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MILITARY PENSIONS ASSESSMENT  
MEDICAL BOARDS

1920  
6th OCTOBER

Reports as to number of qualified Medical Practitioners  
required for a Board; payment of travelling expenses of  
pensioners; remuneration of civil M.O.'s for services on  
Boards and the supply of previous medical papers for infra  
of Boards.

Last previous Paper.  
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*Mr. Jeffries, Mr. Mackay*  
*3 copy to Gen Kenya request that papers*  
*completed with [as regards papers] request that papers*  
*learn that [papers] had been sent [to him] [papers]*  
*after his previous note in the matter. [papers]*  
*and dealt with in [papers] [papers]*  
*(closed).*

? Unit [ ] in view of your [ ]  
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Subsequent Paper.  
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## MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

Cromwell House,  
Millbank. S.W.1.

In reply please quote :-

M.S./Gen/401. (1/2)

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October  
September, 1920.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to furnish the following observations to be laid before Viscount Milner on the matters referred to in your letter 28062/1920 of 14th September, 1920, and the previous letter of 25th June, 1920, enclosing copy of a Despatch from the Officer Administering the Government of Kenya.

1. With regard to the number of qualified Medical Practitioners necessary to compose a Medical Board for the examination of discharged officers and men for the purpose of assessing the degree of disablement, I am to say that, in the circumstances explained in paragraph 1 of the Despatch, the Minister agrees that, where it is found to be difficult to arrange that a Board shall comprise 3 Medical Officers, it may comprise 2 only, or, in very exceptional circumstances, may even consist of only 1 Medical Officer. Where, however, the Board is not composed of the full complement of 3 Medical Officers, it is considered that the report shall be closely scrutinised by the Principal Medical Officer with a view to further investigation being made if, in his opinion, the description of the pensioner's condition contained in the report does not bear out the assessment which has been made. These reports will perhaps be endorsed by the Principal Medical Officer with an expression of his agreement to the report in cases of a suitable.

2. As regards the expenses incurred in connection with the journey undertaken by a candidate for the purpose of medical examination or of obtaining treatment, I am to advise, for the information of Viscount Milner, a copy of a communication to this Ministry from the Military Surgeon General, Cairo, together with a copy of the reply issued from this Department. It is regretted that the paragraph the third paragraph of your letter of the 25th June, that the reply shall be sent through your Department, was overlooked.

3. With regard to the payment of special remuneration to Civil Medical Officers in return for their services on Pension Boards, I have to refer to paragraph 7 of the letter M.S./Gen/401/4 of the 14th September, 1920, from this Ministry, and to add that the Minister has no objection to the application of the system of paying the sum of one guinea to Civil Medical Officers for each examination where special personnel are employed, the cost being charged to the Government. It is considered, however, to be impracticable to secure the same service of the rate mentioned in the paragraph before referred to.

4. As stated in paragraph 8 of the letter of the 1st September, referred to above, the Ministry has under consideration the question of the means by which the previous documents of an ex-officer /

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Colonial Office,  
London. S.W.1.

P.O.Box 140.

No. 21/ 3150/1.  
 Medical Dept,  
 Head Office,  
 Nairobi.

14th January, 1920.

The Military Pensions Officer,  
 NAIROBI.

Re: Medical Boards on ex Military men  
 for pensions.

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I should be glad if you could inform me whether individuals who have to come into Nairobi from outside stations are (1) entitled to receive a return Railway Warrant for the journey and (2) whether they can claim their expenses for food and lodging whilst detained in Nairobi and on the journey.

2. Up to the present this office has always issued a return Railway Warrant to those individuals who apply for the same, the cost being debited to " War Expenses" and I should like to obtain a definite ruling as to whether this procedure is in order.

3. This procedure also applies to individuals Medically boarded at the request of the Ministry of Pensions.

4. The question regarding travelling have been made by one or two men who have had to appear before a Medical Board in Nairobi at considerable expense to themselves.

5. I should point out that every endeavour is made to hold Medical Boards as near to the home of the individual concerned as is possible.

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for Principal Medical Officer.  
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No. 2955/1114/20.

The Hon. As. Treasurer,  
 The Chief Postmaster A.D.C.  
 Nairobi.

re: Medical Boards on ex Military men for pensions.

Copy of Principal Medical Officer's letter No. 21/3150/1 of 14th instant forwarded for favour of your comment.

2. There are no regulations on this subject recorded here and no copy of Ministry of Pensions Circular No. 104 of 1918, dealing with the question has been received in this Office.

## MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

Tel. Victoria 8480.

M.S.Gen. 401.

Medical Service Division,

Crown Agents Annexe,

5, Millbank, S.W.1.

24th September, 1920.

3. Re paras 2 and 3 I consider the procedure adopted by the Hon. Principal Medical Officer to be in order.

4. Re para 4 I think Hotel Board for the period during which an individual is compelled to stay in Nairobi or wherever boarded owing to lack of communication to his normal place of abode is a reasonable concession, but I do not advocate any other travelling expenses unless an individual is detained en route through circumstances outside his own control.

5. Any applications from pensioners boarded at the request of the Home authorities might be sent to the Ministry of Pensions for decision. We would then have to consider what privileges the Ministry is prepared to concede.

cc - Mr. J. Verrier.

The Principal Medical Officer,  
Nairobi.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 3rd August, I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to furnish, for your information, the following particulars of the practice of this Ministry in respect to the payment of travelling expenses, subsistence allowance, and compensation for loss of remunerative time to Officers and Men in connection with their medical examination, or the provision of treatment for their disability.

1. Travelling Expenses.

It is the practice of the Ministry to defray all reasonable travelling expenses necessarily incurred (including first class railway fares for Officers and third class railway fares for Men), for any of the following purposes :-

- (a) For the purposes of attending before a Medical Board.
- (b) For the purpose of medical examination in connection with the certification of treatment.
- (c) For the purpose of obtaining treatment.

Where it is necessary that the Officer or Man should, for any of these purposes, be accompanied by an escort, travelling expenses in respect of the escort may be allowed at the same rate as is payable in respect of the person whom he accompanies.

2. Subsistence Allowance.

- (1) Subsistence allowance to an Officer is payable at the rate of 15/- a night (covering a period of 24 hours) and at the rate of 5/- for a period of not less than 10 hours necessary absence from home for the purpose of :-
  - (a) Attending for examination by a Medical Board ;
  - (b) Attending for medical examination for the purpose of certification of treatment ;
  - (c) Attending at an Institution or otherwise, for the purpose of obtaining treatment.
- (2) For Men these rates are reduced to 5/- for a period of 24 hours and 1/6d for an absence of not less than 8 hours. In the case of men, these subsistence allowance rates may be waived if a necessary escort.

The Secretary,  
(P. O. Box No. 85,  
Nairobi.

3. Compensation for Loss of Remunerative Time.

- (1) For an Officer compensation for actual loss of remunerative time is not payable in respect of his attendance before a Medical Board or in respect of his attendance for examination in connection with certification of treatment. Where, however, loss of time is occasioned in obtaining treatment provided of course, that the Officer's Retired Pay is not being raised to the maximum on account of his being unable to work at all, compensation for actual loss of remuneration may be granted at a rate not exceeding 1/- an hour, up to a maximum of 11 a week.
- (2) In the case of Men suspended from service before a Medical Board, compensation for loss of remunerative time may be allowed at the rate of the actual wages lost, or 6d an hour, whichever is the less, up to a maximum of 10/- a day. Compensation to the same individual may likewise be paid to a necessary extent, except that no compensation is payable.

(a) When the pensioner is in receipt of a constant attendance allowance:

(b) When the person acting as escort is the wife, child or dependent of the pensioner and an allowance is paid by the Ministry to, or in respect of, the said wife, child or dependent.

The rate of compensation in respect of attendance for the purpose of certification of treatment or for the purpose of treatment (provided they are not already on treatment allowances) is at the same rate per hour, but subject to a maximum of 16/- a week for being exceeded.

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- Mr. Corno 30-10-20
- Mr. Jeffries 30-10-20 [26002/20]
- Mr. Macchig 30-10-20
- Mr. Grondie
- Sir H Lambert
- Sir H Ross
- Sir G Fiddes
- Col. Amery
- Lord Milner

the 17<sup>th</sup> of April regarding the examination  
 of military pensions by medical boards  
 and to transmit to you the accompanying  
 copy of a letter from the Ministry of  
 P. on the subject

I shall be glad if you  
 will arrange for the request  
 mentioned in para 1  
 of the letter to be complied with  
 the points raised in  
 paras 3 and 4 of the letter  
 the enclosed  
 and deal with in my des. P<sup>o</sup>

of the 1577 of 2 Nov

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