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J. L. Gomez.

2nd Grade Clerk - Blue Dept.

Previous

16052/30

Subsequent

23050/34

299	2/5
Sp. Assistant	3/5
Mr. Zamboni	5
311	1/5
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L. T. L. Gomez _____ 8th Dec 33

Gives details of his service & requests that he may be granted pension in respect of 9 years military & civil service which has been swallowed by the Kanya Govt.

? send in original to former Kanya for others.

H. S. P. M. S. / M. S.
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M. S. P. M. S.
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2. To Govt. 293 (w/1 in orig) A/1 319.
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12.10.33.
Registry 297.

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M. S. P. M. S. : 17/10

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15.11.33.
Registry 297.

Wait a month

M. S. P. M. S.
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22.12.33
Reg. 297.

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Now received

M. S. P. M. S.
22/12/33

From

T. L. Gomez, (Ex-clerk, 2nd Grade)
Police department, Kenya Colony.
now residing at Malika Bungalow,
Thamarakulam, QUILON. Travancore.
(S. India).

To

The Right Honourable
The Secretary of State for Colonies,
Downing Street, L O N D O N.

Rt. Honourable Sir,

I beg leave to submit that I am an ex-clerk of the East African service and have served first in the Posts and Telegraphs, Native Affairs Department and latterly in the Police Department. I joined the East African Service on 12th April 1912 as a clerk in the Posts and Telegraphs and served the Department in that capacity till 30th November 1914, whence, without any break in the service I joined the 3rd K.A.R. Pay Department. I remained in that Department till 14th October 1915. On the 19th October 1915, I joined the Military Labour Corps, mainly with the intention of going to the fighting front in German East Africa creating a gap of 5 days, which, Rt. Hon. sir, as you can see from my personal file, standing in the way of counting my service as continuous for my pension. I was, on the strength of Military Labour Corps till 30th September 1919, from whence on the 1st October of the same year I joined the establishment of Native Affairs Department, and served in the capacity of Head Clerk to the Hon. Chief Native Commissioner, Col. J. Ainsworth, C.M.S., D.S.O., until his retirement. It was while working in this department that I was transferred to the Police Department and finally removed from service on the charge of general incompetency, in spite of my loyal and efficient service in the Colony. To vouch for this statement I attach herewith copies of testimonials given by my superior officers in the Military. On the 21st September 1930 I was removed from service and my pension took effect from the next day. Had the authorities had the kindness and consideration to allow me to remain in service 15 days longer I would have been entitled to the proportionate pension of 11 years instead of the present 10 years.

Rt. Hon. Sir, what grieves me and cuts me to the quick is the cut of nearly 9 years in my period of service. I joined the civil with the full hope and belief that my services in the Military will have retrospective effect when the period of service would be counted towards pension. I do fully admit Rt. Hon. Sir, that there is a gap of 7 days from 1st October 1919 to 8th October 1919; but let me make bold, Rt. Hon. Sir, to assure you that it was through no fault of mine that this occurred as can be seen from the very favourable remarks made by Major H.W. Gray, Chief Registrar of Natives, Native Affairs Department a sympathetic reference to my personal file will bear out this statement. May I, Rt. Hon. Sir, be allowed to state that though alternative measures to keep me in service were suggested by Higher authorities through the aggressive and unsympathetic attitude taken by the head of the department they were all waived aside, and pressed for my immediate removal from service. I was served with a formal notice to show cause why I should not be removed from service, I took no measures to prove to the contrary, as I feared to further incur the displeasure of my immediate officer.

In view of what has gone before, may I, Rt. Hon. Sir, appeal to you to take a merciful view of my case and grant me the proportionate pension for the 9 years of Military and Civil Service disallowed by the then authorities in Kenya.

May I also, Rt. Hon. Sir, state the reason of my not appealing to you earlier. I was silent for these two and a half years, as there was no precedent. One Mr. S.K.Mithra, a typist in the Native Affairs Department whose case was similar to mine in respect of service has now been re-considered and his Military service allowed for counting towards pension.

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Under the circumstances, I hope and pray Rt. Hon. Sir, that you will deign to take compassion on my pitiable case, and to pass orders to the present authorities in Kenya to take a mere

lenient view of the case for which act of great charity, I shall
ever be most grateful and indebted to you.

Quillon,
5th April 1933.

I beg to subscribe,

Rt. Honourable Sir,

Your most obedient and humble servant,

W. M. M. M.

THE KING'S AFRICAN RIFLES.

Memo.

Nairobi,
October, 20th 1915.

Mr. T. L. Gomez has been employed in this office as a temporary clerk from 1st December 1914 to 13th October 1915, and leaves of his own accord. From what I have seen of his work he is quite a good clerk and types well.

Sd/- C.A. Armitstead,
Pay Master 3rd K.A. Rifles.

(True Copy)

M. L. C. Nairobi,
11-8-18.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Clerk T. L. Gomez has worked as Registration clerk at this Depot under me since November 1916. I have found him careful accurate and taking an intelligent interest in his work. Should he at some future date leave the M.L.C. I have every confidence in recommending him for a responsible position in any clerical duties that may be allotted to him.

Sd/- F. Hopes Heelis,
C.D.O. Capt.,

(True Copy)

PARCHMENT CERTIFICATE of No. M. L. 33 Rank clerk (2nd Grade)

Name THEODORE LAWRENCE GOMEZ, Military Labour Corps Regiment

His description is as follow:-

Age 30 Height 5 ft. nil inches. Complexion BROWN.

Eyes ROUND Hair BLACK Trade CLERK.

Marks or scars on the face or other parts of the body. | Mole on the left collar bone

Signature of man Theodore Lawrence.

He is discharged on being redundant in consequence of Demobilisation.

Service Three years 347 days.

Discharge confirmed at NAIROBI.

Signature E. Philip Fuller, Captain, Senior Carrier Officer.

Date 1st October, 1919.

His conduct and character while with the colours have been very Good.

Place, NAIROBI.

Date, 1st October 1919.

Signature E. Philip Fuller, Captain, Senior Carrier Officer.

Commanding

CIVIL EMPLOYMENT. (Give particulars of any special employment which he pursued during his service as a soldier, or for which he has shown special aptitude, and also of any technical classes, etc.)

State below generally character as regards his qualifications for Civil Employment, in accordance with the King's Regulations.

A PAINSTAKING AND ENERGETIC WORKER.

Trade on enlistment (to be stated if an apprentice) Clerk.

Campaigns. British East and German East Africa.

Medals and Decorations. 1914 - 15 STAR.

Address of Accountant.

Address in British East Africa c/o I.P. D'Cruze, Stenographer, G.P.O., Nairobi.