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Governor
Field 960

LIEUTENANT COFFIN

1914
November
previous Paper.

The copy of letter from Acting Paymaster, K. A. R., dealing fully with case, observes that the amount of Rs 382 is a final charge against Prot: funds and not an advance to Lieut Coffin.

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For the copy of the...
 Copy sent to...
 Mr. C. Coffin...

Mr. Rowley to Reed

I think that this day and end. clears up the matter at last. The evidence furnished by the Acting Paymaster shows that Lt. Coffin sailed on 21 June, not 24 June, and if he is allowed 11 days for the voyage, he should have come on to India pay from 2 July inclusive. On 37537 was paid up to 2 July ^{from 24 June} inclusive, £13-5-0 and advanced £30 for local allowances, pending a decision on the question. It has now been decided that Special Services Officers shall be allowed 15/- a day local allowance under §21 of the KAR Reg^s (no 48206), and so £21 ^{to allowances} is due to Lt. Coffin:

That amount due £13-12-0 (from 21 June to 1 July

and £21-0-0
 £34-12-0

Already advanced £22-5-0

Net amount due £11-7-0

subsequent Paper.

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? and copy of dup and incl. to G.O. and say that the Sgt. considers that these calculations are correct, and that the amount due £57.7.0 will be paid on their furnishing us with a receipt or du for the sum.

(I assume that in the case of N.F.D. 18/12/14
 Lieut. Coffin the Govt. expects us
 to make the adjustments)

This appears to dispose of my idea (in 48386) that by local Indian allowances the Govt. meant India staff pay. The Rs 558 referred to by the Payments include the staff pay (see incl. to 36065) & ~~there is no question~~ is said of docking it in connexion with the grant of the Africa allowance. This means that he gets £720 or thereabouts while in Africa, which is a good deal for a lieutenant. Before we could analogise further with G.O. ? Tal: -

See your despatch of 13 Nov. no. 960
 from your despatch of 13 Nov. no. 956 it was
 assumed that Africa allowance would be
 instead of India staff pay see enclosure to
 your despatch of 18 August no. 768. I fear
 that is rather an amount of local
 Indian allowances referred to in your despatch
 of 13 Nov 906.

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L.L. 18/12/14

at once
 H. J. R. 18/12/14

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 960.

November, 13th. 1914.

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Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 926 of the 10th ultimo and previous correspondence I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from the Acting Paymaster, King's African Rifles, which deals very fully with Lieutenant Coffin's case and I trust that this will allow the matter to be finally disposed of.

2. I would observe that the amount of Rs. 382/- is a final charge against the funds of this Protectorate and not an advance to Lieutenant Coffin.

3. I have addressed you in a separate despatch respecting the grant of allowances to the Special Service Officers, Marehan Patrol.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your humble, obedient servant,

Almona, B. J. J.
GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

INCLOSURE

In Duplicate No. 960 of Nov 13th 1914
Nairobi.

6th November, 1914.



The Officer Commanding, Troops,
Nairobi.

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re Pay issued to Lieut. Coffin, Late Supply &
Transport Officer, Marchant Patrol.

Reference S. 8853 of 13th October and 3rd November, 1914.

In letter No. M. 2299 12628, of 27th August 1914, from the Assistant Military Secretary, India Office to the Under Secretary Of State, Colonial Office, it is stated that Lieut. Coffin "did not sail till the 24th June last". I attach, hereto, copy of a letter I received from Capt. Sweeney, dated 21st June 1914, in which that Officer stated that Lieut. Coffin "sailed from Kisumu today on the S.S. Porto De Savona" proceeding direct to England etc. I understand from the sources that the Steamer did actually sail from Kisumu on that date.

2. In Colonial Office Despatch No. 31623/1914 of 24th August 1914, addressed to the Under Secretary of State, Military Department, India Office, it is stated that Lieut. Coffin "would have been due to arrive at Bombay on the 3rd of July and Mr. Harcourt considers that that date may be taken as the date from which he "should be brought on pay from Indian Army Funds".

The normal passage to India from Mombasa or Kisumu, is, however, only 11 days, and I presume Lieut. Coffin should be paid by the Protectorate from 21st June to 1st July inclusive, and be brought on pay from Indian Army Funds as from 2nd July 1914.

3. In letter No.M.14940 of the 26th September 1914, from the Military Secretary, India Office, to the Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office, it is stated that Lieut.Coffin took an "advance of Rs. 480/- being approximately the amount of passage money due for the "journey to Bombay".

Captain, Sweeney's letter referred to in Para 1, heresof, has a Postscript from which it will be seen that the amount of the advance received by Lieut.Coffin was Rs.382/- and not Rs.480/-. This amount has not been charge against Lieut.Coffin, because, at the time, there was some doubt as to this Protectorate's liability for passage money in lieu of a passage back to India.

4. Lieut.Coffin informed this Office in a letter dated 11/4/14 that he had opened an account with the National Bank/India Ltd, Mombasa, and asked that his salary might be paid in to it. In accordance with this request, his salary was paid to the Bank as it became due. Before he left Kisumu only his salary up to 31st May 1914 had been paid in, ~~but~~ the amount due to him from 1st to 20th June was not paid in till after he had sailed.

The Bank accepted the payment, and the liability of this Office in this respect ceased. It was presumed that Lieut.Coffin would make his own arrangements for the ~~closing~~ of his Bank account.

5. From the foregoing it will be seen that all the money due to Lieut.Coffin on the basis of his Indian pay from the date to which he was paid in India (20th February 1914) to the day previous to his leaving Kisumu (20th June 1914), has been paid in to his Bank account in Mombasa, in accordance with his instructions.

6. He is also due pay from Protectorate Funds for the normal period of a voyage between Kisumu & Bombay (11 days), which amounts to Rs.15-12/- as under:-

21st to 30th June @ Rs. 950/12 p.m. : 106/-

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1st July

12/-

Rs. 118/- : 1213-12-0

Further, it has now been decided that he is to benefit by the terms of K.A.R. Regulation No. 211, thus receiving 15/- per diem for every day spent in Africa, 7/6 per diem during the voyages to and from Africa. This will make an additional sum of £ 81. due to Lieut. Coffin, as under:-

5th to 15th March : 11 days	} 22 days @ 7/6 : 8-5-0	£ d
20th to 30th June) 11 1st July		£
16th March to 20th June : 97 days @ 15/-		172-15-0

£ 81-5-0

7. From letter No.M.12620 of 27th August 1914 from the Assistant Military Secretary, India Office, to the Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office, it will be seen that sum of £43-5/- has already been paid to Lieut. Coffin, the amount now due him would therefore appear to be £ 51-7-0, made up as follows:-

£ 13-12/- + £ 81.- - £ 43-5/- : £ 51-7-0.

Ag. Paymaster 3rd K.A.Rifles.

Gobwen 21st June 1914.

No.B/80.

From

The Officer-in-Charge,
Base Supply Depot.

To

The Officer Commanding,
Gobwen.

I beg to inform you that under instructions received from the Officer Commanding Troops, Marchant Patrol Lieut A.S. Coffin, Supply & Transport Corps, sailed from Kisumu to day on the S.S. "Porto de Savone" proceeding direct to England via Genoa on four months' combined leave, sanctioned by the Quarter Master General in India.

No.B/82.

21st June, 1914.

To

The Paymaster,
3rd King's African Rifles
Nairobi.

Copy forwarded for information. Please note that the above officer has received an advance from me of Rs. 222/- (Rupees three hundred & eighty two only) this being the only advance that he has been given in Jubaland.

Kindly send me Last Pay Certificate to the Under Secretary of State for India, India Office, London.

sd/- R.C.L. Sweeny Captain.

Officer-in-Charge Base Supply Depot.

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- Mr. ~~Southamley~~ 18/12/14
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- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Islington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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