

CONFIDENTIAL.

1935

1929.

C.S.

No.

C/4/35

H. E. the Governor.

SUBJECT.

1935

192

19th February.

SUGGESTED APPOINTMENT OF A COMMANDING
OFFICER FOR THE FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE
FORCE.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

- 1-9 Letter from Col. Office to Mr. A. Kemmick-
Heaton, C.M.G., 6/12/34
10. Minute from Mr. the Governor, 18/2/35.
11. Telegram to S. of S. Conf. No. 17 of 18/2/35.

Y.E. Telegram sent to the S. of S.
as directed on the 18th inst.

WCH
CS
19.2.35

Conf. dec. for next mail

1/3/35

12-13

Despatch, Conf. to S. of S. of 1/3/35.

Y.E. Despatch Submitted.

WCH
CS
5.5.35

Subsequent Paper.

Yh.

Draft telegram put up.

mch

cl.
4. 4. 35

~~Yh.~~ 4/4/35

Conf. telegram to S. of S. no. 26 of 5/4/35.

14.

Telegram from S. of S. no. 43 of 13/5/35

15.

Yh. Submitted with draft
reply.

mch
cl.

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Officers usually supply their own
uniforms but as Captain Stewart
is willing to take command of
the Force on an honorary basis, I
think Govt. might pay.

mch

~~Yh.~~ mch

Telegram to S. of S. no. 33 of 14/5/35. 16.

S. of S. telegram no. 46 of 16/5/35 17.

Yh. Submitted. Ref 16 was
passed to the W/T. Station
on the 14th inst., but the
Sen. operator reports he could
not transmit it as Dorchester
reported interference by a German

C.S.O. No. 94/35

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 2.....

Station. The message was
received by Dorchester last
night so no reply to 17 others
called for.

$$\frac{mCH}{cd}$$

17. 5-55-

17/4/35

p. a. 17. v. 25

18. Off Confidential despatch of 19/7/35.
19-22 " " " 26/7/35.

P.

Submitted

$$\frac{mCH}{Cd}$$

26.8.55

11/2/11

✓ P. a. m ch
el.
26.9.55

23-26. Off. Secret despatch of 6/9/35.

HCS.

Will you please hand over
the mammals sent herewith to
Major Stewart and take his receipt
2 Draft de fides herewith

~~ttttt~~ 14/11/35

Acknowledgment in respect
of Mammals handed to
Major M. J. Stewart 25/11/35 (47)

Secret despatch to S. of S. of 14/11/35. (28)
Despatch to S. of S. no. 145 of 25/11/35. (29)

Yh. Despatches submitted for
Signature. McH. c.s.
25. XI. 35

~~ttttt~~ 26/11/35
Secret despatch to S. of S. of 8/3/39. 30. 31.

Yh. Despatch Submitted.
McH. c.s.
9. 3. 39.

~~ttttt~~ 9/3

32.

Extract from Governor's Telegram.
Secret, No. 45 of 3rd July, 1939.

Yk. I have placed the
S. of S. telegram in this
file temporarily as perhaps
it should go in the file
that is with Yk.
McH.
CS.

33. Telegram No. 104 Secret ⁶ ^{XII} ⁵⁹ from S. of S. 5/XII/39

The title and contents of this
file are best suited to (33)

my reply (34) is put up.

I have informed Mr. apin Ward of
the contents of these telegrams.

It has occurred to me since
that it would have been
an improvement to have it
clear that what would be
valued w. not be an O.C. D. ?
but an O.C. Troops leaving country
of the tree is its present land, &
there is a technical difficulty

~~13/12~~
This file must be kept very secret.

Telegram 127 Secret to S. of S. of 34.
 7. XII. 59

Telegram 111 Secret from S. of S. of 35
 13. XII. 59

Telegram 132 Secret to S. of S. of 36
 13. XII. 59

Telegram 119 Secret from S. of S. 37.

Telegram 139 to S. of S. 38

S. of S. Telegram no. 35 of 20/4/40 39.

Y/E.,

Not this

The question in my opinion is one of the present and future situations. The appointment was suggested and the suggestion received favourably by you early in December last (Red 33) and since that date as you of course know the whole situation in the South Atlantic has altered.


But there are certain possibilities not to be overlooked. A crazy mad dog rush at anything or any place might appeal to the enemy as a sop to their own people, e.g. one of their new 35,000 ton warships might turn raider.

But there is always the grave risk that other powers, such as Italy or Japan, might decide to come in against us, since in the world of totalitarian lands reason has ceased to function.

Is not this principally why the Imperial Government envisage a long war?

In which case the appointment might well be necessary and as I personally prefer always to play for safety on the back line I think it might well be accepted.

The question of finance arises and I am writing you a minute on the at file thereanent.


 Colonial Secretary.
 23. 4. 40.

Reply put up

~~24/4/40~~ 24/4/40

440.

Telegram to S. of S. No. 45 of 23/4/40.

441.

S. of S. Telegram. In 84 of 8/8/40

Y.E.

It is impossible here to envisage what is likely to occur. Do you not think it better to leave the appointment to the discretion of the authorities (Atty & C.O.) at home? *10/10/40*

I have sent enclosed telegram for R.A.S.A.D. to Cipher Office for despatch

ttttt 14/5/40

442.

Telegram to R.A.S.A.D. of 12/8/40

443.

Telegram from " " 19/8/40.

Y.E.

This is a new proposal. Do you not think however that the R.A.S.A.D. here is one of his officers would suffice, since it is a question of advice, & none could be better than the question of a naval officer who would represent precisely what ~~many~~ are from which an attack might not be expected? *23/10/40*

I wrote to R.A.S.A.D. suggesting as preferable much on lines of his views as given in 445

N.O. do not sufficiently agree with problems of land defences.

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Tel. to S. of S. at 25/10/40

" " " 26/8/40

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Letter from R.A.S.A.D. of 19/8/40.
O.C. of 7.
S. 4. 1. 1. 3/18/40

46-47.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Noted, with many thanks. O.K. 4.18.40.
O.C. of 7.

S. of S. Telegram, no. 97 of 10/11/40. 48.

With lit. to S. of S. Sent

today for him

TTTTT 14/4/41

Telegram to S. of S. no. 112 of 14/11/40. 49

Telegram to " " 26 of 17/2/41. 50

" from " " 24 of 18/2/41. 51

O.C. Defence Force.

No note.

C. of S. 18/2/41.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Noted. Thank you. I shall be addressing a letter to C. in C. on the matter. O.K. 22.2.41.

S. of S. Secret despatch of 31/12/40.

52-54

11/E.

Repts. 52-54 submitted as requested.

C. of S. 22/3/41

C.S.O. No. C/4/35

Inside Minute Paper 55. Telegram to S. of S. No. 155 of 23/2/41 Sheet No. 5

56 Telegram No. 5 from S. of S. of 8/1/42

Y/L
Red 55 submitted.

C. for C.
12/1/42

There should, I think, be on this MP - prior to (55) a copy of my telegram to which 55 is a reply.

12/1/42

Y/L

Telegram inserted. The original is contained in int. S/19/41 which is with you Excellency.

C. for C.
15/1/42

~~57. Telegram to S. of S. No. 30 of 18/2/42.~~
~~58. S. of S. Telegram No. 29 of 20/2/42~~

57. Tel No 239 to S. of S. of 30.4.47.

58. Telegram No. 170 from Secretary of State of 17.5.47.

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Y/L

(58) I regret delay in putting this up. The file was not produced as it should have been.

C. for C.
28/5

Letter from O.C. / F.I.D.F. dtd 20th May, 1947

60.

Withdrawn & filed in
0206 "Appr. of Officers
in F.I.D.F."

in/drawn to
0206 accy.

CS.

Please see 60 with my comments. Then withdraw to
tempary sub. file (Confidential).

2. I enclose Form of Warrant which should be
printed in the manner indicated.

MC. 20/V.

Gazette Notice No. 34. of 31. 5. 47.

Commission (Hon. Commandant) of Hon. R.B. Matthews O.B.E., J.P.
of 1. 6. 47.

64 Commission (Hon. Commandant) of Hon. C. Campbell of
8. 3. 52.
Pat 17/2

Communications on this subject
should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

and the following
Number quoted : 39267/34.



Downing Street,

6 December . 1934 .

Sir,

I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip
Cunliffe-Lister to transmit to you a copy of corres-
pondence, as noted in the margin, with regard to the
command and training of the Falkland Islands Defence
Force.

2. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister would be glad to
receive your observations on the proposals discussed
in this correspondence.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Harold Allen

H. HENNIKER HEATON, ESQ., C.M.G.

From Mr. Ellis.
19.12.33.
Fr. W.O. 20.3.34.
To Mr. Ellis.
3.4.34.
Fr. do. 5.6.34.
To Admy. 25.9.34.
Fr. do. 28.9.34.

49, Chandos Court,
Caxton Street,
Westminster, S.W.1.
19th December, 1933.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that, as directed, I have been in consultation with the War Office (Colonel T.J. Hutton, M.C., and Major E.B. Costin, D.S.O.) in the matter of the command and training of the Falkland Islands Defence Force. With the full concurrence of the War Office I submit, for consideration, the following proposal as a practical solution of the difficulty which has arisen.

2. A serving officer of the Regular Army, for example a Captain of the Royal Artillery, would be seconded for duty as Officer Commanding the Defence Force with the local rank of Major. In addition he would perform duty as Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor.

Salary would be paid from Colonial funds at the rate of £350 per annum (or £400 per annum if found desirable in order to attract an exceptionally qualified officer) plus pension contribution at the rate of £99 per annum and the officer as Aide-de-Camp to the Governor would live at Government House and feed at His Excellency's table. The officer would be unmarried.

Appointment would be for three years in the Colony, free passage first class to and from the Colony being provided from Colonial funds. Half salary would be paid during the voyage in either direction. Four and a half months' leave with full salary would be granted on return to the United Kingdom on termination of the appointment.

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The existing office of Drill and Gymnastic Instructor on the establishment of the Colony would be abolished and the officer would be the executive head of the Military Department. In future the Adjutant of the Defence Force, if appointed, would be unpaid.

3. An estimate of the comparative expenditure on a three years' basis is as follows:-

Actual.

Salary of Drill and Gymnastic Instructor at £300 per annum.	£900
Allowance to Adjutant at £50 per annum.	£150
Leave passages return - 3 Second Class at £90.	£270
Unfurnished quarters, value of at £36 per annum.	<u>£108</u>
	<u>£1,428</u>

Proposed.

Salary of Officer Commanding at £350 per annum.	£1,050
Passages First Class Out and Home at £75.	£150
Pension contribution at £99 per annum.	<u>£297</u>
	<u>£1,497</u>

representing a total increase of £69, or an annual increase of £23.

A retiring gratuity in the sum of, say, £200 would be payable to the Drill and Gymnastic Instructor on abolition of office as against which may be set a presumptive liability, on a basis of fifteen years' service in the normal course, to a retiring gratuity in the sum of £220 and to a reduced pension at the rate of £66 per annum.

4. In the long view, therefore, the proposal does not appear to involve any appreciable increase in expenditure from

from Colonial funds. There can be no doubt that greatly increased efficiency would result.

The War Office anticipate no difficulty in finding a suitable officer for secondment.

The crux of the matter is, of course, the willingness of the Governor at the time to take the individual officer as his personal Aide-de-Camp, and to provide him with free quarters and messing.

5. In my opinion the adoption of this proposal, if and when considered practicable, will give the real solution of the problem to be faced.

6. The War Office would be glad to receive a copy of this letter for purposes of record.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J.M.Ellis.

(Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands)

Copy.

(51)
The War Office,

London, S.W.1.

078/137(M.O.2.)

20th March, 1934.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 19284/33 dated 22nd January, 1934, on the subject of the command and training of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, and in reply to state that the Council are prepared to make every effort to obtain a suitable officer on the terms offered, viz., £400 a year plus pension contribution, free messing, lodging, fuel and light; free first class passages and four and a half months' leave on the termination of a three years' appointment.

2. I am to point out, however, that the terms offered are somewhat less than would be drawn by a captain in a comparable post at home, and that it may be necessary, therefore, to appoint a subaltern.

3. I am to add that, in view of the smallness of the emoluments offered, the Council would be glad if the Colony could be asked to reconsider the proposal to issue only half salary during the voyage periods.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) A.E.Widdows.

The Under Secretary of State,
The Colonial Office,
London, S.W.1.

Colonial Office,

Downing Street, S.W.1.

3rd April, 1934.

Dear Ellis,

You will remember a discussion at the War Office when you were in this country, with regard to the command and training of the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

We forwarded a copy of your letter of the 19th December to the War Office and also to the Admiralty in order that the question of the provision of a Captain, Royal Marines, might be considered by them. I now enclose a copy of the War Office reply - so far we have not heard from the Admiralty.

The matter is one which we will keep in mind for discussion with the new Governor, when he is appointed, but in the meantime we should be glad to have your observations on the views now put forward by the War Office.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) G. Jones.

J.M. ELLIS, ESQ., O.B.E.

20th March, 1934.

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Government House,

Falkland Islands,

5th June, 1934.

Dear Jones,

In reply to your letter of the 3rd April enclosing a copy of a letter from the War Office with regard to the command and training of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, it seems to me, in the first place, a little surprising that the aggregate emoluments offered should be considered as unlikely to attract a suitable officer of the rank of captain. It may be that the War Office are keeping on the safe side and that eventually if these proposals come to anything there will be no difficulty in obtaining the services of a captain. I think it desirable, certainly, that the officer appointed should hold this rank but as a compromise a subaltern, no doubt, would be able to carry out the duties. He would have to be a senior subaltern and a man of absolute reliability and proved discretion.

I see no reason in order to meet the War Office why full pay instead of half-pay should not be given on the voyage out and home.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) J.M. ELLIS

G.A. JONES, ESQ.

Copy.

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Colonial Office,

Downing Street, S.W.1.

39267/34.

25th September, 1934.

Dear Captain King,

On the 24th of January, we sent to the Admiralty a copy of a letter addressed to the War Office in regard to the command and training of the Falkland Islands Defence Force. With that letter was enclosed a copy of a letter which Mr. Ellis, the Colonial Secretary of the Falkland Islands, had sent to us, in which he put forward certain proposals as a practical solution of the difficulty which had arisen in regard to the matter of the command in this Force.

The reason we wrote to you was that, at the 326th meeting of the Oversea Defence Committee, when the question of the Falkland Islands Defences was considered, the following was one of the conclusions reached:- "(iii) that the question of the provision of a Captain, Royal Marines, as Commanding Officer of the Defence Force, would, in the first instance, be considered by the Admiralty". It would have been better, perhaps, if we had made some reference to this conclusion when writing to you. I now enclose a copy of a letter which has been received from the War Office. Would you be good enough to let me know whether we may expect any observations from your Department having regard to the Oversea Defence Committee conclusion, failing which we presume you have no objection to our negotiating further with the War Office for the appointment of an Army Officer.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) F.J.Howard.

20. 3. 34.
CAPTAIN E.L.S. KING, M.V.O., R.N.

Copy.

Plans Division,

Naval Staff,

Admiralty, S.W.1.

28th September, 1934.

Dear Howard,

In reply to your letter of the 25th September to King, regarding the Command and Training of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, we have no objection to your negotiating further with the War Office. We went into the question of the provision of a Royal Marine Officer as a result of the 326th O.D.C. Meeting, and opinions in the Admiralty are generally against the proposal. We were then informed unofficially by the War Office that they were hopeful of settling the question by appointing a suitable officer to the new Governor as A.D.C. who would also command the Defence Force. Under these circumstances, we took no further action regarding the R.M. Officer.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) John H. Godfrey.

F.J. Howard, Esq., O.B.E.,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.

Hon. C.

(10)

Will you please send a telegram
to the S.M. with reference to the proposal
to appoint a C.O. to the F.I.D.F.
that no action should be taken for the
present and that a despatch will follow.

I regret that I have no record of
a letter I sent in reply to C.O. 39267/34
attached but under a mistaken
assumption based on the information
available I recommended that the C.O.
should proceed with an appointment.

W. 18/2/55

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Governor.

To The Secretary of State.

Despatched: 18th February, 1935. *Time:* 20.25.

Received: ... 19 *Time:*

No. 17. Confidential. With reference to the proposal to appoint Commanding Officer to the Falkland Islands Defence Force request that no action should be taken for the present. Despatch will follow.

GOVERNOR.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CONFIDENTIAL.

13)
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

1st March, 1935.

Sir,

With reference to Colonial Office letter, No. 39267/34 and connected correspondence on the subject of the command and training of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, I have the honour to confirm my Confidential telegram, No. 17 of the 18th of February, asking that action should be suspended pending the receipt of a despatch from me.

2. The position as I find it is that the Force is now composed of two Captains, four lieutenants, one subaltern and 250 rank and file. The junior Captain, W. M. Allan, was promoted locally to that rank on the 25th of July last. Previously a Company Sergeant-Major in the Gordon Highlanders he was brought to the Colony in 1929 as Gymnastic and Drill Instructor. He still holds these posts together with that of Adjutant of the Force. I am advised that he holds the Company together and gets on well with the rank and file. Upon consideration I am unable to agree with Mr. Ellis that it would be proper to dispose of his services or that a Commanding Officer could be expected to carry out his present duties.

5. The Force is in the anomalous position of having no officer qualified for the command or training in the field. No Commanding Officer or Commandant has indeed been appointed under the provisions of section

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
SIR PHILIP CUNLIFFE-LISTER,
G.B.E., P.C., M.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

7 (2) of the Defence Force Ordinance, No. 7 of 1920, though in a letter of the 1st of May, 1930, Captain Allan while still a Lieutenant was informed that he would, as Adjutant, be head of the Military Department and responsible for the direction and training of the Force. The Senior Captain, D. R. Watson, has been trained locally only.

4. I concur with the view held by Mr. Ellis that a Commanding Officer who should be responsible to the Governor for the command and training of the Force should be selected in the United Kingdom and should combine these duties with those of Aide-de-Camp. If the services of the present Adjutant and Drill Instructor are to be retained it is more than ever desirable on the ground of economy that he should be prepared to serve for not more than £200 a year and that a table allowance should be made to the Governor while messing him. I have recommended for your favourable consideration the appointment of Major Guy Houstoun and his record was sent to the Under Secretary of State while I was in England.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Sgd.) H. WENNIKER-HEATON

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CONFIDENTIAL.



Downing Street,

19 July, 1955.

Sir,

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With reference to my predecessor's telegram No. 45 of the 13th of May regarding the appointment of Captain M. J. Stewart to take command temporarily of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, I have the honour to inform you that the Army Council are of opinion that in principle the officer responsible for the command and training of the Defence Force should be a Royal Artillery officer. In accepting as a temporary measure the proposal to appoint Captain Stewart, the Army Council have expressed a wish that the question may be re-opened for further consideration when you are next in this country and able to make a personal selection.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Sgd.) MALCOLM MacDONALD

GOVERNOR,

H. HENNIKER-HEATON, ESQ., C.M.C.,

&c.,

&c.,

&c.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State.

Despatched: 5th April, 1935. *Time:* 16.30.

Received: ... 19 *Time:*

No. 26. Confidential. I observe that Stewart Treasurer has had military experience and consider he might be suitable to command Defence Force. Meantime I suggest no action be taken on my Confidential despatch of March 1st until Stewart has been asked whether he would be prepared to take command of Defence Force in an honorary capacity.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 13th May, 1935. Time : 20.15.

Received : 14th May, 19 35. Time : 11.00.

Red 14
No. 43. Confidential. Reply urgently required. Your telegram No. 28 Army Council would much prefer appointment of retired Officer with modern experience of Coast Defence Artillery but in special circumstances and as Stewart willing to take Command in honorary capacity and otherwise suitable Army Council prepared to acquiesce his appointment as experimental measure subject to reconsideration in the light of result and provided he undergoes Coast Defence Course at Shoeburyness from May 13th to June 29th. Fees for course £4 a week and probably some allowance to Stewart would be required. Do you agree ? If so please telegraph also whether uniform may be provided at Government expense.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

16

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 14th May, 19 35. *Time:* 19.05.

Received: ... 19 *Time:*

No. 33. Confidential. Your telegram No. 43 agree that Stewart should undergo Coast Defence course and that reasonable allowance be made to him. Uniform provided at Government expense.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State

To His Excellency the Governor

Despatched : 16th May, 1955. Time : 11.06.

Received : 16th May, 1955. Time : 19.00.

IMMEDIATE.

No. 46. Confidential. Anxious for immediate reply to
my telegram No. 45 Defence Force.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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Reference to previous correspondence:-
Secretary of State's Despatch No..73.... of the 19th
~~Government~~
P/173 of July.....1935..

FALKLAND ISLANDS.
No...CONFIDENTIAL.....

DOWNING STREET,
.....26 July,.....1935..

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the papers for
your information copies of the papers
noted below on the subject of the attendance of Capt. M. J.
Stewart, Treasurer & Collector of Customs, at a
course of instruction at the Coast Artillery School.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,
MALCOLM MACDONALD.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Date. 1935.	Description.
17 July.	From the War Office (with enclosure)
26 July.	To the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Copy

The War Office,

078/137 (M.O.2.)

London, S.W.1.

17th July, 1935.

Sir,

With reference to Colonial Office letter No. 83037/35 dated 7th June, 1935, regarding the training of Captain M. J. Stewart prior to appointment as Commandant, Falkland Islands Defence Force, I am commanded by the Army Council to forward the attached copy of a report which has been received from the Commandant, Coast Artillery School, relative to this officer's attendance at a Coast Defence Course during the period 18th May to 29th June, 1935.

I am, etc.,

(Sd.) A.E. Widdows.

The Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office,

Downing Street, S.W.1.

COAST ARTILLERY SCHOOL.

Report on 1st Coast Defence (Regulars) Course,
18th May to 29th June, 1935.

CAPTAIN M. J. STEWART, COLONIAL CIVIL SERVICE.

This officer was greatly handicapped by the fact that he began the course with no previous knowledge of either guns or gunnery. He worked very hard indeed on the course, taking infinite pains to overcome this handicap. By the end of the course he had obtained a very fair knowledge of the equipment and the duties of personnel in a Coast Defence Battery.

(Sd.) M. S. Mascal,
Colonel,
Commandant, Coast Artillery School.

Shoeburyness.

5. 7. 1935.

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26 July, 1935.

19891 C.R.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your communication P/Tang 387 of the 4th of July, I am directed by Mr. Secretary MacDonald to request you to pay to the War Office the sum of £24.16.0. in respect of the attendance of Captain M. J. Stewart, Treasurer and Collector of Customs, Falkland Islands, at a course of instruction at the Coast Artillery School. In the same connection, I am to transmit to you, for payment, an account which has been received from the Command

£24.16.0.

17s. 8d. Cashier, Eastern Command, for the sum of 17/8 due in respect of sundry charges connected with Captain Stewart's accommodation at Shoeburyness.

2. I am also to request you to pay to Captain Stewart the sum of £10. 5. 0. being the amount due to him for training allowance in connection with his attendance at the above course.

£10. 5. 0.

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THE CROWN AGENTS

FOR THE COLONIES.

ADMIRALTY
ADMIRALTY

Admiralty, S.W.1.
Downing Street,

6 September, 1935.

Sir,

With reference to my confidential despatch of the 19th July regarding the appointment of Captain H.J. Stewart to take command temporarily of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, I have the honour to transmit to you one copy each of the manuals noted in the margin. Copies of a letter from the Admiralty and from the War Office to the Admiralty are also enclosed.

It is understood that you will hold these manuals on charge for Captain Stewart's use.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) MALCOLM MacDONALD

The Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.

NOTED

H. HARRISON-DRAYTON, Esq., C.B., C.S.,

cc., cc., cc.

COPY.

M.4002/35

Admiralty, S.W.1.

22nd August, 1935.

Sir,

With reference to War Office letter No.078/137/(MO.2) of 31st July 1935, concerning recent developments in connection with the command and training of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit herewith, for despatch to the Governor of the Falkland Islands, one copy each of:-

O.U. 5242 Handbook for Naval Range Finders and
Mountings: Book 1.
O.U.5242A ditto Book II (Plates)
O.U.5242 (2) ditto Addendum No. 2.
O.U.6246 Manual of Gunnery: Volume III.
B.R. 189 Handbook for 6" B.L., Mk.VII & VIII Guns.

2. O.U.5242 (1) has now been incorporated in
O.U.5242 (2), a copy of which is forwarded in place of
O.U.5242 (1).

I am, etc.,

(SGD.) J.S. Barnes.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.

COPY.

078/137 (M.O.2.)

24
31st July, 1935.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to acquaint you, for the information of The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, of recent developments in connection with the command and training of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, and to request that one copy each of certain text books may be sent to the Colonial Office for despatch to the Governor of the Falkland Islands.

2. As Their Lordships are aware, it is intended that the Falkland Islands Defence Force should be trained to man the coast defence equipment now in process of installation. The question of the command and training of this unit has been the subject of some discussion with the Colonial Office and the Governor of the Falkland Islands. The proposal of the Council was that a retired officer, Royal Artillery, with suitable experience, should be appointed, but it has not yet been possible to reach a definite agreement as to the financial and other conditions of the appointment.

3. I am to say that in April of this year the Governor suggested that Captain M.J. Stewart, who has been appointed as Treasurer and Collector of Customs, Falkland Islands (on transfer from Tanganyika Territory), should be invited to take over honorary command of the Defence Force, on the grounds that he had had military experience. In actual fact Captain Stewart's military service was entirely in the infantry, and he was quite inexperienced in any form of artillery. It was, however, decided that if he attended a course at the Coast Artillery

School

The Secretary,
Admiralty,
S.W.1.

School, Shoeburyness, he should be able to gain sufficient knowledge at least to start the training of the Defence Force. The Council agreed to this as a temporary measure. Captain Stewart has now completed a course and obtained a very fair knowledge of the subject. He is due to proceed to the Falkland Islands during the coming autumn, and has asked that copies of the following manuals may be made available for use in connection with his duties:-

O.U.5242.
(Addenda - O.U.5242(1))
O.U.5242.A.
O.U.6246
Handbook. 6-inch B.L., Mk.VII & VIII Guns.

4. As it is understood that these manuals must be accounted for, it is suggested that they should be held on charge by the Governor for Captain Stewart's use, and the Council would be glad to know whether, if this proposal is concurred in, copies could be sent to the Colonial Office for despatch to the Governor of the Falkland Islands.

5. A copy of this letter is being sent to the Colonial Office.

I am, etc.,

(SGD.) A.E. Widdows.

I acknowledge to have this day received from
the Colonial Secretary the copies of Manuals
detailed below :-

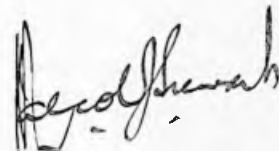
O.U. 5242. Handbook for Naval Range-finders
and mountings. Book I, 1921.

O.U. 5242A -do- Book II (Plates)
1921.

O.U. 5242 (2) Addendum No.2. to O.U. 5242
Handbook for Naval Rangefinders
and mountings 1921 - 1933.

-- Handbook for the 6 inch breech
loading Mark VII and Mark VIII
Guns - 1916.

O.U. 6246 Manual of Gunnery (Vol.III)
for H.M. Fleet. 1933.



Officer Commanding,
The Falkland Islands Defence Force.

Stanley,
25th November, 1935.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

14th November, 1935.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

S E C R E T.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Secret despatch of the 6th of September, 1935, transmitting one copy each of the manuals noted in the margin for the use of Captain M. J. Stewart, Commanding the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

2. The manuals have been handed over to the above officer.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

(Sgd.) R. HENNIKER-HEATON

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

25th November, 1935.

FAULKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 175.

Sir,

With reference to the appointment of Captain M. J. Stewart to take command temporarily of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, I have the honour to inform you that I have conferred on him the local rank of Major under the provisions of section 7 (2) of the Defence Force Ordinance, 1920.

2. It has been necessary to constitute this rank as there are already two Captains in the Force of a local seniority ante-dating that of Captain Stewart.

3. It is I believe in any event desirable that the officer commanding the Defence Force should be of field rank.

4. I request that the War Office may be informed of the above.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SECRET.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

8th March, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Major Stuart Marshall, D.C.M., Commanding the Defence Force, resigned from his civil employment in January and has left the Colony.

2. There are now five Officers only on the strength of the garrison and not six as shown in the table of amendments to the Defence Scheme enclosed in my Secret despatch (4) of the 6th of January. Of these five one is a Medical Officer and one is a Farmer resident outside Stanley. Neither of these two has qualifications for Executive Command. Of the remaining three, the services of two, one of whom is Adjutant, are required as Artillery Officers, one in control of each of the two coast defence guns. The third is a junior lieutenant commanding the machine gun section.

3. It is not possible to find or train additional officers locally.

4. The position is that in the event of the outbreak of war, the only possible arrangement would be for me to assume executive command personally and to maintain it until the arrival of a suitable officer from the United Kingdom. I have no qualifications for the duties beyond those acquired in command of a company of volunteers in Mauritius from 1914 to 1917.

5. The Colony cannot afford the cost in peace time of engaging the services of a regular officer

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who would find no occupation for two thirds of his time. I have therefore suggested in my Secret telegram of the 3rd instant that the post of Executive Engineer be filled by the appointment of an officer on loan from the War Office or by an Officer who is on retired pay from the Royal Engineers.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Sd.) W. HANMER-HEATON

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 3rd July, 19 39. *Time :* 15.30.

Received : ... 19 *Time :*

No. 45. Secret. I am much concerned about the inadequacy of the defence preparations in the Colony having regard to the absence of any Commanding Officer Defence Force and the delay in obtaining additional armament required. I suggest that emoluments of the Executive Engineer who will command local Defence Force be raised to £600 if that will expedite selection of candidate but I regard early appointment as essential.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 67

From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 5th December 1939 Time: 10.30

Received: 19 Time:

No. 104 Secret. In present circumstances and in view of various defence problems now under consideration War Office and Admiralty have expressed view with which I am disposed to agree, that the time has come to appoint a regular officer to command the forces in the Falkland Islands. War Office are prepared to make a suitable officer available who would be ranked as Major for purposes of emoluments. Cost would be a charge on the Falkland Islands. If you agree to the proposed appointment would you wish the officer concerned to be in command of any Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Unit raised. I feel it would be of considerable advantage to you to have expert advice available locally, but before proceeding further I should be grateful for your views.

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TELEGRAM. SENT.

From His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

To Secretary of State, London

Despatched: 7th December 19 39 Time:

Received: 19 Time:

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No. 127 Secret. Your telegram No. 104 Secret. I would welcome appointment of regular officer for command Defence Force of the Falkland Islands. This should not be held to be considered as a reflection on Major Woodgate. If this new appointment is for the duration of the War only Colony could bear the cost of emoluments passages etc. The question of providing quarters would however present real difficulties. Person selected should not be given command of a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve unit. This should be placed under the command of Senior Naval Officer now on passage to Port Stanley. It will be necessary for him to go into lodgings. In my limited vision however the interests of local defence and of the Navy would best be served if Port Stanley could be constituted the Naval base for the Admiral Commanding South Atlantic Squadron who could live ashore with his staff and command land as well as sea forces. Squadron Wireless traffic now passes through Stanley wireless station and Commodore has to transmit continuously while at sea. This Government could supply an eleven roomed furnished house for a flag officer for the duration of the War and quarters for his staff: furniture would have to be supplied by the Admiralty for latter. Government of Falkland Islands would bear the cost of rent and maintenance of house and of the erection of quarters if no further commitments were incurred for the command of the Defence Force.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 212 *From* Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 13th December 19 39 *Time:* 02.16.

Received: 19 *Time:*

No. 111. Secret Reference your telegram No. 127. Suggestion in paragraph 2 is under consideration and I will telegraph further.

I note you could provide a furnished house for a Flag Officer and quarters for his staff but that if I have rightly understood your telegram an Officer Commanding the Troops would have to go into lodgings. On the other hand if Flag Officer does not make Port Stanley his headquarters it would seem prima facie that there should be no difficulty in providing suitable quarters for O.C. Troops. Can you explain position further.

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TELEGRAM. SENT.

(36)

From His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands,

To Secretary of State, London.

Despatched: 13th December 19 39 *Time:*

Received: 19 *Time:*

No. 132 Secret. Your telegram No. 111 Secret.

1. House I propose for flag officer is about largest in Stanley and is town residence of Felton senior unofficial member Executive Council. I could requisition it for an Admiral but it would cause ^{undesirable} resentment if it were taken for a major who according to all local ideas could live in lodgings as others of that rank have done. The cost to be met would be considerable and beyond amount Government could contemplate for this appointment. By quarters for the staff I intended movable bungalow for naval writers.

2. It occurs to me that basis of proposal to send a regular to this country may have been misleading report sent to War Office by the Military Attaché in Buenos Aires.

3. I would prefer that if possible an officer commanding troops including naval forces be appointed leaving present O.C. Defence Force in his command.

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TELEGRAM.

(37)

No. 451 From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 22nd December 1939 Time: 02.45.

Received: 19 Time:

No. 119 Secret With reference to ~~my~~ your telegram No. 127.

Admiralty have considered the suggestion in paragraph 2 but have no intention of transferring Admiral Commanding South American Division to shore and consider in any event he should not have responsibilities of commanding local Defence Force.

In the circumstances I ~~propose~~ propose to ask the War Office to second regular officer to command local Defence Force on the basis indicated in my telegram No. 4 Secret.

Admiralty agree to your view that Senior Naval Officer should command Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Unit.

Please confirm that you agree to my proceeding.

No reflection on Major Woodgate is intended and he may be assured to this effect.

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From ~~Kantaxixax~~
H.E. The Governor
To Secretary of State

Despatched : 22/12/39¹⁹ Time :

Received : 19 Time :

No. 137 Secret.

Your telegram 119 secret.

I
I agree if person selected is an artillery officer. I consider
this advisable as Stanley is dependent on fixed gun defences.

There are at present two batteries and a third 6 inch gun is to
be installed at Mount Low. We rely on two officers with local
training except that one has been through a few weeks course at
Eastney.

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TELEGRAM.

NO. 269

From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 20th April 19 40 Time : 21.25.

Received : 19 Time :

Rec (38) No. 35 Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 139 Secret. It is proposed to select Lieut-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Allderidge D.S.O., T.D. Territorial Reserve of Officers as O.C. Falklands. On analogy of other Colonial Military Forces it is considered a major with 22 years service appointed to the Falklands should receive £800 a year with £120 marriage allowance, a house allowance, £20 outfit allowance, free passages and medical treatment in accordance with local regulations. It is proposed therefore to appoint the person named to the post as if a major with 22 years ~~experience~~ service. Please telegraph early whether you agree to the appointment on the forgoing conditions.

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TELEGRAM. SENT.

From His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

To Secretary of State, London.

Despatched : 23rd April 19 40 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

No. 45 Secret Your telegram No. 35 Secret. My concurrence in original proposal was based entirely on securing the services of a regular officer to command Falkland Islands Defence Force. I do not feel that the difference in the qualifications for command as between person named in your telegram and Woodgate is commensurate with the cost to this small ~~CXX~~ Colony of well over £1,000 a year. Is there no prospect whatever of obtaining the services of a regular officer of artillery of the rank of captain?

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TELEGRAM.

From..... SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To..... HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 8th August, 19 40. Time : 2400.

Received : 9th August, 19 40. Time :

Red. 40
No. 84. Secret. Your telegram No. 45 War Office state that there is no possibility of Regular Officer being available and emphasise that Allderidge is an artillery officer of considerable experience and well qualified to undertake duties. He has $3\frac{1}{2}$ years service in France and Germany in the last War for most part in command of a Battery of R.G.A. and until 1936 he was in command of East Riding Heavy (T.A.) Brigade Royal Artillery. It seems to me that if consideration which led you to concur in original proposal to secure the appointment of a regular Officer have remained unchanged then appointment of person named is desirable. I do not know if as a result of further experience of Woodgate's service as Officer Commanding you have modified your views as to need for a new appointment

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

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From GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS

To R. A. S. A. D.

Despatched : 19 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Private and Personal to R. A. S. A. D.

I am being pressed by War Office to accept the services of a Territorial Colonel of Artillery to command Defence Force vice Woodgate against whose work no criticism has been directed. Cost to Colony would be about £1200 a year. I am unable at present to envisage what person nominated could do to make defences proportionately more efficient. There is no ammunition available for practice shoots but present standard of accuracy is high. I would appreciate greatly your considered opinion on proposal.

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TELEGRAM.

From R.A.S.A.D.

To H.E. THE GOVERNOR

Despatched :

19

Time :

Received :

19th August

19 40

Time : 20.07

PERSONAL.

Governor Falkland Islands from Rear Admiral South American Division.

Rec 112 Your letter. In view of experience Woodgate now has, the knowledge and experience of Royal Marine Sergeant-Major, the assistance that is always available to you of gunnery officers and Royal Marine officers of H.M. Ships, I do not think it necessary to have retired territorial colonel.

I think though that you would get value from a visit by an officer who has modern knowledge of defence schemes, who could vet whole organisation and make recommendations to you. It is quite probable that improvements are needed in such questions as camouflage, prepared positions, traps and firing guns at land target. If after discussion with him you consider change necessary it could be arranged then.

I.D.

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TELEGRAM.

(44)

From..... H.E. THE GOVERNOR.....

To..... SECRETARY OF STATE.....

Despatched : 25th August 19 40 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

No 88 SECRET.

Your telegram No 84 Secret.

Organisation of local Defence Force on war footing was in a state of flux when I concurred in original proposal for appointment of regular officer to command but has since been stabilised.

2. The present situation is that defences are comprised of two six inch, two twelve pounders and two three pounder guns in five isolated gun positions with a mobile semi-trained infantry force of about seventy men. The latter carry out weekly drills and field exercises.
3. I am of the opinion that the services of a permanent senior full time officer to command are not necessary. I would however welcome gladly a visit of such an officer with modern knowledge of defence schemes to inspect and advise. If after consultation with him a change in command appeared to be advisable arrangements could be made. Rear Admiral South American Division concurs in this view.
4. The visit proposed would not only be very helpful to me but the War Office would benefit by first hand knowledge of a qualified military officer.
5. Colony would bear whole cost of visit. Duration of absence from United Kingdom need not exceed three months of which one would be spent in the Colony.

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TELEGRAM.

(45)

From.....H. THE GOVERNOR.....

To.....SECRETARY OF STATE.....

Despatched : 26th August 19 40 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

My telegram of yesterday No 87 Secret should be No 88 Secret.

G. T. C.

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Copy

TO. His Excellency the Governor
of the Falkland Islands.

FROM. Rear Admiral Commanding
South America Division.

DATE. 19th August 1940.

CYPHER.

Your letter. In view of experience WOODGATE now has, the knowledge and experience of Royal Marine Sergeant Major, the assistance that is always available to you of Gunnery Officers and Royal Marine Officers of H.M. Ships, I do not think it is necessary to have the retired Territorial Colonel.

I think though that you would get value from a visit by an Officer who has modern knowledge of Defence Schemes, who could vet the whole organization and make recommendations to you. It is quite probable that improvements are needed in such questions as camouflage, prepared positions, traps and firing guns at a land target. If after discussion with him you consider a change necessary it could be arranged then.

Time of Origin 2007 / 19th August 1940

Letter J. R. A. C. A. D
for file



19/8

H. M. S. HAWKINS.

My dear Governor

I have just perused letter of 12th

I am sending you a reply by signal, a copy of which I enclose. Personally I do not think that a retired Territorial Colonel is really necessary - You have worked with his years experience, you have the Royal Marine Signal Staff & when any of them are in their gunnery then the Royal Marine Staff are always available to help. I feel too that the Navy is in control on all naval & that therefore the Navy is as good as anybody to help the training staff all you Signal Staff know everything there is to know on that subject. I have tried to think of what has not been allowed for at least & possibly they have not thought out or practised for the gun 6" or 12" against a land target, but I feel sure the Royal Marine Signal Staff could do that. Anyhow the next ship to come down could put them on the back of that. The gunnery side is I feel sure sound - We come now to the Field Force side of it - Not much movement is possible to the side but it may be that the staff would recommend some prepared positions being built

& some traps constructed. Heaven only knows what
and which is wanted & where, I don't, but I believe such
things are used. After a long night of hard work
probably be able to sleep. Camouflage of guns & positions
etc is another question that may be improved by an expert.
But all this simply means. It is getting the whole show
by an expert, it does not need permanent residence
for years. So in my opinion I have suggested you should
ask for an expert to come out & visit the whole show
the for home again. As a result of his report, you may
be disappointed with the present organization & arrangements
if so, you could then take up the question from O.S.S.
If you are satisfied then you can send him home again.
I do not recommend Russell - He is retired, a very
nice person but I don't know what his experience
has been. Better to get one straight from the War Office
with all their latest ideas. The trouble really comes
of the many landed & the West. I don't think
see how you can deal with it any how & I don't think
down a Colonel could keep much more than that. The
part is the most bare & that Stanley are the defended
area - If you start to defend the whole islands then in fact
a very different problem of which you have not the
man power available - I hope their remarks will be
useful - You will see that I have reached the same conclusion
as you have.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 10th November, 19 40. *Time:* 1643.

Received: 11th November, 19 40. *Time:*

No. 97. Secret. Your telegram No. 87. Defence Force

Red (44)
Your suggestion has been carefully considered in consultation with the War Office who are of firm opinion that an experienced full time Officer should be appointed to command. I share that view and while I regret necessity for this further expenditure by Colony on its Defence Force I feel that I must endorse the recommendation of the War Office. I have therefore decided to offer ALLDERIDGE the appointment on the terms stated in my telegram No. 35.

Red (39)

SECRETARY OF STATE.

C.O.15.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 15th November, 1940. Time : ...

Received : 19 ... Time : ...

No. 112. Secret. Your telegram No. 97. Defence Force. Allderidge should be informed as fully as possible of local conditions before he accepts, namely :-

1. Quarters with necessary heavy furniture can be provided but he should bring with him linen plate glass kitchen utensils etcetra, none available or procurable locally. Considerable difficulty may be expected in obtaining servants. Alternative is a boarding house providing moderate comfort only.

2. He should bring out his own motor car.

3. His military duties with three officers and less than 70 men on permanent duty can give him occupation for a few hours a day only.

4. It should be made very clear to him before arrival that while there are many directions to which defences can be materially strengthened the military expenditure already voted or estimated represents limit of Colony's capacity to finance her own Defences under existing conditions.

5. You may be assured that every thing possible will be done to facilitate and assist officer named in his appointment.

Having regard to paragraph 3 above I trust that his letter of appointment will not preclude me from employing him as a Magistrate without additional remuneration if need arises.

GOVERNOR.

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From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 17th February, 1941. *Time* : ...

Received : 19 ... *Time* : ...

Red 49

No. 26. Secret. My telegram No. 112. Secret unofficially reported from Montevideo that officer concerned has sailed for this Colony. I should be grateful if you would confirm this to enable arrangements for his reception here as housing question very acute.

GOVERNOR.

C.O. I.

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TELEGRAM.

(51)

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 18th February, 1941. *Time :* 17.10.

Received : ... 19 *Time :*

Recd (50)
No. 24. With reference to your telegram No. 26 Secret re
confirmation Allderidge has embarked.

I.D.C.O.

57778 C.R. (Mil).

28 December, 1940.

Sir,

I am directed by Lord Lloyd to inform you that you have been passed by the Consulting Physician to this Department as physically fit for appointment as Officer Commanding Troops in the Falkland Islands. The Consulting Physician states, however, that you should be re-vaccinated, and it is presumed that you will act on this advice.

2. With reference to your recent call at this Office, I am to confirm that you will receive half pay during the voyage to the Falkland Islands.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sgt. A.B. Atcheson

COLONEL C.D. ALDERIDGE, D.S.O. T.D.

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Reference to previous correspondence :-

~~Secretary of State's~~
Governor's

~~Telegram~~
~~dispatch~~ No. 112 ~~Secret~~

Red

(49)

of 14 November, 1940

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. ~~Secret~~



DOWNING STREET,

31 December, 1940.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information,
copies of the paper noted below, ~~on the subject of~~

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant.

Lloyd

The Officer Administering
the Government.

Name and Date.	Subject.
To Colonel C.D. Alderidge 9 November, 1940.	Appointment of Colonel C.D. Alderidge, D.S.O., I.D., as officer Commanding troops in the Falkland Islands.
To ditto; 28/12/40.	

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Colonial Office,
Downing Street,

9th November, 1940. 6-

Sir,

I am directed by Lord Lloyd to inform you that you have been selected for the appointment of Officer Commanding Troops in the Falkland Islands.

This appointment carries pay £800 a year with £120 married allowance, a house allowance (rate to be decided locally) and £20 outfit allowance, free passages and medical treatment in accordance with local regulations.

2. Lord Lloyd would be glad to learn as soon as possible whether you are prepared to accept this appointment.

3. In the event of your acceptance the Crown Agents for the Colonies will be requested to arrange for your passage, and for the issue of the outfit allowance. The date of sailing and any necessary instructions regarding embarkation will be notified to you by the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

I am, etc.,

COLONEL ALLDERIDGE, D.S.O., T.D.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(55)

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.
To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 23rd December, 19 41. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

8/19/41
No. 155. Secret. With reference to your despatch 30th September secret with enclosures for O.C. British Troops. These contained cyphering tables for direct communication between O.C. British Troops and War Office. There are no British Troops here only local defence troops. What is the position between myself as Commander-in-Chief and Colonel Alderidge whom I appointed to command Falkland Islands troops? Grateful if you would telegraph our mutual relationship and position if he became incapacitated, his command then falling upon my Executive Engineer or later my Assistant Colonial Secretary.

I.D.C.O.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 97.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR. -

Despatched : 8th January, 19 42. Time : 1400.

Received : 9th January, 19 42. Time : 1030.

Red 48 No. 5. Secret. With reference to my telegram dated November Secret position of Officer Commanding Troops remains unaltered. He is responsible to you and submits his recommendations and official correspondence to you. He is not repeat not under the control of the War Office and does not repeat not address the War Office direct in any official matter relating to his duties as Officer Commanding Troops. In the event of Allderidge becoming incapacitated command of the troops devolves upon senior combatant Officer of the Defence Force until relieved by new appointment. Commanding Officer in question was sent to enable direct War Office if at any time operationally necessary and the usual form of address was used without any special significance in respect of the Falkland Islands where there are no British Army Troops. Similar Commanding Officers sent to other Colonies.

I.D.C.O.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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Copy filed in C/8/44 "J.A. Woodgate, C.B.E., A.R.I.B.A..
Executive Engineer"

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 30. 4. 47 Time: 16.000 Received: Time:

No. 239. Woodgate. With impending departure person named it will be necessary appoint new commander local Defence Force and if there should be choice of candidates with equal qualifications and ability for post Executive Engineer I should prefer that offer be made to whichever of them may have enjoyed active commissioned experience and would be willing and competent assume command. In meantime I propose with your approval to appoint Colonial Secretary as Honorary Commandant in order that junior officer to whom acting command will be delegated may have some higher authority to turn to in case of difficulty. There is precedent i.e. Lagos Defence Force, for such a step.

G.T.C.

Reply at 58

GOVERNOR.

LJH.

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No. 76.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 17. 5. 47 Time: 16.52 Received: 18. 5. 47 Time: 09.00

57 No. 170. Your telegram No. 239 Woodgate.

No objection appointment of Colonial Secretary as Honorary
Commandant, local Defence Force.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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G A Z E T T E N O T I C E .

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley.

31st May, 1947.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments in the Falkland Islands Defence Force under Section (7) (i) of the Defence Force Ordinance, 1920:-

The Hon. A.B. Mathews, O.B.E.,

to be Honorary Commandant with the ~~honorary~~ rank of Lieutenant Colonel with effect from the 1st of June, 1947.

W.H. Young, Esq.,

to be Lieutenant with effect from the 1st of June, 1947.

By Command,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

M.P. No. 0206.

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I, Geoffrey Miles Clifford,



Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, on whom has been conferred the Efficiency Decoration, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies.

To my Trusty and well beloved ARNOLD BURNETT MATHEWS, O.B.E.

Greetings :

Miles Clifford.
Signature of Governor.

I, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and Good Conduct, do by these presents constitute and appoint you to be Honorary Commandant of the Falkland Islands Defence Force from the First day of June, 1947.

You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge your Duty as such in the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel or of such higher Rank as I may from time to time hereafter be pleased to appoint you to, of which notification will be made in the Falkland Islands Gazette, and you are at all times to exercise and well discipline in Arms both the Inferior Officers and Men serving under you and use your best endeavours to keep them in good Order and Discipline. And I do hereby command them to obey you as their Superior Officer, and you to observe and follow such Orders and Directions as from time to time you shall receive from me or any of your Superior Officers according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in pursuance of the Trust hereby reposed in you.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony at Government House, Port Stanley, this First day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARNOLD BURNETT MATHEWS, O.B.E.,

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE,

PORT STANLEY.

I, Miles Clifford,

Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire,
Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint
George, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, on whom
has been conferred the Efficiency Decoration, Governor and Commander-in-
Chief of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies.

To my Trusty and well beloved COLIN CAMPBELL,

Greetings :

I, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and
Good Conduct, do by these presents constitute and appoint you to be
Honorary Commandant of the Falkland Islands Defence Force from the

8th March, 1952.

Signature of Governor.

You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge your Duty as such in the Rank
of Lieutenant Colonel or of such higher Rank as I may from time to time hereafter be pleased
to appoint you to, of which notification will be made in the Falkland Islands Gazette, and you
are at all times to exercise and well discipline in Arms both the Inferior Officers and Men
serving under you and use your best endeavours to keep them in good Order and Discipline.
And I do hereby command them to obey you as their Superior Officer, and you to observe and
follow such Orders and Directions as from time to time you shall receive from me or any of
your Superior Officers according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in pursuance of the Trust
hereby reposed in you.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony at Government
House, Port Stanley, this 8th day of *March* in the year of Our Lord
one thousand nine hundred and *fifty-two*.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL COLIN CAMPBELL,
FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE,
PORT STANLEY.

Miles Clifford