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NAVAL & MILITARY
(F. I. D. FORCE).

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No. 231 | 31.

C. S. O.

SUBJECT.

193 I.
6th August.

PROPOSED FORMATION OF A BRASS BAND
IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

ref 2-1

Memo. from O. C. Def. Force 6. 8. 51.

y.e. Schmitt. Shall I include

provision of say £75 in draft

Exhibit 1932 for the purchase of

these instruments?

2. Once the instruments are
obtained, volunteers will be readily

forth coming to serve as bandmen. Re

Subsequent Paper.

only difficulty then remaining
will be to find someone to
train them but this will be
doubt not to be insuperable.

J.G.

6.8.31

Hon. C.S.
If an instructor
can be found. W.O
please make provision
in Estimates 1932. of
the sum mentioned

J.G.
6.8.31

~~W.O.~~

O.C. Defence Force.

I understand from you that
you anticipate no difficulty as to
an instructor.

2, I will make the necessary

Change in draft Estimates, 1932,
under head XVI Military, para. 7.
1.2. £ 80 ; £ 75 for Pig
service including freight at £ 5
for the upkeep of present instruments,
music etc. etc. ; vice £ 10
originally instal.

J. J. M.
of

17. 8. 31.

Hon Col Secy.

① Mr. Sullivan who has had
some experience with a
Naval Band has undertaken
to instruct the Brass Band.

J. James Moir.
11. 8. 31.

y.2. Substant for information.

This project seems to be developing well.

Just

12. 8. 31.

Hou C.S.
Good!

J.P.
12-8-31

W
13. 11. 31.

Just 13. 8. 31.

O.C. Defense force.

Will you kindly prepare the necessary indent in

this connection that can be forward by the next opportunity in anticipation of S.O.S. authority for the release

Expenditure sheet has been
provided in Exhibit 1932?

J. M. M.

13. 11. 31.

J. M. M. 16. 11. 31.

M. Allan.

Please for necessary action
J. M. M. 16. 11. 31.

Hon Col Secy.

Indents will be submitted w/ enc
M. Allan Secy
F. I. D. F.

~~see~~

~~y 15. 12. 31.
17. 11. 31.~~

~~b.f. 15. 4. 32.~~

~~J. M. M. 16. 12. 31.~~

~~b.f. 15. 7. 32.~~

~~15. 4. 32.~~

~~b.f. 31/10/32.
21/7/32.~~

Hon. Col. Sec.

One case received and remains unopened until
Adjutant returns.

(Sgd) D.R. Watson
12/8/32.

Y.E. Submitted. The band instruments have now been received.

(Sgd.) J.M.E.

Hon. C. S.

Noted. I suggest they might
be shown at the Smoking Concert.
Drill Hall, next Thursday,
August 19th.

J.M.E.
15.

18 Aug.
15

O.C. Def. F.W.C.

Please arrange

accordingly.

J.M.E.

CS

15. 8. 32

Hon. Col. Sec.

The instruments were opened out and placed
on show at the Smoking Concert as directed. I suggest
that the instruments be carefully packed away until
the O/C returns from England. In the meantime they
are stored in the club rooms pending your decision.

D.R. Watson.

Actg. O/C F.I.D. Force.
22.8.32.

1. Submitted, Ag. O.C. Ref. Force
 might be found enough to make
 enquiries with the object of finding
 a Bank manager and Instructor who
 will organize at least the Brass
 Bank.

2. In the meantime it will be
 well, as he suggests, if he has
 the instruments repaired or at
 any rate kept in safe custody.

Hon. C. P.

I agree:

J.P.G.

22-8-32

J.P.G.

22. 8. 32.

O.C. Def. Force.

Accordingly, please.

Judges

23.9.32.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Acting on the wishes of His Excellency I have gone carefully into the matter of forming the brass band. Pte F. Sullivan who has been already referred to by the O.C. says that he can instruct the members who are willing to take up the instruments, and to teach them music. The members of the fife and bugle band applied to take up the instruments with Sullivan in charge.

I have given the instruments out so that the men can practice blowing. I consider this a good offer of Sullivan's, and if you will approve I shall allow him to carry on, and will later report the progress made.

B. R. Leatham
Actg. O/C F. I. D. Force.
3.9.32.

Y. E. Schmitt. Y. E. will note

Hon. C. P. with pleasure at approval the
yes: I am pleased
to note the steps steps that are being taken in
taken
6.9.32 the matter.

Jud

6.9.32.

O.C. Dep Force

Please note.

Julley

7.9.32.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted thank you.

or Watson
Outg of J. P. D. Jones
7.9.32

cf. 15/10/32.
e. o. 8/9/32.

O.C. Dep Force

you may wish to

see this R.P. ?

PM JSM.
17.10.32 17/10/32.

Julley
5.
15.10.32.

Letter from Apt. H. O. Sullivan of 3/10/33 3-5

W.E.

Submitted.

C. J. Jones
9/11/33

Hon. Col. Sec.

Mr. Sullivan fears failure when some of the members of the Band are unemployed. It is important that we should use every effort to foster the band.

2. Kindly pass to Hon. Director Public Works. I feel sure that Mr. Roberts will do all in his power to keep members of the Band in employment - provided they are suitable for employment.

W.E.
9-11-33

Hon. D.P.W.

Referred to you please.

C. J. Jones
9/11/33

Hon. Colonial Secretary.

I was not aware that any member of the band was unemployed. J. Watts, a single man, was stood off some time ago as he refused to go South on whaling work or to the Camp, but he is now employed by the Government on peat cutting.

2. I suggest that a list of the members of the band may be supplied.

3. I submit that as this deals with unemployment as well as the Falkland Islands Defence Force band a copy of the correspondence be filed in the paper dealing with unemployment, so that a record can be kept for reference when dealing with that subject.

C. Roberts

Director Public Works.
14th November, 1935.

Copied to Mr. J. 4.11/39

J.W.

Submitted.

? Adjutant might supply list of members of the Band.

*A.S.P.S.
14/11/35*

Hon. Col. Sec.

As per sec. You might make the reference suggested by Mr. Roberts in para. 3 of his minute.

MCH

5/11/33

Adjutant, Defence Force.

To note and will you please prepare and submit list required in duplicate.

C. Jones
15/11/33

The Hon Col Sec.

Noted, Thank you. List of members of Brass Band submitted in duplicate

W. M. Allan Lt Col
15/11/33

P. A.
17/11/33
⑦

Minute from Capt & Adj. 7209. 1/8/34

ft. Submitted. It is satisfactory that the Band has been re-organized.

W. C. H.
as c. s.
2. 8. 34.

Hon. c. s.

Yes: I am glad to hear this.

W. M. A.
2. 8. 34.

Captain Allan.

To note.

W. C. H.
as c. s.
2. 8. 34.

W. M. Allan
7/8/34

P. A. W. C. H.

20
17/34

⑧ Minute from adjutant J.D.D. 19/34
 Seen - P.A.
 MCH
 24 C.S.
 8.9.34

⑨ Minute from adjutant J.D.D. 21/7/35

Yr. Submitted. I have spoken with the O.C. Defence Force regarding this. Some of the members want an understanding that they will be kept in Stanley even if only on unemployment relief. I fear that we cannot agree to such a proposal and it is open to them to leave the Band if they wish to do so.

MCH
 C.

23.7.35

The Bandmaster should be told that I am in entire sympathy with the desire of the Band to stick together continue to play

together but it is obvious that no
kind of a bargain can be made which
would preclude equal fair dealing to
all the unemployed. If any bandmen
wish to forfeit the respect they have
earned by their self-sacrificing work and
prowess in the past I have nothing
to say.

Next year we must see if we cannot
do something in the Estimates for some
recognition of the Band.

~~W.H.~~ 24/VII/35

O.C. Defence Force.

To note and inform
Bandmaster accordingly.

MCH
et.

24.7.35

Hon. Col. Secy.

Noted and Bandmaster informed.

At the end of last year Capt. Allan
made a present of £12.10.0 to the
Band from Defence Force Funds, in
recognition of its services. It was
his intention to reward the members
again this year for their work.

J.S.
C/O. Octadputant.
24/7/35

Yf.
Submitted. It would appear that the board has received financial encouragement in the past.

mcH
ed.
24.7.35

Yes but more may be justified will you please speak.

mcH 24/7/35

H.E. spoken. Note made for consideration 1936 Estimates.

mcH
25.7.35

O.C. Deponer Free.

To note.

mcH
25.7.35

Hon. Cal. Secy.

Noted. Thank you.

C. J. G.
C. J. G.
25/7/35

P. A.
25/7/35

Minute from Commanding Officer, F.I.D.F. of 24.3.38. 11-12.

A.C.S.

Have you any personal knowledge of the matter referred to by the VC.

Met.

26. 5. 38

Spoken Met.

D. P. Wks.


I find that in the past endeavours have been made to find in steady employment for members of the Defence Force Band. The man mentioned was working with the Hs. Coy but he was among two or three others recently discharged for economy. Is there a vacancy in your Dept. please.

Met.

28. 5. 38

Hon. Col. Sec.

No vacancies are available in the P.W. Dept. The policy being followed is to reduce hands as opportunity occurs on the assumption that any surplus labour will be employed by the Agricultural Dept.


A. Roberts.
28/5/38.

Agri: Advisei.

Can you do anything in this matter please.

MCH
es.

24. 5. 58

Hon. Col. Sec;

H. V. Summers can call at my office and obtain an application form for work at any time. If it is the wish of Government that he be employed in Stanley on account of being a bandsman, he will be eligible as a single man, for work three days per week with the Agricultural Department.

DAM
A.A. 20/5/58

Yr. In order to keep the Defence Force band together and encourage its progress employment in the past has been given to its members in Stanley. In any case H. V. Summers is not a Camp man.

2. Does Yr. desire the practice continued?

MCH

es.
31. 5. 58

He can be told to apply to the Agric. Dept. as proposed. When full time work offers I will

like him to be given the opportunity
provided that he can do a fair days
work as well as the best man. As
I have said before these bandmen vol.
unwillingly give up a lot of their private
time to work to the benefit of the
community

ttttt 1/4/38

O.C. Defense Force.

To note please. Will you
then pass the file to the Agric:
Adviser to note H's wishes.

MCH.
1.4.38

Hon. Col. Secretary

noted. Thank you.
S.M.
O.C. 1/4/38

~~H.C.S.~~

evoted
D.A.M.
A.A. 4/4/38

P.A.
4/4/38

memo to Bandman H.V. Sumpers 13.
5/4/38

P.A.
5/4/38

INSTRUMENTS AND ESTIMATED COST FOR A BRASS BAND OF NINE MEMBERS.



CORNETS Eb.	4	.X	1 silver plated	5	5	6
			3 Brass @ 33-12	10	16	-
TROMBONE, brass slide	1			6	5	-
EUPHONIUM, Db	1			8	17	-
HORN, Tenor, Eb				6	10	-
BARITONE, Eb				7	5	-
BASS, Eb				15	10	-
Drum, Tenor				7	-	-

				67	4	-

The suggested Band would be composed as follows:-

I Leading Cornet, 2 Assist and 1 Second.	I Baritone
I Trombone	I Bass
I Euphonium	I Bass
I Tenor Horn	2 Tenor
	2 Kettle

Drums:-

MEMO.

Departmental Number.

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

Date.....

To *Hon. Col. Secy.*

*Brass Band.
F. I. D. F.*

Reference
Numbers.

① Submitted, please, an estimate of approximate actual cost of instruments.
Freight will have to be added.

② There are sufficient volunteers to man a band of these dimensions.

J. James Mow

Stanley.

31/10/33.

Sir,

As you are aware, during the month of August, 1933, a Brass Band was voluntarily formed in the "Defence Force" the instruments being supplied by Government. These instruments were taken up by members of the "Life + Drum" band, and after numerous hours of practice these men progressed to the extent that they were able to "Parade" on June 3rd 1933. I would add that these men had to learn everything from the beginning, i.e.; Rudiments of music, instruments etc. Our first disappointment was the loss of a cornet player, who left as he had to take up work in the camp. The loss of this man meant that I had to tutor another to bring him up to the standard of the remainder of the band. Everything went on smoothly

for

for a time when some of the members became unemployed. This again caused discontent as these members were giving up their own time for the benefit of the "Defence Force", & were receiving no encouragement from Government or from the "Defence Force".

The "Band" has now advanced to the extent that they are able to play "Marches" & "Waltzes" etc, with fairly little practice.

The loss of one or more of these players would definitely mean that it would be impossible for the Band to parade for many months, if ever, as I am afraid the remainder of the Band would pass in their instruments.

I think you will agree with me when I say it would be a pity for the Band to "fall through" seeing that they are so far advanced, & what would a parade be like without a "Band".

The members would be grateful if you would submit this matter for the consideration of the Commander-in-Chief of the "Defence Force" & see if it would be possible for him

to

to do anything that would help to keep
the Band together.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Cpl J. Sullivan

Bandmaster.

Lieut. W.M. Allan

Stanley.

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ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE
FORCE BRASS BAND.

CORP.F. O'SULLIVAN	(CONDUCTOR)	✓
PTE . J. TURNER		✓
" . D. ATKINS		✓
" . J. PETERSSEN		
" . J. WATTS		✓
" . G. PEARSON		✓
" . A. W. SUMMERS		✓
" . H. V. SUMMERS		✓
" . F. COLEMAN		
" . J. D. WILLIAMS		
" . W. J. GRIERSON	(DRUMMER)	✓
" . D. O'SULLIVAN		✓ "
" . G. OSBORNE		✓ "
" . F. WHITE		"
" . C. CLIFTON		"
" . F. HANSON		✓ "

PORT STANLEY

15th November

MINUTE.

Ist August 19 34

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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

SUBJECT: "ORGANISATION OF THE BRASS BAND "

Sir,

At Headquarters on Tuesday 31st July 1934,
the Brass Band was re-organized as under:

<u>N A M E</u>	<u>INSTRUMENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Corpl. F. O' Sullivan,	Euphonium	Conductor
Private. A. W. Summers	Cornet	Assistant Conductor
" . H. Summers	Cornet	
" . E. Lellman	Cornet	
" . H. R. Evans	Cornet	
" . G. Pearson	Bass Slide Trombone	
" . J. Bound	Bariton	
" . R. B. Steen	Tenor Horn	
" . D. Atkins	Bass	
" . D. O' Sullivan	Bass Drum	
" . W. J. Pearson	Tenor Drum	
" . G. Osborne	Tenor Drum	
" . F. Hanson	Side Drum	

2. Band Practice is to start immediately

I am,
Sir, yours obediently


Captain & Adj.
F. I. Defence Force.

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MINUTE.

8th September 19 34

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

From The Adjutant

Falkland Islands Defence Force
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

DEFENCE FORCE BRASS BAND.

I beg to report the following change amongst the personal of the Brass Band.

Pte.J.Bound has handed in his Instrument and his place has been taken by Pte.J.Watts. I understand that his people were not in favour of him continuing the practice.

D. M. Allen CAPTAIN.
ADJUTANT. F. I. DEFENCE FORCE.

Port Stanley,

16th July, 1935.

Sir,

I regret to have to report that at a meeting of the "Brass Band" held at Headquarters on the night of the 15th inst., the members were unanimous in their decision that unless support could be given in the matter of keeping them together, they did not wish to continue. This would necessitate the retention of the members in Stanley, so that sufficient practices could be held to cope with the various parades that arise during the year.

The members wish me to inform you that should consideration be given them, they would not demand employment, but would be quite willing to receive relief and part-time employment as at present.

I may add that the preceeding paragraph actually refers to three members of the Band only, as the remainder are more or less steadily employed.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

J. Sullivan Cpl.

Bandmaster.

Acting O/C and Adjutant,

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

STANLEY.

MINUTE.

22nd July, 1935.

From To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

From. Ag. O. C. & Adjutant,
Defence Force,
Stanley.

I have the honour to forward, for information, a letter which has been received from Cpl. F. O'Sullivan, Bandmaster, regarding a decision taken by the members of the Brass Band of the Defence Force to hand in their instruments.

I agree that the Brass Band is an asset to the Defence Force but in view of the present state of unemployment in the Colony I submit that it would not be politic to grant the request put forward by the members of the Band.

In matter of fact some of the instruments were handed in on Wednesday the 17th of July the day after I received Cpl. O'Sullivan's letter. As the members of the Band have given their services voluntarily I had no alternative but to accept the instruments and they have been placed in safe custody at Headquarters. I am hopeful, however, that it will be possible at a later date to re-organize the Band.

A. J. Russell
Ag. O. C. & Adjutant,
Defence Force.

Stanley
March 23rd 1938

Sir,

I beg to make application through you,
for employment in the P.W.D. as this
post had previously promised they would
make every endeavour to find employment
for the candidates!

I am Sir
Yours respectfully
H. D. Summers.

No. _____

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



24th March, 1938.

From The Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence
Force,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

I have the honour to forward an application from Bandsman H. V. Summers for work with the Public Works Department.

Members of the band seem to have gathered the impression that work would be found for them in Stanley by the Government in the event of their being out of employment but I do not know whether or not any promise has been made.

S. Marshall, Jr.,
Officer Commanding,
F.I.D. Force.

No. 231/31.

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

MINUTE.

5th April, 1938.

From The Adjutant,

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To Bandsman H. V. Summers,

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

Stanley.

With reference to your letter of the 23rd of March, 1938, I am directed by the Commanding Officer to inform you that you should make application to the Agricultural Adviser for employment.

C. J. V.
Capt.,
Adjutant, F.I.D. Force,