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Late Lieut. J. Hill Williams

Reports widow not eligible for pension, as  
 Coroner found cause of death accidental but  
 fell at his own home.

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I wd send copies of 1374, 45523  
 & encl., tel. in 45523 & 4662  
 to Committee of Pensions. Say that  
 if the D. of P. agrees that,  
 under Imperial rules, Mrs Hill  
 Williams is in no case, have  
 been wanted any compensation in  
 respect of her husband's death,  
 it will be unnecessary to pursue  
 the matter, but that if there  
 is a possibility that Mrs Hill  
 Williams (if her husband had been

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Next subsequent Paper.  
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... (serving in the Army) might have  
been given a pension, but the P. & O.  
proposes to let the cap eat  
that bit <sup>and</sup> send home a formal  
application together with a full  
account of the circumstances of the  
Officer's death, so that the  
matter may be carefully considered  
here.

[I understand the limits of Pensions  
are <sup>now</sup> granting pensions even in  
cases of suicide ~~where~~ ~~and~~  
where there are special cases. It  
does not seem clear whether  
Lt Hill Williams committed suicide  
or shot himself accidentally,  
we ought not to dismiss  
Hill Williams' application without  
considering the case fully.]

Draft was <sup>by 26/8/17</sup> ~~sent~~ ~~at once~~

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TELEGRAM from the Officer Administering the Government  
of the East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State  
for the Colonies.

(Dated 18th September.)

(Received Colonial Office 4.35 p.m. 18th September, 1917.)

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No. 620. September 18th. With reference  
to your telegram 14th September widow Hill Williams  
not eligible for pension as coroner found cause of  
death accident with gun at his own home.

BOWRING.

W.S.  
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See 46167/17 Cap

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*[Handwritten signature]*

ansd 49065

22 September 1917

DRAFT:

to Sec. Ministry of Pensions

Sir

I am in letters to you to be laid before the Minister of Pensions, a copy of the one noted in the margin relative to the death of Miss J. Williams, Asst Political Officer, & the widows application for pension.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Brarley, 21 Sept
- Mr. Pattonley, 21.9.17 f
- Mr. Grindle
- Mr. Lambert.
- Mr. Road.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir A. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Long.

2. If, under Imperial Rules, it would be held that in no case could Mrs. J. Williams have been paid compensation in respect of her husband's death, it would be unnecessary to pursue the matter further.

from Sec Cap - 13 dated 12 Sept

Del. to Sec 14 Sept

*[Handwritten scribbles and notes]*

no 49065 to be sent to Sec 17

John William Allen serving  
in the Coast Artillery, his widow  
might have been given a pension  
~~withstanding the time of his death~~  
if her husband would propose to file to  
the Adj. of the War for a full  
account of the circumstances of the officer's  
death together with a formal  
application for compensation by  
the widow, so that the matter  
could be carefully considered  
by him before the claim is a  
finally determined decision is taken

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