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SUBJECT.

1930.

24 November

Defence Force
Class Training 1930

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

1. Letter to Major Moir. 25/11/30.

E. J.

Draft despatch submitted.

SKL:8
for C.S.

25 Nov 1930

Att.
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2. Letter to Pte. E. J. Mc Stasney. 26/11/30.

3-5 Report on Annual Class Training Exercises
printed in 'Penguin' 27 Nov 1930

Subsequent Paper.

Letter from Mayor Mori 27 Nov. 1930 6.

V.G. Submitted.

SM 5.13
for CS
27 Nov. 1930

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Despatch to S. of S. No. 262 of 28th Nov 1930 7.
Letter to St. C. Henriksen of 29th Nov 1930. 8.

Letter to Lieut. R. Greenhields, 13.12.30. P.A.
2/12/30 9.

OC Defense Force

To see
SM 14
for CS.
15/11/30

Hon. Col. Sec.

Seen. Thank you.
J.M.P. / O.C. D.F.
18/12/30

P.A.
20/12/30

Minute from OC. Defense Force,

10-14

Jh.

Submitted for information.

MCH

5. 1. 36

For the last four years returns do not appear to have been made to your office

Will you please ask the O.C. for a report on the workmanship of the force as he has found it on taking over, sending him this file.

It seems regrettable that no fewer than 15 failed to qualify

I shall follow the records of the force as a whole with keen interest. The very high standard achieved by the best shots is liable to give an illusory ^{colouring to} ~~idea of~~ the general standard, which is of main importance

~~ttttt~~ 3/1/36

O. C. Defence Force.

For your report, please.

2. Previous returns are contained in 63/33 attached

MCH

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Hon. Col. Secry,

The only other papers I can find in these files relating to annual class firing reports are (7) in this file and (24) in 63/33.

2. It will be observed from (7) that 92 men were exercised in 1930 and NONE failed to qualify. At (24) in 63/33 out of 94 who were exercised 12 or 12.77% failed to qualify. During 1935, 82 were exercised and 15 or 18.29% failed to qualify.

3. The large variations in the number of failures seems to me to be due to

(a) The standard of efficiency - this was increased between 1930 and 1934.

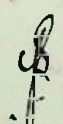
(b) I was informed by Lieut. Pleuret that the rules of marking were, (as they should be) very strictly enforced and that the number of failures in 1935 would have been even greater had he not given special additional instruction to some of the members.

4. Since my arrival I have formed the impression that the standard of shooting of the best shots is particularly good.

It will be observed from these returns (and in fact from any published results) that practically the same names appear as the highest scorers. The scores of these good shots must therefore enhance the general results to such an extent that the general standard appears to be better than it really is.

5. I am anxious to obtain a higher general standard and with this aim in view I offered a prize last week - as a subsidiary prize to those competing for the Governor's Shield - to be awarded to the best score of any member of the Defence Force with not more than five years service.

I am also arranging for special instruction to be given for the improvement of the general standard.


Major,
Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
7th January, 1936.

Submitted.

mch

*I would like to see special instruction
given and special prizes awarded to the 3
best shots among (a) 2nd class shots and (b) those
who failed to qualify - after such instruction.
However let the O.C. consider this and any other measures
for raising the standard of those who are backward and let me*

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know in due course if I can do
anything to promote the case view

~~TH~~ 9/1/36

O. C. Defence Force.

Accordingly please

MCN

et.

9. 1. 36

Hon. C.

The kind consideration of His Excellency
is greatly appreciated + is a source of much
encouragement to the officers of the Force.

I shall include His Excellency's suggestions
in this year's training programme which
will be prepared at the beginning of March.

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25/1/36

Yh

Submitted.

MCN

et.

26. 1. 36

~~TH~~ 27/1/36

P.A. MCN

12/4/37
15/4/37

Y.E.,

I have the honour to submit the report of the Adjutant of the Defence Force on the Annual Musketry Classification Course.

13-15

2. I was present on all occasions when firing took place and the conditions were most favourable.

3. Lieut. A. I. Fleuret deserves great credit for the very careful manner in which he gave his instructions.

(Itld.) M.J.S.,
O. C.

H.C.S. Very satisfactory particularly the general average

12/4/37

*P.A.
24/4/37*

Received from Adjutant, Defence Force, 11/2/37 16-18

Y.E. Submitted.

As will be observed from the report a keen interest is still maintained in rifle shooting & the standard of average is high.

*Jed
12/12/37*

Hon. C.S.

A very satisfactory report. A high standard is maintained in Rifle Shooting.

*In C.H.
15. 12. 37.*

*P.A.
15/12/37*

453/30.

25th November,

30.

Sir,

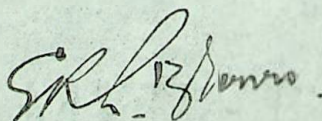
I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has noted with great satisfaction the high standard of efficiency obtained in the Class Firing exercises just completed by the Defence Force and to convey to you and all concerned his warm congratulations on the excellent results obtained.

2. I am to say that it has given His Excellency keen pleasure to observe the interest taken by all ranks in the important practice of rifle shooting and to assure the members of the Defence Force that their efficiency as marksmen reflects great credit not only on themselves but on the Colony as a whole.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

Major the Honourable J. Innes Moir,
Officer Commanding the
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
Stanley.

453/30.

26th November,

30.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to congratulate you on being awarded the distinction badge for the highest aggregate score in the recently concluded Annual Class Firing Exercises (1930) of the members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

2. I am to say that His Excellency followed the progress of these exercises with great interest and that it was with pleasure he noted your success in the face of such keen competition and your high score of 96 points.

3. It is also particularly gratifying to His Excellency to observe that you show equal skill shooting under military conditions as you do under the N.R.A. regulations.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. Brown
for Colonial Secretary.

Pte. E. J. McAtasney,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
Stanley.

(Through Officer Commanding Falkland Islands
Defence Force);

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE

Report on the Annual Class Firing for 1930

Sunday 23rd November concluded the Annual Class Firing of the Defence Force at Stanley. 92, members, of all ranks were exercised on the Open Range.

The course commenced on Saturday 25th October and has continued each week-end, weather permitting. As nearly as possible shooting was conducted under the Platoon System, a Platoon being detailed to attend the range on a certain date. In a whole the weather has been very favourable this year.

With the institution this year of "Markmanship" Badges which are to be awarded to members making 80, points or over, and a distinction badge to the individual making the highest aggregate score a great keenness was shown by individuals, and by Platoons in general.

The practices fired, and the best scores made by individuals were:-

I. 100 yds, Lying Grouping Practice Highest Possible Score, 25

5	Pte. L. Aldridge	4" Group,	25	Points
3	Cpl. J. P. Peck	"	25	"
6	Pte. M. Campbell	"	25	"
7	" .B. Fleuret	"	25	"
"	" .J. Peck Betts	"	25	"
1	Sgt. A. I. Fleuret	"	25	"
12	Pte. R. L. Robson	"	25	"
4	Cpl. S. Summers	"	25	"
2	Sgt. J. R. Gleadell	"	25	"
9	Pte. W. R. Jones	"	25	"
6	" .A. Hills	"	25	"
6	" .E. McAtasney	"	25	"

The following making a 4" group scored full points

2. Lying 200 yards Slow at a 4 ft Target Highest Possible score 20

Corpl. R. Campbell	20	Corpl. M. Luxton	20	Pte. C. Thomson	20
Pte. E. McAtasney	20				

3. Lying behind cover 200 yds Snapshooting 6 sec. exposure H.P.S. 20

Corpl. M. Luxton	20	Lieut. W. M. Allan	20	Pte. C. Thomson	20
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4. 200 yds "Rapid" The firer to be standing on the firing point with his rifle unloaded until the command "Rapid Fire" is given, when he will lie down, load and fire 5 rounds. 40 seconds allowed. H.P.S. 15.

Full points were scored by the following:

1	Sergt. J. J. Harries	1	Pte. L. Aldridge	1	Corpl. R. Campbell
3	Pte. A. Etheridge	1	Corpl. M. Luxton	6	Pte. G. Pallini
1	Sergt. A. Fleuret	10	Pte. R. L. Robson	"	H. Sedgwick
4	Pte. L. Reive		Lieut. W. M. Allan	Capt. J. M. Coutts	M. M.
1	" S. Summers	1	Corpl. W. Browning	Pte. K. Lellman	
1	Corpl. S. Summers	9	Pte. M. Robson	Sergt. J. R. Gleadell	
4	Pte. W. McAtasney	16	" J. Turner	Pte. Den Lehan	
15	" C. Thomson	14	" H. Thomas	" T. Clifton	
6	" E. McAtasney				

5. 300 Yards Slow at a small 4 Ft Target Highest Possible Score 20

Pte. E. McAtasney	19
" F. Bernsten	19

Summary

5, Rounds were fired at each practice, the Highest possible score being 100 points

Best Shot of the Force:- Pte. E. McAtasney. Aggregate Score:- 96

Awarded Badge, Crossed Guns and Star to members

The undermentioned qualified to wear "Marksmanship" Badges

	Score		Score
Sergt. J. J. Harries	87 1/2 ✓	Pte. L. Aldridge	88 ✓
" A. I. Fleuret	92 ✓	Cpl. J. P. Peck	81 1/2 ✓
Corpl. R. Campbell	86 ✓	Pte. M. Campbell	86 ✓
Pte. R. L. Robson	89 ✓	" W. Aldridge	83 ✓
" B. Fleuret	81 1/2 ✓	Corpl. M. Luxton	90 ✓
Lieut. W. M. Allan	87 1/2 ✓	Pte. J. Peck Betts	89 1/2 ✓
Sergt. J. R. Gleadell	90 ✓	Corpl. S. Summers	83 1/2 ✓
Pte. W. McAtasney	87 1/2 ✓	Pte. Don Lehan	80 ✓
" C. Thomson	93 ✓	" H. Thomas	80 1/2 ✓
" T. Clifton	80 ✓	Capt. J. M. Coutts. MM	87 ✓
" C. Henriksen	85 1/2 ✓	Pte. F. J. Jennings	81 1/2 ✓
" W. Summers	83 1/2 ✓	" K. Lellman	87 ✓
Corpl. W. Browning	81 1/2 ✓	G. Q. M. S. D. Lehan	85 1/2 ✓
Pte. J. Petterssen	81 ✓	Pte. S. Clethero	80 ✓
" F. Bernsten	83 1/2 ✓	Corpl. J. Lanning	80 ✓
" A. Hills	92 ✓		

25 Members qualified as 1st Class Shots with a score of 70 points but under 80 points

35 Members qualified as 2nd Class Shots, with a score of 50 points or more, but less than 70 points.

No member failed to qualify.

The Grand total of points scored by the Force
 were:- 6674
 Number exercised 92

Force Average 72.5

Last year the summary was as under
 Total Points Scored 5821
 Number exercised 82

Force Average 70.9

PLATOON AVERAGES

NO. 1. PLATOON

Number exercised 25
 Points scored 1921
 Platoon Average 76.8

No. 2. PLATOON

Number exercised 30
 Points scored 2160
 Platoon Average 72.

NO. 3 PLATOON

Number exercised 24
 Points scored 1639
 Platoon Average 68.2

Headquarter Wing

Number exercised 13
 Total Points 1010
 Wing Average 77.6

No. 1. Platoon being the best shooting Platoon, the N.C.O's of the Platoon qualify to wear a distinctive Badge, Crossed Rifles & Crown on the Right Arm for one year.

Wm. Allan Lieut & Adjutant.
W. Eschmann Corporal
 F.I.D.F.

4. "Rapid" 200 yds. 40 secs. allowed including time
taken in lying down and loading.
Highest possible score 15.

Falkland Islands Defence Force (5)

Report on the Annual Class Forming Exercises 1930

The Annual Course of Class Forming of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, which was commenced ^{on the Stanley Range} on the 25th of October and continued on subsequent weeks, ends as the weather permitted, was concluded last Sunday the 23rd of November. A total of 92 members ~~too~~ of all ranks took part with very satisfactory results. Throughout the course the conditions for shooting were, on the whole, more favourable than usual.

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As far as possible shooting was conducted under the Platoon System, separate platoons being detailed for the range ^{on} ~~at~~ different dates. The award of 'Marksmanship' Badges this year to members scoring 80 points and over and of a distinction badge to the individual making the highest aggregate score has proved a valuable incentive to efficiency. Great keenness was shown by individuals and by the platoons in general.

Their practices were

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

27th Nov. 19 30

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

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

No 453/30. of 25. XI. 30.

I On behalf of the Falkland Islands Defence Force may I thank His Excellency for his kind appreciation of the work of the Defence Force on the rifle range.

II All ranks are aware, & appreciate that much of this success is due to His Excellency's precept, & example in the matter of shooting, & his kindness in providing a first class range on which to shoot.

J. Innes Moir.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

28th November, 1930.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 262.

My Lord,

I have the honour to enclose two copies of the "Penguin" containing a report on the recently concluded Annual Class Firing Exercises of the Falkland Islands Defence Force for 1930. As Your Lordship is aware it is not possible at this season of the year for any of the members resident in the Camp to take part.

2. Out of a total of 92 members of all ranks exercised none failed to qualify, while the average number of points scored per member was no less than 72.5, and the highest aggregate score 96. I am sure Your Lordship will share with me the gratification I feel at these excellent results which show the high standard of efficiency attained by the personnel of the Force in marksmanship under military conditions.

3. I shall be grateful, subject to Your Lordship's concurrence, if a copy of this report can be forwarded to the Advisory Committee of Imperial Defence for their information.

4. I also enclose two copies of the "Penguin" containing the results of the practices carried out by the Lewis Gun Section of the Force.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most
obedient humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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

453/30.

29th November,

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Sir,

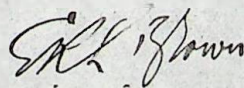
I am directed by the Governor to congratulate you on obtaining the highest score in the practices recently carried out by the Lewis Gun Section of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and on being first on the roll of members who qualified to wear the Lewis Gunners' Badge.

2. I am to say that it is difficult to over-estimate the importance of machine gun fire in modern warfare and that His Excellency has noted with pleasure the efficiency of the Section and the creditable scores against which you had to compete.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

Pte. C. Henriksen,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
S T A N L E Y.

(Through Officer Commanding Falkland
Islands Defence Force).

453/30.

13th December, 30. (9)

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has noted with pleasure the satisfactory results of the class firing exercises carried out under your supervision at Douglas Station and the creditable scores obtained by Yourself and Pte. R. Browning in qualifying as marksmen.

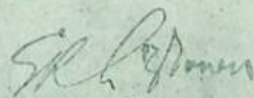
2. I am to say that the Governor is anxious to encourage in every way possible the keenness shown by your men and that if you will see His Excellency when next you come into Stanley he will be glad to take the opportunity of discussing with you personally any matters you may consider will improve their shooting.

3. I am to add that His Excellency hopes very much that the members of the Defence Force at Douglas Station will come into Stanley to compete in the Local Bisley Meeting and to assure you that every facility will be afforded them.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

R. Greenshields, Esq.,
DOUGLAS STATION.

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Headquarters
Falkland Islands Defence Force
Stanley, Falkland Islands
17th December 1935.

TRAINING : ADJUTANT'S REPORT ON THE ANNUAL CLASS FIRING

Sir,

I had not returned from leave at the commencement of the Musketry Season, Lieut A.I. Fleuret, the Acting Adjutant put the members of the Force through their Class Firing. Taking advantage of the mild weather a start was made with No.1. Platoon on the 13th October. No.2. Platoon fired on the 3rd November, followed by No.3. Platoon on the 17th November. The Recruits and Casuals fired on separate dates.

2. Out of 94 members which was available, 82 were exercised, of whom 67 classified. 15 members failed to qualify, and 12 left on whaling or camp duties. Although it was cold, the weather was quite good throughout the whole of the classification period. The highest scores made by individuals at each distance were as under:

GROUPING AT 100 YARDS--- 4" GROUPS

PTE. H. H. SEDGWICK	CORPL. M. LUXTON
" J. M. CAMPBELL	" J. P. PECK
" R. L. ROBSON	" D. O'SULLIVAN
" L. REIVE	PTE. J. PETERSEN
" W. MCATASNEY	" W. J. GRIERSON
" A. H. HILLS	" W. T. ALDRIDGE
" E. J. MCATASNEY	" F. HOWATT

C. S. M. E. J. GLEADELL

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200 YARDS, SLOW, 5 ROUNDS 20 POINTS

SERGT. J. J. HARRIES	PTE. H. H. SEDGWICK
PTE. L. REIVE	" R. L. ROBSON
" S. NEWMAN	" E. J. MCATASNEY

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200 YARDS "RAPID" 10 ROUNDS 40. POINTS

PTE. J. TURNER	39
" A. H. HILLS	39

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200 YARDS "SNAPSHOOTING" 5. ROUNDS 15. POINTS

SERGT. J. J. HARRIES	2/LIEUT. L. W. ALDRIDGE
PTE. G. PALLINI	PTE. K. V. LELLMAN
" A. ETHERIDGE	" E. KELWAYN
" J. CLIFTON	" R. L. ROBSON
" E. BUCKLEY	" C. SKILLING
" E. J. MCATASNEY	" D. PECK
" J. TURNER	" F. HANSEN
" A. SUMMERS	" G. SHORT
CORPL. W. BROWNING	

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500 YARDS SLOW, 5 ROUNDS 20 POINTS

PTE. D. ATKINS	19	PTE. E. LELLMAN	19
" E. J. MCATASNEY	19	" W. MCATASNEY	19

CLASSIFICATION

	PLATOONS			H.Q.	Total
	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.		
Marksmen	4	3	2	2	11
1st Class	7	3	5	2	17
2nd Class	9	13	15	2	39
Failed to qualify	6	7	2	-	15
	26	26	24	6	82

MARKSMEN : 100 POINTS : HIGHEST POSSIBLE SCORE 120

PTE. R. L. ROBSON	114	PTE. K. V. LELLMAN	106
" . E. J. MCATASNEY	111	" . I. REIVE	105
" . A. H. HILLS	110	" . W. J. GRIERSON	102
2/LIEUT. L. W. ALDRIDGE	109	CORPL. F. O'SULLIVAN	101
SERGT. J. J. HARRIES	107	CAPT. W. M. ALLAN	100
PTE. W. T. ALDRIDGE	106		

BEST SHOT OF THE DEFENCE FORCE : PTE. R. L. ROBSON : 114.

PLATOON AVERAGE ON THOSE WHO QUALIFIED

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	H. Q.
Number qualified	20	19	22	6
Total points scored	1800	1653	1872	541
Platoon average	90.00	87.00	85.09	90.10

BEST SHOOTING PLATOON : NO. 1. PLATOON

DEFENCE FORCE AVERAGE : 87.55

I have the honour to be Sir,
your obedient servant

W. M. Allan Captain.
Adjutant, F. I. Defence Force.

THE HON. COLONIAL SECRETARY
PORT STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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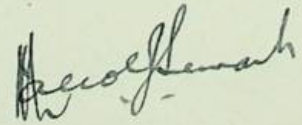
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2nd January, 19 36.

To The Honourable
the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

From The Officer Commanding,
The Defence Force,
Stanley.

I have the honour to transmit a report by the
Adjutant on the Musketry Course fired in Stanley by
members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force.



Major,
Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

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MINUTE.

11th November, 1936.

From

To The Officer Commanding

The Adjutant,

The Defence Force,

Defence Force,

STANLEY.

STANLEY.

I have the honour to report that the members of the Defence Force completed their Annual course in Musketry for the year 1936 on the 2nd of November. The opening shoot was held on the 10th of October, when 6 Recruits were put through their Test. The weather throughout was exceptionally fine and some good scores were registered.

2. The Course consisted of the following practices :

GROUPING - 5 rounds at 100 yards - h.p.s. 25 points.

DELIBERATE - 5 rounds at 200 yards - h.p.s. 20 "

RAPID - 10 rounds at 200 yards with a time allowance of 1 minute. h.p.s. 40 "

SNAP - 5 rounds at 200 yards with exposures of 6 seconds - h.p.s. 15 "

DELIBERATE - 5 rounds at 500 yards - h.p.s. 20 "

the highest possible aggregate score being 120 points.

3. Seventy-one members were exercised of whom 67 classified and 4 failed to qualify as compared with 67 and 15 respectively in the previous season. Five members were absent on leave in the United Kingdom and 7 left Stanley either to take up employment in the Camp or to engage in whaling. The average for those who qualified was 88.16 while that for the whole Force including those members who failed to qualify was 86.02 as against 87.55 and 78.91 respectively in 1935. It will be seen, therefore, that there is a distinct improvement in the standard of marksmanship in 1936.

4. Twelve possibles were scored at Grouping, 4 at deliberate, 200 yards, 1 at Rapid, 19 at Snap and 1 at deliberate, 500 yards.

The/

The highest aggregate score was recorded by Lieutenant Fleuret and Pte. R. L. Robson, namely, 115 points each; the best shot of the Sergeants being J. J. Harries with 114 points.

5. Details of Classification are given below :

	<u>PLATOONS.</u>			<u>H.Q.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>	<u>No. 3.</u>		
Marksmen	5	2	4	1	12.
1st Class	7	3	5	1	16.
2nd Class	11	14	14	-	39.
Failed	1	1	2	-	4.
	<u>24</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>71.</u>

MARKSMEN - 100 Points or over.

Lieut. A. I. Fleuret	115
Pte. R. L. Robson	115
Sgt. J. J. Harries	114
Pte. J. Turner	113
Cpl. W. J. Grierson	109
" C. H. Thompson	109
Sgt. R. Campbell	107
Pte. L. A. Sedgwick	105
" K. V. Lellman	105
" A. H. Hills	104
" C. Henricksen	103
" D. Peck	101.

<u>Platoon Average.</u>	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>	<u>No. 3.</u>
Number exercised	24	20	25
Points scored	2084	1695	2116
Average	86.83	84.75	84.64.

The highest scores made by individuals at each distance were :

GROUPING - h.p.s. 25 points.

Lieut. A. I. Fleuret	25
2/Lt. L. W. Aldridge	25
Sgt. J. J. Harries	25
" R. Campbell	25
Cpl. W. J. Grierson	25
Pte. L. A. Sedgwick	25
" D. Peck	25
" B. Berntsen	25
" J. Turner	25
" R. L. Robson	25
" A. H. Hills	25
" E. Lellman	25.

RAPID - H.p.s. 40 points. DELIBERATE - 200 yards - h.p.s. 20 points.

Pte. G. L. Pallini	40	Cpl. C. H. Thompson	20
Lieut. A. I. Fleuret	39	Pte. R. L. Robson	20
Cpl. W. J. Grierson	39	" A. H. Hills	20
Pte. R. L. Robson	39	" E. McAtasney	20.

SNAP SHOOTING - h.p.s. 15 points.

Lieut. A. I. Fleuret	15	Pte. F. Hansen	15
Sgt. S. R. Summers	15	" L. Reive	15
" J. J. Harries	15	" J. Turner	15
" R. Campbell	15	" G. H. Pallini	15
" J. P. Peck	15	" C. Henriksen	15
Cpl. M. Luxton	15	" W. Halliday	15
" C. E. Thomson	15	" E. McAtasney	15
" D. O'Sullivan	15	" W. J. Jones	15
Pte H. Summers	15	" H. Sedgwick	15
" D. Peck	15		

DELIBERATE - 500 yards - h.p.s. 20 points.

Pte. K. V. Lellman	20 points.
Sgt. J. J. Harries	19 "
Cpl. W. J. Grierson	19 "
Pte. R. L. Robson	19 " .

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

MINUTE.

11th December, 19 37.

From The Adjutant,
Falkland Islands Defence
Force,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
Stanley.

I have the honour to report that the Annual Musketry Course for the Defence Force was completed on the 5th of November, 1937. The Acting Adjutant, 2nd/Lt., L. W. Aldridge, taking advantage of the fine weather commenced the Course on the 9th of October, when 10 Recruits were put through their Test. Eight of these were passed out and two failed to qualify.

The weather during the whole period was good and some excellent shooting was witnessed.

2. The course fired was the same as last year the highest possible aggregate score being 120 points.

3. Seventy-two members were exercised of whom 69 classified and 3 failed to qualify as compared with 71⁶⁷ and 4 respectively in 1936. Two members were absent on leave in the United Kingdom and 9 left Stanley to take up employment either in the Camp or at South Georgia. Eight members employed on the vessels "Fitzroy" and "Lafonia" were also absent. The average for those members who qualified was 87.40 against 88.16 in the previous season, while the average for the total number exercised was 87.37 as compared with 86.02 in 1936. The standard of marksmanship generally has improved during the past two years and this was very noticeable during the Annual Prize Shoot held quite recently particularly in regard to 'Rapid' and 'Snap' Shooting.

4. Eleven possibles were recorded at Grouping, 3 at deliberate, 200 yards and 16 at Snap. The highest aggregate score was compiled by Spl. W. J. Grierson, viz: 113 points; the best shot of the Sergeants being Sgt. J. J. Harries with 111 points.

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5. The results are summarized below :

	<u>PLATOONS.</u>				<u>Total.</u>
	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>	<u>No. 3.</u>	<u>H.Q.</u>	
Marksmen	6	3	4	2	15.
1st Class	4	3	5	1	13.
2nd Class	10	17	13	1	41.
Failed	3	-	-	-	3.
	23	23	22	4	72.

MARKSMEN - 100 Points or over.

Capt. A. I. Fleuret	108.
2/Lt. L. W. Aldridge	100.
Cpl. W. J. Grierson	113.
Sgt. J. J. Harries	111.
" J. P. Peck	108.
Pte. K. V. Lellman	108.
" J. Bound	108.
Sgt. W. Browning	105.
Pte. E. J. McAtasney	104.
" L. Reive	104.
" J. Turner	104.
" H. H. Sedgwick	103.
" W. Jones	101.
" G. L. Pallini	101.
" D. Lehen	100.

<u>PLATOON AVERAGE.</u>	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>	<u>No. 3.</u>
Number exercised	23	23	22
Points scored	1981	1942	1912
Average	86.13	84.43	86.90.

The leading scores at each distance were as follow :

GROUPING - H.P.S. 25 points.

Major S. M. ...	25
Capt. D. R. Watson	25.
Capt. A. I. Fleuret	25.
2/Lt. L. W. Aldridge	25.
Sgt. J. J. Harries	25.
Cpl. W. J. Grierson	25.
Pte. J. Bound	25.
" J. Ryan	25.
" J. Turner	25.
" R. King	25.
" G. Martin	25.
" C. Henricksen	25.

RAPID - H.P.S. 40 Points.

Pte. J. Bound	39.
" K. V. Lellman	39.
" L. Reive	39.
Capt. A. I. Fleuret	38.
Cpl. W. J. Grierson	38.
Sgt. J. P. Peck	38.

DELIBERATE - 200 Yards - H.P.S. 20 Points.

Pte. J. Bound	20.
" K. V. Lellman	20.
" C. Reive	20.
Sgt. J. J. Harries	19.
" W. Browning	19.
" R. Campbell	19.
Pte. J. D. Williams	19.
" H. H. Sedgwick	19.
" L. Reive	19.
" V. F. Summers	19.
" E. J. McAtasney	19.
" W. J. McAtasney	19.

SNAP SHOOTING - H.P.S. 15 Points.

Major S. Marshall	15.
Capt. A. I. Fleuret	15.
Sgt. J. J. Harries	15.
" W. Browning	15.
" R. Campbell	15.
" J. P. Peck	15.
Cpl. W. J. Grierson	15.
Pte. W. Jones	15.
" K. V. Lellman	15.
" C. Reive	15.
" A. J. Blyth	15.
" V. F. Summers	15.
" D. Lehen	15.
" J. Browning	15.
" E. Lellman	15.
" B. N. Biggs	15.

DELIBERATE - 500 Yards - H.P.S. 20 Points.

Cpl. M. Luxton	18.
Pte. H. H. Sedgwick	19.
" J. Turner	19.
" E. J. McAtasney	19.
Sgt. J. J. Harries	18.
Cpl. M. Luxton	18.
Pte. J. Bound	18.

In addition to the above 5 members were put through their Class Firing and qualified at Douglas Station by Lieut. R. Greenshields.

G. J. Leavelle

Adjutant,
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