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DATE
30th MAY 1921

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CIRCULATION

SUBJECT
CAPTAIN R. CHAPMAN

OVERPAYMENT OF WAR GRATUITY

Enclosed reports from which it will be seen refund due has been reduced to P/s 1,504 Sents 50 and that Capt C. states he cannot repay at the moment. The Staff Officer has been instructed to use his discretion as to taking legal proceedings.

Mr. *Smithing 7-7-21*

Mr. *Nashley 18/7/21*

Mr. *Grimm*

Sir H. Lambert

Sir H. Head

Sir G. Fiddes

Mr. Wood

Mr. Churchill

Previous Paper

MINUTES

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D.W.O. ref 43542/20 and subsequent
correspondence with that dept 'to be laid off'

Pt. 7.7.21.

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Jan 22 at office

Subsequent Paper

no
11922/22

Colony & Protectorate of Kenya.

AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 750.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI, KENYA

British East Africa

30th May 1921.

Sir,

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I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No.332 of the 26th February regarding over-payment of war gratuity issued to Captain P.Chapman, late Camp Commandant, Headquarters East African Forces, and to express my regret for the delay in replying to the inquiries made in Viscount Milner's despatch No.1329 of the 10th September last.

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2. The Pay Authorities urged that in the first instance Captain Chapman's return to this country should be awaited in order to endeavour to effect recovery of the outstandings. He proceeded to Uganda shortly after his arrival and, as his whereabouts were unknown, it was necessary to defer representations until his return to Kenya.

3. I now enclose two reports from the Staff Officer, War Records, together with copies of the telegrams exchanged, from which it will be observed that the refund due has been

Reports.
copies of
telegrams.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

WINSTON CHURCHILL, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, E.W.,

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been reduced to Florins 1,504 Cents 50, and that Captain Chapman states that he is not in a position to repay this amount at the moment. In the circumstances the Staff Officer, War Records, has been instructed to use his discretion as to instituting legal proceedings for refund of the excess payments.

The explanation of the Pay Authorities as to the reasons for local issue of gratuity are not convincing, but the latter is complicated by the death of Major Rehm who was in charge of the East African Pay Corps at the time.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

Edward Northey

GOVERNOR.

INCLOSURE

Despatch No. 19

P.350/Staff 264/21

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War Records, Accounts &

Military Pensions Dept.,

P.O. Box 261

Nairobi, East Africa.

25th May 1921.

From:-

The Staff Officer,
War Records,

To:-

The Acting Colonial Secretary,
The Secretariat,
Nairobi.

Memorandum.

Re. Gravitment to Captain Chapman, D.M.S.

Further to my letter No. P.350/Staff

264/21 of 2/10th instant.

2. I regret to have to inform you that I am unable to definitely state why Gratuity was issued to Captain Chapman by this office, but from the information obtained from Captain Chapman's personal file, it would appear that this was authorised by the late Major Reiss during the time I was on leave.

3. From a note made by the late Major Reiss authorising this payment, he was, no doubt, under the impression that Captain Chapman, being locally employed, was paid by this office.

Sgd. J. Patterson,
Major,

Staff Officer, War Records.

COPIES OF TELEGRAMS.

To :-

Captain P. Chapman
Sergoit.

25/4/21.

... my telegram H.1069 14th. April
... reply to repeated applications
... telegram one way of the other.

Chiefpy.

Sd. J. Patterson.
Major.
Staff Officer War Records.

No. 215.

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28/4/21.

H.1074

After repeated efforts unable raise
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Captain Chapman.

To :-
Police
Sergoit.

No. H1070

14/4/21.

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To :-

Police

Sergent.

No. H1070

14/4/21.

Important telegram sent to Captain Chapman Sergent
to-day kindly ascertain if received and report by telegram.
Chiefpay.

Sd. J. Patterson.
Major.
Staff Officer War Records.

To :-

Captain P. Chapman

Sergent.

14/4/21.

No. H1069.

Reference my letter P 290/M 828/20 of 13th.
December wire urgent when settlement may be expected
Colonial Office pressing reply.

Chiefpay.

Sd. J. Patterson.
Major.
for Staff Officer War Records.

Cancel 11/9/22

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The Sec.

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Mr. Rechtig
Mr. 870
Mr.

Mr. Grindle.
Sir H. Lambert,
Sir H. Read,
Sir G. Fiddes,
Col. Amery,
Mr. Churchill.

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(Signed) H. J. READ