

# FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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From

SUBJECT.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Newham L. J. Lieut.

Selection of to be temporary Commandant of L. J. Volunteers

No.

Date

42

10th April 1915

Colonial Secretary's Record No.

339/15

Registered Number of last Despatch.

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Please refer to Treasurer to

note -

Please also note action already taken - Capt Newham arrived on 15 May 1915.

10.6.15

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Hon. Treasurer/ To you

C. J. Condell

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W. J. Thompson  
Treasurer

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No. next Despatch.

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Letter of appointment enclosing sealed  
Commission signed by G. S. sent to Capt. Newnham  
on 20th May 1915. - Gazette Notice, No. 97, of 19th  
May, 1915 (June Gazette).

"Captain Newnham's salary is at the rate of  
£400 a year to be charged to R.M. Military,  
Volunteers on Active Service" G. S.'s minute  
of 25.5.15 on C.S. 197/15

C. J. Conolly

C.S.  
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Despatch to Sec of State No 47 of 18 May  
reporting arrival.

17/6.15.

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FALKLAND ISLANDSNO: 42

DOWNING STREET,

10<sup>th</sup> April, 1915.

Sir,

With reference to my telegram of 1st April, I have the honour to inform you that I have selected Lieutenant F. J. Newnham, 9th Company National Reserve Guards, for temporary appointment as Commandant of the Falkland Islands Volunteer Force.

The Crown Agents will be desired to provide him, on his signing the usual agreement, with a first class free passage to the Colony by the steamer expected to sail on the 15th April, on his signing an agreement in the form indicated in the third enclosure to this despatch.

I have to request that you will give him a formal letter of appointment when he arrives in the Colony, stating that you appoint him on the conditions embodied in the letters from the Colonial Office of which copies are enclosed. The date on which he assumes the duties of his appointment should be reported to me in order that the War Office may be informed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,  
Your most obedient,  
humble Servant,

*L. Harcourt.*

GOVERNOR

W. L. ALLARDYCE, ESQ., C.M.G.,

&amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.,

C.O. to Mr. Newnham  
21st March  
Mr. Newnham 2 Apr  
C.O. to Mr. Newnham  
2 April 1915.

ENCLOSURE TO DESPATCH

No. *42* OF *10/4/15*

12349/1915.

Downing Street,

*31* March, 1915.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to inform you that, subject to your being passed by the medical adviser to this Department as physically fit for service, he proposes to select you for temporary appointment as Commandant of the Falkland Islands Volunteer Force with salary at the rate of £400 a year. You would be granted the temporary rank of Captain while holding the appointment.

2. You are to understand that your appointment is for the duration of the war only; that your employment will be under the Colonial Government; that your emoluments will be paid solely from the funds of the Colony; and that the appointment will be subject to the Colonial Regulations in force for the time being. A copy of the latest edition of the Regulations is enclosed.

3. The Regulations dealing with the removal of officers will be found in Chapter II Section 5; but you must also understand that you will hold the appointment subject to the pleasure of the Crown, and that the pleasure of the Crown that you should no longer hold it may be signified through the Secretary of State, in which case no special formalities are required.

4. If you are prepared to accept the appointment you should, if you have not already done so, present yourself

Col. Regns.  
LIEUTENANT F.J. NEWNHAM.



yourself at the earliest possible opportunity to one of the medical advisers of this Department for the purpose of being medically examined. The necessary authority has already been sent to you.

5. If finally selected for appointment you will be provided with a free passage to the Colony on your signing the usual agreement with the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Whitehall Gardens, S.W., by which you will be bound to repay the cost to the Colonial Government in the event of your leaving the service during the continuance of the war for any other reason than mental or physical infirmity. You will also be provided with free passages back to England on the termination of your appointment provided that your work and conduct have been satisfactory.

6. You will be entitled to half salary from the date of your embarkation from this country, and to full salary from the date of your arrival in the Colony.

7. I am to request you to inform me as soon as possible whether you are willing to accept the appointment on the terms indicated in this letter. A sailing to the Falkland Islands has been provisionally fixed for the 15th April, and, if your appointment is completed, it would be convenient if you could arrange to leave by that boat, by which the new Governor is also sailing.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) H. J. READ.

for the Under Secretary of State

1249/1915.

Lathom,

Watt's Avenue,

Rochester, Kent.

April 2nd, 1915.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office, London, S.W.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 31st March relative to my selection as Commandant of the Falkland Islands Volunteer Force and to signify my willingness to accept the appointment and my readiness to sail on the 15th instant if your decision is communicated to me in time to prepare my kit.

With reference to my interview with Mr. Grindle yesterday concerning the elucidation of certain points which were not quite clear I understand

1. that the proposed appointment is for the period of the war:
2. that a first class free passage to and from the Colony is provided, the latter to be forfeited in the event of misconduct on my part, and the cost of the former to be refunded in the event of my leaving the service during the continuance of the war save on account of mental or physical disability or for a reason approved of by the Governor.

In this connection I have the honour to point out that half my salary goes towards the cost of the passage out and to suggest that this matter be taken into consideration in the agreement.

3. that the payment of half salary commences from the date fixed for embarkation, the 15th instant, my seconding taking effect from the 14th, and that full salary commences  
from

from the date of my arrival in the Colony, I presume my salary continues until my return to England, if the conditions are fulfilled.

4. That the certificate attached from an Royal Army Medical Corps officer who examined me especially with reference to this appointment meets with your requirements.

5. I have the honour to request that a railway warrant from Chatham to Liverpool be furnished to me on my transference from my present post to a new one, or alternatively, that a special outfit allowance be granted to meet the outlay necessary for the provision of the extra kit required.

Since a week will be required to make the necessary preparations I should be glad if your decision could be communicated to me on Tuesday next.

I have etc.,

(Sd) F.J. NEWNHAM

Lieutenant

No. 7 Supernumary Company

5th Batt. Royal West Kent Regiment.

15613/1915.

Downing Street,

6 April, 1915.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd April and to state that you have been finally selected for temporary appointment as Commandant of the Falkland Islands Volunteer Force, on the terms indicated in the letter from this Department of the 31st March.

2. In regard to the points which you raise in your letter under acknowledgment, I am to state

(a) that you correctly understand that the appointment is for the duration of the war;

(b) that the conditions on which free 1st class passages to and from the Colony are provided are correctly stated in your letter under reply, viz. that you will have no claim to a return passage in the event of misconduct, and that you will be required to refund the cost of the passage to the Colony in the event of your relinquishing your appointment during the continuance of the war save on account of mental or physical disability or for a reason approved by the Governor of the Colony. The agreement with the Crown Agents for the Colonies which you will be required to sign will provide accordingly, but Mr. Harcourt does not consider that the fact of your receiving only half salary during the

F. J. NEWMAN, ESQ.



the outward voyage, to which it is presumed that you refer, under point 2 in your letter, can be regarded as affecting the question of the refund of the cost of the passage;

(c) that you will be entitled to draw half salary as from the 15th April, the date on which it is proposed that you should embark, whether or not the actual sailing date should be postponed to a later day. Half salary will be payable in respect of the period of the return voyage on the satisfactory termination of your appointment;

(d) Mr. Harcourt is prepared to accept the certificate of your physical fitness for service in the Falkland Islands which you have furnished;

(e) that, in the special circumstances of the appointment reasonable travelling expenses (1st class Railway Fares) in connexion with your embarkation will be allowed together with an allowance up to but not exceeding £10 in respect of articles necessarily acquired for outfit, and that you should on arrival in the Colony submit a claim, supported as far as possible by vouchers, for reimbursement of such amounts.

3. The Crown Agents are being instructed to endeavour to secure a passage for you by the steamer due to sail on the 15th April and you should communicate with them with regard to the agreement which you are required to sign.

4. The Army Council are being requested to second you, for Colonial employment, from the 14th April

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

Falkland Islands

Government House, Stanley.

No. 47.

18th May 1915

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch Falkland Islands number 42 of the 10th April, 1915, and to report that Captain F.J. Newnham arrived in this colony on the 15th Instant, and assumed his duties as Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Volunteer Force.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

*Douglas Young*

Governor

The Right Honourable

Lewis Harcourt, M.P.,

&c., &c., &c.,

Secretary of State for the Colonies