

C.S.

NAVAL AND MILITARY  
(Falkland Islands Defence  
Force)

1927.

No.

603/27.

O/C Defence Force.

SUBJECT.

1927

28th October.

Previous Paper.

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.Recruiting of, in Camps.*Organization of Camps Units.*

MINUTES.

- 1-2 Letter from O.C.D.F. of 28th October, 1927.  
3. Minute from H. E. the Governor of 28th October, 1927.

4 Letter to T.G. Playfair Esq. of 30. 10. 27.

Early

O.C.  
Defence Force.

*Please see para 2 of*

*The Meeting's minute of 28. 10. 27. for*

*reference and accordingly.*

2. *Please record*

*(i) The present strength of the  
Defence Force*

*(ii) The number of recruits*

Subsequent Paper.



obtained this year at

(iii) The number of recruits you anticipate  
to obtain under the scheme proposed.

3. Under (i) in the preceding paragraph

please show distribution

(a) in Stanley,

(A) on the East Falkland, at

(c) on the West Falkland;

at under (iii) the number estimated

(e) at Darwin at North Arm, at

(d) from the North Camp, East Falkland.

*J. J. J.*  
30. 10. 27

30. 10. 27

Hon. Col. Sec,

Paragraph 2 of His Excellency's minute  
noted.

2. The Strength of the Defence Force on the  
31st, October was as follows:-

Stanley including Boats	78
East Falkland	29
West Falkland	13
Total,	120

3. From January 1st 1927 to date, 34 Recruits  
have been enrolled.

ever,



4. Estimated number of recruits under the new scheme is as follows :-

Port Darwin	25
North Arm	15
North Camps	10
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Total.	50
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*L.R. Watson* Capt.  
O/c 1/11/27

Commanding F.I.D. Force.

Y.P. Draft draft submitted.

*Jud*

2. 11. 27

How C.S.

Thank you. You can let Capt. Watson see what we have written about him.

It is all most encouraging. Will you send similar letters as per enclos <sup>sent</sup> 4 <sup>to</sup> the other Farmers who have promised assistance. ~~Let~~ Captain Watson ~~will~~ let you have their names.

2-27. A.H.

Capt Watson has taken great pains too in improving the range.

A.H.

5-8. Despatch to L.F.S. no. 222 of 9/11/27.

O.C. Defence Force.

Please see and say.

*Jud*

24. 11. 27



Hon. Col. Sec.

Sean, thank you. The farmers who have promised assistance in the North Camp to date, are:- The Hon. G. J. Felton, R. Greenshields Esq. and Andres Pitaluga Esq. The Hon, George Bonner promised assistance in the Rifle Club.

*Dr. Watson Capt.,  
C/o J. I. S. S.*

29.10.25

- 9. Letter to the Hon. G. J. Felton of 3.12.27.
- 10. " " " " George Bonner of 3.12.27.
- 11. " " A. Pitaluga, Esq. of 3.12.27.
- 12. " " R. Greenshields, Esq. of 3.12.27.

*3/20*  
*5-1-28*  
*5-12-27*

*4*  
*15-1-28*  
*6*  
*5-1-28*

Telegram from O.C. Defence Force, of 4.1.28 13.

Letter from O.C. Defence Force, of 13<sup>th</sup> January, 1928. 14-18

Telegram to Sydney Muller Esq. Junr of 16<sup>th</sup> January, 1928 19.

*J. E. M. 18-14 sub Mtal Off. Secun*

*is to be congratulated on the success which  
has attended his visit to the West Kahlid.*

*2. For dispatch of the same*  
*18-1-28*



Hon C. S.

This is encouraging. Despatch in due course.

19/28.

A.H.

4/6 24. 1. 28

18. 1. 28

- 20 Telegram from S. Miller Esq. Junr. of 17<sup>th</sup> January, 1928
- 21 " to " " " " 19<sup>th</sup> January, 1928
- 22 Letter to J. F. Bonner Esq. of 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1928
- 23 " " S. Miller, Esq. of 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1928
- 24 Govt Notice No 34 of 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1928.
- 25 Memo. from Capt. Watson, 30/1/28.
- 26 " " " 31/1/28
- 27-33 Letter from Capt. Watson, 3/2/28
- 34-35 Minute from Hon. BS to H. the Gov<sup>r</sup> of 16<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1928
- 36 Govt Notice No 69 of 20<sup>th</sup> February 1928
- 37 Letter to Mr. R. Greenhields of 20/2/28.
- 38-41 Despatch to S.F.S. No 47 of the 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1928

O.C. Defence Force

To see

*[Signature]*

7. 3. 28.



Hon. Col. Sec.

Seen, Thank you very much indeed for your appreciation of my services, I have still one more tour to make this season.

~~S. A. Linton~~

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

8.3.28.

- Telegram to Mr H.D. Cobb, Fox Bay, dated 8 March, 1928 42.
- Letter from Mr J. J. Donner, of 10.2.28 43
- Telegram from H.D. Cobb Esq; Fox Bay, of 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1928. 44.
- Govt. Notice No. 82. of 13.3.28 45
- Letter to H. V. Cobb Esq. J.P. of 14<sup>th</sup> March 1928. 46.

y.p. Schell + iponite.

Jul

14.3.28.

A.H.  
14.28  
3

Letter from O.C. Defence Force, of 16.4.28 47.

y.p. Schell. This is still

very satisfactory.

Jul

18.4.28.



14th S.S.  
Indeed it is very clearing  
M.

B.F. 15. V. 28.

A.B. 30. IV. 28. ~~1/2~~

15/30/10/28.

20.8.28.

4 20.8.28  
6 20.5.28

48-49.

Minute from O.C. Def Force of 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1928.

Order J. Miller Esq 7<sup>th</sup> 14. 9. 28.

Please 6<sup>th</sup> 30. 10. 28.

14. 9. 28.

Letter from

J. Miller Esq. Juv.

8. 10. 28

ms

Off<sup>ce</sup> Sect.

Please inform W. S.

Miller Juv that I have accepted

with regret. No resignation

of his commission as a Juv



Lieutenant E. Ke. P. 12.

Defence Force.

*[Handwritten mark]*

9. 10. 28

Letter to Mr. S. Miller, Junr. of 12 <sup>th</sup> October, 1928	50.
Commission appointing Mr. Cautts, Esq.	51.
Letter to J. James Moor, Esq. of 3rd July, 1929.	52-53.
" " W. B. Jones, Esq. " " "	54-55.
Government notice no. 89. of 3rd July, 1929.	56.
Letter to Mr. Cautts, Esq., M. M. of " "	57.

Defence Force

Comdte.  
G.R.H.  
A.C.S.  
5. VII. 29

Minute from the P. M. O. of 5th July.

58-60

Hon. Col. Sec,  
boxed and returned.

W.R. Watson.  
C/o G. P. D. Force.  
8. 7. 29.

Co. Submitted.

G.R.H.  
A.C.S.  
8. VII. 29

PA. 9. VII. 29

*[Red circular stamp]*

P.A.  
8/11/30



Inside Minute Paper.

61. Government Notice No. 31 of 30/4/30.  
 62. Letter to Major. Hon. J. S. Mow. 2/5/30.

Mre  
 2.5.30

63. Letter from Mr. D. E. Richardson of 4/7/31.

O.C. Defence Force.

Referred to you,

please, for consideration.

J. Mullin

4. 7. 31.

Hon. Col. Leary.

- (a) There are two vacancies for Subalterns in Stanley i.e. Offices for No. 1. & No. 2 platoons of rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut.  
 (b) I know of no objection to Mr D. Richardson being granted a commission, & perhaps a member of the F. I. C. might help, but dispassion is gratifying, & perhaps helpful.  
 (c) The length of time it takes



to obtain uniform etc. from  
the U. K. must be taken into  
consideration in deciding  
whether to grant a commission  
or not, please.

J. James Moir.  
7/7/31.

G.P. Schthal. Is G.P. disposed  
favorably to grant his application?

Mr. Richardson is Chief Storekeeper to  
the Federal Milk Company. I consider  
him to be a fit person to receive  
G.P.'s commission in the Defense Force.

2. Alternatively Mr. Richardson  
might be checked for the offer  
of his services and told that it  
will be borne in mind.

10.7.31



I am of opinion the  
alternative suggested  
is best, having regard  
to present circumstances

Go's  
10.7.31

64. Letter to D. E. Richardson, Esq. 13th July, 1931.

O.C. Deane Price

Please see.

JLM  
7.5.31

JML  
13.7.31

~~11/30/9/31~~  
~~11/30/9/31~~

P.A.  
30/9/31



y. E.

Adj. O.C. Inf. Force, Capt. D.R. Watson,

has recommended that 2<sup>d</sup> Lt. Speersmith

should be promoted to be Lieutenant.

2<sup>d</sup> Lt. Speersmith has held this rank

since 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1928 and has been a keen

worker in the Force. I support Capt.

Watson's recommendation. Will y. E. approve?

J. G.

12.7.32.

How C. S.

Gladly Approve

J. G.  
13.7.32



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No. .... 403/27.....

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 7.....

b5 Letter to Mr. R. Greenhields 15/7/32.

b6 Government Notice No. 57. 16/7/32

O. C. Defence Force

Please see and

look the enclosed letters

to Mr. Greenhields.

J. M. H.

15. 7. 32.

From Col. Sec.

Dated - and enclosed letters  
handed to Mr. Greenhields.

D. R. Watson

19/7/32

P.A.  
21/7/32



Letter from Major Sheahan J. Jones, Major 28/3/33 (67)

y. 2. Submitted with

draft letter in reply.

JMS

1. 3. 33.

Hon C.S.  
Draft of reply  
approved  
JMS  
2. 3. 33

Letter to Major, The Hon. J. Jones Blair, 4/3/33. (68.)  
Government notice no. 14 of 6/3/33. 69.

Letter from Maj. The Hon. J. L. Nijm, 7. 3. 33. 70.

y. 2. Not 70 submitted for  
information.

Hon C.S.  
Noted  
JMS  
4. 3. 33

JMS  
7. 3. 33.

P. H. JMS  
8. 3. 33



Head Quarters,

Falkland Island Defence Force,

October 28th, 1927

The Honble,

The Colonial Secretary,

Sir,

Following the interview you kindly granted me yesterday, I ~~have~~<sup>do</sup> have the honour to submit for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander in Chief a proposition for the extension, and opportunity for men in the East Falkland camps to become serving members of the Defence Force.

- 1 To form a section in Port Darwin and North Arm, both of these to be mounted when required.
2. To enroll members and form the sections I propose for myself to visit Darwin and North Arm for about a fortnight or longer if required during the working Season. The men are gathered together for working sheep at Goose Green, and here alone we ought to muster between twenty and thirty, and would be available every evening for training.
3. I have spoken <sup>to</sup> ~~with~~ Mr Slaughter about this proposition, and he promised his support in the training of Recruits.
4. For the North camps it does not seem practicable to visit each Station, I would propose to enroll as many of the young men as we can get, and to have a weeks traing at some centre, say Port Louis,



2. continued,

Port Louis in conjunction with our Stanley Forces.  
A course of musketry together with a week good outdoor training, would be a benefit to us all. Following this I suggest that the men would be permitted to take their rifles back to the farm, and arrangements made with the managers to supervise shooting practices, this would be necessary to keep control of ammunition and looking after rifles.

It is my ambition to double the strength of the Defence Force during the coming year, and having the opinion of managers of Stations, I have no hesitation in submitting this proposition, for His Excellency's consideration,

I have,

the honour ,  
to be Sir,

Yours obediently,

*S. A. Lovell*

Commanding F. I. D. Force.



From His Excellency the Governor

to The Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

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For despatch to S of S.

1. Explain new system of increasing strength of force by platoons at Darwin and Tent Inlet etc.

2.

Give instructions to Capt Watson to visit areas concerned as soon as possible and put work in hand.

3.

Letter to Mr Slaughter etc saying how pleased we are they are taking an active interest in this most important work.

$\frac{20}{10}$  27.

A.H.



603/27.

31st October,

27.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has heard from the Officer Commanding the Defence Force that you have been so good as to offer your interest and support in connection with the proposed formation of sections of the Falkland Islands Defence Force at Darwin and North Arm, and to say that His Excellency highly appreciates your active co-operation in this most important work.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. G.*  
Colonial Secretary.

T. G. SLAUGHTER, ESC., J.P.,  
DARWIN HARBOUR,  
EAST FALKLAND.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

9th November, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

222.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have given my earnest consideration to the question of encouraging the enrolment of volunteers in the Falkland Islands Defence Force in every way proper and to state that during the past four months there has been a most satisfactory accession of recruits. The actual strength of the Defence Force on the 31st of October, last, was 120 all ranks with distribution as under :-

Stanley	...	...	...	78
East Falkland, outside Stanley	...	...	...	29
West Falkland	...	...	...	13.

The number of enlistments since the 1st of January, 1927, is 34.

2. You will observe that the main strength of the Defence Force is concentrated at Stanley. In the circumstances this is but natural: it is nevertheless essential in my opinion to obtain as many members as possible from the out-districts and Captain D. R. Watson, who is commanding the Defence Force at present, has prepared a scheme with my approval for such extension. The proposal is to form a section at Darwin, the headquarters of the

Falkland/

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



Falkland Islands Company's camp and the largest settlement in the Colony, and a section at North Arm which is also on the Falkland Islands Company's camp in Lafonia, the southern half of the East Falkland. Both of these sections will be mounted, as required, and it is Captain Watson's intention to visit the two centres named during the coming wool season when the men are mustered for shearing and to start the training which Mr. T. G. Slaughter, J.P., the Falkland Islands Company's Camp Manager, has kindly offered subsequently to continue. It is anticipated that some 25 men will be willing to serve at Darwin, and a further 15 at North Arm.

3. There is no convenient centre in the northern half of the East Falkland of sufficient size to form suitable headquarters for another section but Captain Watson proposes here to enrol as many men as he can obtain and to carry out their training at a camp to be arranged in common with the main body of the Defence Force from Stanley. Such a camp which I hope it will be practicable to make annual would be of great benefit to the Defence Force as a whole and a strong incentive to recruiting: the district members would thereafter be permitted to take their rifles back with them to the settlements on which they are employed so as to enable them to practice shooting under the supervision of the managers many of whom I am glad to say have promised their active interest and assistance.

4. In regard to the West Falkland I regret that it has not yet been possible to devise any

workable /



workable scheme of similar nature, but I am endeavouring with the co-operation of the farmers to extend the membership of the Defence Force Rifle Club so that at least the men on the West Falkland may learn to shoot and may be qualified to compete in Rifle competitions which will be organized from time to time at Stanley and later, I trust, on the West Falkland.

uplicate.

5. I attach a report submitted by Captain Watson in this connection and I wish to pay a warm tribute to his energy and enthusiasm in all matters concerning the welfare and the advancement of the Defence Force of which, as you are aware, he is Adjutant and, as I have said above, temporarily in command.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.



603/27.

3rd December, 27.


Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has heard from the Officer Commanding the Defence Force that you have been so good as to offer your interest and support in connection with the proposed formation of a section of the Falkland Islands Defence Force in the North Camp, and to say that His Excellency highly appreciates your active co-operation in this most important work.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable,  
G. J. Felton, M.L.C.,  
Teal Inlet,  
EAST FALKLAND.



603/27.

3rd December, 27.


Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has heard from the Officer Commanding the Defence Force that you have been so good as to offer your interest and support in connection with the extension of the Falkland Islands Defence Force Rifle Club, and to say that His Excellency highly appreciates your active co-operation in this most important work.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable,  
George Bonner, M.E.C.,  
San Carlos South,  
EAST FALKLAND.



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3rd December, 27.

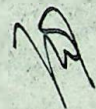
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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

A. Pitaluga, Esq.,  
Salvador,  
EAST FALKLAND.



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3rd December, 27.

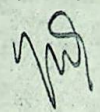
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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Colonial Secretary.

R. Greenshields, Esq.,  
Douglas Station,  
EAST FALKLAND.



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TELEGRAM.

From Capt. D.R. Watson, Foxbay.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 4th January, 1928. Time : 20.30.

Received : 6th January, 1928. Time : 10.00.

SECRETARY,  
PORTSTANLEY.

ARRIVED HILL COVE 16 MEMBERS LEAVING FOR CHARTRES  
TO-MORROW.

WATSON.



Head Quarters,

Falkland Island Defence Force,

January 13th, 1928



The Hon, Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley,

Sir,

Submitted herewith records of men who joined the Defence Force and Defence Force Rifle Association, during my tour in the afterglow between the dates of January 1st and 10th. inst.

The total number of members who joined the club was 70 of these 31, 1 swore in as members of the Force and seven were already members of the Force.

I took from stock 40 Rifles .303 and 20,000 Rds, of Mk.VII. ammunition also 2 Rifles service .22. These were disposed off as follows:- Port San Carlos 5 Rifles 2,000 rds, Port Howard 12 Rifles 6,000 Rds, Hill Cove 14 Rifles 7,000 Rds, Chartres 9 Rifles and 5,000 Rds. To Hill Cove & Chartres one each .22 Rifle.

There was not time to visit all Stations, and after consulting Mr Miller, I decided to leave the boat at Hill Cove and ride, in this way I was able to visit Chartres Station and Fox Bay. The Stations yet to be visited are Port Stephens, Roy Cove, Pebble and Fox Bay West.

On each Station after explaining the idea of the Rifle Club and also for recruiting for the Force, the men showed interest, but up ~~thn~~ to the time of my arrival nothing had been done, with the exception of Hill Cove Station.



2.

Erection of Mantlets and targets appear to be a difficulty for the present, and I have advised to use temporary targets without mantlets, until we can arrange for plates for protection of the marker. Mr Miller has erected a temporary mantlet and shooting commenced at this Station on Saturday last.

I may add that I received a cordial welcome from all Station Managers, and in each case gave me all the assistance required, in forming the Clubs and getting members for the Force.

I have the honour,

to be,

Sir,

your obedient Servant,

*S. A. Watson Capt.*

Commanding F. I. D. Force.



Head Quarters,

Falkland Island Defence Force.

January 12th, 1928

Men who have joined the Defence Force between the dates of Jan.1st & 8th.

Port San Carlos.

Arthur Alazia, Arthur Barnes  
Peter Reive, Percy Biggs  
A.J.Bernsten, Malcolm Mc.Leod

Hill Cove.

Frank Saint, Thomas James Goodwin  
George Harrison, John Dabinett  
Eric Johnston, John Skilling  
William G.Sibley

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Port Howard.

Philip Lee, George Llamosa  
A.Shackel, Stanley Johnston  
W.Kiddle, H.Hall  
Fred Lee.

Chartres.

Donald Bruce, Alick Etheridge  
Frederick Bernsten, Arthur Etheridge  
James Andersen, Donald Ferguson  
John C.Anderson, Edgar Harvey  
Cyril W.Harvey.

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Teal Inlet.

R.W.Parrin, D.J.Hall



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Head Quarters,  
Defence Force,

January 12th, 1927.

Men from East & West Falkland joined the Rifle  
Association between the dates of Jan 1st & 8th.

Teal Inlet. G.J.Felton Esq, (Manager)

R.W.Parrin, D.J.Hall, R.Rumbolds,

Port San Carlos, C.Andreasen (Manager)

A.Alazia, A.Barnes, Peter Reive,  
Percy Biggs, A.Bernsten, Malcolm Mc.Leod  
J.Alazia, L.R.Andersen, Adam Smith  
Alf, Elmer.

Port Howard, R.C.Pole Evans ( Manager)

W.Clement, George Llamosa, F.Johnston.  
Stanley Johnston, Alick Shäckel, H.Hall  
Fred, Lee, W.Kiddle, George Hall  
Philip Lee, A.Wshworth, R.Hutchinson,

Hill Cove. T.Goodwin, E,Johnston, Alfred Summers

R.H.Hutchings, W.H.Pearce, G.Palmer  
J.Dabinett, G.Harrison, J.Skilling  
F.Saint, C.Harding, W.Sibley, C.Virgin  
Eric, Johnston, W.Tudor, J.Davis, J.Halliday  
D.Mc.Kay, S.Miller Jnr.  
S.Miller Esq. ( Manager)

Chartres.

Donald Bruce, Alick Etheridge, F.Bernsten  
A.Etheridge, J.Andersen, D,Ferguson,  
J.Andersen, C.W.Harvey, E.Harvey, A.Rutter  
G.Mc.Kay, G.Paice, G.Stewart, A.Harvey  
G.W.Saltmarsh,  
W.H.Luxton Esq. ( Manager)



Fox Bay. M. Robson Esq. (Manager).

W. Paice, James Peck, Alick Stewart  
W. Binnie, J. Buttler,



TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To Sydney Miller, Esquire, Junior.

Dispatched : 16th January, 192 8. Time. 10.00.

Received : ..... 192 ..... Time. ....

SYDNEY MILLER ESQUIRE JUNIOR,  
HILL COVE,  
WEST FALKLAND.

His Excellency proposes to give you a Commission as Second-Lieutenant in the Defence Force and would be glad to know whether you desire to accept same.

SECRETARY.



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TELEGRAM.

From Sydney Miller, Esquire, Junior,

To The Colonial Secretary.

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Dispatched : 17th January, 1928. Time. 11.00.

Received : 19th. January, 1928. Time. 10.30.

COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
PORTSTANLEY.

Willing to accept the appointment on condition  
that it does not interfere with the farm work.  
Shall be pleased to receive more definite information  
as regards the appointment.

SYDNEY MILLER JUNIOR.



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TELEGRAM.

603/27.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To Sydney Miller, Esquire, Junior,

Dispatched : 19th January, 1928. Time. 12.30.

Received : ..... 192.. Time. ....

SYDNEY MILLER ESQUIRE JUNIOR,  
HILL COVE, WEST FALKLAND

Delighted to learn your acceptance of  
commission. Can assure you that it will not  
interfere with your farm work in any way.

SECRETARY.



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603/27.

27th January, 28.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be an officer in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant and with effect from the 26th of January, 1928.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Colonial Secretary.

J. F. Bonner, Esq.,  
San Carlos South,  
East Falkland.



603/27.

27th January, 28.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be an officer in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant and with effect from the 26th of January, 1928.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

Sydney Miller, Esq., Jnr.,  
Hill Cove,  
West Falkland.



GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

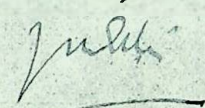
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.  
27th January, 1928.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments in the Falkland Islands Defence Force under Section 7. (1) of the Defence Force Ordinance 1920, with effect from the 26th of January, 1928.

MR. JOHN FRANCIS BONNER, SAN CARLOS  
SOUTH TO BE 2ND LIEUTENANT.

MR. SYDNEY MILLER, JUNIOR, HILL COVE,  
TO BE 2ND LIEUTENANT.

By Command,

  
Colonial Secretary.



MEMO.

Departmental Number.

From... *C. C. Defence Force*

XIV.....

Date... *January 30th 1928.*

To... *The Colonial Secretary*

Reference Numbers. {

*Actual Strength Force Jan 30th 1928.*

*217*

*Estimated Reserve 1928.*

*20*

*237*

*Rifles on Charge 150.*

*Less. Not fit for use 10*

*140*

*140*

*97*

Rifles

*Requested to Equip Force. 97*

*Members of Association -*

*- not members of Force,*

*in Camps 34*

*Estimated in Stanley. 30*

*161*

*South Georgia.*

*244  
64  
180*



MEMO.

Departmental Number.

From... *G. E. Duffin Force,*

XIV

Date. *Aug 31. 1928.*

To *The Colonial Secretary.*

Reference Numbers.

*Particulars are verbally requested. 30.1.28.*

*Actual Strength of Force, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1927. 120.*

*" " " " Jan 30. 1928. 215.*

*made up as follows.*

*Stanley 80.*

*East Camps. 98.*

*West " 37*

*S. Georgia 2.*

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*217*

*Right Association. Since July 1st. 1925.*

*Darwin & N. Area 73*

*East Camps 39*

*West Falkland 57*

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*169*

*Stanley 75*

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*239*

*244*

*30. → (200)*



Head quarters,  
Defence Force,

February 3rd, 1928.

The Hon, The Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

Submitted herewith details of work done during my tour in Camps between the dates January 17th, and 27th.

1. The total numbers obtained for the Defence force and Rifle Association were as follows:- 64 and 99, of the 99 Rifle association seven were already members of the Defence Force. Details of numbers on the different Stations enclosed.

2. The men on all Stations are keen on shooting and the men who joined the Force expressed their wish to be fitted out and receive their course of training for efficiency. In my opinion it will be a great benefit to these men to receive Military training which will be something to occupy their time after work in the evenings.

3. On Darwin Station I left 12 Rifles 5000 Rds, of ammunition and a quantity of Target paper, the other Stations have not yet received any supplies.

4. The Targets erected for this season will be primitive, but shooting can be carried on as a practice, and for next year the Station Managers are all



all willing to erect Mantlets as soon as material can be obtained.

5. I may add that Mr Slaughter, Mr Harding, Mr Bonner Mr J. Bonner, and Mr Langdon are all in support of the movement made by the Government, and are willing to do all possible to further the scheme.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

W. W. Watson

Commanding F. I. D. Force.



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Recruits for Defence Force.

January 23rd, 1928.

Darwin Section.  
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- Donald Mc.Leod
- A.Mc.Kenzie
- Frank Smith
- Frank Hollen
- Adam Blakely
- John Jeffrey
- W.Mc.Kenzie
- Jess Philips
- John Mc.Gill
- James Middleton
- W.Mc.Gill
- Richard Wallin
- Charles Ford
- George Mc.Leod
- John Middleton
- James Goss
- William Roberts
- Stanley Fullbrook
- Charles Brown
- H.Hessey
- James Plumb
- C.F.Scott
- James Norris
- James Sarney
- H.Sarney
- David Honeyman
- Ian Mc.Mullen
- Henry Hollen
- William Mc.Mullen
- Stewart Middleton
- Joseph Prior



North Arm.

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Herbert Stuckey  
Benjamin Oatsen  
R. B. Larsen  
Stanford Mc. Gill  
B. Helliot  
Carl P. Biggs  
Archie Short  
Frank White  
Stewart Morrison  
William G. Mc. Carthy  
Charles Mc. Carthy  
Silas Newman  
Richard Andersen  
Peter Johnson  
M. Mc. Leod  
Wallace Hirtle  
Hereld Larsen  
Wilfred Newman  
Donald Ewan  
Thomas George White  
Walter Sandy  
Stewart Middleton  
William Dettleff 23

Less 4 already on  
the register. 4  
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19



San Carlos S.  
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- John Francis Bonner
- George Alazia
- H.T.Hatchman
- W.F.Briton
- Edward Ashby
- David Mc.Mullen
- John Reive
- John Etherington (8)

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Fitzroy. S.  
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- Roderick Mc.Leod
- Stanley Clethero
- Henry Hunt
- Jim Bernsten
- Keath Mc.Gill (5)

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San Carlos N. ( in addition to previous list).  
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- Victor Peck. (1)



Rifle Club Darwin.  
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- |                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| T.G.Slaughter Esqr. (Manager) | C.F.Scott         |
| R.Finlayson                   | James Norris      |
| James Ryan                    | James Sarney      |
| H.Redmond                     | H.Sarney          |
| Philip Barido                 | David Honeyman    |
| William Campbell              | Ian Mc.Mullen     |
| W.Mc.Atasney                  | Henry Hollen      |
| W.Pauline                     | William Mc.Mullen |
| Donald Mc.Leod                | Stewart Middleton |
| A.Mc.Kenzie                   | Joseph Prior.     |
| Frank Smith                   |                   |
| Frank Hollen                  | (39)              |
| Adam Blakley                  |                   |
| John Jeffrey                  |                   |
| W.Mc.Kenzie                   |                   |
| Jess Philips                  |                   |
| John Mc.Gill                  |                   |
| James Me-Gill Middleton       |                   |
| W.Mc.Gill                     |                   |
| Richard Wallin                |                   |
| Charles Ford                  |                   |
| George Mc.Leod                |                   |
| John Middleton                |                   |
| James Goss                    |                   |
| William Roberts               |                   |
| Stanley Fulbrook              |                   |
| Charles Brown                 |                   |
| H.Hessey                      |                   |
| James Plumb                   |                   |



Rifle Club North Arm.  
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- |                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Hugh Harding Esq. (Manager) | Peter Johnsen       |
| B.Helliot                   | M.Mc.Leod           |
| Charles Jennings            | Wallace Hirtle      |
| Peter Duncan                | Hereld Larsen       |
| M.Mc.Carthy                 | Wilfred Newman      |
| William Summers             | Donald Lwan         |
| John Halliday               | Thomas George White |
| Albert Summers              | Walter Sandy        |
| William Bains               | Stewart Middleton   |
| James Watson                | William Dettleff.   |
| Alfred H. Biggs             | John Ryan           |
| Herbert Stuckey             |                     |
| Benjamin Oatsen             | (34)                |
| R.B.Larsen                  |                     |
| Stanford Mc.Gill            |                     |
| Carl P. Biggs               |                     |
| Archie Short                |                     |
| Frank White                 |                     |
| Stewart Morrison            |                     |
| William Mc.Carthy           |                     |
| Charles Mc.Carthy           |                     |
| Silas Newman                |                     |
| Richard Andersen            |                     |



Rifle Club San Carlos S.

G. Bonner Esqr. M.L.C.

John Bonner

George Alazia

Henry Hatchman

Edward Ashley

William F. Briton

David Mc. Mullen

John Reive

John Etherington

Jack Ashley

S.A. Andersen

James Mc. Kay

Alick Bernsten. (13)

Rifle Club Fitzroy.

F.G. Langdon Esq. J.P.

C. Lyse

J. Jennings

S. Goss

Roderick Mc. Leod

Stanley Clethero

Henry Hunt

Jim Bernsten

Keath Mc. Gill (9)

Rifle Club San Carlos N. ( in addition to previous list.

Donald Morrison

Fred May

David Stewart

Victor Peck. (4)



DEF / FID / 3 #11-01

Defence Force recruits enlisted recently at Chortres





DEF/FID/3#11-02

The some with the newly joined members of the Rifle Club





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Two photographs submitted showing

(i) Defense force recruits exhibited recently at Charters and

(ii) The same with the newly joined members of the Rifle Club at Red Station.

J. S.  
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16. 1. 28.

Hon C.S.  
Very interesting. To be attached to dispatch  
in due course.

16-28

A.H.



No. 69.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

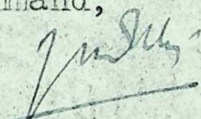
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

20th February, 1928.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment in the Falkland Islands Defence Force under Section 7. (1) of the Defence Force Ordinance 1920, with effect from the 20th of February, 1928.

MR. ROBERT GREENSHIELDS, DOUGLAS  
STATION, TO BE 2ND LIEUTENANT.

By Command,



Colonial Secretary

M.P. 603/27.



603/27.

21st February, 28.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be an officer in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant and with effect from the 20th of February, 1928.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. M. S.*  
Colonial Secretary.

R. GREENSHIELDS, ESQ.,  
DOUGLAS STATION,  
EAST FALKLAND.



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

27th February, 1928.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 77.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my despatch No. 222 of the 9th of November, 1927, reporting that the actual strength of the Falkland Islands Defence Force had increased at the 31st of October, 1927, since the 1st of January, 1927, by 34 to 120 all ranks, and to inform you that at the 31st of January, 1928, it has been further increased to a total of 217 all ranks. In other words during the last twelve months the number of serving members of the Defence Force has been considerably more than doubled.

2. Subsequent to the date of my despatch above referred to Captain D. R. Watson, the Acting Officer Commanding, has, as anticipated, visited Darwin and North Arm in the Falkland Islands Company's camp in Lafonia. He has in addition also made an extensive tour of the West Falkland and has been to several of the stations in the northern part of the East Falkland. His mission has met everywhere with unqualified success strikingly demonstrated by the figures which I quote below as showing the present distribution of/

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



of the Defence Force viz:-

Stanley	80
East Falkland, outside Stanley	98
West Falkland	37
South Georgia	<u>2</u>
	<u>217.</u>

I would invite attention in particular to the large number of recruits, relatively to the size of the several stations, obtained at Darwin, 31, North Arm, 19, and San Carlos South, 8, on the East Falkland and Chartres, 9, Hill Cove and Port Howard, 7 in either case, on the West Falkland. For the purpose of illustration of the excellent stamp of man that is joining the Defence Force I enclose a copy of a photograph of the recruits fallen in at Chartres on the occasion of Captain Watson's visit. I am informed by Captain Watson that he hopes to obtain still more recruits at Darwin and others in Stanley during the course of the current year by the end of which the effective strength of the Defence Force will not fall far short of 250 all ranks.

3. I would report in this connection that I have appointed Mr. J. Bonner and Mr. S. Miller Jnr. of San Carlos South and Hill Cove, respectively, to be Second-Lieutenants in the Defence Force with effect from the 26th of January, 1928, and I am hopeful that Mr. T. G. Slaughter, the Falkland Islands Company's Camp Manager and a cavalry officer with considerable experience of war service, will be willing also to accept a commission.

n duplicate.



4. I am glad furthermore to state that the enrolment of members of the re-formed Defence Force Rifle Association has been equally satisfactory. When I arrived in the Colony the membership of the Rifle Club, as it was then styled, was confined to some thirty persons resident in Stanley. The membership at the present time actually approximates to 250 of whom 75 are in Stanley, 57 on the West Falkland, and the remainder on the East Falkland outside Stanley; of this number 180 are also serving members of the Defence Force. In addition the Grytviken Rifle Club which has been started as a branch of the local Rifle Association has already a membership of over 100 and I have every reason to believe that the movement will spread generally in South Georgia and that before long similar clubs will be started at the other whaling centres in which case it is not unduly sanguine to expect a total membership of 600 or 800 in that Dependency.

5. I consider that the exceptionally good progress which has been made in this matter of defence reflects the greatest credit on Captain Watson's zeal and application and is at the same time a most encouraging indication of the practical patriotism characteristic of the inhabitants of this distant Colony.

6. I shall be addressing you in separate despatches in regard to the organization of the forces of the Colony under a general staff with  
specialist



specialist units as part of a defence scheme and in regard to the necessity for an adequate supply of arms and ammunition to meet the needs of the increased personnel.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.



DECODE.

603/27.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* The Colonial Secretary,

*To* H.V. Cobb, Esq., Fox Bay.

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*Despatched* : 8th March, 1928. *Time* : 15.30.

*Received* : ..... 192 ... *Time* : .....

COBB,

FOX BAY,

WEST FALKLAND.

His Excellency would be glad if you will accept a commission as Lieutenant in the Defence Force please telegraph your reply.

SECRETARY.





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San Carlos,  
East Falklands.

10 th Febry. 1928.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 27th ult, No. 603/27 ,  
informing me of my appointment as 2nd Lieutenant in the Falkland  
Islands Defence Force.

Please convey to His Excellency the Governor my high appreciation  
of this honour that he has conferred upon me, and assure him  
that I will be glad to do all I can in the interests of the  
Defence Force in the Camp.

I have the Honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*John F. Bomer.*  
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Manager.

San Carlos Station.

The Honble. J.M. Ellis.

Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Stanley.



DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* H. V. Cobb Esq. Fox Bay, West Falklands

*To* The Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

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*Despatched*: 10th March, 1928      192      *Time*: 8r00

*Received*: 11th March, 1928      192      *Time*: 11r00

Col. Secretary,  
Portstanley.

Will accept commission.

Cobb.



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GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

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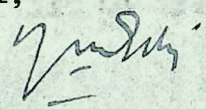
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

13th March, 1928.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment in the Falkland Islands Defence Force under Section 7. (1) of the Defence Force Ordinance, 1920, with effect from the 10th of March, 1928.

MR. HUBERT VINCENT COBB, FOX BAY,  
TO BE  LIEUTENANT.

By Command,



Colonial Secretary.

M.P. 603/27.



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603/27.

14th March,

28.

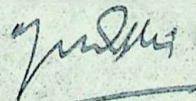
Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be an officer in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with the rank of ~~2nd~~ Lieutenant and with effect from the 10th of March, 1928.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

H. V. COBB, ESQ., J.P.,  
FOX BAY,  
WEST FALKLAND.



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COLONIAL SECRETARIAT  
16 APR 1928  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Head Quarters,

Falkland Island Defence Force.

April 16th, 1928.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith report of a visit made to the North Camps with a view to recruiting, between the dates of March 27th, and April 12th.

At Douglas Station six men were enrolled in the Force :- R.Greenshields (Manager) H.H.Biggs Leslie Biggs, J.Buttler, G.Mc.Gill, M.Mc.Gill.

At Salvador Station five men were enrolled in the Force:- John Mc.Kay, William Reive, Percy Peck, Alfred Ashley, and George Reive..

The recruits enrolled are all strong young men and very keen on training. At Salvador Station I had opportunity to drill a squad of eight men on three occasions and find them very promising recruits.

On each Station the members of the Force and others will join the Rifle Association as soon as we are in a position to send rifles etc, to fit them out.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*B.W. Lovatson* Captain  
*J. S. D.*



Hill Cove

(48)

July 16<sup>th</sup> 1928.

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J. M. Coulls

Cape, Falkland Islands Defence Force

Sir,

I wish to resign my  
commission as a second lieutenant  
in the Falkland Islands Defence  
Force.

yours faithfully

Sydney Miller W



Stanley.

8<sup>th</sup> Sept 1928.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the enclosed letter from Mr S. Miller, Junr. for His Excellency's information.

I have the honour to be

Sir.

Your obedient Servant.

J. M. South.

Capt.

of G/C. S. I. D. F.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary.



603/27.

12th October, 28.

Sir,

With reference your letter of the 16th of July, 1928, addressed to Capt. J. M. Coutts, I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that His Excellency has accepted with regret the resignation of your commission as a Lieutenant in the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. D. S.

for Colonial Secretary.

Mr. S. Miller, Jun.,  
HILL COVE.



(21.)

COMMISSION.

By His Excellency ARNOLD HODSON, Esquire,

Companion of the Most  
Distinguished Order of  
Saint Michael and Saint  
George, Governor and  
Commander-in-Chief of  
the Colony of the Falk-  
land Islands and its  
Dependencies.

*(sgd) Arnold Hodson*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor.

To JAMES MAGNUS COUTTS, Esquire, M.M.,

In virtue of the powers in me vested by Section 7 (1) of the Defence Force Ordinance, No. 7 of 1920, I do hereby appoint you the said JAMES MAGNUS COUTTS to be an officer in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with the rank of Captain.

By Command,

*R. J. Green*

Acting Colonial Secretary.

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COMMISSION.

By His Excellency ARNOLD HODSON, Esquire,

Companion of the Most  
Distinguished Order of  
Saint Michael and Saint  
George, Governor and  
Commander-in-Chief of  
the Colony of the Falk-  
land Islands and its  
Dependencies.

*(sgd.) Arnold Hodson*

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Governor.

To JOHN INNES MOIR, Esquire, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,

In virtue of the powers in me vested by Section  
7 (1) of the Defence Force Ordinance, No. 7 of 1920,  
I do hereby appoint you the said JOHN INNES MOIR  
to be an officer in the Falkland Islands Defence  
Force with the rank of Captain.

By Command,

*R. L. Brown*  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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603/27.

3rd July, 29.

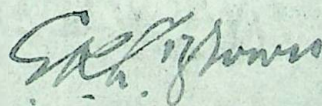
Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be an officer in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with the rank of Captain and to enclose herewith your Commission.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting Colonial Secretary.

J. Innes Moir, Esq., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,  
S T A N L E Y.



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COMMISSION.

By His Excellency ARNOLD HODSON, Esquire,

Companion of the Most  
Distinguished Order of  
Saint Michael and Saint  
George, Governor and  
Commander-in-Chief of  
the Colony of the Falk-  
land Islands and its  
Dependencies.

(Sgd.) *Arnold Hodson*  

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Governor.

To WILFRED BASIL JONES, Esquire, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

In virtue of the powers in me vested by Section  
7 (1) of the Defence Force Ordinance, No. 7 of 1920,  
I do hereby appoint you the said WILFRED BASIL  
RALPH JONES to be an officer in the Falkland Islands  
Defence Force with the rank of Lieutenant.

By Command,

*M. J. Brown*  

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Acting Colonial Secretary.



603/27.

3rd July, 29.

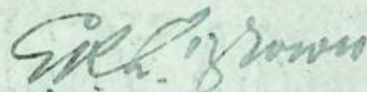
Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be an officer in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with the rank of Lieutenant and to enclose herewith your Commission.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting Colonial Secretary.

W. B. R. Jones, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,  
S T A N L E Y.



Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.  
3rd July, 1929.

Under Section 7 (1) of the Defence Force Ordinance No. 7 of 1920, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following promotions and appointments in the Falkland Islands Defence Force :

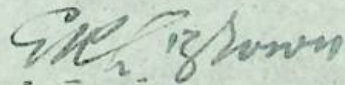
PROMOTIONS.

Lieut. D. R. Watson (temp. Capt.)  
and  
Lieut. J. M. Coutts, M.M.,  
to Captain.

APPOINTMENTS.

John Innes Moir, Esq., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,  
to be an officer with the rank of Captain.  
Wilfred Basil Ralph Jones, Esq., M.R.C.S.,  
L.R.C.P., to be an officer with the rank  
of Lieutenant.

By Command,



Acting Colonial Secretary.



603/27.

3rd July, 29.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Ellis' letter, No. P/10 of the 4th of May, 1928, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to approve your promotion to be Captain in the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting Colonial Secretary.

J. M. Coutts, Esq., M.M.,  
S T A N L E Y.





Principal Medical Officer's Office,  
Stanley,  
4th July, 1929.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of 3rd July, 1929,  
conveying to me a commission in the Defence Force.

I have to thank His Excellency for this appointment.

*J. James Moit.*

Principal Medical Officer.

The Hon.,  
The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.





K. E. M. Hospital,  
Stanley,  
5th July, 1929.

Sir,

With reference to your minute of 3rd July, 1929,  
with enclosure of a commission in the Falkland Islands  
Defence Force, I beg to ask that you will be good enough  
to convey to His Excellency ~~me~~ appreciation of this  
honour.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant.

Medical Officer

Capt. J. Innes Moir, M.B.Ch.B.  
Senior Surgeon,  
F.I.D.F.



No.

MINUTE.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

5th July, 1929.

From Hon. P. M. O.

To

STANLEY.



THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Submitted, please.

*James Mow*  
Principal Medical Officer.



No. 31.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Stanley, Falkland Islands

30th April, 1930.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to give directions for the following promotions and appointments in the Falkland Islands Defence Force :

PROMOTIONS.

Sergeant Major W. M. Allan to Lieutenant with effect from the 25th of April, 1930.

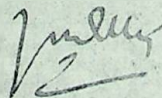
Captain The Hon. J. Innes Moir to Major with effect from the 1st of May, 1930.

APPOINTMENTS.

Lieutenant W. M. Allen to be Adjutant  
and

Major The Hon. J. Innes Moir to be  
Officer Commanding  
with effect from the 1st of May, 1930.

By Command,



Colonial Secretary.



603/27.

2nd May,

50.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Defence Force and to promote you to the rank of Major with effect from the 1st of May, 1930.

2. I am to attach herewith for your information a copy of a letter addressed to Lieut. W.M. Allan regarding his appointment as Adjutant.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Colonial Secretary.

Major the Hon. J. Innes Moir,  
Stanley.





Kent House,

Port Stanley.

July 4th 1931.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

I beg to enquire whether another commissioned officer is required in the Defence Force and would be pleased to offer my services in such capacity.

In addition to service in the Regular Army I have had three years training in the O.T.C.

I remain Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Audley B. Richardson*



603/27.

13th July,

31.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th of July, 1951 and to thank you for the offer of your services as Commissioned Officer in the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

2. I am to say that this offer will be borne in mind.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

D. E. Richardson, Esq.,  
Kent House,  
STANLEY.



603/27

15th July,

32.

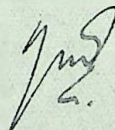
Sir,

With reference to my letter No. 603/27. of the 21st of February, 1928, I am directed to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to approve of your promotion in the Falkland Islands Defence Force to the rank of Lieutenant, with effect from the 14th of July, 1932.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

R. Greenshields Esq.,  
STANLEY.

(through Officer Commanding Falkland Islands Defence Force.)



No. 57.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

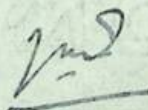
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.  
15th July, 1932.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased  
to approve of the following promotion in the  
Falkland Islands Defence Force :

2nd. LIEUTENANT R. GREENSHIELDS

to be a Lieutenant with effect from the 14th of  
July, 1932.

By Command,



Colonial Secretary.

M.P. 603/27.



Stanley  
28/2/33.

Dear Mr Ellis,

I am sorry to open up the matter of the Defence Force again, but I hope that H. E. the Governor can see his way to relieve me of the command.

As I stated before the Defence Force is encroaching too much on my duties as P. M. O. Recently, there has been a storm, though maybe only a teccup one, which to my astonishment has disturbed me, I find now it is over more than I care to admit. Further, I now have a feeling that I cannot usefully hold the post any longer. It cannot be good for my professional efficiency to have these disturbances, & distractions.

My knowledge of the profession of arms is so small that my retaining the command cannot be of any importance, & if I am relieved the Administrator could put the command in the hands of a soldier. I am, you are aware, willing to help in any other way possible, & in this matter I crave H. E. the Governor's indulgence.

I am

Sir

Your obedient servant,  
J. James Moir.



Stanley.  
9/2/33.

Dear Mr Ellis.

With regard to our conversation, last night re the command of the Defence Force, if it <sup>of any</sup> help to the Government, as I am, at this important juncture in Defence Force affairs, incapacitated, I do not being relieved of the command.

This is no hasty suggestion, but one has been in my mind for at least two months. Originally, the Defence Force took some of my time which I gave gladly, because, as you are aware, I attach great importance to the social side of the Defence Force. Of late, Defence Force affairs encroached more, & more upon the time I should devote to my duties as P. M. O., & thus to require more, & still more of that time. Furthermore, I am beginning to feel that my slender knowledge of the profession of arms is not adequate to present, & future requirements. I should be both proud, & glad to have my association with, & rank in the Defence Force in my capacity of Surgeon.

I am, Sir

Your obedient servant  
James M.



603/27.

4th March, 33.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th of February, 1933, and to say that His Excellency has granted, with much regret, your request to be relieved of the command of the Falkland Islands Defence Force with effect from this date.

2. I am to convey to you the expression of His Excellency's sincere appreciation of the valuable and voluntary service rendered by you in this capacity since the 1st of May, 1930.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

Major the Honourable J. Innes Moir,  
S T A N L E Y.



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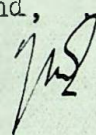
GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.  
6th March, 1933.

The Governor directs it to be notified, for general information, that His Excellency has relieved

MAJOR THE HONOURABLE J. INNES MOIR

of the Command of the Falkland Islands Defence Force at his own request with effect from the 4th of March, 1933.

By Command,  


Colonial Secretary.



P. M. O's Office.

Stanley.

7/3/33.

no. 603/27.

Sir,

I thank you for your letter of 4/3/33 relieving me of the command of the Defence Force.

I am grateful to H.E. the Governor, both for granting my request, & for his kindly appreciation of my services in this matter.

I am,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

James Moir.

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.