

EAST AFR. PROT

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Bowring 1883

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18 Aug

Last previous Paper.

M.O.
16076

PENSION FOR WIDOW OF LATE W.M.S. OWEN

Explains unable obtain cert that disease which caused death was contracted or commenced on military service. Encloses copy corres which it is hoped will meet requirements.

M^r. Bottomley ^{W. Butler}

There is no evidence in these pp. that the disease was contracted or commenced on military service beyond the statement that Driver Owen served "through the German West Campaign" and that it was ^{the fact} subsequent to this that the illness started which incapacitated him for further service in the field. However, the O.A.G. seems satisfied, so? ack. the despatch, return the declaration of the applicant (now in 16076) and authorize the pension on the terms stated in

apparently,

Copy M.O. Pensions Cases 17 Oct 17
Copy corres M/P no 27 Aug 20 for 202/10/20

Next subsequent Paper.

M.O.
54481

Our desp: of 5th April (16076)

HMS 12/10/17

It is a "common" charge, and I think
we must get the concurrence of the Ministry
of Pensions. [In the meantime Mr.
Coven continues to draw the ~~...~~s. a week
the grant of which was reported in 16568]

6/13 10.17

To: counsel Ministry of Pensions.

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13/10/17

at once

W. Botkin

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE
No 488.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

August 18th, 1917.

Handwritten initials and a line through them.

Sir,

Handwritten notes:
4. (over)
10568

With reference to your despatch No.269 of the 5th April last, on the subject of the grant of a pension to the widow of the late W.M.S.Owen, I have the honour to inform you that it is not possible to obtain a certificate that the disease which caused his death was contracted or commenced on military service, as he died before a medical board could be assembled to report on his state of health. I attach copies of correspondence on the subject, containing medical reports on the deceased shortly before his death, and trust that these will meet the requirements contained in your despatch.

Mr. Owen
5-7-16

Lt. McDonald
13-7-16.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

Handwritten signature of the Acting Governor.

ACTING GOVERNOR.

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

Copy.Despatch No. 33 of August 1917
Nairobi, 5-7-16.

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O/C - No. 1. Aux. M. T. Coy.

NAIROBI.

Sir,

I herewith beg permission to apply for my release from active military service, on account of ill health.

After serving through the German West Campaign, I signed on for service in this country, and arrived here on August last.

During approximately ten months of service here I have been off duty for quite four and a half with malaria and chronic bronchitis trouble, I was discharged from Hospital for the fourth time, a day or two ago, in apparently good health but am now in practically the same condition as when I went in. Under the circumstances, therefore, I am convinced that I am of very little practical use to the service hence my application for discharge.

I beg to remain etc.,

Sd/- W. OWEN.

INCLOSURE

Copy of report dated 13-7-16, from J.W. McDonald,
Lieut. R.A.M.C. to Col. Scott, O/C. Combined General
Hospital.

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REPORT. I have examined this man and submit report. He is anemic and gets breathless on exertion. There is no evidence of chronic bronchitis but there is a distinct impairment of percussion note at the right apex and increased vocal resonance. The man has lost weight somewhat rapidly. These facts explain his persistent cough. His heart sounds are soft but pure.

I do not consider that he will be fit for further service in the Field.

No. 54/ii/M.

Medical Headquarters,
Lines of Communications,
Nairobi, 18-7-16.

To,

O.C. - No. 1. Aux. Mech. Transport Company.

MEMORANDUM.

Above forwarded with reference to your Memo
No. 2786, dated 6-7-16.

Sd/- A. D. Milne,
Lieut. Col. R.A.M.S.
for D.D.M.S., O.C. of C.

Govt (49977) (CAF)
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~~17~~ 17 Dec., 1917

Sir,

With ref. to your letter No. 7/Rel. 0/320 (Central) of the 26th of March, I am etc. to transmit to you to be laid before the Ministry of Pensions the acc. copy of ~~the~~ ^{irresponsibility} a despatch to the Gov. of the E.A.P. on the subject of the grant of a pension to the widow of the late Mr. W.M.S. Owen, and ~~of the same reply.~~

ansd 54481

Secretary
Ministry of Pensions
(Widows and Dependents Branch)

15/10/17
Bokhombey, 15.10.17 f.

Gov. No 269 5/4/17
Min. P.S. No. 483 10/13/17

2. Mr. Long would be glad to learn who they had Mr. Owen but the pension mentioned in your letter should not be deferred from at the time of his death, his widow would still be eligible for pension

The charges for which he falls mainly
the absence of a certificate
in respect of funds, & it is
not the disease which caused
his death was contracted or
concurrent of the Ministry of
Commenced on active service,
in the course of action
under the circumstances
mentioned in the Acting
Governor's despatch.

James