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and I had hoped if  
you would explain  
the reason for differentiating  
between the two  
classes of officers

No. 547  
1905  
July

(Subject)

Hospital charges  
for soldiers of K.A.R. & police

Enquire whether - should be levied whether the  
men have been treated for "charges"

(Minutes)

Mr. Elter  
Mr. Read

It is not very clear what the words  
"charges for subsistence" mean, but  
apparently they are mainly, if not  
wholly, charges for food. Mr. Wills, the  
P. M.O. states in his report of June 29<sup>th</sup>  
1904 that the creation of a scale of  
subsistence charges would do away  
with the prevailing practice of  
food being brought in.  
If this is so, I think that the  
charges for subsistence should be  
imposed, if the pay of a member  
of the K.A.R. of the Police is to

cover rations. Obviously if rations are given free, no subsistence allowance should be charged.

As far as I can see soldiers belonging to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the K.A.R. and some of the East Africa Police, receive rations and soldiers belonging to the 3<sup>rd</sup> K.A.R. have higher pay and no rations.

? Put the point to the O.A.G. asking what exactly is meant by subsistence allowance

Yours truly  
H. J. G. H. 6/11  
The Inspector General  
M. J. G. 6/11

at home  
H. J. G. R.

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30 OCT 05

Lombasa,

1905.

Reference to the scale of charges for subsistence for subordinate Government officials in the native hospitals in East Africa and Uganda laid down in the Treasury despatch of December 1<sup>st</sup> 1904 and forwarded to me in Foreign Office No. 563 of December 7<sup>th</sup>, I have the honour to enquire whether it is intended that this charge should be levied from the soldiers of the King's African Rifles and the police. Hitherto these men have been treated free of charge, and I submit for your consideration that it will be

(considered

Principal Secretary of State



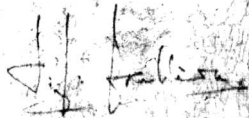
considered a breach of faith on the part of Government  
if the so-called hospital stoppages are instituted  
and will react unfavourably upon discipline and  
recruiting.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,



Acting Commissioner.

Members October 7th

MR. P. J. JACKSON.

No. 547

Reference P. O. disp. No. 667 of  
December 7th 1904.

Inclosure nil.

Received

by cash

Hospital charges

are being to be levied from  
the Soldiers of the R. A. R.

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10 Nov

Sir

I have the honour to ack the rec<sup>t</sup> of your despatch No 547 of the 7<sup>th</sup> of October with reference to the question whether subsistence charges should be paid by soldiers of the H.A.R. and by the police, whilst under treatment in native hospitals

2. I gather from the report furnished to you by the Principal Medical Officer on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 1904 that the main reason for the introduction of subsistence charges on a sliding scale was to prevent the practice

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then prevalent of bringing  
food into the hospitals for  
the use of native patients  
and that the scale which  
was approved by Foreign  
Office despatch No 663  
of the 7<sup>th</sup> of December  
last represents mainly,  
if not wholly, the cost  
of the food now supplied  
to patients of the different  
classes, at the expense  
of the Administration.

3. Should this view  
be correct, it would  
follow that subsistence  
charges should only be  
paid by those members  
of the K.A.R., and of  
the police force, for whom  
rations are not provided

free of charge: it would  
clearly be inequitable to  
enforce subsistence charges  
on men whose rations  
are ordinarily provided by  
the Administration, and  
whose pay is fixed on  
a correspondingly lower  
scale.

4. It would thus seem  
that soldiers belonging to  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the  
K.A.R. and those members  
of the Police force who,  
under the Estimates,  
receive rations in addition  
to their pay, should  
receive hospital treatment  
free of all charge: and  
that soldiers of the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Battalion whose pay is  
higher and who find