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AMOUNT DUE TO ESTATE OF LATE MR F. J. SCHENKEL

Call attention to his letter of the 25th Sept and requests W.O. may be pressed to come to a decision in the matter.

to be settled

The case is set out in 63927/99. It seems hardly worth while making any advance on account of gratuity payable to the estate, as there is no uncondemned debt. The last part of the letter does not apply because the A & Sult case, the gratuity is only dated 17.12.19

Draft for the President signature that the W.O. were commenced with this matter in the 20/24 (63927) and that a further letter is being sent asking that the matter be dealt with previous letters in the matter as soon as possible.

copy of the letter to W.O. proceeing up
was in 1504th 63927/99 + with first copy up by second
letter give them than set too a 1/1093 (Account 64) 17/24
(63927) / think this is necessary for what I saw when

was at the W.O. about the case /

A.P.C.
12/20

in Norton

It is for the W.O. to say what
is payable

We referred to them first in March 10th
1919 after having obtained necessary
particulars as to service from E.A.

12500/19

We reminded them again on 8th 1919
and again on May 22nd 1919. Further
reminders were sent on the 10th of June
10th of July & Sept. 7th You

35000/19

wrote to ~~the~~ W.O. on 11th Oct. 1919
on Sept 30th On Nov 7th we
received from the W.O. a written
reply which showed was irrelevant
& did not actually reply to our
original letter. In Oct. we wrote
several unofficial notes to the W.O.

63907/19

pointing this out & went over to see
the W.O. but without result & we
therefore again set out the case to
the W.O. ^{officially} at length on Dec. 30th

There has been no further
action taken with the W.O. say
what, if anything, is payable.

cannot you agree to sign and then
letter to P.I. at W.O. 7th in

to "lines" suggested by the
Comptroller? We have seen only the
inf. I am afraid that W.O.

have still not come to a
decision. That we are again
reminding them

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See to day from the
Norton to the search
(W.O.) & the Comptroller
attached

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25 GOLD MEDALS
AND 675 SILVER

W.N. 201
PORT SUNLIGHT

CHESTER

9th January, 1920.

East Africa
Director

BROTHERS LIMITED

L.C. Thornton, Esq.,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

Might I call your attention to a letter of mine to Lord Milner, dated 25th September 1917, on the subject of the neglect of the due Government authority to pay to a Mr. F.J. Schenkel gratuities and other monies due to him from the estate of his son, who was killed in East Africa over two years ago. You replied to me on September 30th, stating that under Lord Milner's directions the Colonial Office were communicating with the War Office.

Having had some years' experience of the hopeless incapacity of the Finance Branch of the War Office, might I request please that the Colonial Office again press them to come to a decision. I am loath to get questions asked in the House of Commons in order to force the authorities to meet the just claims of unfortunate individuals, but it appears to me that taking over two years to adjust a claim passes the bounds of reason.

Yours very truly,

H.V. Long

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13th January 1920.

PRINCE.

Dear Marsh,

I enclose you a copy of a letter which I have received from Messrs. Lever Bros. with reference to the money due to Mr. F.J. Schenkel from the estate of his son who was killed in East Africa.

May I ask you to do your best to get this matter settled as soon as possible? Would you kindly refer to our official letter of December 10th last on this subject? The reference of your last letter to us is SE/1095 (Accounts 4) dated 7th November 1919.

The history of our correspondence on this subject is as follows: We first addressed you on the matter on March the 10th 1919. We sent further reminders on April 10th, May 23rd, June 16th, July 10th and September 17th. On September 30th I wrote personally to Creedy. On November 7th we received a letter from y u

of which I have given the reference number above, was quite irrelevant to the point at issue and did not actually reply to our original letter. Further, a member of this Office has written several unofficial letters to the War Office, and has been to see the Department in the War Office concerned, personally, without result.

The delay in this matter is really becoming a scandal and I do hope you will be able to let us have a final reply at once.

Yours sincerely,

E. Marsh Esq., C.B., C.M.G.

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13th January 1920.

Dear Mr. Long,

I have your letter of the 8th January, and I regret very much the delay that has occurred in paying the money due to Mr. F.J. Schenkel from the estate of his son. It is, of course, entirely for the War Office to inform us what is payable. We referred to them first on March 10th 1919 and have sent constant reminders since. I am now writing to Mr. Churchill's Private Secretary urging him to send us an immediate decision.

Yours truly,

L.L. Long Esq.