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Last previous Paper.

Medical Certificates

of officers proceeding on leave
I suggest reversion to old arrangement
by which med cert. were sent with leaf.
Covering the leave papers.

Mr. B. [unclear]
Mr. [unclear]

The system by which the M.O. who examines
a man is required to forward the Med. Cert. direct
to the Dept. was instituted by me [unclear] on
CO/4433/14 Apr. (left deep dated 1 June 1911)
In most Colonies the responsibility of
which the Med. Cert. was given to the officer
himself to bring to the P.O. on arrival in
this country (see para 1796 of deep to
WA Col's of 13 May 1911 enclosed in deep of
2 June 11 in enclosed above)

But in our [unclear] 28 Jan 1914 (Gov/4233/110)
we laid it down that the Medical Cert.
should be sent to the P.O. (presumably) from
the local Secretariat (para 3) In para 2 the
M.O. is instructed to send the Cert. to the
P.M.O.'s Office, not direct to us.

This then is the 'old system' to which
Govt refers in this deep.

The arrangements instituted on CO/4433/14

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Next subsequent Paper.

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superceded the 'Old system' and Col Reg
130 has been revised in accordance
with our des^{ts} on 9433

An C of 20/3/33 Col Reg 130 was
definitely applied to P. Africa see
our des^{ts} on that date and the
last para of that des^{ts} the Govt was
reminded that the P.O. who examines
a man must send an copy of the cert.
to the local Govt at the same time
as he sends the Med Cert to us.

The Govt now complains that copies of the
Certificates frequently reach the Secretariat
late and the Govt has no other means
of ascertaining whether a man has been
examined or not.

But if the ~~new~~ medical cert. is to
accompany the leave papers (which
reach us a week or so before the
arrival) either he will have to be
examined very early (in order that
the Med Cert may reach the Secretariat
in time to go with the leave papers)
or else the leave papers will have
to be delayed to wait for the Medical
Cert (a most undesirable arrangement)

As it is the Officer may be examined
just prior to his departure from his
station and if the P.O. does his
duty the cert. reaches us as soon
as, or just after, he does. Meanwhile
a copy should be on its way to the
Secretariat, accompanied by a state-
ment signed by the P.O. to the effect
that he has sent a copy to us.

Taking the P.A. Postal Service at ^{its}

its worst, I should think that the Secretariat should receive a copy (except from a very remote station) not more than a fortnight after the Officer reaches this country (about 5 or 6 weeks after his medical exam). We do not usually telegraph to him under the Govt. as cases where no word-cut has been received, until a week after the man has arrived. By that time, the Secretariat might assume that the Med exam did not take place if they have not received a copy, and should telegraph to the Officer's station for an explanation.

I think we should not approve ~~for~~ the proposal for the reasons stated at A. above.

H. D. 20 27th

I do not quite follow the ^{as he suggests} difficulty of the certificates are to be forwarded to him for inclusion with leave papers, there does not seem to be any reason to suppose that they would arrive any earlier than a certificate bearing the signed statement that a copy had been forwarded direct to the C. O. ^{he suggests} This method would involve the difficulties shown at A. above.

The procedure at present in use, with the modifications suggested to Nigeria (No 436 of 25/1/13), appears to be the best.

Officers who omit to present themselves ^{for} examination before proceeding on leave could be dealt with in such a way that this kind of objection occurs.

H. D. 4/1/14

I think that if steps are taken to ensure that officers do not leave their stations to come home until they have been medically examined or if no med officer is available, that they are examined as a matter of routine at some definite point in their journey (I suppose that at some stage an officer going home comes into contact with the Secretariat & either some 'gat' Dept), and if medical officers who do not send certs home & officers who do not present themselves for exam. are dropped or heavily enough, these omissions will become much less frequent. P.g. if it were known that any officer who failed to get examined & certified on his way home would be expected to show that he had repeatedly tried & failed - would in any case be sent to one of the M.A.'s houses on arrival, at his own expense (granted to be refunded if his excuse was admitted), I suspect things would improve a lot.

I think the Nigeria rules (see 15738/14 Nig) might well be adopted in E.A. There is no reason there, any more than in W.A., for med certs to go to the Secretariat.

AT
18/5/14

7E. I think as the Nigeria rules & should generally as in S. Nigeria's & the Indian, etc. etc.

W.A. B. I think as the only suitable board in all cases. I think that no officer gets his boss off what you the member of office that

He

He could be given a private course
that if asking if he had been examined.
If not, there would usually be time
to handle. If the case is time to
be handled, it should be examined
and a report made.

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As proposed by Mr. Fiddlen &
Mr. Bottomley

above

H. J. R.

22/5/14

Mr. Bottomley
Mr. Reed

The document to which alluded
it was separated from the T.D. Regs.
bundle resulted in its incarceration
in the General Dept. from which it was
delivered within less than a month ago
by the resumption of sentence of E.A.S.R.
I thought that as it had waited so long
it might go on waiting until 35008
was disposed of. That has been done.
I enclosed a draft, for which I have largely
drawn on my imagination.

S.S. desk amulates to TAMS (see 25 Nov 1914
Re observation by Committee 1st 4/12/14
AT 3/11/14
H. J. R. 3/11/14

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA

No. 254.

March 18th, 1914.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 155 of March 4th, 1913, regarding the posting direct by Medical Officers of medical certificates relating to officers proceeding on leave.

2. The instructions given have been carried out and the officers concerned advised accordingly, but in certain cases the certificates have apparently failed to reach you and subsequently been requested for explanation.

It is not always easy for me to comply with such requests for, although copies of the certificates are sent to the Secretariat, they are frequently not received until some considerable time has elapsed and I have no other means of ascertaining

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

ascertaining whether an officer duly presented himself for examination before he went on leave or not.

3. Under the old system by which a certificate accompanied the other leave papers it was always known at once whether officers had been examined or not and it was often necessary to remind them to present themselves, when they had either inadvertently or purposely omitted to do so.

If by any chance they had to leave the Protectorate without a certificate, I was in a position to advise you at once, whereas now I may hear nothing of it for some weeks or even months.

4. I would therefore venture to suggest the desirability of reverting to the old arrangement by which the certificate accompanied the other papers in my despatch covering the leave.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your humble, obedient servant,

A. Bowen

on instruction from the
GOVERNOR.

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Sir,

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Go EAP

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DRAFT.

EAP No. 992

Go Belfield
MINUTE

- Mr. Fiddian 2/11
- Mr. Bostanley 3/11/14
- Mr. Read 3
- Mr. [unclear]
- Sir G. [unclear]
- Sir H. [unclear]
- Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott - Irlington.
Mr. Harcourt.

for cause

3 copies rule (Bostanley - Health Referrals)

Handwritten note: 135 D 3

Sir,

I have had under my
 cause yr. des. No 254 of
 the 18th of March last,
 in which you suggest that,
 in view of the difficulty of
 carrying out the present
 system of office
 leave shall reach us
 as they are ~~of the~~
 the electrical officers who
 conduct the examinations it
 is desirable to revert to the
 former system, whereby the
 certificates now sent home
 with the officer's leave
 papers

I do not know

that it is possible to ensure that the medical

Under the system suggested

field offices serving in other parts of the Empire.

It is important therefore from a practical point of view, that the system of medical leave papers should be as nearly as possible uniform throughout Troop. Aff. The system which you suggest has proved a failure in other Troop. Aff. dependencies, & the one which it has been found best adapted to Troop Aff. administration. The general conditions of

4. It is at any rate my ~~most~~ desire that it should have a ~~good~~ physiological and the cooperation of the central administration, & the Medical ~~Dept~~ of the ~~officers~~

will reach this Office by the same steamer by which the officer concerned arrives in this country. To make certain of the med. cert. reaching the Secretariat in time to be sent down with the leave papers it must, sometimes at any rate, be necessary to carry ~~with~~ the med. exam. at an unduly early date; and ~~of the ~~medical~~ of the med. cert. ~~with~~ ~~some~~ ~~matter~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~held~~ ~~back~~ ~~until~~ ~~it~~ ~~arrives~~.~~

is not forthcoming by the time of the officer's departure, as might sometimes happen, & the

3. Moreover, I think it is important to keep all the Troop. Aff. dependencies in line in this matter. The officers serving in Troop Aff. come home at more or less stated intervals, and comparatively frequent, and the ~~question~~ ~~of~~ ~~their~~ health is one in which this Dept. takes a more direct interest than in the case

As camp
As usual

^{service}
 His ^{service} generally is necessary
 to this end. I do not imagine
 that there will be any difficulty
 in ^{obtaining} these ^{certificates}
 provided the object of these
 reports is thoroughly understood.
 In the case of an officer who is
 sent home before the end of
 his tour on medical grounds,
 the reasons for requiring
 that at least certain details
 in regard to his medical history
 shall be available for the
 guidance of the Medical Adm. (or even, in some cases, of
 who examines him soon after ^{his arrival})
 his arrival in this country, are
 obvious and need no justification.
 I cannot, however, too strongly
 emphasize the desirability
 of a medical leave certificate
 & a Medical History Sheet,
 kept up to date, being
 ready in case an officer,
 who bears the Protection
 good health (affiant or real),
 is taken ill during the voyage
 or after his arrival, or then (without

DRAFT.

MINUTE.

- Mr.
- Mr.
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- Mr.
- Mr. G. Fisher
- Sir H. Jessel
- Sir J. Anderson
- Lord Esmont - Ishington
- Mr. Harcourt

(in regard to his
 state of health
 which was

having found it necessary to
 seek medical assistance on his
 account, & find that
 the protective draught was that
 the recuperative effects of
 residence in this country have
 not been all that he had
 reason to anticipate. In
 such cases the Medical
 Adm. if his advice to the
 patient & his recommendation
 to the Prot. are to be based
 on the fact that he has
 been ill during his
 residence in this country,
 his habits in regard to
 the impression formed by
 the MO who examined him
 prior to his departure for
 the Prot., and the advice
 given him in regard to
 medical precautions during
 the voyage and after arrival
 in this country. Considerable
 inconvenience sometimes ^{occurs} even during
 and unnecessary suffering ~~is~~

expense - have been caused by the
loss of this information.

5. I think that these
considerations are sufficient to
justify ~~the~~ ^{exacting & practically}
~~the~~ ^{carrying out with punctuality}
~~the~~ ^{launching of the} ~~project~~ ^{project} laid
down in this ~~subject~~ ^{respect}, and in that spirit
I send ~~them~~ ^{the}
public accounts of the C.A.A.

I think it is probable, however,
that there will be cases in
which, on the one hand, a
certain dislike of and indifference
to routine matters of procedure
~~may~~ ^{may} ~~occur~~ ^{occur}
~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~public~~ ^{public} ~~accounts~~ ^{accounts},
and, on the other hand, the
circumstances of a departure,
perhaps in haste, from a distant
station or base of supply,
will lead to the overlooking
of the prescribed routine in
connection with medical examinations.
If an adequate degree of notice
taken of such matters, particularly

(e.g. by the Director of
Transport

that they will become comparatively
unimportant. An officer who has
~~been~~ ^{been} ~~sent~~ ^{sent} ~~down~~ ^{down} ~~to~~ ^{to}
Mombasa on his way ~~down~~ ^{down} ~~to~~ ^{to}
be given a remainder, ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~that~~ ^{that}
he has not been medically
examined at any point on
his way down to ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~base~~ ^{base} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~it~~ ^{it}
could be done there, and that
there would usually be time.
If an officer's ~~arrival~~ ^{arrival} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~this~~ ^{this} ~~country~~ ^{country} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~medical~~ ^{medical} ~~aid~~ ^{aid} ~~does~~ ^{does}
not arrive in this country
at the same time that he
does, he will usually be called
upon to ~~report~~ ^{report} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~base~~ ^{base} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~medically~~ ^{medically} ~~examined~~ ^{examined}
leaving the post ~~by~~ ^{by} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~base~~ ^{base} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~absence~~ ^{absence}
of special reasons to the
contrary) to medically examine
him at his own expense.
The cost of which he is put
in connection with his exam.
~~should~~ ^{should} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~reimbursed~~ ^{reimbursed} ~~if~~ ^{if}
it is found that the animal
was not in any way his own
fault, and that he had

expense - have been caused by the
absence of this information.

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considerations are sufficient to
justify insistence on the ^{exactness & punctuality in the}
carrying out ~~of the~~ ^{of the} ~~instructions~~ ^{instructions} laid
down in this ~~matter~~ ^{respect}, and in that spirit
I would ~~draw to your~~
~~public accounts of the C.A.P.~~

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to routine ~~administration~~
~~many excellent~~
~~and public accounts~~
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circumstances of a departure
perhaps in haste, from a distant
station or base of alarm,
will lead to the overlooking
of the prescribed routine in
connection with medical examinations.
If an adequate degree of notice is
taken of such omissions, I anticipate

By the Director of
Transport

that they will become comparatively
infrequent. An Officer who has
~~been~~ on coming down to
Mantua on his way here could
be given a medical examination
He has not been medically
examined at any point on
his way down to the coast &
could be done there, no doubt
there would usually be time.
If an Officer's arrival in this
country and medical aid does
not arrive in this country
at the same time that he
does he will usually be called
upon to ~~be~~
medically examined ~~before~~
leaving the Port of Mantua
he would not (in the absence
of special reasons to the
contrary) be medically examined
before at his own expense.
The cost for which he is put
in connection with this exam-
ination ~~will~~ ^{will} be refunded if
it is found that the animal
was not ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ any way
faulty ~~at the time of his~~

to the fault of any individual
medical officer, it is a question
whether the expense should not
fall upon him. In any case, some
action should be taken of any
failure on the part of a medical
officer to carry out the prescribed
routine.

6. Take this opportunity

of instructing, for your information,
three copies of the rules in regard
to this matter, as formulated in

They will require little
revisal amendment to adapt
them for use in the

Nigeria. I may add, for the
sake of completeness, that in writing
to the Gen. Offr. Gambia I
have explained that the
statement in par no 2 of these
rules, that "reduplications of
the Medical History Sheet shall
be made" is not intended to
preclude the keeping of an
officer's health record, in the
Princ. M. O.'s Office, in the form
of a Med History Sheet, and the
transfer of such record, in
whatever form it may be kept, to
the corresponding office in any
other W. A. Colony to which the
officer concerned may be transferred.

This also applies to transfers
between the E.A. Provinces
transfers from E.A. to W.A.
and vice versa.

Signed I.