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ARTIFICIAL LIMBS ETC FOR NATIVE SOLDIERS

States difficult at present to depute experts to Africa and suggests measurements and casts of amputation stumps should be sent home. Encloses copy of directions. No communication received from General Headqrs, Darassalam.

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Sol. to C. K. A. R. (see list) Do report to
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Instructions
related to
OF ARTIFICIAL LIMB
SUPPLIES.
which reference should
be made to
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Secretary House,
Smith Square,
London S.W.1.

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I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to acknowledge receipt of your letter 6983/18/19 of the 10th March together with copies of correspondence with local authorities in East and West Africa regarding the supply of artificial limbs and surgical appliances to native soldiers of the King's African Rifles, the West African Frontier Force and the East African Local Forces.

With regard to the proposal of the Officer administering the Government of the East Africa Protectorate that a man with expert knowledge of artificial limbs and appliances should be sent to East Africa, I am to say that in the present state of supply of artificial limbs it would be difficult to depute expert workmen to East and West Africa. In the Minister's opinion the most effectual way of dealing at present with urgent cases would be to have very careful measurements taken of the amputation stumps and (not hollow) casts made of same. If the measurements are sent to the Artificial Limbs Branch of this Ministry arrangements can be made to supply the limbs and appliances required. I enclose a copy of directions for making plaster casts. These suggestions however may be considered by the statistician with Lord Milner has called for. They may be such as to employ trained workmen to go to East Africa and settle there.

I am to add that the communication stated to have

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

DIRECTIONS FOR TAKING PLASTER CASTS OF STUMPS IN
THE LOWER LIMBS.

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The patient should be in the erect position, supporting himself on the sound limb and on crutches. In the case of double amputation the procedure is difficult and if the patient cannot stand on crutches with the help of assistants, the mould must be taken in the recumbent posture, taking care that the soft parts are not flattened by pressure of the couch or table.

The skin having been thoroughly aneared with vaseline, quick-setting plaster bandages are applied from the extremity of the stump to a line a little higher than to which the bucket is intended to reach. The end of the stump should be covered in and enough bandages used to form an even covering of three layers. The number of bandages used will vary with the size of the stump, which must not be constricted, the bandages must not be pulled tight, but laid into any crevices, and great care should be taken to avoid distortion by a due or unequal pressure.

As soon as the plaster has set the mould should be gently removed from the stump, and the foot should be placed in one side of the bucket when quite dry. The stump should be covered with vaseline and allowed to dry. The plaster should be pulled off and the foot remains.

In the case of thigh amputation, the stump should be facilitated by carrying a turn of plaster bandage round the pelvis and a small piece can be cut away in the middle of the stump.

In the case of a stump of about 1 1/2 inches or less, through amputations, the mould will have to be made. For this purpose a thin strip of metal should be laid along the front of the stump on the skin. As soon as the bandaging is done the mould is divided lengthwise down to the metal with a knife. When it is sprung open and removed, and closed up again with a few turns of plaster bandage.

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With reference to my letter of the 15th of April, I have the pleasure to inform you that a copy of the same has been forwarded to you by air mail from the office of the Director of Forestry, on the 25th of April.

Yours faithfully,
[Signature]
(Signed) MILNER

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Sub With ref. to the letter of the 15th of April, 1919, the copy of which is enclosed.

I have the pleasure to transmit to you

a copy of a letter (with enc.) from the Ministry of Forestry regarding the

supply of artificial timber and

surgical appliances to African

Native troops. I should be glad if

you would be good enough to

acknowledge the same.

(Signed) MILNER