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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

STATION FOR THE JOINT MILITARY LABOR CASE

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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,

BURTON COURT,

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KING'S ROAD,

LONDON, S.W. 3.



31 March 1919.

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With reference to your letter No. 6974/18/19 of the 21st February, I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the case of Mr. F. W. Billings, late Sergeant-Major Military Labour Corps, has been considered in accordance with your request.

The Medical Advisers of the Ministry have examined the report of Army Form B. 179 which accompanies the papers and express the view that the disability should be assessed as 100 for 12 months from the date of discharge. In these circumstances the appropriate award which would be made by this Department under similar conditions would be a conditional pension at the rate of 26/3 per week for 12 months commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October 1918. There would also be children's allowances for any children within the meaning of Article 31 (1) of the Royal Warrant of 17th April 1918 at the concessional rate, that is to say, 10/- only, and 1/- for 1 child under 9/2, for three children 11/1, with an additional 1/1 for each child after three. There would also be from the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1918 with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1918.

Yours faithfully,  
The Secretary of State for Pensions

Secretary of State

Office

Medical Report on an Invalid.

Station Nairobi.

Date 2nd October 1918.

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Rank M.S.C.

5. Age last birthday 50 years

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Regimental No. 5551

6. Enlisted { on 26th May 1915.

Rank SERGE MAJOR

{ at Nairobi

Name BILLINGS Robert William

7. Former Trade or Occupation { Hotel Manager

8. Disability.

Chronic Malaria with enlarged spleen.

Statement of Case.

Note.—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Officer in medical charge of the case. In answering them he will carefully discriminate between the man's unsupported statements and evidence received in his military and medical documents. He will also carefully distinguish cases entirely due to venereal disease.

Date of origin of disability. 1892.

Place of origin of disability. India while in 2nd Batt. Border Regt.

Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability, giving number of the Medical History Sheet concerned on the case.

Between 1898 and 1916 was in E. Africa and had no fever. Joined up here May 1915 since this have done 34 years duty hospital twice with fever. First attack of fever since 1898 at Vol was coming up from Lindi on leave when he was hit on stomach at Mombasa being sick, in June. Was kept at Mombasa for 1 month. He then proceeded on leave. On September 25th was admitted 3rd British General Hospital with enlarged spleen of 1000cc. The spleen has been diminished approx. and in size since.

Give your opinion as to the cause of the disability.

Active service in the tropics.

If you consider it to have been caused by active service, state the ordinary military service which you attribute it (see note on page 27).

Active service in the tropics.

13. What is his present condition?

Weight should be given to the fact whether it is likely to afford evidence of the progress of the disability.

General condition for his age - There is some anaemia. There has been no fever since admission to Hospital here, though 2 slight elevations of temperature. Spleen much enlarged, 4 inches below ribs. Liver. Enlarged and 1 inch above ribs. Heart. Normal. Chest. he has a chronic cough and some emphysema.

14. If the disability is an injury, was it caused by

Not applicable.

(a) In action?

(b) On field service?

(c) On duty?

(d) Off duty?

15. Was a Court of Inquiry held in this injury?

Not applicable.

If so, (a) When?

(b) Where?

(c) Opinion?

16. Was an operation performed? If so, what?

No.

17. If not, was an operation advised and declined?

No.

18. In case of loss or decay of teeth, is the loss of teeth the result of a systemic illness or disease, directly or indirectly attributable to military service?

Not applicable.

19. Do you recommend

Discharge from service permanently.

### Opinion of the Medical Board.

Notes.—(1) Clear and definite answers to the following questions are to be carefully filled in by the Board, and the report of the case being investigated. It is essential that the Commissioners of the War Hospital should be in possession of the most reliable information to enable them to decide upon the man's claim to pension.

(2) Expressions such as "may," "might," "probably," &c., should be avoided.

(3) The rates of pension vary directly according to whether the disability is attributed to (a) active service, (b) climate, or (c) ordinary military service. It is therefore essential when assigning the cause of the disability to discriminate between them (see Articles 1162 and 1163, Pay Warms, 1913).

(4) In answering question 20 the Board should be careful to discriminate between disease resulting from military conditions and disease to which the soldier would have been equally liable in civil life.

(5) A disability is to be regarded as due to climate when it is caused by military service abroad in climates where there is a special liability to contract the disease.

20. (a) State whether the disability is the result of (i) active service, (ii) climate, or (iii) ordinary military service.

Active Service.

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(b) If due to one of these causes, to what specific conditions do the Board attribute it?

Exposure on Active Service in the tropics.

21. Has the disability been aggravated by

(a) Intemperance?

No.

(b) Misconduct?

No.

22. Is the disability permanent?

No.

23. If not permanent, what is the probable minimum duration?

12 months.

24. To what extent is the capacity for earning a full livelihood in the general trade or calling assessed at present?

25. In what extent is the capacity for earning a full livelihood in the general trade or calling assessed at present?

26. In what extent is the capacity for earning a full livelihood in the general trade or calling assessed at present?

27. If an operation was advised and declined, was the refusal unreasonable?

Medicine

28. Do you recommend

29. Do you recommend

30. Do you recommend

Station NAIROBI

Date 7th October 1918

Approved

Station NAIROBI

(sd) H. TILLY, BROWN, Lt. Col. R.A.F.

Administrative Medical Officer

Date 12-10-18

for A.D.M.S. R.A.F.

Station NAIROBI

(sd) A.C. Adderley, Lt. Col. R.A.F.  
Officer in charge of Hospital.

Date 7th October 1918.

On or immediately after active service, should be hospitalized there, unless there is evidence that it is due to some other cause.

Delete this word if no exceptions are to be made.



(On leaving Corps or Station where installed.)

Transfer of  
Embarkation

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Station \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Port \_\_\_\_\_

Conveyance

Name of

Vessel \_\_\_\_\_  
Officer in medical charge \_\_\_\_\_

Brief remarks on on-duty record, and state on transfer for final disposal.

Re-transferred

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Station \_\_\_\_\_

Officer in medical charge \_\_\_\_\_

(Station or Hospital where finally disposed of)

Entered and  
Hospital

Discharged from

Date

As certified

By \_\_\_\_\_

Disease

How treated

Particulars as to condition on discharge, and other particulars, as to condition of health, to be furnished in cases of discharge, for the purpose of determining whether the answers to questions, 23 and 24, are correct.

Name of final Medical Officer of health \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Surgeon General

Signature of Surgeon

Signature of Assistant Surgeon

Signature of Medical Officer

Signature of Hospital

Signature of Station

Signature of District

Signature of Division

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