

into this question generally as regards sea sickness.
So far as I am able to make out the only case in
which a man has been seen had nominal orders prepared
for the plague & could have been one of the N. & K.
of members of the Contingent of the Ceylon Plate
V.R.C. who died before they became attached to
Br. Hunt. Here of course was no weapon. If we

make an exception in the case of Bygones
I think I have to say so in the case of
Ceylon being supplied by Ceylon & Mauritius.

~~There is no evidence~~ in the case of
Gerrard who had the prints taken & they
are unlikely to resemble the delicate
nature of the prints of a man of my
rank & position. It is possible to be
that it is only a matter of time of the
case is completely that of a man
who is not a member of the Ceylon
Plate without being present.

So proceed W.O. will presumably
refuse to consider

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31 August, 1920.

My Lord,

With reference to Your Lordship's Circular Despatch of 4th October 1919, I have the honour to state that I have been approached by His Excellency the Governor of the Seychelles with a view to obtaining sanction for the issue of the Memorial Plaque and Scroll to the next-of-kin of the men of the Seychelles labour contingent who were killed or died of disease on service in East Africa during the war.

These men served as porters and I was fully aware that it is not the intention to issue the Plaque and Scroll to the ordinary native porters. I should be glad to see an exception made in this instance, as the Seychellois are in a different category to those ordinary natives and I feel convinced would appreciate the award of such a souvenir. I was informed that the next-of-kin of the Seychelles Labour contingent in East Africa was 735 and a claim for the award of their relatives for this award may be submitted to the War Office.

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

Edward Anthony
GOVERNOR.

DOWNING STREET,

8 November, 1920

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Sir,

SECRETARY
WAR OFFICE.MINUTE.

McDowell 5/11/20.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Grindle.

Sir H. Lambert.

Sir H. Baud.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Col. Amery.

Lord Milner.

I am etc. to transmit to you to be laid before the Army Council a copy of a despatch from the Governor of the Colony of Kenya submitting a proposal that the Memorial Plaque and Scroll should be issued to the next-of-kin of the men of the Seychelles Labour Contingent who were killed or died of disease on service in East Africa during the war.

Lord Milner will be glad to have the observations of the Army Council on this proposal. The Army Council will recognise that it would be difficult to distinguish between the claims of the Seychelles Labour Contingent and those of the Mauritius Labour Battalion, the Ceylon Sanitary Company and similar units.

I am etc.

(Signed)