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*to the Surgeon Gen*

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Volunteers  
Disability, widows & pensions

Commence to Co further proposals & refers to new rates recommended by Select Commie which the is adopted for E. Africa. If rates are considered insufficient additions might be made from some fund raised locally for the purpose.

*Mr. G. Fildes*

I think that there will be no difficulty in accepting the new Army Pay equivalent Terms for volunteers in the P.A. Prots. Our proposal for treating the new and men as in Class I was only provisional and was subject to be revised when the new P.A.W. terms were announced.

For only the Class I widows pension and the new scale has been announced.

- (1) 10/- a week - 7/6 at 35 - 15/- at 45.
- (2) 5/- for child - 2/- in 2 - 4/- for an additional child

The corresponding rate for the higher classes will be announced shortly.

On the question of the agreement

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Reference  
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for pension in the care of children, the  
Treasury object to our proposal to apply  
the Officers age limit (21 or date of marriage  
if earlier in the case of girls, 18 in the case  
of boys) to all our volunteers. This is  
rather a pity, as in an P.A.P. case we  
have applied the Officers age limit to  
children of a trooper (In<sup>2</sup> Burgers).

We cannot, I think, revoke the decision  
in In<sup>2</sup> Burgers case, but we may  
treat her as a special case. [The Army P.W.  
1247(1) only allows extension of the age limit  
over 14 (boys) and 16 (girls), where the  
child is unable to maintain himself or  
herself on account of physical infirmity.]

We can now send Gov<sup>2</sup> of P.A.P.  
Uganda, Nyasaland copies of copies with  
Treasury (i.e. CO letter on 65325/14,  
43072/14,  
49623/14, ~~45323/14~~  
CO letter on 7004/15 and his Treas. letter)

explain that the S.G.S. considered it  
most equitable and convenient to  
apply the terms of the A.P.W. which are  
applied e.g. to the Territorial Force in  
his country, but that, pending revision  
of the pension scale, he considered  
that the rates contained in the A.P.W.  
could not be applied, and Treas.  
were asked to approve provisionally  
a proposal that all v.c.o.'s and men

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should be regarded as in Class I  
of widows pension, children's compassionate  
allowance and disability pension: Gov<sup>2</sup> that  
as the new terms have now been introduced  
and appear suitable for the volunteer  
Force in P.A. the S.G.S. has decided,  
subject to any representations which the  
Post Govt may have to make, to approve  
the application of the <sup>new</sup> Pay Warrant terms  
without qualification. Let out the terms  
to Class I, and explain that the  
consequential higher grade rates will be  
communicated to him later, as they  
have not yet been announced,

such an  
extension of the  
pension scale  
is not necessary  
in the P.A.P.

and send to each 25 copies of the Form,  
(copies annexed)  
explaining that it is adapted from the  
H.O. Form, for use where the dependents  
of a deceased volunteer reside in the Post.  
Saying in the case of P.A.P. that all  
cases where pension etc is granted in the  
Post should be reported.

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3) in the case of Nyasaland and Uganda  
that all cases where it is proposed to  
grant pension should be submitted for  
prior approval.

also in the case of P.A.P. explain  
what has been done in the case of In<sup>2</sup> Burgers  
saying that the Officers age limit was  
applied

in the case of her children. Before Treasury  
decision was known and that the  
case is not to be treated as a precedent.  
The modification of the terms of the A.P.W.  
Add that when the <sup>Staff</sup> P.D. is assumed  
that the Gov<sup>ts</sup> of the 3 Provs  
have no objection to the new A.P.W.  
terms. The necessary changes will be  
made in Mr. Burgess's provisional  
papers and allow.

② I ackn. not of Treas<sup>r</sup> letter  
say that subject to any representations  
which the Gov<sup>ts</sup> of E.A.P. Uganda  
and Nyasaland Provs may have to offer  
the Staff proposes to approve of the  
application of the new A.P.W. terms to  
in the case of 37 colonists in P.A.  
and that he would be glad to be  
informed of the consequential rates  
for classes I-IV when they are  
decided upon.

H.F.D. 11/3/5

We have assumed in writing to the  
Treasury that all the Provs must be  
treated alike, and it is still open to us  
to have a different arrangement in  
the E.A.P., where most of the cases will  
arise as a matter of fact, however,  
E.A.P. has been better content with the

past proposals than either of the other  
two, & if it is content with the old  
class I (10s per child + 2% per child child)  
it will be content with the new class I<sup>2</sup>;  
which requires the widow's pension  
with age & gives more than 2% for the  
first two children.

I do not think we should dispute (or  
bargain in the case of the E.A.P.) the  
Treasury view as to appreciation of  
children's allowances. On this point  
the position laid upon to Mr. Burgess  
is that he sent him a form child... and  
for tentatives of ~~of~~ children under  
18 (boys) or 21 (girls). In writing to her  
(+P.D.) we said that the age of a woman  
was a matter for further work. We are  
hardly committed to the adoption of  
the "Official" age in this case, we  
had better not create an exception now?

[If we have to form a proposal in regard  
against us we can say, as I think is  
the case, that it is intended to be used  
for the officers, as well as the a.c. rank,  
of our volunteer forces.]

Mr. S. Burgess will get 18%<sup>2</sup> or 2% each  
according as she is under or over 35. The  
form (4828) was sent to CA & 4 being  
recovered for wife on the point of her  
age. [Born 24/9/78 - see P.D. 11/3/5] 60

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in the question  
Home - see 10/11/5  
no record  
March 1955  
P.D. 11/3/5  
at Mr. Burgess's  
15 and under 37  
H.F.D. 11/3/5

As regards the ...  
fact that we are responsible to the ...  
of the ... does not justify our  
relieving S.A.P. from its responsibility to  
us, the S.O. All should normally  
get prior sanction, but all should,  
I think, be allowed to grant provisional  
pension, in cases of necessity, pending  
our reference to & confirmation by the  
S.O.S.

Oct. 22.3.15

Off. for common; but, in writing to  
the Treas<sup>r</sup>, I sh<sup>d</sup> refer to the  
suggestion made in the last para: of  
them 1<sup>st</sup> + point out that, in  
small + struggling European Communities  
like those which exist in the  
S.A.P., Uganda, + N'land; there  
is little or no prospect of any  
fund being raised locally - & that  
there has been a great difference between  
the position of our ... & of the ...  
killed on the Continent. If the ...  
take up the point strongly we  
may eventually be able to get  
Class II (Especially as our cases will  
be few in number) or at any rate  
something

Something better than class II

H. J. R.

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TREASURY CHAMBERS.

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the reply to this Letter the following  
Number should be quoted.

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Sir,

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Read's letter of the 20th ultimo (7444/1915), further relative to the treatment of volunteers in East Africa and their dependents for the purpose of disability pension, widows pension, etc., under the Pay Warrant,

As Mr. Secretary Harcourt will be aware the difficulties with regard to previous social status to which he refers also arise in connection with the New Armies in this country and the Select Committee on Pensions and Grants have been unable to recommend a varying rate of pension corresponding to such variation in civil position.

Nor do My Lords feel able to adopt the suggestion that all volunteers should be treated as if in Class I under Articles 1165 and 1248 of the Pay Warrant irrespective of their actual military rank. My Lords consider that the new pension rates recommended by the Select Committee as embodied in Army Orders should be applied in these cases also. As Mr. Harcourt will be aware the widow's pension scale for the lowest rank (10s. a week rising to  $12\frac{s.d.}{6}$  at 35 and  $15\frac{s.}{-}$  at 45, with  $5\frac{s.}{-}$  for the first child,  $3\frac{s.d.}{6}$  for the second and  $2\frac{s.}{-}$  for further children) has already been adopted by His Majesty's Government as from the 1st instant. The consequential rates for the higher ranks and the detailed disability rates will be announced very shortly. My Lords think that the Committee's recommendations as regards the age limit for children's pensions (viz.

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16 for both boys and girls with extension (under certain circumstances) should also be adopted.

I am to add that the Select Committee also contemplate supplementary grants in addition to the Government rates being made in special cases from other funds and if Mr. Harcourt considers that the Government rates now proposed are insufficient in the circumstances of East Africa, it appears to My Lords that additions might very well be made from a fund raised locally for the purpose.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*J. H. Bradbury*

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*\* 7/11 in the original sent to CA  
and in the second copy.*

Downing Street,  
7/11 *April*  
1915.

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CROWN AGENTS  
FOR THE COLONIES  
MINUTE.

- Mr. Downie 24.3.15
- Mr. Bottomley 25.5.15
- Mr. Read 30
- Mr. (4828)
- Sir G. Fiddes. *1.6*
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Islington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Gentlemen,

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 9th of February, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to inform you that a new scale of pensions and allowances has been adopted for the dependants of members of the Volunteer Forces killed in action in the East African Protectorates and that Mrs. Burgess will now be entitled to a pension of 12s.6d. a week, with 5s. a week for the first daughter and 3s.6d. a week for the second.

for consideration

~~Form signed by Mrs. Burgess  
attached to 11747~~

Mr. Harcourt.

2. On attaining the age of 45 Mrs. Burgess will become entitled to a pension of 15s. a week. The allowances for her two children will cease when they attain the age of 16 years.

Mr Burgess has been asked to supply a certificate of birth in order that her age may be confirmed.

3. I am to request you to issue the pension and allowances at the new rates forthwith, making such adjustments as are necessary for the period from the 26th of September, the date on which the pension and allowances commenced.

4. The pension form which was lent to this Department for reference is returned herewith.

I am etc.

Richard H. J. READ.  
for the Under Secretary of State

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Bowling Street,

7 <sup>April</sup> March, 1915.

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Mr. Downie 24.3.15

Mr. Bottomley 29.3.15

Mr. Read 30

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Mr G. Fiddes. 4 *fg*

Mr H. Just.

Mr J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

Consideration

Madam,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to inform you that, in order to bring them into conformity with the new rates of pension, which have been laid down for widows of members of the Regular Army killed in action, the pensions provisionally granted to you and your daughters will now be fixed at 12s.6d. a week for yourself, with 5s. a week for your first daughter and 3s.6d. a week for the second, or 21.1s. a week altogether.

Drafts.



2. This alteration will take effect from the date of commencement of the pension, and the necessary instructions have been given to the Crown

Agents for the Colonies.

3. *In the case of the widows*  
The new scale of pension

is graded according to the age of the recipient, and on attaining the

age of forty-five you will be entitled to pension at the rate of 15s. a week.

It will, therefore, be necessary for you to send to this Department a certificate of birth, in order that your age

may be confirmed. The allowances for your two daughters will cease on their

attaining the age of sixteen years.

I am etc.,

(Signed) H. J. READ.

for the Under Secretary of State

Downing Street,

7 April 1915.

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SECRETARY

TO THE TREASURY  
MINUTE.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary

Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt of

Mr. Downie 24.3.15

Mr. Bottomley 29.3.15

Mr. Read 30.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

(11737)

your letter No. 5961/15 of the 10th of

March, regarding the rates of widows' pension, disability pension, and

children's compassionate allowance to

be granted ~~in the case~~ of the Volunteer

forces serving in the East African

Protectorates, and to inform you that

he is consulting the Governors of those

Protectorates on the subject.

2. In the meantime, Mr. Harcourt

does not wish to press either the

suggestion

for drafts.

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Copy sent 10/3  
Copy sent 18/4*

suggestion that all non-commissioned ranks of the volunteer forces in East Africa should be treated as in Class I for purposes of widows' pension and disability pension, or the proposal to apply to all ranks the age limit qualifying for children's allowance in the case of officers. He feels bound, however, to point out, with reference to the suggestion contained in the last paragraph of your letter, that, in small and struggling European communities like those which exist in the East Africa Protectorate, Uganda and Nyasaland, there is little or no prospect of any fund being raised locally for the assistance of the dependants of volunteers; and that herein lies a great difference between the position of the volunteers in East Africa and that of soldiers of the Regular Army. Having

regard

regard to the way in which the European communities in these Protectorates have responded to the call to arms Mr. Harcourt does not consider that the Government should expect them to supplement the payments made from official sources. He would also point out that the number of cases in which pensions will have to be given is not likely to be large.

I am etc.,

(Signed) H. J. READ,  
for the Under Secretary of State

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- (1) EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE
- (2) UGANDA PROTECTORATE
- (3) NYASALAND

NO. 26  
 NO. 103  
 NO. 45

*Ans'd - 28/3/15*  
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*(S) Amount - 46600*

Downing Street,  
 7 April  
 March, 1915.

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- (1) GOVERNOR SIR H. C. BELFIELD, K. C. M. G.
  - (2) GOVERNOR SIR F. J. JACKSON, K. C. M. G., C. B.
  - (3) GOVERNOR SIR G. SMITH, K. C. M. G.
- MINUTE.

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Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

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- each Protectorate  
 copies of pension form  
 herewith.
- Treas. 24 Nov. 1914. ✓
  - 45325
  - Treas. 11 Dec. 1914. ✓
  - 49825
  - Treas. 20 Feb. 1915. ✓
  - 8444
  - Treas 10 March
  - 11737
  - Treas. *March* *11 April*
- dft. herewith. *70/10/15*

Sir,

With reference to your

- (1) telegram of the 19th of January
- (2) despatch No. 438 of the 19th of October.
- (3) telegram of the 13th of February

I have the honour to transmit to you for your consideration the accompanying copies of correspondence with the Treasury on the subject of disability pension, widows' pension, and children's compassionate allowance, for officers and men of the volunteer forces in East Africa.

I also transmit a copy of the

Report

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Report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed to consider the question of pensions to dependants of members of the Regular Army killed in action.

2. The new scale laid down by the Committee for Class V is more favourable than the <sup>old scale</sup> of the Army Pay Warrant <sup>attached to Class I</sup>, and I should be glad to learn whether you see any objection to accepting the new terms without qualification for volunteer forces in East Africa. I should have preferred that the age limit qualifying for compassionate allowance in the case of officers' children (viz. 18 in the case of boys, and 21 or the date of marriage, if earlier, in the case of girls;) should have been applied to children of volunteers of Non-commissioned rank, but I do not feel that I can ask the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to reconsider their objection

to

to that proposal. Subject to any representations which you or

- (1) the Governors of Uganda and Nyasaland
- (2) the Governors of the East Africa Protectorate and Nyasaland.
- (3) the Governors of the East Africa Protectorate and Uganda.

may have to offer I approve the application to the Protectorates of the new scales sanctioned for the home Army.

3. The new scale of widows' pension and children's allowance for Class V is laid down in the third paragraph of the Treasury letter of the 10th of March, a copy of which is enclosed. The rates of disability pension for Class V which <sup>are</sup> proposed by the Select Committee will be found in the last column of the table on page 5 of the Report.

The rates laid down for Classes I- IV have not yet been announced, and will be communicated to you in a later

despatch.

4. Copies of a form which has been adapted from the <sup>War Office</sup> Widows and Orphans pension form are enclosed for use in cases where a volunteer's widow resides in the Protectorate. You will observe that it may be used both for officers and non-commissioned ranks, but in the case of the latter the limiting age for children's allowance will be 16 in the case of both girls and boys.

It is essential, for ultimate if not for immediate use, that certificates of birth or other satisfactory evidence of date of birth should be furnished in the case of all widows and children concerned.

5. A proposal to grant the pension or allowance in a particular case should be submitted for my prior approval, but a provisional pension may be granted immediately in cases of necessity, subject

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to my confirmation being obtained subsequently.

6. Officers of the Colonial service who are killed or injured on active service will be treated specially and not necessarily under the terms of the Royal Warrant.

7. With reference to my despatch No. 91 of the 9th of February, I have to inform you that Mrs Burgess is entitled, under the new scale, to a pension of 12/6 a week (as she is between 35 and 45 years of age), with 5/- for her first daughter and 3/6 for the second, £1.1.0 altogether. Mrs Burgess has been informed that this amendment of the pension provisionally granted will be introduced immediately with retrospective effect, and the necessary instructions have been given

to

to the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

6. You will understand that <sup>in this matter</sup> uni- for (1) only  
formity of procedure as between the Pro-  
tectorate in Eastern Africa is essential,  
and that therefore I am not able to ~~am~~  
approve of different arrangements being  
adopted in the East Africa Protectorate  
from those of which the Treasury have  
approved for Uganda and Nyasaland.

I have, &c.,

(Sgd.) L. HARGREAVES.

to the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

8. You will understand that <sup>in this matter</sup> uni- for (1) only  
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I have, &c.,

(Sgd.) L. HARGREAVES.

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Anderson 21

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M. Downie

East Africa Dept.

Colonial Office.

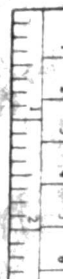
COL. 11747/1915 of 7 April 1915  
respecting pension & allowances  
of SM. Burgess.

We attach for inspection and return,  
a letter which we have received from Mrs  
Burgess respecting her pension.

We presume that the letter of 12<sup>th</sup> April  
ad to in para. 1 of her letter, is a C.O.

It to see the birth certificate  
please?

right  
Agents



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