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War Office

1917

26 Feb.

Last previous Paper
N/6310

M. W. H. Keefield

Sends letter from Chelsea Hosp. stating that
has Mr. Keefield been serving in British Army
at the date of his wound he would now have
been awarded a pension of 12/6 a week for
a further conditional period of 6 mos.

Mr. Keefield;

The six months' period for which
we recommend a pension
has already expired owing to the
delay of W.O. in dealing with the
matter

Straight away reference
I think we should grant him a
pension of 12/6 a week from 1 July
18th (not Aug. 13th as W.O. indicated
July 12th being the date up to which
he was last given pension) to be
continued until further notice pending
his 6 months' & thereafter review of the
circumstances of the pension as the result
of a fresh Board's report.

To Keefield 5 March 17
To CA
Jbr 22. 15 March 17
Gud. Cas. 27 March 17
W.O. 28 March 17
W.O. 22 May 17 N/25960

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Let Read

It was we who assumed that the previous W.O. letter, 4784, meant that they were engineering whether a big or person than if a day should be awarded from August (or July) last, for 6 months. In view of this letter from Chelsea, I now think that they referred to a further award for 6 months after the expiration of the first six months, and that they realised that the first six months had nearly (or quite, on the July basis) expired.

On this point interpretation (which he mightily admits is as plausible as his own), we have authority for 6 months at 1/2 day from 13 July & 6 months at 12 1/2 a week from 13 Jan, and I am inclined to go further and give 12 1/2 a week from 13 July for 12 months - it is only a matter of £7 odd, and only Prob. funds are concerned.

If this is agreed to we need not have a further Board till June.

W.C.S. 1/3/17

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Let Read asked what this might be cleared up further with Let Ashley. Pl. see now Let Ashley's

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 referred to
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letter to me attached

W.O. we have given him (if they had not allowed for the gratuity paid to him on discharge) 1/2 a day for 6 months as from July 13th 1916 & 12/6 a week for 6 months after that. (is as from 13 Jan 1917)

? Give Mr. Nesbitt the same from East funds.

Mr. Nesbitt has already received 1/2 a day as from Aug. 13th, so that he has up to date received practically everything to which he is entitled ^{except for his pension}. The issue of W.O. in deciding upon the matter, has, as it turns out, hardly affected him at all. And it must be borne in mind that we are treating him more generously than W.O. we have done as W.O. we most probably have deducted some of the pension on the ground of the discharge gratuity which they gave him as an invalided officer.

~~W.O.~~

* But not certain that is any proper way of the gratuity

W.O. has the 1/2 a day as from 13 Jan 1917

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W.O. 3/3/17

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War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.

2/3/17

Dear Maclarty

Your teleph. home enquiry
is field (C.O. Letter of 26/2

7) -

If he had been our case, the
day pension would have run
months after he relinquished
mission; and the 12/6 pension
months after that.

He relinquished on 13.7.16 and
is given a non-effective gratuity

of 3 months pay as an officer.
Whether we should in consequence
have not issued his pension for
3 months after relinquishment
I am not certain but you need
consider no gratuity, I should
think?

Yours sincerely
J. G. Able

of 3 months pay as an officer.
Whether we should in consequence
have not issued his pension, 3
3 months after relinquishment
I am not certain but you need
consider our gratuity, I should
think?

Yours Sincerely
P. G. Achle

W. Butterbee brought Mr. Penfield's notes to me yesterday & she pressed for further comment as to the amount of the pension on the ground that he is - for the time at all events - wholly incapacitated. I promised that we would try again, but made it clear that our rule - to follow what we are told the Army practice would be - was absolute.

I sketched a draft, embodying what she said. I fear that there is little here in it, but if the facts are as stated there must be some explanation of the theory that he is only half incapacitated, & that explanation can only be that the facts have not been fully considered.

W.C.S. - 24.3.17.

atonce H. J. R.

24/3/17

Remind W.O. Lt.

W.C.S. 30.4.17 atonce

All further communications on
this subject should be addressed

The Secretary
War Office,
London, S.W.

and the following number enclosed.

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REC'D
RFR. 28 FEB 17

WAR OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W.

26 February, 1917.

Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 20th
ultimo, No. 36387/16, relative to Mr. W. E. Hesfield, I am
commanded by the Army Council to transmit the enclosed copy
of a letter dated the 12th instant from the Secretary, Royal
Hospital, Chelsea.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



The Under-Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.

THE ROYAL HOSPITAL,
CHELSEA, S.W.

Secretary's Office.

12th February, 1917.

10858

REC^d
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Sir,

With further reference to your letters of the 26th and 29th ultimo, No. 109631/2 (F.3.), relative to the man named in the margin, I am directed by the Lords and others, Commissioners of this Hospital, to inform you that Mr. Nesfield has been re-examined by a Medical Board who report that he is now incapacitated to the extent of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$).

Lieutenant
Nesfield,
of Loyal
Lancashire
Regt.

Had Mr. Nesfield been serving in the British Army at the date of his wound the Commissioners would now have awarded him a pension of 12/6 a week for a further conditional period of 6 months under the Royal Warrant of the 21st May, 1915.

The enclosures of your letter are returned.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) W.H. Willcox,

Assistant Secretary,

Secretary,
War Office (P.S.)
Whitehall, S.W.

As soon as they have
 gone, hoping to return
 to the States as soon
 as possible. I shall
 be glad to hear from
 you. I am, Sir,
 Yours faithfully,
 H. J. H.

~~20~~
 5 March 1917

Sir
 With ref. to the letter from
 the Dept. of February 2nd
 I am etc to inform you that
 he has now received from
 the War Office ^{information} as to the amount
 of disability compensation
 which you ^{would} have received
 in respect of the wound
 sustained by you in E. Africa
 if you had been serving
 in the British Army at the
 time.

DRAFT

Lt. H. Newfield Reg

MINUTE

- Mr. 4/3/17
- Mr. Schumley 5/3/17
- Mr. Ba...
- Mr. Grindle.
- Mr. Lambert.
- X Mr. Read.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Mr. Steel Maitland.
- Mr. B...

The War Office state
 that you ^{would} have received
 a conditional wound pension
 at the rate of 4/- a
 day, as from July 13th 1916
 for six months, to be
 allowed at the end of
 that period (i.e. as from
 Jan. 13th 1917) by a further
 conditional pension at the
 rate of 12/6 a week for

for seven minutes
 2 Dk

Dk informing Com. of
 pension issued to
 be written afterwards.

to apply to the Colonial
Plantation Dept. 13th 1917
Office with a view to 167

medical examination as
to further issue of
passing after 14th 1917
and finally that
in date

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(Sd) H. J. BIRD

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5 March 1917

Penkewen,

Letter of. to the Genl

[4784]

from this Dept. of Feb 2nd

I am etc to witness that
the disability compensation
payable to Mr W.H.

Wesley, late Prospector,
East African Mounted Rifles,
has now been definitely
fixed as follows:

Pension at the rate of
1/2 a day from July 13th
1916 to January 12th
1917 inclusive

Pension at the rate of
1 1/2 a day from July
January 13th 1917 to
July 12th 1917 inclusive.

2 yrs are authorized
to pay Mr Wesley

DRAFT.

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MINUTE.

Mr. Egan 4/5/17

Mr. Bottomley 5/2/17

Mr. Battarbee 5

Mr. Grindle.

Mr. Lambert.

Mr. Read.

Mr. G. Fildes.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Duncan-Lane Long

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to work
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pension as above from

Ecologica Progr. funds,

after ~~making~~ making

the necessary adjustment

in respect of the issue of the

provisional allowance

($\frac{1}{2}$ a day ~~per~~ for

six months as from

August 13th 1918) of

which you were notified

in the letter from this

Dept. of February 2nd

Yours

}

Wm. D. Smith

East African Dept

The P.P.A. would be glad to have

your views on this as soon as

possible

as advised by Mr Butler
Mr Bastwick

1915

recruited was a hooper in the E.A. Mounted

15.2.17

(an P.A. (local Volunteer force) & was

aided to Ireland in 1915 & granted the wound compensation

that he would have received if he had been serving in the

army (this being the rate for members of the Home Guard

at the time) viz 10/- a day for 12 months ^{from Jan 1st 1915} conditional/ 150/-

but that this was exactly what he would have received

if he had been serving under arms.

Mr. [Name] gave him a commission as 2nd Lieut. in

the British army in spite of his disability.

When on the expiration of the 12 months' conditional

commission, we asked Mr. [Name] what he would have received if

he had been serving under arms as a Trooper at the

time when he received his wound. Mr. [Name] replied that he

in the A.O.R. is concerned (to Nestled is being (and will be) given precisely the same compensation (as he wd have received if he had been serving in the British Army. In some respects he has received more favorable treatment than the question of compensation in respect of his commissioned rank is not, of course, for Co, but for W.O. & it appears that W.O. take the line that they will not pay anything - except the 3 months ^{pay} referred to above

In putting him on Post Service again from August 13th we followed W.O. /4784 It may have been a mistake for July 13th but we can clear this up when we get the further W.O. letter. W.O. 507

The only legitimate ground of grievance at present is the horrible delay on the part of the W.O. in replying to our enquiry of the 5th of August last (on 39387) as to the rate at which Mr Nestled's pension should be renewed on his relinquishing his commission. It would seem from the communication from Mr Nestled's brother that there were contradictory medical boards in fact. When the W.O. at last answered us on the 25th of August

to 50 months
[2784], they gave 2 a day as the
amount due retrospectively, of course,
but stated that the Chelsea Comtee
had been asked what further award
of pension would now be made. It
is not clear whether this refers to
period or rate. We shall ^{to} hear again. It is premature to say
that Mr. Mesfield will not get the
increased private's rate.

We should press the W.O. for a
speedy decision, & we ought to have
handed them between August & January
last.

Yes.
p. 8

Harb.

15.2.17

H. J. L.

15.2.17

Yes. I'd write letters off by 5.00. It is
not the first time that undersigned discussed it has
been brought to the C. in previous matters very often
discussed & battles on same with Chelsea

P.B. 17

17.11.17

23a, Laxham Gardens, S.W.

Feb. 4th. 1917.

know my unfortunate little brother was so badly wounded in British Africa that he is no longer fit for anything but to go and learn fruit farm in Sussex, which he is to start on Wednesday.

He was wounded while a trooper, under the Colonial Office, then after an operation to his head at home he was sufficiently recovered to get a Commission in the Loyal North Lancs., of course under the War Office; but he was so much affected by his wound as time went on, - he became much deafer and his left eye grew worse etc. - that after thirteen months with the regiment he was invalided out on July 13th, and sent to Princess Henry's Hospital to be operated on.

After that he had set his heart on getting back to his regiment the War Office were five months making up their minds as to whether he would be reinstated in his Commission or not. During this time, the Colonial Office called him up for a Medical Board to decide whether he was entitled to any more pension or not, (they paid him 1/6 a day for one year, June 12th. 1915 - 1916, the minimum pension, I believe, for a trooper).

The Medical Board on Nov. 13th., to our astonishment, passed him for "General Service", but the War Office finally gave him a Medical Certificate on Jan. 5th. which would not pass him at all! He has lately become totally deaf in the right ear too; his left drum was of course shot

Now the War Office and the Colonial Office are disputing about the pension. The War Office will do nothing, we understand, because

was wounded under the Colonial Office. He has had no pension whatever since June - 4 months!

After much correspondence the Colonial Office writes, "I am directed by Mr. Secretary Long to inform you that the Crown Agents for the Colonies have been authorized to pay you at the rate of 1/- a day for 4 months from 13th August 1916, pending the final decision by the Army Council as to the precise amount of compensation which you would have".

Doesn't it seem simply disgraceful? Especially when now the pension for privates has been raised from 19/- to 25/- per week.

Now do you think, before the final decision is made as to the amount of his pension, that you could bring the case to Mr. Long's notice? Now it would seem a small matter to such a frantically busy man, but I can't believe he would allow such an injustice to pass if he knew it.

but his sister Mrs. Herbert is
 a very great friend of mine
 they are all very badly off &
 feeling desperate she wrote to
 me & I've had the letter
 copied in type to make easier
 reading. I've told her I don't
 doubt anything comes of it that

is difficult these things are, but
 I'm glad she had such faith in
 my power if the thing is possible
 I'll try to try.

do hope you & Aunt Doreen are
 keeping fairly fit. From all the
 news I heard of dear Toby. I
 always think he was the epitome of
 the motto there is in Kipling's "If"

The Hunt for you has must
be awful & how splendid it was
of you attending that meeting

Yours affec. niece
Marjorie (Mrs. Nally)

If nothing can be done re enclosed
will you just return it in the
envelope & I shall understand, &
I am so sorry to write.

Mr Butler

I have sent a copy
of your beautiful drawing
into the form of a letter
to Mr Long's Correspondent,
and Mr Long has promised
to pass to you for a
decision.

Would you not
please send a draft
to Mr Long's Correspondent

M.S.

19.2.17

Downing Street.

17 February, 1917.

My dear Marjorie,

I enclose a statement about Mr Nesfield. We are governed in these matters by War Office Rules and practice.

I am afraid there has been undue delay which I regret.

Do you know if Mr Nesfield is in difficult circumstances? I am perusing the matter and will write you again.

Yours etc.

W.

I discovered the 140 Gas drum with a trace
 and it was away before the road just missing
 the bus which is much speed. It was last found
 in the head lane. This should be the road
 road is very passed on several services
 now it can be said I cannot have found
 anything or really. It is more than probably is
 the road it was in 39 and it is now
 the full work in the Sunday. It is at 10.00
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 is a sort of to the end of the district is the same
 as the other one

140 Gas

COPY.

Princess Henry of Battenburg's Hospital
for Officers,
30, Hill Street, W.

January 30th, 1917.

Mr. W. H. Nesfield was admitted into this Hospital April 12th, 1917, suffering from occluded left external auditory meatus, left side of nose partially blocked some facial paralysis left side. These conditions were caused by rifle bullet. He is deaf on left side and a number of teeth were knocked out. Mr Gay French has since operated on the nose, clearing the passage. Mr Nesfield's general health was much affected by his injuries.

(Signed) A. J. RICE-OXLEY. M.D.
Hon. Medical Director & Acting
General Physician.

Mr Bottomley

As soon as you have cleared up the
matters somewhat further would you
please let me know. Mr Long's answer
to date reply to his correspondent as soon
as possible

WCS

2.3.17

Mr Bottomley

There may be a few days' delay Mr
Ashley, W.O., says that their letters mean $\frac{3}{4}$ a
day from 13 July + 12 $\frac{1}{6}$ ^{with} a day from 13 Jan, but
he agrees that this is not sense. He is looking
into the case & will let us know what should
be done - he knows that we are being pressed.

WCS

2/3/17

Mr Bottomley

Please see copy of S.P.S. interim reply
WCS 2.3.17

Downing Street,

2 March, 1917.

My dear Marjorie,

Many thanks for your letter giving further information about Hesfield. We are continuing to press the War Office, and as soon as I have anything more to report I will at once let you know.

Yours &c.

(SD.) W.H.L.

Downing Street.

7th March, 1917.

My dear Marjorie,

We have now had a further reply from the War Office about Mr Nesfield, in which they state that Nesfield, if he had been in the British Army, would have received a conditional wound pension at the rate of 1/- a day from July 13th 1916 for six months, to be followed at the end of that period (i.e. as from January 13th, 1917) by a further conditional pension at the rate of 12/6 a week for another six months.

Nesfield's pension from East Africa funds has accordingly been fixed as above, and more than this I fear it is impossible for us to do. It will, of course, be open to him to apply to the Colonial Office shortly before July 12th 1917 with a view to medical re-examination as to a further issue of pension after that date.

Yours ^{affly,} etc.

(sd.) WALTER H. LONG.

Perhaps Mr. N. would like to come here & talk over his case.

W.O. EAP

10858/17
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15 March 1917

Sir,

with ref to my predecessor's

dep No 405 of the 15th of June 1916

I have the honour to inform you
that the disability compensation

payable to Mr. W.H. Nesfield

late Trooper, East African Mounted
Rifles, relinquished his Commission in the Army
on the 13th of July 1916 on the ground of ill
health and that the disability compensation for
Rifles has now been definitely

fixed as follows:-

Pension at the rate of 1/- a day

from the 13th of July 1916 to the 31st

of June 1917 inclusive

Pension at the rate of 12/6

per week from the 13th of June 1917 to

the 12th of July 1917 inclusive

DRAFT.

(27018/16)

No 222

Mr. Belfield
MINUTE.

Mr. Jewell 12/3/17
Mr. Birtanley 2.3.17 f.
Mr.

Mr. Grindle.

Mr. Lambert.

Mr. Road.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Long.

paid to him
from S.A.P. fund

Mr. Belfield to Mr. C.H.
said "a day". Then told
them to work it to a week

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27 March 1917

Ans'd 33117
Dr 1438

Sir,

I am to request you to
invite the attention of the
A.C. to your letter, no:

109631/2 (73), of the
26 B of February, enclosing

a copy of a letter from
the Secretary, Royal Hospital,
Chelsea, in which it was
stated that if Mr W.H.
Hesfield, late Royal
North Lancs. Regt and

formerly a Trooper, S.A.
Mounted Rifles, had been
serving in the British
Army at the date of his
wound he would have
been granted a conditional
pension of 133.6s. a year

DRAFT.

The Secretary

War Office

MINUTE.

Mr. Protheroy 24/3/17

Mr.

Mr.

Mr. Grindle.

Mr. Lambert.

Mr. Badi. 24

Sir G. Fiddes.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Long.

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further minutes

W. Battersby to be

It has been seen &
entirely approved
W.B.

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2. It has been
represented to us long
that the view of
the Com^{rs} of the Royal
Hospital that Mr Resfield
has been incapacitated
to the extent of one-half
only may have been based
on a misapprehension, as
it is stated that, in spite
of four operations, he is
totally deaf and that
there is some injury,
possibly temporary, to the
brain. It appears that
Mr Resfield has been
compelled by his condition
to relinquish an attempt
to undertake a civil
occupation:

3. We long for no more
to disturb the practice
by which disability
is determined by the

the E. A. forces in 185
assessed on the basis of
that which they would
have received if they had
been in the British Army;
but he considers it necessary
to draw attention to the
facts of this case as it is
possible that the Com^{rs}
were not fully acquainted
with the extent of Mr
Resfield's incapacitation. He
will be glad if it is possible
for them to give further
consideration to the matter.

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G. H. B. B. B.