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KENYA

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No of Pension 31st Jan, 1924

Date

REGULATION

Office

Rank of lat. Hon. Lt
by Allen

U.S. of S.

Requests assistance
in determining

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Secretary of State

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MINUTES

M.P.
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I find this a baffling problem.
An Intelligence Agent - warrant
Office Class I. vide our letter of
23.12.19 on file 1987 EA (J.A. Keith).

The question is whether the grant of
an Honorary Lieutenantcy post
entitles a man or his dependants
to disability compensation at the
rate appropriate to a commercial
officer.

W. J. Allen was not paid through
the London Gazette for payment
to a temporary commission and
the retention of rank on

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relinquishment (vide enclosure
to 1945 p. 10, para below) -
though various Hon. Lists of
the Intelligence Dept. were
included.

Major Preloni's case is not
on the same footing, as his
rank was not honorary
and he was on the
Unattached List.

It does appear from
A and B of Prof P's letter
that the grant of Honorary
rank resulted in no increase
of pay (300 rupees a month =
£20 a month) from that drawn
as an Agent.

Written Lists Allen or
Keith were passed through
the Gazette for the grant of
Temporary Honorary
Commission; but I do
not think that it affects
the case. We could get it
done now if we wanted to.

The point seems to me to be
that the Commission was
in title and in fact
honorary; and I cannot
see that an Officer
appointed to an honorary
Commission should be
covered by the definition
in § 30 (1) of the Royal
Warrant of the 2nd July 1920.

You will see that the
Prof P has already referred
the question to their E.A.
Representative with unambiguous
results.

I do not know whether it
would be worth asking W.O.
for an opinion. I should
suggest first writing to
Governor Kanga, recommending
the position on the basis
of their minutes, asking
for a statement of the status
and pay of all agents
appointed to honorary
Commission, and
then Prof P that investigations
are being made into the status

of these Officers in consultation
with the Govt of Kenya.

Dec. 14. 2. 24

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C. J. J. 18. 3. 24

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Mr. [unclear]

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in writing

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"Warpsington, Part, London."
Reply should be addressed to:
Director-General of Awards
(the following number quoted)

O.A.F. 102057.



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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS

OFFICERS BRANCH

SANCTUARY BUILDINGS
61, SMITH STREET,
WESTMINSTER, S.W.

C. O.
4955
1 FEB 24

I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to refer to the case of the late non. Lieutenant William John Allen, Intelligence Department, Kenya, who was transferred on 15th October, 1918, from the East African Mounted Rifles, when holding the rank of Corporal, to the Intelligence Department, as agent, and appointed Honorary Lieutenant within establishment on 15th January, 1916.

He was reported by the Officer Commanding, Cape Corps, as killed in action on 20th January, 1917, and it is now desired to confirm that Mr. Allen held commissioned rank in the East African Local Forces and received military pay as such.

Enquiries have been addressed to the representative of this Department at Nairobi, but the information received is not sufficiently definite to enable it to be decided whether Mr. Allen, who, as agent, is stated to have been in receipt of Rs 300/- per month and allowances, can be regarded as an 'officer' as defined by the Royal Warrant of 2nd July, 1920.

I am, therefore, to enquire whether your records indicate that Mr. Allen's status was similar to that of Major Pretorius, and other officers whose cases have been referred to this Department and whose names were published in the London Gazette of 15th August, 1921, as having held commissions during the Great War. It is observed that Mr. Allen's name was not included in this list and the explanation of the omission would be

Director-General of Pensions,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

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H. J. James

for Director General of Awards.

Ms. P. 4955 / 24 Apr 70

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Her Majesty's Government
of Great Britain
by P.
MINUTE.

- Mr. Lushington 19.3.24.
- Mr. Jeffries
- Mr. [unclear] 19/3/70
- Sir C. Doughty
- Sir G. Grindall
- Sir H. Reid
- Sir J. Masterton-Smith
- Mr. Ormsby-Gore
- Duke of Devonshire

With reference to your letter
No. O.A.F. 102057 of the 31st
of January regarding the
status
case of / Hon. Lieut W. J.

Allen, Intelligence Dept.,
S.A. Local Forces, I am
to request you to inform
the Minister of Pensions that
investigations are being
made in consultation
with the Govt of Kenya,
with the status of
intelligence agent who
were appointed to
Honorary Commission

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With ref. to Sir Charles
Barnard's dep. No. 1150 of
the 21st of July, 1924,

22 March 1924.

I have the honor to transmit to you

the accompanying copy of a letter from
the M.O.P regarding the late
Honourary Lieut. W. J. Allen,
Intelligence Dept., S.A. Local
Force, in which information
is sought as to his precise
military status for the
purpose of determining the
proper rate of pension issuable

to his ~~widow~~ dependant.

2. It is not clear to me, nor
has it been found possible
to determine from the
records available at the

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Copy to M.P. 24 JUL 1924

Kenya
No. 319
Governor's Correspondence
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- Mr. Lushington 19.3.24.
- X Mr. Jaffie 19/3/24
- Mr. C. Davis.
- Sir G. Grange.
- Sir H. Reed.
- Sir J. Masterton Smith.
- Mr. Ormsby Gore.
- Duke of Devonshire.

~~M.O.P 31/January~~

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Office what is the position of Intelligence Agents who were appointed to Honorary Commissions in relation to the

Section 30 (c) of the Royal Warrant

of the 2nd of July, 1920. It appears

from the information obtained by

the Ministry that the salary of

grant of ^{pay} ~~infinite~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~as~~ ~~the~~ ~~salary~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~agents~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~ground~~ ~~of~~ ~~being~~ ~~honorary~~ ~~commissions~~

in these cases involved no ~~decrease~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~rate~~ ~~of~~ ~~£~~ ~~20~~ ~~or~~ ~~an~~ ~~increase~~ ~~of~~ ~~pay,~~

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and the last para of the Ministry's

letter shows that provision at the rate

appropiate to the orders of a Warrant

Office Class I was awarded in the

same case of ~~the~~ ~~agents~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~ground~~ ~~of~~ ~~being~~ ~~honorary~~ ~~commissions~~

J. A. Keith though I am unable

to know at this date the authority

under which this decision was taken

The case of Major Pelovics, ^{the} ~~agent~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Ministry~~ ~~of~~ ~~Police~~, does not appear to have any bearing on this question as he was not an honorary and his service was with the Unattached list.

I have to request that you will furnish me with your observations and a full report on the status of, and pay of all Intelligence Agents who were appointed to Honorary Commissions with a view to determining their position under the

Present Warrant.

(Signed) J. H. THOMAS

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