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C.S.M. Brooks

No report of fare from Canada to EAF  
write made from Army funds. Do  
copy R.O. letter 1918 on subject.

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See now. 51019/19.

to Parkinson  
through Director

of see copy of with Sir F. Williams  
attached to 46670/19 EAF

This is so decision & I try with  
it is of no use to try and contest

it further - (see Sir William's minute)

attached to 46670

Sir F. Williams will be informed

acc'd 8th 9/9/19  
9-9-19

acc'd 12-9-19  
at once

copy from 1247 to Lt J. W.P. 12/1/19

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WAR OFFICE,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.

All further communications on  
this subject should be addressed  
to  
The Secretary,  
War Office,  
London, S.W. 1,  
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Sir,

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With reference to your letter /19 of the 7th August,  
regarding a request of the travelling expenses incurred by  
Colour Sergeant Major Brooke's, the East African Mechanical  
Transport Corps, in proceeding from Canada to East Africa to  
enlist, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that  
under the terms of Army order 275/1918 only those men who  
proceeded from abroad to the United Kingdom are eligible for a  
refund of expenses and it is therefore regretted that so far as  
Army Funds are concerned no payment to this man can be sanctioned.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

*D. H. White*

Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
London, S.W.1.

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Refunds to individuals of the expenses incurred by them in proceeding from abroad, after the outbreak of war, to join the British Army. A refund of the locomotive expenses, exclusive of charges for baggage, actually paid by them to the port of disembarkation in the United Kingdom not exceeding the cost of a direct journey by the most economical route in the grade of accommodation appropriate to the rank in which they joined the British Army, will, subject to the condition laid down in the succeeding paragraphs of this Army Order, be granted to individuals who after the outbreak of war proceeded from South Africa, including Rhodesia, and embarked on or before 15th February, 1916, or from other places abroad and embarked on or before 30th September, 1916, provided that within 2 months of the date of their arrival in the United Kingdom they applied to the War Office or to the Headquarters in the United Kingdom of Colonial Contingents, or their respective High Commissioners, or to a Territorial Force Association for a commission, or to a recognised recruiting officer for enlistment.

The reason for these dates is that in order to make the regulations as widely known as possible, announcements were made in the South African Press at the end of January, 1916, and in the Press in other parts of the world in the middle of September, 1916, to the effect that persons proceeding from abroad on their own initiative would have no claim to a repayment of their expenses.

All claims made under the terms of this Army Order should be fully detailed on Army Form O.1771, should show the dates of the different stages of the journey, and should be supported by a receipt for the passage money claimed or, if this is not now available, by a certificate from the shipping company as to the amount paid.

The following particulars will be required :-

1. Date of embarkation for the United Kingdom, and (if possible) name of vessel.
2. Date of arrival in the United Kingdom.
3. Date of commission or enlistment.
4. If a commission was not obtained or enlistment made within 2 months of the date of arrival in the United Kingdom, proof that application was made to a recognised authority as defined in O. 1. & Army Order within the prescribed period, and that the same was furnished in support of the claim.

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5. Actual amount claimed.
6. Amount of rebate, if any, allowed by the shipping company.
7. Whether any previous application has been made, or previous correspondence has taken place. If so, full particulars should be given, the reference number being, if possible, stated.

Particulars of the cost of the journey in respect of which a claim is made must be shown separately, e.g. the actual cost of rail fare, of steamship ticket, etc., and the claim should be supported by a certificate in the following terms:-

"I certify that (a) each item of the attached claim indicates the extent and nature of the service for which the claim is made, i.e. all items, e.g., cost of railway ticket (exclusive of excess baggage charges) or sea fares, sleeping accommodation cost of food or travelling allowance have been detailed separately;

(b) except in the case of travelling allowance, I have actually expended the amount claimed on each item as shown, and have deducted any rebates received.

(c) in the case of travelling allowance the dates for which this is claimed have been accurately stated, and I understand that if this statement which I am now signing is not substantially correct I am liable to forfeit the whole or such portion of the claim as may be decided by superior authority".

In cases in which a commission was not obtained or enlistment made within 2 months of the date of arrival in the United Kingdom, the onus of proof that application for a commission or for enlistment was made within that period to the appropriate authority rests on the applicant, and evidence must be furnished by him.

Refunds will not be granted in cases in which the expenses of locomotion were borne by employers, patriotic associations or similar bodies.

No applications will be considered which are not wholly covered by the terms of this Army Order or which are not submitted within 1 year from the date of its issue. In the case of those who are prisoners of war the time limit of a year be relaxed, each case being considered on its merits.

Claims of serving officers should be submitted through the usual military channels, and claims of ex-officers direct to the War Office.

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Claims of other ranks serving at home should be forwarded by the officer commanding to the appropriate Officer i/c Records. In view, however, of the possibility of claims being lost or going astray, and in order that there may be a record that application has been made within the prescribed period, the following procedure will be adopted :-

- (i) In the case of soldiers serving with Expeditionary Forces, officers commanding units will submit claims to the Officer i/c of the appropriate Record Section 3rd Battalion. The latter will transmit the claim to the Officer i/c Records at Home, at the same time recording in Part 11 Orders the date the claim was made and transmitted.
- (ii) In the case of soldiers serving in garrisons overseas, the officer commanding unit will submit the claim direct to the Officer i/c Records and will make a similar record as in (i) in Part 11. Orders.

Claims of other ranks who have been discharged should be submitted direct to the appropriate Officer i/c Records.

Claims of individuals with professional or technical qualifications who proceeded from abroad after the outbreak of war for the purpose of obtaining a commission in a professional corps, e.g., Royal Army Medical Corps, Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Engineers, and were granted such commissions in these corps either direct or through a cadet battalion or Officers Training Corps, will, for the present, continue to be dealt with on their merits under the conditions published from time to time in local routine and command orders, irrespective of the date on which they embarked.

A.R.

11th October 1914.

Dear Sir Frederick Milner,

I am replying to your letter to Mr. Cooke  
of 7th October and in the case of Sergeant Major Brooks,  
I now write to say that we have just heard from the War  
Office, in answer to the question we forwarded, on this matter.  
I am sorry to say that they inform us that under the  
terms of the Army Order dealing with refunds of travelling  
expenses, only those men who proceeded from abroad to  
the United Kingdom are eligible. The War Office have  
therefore no power to authorize the repayment of ex-  
penses in this case.

Yours sincerely,

*[Handwritten signature]*

Sir Frederick Milner, Bart.

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5th September 1919.

Dear Herbert,

I wrote to either you or one of your colleagues the other day, with reference to the case of Sergeant Major Brooks, about whom Sir Frederick Milner wrote Army Chief. Do you think you could get hold of the papers and let us know how the matter stands? Unfortunately I cannot find any trace of my letter to you on the subject but I am quite certain one was sent.

Yours sincerely,

H. C. T.

Captain S. Herbert.

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Congwell,  
Berrisdale, R.S.O.  
Co. Wick.

Sept 1919.

Mr. Cook

You were quite right not to disturb  
me in this holiday, but I should  
be grateful if you would bring my  
letter to Mr. Brown & his notice  
as soon as he returns. It is a hard case,  
the delay has been unparadiseable.

Very truly yours

Paul Walker

Berrisdale, Co. Wick.



P.T.C.

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30th August 1911.

Dear Sir,

In Lord Milner's absence I have ventured to  
open your letter to him on the 26th. I must wish re-  
spond to the case of Sergt. J. J. [unclear]. Lord  
Milner is anxious to take as early a departure as possible  
during his short holiday, and I think he would rather  
that I sent your letter with his own hand to the  
Office. I will see that it is handed to him directly  
it returns.

Yours very truly,

A.C.

Sir Frederick Milner, Bart.  
Langwell,  
Barriedale, S.O.  
Gaitness.

Langwell,  
 Berriedale S. O.,  
 C a i t h n e s s,  
 26th August 1919.

Dear Milner,

When I wrote you on the 1st of August re the case of  
 Sergt. Major Brooks, 2090, R.A.M.C., who was applying for  
 his passage money, you were good enough to say that you  
 would send it on to the War Office and beg them to attend  
 promptly to it.

I have heard nothing from them since.

Would it be possible for you to write to them again and  
 point out that the matter is rather pressing, and ask them  
 whether they would kindly communicate with me about it? It  
 is, I am afraid, a hopeless job, getting anything out of the  
 War Office, *but I am very anxious to help this  
 gallant man very truly yrs*

The Rt. Hon. the Colonial Secretary,  
 Colonial Office, S.W.

From The Rt. Hon. Sir Frederick Milner, Bart.

25.7.19

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Dear Sir Frederick Milner,

Lord Milner asks me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th July with reference to Sergeant Major Brookes. Lord Milner is in communication with the War Office on this point and hopes to be able to let you know the result later on.

F. C. Y.

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1st August 1919

Dear Mr Thornton,

I am obliged to you for your letter re Sergt. Major Brookes. Will you beg Lord Milner to try and get an answer from the War Office as early as possible. I do hope they may take a generous view of his case, and that at any rate that they will repatriate him at their expense to Canada. It seems to me that it would be nothing short of an outrage to make this gallant man who has gone through so much for his country to bear the burden of the expense of getting to South Africa, and of getting back again to his own country, Canada, and I hope Lord Milner will press the matter as much as he possibly can.

Yours sincerely

Fred Milner