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Narasimha & Military
Defence Force
No. 539/19

1929.

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SUBJECT.

1929

9th Oct

Previous Paper.

Rules of F. I. O. F. Rifle Association

MINUTES.

- ① Rules of F. I. O. F. Defence Force Rifle Club.
- ② Letter from Sec. _____ 29/10/19

V. G. Subramanian
S. K. P. S.
Ad. C. S.
30.10.29.

Mr C.S.

Amendment marked in red approved.
2nd amendment not approved as it is too
arbitrary and leaves no scope for exceptional
cases. For instance :-

(A) The Defence Force can only consist of
250 Rank & File. This number has
now nearly been reached. How we can
to keep men out of the Rifle Club
who cannot join the Defence Force because
it is full up?

(B) An ex-soldier, ^{25 years old} comes out here as a
clerk. He has the D.S.O & m.c. He

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a first-class rifle shot. Unfortunately
he has been badly wounded in the
war and is unable to join the
Defence Force owing to his wounds.
Are we then to prevent him joining
the Rifle Club?

(c) A man comes out here on
a 6 months' contract. It would not
be worth while to issue him with
a uniform etc even if he wished to
join the Defence Force. Is he to be
debarred from rifle shooting. People at
home receive us with open arms and
do all they can for us at Bisley
etc. We should return the compliment.

The rule I have proposed is ex-
cellent as it leaves each individual
case to the discretion of the
Committee who can decide it on
its merits.

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Please convey to the Association
my deep gratitude for the vote of
thanks ^{it} so kindly accorded me.
I appreciate it highly.

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A.H.

of Defense Force.

Please convey to the members of the Association the sense of His Excellency's minute of 30th October, 1929.

2. Please also convey to the members His Excellency's appreciation of the vote of thanks to His Excellency passed at the meeting on the 25th October.

G.R.B.
A.C.S.
30.X.29

Hon. Col. Sec.

The above was conveyed to the committee at a meeting held on the 7th of November and the committee are quite in agreement with His Excellency's minute.

I have also to thank the Hon, The Colonial Secretary for his kindness in drafting out our rules.



B.R. Watson
Officer Commanding
20.11.29.

V.L. Submitted
G.R.B.
A.C.S.
21.XI.29

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Copy of Rules of Falkland Islands Defence Force Rifle Association, dated 19th September, 1929. 11-12.

P.P.
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Minute from Hon Sec. F.I.D.F.R.A. 3/10/30 (13)

G.P. S. Mitchell. Will G.P. approve

Mr J. McPherson's election as a

member of the F.I. Rifle Assocn.

under the second proviso to section 1

of the Rules?

J.M.

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Approved.

J.M.

O.C. Infancy Force

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J.D.M.
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Please see

Julian

4. 11. 30.

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Inside Minute Paper.

(14) Minute from H^e the Governor '9/17/3

P.A.
15/17/30

15 Letter from Sec. F. I. D. F. Rifle Assn. of 22.9.49

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Falkland Islands Defence Force Rifle Club.

R U L E S

1. The Club shall be called the Falkland Islands Defence Force Rifle Club and shall consist of members of the Defence Force, and non-members over the age of 30 years subject to election by the Committee.

2. The Club shall be managed by a Committee consisting of a Chairman (The Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Defence Force) *ex-officio* and a Secretary, a Treasurer, and five others to be elected annually; of the seven elected members of the Committee not less than four shall be serving members of the Defence Force.

3. The annual subscription shall be 5s.

4. No shooting shall take place on the range unless three members are present on the firing point. On all occasions a Range Officer shall be appointed either previously by the Committee or on the range by the members present from among their own number before firing, and such Range Officer shall be responsible for the orderly conduct of the firing.

5. The Club shall have the free use of the rifle range for shooting practices, matches, &c, at all times when not required for Musketry Classification and shall be required to keep same in repair during such shooting.

6. Records for all shooting shall be kept in a book provided for that purpose; and a register of all shoots shall also be kept on the range. The register shall show, the date of the shoot, the number of members shooting, and the quantity of ammunition issued, and shall be signed by the Range Officer at the end of the shoot.

7. A red flag shall be hoisted on the flagstaff on Sapper Hill and also a red and white signal flag shall be hoisted on Victory Green as early as possible on the day when shooting is to take place.

8. A supply of ammunition will be issued to the Club by the Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Defence Force in bulk, and shall be kept in a locked box in the range hut. Ammunition will be issued to members for a *bona-fide* target practice at the rate of 3d per packet of 10 rounds by the Range Officer.

9. The Committee shall have power to deal with and decide upon any matter relating to the Rifle Club not embodied in these Rules.

Passed at a General Meeting held in the Town Hall on the 10th day of September 1927.

J. M. ELLIS.

Chairman.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS
DEFENCE FORCE RIFLE ASSOCIATION HELD ON THE 25TH OF OCTOBER,
1929.

Present: Captain Watson (in the Chair).

The Honourable G. R. L. Brown and twenty-seven
members.

1. The minutes of the General Meeting held on the 19th of September, 1929, were read and confirmed.
2. Captain Watson informed those present that the meeting had been called with the object of reconsidering the decision arrived at by the General Meeting held on the 19th of September, 1929, when a Resolution was passed to the effect that the Association should be called the Falkland Islands Defence Force Rifle Association and should consist of -
 - (a) Members of the Defence Force, whether registered on the Active, Reserve or Retired lists.
 - (b) Holders of the Long Service Medal

He pointed out that the Rule as passed would exclude all civilian members who had enjoyed the privileges of the Association during the past season and that it was His Excellency's wish that the matter should now be reconsidered. For this reason a Committee Meeting had been convened on the 22nd of October, at which Mr. G. R. L. Brown had attended on behalf of His Excellency. Mr. Brown had explained His Excellency's views in the matter and after full discussion in Committee it was agreed that the question of an amendment to Rule 1 should be laid before a general meeting for consideration. The Chairman then asked Mr. Brown if he would kindly explain to the meeting the views of His Excellency.

Mr. Brown said that he was present at a Committee Meeting recently held for this same purpose. He had

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explained at that meeting that it had been brought to His Excellency's notice that the amendment of the Rule in question had the effect of excluding from membership certain persons who had previously enjoyed that privilege and who had done nothing to be treated in this way. The rule as it stood at that time stated that the Association should consist of Members of the Defence Force only. No objection could be raised to that if the rights of all existing members were safeguarded. It was His Excellency's opinion, and he felt very strongly about the matter, that members of the Association prior to the passing of the amendment who were not members of the Defence Force had every reason to feel aggrieved by such treatment. His Excellency felt sure that the Association would realize the irregularity and would be only too anxious to put right a matter which could only be regarded as an injustice. He asked that the meeting should not lose sight of the main point under consideration. It was not a question of whether or not the Association should be strictly confined to members of the Defence Force, but one of rectifying an irregularity which he was sure had been unwittingly made. The Committee were unanimously agreed that an alteration in the Rule as it stood should be made in order to allow of the late members of the Association who were not members of the Defence Force, continuing their membership. If the meeting agreed to the suggested alteration he would read the amendment to the Rule as drafted by the Secretary, but before doing so he would like to hear the views of the meeting.

Mr. R. Robson said that he did not see why civilians could not join the Defence Force if they wished to become members of the Association, Mr. Brown replied that this was hardly the question at issue. It was a question of

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principle. In altering the constitution of a Club or an Association it was a serious matter to disregard totally the rights of existing members simply by a stroke of the pen.

Mr. M. Campbell said that he understood that it was agreed at the Committee Meeting that the question of the amendment of the rule should be left to the General Meeting and that it was not, as had been stated, unanimously agreed in Committee that the rule should be altered.

Mr. Brown asked as to what was recorded in the minutes of the Committee Meeting regarding their decision.

The Secretary replied that he regretted that those minutes had not been written.

Mr. Brown then suggested that some of the members might express their views in the matter.

Mr. R. Campbell proposed and Mr. V. Summers seconded that the Rule should remain as passed by the previous General Meeting. Mr. V. Summers also mentioned that two General Meetings of the Rifle Association had been held recently and on one occasion only was there a single civilian member present. It did not therefore appear that outside members had any interest in the Association.

Mr. J. W. Grierson stated that he wished strongly to support the recommendation of the Committee and moved that the amendment of the Rule should be put before the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. W. Summers.

Mr. J. F. Summers spoke in favour of the amendment and said that he did not see what difference it would make if the whole of Stanley were admitted as members of the Association. He could see no reason for excluding civilians from membership.

During the discussion the question of marking arose and Sgt. Major Allan in his capacity of Captain of the

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Association said that all members whether members of the Defence Force or not would be treated alike and would be required to conform to any orders given.

Mr. Brown then asked the meeting to decide definitely whether or not they intended to amend the rule in accordance with His Excellency's wishes. He pointed out that His Excellency was not concerned as to the constitution of the Association but desired that the privileges of every member should be safeguarded. He went on to say that His Excellency was not only Commander-in-Chief but also Governor and he considered that it was their duty to assist him in every way possible, He suggested that any prejudices which the members had might be allowed to waive. He emphasized the fact that the Association owed a debt of gratitude to His Excellency which should not be overlooked. His Excellency had initiated and helped the Association in a way which no one else would or could have done. If the assistance were suddenly withdrawn the Association would suffer badly, and if the meeting deliberately opposed his wishes could it be expected that his assistance in the future would be so readily forthcoming. Mr. Brown concluded by saying that he felt strongly in the matter and hoped that the members would look upon it from the same point of view. He also hoped that the views he had expressed would be clearly understood. He then read the suggested amendment to Rule 1 which was as follows :

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Provided that members of the Association on the 30th of April, 1929, whose names appear in the subjoined Schedule shall for the purposes of these Rules be deemed to be members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

Provided/

Provided also that under exceptional circumstances the Committee may with the approval of the Governor elect a member who is not a member of the Falkland Islands Defence Force nor the holder of the Long Service Medal."

The amendment was then put to the meeting by ballot resulting in 19 votes in favour and 8 against.

Mr. J. Gleadell then moved and Mr. M. Campbell seconded that, subject to His Excellency's approval, the Rule should stand as it was originally under the provisions of which non-members of the Defence Force over the age of 30 years could be admitted as members of the Association subject to election by the Committee.

Mr. A. Fleuret made an amendment seconded by Mr. J. F. Summers that the Rule should stand as passed at the General Meeting that evening. On a show of hands being taken 2 were in favour of the amendment and 8 in favour of the proposal. Mr. Fleuret pointed out that 8 could hardly be considered a majority of 27 members. The Secretary, was however, instructed to submit the suggestion to His Excellency for his consideration.

Mr. Brown then stated that he had another matter upon which His Excellency desired him to address the meeting. In the first place he wished to extend a cordial welcome to the local Bisley Team in His Excellency's name. His Excellency would meet them on Friday evening at a dance which was to be held in honour of the team and would then have an opportunity of welcoming them in person. He explained that as the members were aware the Government in 1928 and 1929 had provided £400 for the purpose of sending a team to Bisley including £50 towards the expenses of the local Bisley Meeting but that His Excellency now felt that this contribution could not be continued. He assured the meeting that so long as His Excellency was Governor of the

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Colony the annual grant of £50 towards the expenses of the local Bisley Meeting would be maintained but it would be necessary to curtail the assistance given to the team sent to England. It was His Excellency's keen desire to place the Association on a solid basis before leaving the Colony. He had the interest of the Association very much at heart but other administrations would probably not have the same interest in shooting. So large a sum as £400 a year from public funds would become open to criticism. It would appear much more satisfactory that the expenses of sending a team to Bisley be borne by those people really interested and there were many in the Colony who he was sure would willingly support the movement. His Excellency had suggested that land owners and business people should be approached and that a general subscription list might be started at an early date in order to raise funds to defray these expenses. He explained that it may not always be necessary to incur considerable expenditure in sending a team to England as it may often be found possible to select a team of men who would be willing to go at their own expense. Next season it was possible that a team could be selected from officials proceeding to England on leave. He was authorised to say that so long as His Excellency was Governor a contribution of £50 would be made towards the cost of sending a team to England to represent the Colony in the Junior Kolapore Cup Competition. If the grant was not required in any one year it would be placed in the Savings Bank and added to from time to time for this same purpose. (Applause.) The Government could not go on arranging the Bisley Shoot; the Association would in future have to make all arrangements necessary in connection with the sending of a team. Mr. Brown concluded by saying that His Excellency sincerely hoped that this would not affect

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the keenness in shooting and would greatly deplore the failure of the Association to prosper now that it had been so firmly established.

Captain Watson said that he knew that His Excellency had the Association at heart, and he could truthfully say that they had never received the same support from any Governor as they had from Governor Hodson. (Applause).

Mr. J. F. Summers proposed a hearty vote of thanks to His Excellency the Governor for all he had done to help the Association. This was received with acclamation.

Read and confirmed this _____ day of _____ 1929.

Secretary.

Chairman, Capt.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Stanley,

29th October, 1929.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the amendment of Rule 1 of the Falkland Islands Defence Force Rifle Association's Rules, I am directed to submit herewith, for His Excellency's information, a copy of the minutes of a General Meeting held on the 25th of October, 1929. It will be seen that in accordance with His Excellency's wishes it was agreed that the Rule in question should be amended to read as follows :

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2. It was, however, suggested subject to His Excellency's approval that the Rule should stand as originally printed in the existing Rules of the Association. As at present printed it reads :

- "1. The Club shall be called the Falkland Islands Defence Force Club and shall consist of members of the Defence Force, and non-members, over the age of 30 years subject to election by the Committee."

3. I am to request that you will be so good as to enquire whether His Excellency desires that the Rule should

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HONOURABLE
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STANLEY.

be amended as proposed in paragraph 1 of this letter or whether it is his wish that the suggestion referred to in paragraph 2 should be followed.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Secretary,
F.I.D.F. Rifle Association.

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9. The Committee shall have power to deal with and decide upon any matter relating to the Rifle Association not embodied in these Rules.

10. The Rules passed at a General Meeting of the Falkland Islands Defence Force Rifle Club on the 16th of September, 1927, are hereby superseded.

Passed at a General Meeting held in the Drill Hall on the 19th day of September, 1929.

D. R. Watson,
Captain.
Chairman.

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31st October 1930

From
The Acting Hon. Secretary
D.F. Rifle Association
Stanley

To
The Hon. Colonial Secretary
Stanley

Sir

At a Committee Meeting of the above association, held at Stanley on Wednesday 29th October 1930, it was proposed and seconded, and the proposition received the approval of the meeting, that Mr. Donald McPhee's name should be submitted to His Excellency The Governor, for consideration as to his election as a member of the Association.

Mr McPhee was never a member of the Force, but he proceeded home from the Colony to take part in the Great War.

He is a member of the Defence Force Club, and is over age for joining the Defence Force

I am

Sir

Yours obediently

D. M. Allen Lieut & Adjutant
A/ Hon Secretary, D.F.R.A.

Hon Secretary

D. F. R. A.

I wish to put forward the following resolutions at the next meeting.

- A. Any alterations of standing rules in connection with competitions to be notified to members either by insertion in Penguin, or by display on the Board opposite the Chief Comptroller.
- B. Competitors in all competitions not change their target at each range, unless in the opinion of the Range Officer this is unnecessary.
(Obviously this is desirable in heavy winds.)

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A.H.

O.C. Defence Force

To you, please,

accord?

J. M. D. H.

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The Hon
Colonial Secretary

AS requested by His Excellency I will
bring his resolutions up at our next meeting.

D. M. Allen
of Hon Secy. D.F.R. A

V.B. submitted.
M. H. for C.S.
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(M)

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Stanley, 15
22nd September, 1949.

Dear Sir,

At a Committee meeting of the Rifle Association held at Head Quarters on the 21st. inst. the Committee were pleased to recommend the following gentlemen for membership under the second proviso to Rule 1 of the Rifle Association Rules:-

Mr. A. H. Jenkins,

Mr. V. Spencer,

Mr. H. Skillington.

I have been instructed by the Committee to request you to place this recommendation before His Excellency The Governor for his consideration and approval.

I am

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

L. Hunt

Non. Secretary.

Lieut. Col. K. S. Pierce-Butler,
O/C. Falkland Islands Defence Force.
Stanley.

May I have your approval please

O.C. F.I.D.F.

[Signature] 21/9

Approved.

See F.I.D.F. Rifle Association *[Signature]* 22/9/49

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FNA rec *[Signature]* 21/9

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