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LAIING G. J.

MEDICAL TREATMENT - PAENSION - PASSAGE

1920

28th Sept

Last previous Paper.

States services and circumstances under which he came to U.K. and enquire if eligible for a return passage to E.A. Requests early reply.

Mr Joffe,

He called a few days ago and I asked him to write in on the matter. His point is that he could not get proper med. treatment in E.A. and therefore asks here for med. advice. He has got a temporary job here and but it is not very remunerative. Unless we can do something about his passage he will have to go back to his work in E.A., not cured. In a somewhat similar case recently we paid a H.A.R. office passage to England, but he was a serious case. Perhaps we could ask Mr. J.P. copy 48240/20 and ask whether, on the assurance that treatment that he could not get proper treatment in E.A., they would have paid cost of his passage from E.A. to England and back when treatment was completed. As the matter is urgent perhaps I could send the official letter under cover to Mr. J.P. with a S.C. note.

By my p. cons / see 201
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This service in the P.A. local forces was only just over a year, so there can be no question of stretching the ordinary passage rules to meet this special case.

What we really want to establish, it seems to me, is that he could not get proper treatment in P.A. & had to come over here. We refused a case recently where we had only the man's own statement.

In writing to Mr. P. as proposed ask them whether they have any evidence, either from documents produced by him living or for them or medical board reports, that it was necessary that he should come to this country.

The letter shall certainly go under cover of our note as proposed.

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I agree

Ever yours
A. H. H. H. H.

Respectfully

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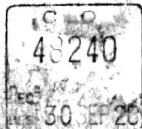
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St Dunns Road
Ringside 20J
Surrey.
28th Sept 1920

The Hon. Secretary of State for the Colonies

Colonial Office
London.

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COL OFFICE



I refer to my application for medical treatment
and a pension for physical disability (malaria fever) contracted on
active service in East Africa. I beg to submit the following facts
for your consideration:

I enlisted on the 20th October 1914 in the 1st Rhodesian
Regiment and served through the South African Rebellion and the
German South West African campaign and was discharged on
the 31st July 1918 on disbandment of regiment.

I proceeded to East Africa in September 1918, at my
own expense, and on arrival in Kimberley on the 4th October 1918
I attached and joined the East Africa Mounted Rifles.

No recruiting was being done at that time in Rhodesia for
East African mounted regiments.

I served in British East Africa and German East
Africa until the 27th November 1918 when I was discharged medically
unfit with chronic malaria fever.

On my discharge I applied to the C C Volunteers.

travel, for my passage back to Rhodesia and a pension.

I was informed that I must apply through my regimental O.C. The hopelessness of such application may be well imagined when my O.C. whom I had left at Matambo, South of the Central Railway in Northern East was, at the date of my discharge, somewhere in the Bush area.

I wrote to him but received no reply to my letters, and in making application again for my passage and pension I was informed that nothing could be done until my O.C. returned, and further; that in any event it was not likely that I would receive a passage further than Kilindini where I was attached.

I did not see my O.C. again until early this year - he was then out of the Army.

From November 1938 until two months ago I was constantly having doses of recurrent fever, and it was upon the advice of East African doctors that I came to England for treatment.

On my arrival here I applied to H. M. Civil Office and was directed to apply to the Ministry of Pensions.

Early last month I was examined at Exeter and it was found that my spleen was affected. I was informed that further communication would be sent to me direct.

I again applied to the Ministry of Pensions submitting my application under Article 9 of the Pensions Act and was examined at Exeter yesterday, with the same result as found at Exeter.

I am giving you these full details for, up to the present I have spent 202
some £200 on medical and travelling expenses on the hope of regaining my
health. I was informed at Stellenbosch that I should have to wait another
few days before leaving about treatment.

In view of these facts I would be very grateful to know
whether I am entitled to any back pension and my return passage to
East Africa.

My total service was one year and 334 day - 28 days short
of the required two years for a return passage grant.

These matters are of great urgency to me, as I have not
the financial resources to remain here much longer and to return to
East Africa without having been cured in little short of wasted time
and money.

A reply at your early convenience will greatly oblige me
I shall be able to avoid being stranded here in the event of my not
being granted a return passage and sufficient to keep myself during
treatment.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

Leonard Cairns

Ld.

[Handwritten signature]

DRAFT.

Sir

5 October 1920

1. Acting Secy.

I am etc to ask the receipt of
your letter of the 20th of September
regarding your eligibility for disability
pension and the grant of a free
return passage from S.A. to England.

MINUTE.

- Mr. (Mrs) 4.10.20
- Mr. Jeffries 4/10/20
- Mr.
- Mr. Grindle.
- Sir H. Lambert.
- Sir H. Ross.
- Sir G. Fisher.
- Col. Amory.
- Lord Milner.

2. Had Fisher in ^{consultation} ~~conference~~
with the Minister of P. in the matter
and a further letter will be sent to
you on receipt as soon as a decision

[Handwritten signature]

To Mr. Parsons signature

Draft S.O.

A Hays Coy
in P.P.
Barton Court
Chelsea

B.P.C. 4/10/20
in custody 4/10/20

To Hays?
draft the usual large
in regard

3 drafts

Dear Mr. Hays, 5 Oct 20

I am sending you
our official letter regarding
application which we have
received from Mr G. T. Hays
Trooper, E.A. Hotel Regent
answers of pension and
return passage from
England

As you will, no doubt, be
questioned by
the pension

We want to follow the
practice as regards free passage
but the difficulty lies in
of local E.A. documents in
case. As I understand the
position is that he having

remains in England for some little time
yet in order to complete his medical
treatment, he states that he cannot
stop much longer unless we advise
him as regards his passage as he
will has not sufficient means to
keep himself here ^{until he} ~~for a short period~~
(and he will have to go back & live
in E.A. with his treatment incomplete.

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MINUTE.

- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. Grindle.
- Sir H. Knight.
- Sir H. Road.
- Sir G. Patten.
- Col. Amery
- Lord Milner.

Could you advise what
the Ministry of Pensions would do
in similar circumstances in an
important case.

In the matter of passage to
England I shall be glad if you can
let us have a reply as soon as
possible.

Yours truly,
(as) B.P.C.

h. 48240/20 Henry

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5 October 1920

with ref to the letter from this

Dept. No. ³⁸⁶⁴⁷ ~~48240~~/20 of the H^h of Regent

MINUTE.

I am etc. to transmit to you, to be
laid before the H^h P, the accompanying
copy of a letter from his G. I.
having late Trooper, R. A. Field Rifles

- Mr. Preece 4.10.20
- Mr. Jeffries 4/10
- Mr.
- Mr. Orville
- Sir H. ...
- Sir G. ...
- Mr. G. ...
- Col. ...
- Gen. ...

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had been well tried to
be furnished with copies of any
documents former produced by him
having, or if any report of had been
held on him by the Ministry of P, which
show that it was necessary for him
having to come to this country for medical
treatment

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3 drafts

treatment

3. In the absence of any such evidence H. S. will be glad of the advice of the Director of Prisons as to whether he has any disability of such a nature that it is unlikely that he could have received proper treatment for it in C. O.

4. In this event I am to enquire whether the cost of his leaving passage from C. O. to England and back (on the completion of medical treatment) would have been defrayed from public funds had he having served under British Army rules.

(Signed) H. S. REAU.