

Home (1921) Department.

Miscellaneous

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G.O. No. 127

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Aircraft

One AVRO aeroplane - Presented to Major W. R. Wills

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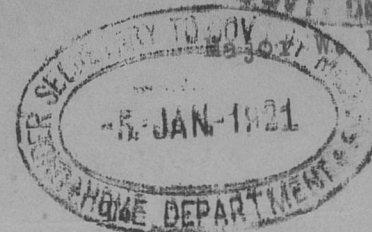
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From



R. Wills,

Assistant Superintendent,

P. W. Workshops, Madras.

The Secretary to Government,

Home Department, Fort St. George,

Madras.

SIR, (through the General Superintendent, P.W.Workshops.)

I understand from Mr. Chettle that four surplus aeroplane which were being given to his Firm by Government are not now required by him. I have the honour to request that you will request Government to allow me to have one of these surplus machines.

As you will see from the enclosed copy of General Staff's letter No. 10753 dated 12th April 1915, I was appointed Flying Officer and Engineer to the original flight of Aeroplanes for Force "D" and served in that capacity in Mesopotamia. I have since been employed at the R. F. C. Experimental Station, Orfordness and have also been in command of several Aircraft Parks; all with over 500 men and all employed on Aeroplane repair and construction in addition to testing machines in the air. My last command was "The Northern Aircraft Depot, Sheffield" with 3000 men and 600 ^{Women Royal Air Force} ~~men~~; all engaged on aeroplane repairs, aero engine rebuilding and salvage. I hold Aero Pilots Certificate and have very lately passed medical examination to fulfill the conditions of the Indian Aircraft Rules.

I was I believe the pioneer Aviator of Southern India having made a machine which left the ground in November as recorded by the Madras Mail. I have since flown with assisted Baron de Caers and Mr. Madeley and also before

used for firewood,
now obsolete.
before claim to be in a position to look after a
chine if it is presented to me.

I know that there are an enormous number of perfectly new
machines being broken up at Home and actually burnt as my --
Salvage Section at Sheffield broke up many machines under orders
from the Air Ministry. It therefore seems reasonable to me
that some of these machines should be given to ex-Air Force Officers
who will take an interest in these and value them.

I am now living at Ennur, a sparsely populated place with
large open spaces so that the question of ^{an} aerodrome does not
enter. If there was any difficulty about this ^{the} machine could
easily be put on floats and flown off the lake.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W.R. Wills

Assistant Superintendent,

P. W. Workshops.

-3 JAN 1921

Forwarded

W.R. Roberts

17 JAN 21
General Superintendent,
Public Works Workshops

War 1914.
General Staff.
Case No. 10753.

No. H-4171.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

ARMY DEPARTMENT.

Dated Simla, the 12th April 1915.

To

The Chief of the General Staff.

Sir,

I am directed to state that, subject to the approval of the
Most Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, the Government of
India have been pleased to sanction preliminary arrangements being
made for the organisation of a flight of aeroplanes for service with
Indian Expeditionary Force "D", and for its concentration in Bombay
prior to despatch.

2. In accordance with the above sanction, the following personnel
have joined, or will shortly join, at Bombay. They will fill appoint-
ments, and draw pay, as stated :-

Captain Broke Smith, R.E., Deputy Assistant Director of Aviation on
the staff of the Army Commander, Indian Expeditionary Force
"D". Consolidated salary at Rs. 1,200 per mensem.

Captain H.L. Reilly, Indian Central Flying School, attached Royal
Flying Corps, Flight Commander. Consolidated salary at
Rs. 1,200 per mensem.

2nd Lieutenant W.R. Wills, Indian Army Reserve of Officers, on first
appointment. Flying officer and engineer. Consolidated
salary at Rs. 900 per mensem.

10 air mechanics, on transfer from employment under the Imperial
Government. Pay at Rs. 250 per mensem each, plus Rs. 30 per
mensem command allowance, and the usual field service
concession in respect of clothing and rations while in the
field.

In no case will exchange compensation allowance be admissible.

3. I am to say that, pending official sanction to the complete
scheme, the officers and mechanics specified above may be given such
advance of pay as may be required, but not exceeding three months',
emoluments. The dates on which they joined, their appointments should
be communicated to the Controller of Military Accounts, 6th (Poona)
Division, by the General Officer Commanding, Bombay Brigade, to whom
they have been directed to report on arrival in Bombay.

4. All extra expenditure connected with the personnel and that
connected with material, will be compiled under "Grant 14-War 1914-I-
Debitable to His Majesty's Imperial Government, Indian Expeditionary

Force

Force "D".

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I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Sd. B. Holloway,
Brigadier-General,
Secretary to the Government of India.
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Letter No 269-1 of 20 Jan. 1921
Home (m) Dept
Aircraft.

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To

✓ The Secy to the Govt of India
Dept of Commerce
with encl. copy of pp 3-44.

Sir,

I am directed to inform
you that Major W.R. Willis
Asst Supdt, P.W. Works Dept,
Madras is an applicant
for one of the aeroplanes
that have been placed
at the disposal of His Govt.
As will be seen from the
enclosed copy of General Staff
Letter No 10753 of 12.4.1915
Major Willis was appointed
flying officer & Engineer to the
original flight of aeroplanes
for Force D and served
in that capacity in Mes-
opotamia. Major Willis
was afterwards employed
at the R.A.F. Experimental
Station Oxford and has
been in command of

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several aircraft Parks, all with over 500 men and all employed on aeroplane repair and construction in addition to testing machines in the air. His last command was "The Northern Aircraft depot, Sheffield" with 3000 men & 600 women R.A.F., all engaged on aeroplane repairs, aero engine rebuilding and salvage. Major Wills states that he holds Aero Club Pilot certificate and that he has very lately passed medical examination to fulfil the conditions of the Indian Aircraft Rules.

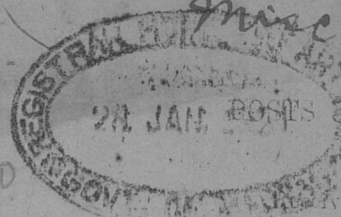
I am directed to recommend to the Govt of India ~~the present~~ ^{the remaining} gift of an ^{AVR} aeroplane to Major Wills and if it is decided to make this gift I am to request that the order of the Govt of India may be communicated to this Govt by telegram.

Major Wells lives on the outskirts of Madras where there is large open space

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BEING HANDED OVER TO MAJOR WILLS ON USUAL CONDITIONS =



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This form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.

Lal Chand & Sons, 3412-5-9-18-85,000 Eka, (Edn. II).

Home Miss Dept

Application for an Aeroplane

[CNo50] From Major Wells No. 7 Rev dated
3/4 Jan^r 1921.

U.S.

The application may be returned
to the Genl Supdt P.W. Workshops
u.o. with a request for being
endorsed & for furnishing me
enclosure referred to in the app^r

Uo. No 50-1 Home Miss
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Genl Supdt. P.W. Workshops u.o.

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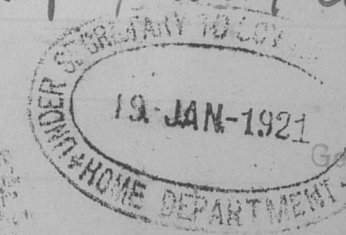
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Forwarded u.o. to the Secy Home to Govt,
Home Miss Dept, duly endorsed & with the
enclosure.

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General Superintendent,
Public Works Workshops

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A draft letter to the Govt of
India is put up. For orders whether the
application may be recommended.

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Home Secy
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[Issued as letter No 269-1 Home (misc) 20.1.1921]

[C No 445] From the Govt of India

Tel'm dated 27. Jan 1921

U.S.

A telephone & an order are
put up for approval.

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[G.O No 129 Home (misc) 28 Jan 1921]

U.S.

may now be circulated to C4
for information & also H.E. the Govt

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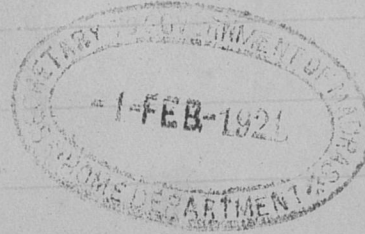
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Telephonic message

To

The Agent for Govt. consignments
Major ^{to} Gents, P.W. Workshop

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The Govt. of India have sanctioned the present of the remaining A.V.R.O. Aeroplane to Major Wills. Please deliver the machine to him. Please take delivery of the machine immediately from the Agent for Govt. Consignments

by 28.1.21
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Aircraft

Home (vis) DEPARTMENT

~~The~~ Avro aeroplane - Presented
to Major W.R. Willis

READ AGAIN G.O. No., dated 192

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READ ALSO:—

C. No., From the, No., dated 192

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No. 127, dated 28 Jan 1921

The Govt of India have been pleased to present Major W.R. Willis, Asst Supt P.W. Workshops, Madras with an Avro aeroplane received from His Majesty's Govt on the understanding that the machine will not be sold or otherwise disposed of by ~~him~~ ^{him} to a third party.

2 Major Wells is requested
to take delivery of the
machine from the
Agent for Govt. Ensign-
ment's Madras and make

his own arrangements
for its removal from
store and transport
to destination.

3 The attention of
Major Wills is invited
to the provisions of the
Indian Aircraft Rules
1920 as to the registration
of aircraft and licen-
sing of aircraft
personnel and on
receipt of the machine
now being presented
to him, he is requested
to forward the necessary
application for regis-
tration and licence
to the Chief Inspector
Air Board, Commerce
Dept, Delhi

4 The machine
has arrived deficient
of the "Adaptor main
support 100 mono part
No 924 in Aero 504K
Schedule". Enquiry

is being made in the
matter and a further
communication will
be sent. 13

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Mr 28/1/21

To Major Wills
Asst Supdt P.W.N.
This Supdt P.W. Workshop
The Agent for Foot
Carriages
(order only)

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Aircraft

One AVRO aeroplane - Presented to Major W.R.Wills

Home (Miscellaneous) DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 127 , dated the 28th January 1921

Read the following papers: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

ENCLOSURES.

No.

Order:

The Government of India have been pleased to present Major W. R. Wills, Assistant Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, Madras with an AVRO aeroplane received from His Majesty's Government on the understanding that the machine will not be sold or otherwise disposed of by him to a third party.

2. Major Wills is requested to take delivery of the machine from the Agent for Government Consignments, Madras and make his own arrangements for its removal from store and transport to destination.

3. The attention of Major Wills is invited to the provisions of the Indian Aircraft Rules 1920 as to the registration of aircraft and licensing of aircraft personnel and on receipt of the machine now being presented to him, he is requested to forward the necessary application for registration and licence to the Chief Inspector, Air Board, Commerce Department, Delhi.

4. The machine has arrived deficient of the "Adaptor main support 100 Mono Part No. 924 in AVRO 504 K Schedule". Enquiry is being made in the matter and a further communication will be sent.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

for Secretary

To Major W.R. Wills, Assistant Superintendent,
Public Works Workshops,
through the Superintendent,
Public Works Workshops.
To the Agent for Government Consignments.

No. *B.64*
6868 Madras, 1st February 1921

From

Smith Esquire

AGENT FOR GOVERNMENT CONSIGNMENTS,

2 FEB-1921

Madras,

To

The Secretary to Government,

Home (Miscellaneous) Department,

Madras.

Sir,

Enclosure.

With reference to G.O. No. 127 Home (Miscellaneous)

Department dated 28th January 1921, I have the honour to inform you that the Avro Aeroplane No. E.3702 Case No. C.D.2269 T.2 and Mono 100 H.P. Engine No. 55020 Case No. 4432 have been delivered to Major W.R. Wills Assistant Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, Madras, on the 29th Instant.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. G. Smith

H Agent for Government Consignments.

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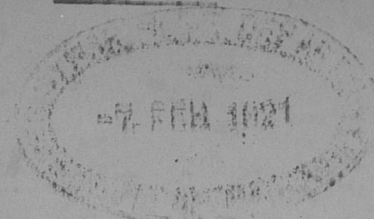
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

DELHI, the 27th JANUARY 1921.

TELEGRAM.

FROM the Secretary to the Government of India,

Department of Commerce, DELHI;

TO the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Home Deptt., MADRAS.

Your letter 269-1, January 20th. No objection to Auro
being handed over to Major Wills on usual conditions.

Copy by post.

W. G. Currie

for R E G I S T R A R.

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OFFICE OF THE P.W. Workshops.

STATION Madras.

Date 1st February 1921.

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From

Major W.R. Wills,

Asst: General Superintendent,
Public Works Workshops,

The Secretary to Government,

Home (Miscellaneous) Department,

Madras.

(THROUGH THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, P.W. WORKSHOPS.)

Ad SECTION

Sir,

-7 FEB 1921

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With reference to G.O. No. 127, dated 28th January 1921, I have the honour to request you to convey my sincere thanks to the Government of India for their generous gift of an AVRO aeroplane. It will give considerable pleasure to myself and also to several ex-air force Pilots who have hitherto no opportunity to fly since their demobilization.

My services with or without the machine are always at the disposal of Government should they be required.

3. I have taken delivery of the machine from the Agent for Government Consignments and find it complete and in good working order with the exception of the part mentioned, which as far as I have not the list I have been unable to identify, and the watch which has been removed from the instrument box.

I am applying for the licences required under the Indian Aircraft Rules.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W.R. Wills

Asst: General Superintendent,

P.W. Workshops.

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V CIRCLE, MADRAS

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DEPARTMENT

Ad SECTION

Sir,

-7 FEB 1921

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M. Brown -

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Superintendent Engineer

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In Chief Engr.

P.W.D. (B.H.)

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Forwarded through the

Supply Engineer, V Circle

Workshops

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