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PENSION FOR WIDOW OF TROOPER P. T. G. DUPLESSIS  
BELFIELD SCOTS.

Reports widow has now remarried. Requests sanction to payment of gratuity of £52.

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Copy to Mr. Parsons on 29 Sept. 1917  
Mrs. Sub. copy above sent - 26 Oct. 1917 50901

By Mr. Beasley  
ask Ministry of Pensions whether under these circumstances she would be entitled to a gratuity of equal to two years' pension

MRS. 26/11/17

Mr. Butler.

The case is complicated by the change in regulations as from April 4th 1917, & I submit etc.

It would of course be possible to give both mother & children the best of both systems - i.e. settle up with the former under the old & receive the pensions of the latter under the new; but I do not suppose

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That some practice permits this,  
- but see my afterthought in para. 5  
of draft; the date of remittance is  
not stated.

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Sir,

With reference to your predecessor's despatch No.316 dated the 4th May 1916, approving the grant of a pension to the widow of the late Trooper P. T. C. du Plessis, Belfield's Scouts, I have the honour to inform you that this lady has now remarried and has applied for a gratuity equal to two years' pension.

2. Her husband, Sergeant L. P. Botes, enlisted on the 21st September 1914 and was discharged on the disbandment of the Belfield's Scouts on November 1916.

3. Before remarriage the pension to which she was entitled was ten shillings per week, and the gratuity for which she is eligible consequently £52. This amount she desires to be paid to her in a lump sum.

4. I should be glad of your sanction to pay this sum to Mrs. Botes.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your humble, obedient servant,

*[Signature]*  
ACTING GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
WALTER LONG, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.

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Dear Sir,

I am so pleased to  
know that the case has been laid before the  
Ministry of Pensions, the ac-  
copy of which was despatched from the  
D.P.G. of the S.A.D. regarding  
the re-marriage of Mrs. de  
Plessis, who has been in  
receipt of a pension in  
respect of the death of her  
first husband, a trooper in  
one of the local forces.

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The Secretary

Ministry of Pensions

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Mr. Proctor 27.9.17

Mr. Butler 27/9/17

Mr. Grindle.

Mr. Lambert.

Mr. Read.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Mr. Henning  
11, Great Marlborough

Mr. Long.

for comment

(with answers)

2. The case was dealt with  
under the Army Order no.  
3130/1915, which provides  
for a gratuity of two years  
pension on re-marriage  
Pensions were awarded of  
70s. a week to the widow  
and of 10s. 6d. a week (in  
all) to the three children.

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who was born the eldest  
and on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 1910 and  
the other two on Jan<sup>y</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1914.  
His mother was born on Dec 18<sup>th</sup>  
1870.

3. Since April 4<sup>th</sup> 1917,

the widow and children  
have been gratified under  
the new Royal Warrant  
for a pension of  $13\frac{3}{4}$  a  
week, and  $12\frac{1}{6}$  and the  
children for pensions  
amounting to  $12\frac{1}{6}$  a week,

(annexed)

but article 16 of the Warrant  
provides for the payment  
on a marriage of only  
one year of the widow's  
pension.

4. It is obviously to the  
mildred  
advantage of Mrs de

Plennis (now Mrs Potter)

herself that the case  
should be continued to be  
treated under the Army  
Order of 1915, but the  
advantage would after  
a few years be

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Counterbalanced by the  
contingency of the smaller  
pensions to the children, but  
they would therefore be <sup>215</sup>  
glad to be left without  
in a similar case in the  
British Army, where the  
pensions had not been  
revised at the time of  
re-marriage, the Minister  
of Pensions would require  
an  
that the adjustment to  
the new scales should be  
made and gratuity on  
the one year's basis be  
paid to the widow on  
re-marriage.

5. Mr. Long has assumed  
that the date of re-marriage  
is later than April 4<sup>th</sup>

1917. If this is not the case,  
it can present no difficulty,  
since the individual would  
be qualified for the two  
years' gratuity under the  
A.O. of 1915 and the

Provision of the children  
could be increased as  
from April 4<sup>th</sup> independently  
of the payments made to her.

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