom or country of origin.

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Sir,

In reply to Mr. Cubitt's letter of the 31st/1919
(0165/358(R.5)) I am directed by the Lords Commissioners
of His Majesty's Treasury to request you to inform the
Army Council that in the circumstances now represented
they sanction the application to the personnel of the
East African Forces commissioned or enlisted locally, of
the rules regarding the grant of passages from East
Africa in force for the Officers and men of the King's
African Rifles.

I am

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) T.L.Heath.

Secretary,
War Office.

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31st March 1919.

Sir,
With reference to your letter of 20th December, No. 47592/18 regarding the provision of passages for officers and other ranks serving in East Africa, I am commanded by the Army Council to state that the Colonial Office, after reference to the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate, have represented that Their Lordship's decision in the case of members of the local East African Forces, commissioned or enlisted locally will operate inequitably in comparison with the treatment accorded to officers and other ranks of the King's African Rifles.

The rules of service for the latter stipulate that a commissioned or other rank will (except on the receipt of a certificate of discharge) be entitled to a passage home from any place until he has completed a tour of service, but that in the case of a tour which exceeds in the case of officers (and other ranks of 20 months and for other ranks a minimum of 12 months of resident military service) officers and other ranks will be eligible for the grant of a free passage to their home or country of origin, and a free passage to any other place within six months of date of arrival.

The Colonial Office have recommended that in this matter members of the local East African Forces, commissioned or enlisted locally should be treated exactly like the King's African Rifles personnel and subject to the same conditions.

The Council are satisfied that this proposal is fair and reasonable and they therefore request their Lordship's early sanction to the above modification of the rules authorized by Treasury Letter of the 20th December 1918 47592/18.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sd) H. H. Gubitt.

The Secretary,
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From G.O.C. South Africa,

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High Commissioner South Africa requests that

European Members of Rhodesian Police Force Officers and men proceeding to Europe time expired or on leave may be granted free passage after their long service during the war and to be regarded Imperial Units. Regulations do not cover in such cases and number of Imperial soldiers at present here greater than steamer accommodation but situation will improve probably. If request granted suggest 1st class for officers 2nd class for warrant officers 3rd class liner passages for men cost to be met Colonial Govt. but passages to be arranged here, please instruct.

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