

A NOTE FROM ZAMBIA

We have received a letter from one of our colleagues in Zambia, and in case any of our members might be interested in a temporary move over there at some time, we reprint the following extract from his letter - Editor, Customs Journal, December 1964.

'If, as I have heard rumoured, advertisement again appears for 'experienced Waterguard staff', I should like to let you know that this is a gross misrepresentation by the Board and the Crown Agents of the type of work required. I would stress that as far as we are concerned the Waterguard work out here is almost non-existent. The border posts are now mainly staffed with Africans, and that will soon be the case at the airports. The type of staff required here at present is mainly DCO / Indoor Officer grade, as that is what the bulk of the work consists of. Waterguard Officers out here are completely wasted so far as their experience is concerned.

Living conditions, housing, climate, etc., are very pleasant, and anyone coming out here will probably find the standard of living very much to his liking, but may well find the work will come as a bit of a shock, especially if he is not too keen on clerical work.

I, myself, have spent most of my time on clerical duties only, and anticipate that this will be the case for the remainder of my tour, but if one is willing to sacrifice Waterguard type of work for DCO work for three years, well, it is not a bad life.'