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FROM
O.A.G.
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DATE
5TH AUGUST 1921

RE CIRCULATION :-
Mr. Lumbing 13.8.21
Mr. Mackay
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SUBJECT

Winding up affairs into ...

WAR RECORDS DEPT

Encloses copy of memo. by S.O., Wa Records supporting contention Capt F. Page cannot be dispensed with before 31.3.22. Agrees and has authorized retention but asks release may be facilitated by expedition in forwarding medals. Urges early settlement of outstanding questions. Copy of memo of Dept will be arrived and

Previous Paper

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BRITISH EAST AFRICA

5th August, 1921.

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Report of the Staff Officer- War
 released in a report in a
 event not later than the 30th August. The
 Edward Newton, and the findings of the
 Committee of the Staff Officer- War
 King's African
 of the War
 The work of assignment is now completed
 appears essential for the reasons addressed
 corresponds to the

DOWNING STREET,
 LONDON, S. W.

the distribution of Medals by dispensing with the services of the officer, who has superintended this work from the outset and is fully conversant with the mass of records dealing with the personnel engaged in the local campaign. I consider it of high importance to allow Captain Page to remain on in his present duties until all Medal Rolls are completed and the work of distribution of awards is well in hand. Subject to your approval I have therefore authorized his retention and shall be grateful if the transmission of medals can be completed as far as possible in order

In reference to the twelfth paragraph of Sir Patterson's memorandum I am informed by Colonel Phillips, who was Assistant Commandant in 1916, that the Record Section of the King's African Rifles was formed after the warning conveyed by the Deputy Assistant and Quartermaster General, General Headquarters, East Africa Expeditionary Force, as the abolition of King's African Rifles Headquarters was not contemplated at the time and it was intended that the work should be carried on by the existing organization. After the signing of the Armistice, however, supplies could not be obtained for adequate personnel to wind up such necessary units as the King's African Rifles Pay Department and the King's African Rifles Record Section. It was considered that no useful purpose would have been served by waiting for permission to form a Record Office.

5. I have only to add that pending receipt of the decisions adumbrated in your telegram of the 9th May the proposals in Sir Edward Northey's despatch of the 11th March have been given effect to with the exception of the allowance cited in the fifth paragraph. I am satisfied

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fied that the volume of the work in the Secretariat has not decreased and, I recommend its continuance until the end of the current year. I trust that an early settlement of the outstanding questions connected with the organization of the War Records Department will be arrived at.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

W. H. C. ...

Subject Matter War Records

No. 6477/B
War Records, Accounts &
Military Pensions Dept.,
P.O. Box 261
Nairobi, East Africa
July 1st. 1921.

STAFF

... basis received
... that particulars of all admissions
to Hospital, periods in the Field, and periods at the Base are
required.

(4) The roll for the award of the British War Medal in bronze to enrolled natives of the M.L.C. will eventually consist of some 40,000 names. The eligibility of each of these men will have to be decided by a cross check with their statistical and pay cards, as in many cases the grading of a boy is not shown on the former card. This and the work of checking the other medal rolls can only be done by somebody who is in a position to decide whether an individual is entitled to medals, Alaska, etc.

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from asked for by Reg. Sec. on 1/9/21, the requirements have been cut down to the minimum by the meeting held at that time.

(8) I have personally gone into the whole question of Records in detail and the work involved, and I am confident that it has never been realised either locally or in London the duties that have still to be performed. It must also be taken into account that at home there are permanent Record Offices as well as an additional Record Section of the War Office, formed since

their first duties, ought to have organised a Record Section and that even at that time it was not too late to start. The fact remains, however, that no Record Section ever did exist for the K.A.R. and it is more or less a practical impossibility to form one now. This, however, will not prevent K.A.R. officers and other ranks, both European and native, from harassing the local Government and the Secretary of State for people and their other rights, and every enquiry is entitled to a prompt and full reply. Cooperation in this connection alone is obvious.

It has been found possible to recover some of the K.A.R. officers and N.C.O.'s for a number of years past. I would like information regarding the names of the officers and N.C.O.'s who were in the K.A.R. before the war, and who were in the K.A.R. after the war. It has been desirable to do this in order to be able to contact them and to get their views on the K.A.R. and its future. The information can be secured from the pay books of a very simple nature.

(18) In view of the above, I intend therefore, with your concurrence, to retain the services of Captain Farewell and Mr. [Name] until such time as I consider the work can be done by you and to your satisfaction.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours faithfully,
 [Signature]
 Major,
 to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I have the honour to be
 Sir,
 Your obedient servant

[Handwritten Signature]
 Major

Staff Officer, for Records.



Subject War Records.

To obtain Page.

In view of the records of items contained in His
Excellency's despatches King's Affairs. Files No. 60 dated 11th.
March 1921. I would be glad if you would submit as early as
possible a report on the work of your office showing in detail
what work has been done at the present time and work still to
be carried out.

(s) J. Patterson,
Major

Staff Officer War Records.

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P.O. Box 261
Harwich, Essex, June 1921.

- (g) A re-verification of all particulars in connection with graves and despatch of forms to next-of-kin. (This for London, not for local Unit whose records appear to be incorrect).
- (h) Medal Rolls for Uganda Units are on the point of being submitted to the Chief Secretary, Entebbe.

2. Work still to be done.

(a) Compilation of medal rolls.

Printed by Army Victory Medal Office, London and assisted enlisted soldiers of the E.A.P.F.

If the Army Council agree to send out unengraved bronze medals it is my intention to ask for unengraved war medals in silver for coloured ranks.

If they agree to this it will considerably simplify the whole question of medals for native ranks.

Bronze medals for 40,000 out of 400,000 enrolled natives. The method of dealing with this latter question depends on the reply to H.C.'s despatch E.A.R. No. 51, dated 5/2/21.

- (b) Distribution of 1914-15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, Commissions (none for E.A.P.F. have yet arrived), King's Certificates of Distinction, special certificates for natives, outstanding commissions for "Mention in Despatches", special awards etc.

- (c) The issue of the bronze medal to enrolled natives, when the question has been decided by the Army Council as to whether they will agree to the sending out of unengraved medals.
- (d) Removal of this Office to your Office, when a resort of the M.L.C. cards should be made, otherwise

issue of medals will be very difficult.

Just prior to these cards being handed over to me, cards were being taken out for reference and not put back in their places and this would appear to be the

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2. Mr. Churchill will be glad to
learn whether the Council agree to
his informing the Governor that
the proposals embodied in these
despatches are approved.

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By ...

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I have the honor to acknowledge the

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receipt of your despatch No. 1434

of the 5th of July, transmitted by

several addresses to the

Director of Chemical Research

and the subjects of the various

of Chemistry's the professional

members of the staff

as I have to refer to

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to the decision notified in my despatch
no 1261 of the 15th of May. on the general
question of revision of salaries, which
was taken after discussion with Sir

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