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MEMORIAL TRIBUTE AND SCROLL
FOR NEXT OF KIN OF SEYCHELLES LAFRONT CONTINGENT

Reports approached by Govr of Seychelles with a view to
grant. Would be glad if this could be done.

to his family,

The rule so far as ^{has been} that WPA of European
personnel of the C.A. local forces and 40 R is eligible for
the memorial plaque and scroll and that it should not
be issued to African soldiers of the 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st 32nd 33rd 34th 35th 36th 37th 38th 39th 40th 41st 42nd 43rd 44th 45th 46th 47th 48th 49th 50th 51st 52nd 53rd 54th 55th 56th 57th 58th 59th 60th 61st 62nd 63rd 64th 65th 66th 67th 68th 69th 70th 71st 72nd 73rd 74th 75th 76th 77th 78th 79th 80th 81st 82nd 83rd 84th 85th 86th 87th 88th 89th 90th 91st 92nd 93rd 94th 95th 96th 97th 98th 99th 100th 101st 102nd 103rd 104th 105th 106th 107th 108th 109th 110th 111th 112th 113th 114th 115th 116th 117th 118th 119th 120th 121st 122nd 123rd 124th 125th 126th 127th 128th 129th 130th 131st 132nd 133rd 134th 135th 136th 137th 138th 139th 140th 141st 142nd 143rd 144th 145th 146th 147th 148th 149th 150th 151st 152nd 153rd 154th 155th 156th 157th 158th 159th 160th 161st 162nd 163rd 164th 165th 166th 167th 168th 169th 170th 171st 172nd 173rd 174th 175th 176th 177th 178th 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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 usual practice 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 I shall be glad if a list 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.

RIGHT HONOURABLE
ARTHUR J. B. MILNER, P.C., O.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c. &c.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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8 November, 1920

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Sir,

SECRETARY
WAR OFFICE.MINUTE.

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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)