

Mr Mackay,

with regard to your query to S.R.C.O. please

please see 43236/18 attached. There does not seem to have been any exceptional reason for granting the refund in this case. If engaged into a trade it would not be granted.

I am unable to see any exceptional circumstances here which would warrant our departing from it. As the case was only 31/10/1918 it is not contemplated that we are contemplating giving a refund on principle.

12/5/19

Yours faithfully,
W. B. ...

I agree to ...

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I do not think we should let a ...
... it is not desirable that we should ...
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12/5/19

The amount of all ...
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C/o Messrs. Hanson, Esq.,

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REC'D
 REG. 1 MAY 19

Ref. your letters Nos. 18115/1919 of 8th inst. and
 21595/1919 of 19th inst., and further to my letter of 7th inst.

1/21694 and 5

The contents of your above quoted letters are noted with much
 surprise and whilst I, as a soldier, must accept your rulings, the injustice
 of the same is, to my mind, so obvious, that I beg to submit my case again, with
 request that it will receive the personal consideration of the Rt. Hon.
 Secretary of State for the Colonies. My object is solely to obtain that
 which is due to me, and it is hoped that if my case is considered a fair and
 reasonable one, steps may be taken to adjust any irregularity which may stand in the
 way of the payment of any sum obviously due in equity to an officer, irrespec-
 tive of whether he happens to have joined His Majesty's Forces in East
 Africa or elsewhere. I should like to deal separately with each claim.

I was one of many officers landed at Liverpool, where no
 arrangements of any kind were made for our reception. After waiting
 about for upward of two hours, and still being without orders, we
 proceeded to the Hotel where we stayed the night. One officer,
 whose case I am aware of, belonging to an Imperial Unit, claimed,
 and was, I understand, paid detention allowance by the War Office.

I am apparently, excluded from this allowance on the sole ground that I belong to the East African Protectorate Forces, although immediately upon leaving the East African Command, I drew Imperial Rates of Pay only. As my financial loss was exactly the same as in the case of an officer belonging to an Imperial Unit, and as I was drawing Imperial Rates of Pay, am I not fairly entitled to Imperial Rates of Allowances?

Customs Rebate in South Africa.

I have already applied to the South African Command for this rebate and been refused, on the ground that I, as an officer of the East African Protectorate Forces, was drawing Imperial Rates of Pay (note my letter to you dated 7th inst.) Other officers of Imperial Rates of Pay were granted the Rebate. If I must again apply to the South African Command, will you please furnish me with a certificate to the effect that as from 9th December, 1918, and during my stay in Cape Town, I was drawing Imperial Rates of Pay only. My last Pay Certificate, which has already been forwarded to you, proves this to be correct.

Travelling Expenses.

It is readily understood that a soldier is, in the ordinary circumstances entitled to free Railway Travel, not only as a soldier under orders to proceed to a certain destination, nor on his own private purposes, but in the ordinary course of duty, to, and in all cases with his knowledge receives, free of charge,

other necessary transport. In the case in point I was instructed by you to proceed to Edinburgh for the purpose of being medically examined. I am frankly at a loss to find any grounds upon which I can reasonably be held liable for the cost of the transport required. On being ordered on board a Hospital Ship at Dur-~~as-salaam~~ for transport to South Africa for England, I was not asked to pay my own fare. The cases are, in my opinion, entirely analogous, and I trust that in the event of my being instructed in future to proceed to any given destination, a railway warrant will accompany my instructions.

Outfit Allowance.

The ruling in this instance is particularly difficult to understand, when it is realised that I had joined His Majesty's Forces in Britain and been ordered to East Africa. Instead of, as it happened, having joined in East Africa and been ordered to Britain, the full allowance claimed would have been paid as a matter of course. It is a fact that officers who were in Britain, and having drawn Imperial outfit allowance, were paid in addition East African outfit allowance, on being ordered to that country. Apparently there is only one reason which can be given for withholding this allowance in my case, is that I commenced to serve in East Africa instead of in Britain.

In conclusion, I should like to assure the Rt. Hon. The Secretary of the Colonies that I bring these claims to you with a full confidence that that you find it quite possible to make a ruling upon which they

I repeat that I do not wish to receive anything to which I am
 entitled, but if, as I am confident will be the case, my claims
 are held to be reasonable, irrespective of "regulation" quibbles which may
 have a bearing on the case, then I beg to request that such action
 be taken as will ensure the removal of the objections, whatever they may
 be, relating to members of the East African Protectorate Forces on
 my list. The sole ground that they do belong to these forces. I am aware
 where an officer is drawing consolidated pay he is not entitled to
 anything, but my whole case covers a period during which Imperial Rates only
 were in force. I should be much obliged if the result of the Ft. Hon. The
 Secretary of State for the Colonies consideration of the foregoing could be
 forwarded to me in due course.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. S. Hamilton
 Capt

Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Whitehall Office.

London, 1907

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DRAFT.

Wm B. Hamilton

to [unclear] June 1950

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MINUTE.

I am etc to ask the receipt of

1 round
1 envelope 20/8
1 bottle
1 handkerchief
1 hand
1 picture
1 card
1 note

your address etc in knowledge of

has they appeared etc and to inform you
that the asking price has been taken
in accordance with the regulations
for 10 years of the [unclear] force & to
the regret that the [unclear] see the way to

make an exception in your case and

that he is therefore unable to allow the decision

conveyed to you in previous letters

I am to state that you may

see the letter or codices that go

with a Imperial edict of amnesty

from the 9th of January 1814

and the Imperial edict of amnesty

FRANCIS G. CHURCH

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To: Thos Morrison Esq
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2nd June 1919

~~Do not answer~~
2 all other letters
answered

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E.M.H.

Might I now be favoured with a reply, please,
to letter of 23 4 19?

Your nos 18113/1919 of 8/4/19 and 21695/1919
9/4/19 refer.

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant

R B Hamilton
Capt
EA Post Forces

Under Secretary, of State for the Colonies
London.