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Secretary of State.

SUBJECT.

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13th June.

"OVERSEAS SERVICE GRANT" AFTER ARMISTICE IN EUROPE.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

1. S. of S. Secret Circular despatch of 13th June, 1944.

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G.F.

As some of our men serving in the army overseas -
 the number will be very small - will have had
 any claim to the Army I think they should
 be treated on all terms with British soldiers
 serving out of the U.K.

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3. Secret Despatch to S. of S. of 16. 8. 44.
4. Circ. Savings from S. of S. of 17. 9. 45.

Subsequent Paper.

CIRCULAR

SECRET

Downing Street,

13th June, 1944.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Army Council have under consideration a suggestion that British Army personnel on dispersal from the Colonies after an armistice in Europe might receive in addition to any form of war gratuity that may be approved, and a period of leave on ordinary pay and allowances, an "overseas service grant" which would probably take the form of a lump sum payment equal to one day's pay and allowances of their rank for every month of overseas service since 3rd September, 1939, provided that they have served overseas for a minimum of six months.

2. There are several difficulties which arise in the application of the above principle to the Colonial forces, and overseas Commands have been requested to consult Colonial Governments concerned on the following points:-

(a) Whether an "overseas service grant" is recommended; and if so

(b) what scale is recommended, and

(c) what rules should be adopted as regards the definition of "overseas service" bearing in mind that the main purpose of the grant should be to compensate men for prolonged and enforced separation from their homes, and that in the case of some units personnel have been granted periodic leave to their country of enlistment or embodiment.

3. The question of the application of an "overseas grant" to personnel of units of the United Kingdom forces who were enlisted or commissioned in overseas Commands and for whose dispersal on repatriation overseas Commands will be responsible, is also under consideration.

4. As the general responsibility for the resettlement of Colonial personnel is primarily a matter for the Government of the Colonial Dependency concerned, I shall be grateful if you will discuss with your Military Authorities and furnish them with information as is required.

5. The fact that the question of such a grant is under consideration should be kept strictly secret.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

OLIVER STANLEY.

The Officer Administering
the Government of

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.
S E C R E T.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
16th August, 1944.

Sir,

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With reference to your Secret Despatch dated 13th June, regarding "Overseas Service Grants" for Colonial personnel in the Army, I have the honour to inform you that in my opinion Falkland Islands personnel serving outside the Colony should be treated on a similar footing to British personnel. Nor would any special ruling regarding the definition of "overseas service" appear to be necessary in view of the fact that none of the men concerned has been granted periodic leave to his home.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Sgd.) A. W. CARDINALL

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
O. F. G. STANLEY, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

S/17/44

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of

Circular Telegram Saving.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

17th September, 1945.

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My secret circular despatch of 13th June, 1944, now no longer secret.

Overseas Service Grant.

The following definition of Overseas Service which has now been adopted by War Office is sent to you for information:-

Overseas Service.

- (i) Except as provided in (ii) and (iii) below, the expression "overseas service" means all paid service from and including 3rd September, 1939, while based outside Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Eire and the neighbouring islands including the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.
- (ii) Where an application for repatriation to a place outside the area defined in paragraph (i) is admitted, or where an individual is released outside that area, the expression "overseas service" means all paid service from and including 3rd September, 1939, while based outside the area as defined in paragraph (i), in which the individual had his sole or principal place of residence before joining His Majesty's Forces.
- (iii) For the purpose of paragraph (ii), territories will be grouped into the following areas:-
 - (a) The North Caribbean Area, namely Jamaica, Bahamas and British Honduras.
 - (b) The South Caribbean Area, namely Trinidad, Windward Islands, Leeward Islands, British Guiana and Barbados.
 - (c) The West African area, namely Nigeria, Gold Coast, Sierra Leone and Gambia.
 - (d) The East African area, namely Uganda, Kenya, Tanganyika, Nyasaland, Zanzibar and Northern Rhodesia.
 - (e) The South African area, namely the Union of South Africa, Bechuanaland, Swaziland and Basutoland.
 - (f) Persia and Iraq.
 - (g) Egypt, Sudan, Palestine, Transjordan and Syria.
 - (h) Federated Malay States and Straits Settlements.
- (iv) For the purpose of paragraph (ii) where an area is not grouped as above it will be regarded as a separate area.
- (v) Service which is non-reckonable for age and service

grouping



grouping under Release Regulations paragraph 305 (c)
(i) - (v) will not count for overseas service benefit.
Service overseas forfeited under Release Regulations
paragraph 305 (c) (vi) whether restored or not, will
count for overseas service benefit.

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