

C.S.

Naval & Military  
 Defence Force.

1930.

No. 738/30.

O.C. Defence Force

SUBJECT.

1930

Naval &amp; Military

Previous Paper.

No. 224 Private D. Williams  
 arraigned before the Commanding  
 Officer for returning to the Armory  
 on Friday 16/5/30. his rifle No 69, P 90 1/8  
 in a dirty and unserviceable condition.

MINUTES.

1-3 Minute from Major Maier 27/5/30.

G.E. Submitted. As I read Ord. 7  
 of 1920 under section 10 (3) the O.C.  
 Defence Force has the power to require  
 any member to pay the cost of  
 replacing or repairing any rifle lost  
 or damaged by him.

Subsequent Paper.

2. Under Schedule C to the

Ordinance disobedience of any regulation,

standing orders or general orders is

punishable by a fine not exceeding

₹ 1.

3. Regulations are made by

G.P. in Ex. Co. under section 37 =

and in the absence of specific

provision in the Ordinance in this

respect standing orders and general

orders are made by the O.C.

Defence Force with the approval of

G.P. on the analogy of Rules

for the Defence Force Act under

section 39.

4. In the present instance

the O.C. Defence Force should call upon

Mrs. D. Williams to pay the cost

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of the damage done viz. £ 2 15.  
 s. He should submit also for  
 the consideration of y. 8. in G. Co.  
 under section 37 (1) (c) of the  
 Ordinance draft regulations relate to  
 "the storing of arms"  
 "arms .. .." I shall be  
 happy to consult with Mr. Major  
 Moor, if he so desires, in the  
 framing of such draft regulations.

1 to C.S. <sup>jud</sup>  
 It shows the necessity  
 of carrying out the 23.5.38  
 order. All.  
 (23/30)  
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Expense Pro.

Records, please.

James

26.5.30.

Hon. Col. Secy.

- I An account for £2.10 will be sent to  
no 224 Pte D Williams for repair of his rifle.
- II Herewith, please, regulations for care of  
rifles drafted by me in conjunction with Mr Allan.  
We should be glad if you would make  
any necessary revision, or alteration, please.

James Moir.

26.5.30,

Extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Executive  
Council held on the 27th of May, 1930.

The regulations were approved.

S. R. Brown  
Ag. Clerk of the Council.

Minutes from Adjutant. J.D.F. 18/6/30 (5)

y. 2.

Submitted for inspection.

James

19.6.30.

4/11.  
20/6/30.

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H.C.S.  
Two copies of regulations herewith for  
favour of His Excellency's signature.

W.H. 13  
a.c.s.  
24. VII. 30

J. 2.

S. K. S. S. S.

J. S.

24. 7. 30.

M.  
2400  
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- 6. Minute to Registrar General, 28th July, 1930.
- 7. Despatch No. 165 to D. of S. 29th July, 1930.

H.C.S.  
Please let O.C. Defence Force have two  
printed copies of the Regs. for his use.

J. S.

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O.C. Defence Force  
Herewith two copies of the  
Rifles Regulations for your use.

J. S. M.  
1. 8. 30.

W. S. S.  
1. 8. 30.

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To  
The Officer Commanding  
Falkland Islands Defence Force  
Stanley.

Sir  
I wish to bring to your notice the dirty and unserviceable condition in which No.224 Private D. Williams returned his rifle to the Armoury on Friday 16th May 1930.

The rifle was covered with dust, and the barrel was so rusty that it is absolutely unserviceable and unfit for further use.

He was issued with his rifle on 25th October 1929 and fired his Class Firing on 27th October 1929., the rifle was then in good condition, and he obtained the score of 71, First Class shot.

I asked for an explanation as to how he let the rifle get into such an unserviceable condition and he could not give one, except that he oiled it after firing.

I told him I would have to report the matter to his commanding Officer.

Stanley  
17th May 1930

J. M. Allan Lieut.  
Adjutant. F. I. D. F.

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Headquarters

Falkland Islands  
Defence Force

Stanley 18th May 1930  
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No224. Private D. Williams  
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You are hereby ordered to attend  
at the Headquarters Office at 7.p.m. on Wednesday. 21st  
May 1930. ( Dress Uniform) To see your Commanding Officer  
for returning a Dirty and unserviceable rifle to the Armour;

A. M. Allen Lieut.

Adjutant. F.I.D.F.

22nd May 1930 -19

From Officer Commanding  
Falkland Islands Defence Force  
Stanley

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Hon. Col. Secy.

- I No 224 Pte. D Williams appeared before me at the Headquarters F. I. D. F. 2/5/30.
  - II He was charged in the sense of the adjutant's letter ①.
  - III He admitted having stored the rifle in a room of his house, & that he had not cleaned it since he completed his class firing in Dec, 1929, when he qualified as a first class shot.
  - IV The Adjutant estimates the damage at £2.10.
  - V So far I have failed to find in the Ordinance 1920, Reg 77, an adequate method of dealing with this offence, & thus I severely reprimanded No 224, Pte D Williams.
  - VI Members of the Rifle Association, not members of the F. I. D. F. sign an undertaking to pay for damage to rifles in their possession.
- I am of the opinion that a regulation is required to make this apply to members of the F. I. D. F. when they retain temporary possession of a rifle, & alternatively, when the agreement is not signed, that the rifle be returned immediately to store.

James Moir.

22-5-30.



Regulations for Care of Rifles. (4)

I Every member of the F. I. D. F. shall be personally responsible for any rifle issued to him for any purpose whatsoever. ✓

II A member of the F. I. D. F. shall be required to pay to the Commandant the cost of repairing or replacing any rifle or appointment damaged or lost by such member. <sup>Supplement</sup>

III Each member shall clean in a manner in accordance with ~~his~~ instructions <sup>the</sup> rifle <sup>issued to him</sup> immediately after firing practice, & daily while the rifle remains in his possession. ✓

IV As soon as possible after firing practice at a time to be appointed by the commanding officer rifles shall be returned to store. ✓

V The armorer in charge of the rifle store shall keep a register of rifles, & shall check the issue & return of rifles. The register shall be open to inspection by any officer of the F. I. D. F. at any time.

VI Every member of the Rifle Association shall sign an agreement to pay for the cost of repairing or replacing any rifle lent to him should it be damaged or lost (before a rifle may be issued him.) <sup>When</sup>

~~VIII~~ VII Enforcement of these regulations shall be as with as under Schedule C. of the Ordinance.

VIII No member of the F. I. D. F. or Rifle Association shall dismantle any of the component parts of a rifle locking bolt, backsight etc. Aperture sight <sup>of rifles for use in the Army.</sup>

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To  
The Officer Commanding  
Falkland Islands Defence Force  
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From  
The Adjutant  
F.I.D.Force  
Stanley .16th June 193<sup>0</sup>  
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Sir

I have to-day received from Private.J.D.Williams  
the sum of;- £2-10.0, in payment for the damage done to  
Rifle, No.68.(P.9048) which I will pay into the Treasury  
in due course.

*Hon. Col. Secy.*  
*For your information please.*  
*J.M.*  
*18-6-30.*

Yours obediently  
*D.M. Allen* Lieut.  
Adjutant  
F.I.D.Force.

No. 238/30.

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

MINUTE.

28th July, 19 30.

*From*

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*To* Registrar-General,

Stanley.

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I am directed by the Governor to attach herewith a copy of the Rifles Regulations, 1930, for insertion in the files of the Registrar-General.

*for* *E.H. Brown*  
Colonial Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

29th July, 1930.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 165.

My Lord,

I have the honour to enclose herewith six copies of regulations made by me in Executive Council on the 27th of May, 1930, under the Defence Force Ordinance, 1920, relative to the care of rifles in the custody of members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LORD PASSFIELD OF PASSFIELD CORNER, P.C.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.