

EAST AFR. PROT

C.O.
65710REC'D
Per 21.IV.19

War

1919

Nov

Subsequent Paper

Mr De Goede. Loss of £41. 10s. Od.

To cover re animals off to Common Clagers &
 £41.0s. Od. was remitted for by Mr De Goede
 in connection with sacrifice of cattle for
 C.R.P.

W.D. 1919

It is not for us, however,
 to interfere with Com. Dept.
 to get in touch as could do so easily.
 Yours for Dr. S.

With sincere regards - return
 my respects & support what we
 reply direct.

Deep

21/4/19

(See note on back of card - this
 has only come to me today).

City of £5.00 extra & balance
 paid & choice of the rest & option
 giving right to £10.0/-
 weeks

14/12/19

Subsequent Paper

communications on
should be addressed
The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.1.
and number quoted.

WAR OFFICE

LONDON, S.W.1.

C O
60710

RECD

R 21 NOV 19

20 November, 1919.

121/Finance/2119 (Accts.5).

Jel

Sir,

I am directed to forward a letter received from the Acting Chief Paymaster, East Africa, together with the enclosures mentioned for such action as may be considered necessary.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

Ref. No. Sp/21 Finance 2/19. Ref. No. Sp/21 Finance 2/19.

EAST AFRICA PAY COMPS.

466

P. O. Box 261.

Nairobi, 1st October 1919.

From:-

ACTING CHIEF PAYMASTER, - E.A.P.C.

To:-

The Assistant Financial Secretary,
War Office,
L O N D O N, S.W.1.

Sir,

Ref. attached correspondence & finding
of Board of Officers.

XO-----

In dealing with the amount involved viz: £.41-10-0
I have in the meantime debited this to Common Charges
Account under Head 19.

I will be pleased to receive your instructions for
a write off to Common Charges. There does not appear
to be any chance of recovering the amount from the party
concerned.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

el Rehme MAJOR.
ACTING CHIEF PAYMASTER, - E.A.P.C.



No. 451.

467

CATTLE EAST AFRICA.

Contreller's Office

Defence Force,

Salisbury, (Rhodesia).

25th August, 1919.

The Chief Paymaster,
East Africa Pay Corps,
Nairobi,
E.A.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE.

Imprest Account for July 1919.

I am forwarding herewith my Imprest Account for the month of July, showing sums received £600. and accounted for £50. 11. 6., during the month, as per supporting Vouchers.

Re the demand, 1c. --, Dr Gwede has not returned to Rhodesia and is understood to be in Portuguese East Africa and we have no extradition Treaty with Government of that Country.

Please acknowledge receipt.

84-77 E T Fox

Capt. -
Asst. Contreller (Pay).

SDV/MC

PROCEEDINGS OF A BOARD.

Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry

assembled at Salisbury,

on the 18th day of February 1918.

by order of Major General A.H.M. Edwards, C.B., M.V.O.
Commissioner.

Commanding

British South Africa Police

For the purpose of enquiring into and reporting upon shortage
of stock in Account Imperial Purchase Commission
in connection with purchase of cattle for
East Africa.

President.

Major S. Gerber, D.S.O. East Africa Force

Members.

Sgt. S.J. Phillips, R.G.A.F.

Sgt. B. Swindell, R.G.A.F.

Deputy.

Having submitted pursuant to my

order,

I record the evidence

testimony of Capt. E.Y. Fox, B.S.A.P., witness "A".
Capt. A.P. Jones, "B".

OPINION.

The Board having considered the foregoing evidence, are of opinion that the sum of £41. 10. 0., has not been accounted for by Mr. De Geede in the usual way and that he is responsible for the deficiency and recommend that as this man is now in a Foreign Territory, steps be taken on his return from leave on 3rd March and that he be, after caution, called upon for an explanation and if unsatisfactory that Criminal proceedings be taken against him, if such is possible.

If this money is not accounted for by De Geede or recovered from him, that such sum be written off and that De Geede's services be dispensed with forthwith.

R. Gordon.

Major-General
INVESTIGATOR.

H. Hamrend, Lieut.

MEMOR. B.G.K.O.

J. Phillips, Capt.
Royal Engineers.
LIEUT.

confirmed.

Sd/- J. H. M. GORDON.

Major-General
COMMANDING GENERAL - RHODESIA.Salisbury
22-2-19.

"A"
EDWARD THURSTON FOX states: I am Captain in B.S.A.Police 470
and Asst. Controller of Defence Force.

In consequence of a communication received from the Native Commissioner Mteke, on the 25th January 1919, I discovered that a sum of money amounting to £41. 10. -., received in Pay Branch through Registered Post on the 3rd May 1918 had not been accounted for, i.e., the money had never been banked to the credit of any of the Accounts connected with the Controller's Dept., it should have been paid into the credit Account Controller of Defence Force Cattle East Africa, with the Salisbury Branch of the Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd. All monies whether Cash, Notes or Cheque received in the Pay Branch Controller's Dept., for Credit of any of the Accounts are always passed to the Accountant to be banked. Entries in the Pay Book are also mostly made by the Accountant, but sometimes by one of his Assistants acting under his instructions.

As regards this amount not being accounted for in the Pay Book, a receipt was issued to the Native Commissioner Mteke, and as far as no receipt was called for by the Native Commissioner of Mteke.

I find that all money received in the Pay Branch of the Controller's Dept., by any member of the Staff are handed to the Accountant for banking and there is no question in my mind that this amount of £41. 10. -., was handed to the Accountant Martinus De Gaege.

In this particular instance it is on record that the sum of £41. 10. -., was received in the Pay Branch by Inspector Jones, Martinus De Gaege has been in the employ of the Controller's Dept., as a Civilian Clerk since the 7th May 1917. He was first employed in the capacity of Book-keeper in the Pay Branch later, from the 5th January 1918 in consequence of the Accountant being seconded for Service in East Africa De Gaege was employed as Accountant and Book-keeper.

The Office system particularly in regard to the receipt and

Banking.....

| | | |
|----------------------|----|----|
| PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 |

C.O. 5
C.C.C.
R.D.O.
220

RECORDED
BY
PHOTOGRAPHIC
METHOD
IN
THE
PUBLIC
RECORD
OFFICE,
LONDON

Banking of monies is well known to De Geede and records show he had frequently acted in accordance with the system adopted in the Pay Branch. Cash transactions are not of frequent occurrence and unless the senders of Cash or Notes to the Office call for Official receipts the loss of Cash in this manner cannot be detected until final adjustments, if necessary, have to be effected with the remitters, as occurred in this case, when the Native Commissioner Mtshe, was approached with a view to closing his Advance Account in connection with the purchase of Cattle for East Africa. The Accountant De Geede has been absent from his duties "On leave" since the 7th December 1918. He had left Rhodesia on the advice of his Medical Man early in January 1919, and when I discovered this loss or non-accounting of Cash on 29th January 1919, I immediately reported the matter to the Asst. Supt., Criminal Investigation Dept., Salisbury, with a view to getting his advice as to whether the loss of Cash could have any connection with the Office Breaking or Burglary which was reported to and investigated by them in June 1918. De Geede's leave expires on the 3rd of March 1919, and I understand he is now at Lourenco Marques.

b. Board.

I have never had any cause to complain of De Geede's work in this connection during my tenure of office. It was reported to me by the Criminal Investigation Dept., that the Office Breaking aforesaid was a fake. I am of opinion that there is no reason to suspect any other member of my Staff in connection with the loss of this money. When the loss of this money was first discovered I at once reported the fact to my immediate Superior Officer.

Sd/- E.T. Fox,
Captain.

12.2.19.

R. Gordon,
Major.
PRESIDENT.

V.M.C.

472

Alfred Francis Jones states: I am an Inspector in the
 S.M.A. Police attached to the Controller of Defence Force
 Salisbury. I knew Martinus de Geede. He has been acting as
 Accountant in the Pay Branch. On the 3rd of May 1918, I
 received a Registered Envelope from Sub-Inspector Roberts of
 the Central Registry. He stated this envelope contained
 £40. 10. 0., It had this amount written on the Envelope.
 I checked it and found the contents to be £41. 10. 0., and
 altered the amount on the envelope accordingly. I then handed
 this £41. 10. 0., to the Accountant De Geede and asked him to
 check it. He did so in my presence, and found it to be as
 stated by me. I then left the money with De Geede to Bank.
 I then endorsed the envelope "received £41. 10. 0.," signed
 it and returned it to Sub-Inspector Roberts. The £41. 10. 0.,
 was monies received from the Native Commissioner Mteke, being
 balance in hand of his Imprest Account Gattle East Africa.

By Beard,

My reason for being so positive that I handed this money to
 De Geede is the fact of the mistake made by S/I. Roberts, and
 De Geede checking it with me.

It is not usual to take receipts from De Geede the Account-
 ant, for monies handed to him by me. He is my Subordinate.

Sd - A. F. Jones

Inscr.

18-2-19.

R. Gordon.
 Major,
 PRESIDENT.

COPY/MC.

6721/19 Sab.

DRAFT.Dag. Rec
no 357

12 December 1919

MINUTE.

Mr. Brewster, 57 Ac

Mr. Parkes, 61 Ac

Mr.

Mr. Grindell.

Sir H. Lombard.

Sir H. Read.

Sir G. Fidler.

Col. Acheson.

Col. Milner.

to Mad
matters)

~~Madam~~ Mr. Brewster, 57 Ac
 (Att. Mr. Brewster)
 referred to being written
 to the common charge in
 account as unpayable

(i) The undowries to Mr. Read

Ridom's letter are due

DRAFT.

Schedule Vouchers to the letter
of the 21st October 1919 from the

Admiralty Paymaster, Esq. P.C.

MINUTE.

to the Post Office Dept. with

M. Bouy, 5 d.c.
Station 6 d.s.

M. Bouy, 5 d.c.
Station 6 d.s.

Mr. Grindle.

Mr. H. Lambert.

Mr. H. Reid.

Mr. G. Field.

Col. Amery.

Lord Milner.

25th November 1919 - settled from Post Office Dept.

25th November 1919 - settled from Post Office Dept.

25th November 1919 - settled from Post Office Dept.

25th November 1919 - settled from Post Office Dept.

18th November 1919 - proceed with ~~the~~ Court

18th November 1919 - proceed with ~~the~~ Court

22nd November 1919 - Opinion of the Board

19th November 1919 - Evidence of Capt. G. T. M.

19th November 1919 - Evidence of Capt. A. Hines

both to the Mr. Silvan Rose