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The Under Secretary of State,
Home Office.

From Moore (encl. to No. 8)

To " (No. 9.)

Petition. (encl. in No. 11
in original)

Memo. (A.H.)

FURTHER ACTION.

Sir,

Downing Street,

I enclose to you the receipt of your letter No. 456,443/29 of the 18th of Sept. transmitting a petition from ^{apparently} ~~Mr~~ H. Moore who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in Bristol Prison under the name of G. Westbury, and to enclose, for the information of Secretary Sir John Simon, copies of further correspondence with ~~him~~ Moore. As requested in his letter of the 7th of Sept. the letter of the 25th of Sept. from this Dept. was sent to him at his private address.

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As that letter contains the substance of the relevant passage in the letter from this Dept. of the 28th of August, it would appear that ~~as far as~~ this Dept. is concerned no further action is necessary, ~~and~~ ^{copy sent and the original returned} Moore's petition is

returned

returned herewith. It will be observed
that he proposed to plead that the loss
of his pension was mainly contributory to
his present position. In this connection
I am to invite attention to the concluding
words of para. 2 of the letter addressed to
him from this Dept. on the 25th of
Sept. The facts are set out in the enclosed
memo, from which it will be seen that

Moore not only took no steps in the
matter when he became eligible for a further
award on his discharge from the Imperial
Labour Corps in Nov. 1920, but ignored all
communications addressed to him with regard

to an overpayment of his original award
It is observed that, in your letter
under reply, Mr. Moore is referred to as
serving a sentence of imprisonment in
Brixton Prison. In his letter of the 17th
of Sept. however, he stated that he was
not a convicted man at present, and am
hoping to be released on bail in a couple
of

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consideration for

respect of the period between the
20th of August 1919
when he re-entered in
the Imperial Labour Corps
and the 31st of Oct. 1919

(encl. 2 Nos)

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Secretary of State.

of days". In case Mr. Moore sees fit
to address any further communications
to this Dept. I am to request that I
may be furnished with a list of his
previous convictions.

DRAFT.

General J. L. W. FLOOD

and in his present petition
he describes himself as "for trial".
He has apparently been sentenced to
imprisonment at various times and I
am to request that a history of his
career, so far as is known to the Police,
may be furnished for record in case
he wishes to continue "on trial".

FURTHER ACTION.

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MEMORANDUM.

67394/19.

(In column)
— R-307

In November 1919 it was reported that Mr. Moore, who had served as a Lieutenant in the Imperial Military Labour Corps, had been awarded, by the Imperial Pensions Board, Pretoria, a pension at the rate of £52.10.0 p.a. from the 10th of April to the 31st of Oct. 1919; and, as he was then in England, the Crown Agents for the Colonies were authorised to pay this pension to him (subject to a deduction in respect of a short period when he had been in hospital).

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(In column)

Shortly afterwards it was pointed out by the Ministry of Pensions that, if Mr. Moore had been serving under British Army Regulations he would also have been eligible for a bonus of 20% on this award. The Ministry of Pensions was then requested to arrange for Mr. Moore to be medically re-examined, and for the payment to him of any further award which he would have received had he been serving under British Army Regulations.

34812/20.

In July 1920 the Ministry of Pensions drew attention to the fact that, as Mr. Moore had re-enlisted in the Imperial Labour Corps on the 20th of August, 1919,

with

and his service with the East African Military Labour
corps.

No.1 on
15955/29

In December 1929 a communication was received ^{by}
~~from~~ the C.A. for the Col. from the Officers Association,
through the Office of the H.Gr. for S.A., enclosing a
letter from Mr. Moore regarding an application for the
renewal of his disability pension. As the M/P had already
been dealing with the case, this communication was
referred to that Dept. for the necessary action.

No.1 on
38118/35.

In May 1935, Mr. Moore called at the C.O. and
subsequently wrote in, reviewing the history of his case
and applying for a compassionate grant. In due course
he was informed that copies of his letters had been sent
to the M/P as the matter appeared to pertain to that
Dept. rather than to the C.O.

Any communication on the subject of this letter should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
HOME OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

and the following number quoted—

456,443/29.



HOME OFFICE,
WHITEHALL.

PRESSING

28th September, 1936.



Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 28th August last (28118/36) with which you forwarded a letter from Mr. H. Moore, who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in Bristol Prison in the name of W. G. Westbury, I am directed by Secretary Sir John Simon to transmit a petition which has been addressed to him by the prisoner asking that your letter to this Department or an extract from it may be furnished to him for production at his trial at the Bristol Assizes on the 6th proximo for the purpose of showing that his pension was not taken away because of misconduct.

Sir John Simon thinks it undesirable on general grounds that an inter-Departmental communication of this kind should be furnished to the prisoner or produced in court, and he would suggest, for Mr. Ormsby-Gore's consideration, that if he sees no objection a special letter should be addressed to the prisoner by your Department dealing with the point which he raises.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

S. G. G.

The Under Secretary of State,
COLONIAL OFFICE.

and, along with (12)

C. O.

Mr. Evans 17.9

Mr. Parkin 19.9

Mr. Flood 21.9

Sir C. Parkinson

Sir G. Tomkinson

Sir C. Bottomley

Sir J. Shackburgh

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Secretary of State.

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26 September, 1920

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Sir

I am directed to refer
(added to the known Agents for the claim)

to your letter of the 7th
of September and to transmit
to you, as requested,
copies of the letter from
this Office to you dated
the 24th of August 1920 and
of the enclosures thereto.

2. With regard to
the loss of ^{your} disability
pension, ~~and I am to~~
~~state that you were~~
awarded a pension at the
rate of £52.00.0 per annum
which was paid to you
up to the 31st of October, 1919.
In consequence of
your re-enlistment in

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H. Moore Esq
17 River Street
E.C. 1

24.8.20 (in 40697/20) ✓
14.12.19 (in 67394/19) ✓
16.1.20 (in 67394/19) ✓
21.1.20 (in 67394/19) ✓

(attach copies to this file)
H. Moore

FURTHER ACTION.

Copy to C.A.

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write to H.O. about
him

The Imperial Labour Office
 on the 20th of August, 1936,
 with the result of my enquiries -
 saying you became ineligible
 from that date for any award
 of retired pay until you
 ceased to serve with His
 Majesty's Forces, when it became open to you to look up the
 matter again with
 the Ministry of Pensions.
~~to add these~~
 Full particulars of your military
 service and your claims to a
 disability pension are in the
 possession of the Ministry of
 Pensions ~~and also~~ any further
 enquiries should be addressed to
 me by post.

(Signed) J. E. W. FLOSB

C. O.

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Mr. Crossland
 Mr. 21.8.36
 Mr.
 Sir C. Parkman
 Sir G. Tomlinson
 Sir C. Batsmore
 Sir J. Shackburgh
 Agent U.S. of S.
 Party U.S. of S.
 Secretary of State.

DOWNING STREET.

28 August, 1936.

Sir,

I am etc. to transmit to
 you, to be laid before Secretary
 Sir J. Simon, a copy of a letter from
 Mr. H. Moore, who appears to be
 serving a sentence of imprisonment
 at Bristol Prison under the name
 of W.G. Westbury.

It will be seen that

Mr. Moore asks the Crown Agents for
 the Colonies to furnish him with a
 letter to prove to the Police
 Authorities that he served as a
~~Commissioned~~
 Commissioned Officer in East Africa
 during the late War. A copy of the
 letter which was sent to Mr. Moore
 from the Colonial Office is enclosed
 herewith, and I am to request that,

DRAFT.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
 HOME OFFICE.

✓ 28 Aug 21/9/36 22190/53
 ✓ for home 10/9/36
 sent in 6 in
 my working copy

FURTHER ACTION.

if no objection is seen, it may be
communicated to Mr. Moore.

Mr. Moore made representations
to the Colonial Office in May, 1935
with a view to the restoration of a disability
pension which was granted to him on his
discharge from the East Africa Military
Labour Corps. A pension, at the rate of
£52.10.- per annum was paid to Mr. Moore
up to the 31st of October, 1919. He
re-enlisted in the Imperial Labour Corps
on the 20th of August, 1919, with the rank
of Sgt. Major, and thus became ineligible
from that date for any award of retired pay
until he ceased to serve with H.M. Forces.
It is understood that an overpayment of
£10.8.10 was made to him in respect of
his pension, but that he ignored all subsequent
communications from the Ministry of Pensions
for the refund of the amount overpaid.
Full particulars of Mr. Moore's military
service etc. and all his claims to a disability
pension

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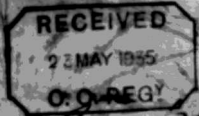
pension are in the possession of the
Ministry of Pensions, and Mr. Moore
should address any further
communications in this matter to that
Department rather than to the
Colonial Office.

I am, etc.

Yours faithfully,
Signed J. E. W. FLOOD

DRAFT.

FURTHER ACTION.



7. Millman St.
W. C. I.

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22nd May 35

Your 38118/35

Sir, I have the honour to acknowledge
No. 2 yours of 21st inst.

(1) I would particularly ask you
to please realize, that any medical
examination which may be suggested
in 1935, would not give much
indication of the condition shown
in the period after the War 1919-1922
& later.

(2) It was pointed out to me
at the Crown Agents in 1920 - after
being discharged from temporary employ-
ment in Chinese Labour Corps -
"That £52.10 - per annum for
6 months - disability pension, only
"represented a 47% disability,
which

" which appeared as though some
 " clerical error may have been
 " made in the notes of the case -
 " as 40% to 60% Disability
 " was my condition at Darben
 " in 1919.

Of course being informed
 that " as I had joined the Army
 I had lost my pension precluded
 me from arguing the point
 further.

I think you will agree with
 me that no pensions were given
 to Officers at that time for such
 a minor disability as 4% - 5%.

Thanking you,

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

Warrenstan Moore, 2nd Lieut
 E. AFRICA. M.L.C.

KENYA PENSIONS.

7, Millman Street,

London, W.C. 1.

15th May, 1936.

H. M. Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies,
Kenya Branch Division,
Downing Street, Whitehall, S.W. 1.

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1935
Ret P Col
H. Burnham
and sub-agent

Sir,

I have the honour to submit for your gracious consideration at this time of Jubilee the following facts:-

- (1) It has been publically stated "that ex-service men will not be forgotten this happy time, and that no single case of alleged unfair treatment should be allowed to stand".
- (2) At Durban 1919, April, I was granted a temporary 60 per cent *on basis of my service in E.A.M.C. 1917-1919* disability pension, being practically blind from iritis and suffering from malignant malarial.
- (3) Within quite a short period I was admitted to Hospital at Pretoria suffering from blood-poisoning due to some kind of East African fly infection.
- (4) A few weeks later in Durban the Medical Board advised me "if you want to get rid of malarial, which has affected your heart, and have your eyes seen to you should go to Europe."
- (5) In the chaotic state of those days I paid my own passage £12. 10. 0 from Durban to Cape Town ("Edinburgh Castle") and £60. odd to Plymouth ("Kildonan Castle") on the understanding that these amounts would be refunded me in London.
- (6) On arrival at Plymouth "Pensions" knew nothing of me. Dr. Kelly, a civilian practitioner gave me advice for my eye and treatment for the malignant malarial, for which services my father paid.
- (7) I went to London at my own expense where the Crown agents informed me they could not understand how that in my state I had been

Answer 2

10/11/36 H. M. Under Secretary of State

given an "anticipatory pension" at the rate of £52. per annum only for a period of six months. They gave me £25, saying that the question of my fares would be a matter for East Africa later, as it was part of the treatment to which I was entitled. Crown Agents said I was to be boarded, but on arrival at Chelsea "no papers of mine were to hand" and I was told South African Commissioner would have my case as I was boarded at Durban.

- (8) Some time elapsed but no arrangements for a board were indicated.
- (9) Being unemployed and having dependants I was offered temporary employment in the Chinese Labour Corps at 9/- a day for escort work, being advised that as the work was of a non-combatative nature and purely a palative scheme to relieve unemployment organised by the War Office, my pension would not in any way be prejudiced.
- (10) At Abbeville Military Hospital September, 1919, I was admitted suffering from malaria complications.
- (11) Later, I had recurrent attacks, two very severe ones at Dublin and Wimbledon 1920, but although attached to the Army lived in "digs" and was treated by civilian doctors.
- (12) The temporary engagement finished October/November 1920.
- (13) Bearded as a Sergeant Major at Woolwich Hospital and informed that the question of pension did not concern them.
- (14) On application to Crown Agents I was informed "I had lost all rights to pension as I had joined the Army".
- (15) I was also informed ^{PENSIONS} RNF had my papers and on interviewing them I was told that I had lost my status as an officer, and that they could do nothing for me.
- (16) Time after time, despite the periods I was totally incapacitated, I made applications for a board to various authorities with no result.
- (17) Never have I received any hospital treatment either for my eyes.

my heart, or malaria, which latter disease persisted in its recurrence to as late as 1927. I have had to bear all the expenses, doctors, medicine, glasses and unemployment though I was entitled to same from the Government.

(18) My brother is Captain L.A.B. Moore, R.A.M.C., and my brother-in-law is Surgeon Commander F.G. Hitch, Greenwich College. They, I think, can substantiate the fact how unsuccessful I have been in getting any consideration whatever.

(19) Never have I been guilty of a felony, and the callous indifference that has been shown me is undeserved.

(20) Had I perfect health (which I have not) I most humbly submit that my right in 1920 of hospital treatment and disability pension is one which no statute of limitations can nullify.

(21) If, Sir, you would be gracious enough to interview me personally I am sure you would be convinced that I am entitled to some compassionate grant, which lies alone in your power to grant, and which would greatly alleviate my present unemployed position.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Hamilton Moore

late 2nd. Lt. E. Africa In. Labour Corps

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