

C.S.

L.T. Barnes

1919

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Volunteer Force

No. 806.

Sgt. L.T. Barnes

SUBJECT.

1919

14th October

Applies to draw £30 p.a. as instructor to Volunteer Force.

Previous Paper.

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MINUTES.

H.E.

There is nothing in these papers about the allowance of £30 p.a. for duties of instructor of Volunteers.

I asked Barnes to send me any documentary evidence of the arrangement & I enclose his reply containing a letter from the C.O. dated 13th May stating that an allowance of £30 p.a. would be made to him "if and when required to act as Drill & Gun Instructor".

I have not so far required Barnes's services in this capacity but no doubt shall later. There is a vote for £100 in the Estimates from which this could be paid, if approved.

P.H.

15.10.19.

Subsequent Paper.

Office.

Sergeant Barnes may draw pay as "Drill and Gun Instructor" of the Volunteers at the rate of £2.10.0 per mensem for each month that he has actually performed duties as "Drill and Gun Instructor". He should first of all be sworn in as a member of the Volunteers and take the local rank of Sergeant in them. If there is no Armoured Sergeant he might

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usefully placed in charge of the Armoury, and he might
"instruct" some other selected member of the force as assistant armourer,
to take on the duties should Sergeant Barnes at any time be absent
through sickness or other causes.

T. B. Stephenson
Adm.

Oct 17/19

Letter from Sgt. L. T. Barnes 19.10.19.

N.E.

I sent for Sgt. Barnes a couple of days ago and
instructed him in the sense of 4.2's minute of
17.10.19.

We at once raised the question of his seniority
in comparison with that of other N.C.O.s in the
Force. I told him that his rank would be
Sergeant but that his seniority was a matter
that required consideration and that I myself
as O.C. should be very aware before giving him
seniority over C.S.M. Grimes. Matters might be
done with relation to the other Sergeants.

We now write to say he cannot accept
appointment to the post of instructor with rank
of Sergeant. I sympathize with the feelings he
said he gives expression in his letter, but the
matter is not so simple as it might
appear to be from his letter. Members of the
Jaluk and Islands Volunteer Force are not by
any means pacifists and the appointment
of Barnes to be Drill and Instructor has most
unfortunately proved to be a very unpopular
one & has undoubtedly caused a large
proportion of the resignations which have been
received lately. Barnes is thoroughly

unpopular

competent to instruct in all branches of Signalling. This has been his line throughout his active service and when before he left the Diamond Islands in 1915 he was a most efficient Signaller Sergeant & Instructor. With a little study he would no doubt be a capable Instructor & in Musketry & Squad Drill & Machine Gun, but I rather doubt if in Musketry & Squad, Section, or Company Drill he would prove to be any better than our present Company Sergeant-Major. Of the functions of an Armourer he unfortunately knows next to nothing.

I am rather at a loss to know what recommendation to make to Mr. G.'s consideration. His letter of appointment for the Colonial Office is sufficient regard would be paid of our dispensing into his Service as Instructor altogether, but he came as on the understanding that he would receive an addition of £30 a year for duties as Instructor "if & when required", and he tells me he would not have accepted the appointment of Sergeant of Police unless he was assured he would receive this additional £30.

Subject Mr. G.'s direction I am not willing to supersede C.S.M. Grimes who has rendered good faithful & efficient Service both here for many years. It might be possible to give him some rank of Colour Sergeant, though I believe such a rank was no longer exist in N.M. Regular Forces. but before any decision

decision is arrived at perhaps I may
have an opportunity of discussing the
matter further with Y.E.

The Forward
Captain O.C.
20. 10. 19

O/C. F.I.V.

I have carefully considered this matter, and although I
quite realize Sgt. Barnes' contention I also understand that the
local volunteer force requires delicate handling just at present
in the rather natural reaction after the more strenuous period
of war service. Resignations must be avoided. I therefore
think it will be sufficient if Sergeant Barnes is simply appointed
as "Drill and Gun Instructor" to the F.I.V. - on the financial
conditions as previously stated. He will take orders from the O/C or
officer deputed by the O/C, and can use his
own army uniform.

T. R. St. Johnston
Adm.

Oct 23/19.

Sergeant Barnes informed accordingly by H.E.

H.E.

I shall be glad if Y.E. will
kindly inform me whether I am
~~entitled~~ authorised to pass ~~any~~
vouchers for any payment to
Sgt. Barnes in this connection for
1919.

I have not been able to make
use of Barnes's services as Gun or
Drill Instructor since his arrival in
the Colony -

By the terms of his appointment
he is entitled to pay at the rate
of £30 a year "if and when
required"

required" to perform such services, but he came out under the fixed impression that he was going to draw the full £30 a year. His services have been available and he has at all times been ready to place them at my disposal, but I have had no suitable opportunity of using them in the direction indicated.

I have however got him to do some useful work on the range & for the range, & I have given him instructions to make a complete inventory of the military stores, equipment &c in the Ammunition-

Thompson
Capt. O.C.

31. 12. 19.

c/c F.I.V.

Sergeant Barnes may be paid for any month during which he has done any work connected with drill or rifle practice. Any work he may have done in connection with the rifle range or armory might reasonably come under this head, and he may therefore be paid for those months in which he has done such work. But the sooner he commences to do actual "instruction" the better.

T. R. S. Johnston
Adm^y

Dec 31/19.

Letter from Sgt. Barnes, 6. 5. 20.

Carry on.

Wm.
12. 5. 20

Vouchers for quarters ended 31. 3. 20
passed to Treasury, 18. 5. 20.

H.E.

Letter from Sgt Barnes submitted.

9. 12. 19
for C.S.
26. 10. 20

I can see Sergt. Barnes on the
subject of his letter on Wednesday
morning, 3rd Nov. at 11 am.

W.M.
28. 10. 20

H.E the Governor,

Might I enquire whether Your Excel-
-lency desires to issue any instructions in regard
to Sergt: Barnes, of the Police, with regard to the
payment as Drill Instructor; Volunteer Force?

A. C. S. 29/3/21.

H.E.S.

The conditions in which Sgt Barnes

may be called upon to act as Drill Instructor

are clearly stated in

para 3 of Gov's Order No 33 of 4th March 1919

& of - - - 14 of 13th February 1919

If his services are not required no allowance

is payable & his services have not been

required during the year 1921

2. He is qualified as an Instructor of Signalling

like no special qualification as a Drill

Instructor & I don't if he is competent to

act as Instructor in Drill & Signalling. 21. 12. 21

Chief Constable

Will you please inform
Supt Barnes accordingly

TTTTT 13/12/21

~~How~~

Col. Secretary.

Supt Barnes informed
accordingly.

R/O Sullivan
Chief Constable

16/12/21



Port Stanley, 806/19
Falkland Islands
14-10-19

Office Commanding
Falkland Islands Volunteers.

Sir

I have the honour to request, that, I may be informed, if I am entitled to draw payment at rate of £30 p.a. as Instructor of Force under your command

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

Lois James

Supt.



Port Stanley,
Falklands
19-10-19

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O/C Falkland Islands
Volunteer Force.

Sir

With reference to my appointment as Sgt Instructor to
Volunteer Force, under your command I respectfully
beg to submit following.

- (i) It would be detrimental to my position, as
Sgt of Police, to serve under any N.C.O of
above force, this would make positions clash,
and cause trouble.
- (ii) Considering I have been a Sgt of the regular
force for last 3½ years, (substantive rank), it
means a drop for myself, to be appointed Sgt,
and become junior, to all existing N.C.O's
of that rank and above. I held rank of
Sgt on leaving Volunteer Force in 1915.
- (iii) Had I have been a duty Sgt, during
time I was in H.M. Forces, or continued
to serve, I should most probably have been
a warrant officer I or II class, and
can retain my rank of Sgt, if at
any time I rejoin.
- (iv) I am still a Sgt of the Rifle Brigade,
(Class 2, army reserve), and am not yet
discharged from Colours.
Taking into consideration above points, I
cannot see my way clear to serve in
Volunteer Force with rank of Sergeant;

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant
James James

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Port Stanley
Falkland Islands
Scho America
6th May 1920.

Honourable Colonial Secretary
Colonial Secretary's Office
Stanley.

Sir:

With reference to my appointment
as Instructor of Volunteer Corp,
Subunit I may draw allowance
for Quarters ending 31st March 1920.

The late Commanding Officer promised
to pay this money quarterly on the
condition that I superintended
ammourary, and kept inventory
of stores etc in Ammourary.

Payment has been made for
Quarters ending 31st December 1919

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant
Louis James
Sgt. of Police.

Sgt. Barnes L.T.

Stanley

Falkland Islands

25th October, 1920

Hon. Colonial Secretary
Colonial Secretary's Office
Stanley.

Sir, I have the honour to submit that I may be recommended for an increase of salary owing to present state of living in the Colony, I find it impossible for me to continue to live on my present wage.

I respectfully beg to state that, as Sergt. of Police, I receive practically the lowest salary in the Police Force, also I am bound by an agreement which debars me from performing any employment outside of Government, by which means, and by overtime, the majority of workmen in the Government Service exist. If I continue at present rate of living, by time I have completed my agreement, I shall be compelled to sell my home, etc, to settle debts before leaving Colony, and to pay expenses on voyage home, (for which period I receive no pay), By time I arrive home I shall be approximately £200 out of pocket, and left with a new home to purchase.

I submit I may be informed if the allowance paid to me under heading of "Military", as drill instructor, is subject to the increase of salary, as granted by Secretary of State dispatch of Jan last.

When I made enquiry at Colonial Secretary's Office, I was informed, that this money was paid as an allowance, therefore not subject to the increase, But I find other allowances were increased according to scale.

I respectfully beg to call attention to the fact, that several conditions laid down in, correspondence and minutes from, Colonial Office, Crown Agents, and by the previous Administrator, Lieut.-Col. St-Johnson have not been put into effect.

I request that I may be granted an interview to explain conditions set forth in above letter,

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Louis J. James.

Sgt of Police.

H. C. S.

Sergt: Barnes continued to draw the allowance of £30 a year as Drill Instructor during 1920. Is it desired that the allowance should be continued?

W. B.