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MINISTER AND A. C. COFFIN

Send copy of letter sent to C. A. re advance in respect of passage. Protectorate will be informed of circumstances in which he was entitled to cost of passage to India. Request copy of letter from Lieut. Coffin respecting advance of Rs 382 may be communicated to Protectorate.

W. B. Stanley

? @ with ref. to our disp. on 10/30/88 per send Gov. East for execution copy of this letter with enclosure. A & D in LF (Tomorrow's mail) @ ref. 10 that this has been done

Alfred Hooper
W. B. Stanley

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copy of letter sent to Gov. 12/10/14
W. B. Stanley

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—
The Under Secretary of State for India,
Military Department,
India Office,
London, S.W.
and the following reference quoted:—

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WHITEHALL,

LONDON, S.W.

7th October 1914.

Sir,

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With reference to Mr. Read's letter of the 1st October 1914, I am directed to forward copy of a letter from the Crown Agents to the Colonies regarding the advance in respect of passage drawn by Lieutenant A. S. Coffin on embarking for this country, to which reference was made in my letter of the 26th September last, H.14940.

It is presumed that the Government of the Protectorate will be informed of the circumstances under which Lieutenant A.S.Coffin was entitled to cost of passage to India, viz. the expiration of his tour of service with 3rd Battalion, King's African Rifles.

I am also to request that the enclosed copy of

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The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

a letter from Lieutenant A.S.Coffin, dated 29th
September 1914 may be communicated to the Protectorate
Government regarding the advance of L.S.382 referred to.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



General,
Military Secretary.

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WHITEHALL GARDENS,

LONDON, S.W.

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Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter which we have received from the Government of East Africa regarding an advance of £25. 9. 4 taken by Lieutenant A. S. Coffin, 28th Punjabis when proceeding to England on leave.

2. We shall be obliged if you will arrange for the amount to be collected from Lieutenant Coffin and placed to the credit of our account at the bank of England.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) P. Ezechiel,
for Crown Agents.

Under Secretary of State,
India Office.

THE TREASURY,
NAIROBI,

29th August 1914.

on No: 279/518.

Gentlemen,

Lieutenant A.S. Coffin, S. & T. Corps.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to forward a copy of a letter from Lieutenant A.S. Coffin, Supply and Transport Corps, regarding an advance of £25.9.4 = Rs. 382/- taken by him when proceeding to England on leave and to ask you to be good enough to effect recovery from him through the India Office:

2. The question of his pay and allowances has already been referred to the Secretary to the Government of India, Army Department, and on a reply being received any further payments necessary will be advised to you.

3. He has in the meanwhile been paid by this Protectorate at his Indian rate of pay from the 1st March 1914 to the 20th June 1914, the day prior to his having left for England.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) C. F. Hickie,
for Ag. Treasurer.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,
London.

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COBLEN,

12th June 1914.

From Lieutenant A.S.Coffin,
Supply and Transport Corps,

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

Sir,

In continuation of my letter of the 20th May 1914 regarding leave, I beg to inform you that my leave to England has been sanctioned and that I am proceeding direct to England via Genoa by Italian boat and not going to Mombasa at all.

As there has been no chance of receiving a reply to the above mentioned letter I have taken an advance of pay here of Rs.382/- (three hundred and eighty two only) this I believe being the amount of a first class passage from Kisumu to Bombay, via Mombasa. If this amount is given to me in lieu of my passage to India, as I presume it will be, you can recover the amount of my advance from it, if not the advance

advance can be recovered from my pay in communication with the India Office, if you have already sent my last pay certificate there.

I presume my pay for May 1914 Rs.543/12 has been paid into the National Bank of India, Bombasa, but have received no notification yet, as there has been no mail this month.

With reference to my letter No.B/23 dated 26th May 1914 will you kindly pay the balance of my pay for March and April (Viz 58/47) into the National Bank, ^{Rs.} Bombasa, if this has not already been done.

(Sd.) A.S.Coffin, Lieut.

Supply and Transport Corps.

7 Barge Avenue,
Aldershot.

28th September 1914.

To the Under Secretary of State for India,
Military Department,
India Office.

Sir,

With reference to your M.1394 dated 26th September 1914, I beg to inform you that the amount I drew in respect of passage was Rs. 380 or Rs. 382 (I am not sure which as I have not my file with me) and not Rs. 480.

This amount had to be shown in my local cash account as an advance of pay, although I wrote a letter to the Paymaster 3rd K.A.R. Nairobi explaining why it was drawn. I can only think, that in spite of this letter it has been confused with an ordinary advance of pay and been deducted from my pay as you suggest, although the amount I drew for passage was not the exact

exact amount due to me as 20 days pay etc. The last pay I received was that for the month of May.

I can think of no other explanation of the discrepancy as the 20 days pay for June has not been received by me, nor can it have been accepted by my bank (the National Bank of India - Bombasa Branch) as I closed my account with them before leaving East Africa and have since received from them the exact amount of the balance which I had in the bank at the time I left without including any pay for June. That is to say there was no discrepancy in my favour which would account for the receipt by them of 20 days' pay for June.

I am etc.,

(Sd.) A. S. Coffin., Lieut.

S. & T. Corps.

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10 Oct. 1914.

U.S. for India
Military Dept.
India Office,

Sir,

I am &c. to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter
of the 7th of Oct (M. 15877)
~~and to inform you that~~
on the subject of
the pay issued to
Lieut. A.S. Coffin,
28th Punjab, &
to request you to
inform the Marquess
of Crewe that a copy
has been forwarded to
the ~~Office~~ for the E.A.P.

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(Signed) H. J. READ.

for the Under Secretary of State