

**Contract of Dr. William Edmund Alexander Buchanan of Barnhill Hospital,
Springburn, Glasgow, on taking rank of Lieutenant in the army**

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To His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
for the War Department.

I William Edmund Alexander Buchanan

of Darnhill Hospital, Springburn, Glasgow

being qualified to practise medicine and surgery, and being registered under the Medical Act now in force in the United Kingdom, hereby offer and agree if accepted by you to serve at home or abroad as a Surgeon to His Majesty's Forces with the temporary rank of Lieutenant in the Army while so employed, on the following conditions:—

1. The period of my service hereunder shall commence as from the day on which I shall commence duty, and shall continue until the expiration of 12 calendar months thereafter, or until my services are no longer required, whichever shall first happen.

2. My pay shall (subject as hereinafter appears) be twenty-four shillings a day for the said period, such rate to be *inclusive of all money allowances*, except the regulated Travelling Allowances and expenses when travelling on duty.

3. In addition to such pay, I shall receive a free passage to any country abroad to which I may be sent, and (subject as hereinafter appears) a similar free passage back to England.

4. I shall receive free rations while in the field and when considered necessary for the performance of my duties the use of a Government horse and forage.

5. During the said period I will devote my whole time and professional skill to my service hereunder, and will obey all orders given to me by superior Military or Naval Officers.

6. In case I shall have completed my service hereunder to your satisfaction in all respects, I shall receive at the end of the said period a gratuity of £60 sterling, but in case I shall in any manner misconduct myself, or shall be (otherwise than through illness or unavoidable accident) unfit in any respect for service hereunder, of which misconduct or unfitness you or your authorised representative shall be sole judge, you shall be at liberty from and immediately after such misconduct or unfitness to discharge me from further service hereunder, and thereupon all pay and allowances hereunder shall cease, and I shall not be entitled to any free passage home or gratuity.

Dated this 29th day of August 1915.

W. E. Buchanan (here sign)

Witness to the signature of the said W. E. Buchanan.

John F. Colwell, Capt. R.A.M.C. (Witness)

On behalf of the Secretary of State I accept the foregoing offer.

W. E. Buchanan Surgeon-General, for
Director-General, Army Medical Department.