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Mrs G Southworth 205

GS/DEH/PR 23 April 1992



Dear Mr B

Thank you for your recent letter.

I must firstly apologise for the fact that you were not sent the appropriate form in relation to Department of Social Security sickness payments. The Personnel Section does operate a monitoring system in relation to sick pay but unfortunately on this occasion it failed. Every effort will be made to ensure that a similar situation does not arise again.

In view of the concern expressed in your letter the Department of Social Security have been contacted and have been asked if you can receive priority attention, whilst being sympathetic they could not give any guarantees. However they did indicate that even if you had been sent the form on the correct day no payment would have been made until 27 April 1992 and there would still have been a time lag between the deduction from your salary and the payment from the Department of Social Security.

Yours sincerely

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Firefighter B R R Station C50 Preston

Miss Drinkall 223

EJD/BML 8 May 1992

Dear Firefighter B

I refer to my letter of 23 April 1992 and subsequent telephone conversation with the PAO's personal assistant in respect of the deduction of sickness benefit from your salary on the expiration of SSP payments and the likelihood of you incurring bank charges as a result of this.

If a delay had not occurred in the forwarding of the necessary forms to you, you would have been paid invalidity benefit of £93.77 per week on and from the 20 April 1992 and the <u>normal</u> date of payment would have been 27 April 1992. Invalidity benefit is paid a week in arrears. Unfortunately the above mentioned delay resulted in you being paid on 5 May 1992 instead of 27 April 1992.

If you incurred bank charges for the period 27 April to 4 May inclusive you will be reimbursed for these but it will be necessary for you to produce documentary evidence to this effect. The Finance & Personnel Officer at Brigade Headquarters will be pleased to advise you on how to claim.

Yours sincerely

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He has rang with reference to a letter from you dated 23 April 1992. He has been off sick and it has gone into the 28 week period. There has been a mistake with the form from the Brigade which goes to the DHS. In his last pay he was £200 short. This was three weeks ago. He has spoken to Joan Drinkall and apparently she has told him that if he gets overdrawn which is highly likely. Then the Brigade will cover it. But he wants it in writing.

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