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MILITARY PENSIONS

Trans letter from Local Soldiers Settlers Assn. and suggests establishment of an agency in the Protectorate to deal with Imperial Pensioners as well as Pensioners. Suggests Major Patterson be appointed representative

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AFRICA PROTECTORATE

no. 361

Government House
Nairobi
RE. BRITISH EAST AFRICA
APR 20 MAY 20
17 April, 1920

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit a copy of a letter, which has been received from the Secretary of the local Soldier Settlers Association, and to record my sympathy with the proposal contained therein, which appears to me to amount to little more than an extension of the principle long since adopted in larger territories such as South Africa and specifically applied to pensioners of the East Africa Local Forces resident in the United Kingdom under the terms of Your Lordship's despatch No. 1302 of the 28th of November. The principle to which I refer is the treatment of pensioners by an office or officer in their own country of domicile. The Military Pensions Officer in Nairobi at present only deals with pensioners of the East Africa Local Forces and has no responsibility for Imperial Pensioners, who may come to reside in the Protectorate.

2. I need not expatiate on the advantages of this system. Pensioners, for the most part, have

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

VISCOUNT MILNER, P. C., G. C. S., G. C. M. G., &c. &c.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWLING STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

the body of his business for starting an enterprise in this Protectorate.

5. I have arranged recently, after consultation with the Commandant and Treasurer, for the transfer of pensions work hitherto performed in the Secretariat, Treasury and Military Labour Corps to the control of the Chief Paymaster, East Africa Pay Corps. This will make for coordination and efficiency, and will prevent the overlapping which is inevitable when different branches of a subject are dealt with by various Departments.

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6. The £50 annual allowance for the Military Pension Officer approved in Mr. Long's telegram of the 2nd September 1918, has been withdrawn on Colonel [redacted] recommendation, as the work entailed is not considered to be outside the normal duties of a Paymaster. As Major Patterson, the Chief Paymaster, East Africa Pay Corps, has taken over the duties of Staff Officer in-charge, and is in close touch with the Officer-in-Charge Records, he possesses ready access to all official information and evidence in connection with the subject of pensions.

7. I consider that with the experience already gained Major Patterson would be a suitable local representative of the Ministry of Pensions for all pensioners domiciled in this Protectorate or Uganda. His office will outlive all other military war departments and is certain to continue its activities for a considerable time as the sole legatee of branches such as

the Staff Officers, Volunteers and Military Labour Corps, which are in course of dissolution. On closing down, it will be possible to make provision for continuing the work as he is a permanent civil official in the Treasury.

8. I would suggest that, if my proposal is approved, Major Patterson should be empowered, except where Protectorate units are concerned, to correspond direct on matters of pension with the Ministry of Pensions. The proper adjustment of Pension appears to me to depend entirely on two points - the Medical Board and correct assessment. It is impossible either for myself or Your Lordship to controvert expert medical recommendations, whilst the Ministry of Pensions is naturally the fountain-head of experience in calculating awards. I am of opinion, therefore, that our intermediacy could be removed, in the first instance, without any serious prejudice to efficiency and with the saving of considerable time. Awards when settled would be notified, of course, in the usual manner by the Ministry or local representative.

9. I shall be glad in due course to receive Your Lordship's views on the suggestion put forward. Whether they receive approval or not I would ask that the Ministry of Pensions Instructions and Regulations supplementary to the latest Royal Warrants might be sent out at the earliest opportunity in the absence of fuller directions on various points if the case had led

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... practice prevailing in other parts of the
British Empire.

I have the honour to be,
Your Lordship's
humble, obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature]

ACTING GOVERNOR.

INCLOSURES

In Despatch No. 561 of 14.4.1920

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HASLEWOOD, F.S.S.

P.O.Box 470.

Nairobi.

4th March, 1920.

SOLDIER SETTLERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

The Secretariat,

Nairobi.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that it has been suggested to my Committee that, in view of the large number of Ex-Soldiers of all ranks, arrived ^{and} to whom many of whom have not had their pension claims settled, some Officer should be appointed locally to deal with all such matters on the spot, and to be responsible direct to the Minister of Pensions.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) B. Haslewood,

Secretary, Soldier Settlers' Association.

THE PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE

Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

2nd October, 1919.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Paymaster General to acknowledge your letter, dated at Nairobi 12th July last, and to say that the Treasurer, East African Protectorate at Nairobi, has been requested to pay your retired pay. As regards your wound pension, the matter has been submitted to the War Office, from whom you will doubtless hear in due course that suitable arrangements for payment locally have been made.

In addition to the war bonus on your disability retired pay, a war bonus in respect of your wound pension is payable as from January 1st last, so that an addition payment on this account is due to you for the three quarters ending September 30th 1919, and a complete payment of £12-10-0 is payable for the quarter ending December 31st, being the war bonus on your retired pay and wound pension combined. Drafts for these respective amounts have been sent to the Treasurer, Nairobi.

If any of the pension vouchers sent to you on the 6th June last have been presented through your bank, they will be passed by this Department in the ordinary way, and the amounts thereof will not be recoverable through the Colonial Treasurer.

I am &c.

Sd. C. S. Davies.

Lieut. D. W. H. H. H.

8 July 1920

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Mr. Bottomley

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Mr. Grindle

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Sir H. Lambert

Sir H. Ross

Sir G. Fiddes

Col. Amery

Lord Milner

Consideration.

Minutes.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 361 of April 1920 regarding the administration of pensions etc. payable to discharged officers and men of the Imperial forces resident in the Protectorate.

2. Your despatch appears to have crossed mine of April 7th No. 500, which dealt with this question so far as the medical treatment of ex-officers of the Imperial Army is concerned. It will be seen from this despatch that the Ministry of Pensions considered that the members affected were likely to be

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your present despatch that a considerable number of individuals is, in fact, concerned.

3. Before the question of policy which is raised in ^{your} ~~your~~ despatch is considered in conjunction with the Ministry of Pensions, it will, I think, be desirable that I should be informed more fully of the numbers affected, in order that it may be more clearly seen what is involved and what amount of work the suggested local pensions officer would have to carry out. It is possible that this information is being sent in reply to my despatch of April 17th but, if not, I should be glad if it could now be forwarded.

4. If the number of pension ex-members of the Imperial Force is sufficient to justify my approaching the Ministry of Pensions it would in my opinion be a very good arrangement if the Minister would agree to appoint a representative in East Africa to supervise the administration not only of ex-members of the Imperial Army but also

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~~(Name)~~ MILNER