

C.S.

<u>Military</u> Pensions.
No. 604/21

SUBJECT.

S of S. Desps No 16

1921

7th Febry
Previous Paper.

Pension to relatives of late Pte W J Shree.

239/15

G.O. 434/20
CS 604/21 (201/15 453/20)

MINUTES.

S. of S. Desps No 16 of 7th Febry 1921 Encls

H.E. the Governor,

Submitted with C.S. 239/15., 201/15 & 453/20

2. I understand that S. of S's despatch No. 146 of the 24th November is in G.O. 434/20, at Government House.

K. W. Thompson

A. C. S. 22/7/21.

H.C.S.

G.O. 434/20 is attached.

2. Treasury to see these papers

3. Report should be made to S of S that the Council estimates has approved allowance to his kin + that provision has been made in estimates for 1921.

W. J. Thompson
23 July 1921

Hon: Actg: Treasurer,

For your information & guidance.

2. provision will have to be made on the 1922 Estimates.

K. W. Thompson
A.C.S. 25 July 1921

Subsequent Paper.

Hon. Col. Secty.

Noted. Note has been made of this for the 1922
Estimates.

M. Francis Barker
A. C. Treas.

July 25th 1921.

H. E. the Governor,

Draft despatch submitted.

Barker

A. C. S. 6/8/21.

M.
8 Aug 21

Despatch to S of S No 61 of 9th Aug 1921
Encl (2)

Enclosure in despatch N. 16
of the 17 February 1921.

Downing Street,

20th February, 1920.

Dear Sir,

May I trouble you, semi-officially, with regard to the application for pension from the father of the late Walter James Shire, Falkland Islands Volunteer, which was remitted to us in your official letter of the 14th February (D.P. 600 S(W) Navy B.)?.

The Volunteer Ordinance of the Colony does not provide for the grant of pensions to dependants other than widows and families, and I assume that "families" in the Ordinance means children although the term is not defined. In spite of this the Colonial Government will no doubt be willing to make compassionate grants in suitable cases, such, for instance, as that of the parents of the late Private Allen, whose case was also remitted to us in a formal covering communication from your Department of the 28th January.

The present case, however, seems to be on quite a different footing from that of the parents of Private Allen. There is no indication that the late Private Shire contributed to the support of his father after he went to the Falkland Islands; his father is only 56 and it does not appear that he is unable to support himself. The certificate at the top of the second page of Form S.P. 9 seems to indicate that this is not a case for a grant. Would you be so good as to let me know what view the Ministry would take of this application if it was a question of an Imperial grant? I should also be glad of advice as to whether in dealing with the matter we should correspond with the Secretary of the Local War Pensions Committee which reported on the case.

Yours faithfully, (Sd.) H. T. Allen.

P.S. I should be obliged if you would kindly return the enclosure.

W. A. TUTCHER, ESQ.,
MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,

(Widows and Dependants Branch)

45, Grosvenor Road,

LONDON, S.W.

27th February, 1920.

D.P.600 S/Navy.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant, relative to the application for pension of Mr. Walter Shire father of the late Walter James Shire, Falkland Islands Volunteers, I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to inform you that had the Ministry been considering the case, the pension granted to Mr. Shire at the present time would be 5/- weekly under Article 21(1) (c) of the Royal Warrant.

This is a flat rate pension which is granted to the parents of young unmarried soldiers, and as Mr. Shire made application for pension prior to the 31st March last, arrears could be authorised with effect from 6th November 1918.

Should however Mr. Shire at any time be incapable of self-support by reason of infirmity or age and also be in pecuniary need, it would be possible for this pension to be increased up to a maximum of 18/- weekly under Article 21 (1) (b).

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter, any further communications on the subject should be addressed to this Office and not to the Local War Pensions Committee.

The enclosures to your letter are returned as requested.

I am etc.,
(Sgd) M.L. Clague.
for the Director General of Awards.

H.P. ALLEN, ESQ.
Colonial Office
DOWNING STREET.

C.S. 604/21

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COPY.

DOWNING STREET,
7th February, 1921.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 16.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that in February 1920 the Minister of Pensions referred to me an application for pension received from Mr. A. Shire, the father of the late Private W. J. Shire, Falkland Islands Volunteer Force, who was drowned in Stanley Harbour on the 1st December 1914.

2. Enquiry was made of the Ministry of Pensions as to the view the Ministry would take of the application if it were one for a pension from Imperial funds: and in view of the reply (of which I enclose a copy together with a copy of the semi-official letter from the Colonial Office) I authorised the Crown Agents to issue a compassionate allowance to Mr. Shire at the rate of £13 a year with arrears from the 6th November, 1918.

3. The action taken was not reported to your Government at the time as I was awaiting a settlement of the case of the parents of the late Private Allen referred to in my despatch No. 146 of the 24th November and I regret that, when that despatch was written, the fact that no communication had been made as regards the case of Mr. Shire was overlooked. I trust that the Legislative Council will agree to the allowance awarded to Mr. Shire. The treatment accorded to him is less favourable (both as regards the amount and date of commencement of the allowance than that accorded to the parents of the late Private Allen,

To M. of P.
20th February, '20.

M. of P. 27th
February, 1920.

GOVERNOR
J. MIDDLETON, ESQ., C.M.G.

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but this discrimination is justified by the different
circumstances as indicated in the enclosed letter from
the Colonial Office of the 20th February, 1920.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

MINER.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 61.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

9th August, 1921.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 16 of the 7th of February, I have the honour to report that the Legislative Council has approved the payment of a pension to Mr. A. Shire at the rate of £13 a year and that provision has been made for this expenditure in the Estimates for 1921.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

W. L. S. CHURCHILL, M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.