

C.S.

NAVAL &amp; MILITARY.

(Defence Force.)

1937

No. 20/37.

O/C. F. Is. Defence Force.

SUBJECT.

1937.

28th January.

Previous Paper.

SUMMER CAMP FOR THE FALKLAND ISLANDS  
DEFENCE FORCE.

MINUTES.

Minute from O/C. Falk. Is. Defence Force of 28/1/37.

①  
 Submitted. The O.C. Defence Force to proceed to make arrangements? Lieut. Pearce and 2/Lt. Albridge are both members of the staff of this office. I fear it will not be possible to release both.  
 MCH  
 et.

The camp should be held <sup>29. 1. 37.</sup> just  
 attack first in preference to this first  
 attempt at field training and it is very  
 important that all members possible should  
 attend if understood that the training is

Subsequent Paper.



intended to be for the clear days including  
two week ends and I wish wages were  
to find to camp to be paid there instead  
wages for the period in respect of each working day.

I quite understand that you  
could not spare both Smith & Stewart  
and Lt. Aldridge as things stand. You  
might consider the possibility of  
closing down the audit for the time  
and taking his fees into the Secretariat  
~~if~~ if that would make the difficulty  
to be got over. But I will be out  
of the Colony and will not intervene  
further in the matter.

~~11/11/37~~ 20/11/37

O. C. Defence Force.

To note approval. Will  
you kindly pass to D.P.W. to  
note re public works men.

2. I am anxious to advise  
you as much as possible but fear  
it will only be possible to let  
Lt. Aldridge go from this office.

3. Perhaps you will find  
it necessary to approach some of  
the employers of labour - the men  
themselves may have some difficulty  
in getting off.

W. C. S.  
1. 2. 1).



Hon. C.S.

I quite understand that it would not be possible to allow both officers to attend camp and the arrangement suggested by you is satisfactory and I thank you.

2. I have already approached some employers and communications have been sent giving the names of the members of the force who might want to attend camp.

J. Main  
F.O.  
1/2/37 J. I. D. J.

Hon. D.P.W.

Forwarded as directed to the Hon. C.S.

J. Main  
F.O.  
1/2/37

Hon. Col. Sec.

I agree that camping should be encouraged and that the men should be paid wages in respect of working days.

The estimated number of men on the P.W.D. wage list that will be attending camp is 20 @ £3-12-6 each for 6 full working days + 2 Saturdays = £42-10-0



If this is to be paid from XVIII Public Works then (b) other charges & Miscellaneous expenses would be the correct head of charge. Under this head there is £250 which is allocated as follows.

7½ days paid holidays during the year  
@ £28 per day = £210-0-0.

Short Pay = 20-0-0.

Sweeping Chimneys 20-0-0.

Total £250-0-0.

From the above it will be seen that it will be necessary to ask for a Special Warrant.

I submit that Defense Force training would be correctly charged under XV Military (b) other charges  
11 Summer training Camp.

As wages will not have to be paid from items of work whilst the men are in camp there will be equivalent savings under P.W. extraordinary

O. Roberts.

3/2/37.



Hon. Treas.

In favour of your advice and recommendations, please.

WCH  
es.  
4.2.37

Hon. C.

If all the men of the Defence Force were being paid during the period of training then there would be no point in charging the expenditure against the votes of different departments

2. In the event of the amount which is being paid to the P.W.D. employees being utilized to increase the vote for the "Summer Training Camp" other members of the force might say - "Why pay P.W.D. employees only when we are all members of the force."

3. This is a voluntary training and certain men are being granted a holiday on full pay to enable them to attend camp therefore the savings should be devoted to the vote provided for holiday pay under P.W.D. - Item 4.

4. I should like to take this opportunity of recording my thanks to the Hon. G. Roberts for the assistance he has rendered by encouraging his employees to attend the Summer Training Camp, at which I expect to have a total of about 50 from Stanley alone.

J. H. D. F.  
5/2/37

Hon. D.P.W.

To note.

WCH  
es.  
6.2.37



Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted.

OWB.  
8/2/37.

Minutes from Hon. C.S. to H.C. of 4. 2. 37.

(2)

P.A.  
9/2/37

Report from O.C. Defence Force of 4/2/37.

(3-26)

Letter to G.M. Goddard, Esq., Secy, of 9. 3. 37.

27.

--- Managers, East Falkland of ---

28.

met

1/2

Report by O.C. Defence Force on  
Summer Training Camp, submitted.

MCH

10. 5. 37.

Please see marginal numbers: -

- 1 To be arranged when possible
2. Useful
3. Approved, <sup>for</sup> provisional inclusion
4. Estimate of cost to be submitted
5. Not approved
- 6 Very creditable

Major Stewart is to be congratulated on having carried this preliminary field training through successfully in the face of all difficulties. I am very pleased with the result of his efforts which is of credit to all ranks.  
12/3/37



O.C. Defence Force,

To note H.E's minute and for action  
where required.

(Itld.) M.C.H.  
C. S.  
13.3.37.

Hon. C. S.,

I estimate that the sum of £50 will  
be required to provide Camp Kettles, Cooking Pots.  
Wash Buckets, Pails, Brooms, etc.,

2. On the basis of 6 Sgts, 6 Cpls, and 50  
Ptes the amount required for pay would be £179.18/-  
made up as follows :

6 Sgts. @ 5/- for 14 days...	£21. 0. 0.
6 Cpls. @ 4/6 " " "	18.18. 0.
50 Ptes. @ 4/- " " "	<u>140. 0. 0.</u>
	£179.18.

From this should be deducted  
Government employees on fixed  
salaries, viz :

2 Cpls.	£6. 6. 0.
10 Ptes.	28. 0. 0.

Men on hourly pay :

23 @ £2. 12. 6 per week whose wages will be saved during training...	<u>120.15. 0.</u>	154. 1. 0.
Additional cost for pay, say		25.17. 0.
Rations... ..		75. 0. 0.
		<u>£100.17. 0.</u>

It is desirable, however, that the total  
amount of £180. 0. 0. be shewn in the Defence Force  
estimates and a corresponding reduction in the  
Public Works Department estimates for the men  
employed on hourly pay.

J  
Major,  
Officer Commanding,  
Falkland Islands Defence Force,  
1st 1937



Yh.

Submitted. This will be noted  
in the 1938 estimates.

2. With reference to 1 of recd  
18 it may be possible to arrange for  
Mr. Fenwick to proceed to the Camp  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst.

MCH  
C.  
1.4.37

- 1. App.
- 2. Food

~~ttlll~~ 1/4/37

O.C. Depue Ave.  
To note.

2. Re: Fenwick may be able  
to go to the Camp at the end  
of the week.

MCH  
C.  
1.4.37

Houch.

Noted. Thank you.

P.O. Z. J. O. F.  
1/4/37

P.A.  
2/4/37

Letter from Mr. J. F. Bonner of 2/4/37.  
Letter from Falk Is. Costa of 5/4/37.

(29)

(30)

B. I.  
12/4/37.  
B. 5/4/37.



31-34 Minute from Adjutant, Defense Force,  
12 April, '937

Report Submitted. With regard to para: 18 of vol 19 apparently some of the persons mentioned knew nothing about the proposed rifle ranges until Mr. Flanagan went out. I spoke with Mr. Goddard and he told me he had heard nothing about the proposals.

2. In any case those managers who are keen on rifle shooting will encourage their men.

MCH  
C.S.  
13.4.37

I authorize remuneration when authority is required

2. It is no use trying to press for the establishment of ranges R. where the necessary steel is not interest

MCH 13/4/37

Adjutant Defense Force

To note.

MCH  
C.S.  
13.4.37



HCS.

Noted. Thank you.

A. J. D.  
Adjutant. P.F.  
13/4/37.

~~13/4/37~~  
C. J. D. 13/4/37

~~26/6/37~~  
A. J. D. 26/6/37

bl. 26/6/37.  
C. J. D. 18/5/37.

Letter from Mr. B. Elliot of 9/6/37.

(35)

P. 25/6/37.

P.A.  
26/6/37

Letter from Mr. R. Greenhuldas of 14/5/37.

(36)

Adjutant  
2.9.57

It advise me of any men who may  
refer for training

R. S. D. 30/6/37

Hon. Col. Sec.

Instruction, notice.

R. S. D.  
Adj. Adj. S. I. D. J.  
30/6/37.

P.A.  
31/6/37.

memo from O. C. Defence Force, 31/1/38. 37-38.



DP. Wks.

In favour of your observations  
please regarding "A" of attached

WCH  
es.  
1.2.58

Hon. Col. Sec.

Quite a lot of useful materials  
are available on the site of the C.S.O.  
It is intended to hold another auction  
for its disposal. In view of "A" I  
will not advertise for a few days.  
Dettleff or Sedgwick both local  
contractors, might be asked to give  
a price for erection and transport  
in connection with Bldg suggested?

CRoberts.

H. DeLancey Esq.

2/2/38.

In your consideration  
please.

WCH  
es.  
2.2.58

Hon. Col. Secretary

I shall be glad to avail  
myself of the Hon. D.P.W.'s offer  
and suggestion.

S.M. O.C. F. D. Y.  
3.2.38



D.P. Wks.

To note.

MCH  
CJ.

J. 2-58

Hon. Col. Sec.

I should be glad if the O.C. Defence Force could make it convenient to meet me on the site where the materials are, he can then select what he requires. I wish to proceed with the disposal of surplus, necessary for clearing the site prior to proceeding with new work on foundation.

*W Roberts.*  
3/2/58.

M.C.S.

The O.C. Defence Force visited the site with the D.P.W. this morning.

C. J. D.  
C. J. D.  
4/2/58.

*R.* Proposals for summer training  
Camp Submitted. MCH  
CJ.

4. 2. 58

Approved  
*[Signature]* 4/2/58



O. C. Defense Force.

To note approval.

MCH  
C.S.  
5. 2. 58

Hon. Col. Secretary

Approval noted, thank you

S.M.  
O.P. 4904.  
8/2/38

(39)

Minute from O.C. Defence Force of 8/2/38.

40.

" " " " " 7/2/38.

Dates of suggested holding of  
Camp approved.

MCH  
9. 2. 58

O.C. Defence Force.

To note approval.

2. The officers and men  
mentioned in red 40 may  
attend with the exception  
of 2nd Lieut. Aldridge. Lieut.  
Aldridge will however attend at  
the week-ends and can probably  
be released for a day and  
half by during the week.

MCH  
C.S.  
9. 2. 58



Hon. Col. Secretary

Approval noted thank you

S.M.  
G.E.D.Y.  
9/2/38

D. P. Wks.

With reference to X of (37)  
will you kindly arrange as formerly  
to release men who are members  
of the Defence Force on full wages.

2. The question of whether  
the cost should be met from  
Military or P.W.D. can be decided  
later and if necessary an adjustment  
made.

MCH c.

10. 2. 38

Hon. Col. Sec.

X of (37) noted thank you.

Submitted list of men employed by  
the P.W.D. with request from Maj Marshall  
that they be granted leave.

I have no objection to raise on this question  
except that wages should not be charged  
to P.W.D. votes while the men are engaged  
on military duties. Surely the correct charge  
is Military. G. Roberts <sup>10</sup>/<sub>38</sub>



O.C. Defence Force.

To note.

MCH

C.S.

W. 2. 38

Hon. Colonial Secretary

Noted. Thank you. There is no provision made in the estimates for wages of the P.W.D. employees to be charged against XV. MILITARY, while attending Camp. The P.W.D. have advised me that labour charges amounting to £49. 7. 6 (wages of men attending Camp) have been made against this vote and an adjustment will therefore be necessary.

2. I would request that some distinction be made in the rates of pay allowed married and single men attending the Summer Training Camp, and not receiving pay from their employers.

Both married and single men are maintained by the Defence Force while in Camp but no doubt this does not materially reduce the expense in the homes of the married men. In the case of married men a marriage allowance might be made in addition to the pay of their rank, the amount to be the difference between the pay of their rank and the amount of wages, calculated at 1/2 per hour, which they lose by attending the Camp. If this is approved the extra sum payable this year will amount to 17/8 in respect of the only married man attending Camp privately employed.

The Cook, Pte. J. Barnes in the recent Camp gave excellent service and worked strenuously from 5.0 a.m., to 9.0 p.m., and I consider he well-earned a gratuity of £2. 10. 0.

I believe a gratuity was made to the Cook at Walker Creek last year.

B. Marshall

Major,  
O.C., F.I.D.F.,  
28.2.38.

Hon. Col. Treas.

In favour of your views on the question of payment of wages to Govt. workmen released to join the Summer Training Camp. I believe it is the practice elsewhere for wages not to be paid by the Military



for men released by their employers  
to undergo training. I refer to the  
Territorials in England.

MCH  
C.

L.S. 58

Hon. C.

In my experience members of Military Forces are  
paid according to rank while under training  
and allowances made to wives etc on an approved  
scale.

2. any payments - i.e. holiday pay - paid by  
~~employers~~ <sup>employers</sup> to employees attending camp is in  
addition to military pay.

O/c. Defence Force.

<sup>of the</sup>  
16/5/58

Please submit a L.W.  
covering the expenses mentioned  
in your minute overleaf.

MCH  
C.  
16.5.58

Hon. Col. Secretary

I should like the Hon. Colonel  
Treasurer to state the position regarding  
the payment of P.W.D. employees.

At present, the total estimated expenditure  
on the Summer Training Camp is £92.15.10.

I am desirous of obtaining authority to use  
the unexpended portion of the vote in connection  
with a proposed training camp for camp  
members of the Force, and for certain small  
expenses in connection with week-end training.

S. Marshall

O/P. G. J. D. J.

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Hon. Secs.

With reference to para. 1 of the O.C.'s minute, I understand that you consider that the wages of P.W.D. men released for the training camp should be paid by the Military Dept. Please see your minute herein of 11<sup>th</sup> April 1937. The estimates for this year do not however provide sufficient to cover the cost. See also estimate in C.S. 101/37.

met  
C.S.  
18.1.38

41-42.

Minute from O.C. Defence Force of 17.3.38.

Hon. C.S.,

I do not consider it to be within my province to state what the position is regarding the payment of P.W.D. employees attending the Summer Training Camp. This would appear to be a matter for your decision.

2. Military pay should be a charge against the Military Department.

3. According to the final para. of the D.P.W.'s minute of 3/2/37 on the back of sheet 1 there should be equivalent savings to meet the amounts paid to P.W.D. employees attending Camp.

4. The original items in the Estimates for the Summer Training Camp in 101/37 have not been adhered to and for that reason the observation referred to in red (42) was raised as I had not been informed that approval had been given to carry out the work under reference.

5. The charges received in this Office to date against the provision of £135 for the Summer Training Camp amount to £129. 16. 4. This includes two items of wages paid by the D.P.W., amounting to £25. 8. 3. and £23. 19. 3. In this connection para. 2 of your minute 10/2/38 may have some reference.

Colonial Treasurer.  
21.3.38.

O.C. Defence Force.

P.W.D. men should be paid from military. Provision should be made for this in the 1939 estimates.



2. Please see para: 5 of Treasurer's  
minutes re charges for Summer  
training camp. The vote is almost  
exhausted.

MCH  
cl.

22.5.38

H. B. G.

Noted. Thank you. The items in connection  
with the Summer Training Camp for which £135  
was authorised, contained in M.P. 10/37, show  
that it was intended that the payment of P.W.D.  
employees attending the camp would be a  
charge against the P.W.D. as was the case last  
year when the matter was dealt with by the  
Hon. Col. Treasurer in his minute of 5/2/37 on  
sheet 2. Herein. As the charge has been made  
against XV. military, the amount voted for the  
camp has been exceeded by some pounds.  
Shall I submit a S.W. to cover this?

S. Marshall

Major O. B. G. I. D. F.

23/3/38

O. C. Deputa. Invc.

It was intended that wages  
of P.W.D. men released for the training  
Camp should be met from the  
military vote. From the minutes of the  
O.C. on sheet 3 herein it was intended  
to incur £180 in the 1938 estimates  
but this was not done. The provision  
of £135 has proved inadequate. Please  
submit a S.W.

MCH  
cl.

24.5.38

Hon. Col. Secy,

Special Warrant in the sum of £25  
to cover the payment of wages for these employees  
and the expenses of a Training Camp at Douglas  
Station submitted herewith for favour of approval.

S. Marshall

Major,  
O.C., F.I.D.F.

5.4.38.



J.P.

The sum provided in the Estimate was not sufficient to cover the cost of the training camp. S.W. for £25 submitted.

MCH  
Cl.

7. 4. 58

10/11 7/4

P.A.  
8/4/58

43-67. Minute from B/O, F.I.D.F. of 12. 4. 58.

J.P.

Submitted.

MCH  
Cl.

19. 4. 58

Please inform C.O. that I am exceedingly pleased with the success of this camp and I congratulate the him and all ranks on the work and training carried out and the excellent spirit maintained throughout.

The letter please  
MCH

The D.P.H. work was 10/11 20/4/58  
10/11 20/4/58



Minute to O/C. Defence Force 21. 4. 38.

(68)

The work at X of (68) was carried out by Mr. Wm. Siquiera and not by the P.W. Dept.

WCH  
C.S.  
21. 4. 38

P.A.  
22/4/38

Minute from O/C, F.I.D.F., of 3. 6. 38.

(69)

M. Submitted.  
WCH  
C.S.  
6. 6. 38

Approved  
T.M. 7/6/38

O.C. Defence Force.  
To note.  
WCH  
C.S.  
7. 6. 38

Hon. Colonial Secretary  
noted. Thank you  
S.M.  
O.B.S.D.S. 7/6/38

P.A.  
8/6/38

Minute from Commanding Officer, F.I.D.F., 29. 6. 38. 70-73.

M. Submitted.  
WCH  
C.S.  
1. 7. 38



H.C.S.

I wish to congratulate the O.C.  
and all concerned on the  
work done and results achieved at  
this first Training Camp for  
Camp members

~~W.H.H.~~ 2/7/35

O.C. Defence Force.

To note.

W.H.H.  
C.

2.7.35

Hon. Colonial Secretary

Noted. Thank you

S. Marshall O.P.  
4.7.38

P.A.  
4/7/38



Minute from O.C. Defence Soc., 31/1/39. 74.

Submitted for approval.

MCH  
es.  
31. 1. 39.

Approved

~~1/2/39~~

O.C. Defence Soc.  
To note.

MCH  
es.  
1. 2. 39.

Hon. Sec.

Noted.  
J.P.  
C. Proc. Pt.  
1/2/39.

C.A.  
1/2/39.

Minute from O.C. Defence Soc., 3/2/39. 75.

Hon. S. M. O.  
O.I.C. Treasury  
O.I.C. P. Works Dept.  
Sup. Electrical Dept.  
Appl. Adviser.  
Postmaster

Will you please say  
whether you can release  
the persons belonging to you



Deft: whose names are shown on Red 75.

men  
CS  
13. 2. 39.

H67

My clerk cannot be released until Mar. 1st as pay has to be taken care of on Feb. 28.

Q.A.K.  
SRRO  
13/2/39

How to see.

All the P.W. Defence Force members can be released, it will be necessary however for Gen J. Biggs to return to his Dept on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> March to attend to weekly wages

W. Williams.  
13/2/39

How. CS

It is regretted that at this time of the year, when the annual accounts are in process of closure, that both officers named on Red 75, cannot attend Camp together. Arrangements have, therefore, been made for them to attend in turn as from the 1<sup>st</sup> March. The intervention of pay day prevents their attendance from the commencement of the Camp.

W.D. Frost.  
13/2/39

How C.S. The members of this Dept named can be released from duty from 27/2/39 until 8/3/39. I understand however that J. Blyth will require to be absent only during the daytime, and that he is attending to his



duty in Pow House on the evenings.

In the case of G. Osborne I presume that  
this person will be released on full pay.

AM  
Sup 6-11  
13/2/39.

Hon. Col. Sec.

yes, with the exception of  
the two last named who will attend  
as much part time as possible.

BAW  
AA. 13/2/39

Hon. Col. Sec.

I regret that P<sup>te</sup>. V. Bennett  
cannot attend. He does not return from  
his duties as Mail Officer until the 9<sup>th</sup> March.

H.E. the Governor spoken.  
MCH  
14. 2. 39.

MCP.M.  
13/2/39.

Postmaster

H.E. the Governor wishes all  
members of the Defence Force  
to attend the Camp and that  
Heads of Depts. should facilitate  
this. As Mr Bound is back  
in your office you can no  
doubt make temporary arrangements  
for the release of Mr Bennett.

MCH  
CS

14. 2. 39.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Mr Bennett may be released  
, Mr Bound will act as Mail Officer  
during his absence.

MCP.M.  
14/2/39



O. I. C. Treasury.

Please see the first  
page of my minute to  
the Postmaster. No doubt  
you can make some  
satisfactory arrangement  
regarding the Treasury  
Staff.

MCH  
14.2.39.

Her. Cs.

Seen - Thank you.

- ① In this respect I beg to submit that everything, compatible with the volume of work in hand and anticipated, has been done to facilitate the attendance at Camp of the Treasury officers concerned.
- ② If it is imperative that Messrs. Sellman & Bond attend the Camp together & for the full period, then, on pay-day, I shall be single-handed to attend to the counts, the departmental pay & the Company's settlement, in addition to the ordinary routine of the Department. At the same time the absence of two officers for almost a fortnight will considerably impede the necessary preliminaries to the preparation of the annual accounts.
- ③ In the circumstances, therefore, I beg to request that the arrangements reported in my minute of the 13<sup>th</sup> February, 1939, be permitted to stand.

W. J. P. C.  
15/2/39.



O. I. C. Treasury.

I understand that Treasury  
Officers will not be required  
until the 1<sup>st</sup> March. The  
Camp now ends on 8<sup>th</sup> March, or  
8 days instead of a fortnight.

MCH

15. 2. 59.

Hon. C.S.

Submitted.

When I wrote my minute of even  
date I understood both officers were  
required for the duration of the camp.

(2) In previous years it has been held  
that two officers could not, for the same  
reasons given in my minute of the 13<sup>th</sup> + 15<sup>th</sup>  
February, 1939, be spared from the Treasury  
together. Pte Banda, therefore, attended Camp  
in 1938, + Sgt Selman in 1937. This year  
I have endeavoured to compromise by  
suggesting that both officers should divide  
the time equally between them, which, I submit,  
is reasonable + fair.

(3) I can only repeat that the absence  
of both officers for a period of eight  
days will considerably inconvenience the  
work of this department.

O. C. Defence Force.

In your observations as probably  
it will not fit in for the training  
to have one officer part time and  
the other the other part.

MCH

15. 2. 59.



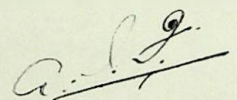
Hon. Col. Secry,

All departments will be put to some inconvenience and this is appreciated.

E. Lellman is a Range Taker and H. L. Bound a Signalman and it is essential for the reasons given by the Commodore that both Officers should attend the Camp for training from the 1st of March inclusive. If it is possible only for them to attend part time the sequence of training will be interrupted.

I would point out that the officers will be absent from the Treasury  $6\frac{1}{2}$  days only.

I request that I may be given a definite reply with regard to these two Officers as early as possible as should they be prevented from attending the Camp together, I wish to make further representations.

  
for O.C. D.F.,  
15/2/39.

O.C. Treasury.

I have spoken to H.R. the Governor about this. H.R. recognizes the pressure with the annual accounts but wishes these two officers to be released for the training. Delay in completing the work will thus be unavoidable and this is recognized by H.R. Furthermore you may if you so desire put up a notice closing



the Treasury in the afternoons  
until the officers resume  
duty.

MEH  
CS  
16. 2. 39.

Hanes.

noted.

~~CS~~ J. P. C. T.  
16/2/39.

Non. Col. Secy.

What would be the position  
with regard to the members of the  
Secretariat staff please?

The Head Printer states that he can  
spare 3 members as they have got  
everything up to date.

Arrangements could be made for  
the Post Office Boy to do K. Lellman's work.  
and I would be grateful if Lieut.  
Aldridge could be spared as much  
as possible as it will be his duty  
to take classes of instruction in  
machine guns.

A. J. J. J.  
for J. P. C. T.  
17/2/39.

O. C. Defense Force.

Yes - members of the  
Printing Staff must attend  
the Camp. K. Lellman  
should go and will be released  
for the purpose. Lieut. Aldridge  
should go. He can always be  
got back if there is anything  
urgent.

MEH  
CS  
17. 2. 39.

ACS - thank you

A. J. J. J.  
for J. P. C. T.  
18/2/39.

P.H.  
18/2/39.



76. Memo. from Hon. Col. Sec. of 15/2/39.

77. Minute from O.C. Defence Force, 20/2/39

M.  
Syllabus Submitted.  
MCH  
C.S.  
20. 2. 39.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

I am much obliged for  
the syllabus in this excellent  
form. I am looking forward  
to spending a day with the  
force in camp!

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 21/2/39  
O.C. Defence Force.  
To note.  
MCH  
C.S.  
21. 2. 39.

A.C.S.  
Ackd. Thank you.  
C.S.O. 21/2/39

P.M.  
25/2/39



Report from Adjutant, F. J. D. F. of 15/3/39.

(78-89)

M

Report Submitted.

MCH  
CS  
12. 4. 39

I have read the report on the summer camp with great interest and am exceedingly pleased with the progress <sup>in training</sup> made and the success of the camp generally.

2. I wish to know the cost of shipping the buildings etc as in para 21 and 22.

3. I am much concerned about the horse mounting required for A.A. work. Have any been used and if not can work in them proceed

MCH 13/4/39

Adjutant F. J. Defence Force.

To note and for report regarding the information called for by H.H. the Governor.

MCH  
CS  
13. 4. 39



A.C.S.

An estimate of the cost of the work will be submitted in due course.

2. One twin Lewis Gun mounting has been made by the Agricultural Department. It is proposed to try it out on Saturday next if the weather is suitable.

J.J.  
C. Act. St.  
14/4/39.

J.J.

Submitted.

MCH  
C. 14. 4. 39.

I wd like to witness the trial if  
improvement of the time

~~14/4~~

Adjutant General  
To note

In accordance  
with wishes.

MCH  
C. 14. 4. 39.

A.C.S.

It is proposed to leave Stanley at 10.0 am tomorrow and carry out the trial at Canopus if that will be convenient to His Excellency.

J.J.  
C. Act. St.  
14/4/39.

a 10.30 a.m.



Yr.

Submitted. I sent Yr. a  
note about this.

Met  
ed

14. 4. 39

I was laid up on Saturday but  
will be part of a report of the trial

17/4

Adjutant A. D. F.

Accordingly please.

Met  
ed

19. 4. 39.

H.C.S.,

The mounting was tried out on Saturday last  
when 94 rounds were fired at a kite and balloons. It  
proved to be entirely satisfactory and the Agricultural  
Department has undertaken to make a similar mounting  
to take a further two Lewis Guns.

C.S.

Adj. D.F.

18. 4. 39.

Yr. Submitted.

Met  
ed

18. 4. 39.

Pl. send copy of above to Col  
completing his department and the citation  
re-formally

18/4



90. Letter to Agricultural Adviser of 20. 4. 39.

Adjutant F. D. F.

To note:

W.H.

21. 4. 39.

ACS.

Noted.

C.S.O.  
C. D. A.  
25/4/39

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Letter from Ag. Adviser of 22/4/39.

C.A.  
22/4/39

ACS.

With reference to my minute of the 14<sup>th</sup> of April, 1939, on sheet 14, I submit the attached plan of the proposed building to be erected at Canopus to house 72 men.

2. The total cost including erection by contract is estimated by the P.W.D. at £257.

3. It was intended, however, that the building should be 12' longer to provide a cookhouse, small store room and sleeping accommodation for the cook and 2 assistants.

4. I have obtained an outside estimate



and I have been informed that the whole building including the extension referred to could be completed for £275.

5. Both estimates take into account the use of the materials in the present building and I must admit are much in excess of what I anticipated.

A. J. D.  
A. J. D.  
5/6/89.

H.

Submitted with reference to H's minute of 13<sup>th</sup> April sheet H.

The work can <sup>5-6. 59</sup> presumably be carried out by some department of Govt. without causing any <sup>excess</sup> in the total labour bill. The Agric. Dept. have recently done exactly the kind of work required with surplus labour. Please carry on.

~~W. H. D.~~

Adjutant G. J. Devereux Fore.

To note.

MCH  
6. 6. 89.

HCS.

Noted. The cost of materials required is £200. The labour can be provided



by the Agricultural Department without excess on the labour side.

Have I authority please to incur the additional expenditure under military?

J. J. S.  
A. Ad. S.  
23/6/39

Yk. Submitted. The lowest cost is £200 for materials if the work is done by the Agric. Dept. as no charge for labour will be made.

2. If done by the P. Works labour would have to be paid for in which case the total cost would be about £280 or more. A private estimate was received of £275.

3. If Yk. decides that the work should be done by the Agric. Dept., I think the cost of materials should be charged to P. Works Estuary and not to Military. The cost of magazines and



Watts was charged to Works Extra.

WCH  
es

23.6.39.

I agree that P.W.D. Extraordinary should carry the charge. If as appears <sup>P.W.D.</sup> ~~they~~ can do the work for the same cost as the Agric. Dept., that department should certainly do the work but I do not want to have to deal with demands for further funds and reasons for excesses.

To allow for contingencies I will place the limit @ £300 ~~with~~ P.W.D. undertakes to complete the work for that pt. carry on without reference back. Supervision is an obvious obstacle. O.C. will not take the job on without being satisfied about that

WCH 28/6/39

D. P. Wks.

Are you prepared to do the work within a total of £300?

WCH  
es

23.6.39.



Hon Col Sec,

I consider the most economical and suitable arrangement for the erection of this hut would be by tender for the supply of the building complete on site. If handled departmentally considerable time would be lost on conveyance twice a day, whereas a local contractor would be prepared to live on the site taking advantage of the full day and nursing the material for his own benefit.

*V. Kallam*  
O.i.d. P. W. D.  
26/6/39.

Adjutant Dehra Force.

We spoke about this and agreed that it would be preferable to have the work done by tender. Kindly confirm if you still hold the same view.

*W.H.*  
16, 6, 39.

A.C.S.

Yes. In all the circumstances a contract is the cheapest and most satisfactory method. We know that the whole work can be completed by contract for £275 plus transport.

*C.J.F. D.F.*  
26/6/39.

Agrie. Adviser.

You kindly furnished an estimate for cost of materials for this work. It is considered however that it would be preferable to have it done



by tender.

MCH  
CS.

27. 6. 59.

Hon. Col. Sec.

noted —

- 1 I am of the opinion that Government could cut down expenditure by letting other work as well out to private tender.
- 2 I should add that I made it clear that if it had been decided that the Agric. Dept. should do this work, the men were to camp on the site in a portable hut.
- 3 Supervision was also provided for.

KAW  
A.A.

D.P. Wks.

Tender to proceed. Please  
Consult with the Capt. Lt.  
Deputy Inver about the  
specification.

MCH  
CS.

29. 6. 59.

YH.

I understand that this work should be done without delay but the question of expenditure arises. The amount involved exceeds £250 so the sanction of the S. of S. will be required. May the work proceed in anticipation of approval or should it wait until approval is obtained?

MCH  
CS.

30. 6. 59.



H.C.

Does the D.C. accept full responsibility for supervision if the work is done by tender?

1. We have in the past had the unpleasant experience of giving work out to tender and then getting plausible explanations as to why the work could not be done except at a loss and then firing up to the tenderer and firing him. This must not be repeated. The Tender Board carries the responsibility of giving the work only to a reliable tenderer.

3. Can work estimated to cost £25 be cut out or postponed to bring the price down to £200?

4. Subject to the above & approval of tenders being called

30/6



O. I. C. P. Wks Dept.

Referred please

MCH  
C.S.

30.6.39.

Hon; Col Sec,

I have consulted Capt Fleuret on this work, and submit draft specification and notice.

J. Fleuret

O. i. c. P. W. D.

7/7/39.

I am not at all perturbed regarding the responsibility of supervision provided para 4 of the draft notice is adhered to by the members of the Tender Board.

It is not anticipated that reduction to the amount of £25 could be made in this building, but I would suggest £25 be found under XIX. 5. for payment of internal fittings, &c,

J.F.  
7/7/39.

D. P. Wks.

Please proceed.

MCH

C.S.  
24.7.39.

Hon Col Sec.

Notice posted for

tenders by 22/7/39.

J.F.

11/7/39.

Tender Board.

D.P. Wks (Chairman)

Hon. Treas.

Director Education.

O. I. C.

O. I. C. of Dept.

J.F. - 22/7/39.  
11/7/39

Three sealed tenders for the consideration of the Board.

MCH

C.S.

24.7.39.



Hon; Col Sec.

<u>Tenders received from.</u>	<u>Amount of tender.</u>
W.H.Sedgwick.	£ 305.
W.J.Bowles.	275.
R.L.Robson.	297.

We, the undersigned members of the Tender Board consider that the tender of Mr W. J. Bowles being fair and reasonable be accepted for the sum of £275.

*[Signature]*  
O.i.C. P. W. Dept.

*[Signature]*  
O.i.C. Treasury.

24th July, 1939.

*[Signature]*  
Director of Education.

D.P. Wks. Tender of W.J. Bowles  
may proceed. Actual payment  
will be £250 and material  
value £25 supplied.

*[Signature]*

26.7.39.

Hon Col Sec.

Mr Bowles informed & agrees  
to this suggestion.

2. The work is to be started  
on 8<sup>th</sup> inst.

3. This will be a new sub-  
head under P. W. & C. Special  
to amount £250, please.

*[Signature]*  
3/8/39.



Adjutant J. I. Deane Esq.

To note.

MCH  
C.S.

4. 8. 39.

MES.

Noted.

C. J. D. L. S.  
Ad. 8/8/39.

1/4.

P.H.  
8/8/39

Special Warrant for £250  
Submitted to cover erection of  
hut for the Military Dept. at  
Whalebone Bay.

92-98.

MCH  
C.S.  
4. 8. 39

I writ "at Campus" to be  
substituted for "in summer training"

~~11/11~~ 5/1/39

Minutes from C/C, F.I.S.F. of 3. 8. 40.

99-107.

P.H.

CLOSED

SEE 0838/L



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

28th January, 1937

From

To Hon Colonial Secretary,

The Officer Commanding

Stanley.

Falkland Islands  
Defence Force,

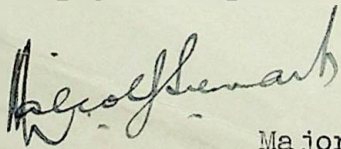
I should be glad to have the instructions of His Excellency the Governor regarding the Summer Camp for the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

2. Mr. Goddard has kindly offered the outbuildings at Walker Creek for the use of the Force during training for any period between the 7th and 24th of February, 1937.

3. A sum of £50 has been provided in the Estimates to cover the cost of maintenance, such as rations, fuel, etc., during the period of training.

4. In addition to myself the other officers of the Force available for training are Lieut. Fleuret and 2/Lt. Aldridge. I should be to know if any arrangements could be made for their attendance

5. An early reply will be appreciated as it will be necessary for the members of the Force to approach their employers with a view to obtaining leave on pay during their absence.



Major

Officer Commanding,

Falkland Islands Defence Force.



May the acting  
 Gardner be released  
 for the Defense Force  
 Camp our next week.  
 McAlroy and Harrison  
 can carry on the work  
 which by then should  
 be under the Agric. Dept.

McH  
C.

4. 2. 37

Very well as long as the  
 Agric. Dept. can take over

Attil 4/2/37

Sam  
 6/21/34



HEADQUARTERS,

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE,

STANLEY.

4th March, 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, my report on the Defence Force Summer Training Camp which was held at Walker Creek from 8th to 16th February, 1937, both days inclusive.

2. A list of the officers and other ranks who attended Camp is given in appendix "A".

3. In appendix "B" the hours and the nature of the work carried out on parades are given as it may be of some use for future reference.

4. A list of standing and subsidiary orders issued is given in appendix "C".

5. At 7 a.m. on Monday 8th February two officers and forty-two other ranks sailed on the s.s. "Fitzroy" for Walker Creek. Nothing unusual occurred during the voyage and the contingent arrived at Walker Creek at 1350. Owing to the ship having a lighter in tow it was anchored about a mile from the jetty. The troops were landed in a scow and one motor boat. The scow was lashed to the motor boat and owing to a choppy sea there was a big wash between the motor boat and the scow which drenched several men and some equipment, the scow being so packed that it was quite impossible for the men to seek shelter. This was rectified on the return journey as two journeys were arranged from shore to ship and the scow was towed instead of being lashed.

List of all ranks under training.

Hours and nature of parades.

Journey to Walker Creek.

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.



Landing of kit.

6. All kit and equipment being landed the troops were served with a meal at 1500 consisting of hot stew with bread, butter and tea.

Accommodation.

7. After dinner the accommodation was allocated. This accommodation consisted of 16 bedrooms with a recreation room in one building and a dining room in the cook's quarters measuring about 40 feet by 16 feet with one small room which was used as a store.

In some cases three men were allocated to each room. Some rooms had bunks and a sheepskin was issued to each man as a mattress. The Officer Commanding was quartered in the Oversears house which was situated some fifteen minutes walk from the parade ground. The other officer was billeted on the cook and had a room above the cookhouse. While the accommodation for the men was satisfactory the situation of the officers' quarters could be improved upon as it was inconvenient for immediate supervision of the Camp, for receiving reports and issuing orders and last but not least for the discussion in the evening of programmes of work. As far as comfort goes the accommodation of the Officer Commanding left nothing to be desired as it was spotlessly clean, spacious, with the food excellent and no effort was spared to make the officer comfortable. I would much prefer however the establishment in these Camps of an Officers' Mess. Two tents could be taken as sleeping quarters and perhaps a portion of the wool shed could be used as a Mess Room. The only difficulty which would arise would be that of equipping a kitchen as officers could supply their own bedding, crockery and cutlery; in fact these articles had been taken to Camp by the officers who attended.



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Cooking facilities.

8. The cooking facilities were not quite adequate as there was only one No. 9 Stanley Range and this had to be used for the officer, 12 other ranks and the Falkland Islands Company's cook his wife and married daughter whose husband and their children were living on the premises. Immediately on arrival I had, fortunately, examined the cooking arrangements and I fully realised that if a diet of boiled mutton or stew had to be varied some other measures had to be adopted. Only fifty loaves of bread had been taken from Stanley as any greater quantity would have gone stale so that arrangements had also to be made for baking bread. Finally an open camp kitchen was prepared with some pieces of scrap iron from old ranges and a *chedrou* was procured for use on the fire in the recreation room. The open camp kitchen was chiefly used for boiling water, potatoes &c., and the cook house range and the recreation room fire were used for roasting, frying and the baking of bread.

Provisions.

9. In order to avoid the transport of heavy loads of provisions, etc., I had prior to departure communicated with Mr. Goddard at Darwin and furnished him with a list of the provisions which were likely to be required during our stay at Walker Creek. In turn Mr. Goddard ascertained what stocks were available at Walker Creek. This advance enquiry saved a lot of trouble as it was found that most of our requirements were available and could be purchased at the same rates that would be charged in Stanley so that it was only necessary to provide sacks of potatoes, an advance supply of bread, onions, vegetables and bacon. Mutton was supplied at Walker Creek at the rate of 5s/- per sheep the average weight of each being about 60 lbs or

1d./



ld. per lb. for mutton. After parade each day one N.C.O. and two or three men were sent out to fish and one N.C.O. and two or three men were detailed to shoot geese for the pot. The fishing parties were not very successful but the shooting parties provided sufficient geese to furnish a variation of diet. Milk was plentiful and supplied by the overseer, the Camp Cook and Mr. Cartmell free of charge.

Diet.

10. As an indication of the diet the following were some of the meals supplied :-

Hours.

0645 Coffee.

0800 Breakfast. Porridge & milk, fried chops & eggs, bacon & eggs, boiled eggs, bread and butter, jam, tea or coffee.

1100 Tea or coffee.

1300 Dinner. Mutton, boiled, roasted, stewed; cabbage; stewed peaches, etc., bread & butter; tea or coffee.

1600 Tea or coffee, bread & butter & Jam.

1800 Roast goose & onions; cold mutton & pickles, bread, butter & jam, tea and coffee.

2000 Coffee.

Many of the men who visited outlying houses in the evening returned with extras, and other extras such as tinned fruits, biscuits etc., were purchased by the men from the store.

Cheese would be useful in future Camps.

Refreshments.

11. Refreshments were also available. One barrel of beer containing about 45 gallons together with 300 bottles of minerals were taken from the Canteen in Stanley and sold at cost price. Each man was allowed one half pint of beer at dinner and two half pints of beer in the evening. No other alcoholic liquor was allowed to be consumed/



consumed in the Camp. Cigarettes, tobacco, cigarette papers, sweets, chocolates etc., were available for purchase at the Walker Creek store.

Water Supply.

12. The water supply was obtained from a tank the capacity of which was some 400 gallons. This proved inadequate and although there was a well about 100 yards from the cook house the purity of the water seemed doubtful so that it became necessary to draw drinking water in 54-gallon barrels from a spring situated about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the camp.

Medical.

13. Prior to leaving Stanley arrangements were made with the Medical Department for a supply of medicines, bandages and a stretcher. Unfortunately on arrival in Camp it was found that one man was suffering from a severe cold which he had contracted before leaving Stanley, and although he was segregated for two days a few of the men had already caught cold, but I am glad to report that it only prevented one other man from attending parades and even then he was only absent for one day. Otherwise the health of the troops was excellent. The sanitation of the Camp was under the supervision of Cpl. Brechin and I can say that the quarters and Camp were left in a very clean and satisfactory condition. Sheep dip was found to be a useful disinfectant.

Communication.

14. Telephonic communication was established with Stanley but it was not entirely satisfactory due principally to the fact that we did not have an independant line.

Recreation.

15. The recreation room was equipped with a wireless receiving set which was supplied on loan by the Officer Commanding. Prior to departure from Stanley a collection of newspapers, magazines and books was made from residents of Stanley and a place was set apart for reading. After

parades/



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parades parties were made up for football, shooting, fishing and strawberry gathering. Each party was in charge of a mutually arranged N.C.O., who furnished the Camp Adjutant with the names of his party and where necessary the direction which his party intended journeying. No man was allowed to leave the area within a radius of two miles of the Camp without permission.

Visit to  
Goose Green.

16. On Thursday 11th February, at the suggestion of the residents of Goose Green, a party of 16 under the Commanding Officer left Walker Creek in the "Speedwell" at 1340 and arrived at Goose Green at 1610. A Miniature Rifle Shooting Match had been arranged and this took place at 1640. The Defence Force Team was captained by Sergt. Browning. Unfortunately one of the team, who had an average of 95% during the previous winter, was said to have been given a faulty rifle which had to be changed after the first few shots with the result that he only returned a score of 71. The remainder of the team did well under the circumstances, the scores being 98, 96 and 91 out of a hundred. The opposing team did not shoot as it was made to consist of the highest scores made throughout the day by the various teams from different stations, the best four scores of which were taken for the purpose of deciding the result. I had not contemplated such an arrangement and did not interfere with the Captain, who I am glad to say did not raise any objection as the few points in their favour would merely serve to sharpen their appetite for more miniature range shooting. As the weather was unfavourable the Band played selections in the wool shed between 1730 and 1830. A boxing display was then given in the cookhouse by Bandmaster O'Sullivan and two other ranks. In the evening/



In the evening the Band furnished an orchestra after the type of the "Ajax" Harmonica Band there being three mouth organs, two banjos, an accordion, two violins, two saxaphones, a clarionet and a pianist, while the remainder had combs and paper. At 1030 on the morning of Friday the 12th February a Football Match took place between the Defence Force and Goose Green, resulting in a comfortable win for the Defence Force by 5 goals to 1. The conduct of all ranks during this visit was exemplary and they were giving rousing cheers as the "Speedwell" left Goose Green at 1325. Walker Creek was reached at 1605 when normal duties were resumed.

General remarks on Training.

17. As stated in para. 2, the programme of training is given in appendix "B" and very little variation was made, any alteration that was made being due to inclement weather. I was surprised to find that the men who attended Camp had never been exercised by the late Adjutant in such elementary subjects as extended order drill, guard mounting, advance and rear guard actions, picket duties, the tactical uses of Lewis and Vickers Guns or even the passing of verbal messages, etc., etc. Consequently it was necessary to devote much time to preliminary instruction on the parade ground. However a start was made and <sup>the</sup> enthusiasm and earnest attention paid by all ranks to the instruction given was, to say the least of it most encouraging. As will be seen from the programmes Reveille was at 0630 and the first parade was at 0700, continuing until between the hours 1600 and 1800. The N.C.O's. were exercised in the duties of a platoon commander, in advance and rear guards, attack and defence. A large percentage of the men at some time or another resided in the country and it is a well known fact,



fact that those with a country experience are as a rule more capable of making better use of ground and cover and are more likely to find the best and quickest method of moving from one place to another than those permanently resident in a town. On the whole I should say the men are much more at home in field work than they are on a Ceremonial Parade. Unfortunately the night operations arranged for the last night did not take place owing to heavy rain. In the earlier part of the day however the men were marched all over the area within which it was arranged to hold the tactical scheme. The men were kept in readiness for night operations until 2130 but at that hour it became obvious that conditions would become extremely unfavourable so that we had to content ourselves with a discussion of the operations and to the answering of questions as to what action to take under various different circumstances which might arise. I am of the opinion that all things considered, as much as could have been done was accomplished but I hope that after the next winter training in Stanley, the men will be sufficiently exercised in the preliminary stages of drill so that the necessity for such training in Camp will not arise, thereby allowing more time for real field work which after all is the purpose of a summer training camp.

Applications  
for assistance  
received from  
camp managers  
during the  
period of  
training.

18. While at Darwin I was approached by Mr. Goddard, J.P., Mr. Elliot and Mr. Gilruth who were anxious that visits be paid to their respective camps to assist them in the establishment of miniature and .303 rifle ranges. I have already received similar applications from the Hon. N. K. Cameron and Mr. R. Greenshields, J.P., and I

suggest/4



suggest for your approval that Lieut. Fleuret should be sent on tour of the following places as soon as possible after the arrival of Mr. Barlas :-

Douglas Station, San Carlos, Port San Carlos, Goose Green, North Arm, back to Goose Green, then on to Fitzroy where I know Mr. Langdon is giving his men every encouragement to practice musketry and where there are at least two very good members of the Defence Force.

*1*  
I have already  
reported shows a  
difference between  
the two

It was also mentioned to me while at Goose Green that the Defence Force members resident in the camp are anxious to come to Stanley to carry out training during the winter season when they are usually granted a week or ten days leave. I would be very pleased to arrange for such training but it would be necessary to obtain release from duty of some of the officers and N.C.O's. as the training will take place in the day time as the Stanley members are being trained at night in the Drill Hall. I think this suggestion might be encouraged and in order to find out the number of men likely to attend, a communication could be addressed to station managers asking them to state what numbers might be expected and also the length of period they could attend between the 1st - 15th July.

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Recommendations.

19. I would recommend that for at least the next few years summer training camps should be prepared at a station where a cookhouse is available to accommodate the troops attending. My reason for this suggestion is that the cost of tentage etc., required would be too great.

All men should I consider be supplied with a kit bag, waterproof sheets and enamel plates and camp cutlery. For officers two sets of camp equipment should be obtained,

i.e./



i.e., camp beds, tables and canvas baths.

At the last Camp it was necessary to borrow camp kettles, cooking pots, wash buckets, pails etc; these and other cleaning gear such as brooms, scrubbing brushes, dish cloths, dusters, etc., should be purchased for the Force. If it is likely that this additional expenditure will be considered in connection with the 1938 Estimates a detailed estimate of the cost will be prepared.

I am somewhat perturbed at the position which arose this year whereby men in Government employment were graciously allowed full pay during their period of training; this is I think as it should be, but it seemed somewhat undesirable that other members of the Force should attend Camp without any remuneration whatsoever. It pleased me considerably that so many men did attend Camp without financial assistance as it certainly displayed a keen desire to improve their state of efficiency. I fully realize that this first Camp was probably in the nature of an experiment but I would recommend that in future some reward might be given. Such a reward may be confined to what would be sufficient to cover the ordinary living expenses of the families of those outside Government service and as a basis I suggest for consideration the following rates :-

Private	4/- per day.	} During the period of training only.
Corporal	4/6 per day.	
Sergeant	5/- per day.	
Coy. Sergt.		
Major or Warrant Officer	6/- per day.	

As a further encouragement I should like to recommend a small reward for every drill in addition to that which is required of members of the Force each year and for which a flat rate of payment of say 1s/- per night could be made. The pay during training would probably only

affect/



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affect those who are employed on piece work outside Government service and those numbers are not great, while the payment for additional drills would be an impetus to obtain greater efficiency. During the period of training I did not come across a single soldier with a grumble or complaint, on the contrary, everybody seemed extremely happy. The summer training camp did more than improve the efficiency of the Force, it instilled in the men a greater spirit of comradeship and a willingness to do service for each other. Indeed it was most satisfying to observe how one man was so willing to help another, and I feel sure that existing friendships were strengthened and many new friendships were made.

Costs.

20. A sum of £50 was allowed in the estimates. The charter of the "Fitzroy" accounted for £20 leaving a balance of £30 available for the purchase of small gear, all rations and provisions, and payment to the camp cook who rendered very valuable assistance. It is probable that this amount will be exceeded by a pound or two as tea and coffee were provided on the ship on the outward journey and although a haversack ration was issued before leaving Walker Creek it became necessary to provide another meal on the ship which was held up at Fitzroy with cargo and did not reach Stanley until 2300. I am sure it will be appreciated that the running of a temporary camp is much more expensive than the running costs of an established cookhouse and that £30 odd is not an extravagant figure for the maintenance of 44 men for nine days. In conclusion I should like to express my warmest appreciation to Mr. Goddard for granting us the use of the Walker Creek cookhouse and to Mr. Wm. Campbell the Overseer for the kind assistance he rendered in gathering our sheep, supplying/

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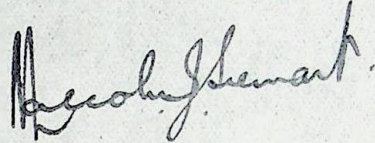


supplying us with odd items and for his readiness in supplying our wants from the store and finally to the excellent cook, Mr. E. Roberts, who rendered his assistance with a smiling countenance from morning till night.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Major". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial.

Major.  
Officer Commanding the Falkland  
Islands Defence Force.



LIST OF THE OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS WHO ATTENDED CAMP.

OFFICERS.

Major the Honourable M. J. Stewart.  
2/Lt. L. W. Aldridge.

OTHER RANKS.

Sgt. S. R. Summers.	Sgt. J. J. Harries.
Sgt. R. Campbell.	Sgt. W. Browning.
Sgt. J. P. Peck.	

Cpl. C. Evans.	Cpl. M. Evans.
Cpl. F. O'Sullivan.	Cpl. W. J. Grierson.
Cpl. D. O'Sullivan.	Cpl. G. Brechin.

Pte. J. Blyth.  
Pte. J. Bound.  
Pte. B. W. Biggs.  
Pte. E. G. Biggs.  
Pte. D. Peck.  
Pte. A. Etheridge.  
Pte. J. D. Williams.  
Pte. S. Newman.  
Pte. J. Ryan.  
Pte. R. Wallin.  
Pte. E. Buckley.  
Pte. S. Aldridge.  
Pte. T. I. Biggs.  
Pte. E. D. Biggs.  
Pte. C. Dettleff.  
Pte. T. M. Biggs.  
Pte. B. H. Biggs.  
Pte. G. L. Pallini.  
Pte. A. W. Summers.  
Pte. E. Lellman.  
Pte. C. W. Hansen.  
Pte. J. Turner.  
Pte. F. White.  
Pte. D. Lehen.  
Pte. E. V. Summers.  
Pte. G. Pearson.  
Pte. J. Watts.  
Pte. H. V. Summers.  
Pte. W. J. McAtasney.  
Pte. F. Gleadell.  
Pte. J. S. Barnes.

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APPENDIX "B".

ORDERS BY O/C. FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

SUMMER TRAINING CAMP,

WALKER CREEK.

9th February, 1937.

Reveille	...	...	...	0630
Coffee	...	...	...	0645
Roll Call	...	...	...	0700
Physical Training	...	...	...	0715 to 0745.
Breakfast	...	...	...	0800
Parade	...	...	...	0900
Squad Drill	...	...	...	0915 to 1000
Guard Mounting..	...	...	...	1015 to 1100
Coffee	...	...	...	1100
Arms Drill	...	...	...	1115 to 1200
Extended Order Drill..	...	...	...	1215 to 1300
Dinner	...	...	...	1300
Bayonet Training	...	...	...	1430 to 1530
Musketry Training	...	...	...	1530 to 1630
Tea	...	...	...	1630
Supper	...	...	...	1800
Coffee	...	...	...	2000
Lights Out	...	...	...	2300

(Sgd.) L. W. Aldridge.  
Camp Adjutant. 2/Lt.



ORDERS BY O/C. FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

SUMMER TRAINING CAMP,  
WALKER CREEK.

10th February, 1937.

Reveille	...	...	...	0630
Coffee	...	...	...	0645
Roll Call	...	...	...	0700
Physical Training	...	...	...	0715 to 0745
Breakfast	...	...	...	0800
Parade	...	...	...	0900
Squad Drill	...	...	...	0900 to 1000
Platoon Drill...	...	...	...	1015 to 1100
Coffee	...	...	...	1100
Arms Drill	...	...	...	1115 to 1200
Extended Order Drill..	...	...	...	1215 to 1245
Dinner	...	...	...	1300
Guard Mounting..	...	...	...	1430 to 1530
Musketry Training	...	...	...	1530 to 1600
Tea	...	...	...	1600
Saluting with and without arms and with canes..	...	...	...	1615 to 1645
Recreation	...	...	...	1700 to 1800
Supper	...	...	...	1800
Coffee	...	...	...	2000
Lights Out	...	...	...	2300

(Sgd.) L. W. Aldridge.  
Camp Adjutant. 2/lt.



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ORDERS BY O/C. FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

SUMMER TRAINING CAMP,

WALKER CREEK.

11th February, 1937.

Reveille	...	...	...	0630
Coffee	...	...	...	0645
Roll Call	...	...	...	0700
Physical Training	...	...	...	0715 to 0745
Breakfast	...	...	...	0800
Parade	...	...	...	0900
Platoon Drill...	...	...	...	0900 to 1000

Weather permitting the Band and Miniature Rifle Team will proceed to Goose Green at 1000. Khaki will be worn - belts and sidearms. The Undress Blue Uniform will be taken and should be packed in cases. The Bandmaster and Senior N.C.O. of the Miniature Rifle Team will be responsible for seeing that each man takes the necessary kit and equipment.

Extended Order Drill..	...	...	...	1015 to 1100
Coffee	...	...	...	1100
Platoon Drill...	...	...	...	1115 to 1200
Arms Drill	...	...	...	1215 to 1300
Dinner	...	...	...	1300
Lewis Gun Drill			}	...
Vickers Gun Drill				
Stretcher Drill				
Tea	...	...	...	1530
Preparation for Tactical Exercise	...	...	...	1600 to 1700
Supper	...	...	...	1800
Coffee	...	...	...	2000
Lights Out	...	...	...	2300

(Sgd.) L. W. Aldridge.  
2/Lt.  
Camp Adjutant.



ORDERS BY O/C. FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

SUMMER TRAINING CAMP,

WALKER CREEK.

12th February, 1937.

Reveille	...	...	...	0630
Coffee	...	...	...	0645
Roll Call	...	...	...	0700
Physical Training	...	...	...	0715 to 0745
Breakfast	...	...	...	0800
Parade	...	...	...	0900
Platoon Drill...	...	...	...	0900 to 1000
Arms Drill	...	...	...	1015 to 1100
Coffee	...	...	...	1100
Examination of site for tactical exercise	...	...	...	1115 to 1245
Dinner	...	...	...	1300
Guard Mounting..	...	...	...	1430 to 1530
Extended Order Drill..	...	...	...	1530 to 1600
Vickers Gun Drill			}	...
Lewis Gun Drill				
Stretcher Drill				
Tea	...	...	...	1600
Supper	...	...	...	1800
Coffee	...	...	...	2000
Lights Out	...	...	...	2300

(Sgd.) L. W. Aldridge. 2/Lt.  
Camp Adjutant.



ORDERS BY O/C. FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

SUMMER TRAINING CAMP,

WALKER CREEK.

13th February, 1937.

Reveille	...	...	...	0630
Coffee	...	...	...	0645
Roll Call	...	...	...	0700
Physical Training	...	...	...	0715 to 0745
Breakfast	...	...	...	0800
Advance Guards - Rear Guards				0900 to 1300
(Buttered biscuits and filled water bottles should be taken)				
Dinner	...	...	...	1300
Voluntary Parade for a revision of the work carried out during the week	...	...	...	1430 to 1600
Tea	...	...	...	1600
Camp Photograph (All ranks possessing same to attend in Blue Undress Uniform) Others to attend in Khaki - Belts and Sidearms as well as Puttees to be worn.				1645.
Supper	...	...	...	1800
Coffee	...	....	...	2000
Lights Out	...	...	...	2300

(Sgd.) L. W. Aldridge.

2/Lt.  
Camp Adjutant.



ORDERS BY O/C. FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

SUMMER TRAINING CAMP,

WALKER CREEK.

15th February, 1937.

Reveille	...	...	...	0630
Coffee	...	...	...	0645
Roll Call	...	...	...	0700
Physical Training	...	...		0715 to 0745
Breakfast	...	...	...	0800
Initial stages for departure	...	...	...	0900

As it is uncertain at the moment what time the s.s. "Fitzroy" is expected to call at Walker Creek, preliminary preparations for our departure will be carried out as follows :-

Blue Undress Uniforms and surplus kit is to be packed in readiness.

Further orders will be issued later.

(Sgd.) L. W. Aldridge.

2/Lt.  
Camp Adjutant.



SUPPLEMENTARY ORDERS BY O/C. FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

SUMMER TRAINING CAMP,  
WALKER CREEK.

15th February, 1937.

Arms Drill and practice for marching in ceremonial order					1430 to 1500
Guard Mounting	...	...	...	...	1515 to 1545
Tea	...	...	...	...	1600
Supper	...	...	...	...	1800

NIGHT OPERATIONS.

The 'Red Force' under Sgt. Harries will fall in and be ready to march off at 2045.

The 'Blue Force' under Sgt. Browning will fall in and be ready to move off at 2100.

(Sgd.) L. W. Aldridge.

2/Lt.  
Camp Adjutant.



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APPENDIX "C".

SUMMER TRAINING CAMP,

WALKER CREEK.

9th February, 1937.

STANDING ORDERS.

Bugle Calls will be sounded for Reveille, Meals and Lights Out.

One N.C.O. and two men will be permitted to leave Camp each day to go fishing, hiking or shooting. Those desirous of taking up this recreation should submit their names to the Camp Adjutant who will prepare a list of details.

Football may be played during recreation periods.

Beer is procurable daily in the "Eating House" and will be issued by Sgt. J. J. Harries at the undermentioned times and price :-

Between 1300 and 1315 ... ONE MUG @ 4d.

Between 1930 and 2030 ... TWO MUGS @ 4d. ea.

Lemonade is also procurable at 4d. per bottle and other minerals at 5d. per bottle.

Members are not permitted to leave Camp without permission. The term 'Camp' means within a radius of two miles from the Living Quarters.

For physical training slacks, pullovers and shoes may be worn.



SUMMER TRAINING CAMP,

WALKER CREEK.

9th February, 1937.

DUTIES OF ORDERLY SERGEANT.

1. To be present at all meals to receive complaints, if any.
2. To receive all complaints requiring Orderly Room investigation.
3. To receive reports from Section Commanders that all ranks are present in the Camp at the hours of 0800, 1200, 1630 and 2300, and to report "all correct" to the Camp Adjutant.

ORDERLY SERGEANTS.

Tuesday, 9th February.	Sgt. S. R. Summers.
Wednesday, 10th February.	Sgt. J. J. Harries.
Thursday, 11th February.	Sgt. J. P. Peck.
Friday, 12th February.	Sgt. W. Browning.
Saturday, 13th February.	Sgt. S. R. Summers.
Sunday, 14th February.	Sgt. J. J. Harries.
Monday, 15th February.	Sgt. W. Browning.

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SUMMER TRAINING CAMP,  
WALKER CREEK.

9th February, 1937.

DUTIES OF SECTION COMMANDERS.

1. Will ensure that all kit is properly folded and rooms left tidy before 0900.
2. To detail a mess orderly each day for the distribution of food.
3. To inspect all men of their sections before arrival on parade, i.e., shaving, buttons, boots, equipment, &c.
4. Report to Orderly Sergeant the presence of all men of their Sections at the hours of 0800, 1200, 1630 and 2300.

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SUMMER TRAINING CAMP,

WALKER CREEK.

9th February, 1937.

DUTIES OF THE CORPORAL OF THE R.A.M.C.

1. To arrange the preparation of latrine area.
  2. To report any cases of illness by 0830.
  3. To arrange for the removal of all litter.
  4. To be responsible for the issue of all medicines, bandages &c.
  5. To ensure that the Camp is clean and in proper order before departure.
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20/37.

9th March,

37.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that in his report on the Defence Force Summer Training Camp which was held at Walker Creek from the 8th to the 16th February, 1957, the Officer Commanding the Defence Force has expressed his warmest appreciation to you for granting the Defence Force the use of the Walker Creek Cook-house and to Mr. W. Campbell, your overseer at Walker Creek, and Mr. E. Roberts, Cook, for their ready assistance at all times.

2. I am to warmly thank you for your assistance and for the facilities granted to enable the Summer Training Camp - the first to be held in the Colony - to be held at Walker Creek thus contributing in no small measure to its success. I am to request that you will be so good as to convey to Mr. W. Campbell and Mr. E. Roberts, the thanks of the Officer Commanding for their services to the Defence Force while in Camp.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*[Handwritten signature]*

Colonial

Esq., *J.P.*  
 your,  
 WALKLAND.



20/37.

9th March,

37.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that in his report on the Defence Force Summer Training Camp which was held at Walker Creek, East Falkland, from the 8th to the 16th of February, 1957, the Officer Commanding has drawn attention to the fact that Defence Force members resident in the Camp are anxious to come to Stanley to carry out training during the winter season when they are usually granted a week or ten days leave.

2. I am to say that the Officer Commanding the Defence Force is prepared to arrange for such training for Camp members, and in order to ascertain the number of members from the Camp likely to attend I am to request you to be so good as to inform me what numbers might be expected from your Station and also the length of period they could attend between the 1st and the 15th of July next.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

*met*

Colonial Secretary

**The Manager,**

North Arm, Darwin, San Carlos,  
Port San Carlos, Teal Inlet,  
Douglas Station, Salvador, Fitzroy,  
Rincon Grande, EAST FALKLAND.



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SAN CARLOS,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

GEORGE BONNER.

.....2nd April.....19 37.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your communication of the 9th ult. No. 20/37.

With refernce to your inquiry regarding Defence Force training for Camp members, I beg to advise you that owing to the early Winter holiday which will be given in May this year to enable employees to attend the Coronation celebrations in Stanley there will be no leave due to employees here during the dates mentioned in your letter.

I would state however, that in another year it might be quite possible to arrange leave for any anxious to undergo Defence Force training as suggested in your letter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

*For and on behalf of*

MESSRS. GEORGE BONNER

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary.  
Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Stanley.

*J.P. Bonner.* Manager.



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*Stanley.*

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" R.A. RADIO.

5th April, 19 37.

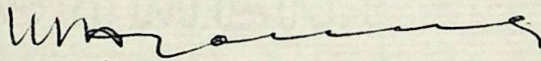
Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 20/37 dated 9th ulto addressed to the Camp Manager, general-leave is not usually granted in July but is, in May.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Manager.

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.



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

MINUTE.

12th April, 1937.

From

To The Honourable

The Adjutant,

The Colonial Secretary,

F. I. Defence Force,

STANLEY.

STANLEY.

I have the honour to submit a report on my recent tour of the East Falkland from Saturday the 3rd to Saturday the 10th of April, 1937.

2. During my absence from Stanley I visited the following Stations :-

Douglas, San Carlos, Darwin

Goose Green and Fitzroy.

I left Stanley for Douglas Station via Teal Inlet at 1.15 p.m. on Saturday the 3rd of April arriving at Douglas Station at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday the 4th of April. There is an excellent .303 Rifle Range at this Station and shooting is carried on here at distances from 200 to 1000 yards. Lieutenant Greenshields who is keenly interested in shooting proposes to erect a Miniature Range in his wool shed during the coming winter details of which I discussed with him. Rifles have already been ordered. There are 7 members of the Defence Force employed at Douglas and they take a keen interest both in shooting and in drill. The members attend drill on two evenings weekly. I gave these men an hour's instruction on Monday evening the 5th April. Although they drilled fairly well they had apparently been taught their rifle exercises and their movements in squad drill incorrectly. These faults, however, were rectified.

3. I saw no point in calling at Port San Carlos as I was informed by the Honourable N. Keith Cameron that the majority of his men including himself would be absent from the settlement at Elephant Beach dipping until the middle of April.

4. From Douglas Station I travelled to San Carlos arriving there/



there on Tuesday the 6th of April. There is already a Miniature Rifle Range established on this Station and the members appear to shew great keenness. The Manager, Mr. J. F. Bonner, has done much to encourage the men. The Shield presented by His Excellency the Governor for Miniature Shooting was won by San Carlos Station last year.

A meeting of the club was held while I was at San Carlos at which I was present. I was able to give the members some advice on certain points with regard to aiming, holding and alterations for elevation and deflection. During the meeting I was approached by the members as to the possibility of forming a full .303 Range at San Carlos. There are 7 members of the Defence Force employed on this Station. I informed them that the matter would be considered on my return to Stanley but that if they were supplied with rifles from the Defence Force for target practice then they would be expected to do their annual classification as is done at Douglas Station. To this they readily agreed. Mr. Bonner stated that he would be willing to do everything in his power to assist in this connection. I recommend, therefore, subject to the approval of my Commanding Officer, that San Carlos Station be issued with 2 service rifles for target practice, the Manager to be held responsible for their proper care. Full particulars with regard to the range, etc., could be supplied from Defence Force Headquarters.

5. I left San Carlos on Wednesday at 2.40 p.m. and arrived at Darwin at 6 p.m. Here, however, all the men were busily engaged in killing. At Goose Green some attempt has been made at forming a Miniature Rifle Club but it has been half-hearted. There are no rules and no proper system of organized shoots appears to have been adopted. I was asked to give the members some advice

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with regard to the formation of a Club and this I did. It is now proposed to form a Committee and to appoint a Secretary and Treasurer. They possess 2 rifles which have not yet been paid for through lack of funds. I suggested that they might organize a small sweepstake to raise funds to pay for their rifles and this they agreed to do.

6. It was intended that I should visit North Arm but practically every man<sup>was</sup> engaged in killing operations at Goose Green. They have no rifles and there is no range on this Station. It appeared to me, therefore, that no good purpose could be served by riding to North Arm and back to Darwin with no other object in view but to discuss with the Manager the prospects of forming a Miniature Rifle Club on that Station. I was able to speak to Mr. Elliott at length on the telephone and he stated that he was anxious to form a Club at North Arm but the question of providing the necessary funds for the purchase of rifles, etc., presented some difficulty. However, this matter is under consideration and he promised to let me know the result. Should it be decided to carry on with the project I informed Mr. Elliott that I would supply him with all the particulars he required.

7. Owing to bad weather I was unable to leave Darwin until 10 a.m. on Friday the 9th. I arrived at Fitzroy at 5.30 p.m. travelling via High Hill, Black Rock and Mount Pleasant.

8. I discussed with Mr. Langdon the possibility of establishing a Miniature Club at Fitzroy but he was very doubtful as to its success stating that none of his men had approached him in this connection and he did not consider that there was sufficient interest shewn to warrant the formation of a Club. Consequently I did not pursue the matter further.

9. I left Fitzroy for Stanley at 8.30 a.m. on

Saturday/



Saturday the 10th April arriving at 12 noon.

10. It will be seen that the time arranged for this tour was, for most Stations, inconvenient which adversely affected the value of the tour.

11. With but one or two exceptions the Station Managers, while not antagonistic, are at the same time not enthusiastic regarding the establishment of Rifle Clubs on their Stations. The prosperity of a Club will depend on the interest shewn by the Manager and if this is lacking then the success of the Club will always be doubtful.

*C. J. Stewart*

Lieut.,  
Adjutant,  
Falkland Islands Defence Force.



North Arm,  
F. F. Falklands.

June 9/37.

The Colonial Secretary,  
C. S. O. ; Stanby.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of March 9<sup>th</sup>  
No 20/37.

I have let all members of the Defence  
Force in North Arm know of the opportunity  
of receiving training in Stanby at the beginning  
of July, but nobody is desirous of taking  
advantage of this this winter.

Yours faithfully

B. K. Elliston



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DOUGLAS STATION,  
SAN SALVADOR,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

14<sup>th</sup> June 1937

The Hon  
Colonial Secretary  
Port Stanley.

Sir

In reply to your letter regarding camp members of the Defence Force coming into Stanley for training during July.

I beg to state that I have told all my men who are members of the Force that they can go into Stanley for a weeks training how many will avail themselves of this I cannot say.

I am

Sir

Your obedient servant  
R. Greenfield



No. -

MINUTE.

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

31st January, 1938.

From The Officer Commanding,

To The Honourable

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

I shall be pleased if the proposals for the Summer Training Camp of the Defence Force be placed before His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief for his approval and sanction.

The Commodore, South America Division, America and West Indies Station, and the Defence Committee, have given their decision in favour of directing the Colony's Force on the lines of Coast Defence with the training of the 6 inch Gun Crews of first importance. The remainder of the personnel will be needed for Machine Gun crews, light automatics and specialists.

I am of the opinion, therefore, that the Training Camp this year should be held at the Canopus Gun site where the newly formed gun crews will be able to continue their instruction under Captain Fleuret before they forget their recent training and achievement.

Lieutenant Aldridge will find the vicinity suitable for the tactical handling and firing of his machine guns and with day and night instruction some specialists should be produced with at least an elementary knowledge of signalling.

Captain Watson will I am sure be of great assistance to me.

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I should indeed be grateful if some of the material from the old Secretariat building now being dismantled were placed at my disposal for the building of a Cook-house and an addition to the present hut. The saving in the item of transport I

think/



think will cover most of the cost of construction labour.

X I understand from the estimates that it is the intention of the Government again to grant Government employees who are members of the Force leave to attend the camp with full pay.

I desire to hold the Camp during February and will advise you of the suggested dates as soon as possible.

B. Marshall

Major,  
Officer Commanding,  
Falkland Islands Defence Force.



No. 20/37.

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



8th February, 1938

From The Officer Commanding

To The Honourable

F. I. Defence Force,

Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

I have the honour to advise that subject to approval it has been decided to hold the Summer Training Camp of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, between Saturday the 12th February, and Monday the 21st February, 1938.

*S Marshall*

Officer Commanding,  
F. I. Defence Force.



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No. \_\_\_\_\_

MINUTE.

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7th February, 1938.

From The Officer Commanding,

To The Honourable \_\_\_\_\_

Falkland Islands  
Defence Force,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

I have the honour to enquire whether the following Officers and members of the Defence Force will be granted leave to attend the Summer Training Camp to be held at Canopus Hut during the period 12th to 21st February, 1938 :

- Captain A. I. Fleuret.
- 2nd/Lt. L. W. Aldridge.
- Cpl. W. J. Grierson.
- Pte. V. King.

*S. Marshall*

Major,  
Officer Commanding,  
Falkland Islands Defence Force.



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MINUTE.

24th February 1938

From The Colonial Treasurer,  
Stanley.

To The Officer Commanding  
F.I. Defence Force,  
~~THE COLONIAL OFFICER COMMANDING,~~

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

TREASURY OBSERVATION.

<u>Treasury Pay Vr.No.</u>	<u>Service.</u>	<u>Head: XV Military.</u> <u>Sub-head.</u>	<u>Creditor.</u>
44.	Erection of Cookhouse & Sleeping Qrs, fitting of 24 bunks at Canopus Hut; erection of benches and minor repairs to existing buildings.	11. Summer Training Camp.	W.H.Sedgwick.

As there is no provision for this work in the Estimates will you please state if special authority to incur expenditure on this special work has been obtained. In this connection please see Colonial Regulations Nos. 213 and 214, and Financial Order No.50.

2. Please state why the building was not constructed by the Public Works Department.

3. Please state if the amount stated on the voucher is in respect of labour and material or for labour only - materials being supplied.

4. If for labour only please state the source from which the material was obtained; particulars of the amounts used and the value should be given.

5. Please state if contracts were called for, and if so, furnish a reference to the Tender Board authority for acceptance. Please see Financial Order No.84.

Colonial Treasurer.



No.

MINUTE.

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

17th March, 1938.

From The Officer Commanding,

To The Honourable

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

I have the honour to attach herewith a request from the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer for information regarding expenditure on the additions to Canopus Hut to enable the Annual Summer Training Camp to be held there. I have replied to the Treasurer as follows :

- (1) Considerable savings remain of the amount allocated in the Estimates for the Training Camp this year after including the cost of the additions to the accommodation at the site of the Canopus Battery. Such work was essential to the holding of the Annual Camp and remains an asset. The carrying out of this work was approved.
- (2) The Public Works Department was fully employed elsewhere.
- (3) Labour only.
- (4) Public Works Department. I suggest that the Director of Public Works be asked to place a value on it.
- (5) No contracts were called for.

XV. MILITARY, Sub-head 11 is referred to in the estimates as follows :

"To provide expenses and pay for Summer Training Camp".

2. I would request that the file containing the minutes dealing with the matter be sent to the Colonial Treasurer for his information.

*S. Mansell*

Major,  
Officer Commanding,  
Falkland Islands Defence Force.







THE CANOPUS CHRONICLE.

15th February, 1938.

All contributions, press or pictorial, should be left with the Adjutant who will see that they are forwarded to the Editor.

Thoughts for the WEAK.

Join Sgt. O'Sullivan's physical training squad.

From our War Correspondent (Official). (Copyright.)

The Falkland Islands Defence Force took Canopus Hut on the 12th of February and consolidated its position after a determined struggle against the opposing force (the wind) which counter-attacked on the following night and broke through the line of outposts, one of which fell before the enemy. The defending Force was obliged to retire on the main body without very much to cover its retreat.

Following up its successful onslaught the enemy entered the main position through unguarded breaches in the Walls routing a detachment of Hammockers and inflicting severe neck injuries on the Carpenter.

Our losses were made good the following day.

The Camp has expressed its warm appreciation of a SALVO of refreshment sent over by the Estate Louis Williams.

Visitors brightened the Camp considerably on Sunday afternoon.

From Our Sports Correspondent.

No. 2 Hut challenged No. 1 Hut to play them Football last evening. No. 2 Hut accepted and supplied 12 men and the Referee; a very good game was the result. Some of those interfering sports Referees might have disapproved of some minor breaches of the

The scores were 5-2 and judging from what went on in No. 1 afterwards they appeared to have won.

Casualties.

One of the goal-keepers fell heavily when attacking the ball in yesterday's match. The damage to the Football Field was repaired to-day.

Answers to Correspondents.

CAN-US-OPE: No! Part of the rock should still be visible after the shoot to-morrow.

SAMMY. No! It is quite safe to approach the Gun if you creep on it from behind.

Personal.

Come back Charlie. Loving arms will enfold you. A warm welcome is prepared for you. Sergeant Bawlor.

Printer's errors are due to our Printer having other 'Inclinations'



THE CANOPUS CHRONICLE.

16th February, 1938.

The Artillery Section had a successful preliminary shoot yesterday to determine and make corrections to the muzzle velocity of the 6 inch gun. This morning after gun drill the Sub-calibre was shipped and target practice was carried out this afternoon. One of the targets engaged was Wolf Rock, and the shooting though carried out under difficult conditions, was highly satisfactory. Direct hits were registered on a rock off Hooker's Point when in Rapid 'Salvos'. Both the Gun and Control Crews satisfied their Instructors, Captain Fleuret and Captain Watson. Another target practice will be held to-morrow.

Machine Gun "Bursts".

The Machine Gunners have displayed keen interest in their work during the camp and have made rapid advancement under their Instructor, Pte. C. Henricksen. Lt. Aldridge spent to-day in Camp with them and is confident that they will be capable of putting up a good performance on Saturday when they will carry out a shoot. It is hoped that Lt. Aldridge will be able to join us again on Friday for the remainder of the Camp.

Signals.

Signalling is a branch of the Army calling for a great deal of individual effort and requiring a lot of enthusiasm and perseverance. The Signal Section has already almost reached the stage where it could deal with messages. Quite a feat in so short a time.

The health of everyone in Camp is good. The only cases of consumption are at meal-times and the excellent cooking of Pte. J. Barnes points to bigger lorries being required for the return journey.

Captain G. Kinneard delivered a lecture yesterday afternoon on the medical services in relation to the Army.

FOOTBRAWL.

It is reported that the Huts are appearing in full war paint for the return match this evening,

Answers to Correspondents.

CURIOUS. The Boxing Gloves which arrived this morning have nothing to do with Jock's eye. The rumour that "Sammy" has been selected by No. 2 Hut to meet the champion of No. 1 Hut has been denied.

Fire in the Camp.

A soldier's hat was destroyed by fire last night. Fortunately the owner was not wearing it at the time.

Advertisements.

LOST. A little tot. It's Rum where it's got to.

Inspecting Officer. Haw! Haw! No Shave!  
Australian Soldier. Hee! Hee! No B..... Razaw!



THE CANOPUS CHRONICLE.

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17th February, 1938.

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A target for the 6" Gun practice was constructed and successfully launched this morning by members of the Gun's crew. The task of negotiating the breakers and kelp proved no light one and some of those taking part in the launching ceremony were forced to indulge in a little unpremeditated sun-bathing.

The shoot was carried out under ideal conditions for all concerned and the results were most satisfactory. Sgt. Browning observed the shoot from Hooker's Point. The Signal Section maintained communication from the O.P. to the Gun.

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The Machine Gun Section carried out Action Drill with the Machine Gun and were instructed in the nomenclature and stripping of the Lewis Gun. Captain Fleuret instructed the Section in the use of the Range Finder in the afternoon.

Signal Flashes.

The Signal Section did longer distance Station work to-day with the daylight signal lamp. A large number of messages were sent and received.

No. 2 Hut still remains unbeaten after last night's Match.

SCORE: 5-3. The Referee was protected by his size and worked hard to keep control of the game. The position at No. 1 Goal again proved a dangerous one. Who's turn next?

OLYMPIC GAMES.

"The Throwing the Hammer" Competition was won to-day by Sgt. O'Sullivan. Signaller S. Hennah was unbeaten in the Sub-calibre event.

Gunners only.

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18th February, 1938.

The rain this morning did not hold up the programme of training. The Artillery section received instruction in the mechanism of the Lewis Gun with which weapon all sections of the Force are making themselves acquainted. This afternoon, the weather having improved, the Section was employed on the 6" Gun.

The Machine Gun Section filled belts in preparation for its Big day to-morrow when every member of the Section will shoot in the target practice.

The Signal Section continued its work under cover this morning but later in the day did communication work in the open.

A Hare Drive took place last night. The Harriers were a mixed pack from all sections and Captains Watson and Fleuret put down the barrage. Unless birth-rate increases, the next census should reveal a decline in the hare population.

Captain G. Kinneard gave a Lecture yesterday afternoon on prevention of sickness in the Army.

ADVERTISEMENT.

LOST. A PIPE. Owner will give particulars as to where last seen on request!

BARLOVA.

Little Les Bound sat on the ground,  
Eating his Army Ration.  
When he tasted his tea, his language, B'lieve me,  
Amplly described the sensation.

CONUNDRUM.

One of the fish caught last night weighed a pound and a half plus half it's own weight. How much did it weigh?.



THE CANOPUS CHRONICLE.

19th February, 1938.

To-day was fine and sunny and pleasantly warm from mid-day onward. The Artillery Section cleaned and made the 6" Gun snug until next time.

The Machine Gunners held their target practice with conditions made to order and in view of so many firing the gun for the first time the individual performances were very satisfactory. The Signal Section went afield with the lamps.

This morning Captain G. Kinneard and Chaplain Captain G. K. Lowe arrived in Camp for the Regimental Parade.

Dear Mother,

Well as I said I am writing to tell you how I like this Camp, but as me friend Howard said for the first few days I found it cold orright and blow - well, by--- it blew orright. I am in one of the huts the Officers are in tents they have one each but I say they can have them too. In the hut the bad language makes us quite warm sometimes and the stove helps too but those tents rock about enough to make anyone sea-sick. Blimy but we have to keep our huts clean and our buttons and things you wouldn't believe how fussy some people are. The Officers have orderlies to wait on them and when a whistle blows you know an Officer wants something. Sometimes it sounds just like a football match with the referee seeing everything going on which hasn't happened here yet. We get plenty to eat and some blokes brought cake and stuff too we lost the chopper it ricoshawed off a bun. The best fun is what the blokes here call hare drives everybody spreads out and shouts and tells everybody else what to do and the hares get frightened and run and sometimes they don't and run back and everybody shouts and waves flags and the guns go off. The fellows here like music and play mouth organs and accordeons the favourite is 'Cowboy' and someone plays the calls that tell you what to do in the Camp. One of the Calls is better even than 'Cowboy' the other day it played when Joney was just going to kick the football and he didn't kick it but ran straight to the Hut and got out his musical instruments knife fork and spoon. Well I see the fellow they call the Sergeant Major coming.

Well I'll have to clue up now.

Your loving Son, hoping your the same as it leaves me,

JIMMY.

After an exciting chase to-day by 27 men, Pte. J. Ryan with a flying tackle brought down a Sub-calibre hare.



THE CANOPUS CHRONICLE.

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20th February, 1938.

A Church Parade was held this morning under Chaplain-Captain G. K. Lowe.

The weather although windy, allowed it to be held in the open air. Music for the singing was provided by a good band of assorted instruments and the Chaplain gave a short address.

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The Lewis Gun Section held target practice this morning.

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Unfortunately the Camp terminates to-morrow morning. We are all agreed that a longer period should be arranged for next year and it is hoped that a week-end camp can be held in a few weeks' time.

The Camp looked at from the training point of view has been in every way a success. Every member of the Force has displayed the keenest desire to learn and the greatest willingness to do every job pleasant or unpleasant that has fallen to his lot. This has made the work of the Instructors and the running of Camp arrangements an easy task, and when the Lorries move off to-morrow to the strains of 'Cowboy' it will be with regret that we shall leave the vicinity of Canopus where for nine days we have enjoyed our work, games, music and meals.

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In the Football Match last night Hut No. 1 proved itself better than Hut No. 2 to the extent of 1 goal to nil. The match to-night is being awaited with great impatience and will no doubt prove an interesting one.

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This afternoon the Camp was visited by a great number of our friends who appeared to enjoy themselves in spite of the rather windy conditions prevailing. The Cook kindly worked overtime providing tea for us all as did the Orderlies.

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I knew the Lighthouse was down that way orright.

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Little Bill Jones down on the Stones,  
Shot a Hare with his rifle.  
He shrieked with delight at the animal's plight;  
His cries were something frifle.

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Goal kickers to-night please remember the sky is no longer the limit.

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Copies of the Canopus Chronicle will be distributed later to those who attended the Camp.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

STATEMENT SHEWING COST OF SUMMER TRAINING CAMP  
1938.

Construction and erection of new Cook-house, Sleeping Quarters and bunks at Canopus Hut -					
Labour...	...	...	£23.	15.	0.
Materials	...	...	<u>8.</u>	<u>17.</u>	<u>11.</u>
					£32. 12. 11.
Transport	...	...	9.	17.	3.
Provisions, Stores, etc...			33.	5.	9.
Pay and Allowances of men attending Camp including £49. 7. 6 for Public Works employees on full wages...	...	...	<u>58.</u>	<u>5.</u>	<u>2.</u>
					101. 8. 2.
Cooking Utensils	...	...	<u>8.</u>	<u>7.</u>	<u>9.</u>
					8. 7. 9.
					<u>£142. 8. 10.</u>



FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

CAMP ROUTINE ORDERS FOR MONDAY THE 21ST FEBRUARY, 1938.

DUTIES. Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. J. J. Harries.

REVEILLE. 6.30 a.m.

FATIGUE PARTY. 7.15 to 7.45 a.m.

9.00 a.m. Stores, etc., will be prepared for transport to Stanley and Tents struck.

HUT INSPECTION. No. 1 Hut - 18½ Points.  
No. 2 Hut - 19 "

(Sgd.) A. I. Fleuret,  
Capt.,  
Adjutant,  
20th February, 1938.



FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS FOR SUNDAY THE 20TH FEBRUARY, 1938.

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DUTIES. Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. D. O'Sullivan.

REVEILLE. 7.00 a.m.

TRAINING. 9.00 A.m. Lewis Gun Firing.

CHURCH PARADE. 10.30 a.m.

DINNER. 12.00 noon.

HUT INSPECTION. Points awarded to-day -

No. 1 Hut - 17½ points.

No. 2 Hut - 18½ points.

(Sgd.) A. I. Fleuret,  
Capt.,  
Adjutant,  
19th February, 1938.



FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

CAMP ROUTINE ORDERS FOR SATURDAY THE 19TH FEBRUARY, 1938.

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DUTIES. Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. W. Browning.

TRAINING. 7.15 a.m. Physical Drill under Sergt. D. O'Sullivan.

9.00 a.m. Artillery Section - Ship 6" Gun  
Breech Mechanism. Gun Drill.  
Clean and place gun in state of  
preservation.

Machine Gun Section - Vickers and  
Lewis Gun Firing.

Signal Section - Station Work.

HUT INSPECTION.

Points awarded to-day :

- No. 1 Hut - 17 Points.
- No. 2 Hut - 18 "

(Sgd.) A. I. Fleuret,  
Capt.,  
Adjutant,  
18th February, 1938.



FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

CAMP ROUTINE ORDERS FOR FRIDAY THE 18TH FEBRUARY, 1938.

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DUTIES. Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. J. J. Harries.

TRAINING. 7.15 a.m. Physical Drill under Sergt. D. O'Sullivan.

9.00 a.m. Artillery Section - Clean 6" Gun. Ship Breech Mechanism. Gun Drill. Place Sub-Calibre Gun and Breech Mechanism of 6" Gun in state of preservation.

Machine Gun Section - Revision of work and filling belts. Instruction in Lewis Gun.

Signal Section - Lamp Station Work.

3.0 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. Stand Easy.

HUT INSPECTION.

For the condition of the Huts and the lay-out of bedding and equipment this morning the Commanding Officer awarded the following points out of 20 :

- No. 1 Hut - 15 points.
- No. 2 Hut - 17½ "

(Sgd.) A. I. Fleuret,  
Capt.,  
Adjutant,  
17th February, 1938.



FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

CAMP ROUTINE ORDERS FOR THURSDAY THE 17TH FEBRUARY, 1938.

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DUTIES. Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. D. O'Sullivan.

TRAINING. 7.15 a.m. Physical Drill under Sergt. D. O'Sullivan.  
9.00 a.m. Artillery Section - Preparation for Action. Shipping of Sub-Calibre and Sub-Calibre Firing.  
Machine Gun Section - Action Drill, etc.  
Signal Section - Lamp Station Work.

3.0 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. Stand Easy.

4.0 p.m. Lecture by Medical Officer.

(Sgd.) A. I. Fleuret,  
Capt.,  
Adjutant,  
16th February, 1938.



FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

CAMP ROUTINE ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY THE 16TH FEBRUARY, 1938.

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DUTIES. Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. W. Browning.

TRAINING. 7.15 a.m. Physical Drill under Sgt. D. O'Sullivan.

9.00 a.m. Artillery Section - Preparation for Action. Dismantle Breech Mechanism and ship Sub-Calibre. Sub-Calibre Firing.

Machine Gun Section - Stoppages and Elementary Gun Drill.

Signal Section - Station Work.

3.0 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. Stand Easy.

(Sgd.) A. I. Fleuret,  
Capt.,  
Adjutant,  
15th February, 1938.



FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

CAMP ROUTINE ORDERS FOR TUESDAY THE 15TH FEBRUARY, 1938.

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DUTIES. Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. J. J. Harries.

TRAINING. 7.15 a.m. Physical Training under Sergt. D. O'Sullivan.

9.00 a.m. Artillery Section - Unshipping of Sub-Calibre Gun. Assembling 6" Breech Mechanism. Control and 6" Gun Drill.

Machine Gun Section - Description of Recoiling Portion and Drill.

Signal Section - Station Work.

3.0 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. Stand Easy.

In future men of the Artillery Section will be referred to and addressed as Gunners.

(Sgd.) A. I. Fleuret,  
Capt.,  
Adjutant,  
14th February, 1938.



FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

CAMP ROUTINE ORDERS FOR MONDAY THE 14TH FEBRUARY, 1938.

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DUTIES. Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. D. O'Sullivan.

TRAINING. 7.15 a.m. Physical Drill under Sergt. D. O'Sullivan.

9.0 a.m. Artillery Section - Cleaning and assembling of Breech mechanism. Cleaning of 6" Gun.  
Control Drill and Range Taking.

Machine Gun Section - Parts of Gun. Dismantling and Assembling.

Signal Section - Elementary Instruction.

(Sgd.) A. I. Fleuret,  
Capt.,  
Adjutant,  
13th February, 1938.



FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

CAMP ROUTINE ORDERS FOR SUNDAY THE 13TH FEBRUARY, 1938.

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DUTIES. Orderly Sergeant - Sgt. W. Browning.

TRAINING. 7.15 a.m. Physical Drill under Sgt. D. O'Sullivan.

9.0 a.m. Artillery Section - Cleaning and assembling of Breech Mechanism. Cleaning of 6" Gun. Control Drill and Range Taking.

Machine Gun Section - Nomenclature of parts of Gun.

Signal Section - Flag Drill.

HUTS. Sgt. J. J. Harries to be in charge of No. I Hut.  
Sgt. W. Browning to be in charge of No. II Hut.

SANITATION. All refuse to be placed in the Tins and Pits provided.

MEDICAL. Any man requiring medical attention will report to the Orderly Sergeant before 8.30 a.m.

CAMP BOUNDS. The Fence running north and south and east of the old Wireless Station.

INSPECTION. The Commanding Officer will inspect all parts of the Camp at 10.0 a.m. daily.

(Sgd.) A. I. Fleuret,  
Capt.,  
Adjutant,  
Falkland Islands Defence Force,  
12th February, 1938.



FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

SUMMER TRAINING CAMP 1938.

STANDING ORDERS.

REVEILLE	...	...	...	...	6.30 a.m.
COFFEE..	...	...	...	...	6.45 a.m.
ROLL CALL	...	...	...	...	7.15 a.m.
PHYSICAL DRILL	...	...	...	...	7.15 to 7.45 a.m.
BREAKFAST	...	...	...	...	8.00 a.m.
PARADE..	...	...	...	...	9.00 a.m.
STAND EASY	...	...	...	...	11.00 to 11.20 a.m.
DINNER..	...	...	...	...	12.30 p.m.
PARADE..	...	...	...	...	1.30 p.m.
DISMISS.	...	...	...	...	4.15 p.m.
TEA.....	...	...	...	...	4.30 p.m.
SUPPER..	...	...	...	...	6.00 p.m.
COFFEE..	...	...	...	...	9.30 p.m.
LAST POST	...	...	...	...	10.45 p.m.
LIGHTS OUT	...	...	...	...	11.00 p.m.

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Stanley,  
9th April, 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit a report on the training of the Artillery Section carried out at Canopus Gun during the period of the Summer Training Camp from the 13th to the 19th of February, 1938.

Sunday, 13th. Owing to the boisterous weather no training was possible outside; instruction was therefore confined to Lectures indoors.

The subjects dealt with were -

- (i) Gun Construction
- (ii) How to compensate for Drift.
- (iii) Sight Tests
- (iv) Method of making initial corrections.
- (v) Description of 6" Gun and mounting in general.

The Control Party was instructed in the use of the Vicker's Clock and Dumaresq while the Range Taker was shewn the method adopted for testing the Range Finder for accuracy and the observer for consistency.

Monday, 14th. The Breech Mechanism, the parent Gun and the sub-calibre gun were thoroughly cleaned and the breech mechanism assembled. Sights were shipped a sight test carried out and adjustments made. The Section were instructed in Gun Drill, the breech mechanism dismantled, and the Sub-Calibre gun shipped. The Control Party and Range Taker were engaged in carrying out Control Runs and taking ranges on various objects. Tests for accuracy and consistency were also made by the Range Taker.

Tuesday, 15th. Five rounds were fired from the Sub-calibre for testing purposes. The gun was then cleaned and unshipped. The parent gun was thoroughly cleaned and the bore gauge passed. Breech mechanism was shipped and Gun Drill proceeded with in which the control instruments and Range Finder were brought into use.

Wednesday, 16th. Gun Drill was first carried out followed by preparation for action. The 6" Breech Mechanism was dismantled and the sub-calibre gun shipped. The Section immediately went into action with Captain Watson as Control Officer. Twenty-five rounds of sub-calibre were fired and the targets engaged were the Wolf Rocks and a rock to the eastward of Hooker's Point. The results obtained were very satisfactory a number of hits being observed when in rapid 'salvos'.

The sub-calibre and parent guns were thoroughly cleaned. After unshipping the sub-calibre the 6" breech mechanism was assembled and Gun Drill proceeded

Thursday, 17th. Gun Drill preceded preparation for action. The 6" breech mechanism was dismantled and the sub-calibre shipped. A target was constructed and successfully launched off Hooker's Point by members of the gun's crew. The target was engaged at a range of 030 yards and 18 rounds of sub-calibre were fired. The shoot was observed by Sgt. W. Browning from Hooker's Point and the result was most satisfactory and reflected great credit on all concerned. The conditions were ideal.

The Section having completed their target practice proceeded to clean both guns. The sub-calibre was unshipped and the 6" breech mechanism



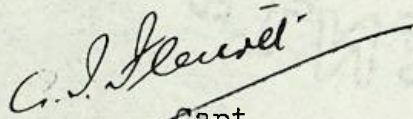
assembled.

Friday, 18th. Owing to heavy rain the Artillery Section were unable to do any outside work and they were instructed indoors in the mechanism of the Lewis Gun in the morning. The weather in the afternoon, however, improved, and 6" Gun Drill was proceeded with and the sub-calibre gun placed in a state of preservation.

Saturday, 19th. The Gun's crew and Control Party were engaged in Drill during the morning. In the afternoon the 6" Gun was placed in a state of preservation, Control instruments were packed and the Range Finder removed from its mounting and packed ready for transport to Stanley.

In conclusion I would like to place on record my thanks for and appreciation of the valuable assistance at all times rendered by Captain Watson and the keenness displayed by all ranks of the Artillery Section during the period of instruction.

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



Capt.,  
Artillery Officer,  
Falkland Islands Defence Force.



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



12th April, 19 38.

From The Officer Commanding,

To The Honourable

The Falkland Islands Defence Force,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

I have the honour to forward my report on the Annual Summer Camp held at the Canopus Battery from February 12th to February 21st, inclusive, for the information of His Excellency the Governor.

The two six-inch guns can properly be called Port Stanley's first line of defence, and the necessity for training guns' crews was the factor deciding the holding of the camp at Stanley rather than at one of the settlements.

Necessary for the successful fighting of these guns are machine guns or light automatics and battery specialists. The battery specialists are needed for control work and communication while the others mentioned play the role of protectors from low-flying aircraft. The site of the Camp was well suited for the instruction of trainees in their particular work in these branches either for artillery or infantry operations.

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The existing building at Canopus was found to be too small and another room was added with seventeen bunks. A large cookhouse was built and bunks were put into the room previously used as a kitchen. The building with these additions can now accommodate 42 men.

With the exception of a small amount, the material used for the additions came from the old Secretariat building. Two of the rooms lacked stoves and these were procured. Another range was kindly lent by the Director of Public Works.

Tents were used for the Officers and the Officers' Mess.

Four Officers and 36 other ranks attended the Camp.

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The instructors were :

Captain A. I. Fleuret...	Artillery Section.
2nd/Lt. L. W. Aldridge..	Machine Gun Section.
Sgt. W. Browning..	... Signal Section.

The Medical Officer, Captain the Honourable G. Kinneard, inspected the Camp each day and gave a series of lectures dealing with the measures taken by the Army Medical Services and the individual soldier to maintain the health and physical efficiency of the Army in peace and war.

Chaplain-Captain G. K. Lowe visited the Camp on two occasions, holding a Church Parade on Sunday the 20th.

Captain A. I. Fleuret instructed the Artillery Section as well as performing his duties as Adjutant, and under him the gunners made very rapid progress, showed unflinching willingness and enthusiasm, and, in the firing practices, had the satisfaction of observing for themselves the outcome of their good team-work. Captain Fleuret was ably assisted by Captain D. R. Watson whose co-operation in this and other details of Camp work deserves special mention.

Lieut. Aldridge was unfortunately unable to attend the Camp on some days but in his absence, his syllabus of training was continued by Pte. C. Henricksen who has a sound knowledge of the mechanism and use of both the Vickers and Lewis guns with good instructional ability. Lieut. Aldridge carried out firing practice with these weapons at various ranges and targets on the last two days of the Camp. Very few of the Section had fired previously, and, taking this into account, the individual performances exceeded expectations. The work of Lieut. Aldridge and his men was highly satisfactory.

To train a Signal Section is a notoriously difficult task, so much depending upon the trainee's own effort

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and natural aptitude and enthusiasm. Sgt. W. Browning worked wonders and his men were handling messages very well indeed both by flag and lamp before the Camp finished.

Physical training in the form of running, games, etc., was given by Sgt. D. O'Sullivan each morning.

The Camp was fortunate in having Pte. J. Barnes as Cook. He bore the heat and burden of the day and his good meals were a feature of the Camp. The new cook-house proved a great asset.

Marks were awarded each day for the layout of bedding and equipment and for the general appearance and cleanliness of the huts. Hut No. 2 scored the most points but both huts stood up well to inspection.

A very friendly but strong rivalry existed between the huts and added a considerable zest to the general Camp life. Each had its own football team and a game was played each evening marked by much humour and incident.

Altogether, the number attending the Camp, the keenness and willingness of the trainees and their capacity for taking in instruction, the absence of colds or illness and the notable good-feeling among all ranks made the running of the Camp an easy matter.

With the exception of three days, the weather during the period of training was not good, but holding instruction indoors was necessary only on one day.

A daily news-sheet was issued each day recording happenings in the Camp.

Captain A. I. Fleuret has furnished a report on his syllabus of Artillery training and it is attached hereto with other papers relative to the running and expense of the Camp.

For the Camp next year I would suggest that a hut

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be built to house the Officers of the Force. The tents were a source of some anxiety at times.

*S Marshall*

Major,  
Officer Commanding,  
Falkland Islands Defence Force.



No. 20/37.

MINUTE.

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21st April, 1938.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Officer Commanding

Falkland Is. Defence Force,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your Minute of the 12th of April, 1938, forwarding a report on the Annual Summer Training Camp held in 1938.

2. I am to inform you that His Excellency is exceedingly pleased with the success of this Camp and congratulates you and all ranks on the training carried out and the excellent spirit maintained throughout.

*MCH*

Colonial Secretary.

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MINUTE.

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3rd June, 19 38.

From The Officer Commanding,

To The Honourable

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

I have the honour to request the approval of His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief in connection with the proposed Mounted Infantry Training Camp to be held at Douglas Station from 11th to 18th June inclusive.

In addition to the men at Douglas detachments will attend from Port San Carlos, San Carlos and Teal Inlet. I have obtained from the owners of these Stations permission for men of the Force in their employ to attend.

*S. Marshall*

Major,  
Officer Commanding,  
Falkland Islands Defence Force.



ROUTINE ORDERS

MOUNTED RIFLE CAMP

DOUGLAS STATION.

Sunday, 12.6.38.

9 a.m. Troop Parade.  
The work of Mounted Rifles and the organisation of a troop and squadron. Rules and discipline of the Army. Tradition.

10.30 - 10.50. Smoko.

10.50. Elementary drill.

1 p.m. Dinner.

2 p.m. Miniature Rifle Shooting.

Monday, 13.6.38.

9 - 10.30 a.m. The troop will parade dismounted with rifles. Examination of rifles and formation of sections.

10.30 - 10.50 Smoko.

10.50 - 12.20 Rifle exercises and elementary troop drill dismounted.

1 p.m. Dinner.

2 p.m. - ) Troop parade mounted without rifles.  
4 p.m. ) Elementary troop drill.

Tuesday, 14.6.38.

9 a.m. The troop will parade dismounted without rifles. Troop drill dismounted.

10.30. Smoko.

10.50. Troop drill dismounted - extended order.

1 p.m. Dinner.

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Troop drill mounted without rifle

6.30 - 7.30 p.m. Signalling.

During the morning miniature rifle shooting carried out by sections.

Wednesday, 15.6.38.

9 a.m. The troop will parade mounted without Troop drill.

10.30 a.m. Smoko.

10.50 a.m. Parade dismounted with rifles. order - Rifle exercises - use of signals.

1 p.m. Dinner.

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Parade mounted without rifle order - use of signals.

6.30 - 7.30 p.m. Signalling with flags.



Thursday, 16.6.38.

9 a.m. Troop parade mounted with rifles. Rifles to be slung over left shoulder. Troop drill - extended order, for action, dismounting.

10.50 a.m. Troop parade dismounted. Rifle exercises.

1 p.m. Dinner.

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Troop parade mounted. Talk on tactical exercise to be carried out on Friday, 17.6.38.

6.30 - 7.30. Flag and lamp signalling.

Friday, 17.6.38.

The troop will carry out a tactical exercise moving from Douglas Station to Teal Inlet. Acting as advance guard mounted troops, each section in turn providing protection for the main body.

Movement Order.

No. I Section will move at 8.00 hours. The troop less No. I Section will move at 8.10 hours.

No. II Section will relieve No. I Section as patrol points at Angelina's Peat Bank.

No. III Section will take over from No. II at Chatter Creek.

No. IV Section will relieve No. III.

12.00 hours. Lunch at Teal Inlet.

The troops will fall back on Douglas Station at 12.50 hours with No. I Section as vanguard leaving 12.50 hours.

Rifles & Overcoats to be carried.

6.30 - 7.30 Talk on the days work. Lamp and signalling.

Saturday, 18.6.38.

9. a.m. Troop parade mounted with Rifles, Overcoats to be worn. Troop Drill.

10.50 a.m. Parade dismounted with Rifles. Rifle exercises. Troop Drill.

1 p.m. Dinner.

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Troop parade dismounted with rifles. Section drill under Section Command.

6.30 - 7.30 p.m. Signalling.

ORDERS PART II.

Promotions.

- No. I Section. Tpr. Anderson A. to be promoted to Corporal.
- No. II Section. Tpr. Clifton T.S. to be promoted to Corporal.
- No. III Section. Tpr. Hills A. to be promoted to Corporal.
- No. IV Section. Tpr. Berntsen L.M. to be promoted to Corporal.

These promotions to date from the 1st of June 1938.



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MINUTE.

29th June, 1938

From The Commanding Officer,

To The Honourable

F.I. Defence Force.

Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

I have the honour to forward for the information of His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief my report on the Mounted Rifle Training Camp held at Douglas Station from 12th to 18th June inclusive.

I left Stanley on the 11th inst. travelling by the "Alert" to Green Patch. Lieut. Greenshields met me with his boat at Anson and we arrived at Douglas Station at 7 p.m. that evening.

The trainees had already assembled at Douglas and the troop consisted of six men from Douglas Station, five from Port San Carlos, five from Teal Inlet and one from Rincon Grande. Unfortunately, Mr. Bonner, San Carlos was unable to allow his men to attend.

However the number enabled me to form a troop consisting of four Sections and sufficiently large for demonstrating the drill and other work of Mounted Rifles. One Section was formed of Teal Inlet men, another of Port San Carlos men, another of Douglas men and one composite.

Section Commanders were appointed and were given N.C.O. rank before the Camp finished. They all proved capable of handling and drilling their Sections, were given extra instruction and I am quite sure they will hold their Sections together and gather recruits.

The drill and behaviour of the troop throughout the camp was most encouraging and in the tactical exercise all acquitted themselves well.

I was fortunate in being able to commence the formation of Mounted Rifles, at Douglas Station, where already Lieut. Greenshields has created a military outlook and atmosphere. His preparation and enthusiastic support ensured the success of the camp, and he adapted

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himself to the Mounted Rifle training without effort.

I was also much impressed with the way the Miniature Rifle Club is organised and run at Douglas.

Lieut. Greenshields generously supplied mutton and horse fodder for the Camp, but this cannot be expected at future Camps when numbers will be greater.

I anticipate a Camp of three troops next year. One at least I think should be formed in the Falkland Islands Company's territory, and from the number of applications to join already received, another troop will soon be formed in the North Camp.

Every member of the troop received instruction in signalling and knows enough now to go on and make himself perfect by practice.

Lieut. Greenshields brought me back by boat to Horse Shoe Bay on the 20th and the "Alert" brought me into Stanley on the following day.

Copies of orders etc. are attached.

*S. Marshall* Major  
Commanding Officer,

Falkland Islands Defence Force.



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MINUTE.

31st January, 19 39.

From The Officer Commanding,

To The Honourable

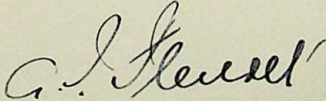
Falkland Islands Defence  
Force,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands..

Stanley.

I have the honour to submit for the approval of His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief that the Summer Training Camp of the Defence Force be held this year at Canopus Hut from Monday the 27th of February to Wednesday the 8th of March, inclusive, and that I may be authorised to proceed accordingly.

  
for Officer Commanding,  
F. I. Defence Force.



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MINUTE.

13th February, 1939.

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From The Officer Commanding,

Falkland Islands  
Defence Force.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

I have the honour to enquire whether arrangements can be made for the undermentioned members of the Defence Force to be released from duty to attend the Summer Training Camp which is to be held at Canopus Hut from the 27th of February to the 8th of March, 1939, inclusive :

SECRETARIAT.

Capt. A. I. Fleuret.  
Lieut. L. W. Aldridge  
Sig. V. K. Lellman.  
" V. T. King.  
Cpl. W. J. Grierson.  
Pte. H. H. Sedgwick.

TREASURY & CUSTOMS.

Gnr. E. Lellman.  
Sig. H. L. Bound.

POST OFFICE.

Pte. H. Bennett.

ELECTRICAL AND TELEGRAPHS.

Gnr. G. Osborne.  
Sig. L. Gleadell.  
" W. Roberts.  
Pte. C. Reive.  
" J. Blyth.

MEDICAL.

Gnr. R. T. Lellman.  
Pte. B. N. Biggs.

AGRICULTURE.

Gnr. J. Browning.  
" C. White.  
Bandsman H. V. Summers.  
" B. Watson.  
" J. Watts.  
Pte. C. McAtasney.  
" F. Browning.  
" S. Aldridge.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. Gnr. A. Short

Sgt. J. J. Harries.  
Cpl. C. Evans.  
S.M. S. Summers.  
Gnr. T. Biggs  
" C. Dettleff.  
" E. G. Biggs.  
" F. White  
" S. Newman.  
Pte. R. King.  
" D. Peck.

Sgt. D. O'Sullivan.  
Cpl. M. Luxton.  
Sgt. J. Peck.  
Pte. G. Pearson.  
Gnr. J. Pettersson.  
Pte. J. Ryan.  
Pte. L. K. W. Summers.  
Sgt. Cook J. S. Barnes.  
Cpl. A. W. Summers.  
Pte. E. V. Summers.  
" W. J. McAtasney.

Sgt. R. Campbell.  
Cmr. R. Wallin

*A. I. Fleuret*

for Officer Commanding,  
Defence Force.



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Memo

H.H. the Governor desires that all members of the Defence Force should be encouraged to join the annual Camp out and has approved any extra expenditure in this connection found necessary.

~~Copy of Colony Annual Report to go to Dr Wade.~~

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MINUTE.

20th February, 19 39.

From The Officer Commanding,

To The Honourable

Falkland Islands  
Defence Force,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

I have the honour to submit for His Excellency's information and retention a copy of the proposed Syllabus of Training for the Defence Force Annual Summer Training Camp which is to be held at Canopus Hut from the 27th February to the 8th March, 1939.

*G. J. Stewart*  
for Officer Commanding,  
Falkland Islands Defence Force.



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APPENDIX "D".

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

SUMMER TRAINING CAMP 1939.

Statement of Expenses.

Wages... ..	<u>£139. 14. 2.</u>	£139. 14. 2.
<u>Accommodation.</u>		
Labour in connection with erection of Huts, Bunks, etc. ... ..	12. 15. 2.	
Materials for Bunks and Huts ... ..	12. 12. 11.	
Hire of Marquee Tent ...	<u>4. 16. 0.</u>	30. 4. 1.
<u>Transport.</u>		
Conveyance of men, huts, equipment, Stores, etc.	<u>17. 3. 6.</u>	17. 3. 6.
<u>Victualling.</u>		
Purchase of Stores, Provisions, etc. ...	<u>53. 7. 3.</u>	53. 7. 3.
Total cost ... ..		<u>£240. 9. 0.</u>
Amount provided in the Estimates ... ..		<u>£160. 0. 0.</u>
Further amount required... ..		<u>£80. 9. 0.</u>

It will be observed that the cost of victualling  
amounted to 1s. 7d a day per man.



Stanley,  
15th March, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, a report on the Defence Force Summer Training Camp which was held at Canopus Hut from the 27th of February to the 8th of March, 1939, inclusive.

Accommodation.

2. The accommodation consisted of -

- Officers quarters
- 4 Huts
- 2 Bell Tents
- 1 Marquee Tent.

The existing buildings at Canopus were found to be totally inadequate for the large number attending the Camp this year and additional huts had to be borrowed from the Public Works Department in which 18 new bunks were fitted. Two bell tents were borrowed from the Agricultural Department in one of which 3 bunks were placed. Four extra bunks were also erected in the existing building making a total of 25 additional bunks. The large marquee tent hired from Mr. W. Hills was used as a Mess Room as well as for instructional purposes during wet weather. Separate quarters were constructed for the Officers and contained sleeping accommodation for five in addition to an Officers' Mess.

Transport and Making Camp.

3. Equipment, bedding, ammunition and all arms were despatched to the Camp at 9.0 a.m., on the 27th of February by motor transport. All ranks attending moved off from Headquarters at 10.0 a.m., arriving at Canopus

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THE HONOURABLE  
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
STANLEY.



Hut about 10.30 a.m. The work of making and cleaning Camp was begun immediately and completed by 4.30 p.m.

General remarks on Training.

4. Training commenced at 7.15 a.m., on Tuesday the 28th of February and continued daily until noon on Wednesday the 8th of March, when Camp was 'struck' and all ranks returned to Stanley. The syllabus of training is given in Appendix "A". In spite of adverse weather conditions little variation was made in the syllabus. Full calibre and Machine and Lewis Gun firings were postponed from Monday the 6th to Tuesday the 7th of March. It was my intention also to end the Camp with a Field Day including all arms but this was not possible for the reason stated above.

Appendix "A".

5. Good progress was made in every branch of training and the enthusiasm and keenness shewn by all ranks to say the least was most encouraging. Two Artillery Crews were in Camp and they were instructed in the correct method of emptying the Recoil Cylinder, removing the Run Out Springs, Running the Gun 'In' and 'Out', assembling the Breech Mechanism and Sights, and of carrying out Sight and Obturation Tests. They were also given Gun Drill. The Controls were exercised in the use of their instruments with Dummy Runs and the Range Takers were given instruction in Range Finding both by day and by night. The crews had the satisfaction of observing for themselves the result of their training on the 7th of March when full calibre firing was carried out at a target measuring 12' x 8'. The target was towed to sea by the "Alert" and cast off at a position 3,000 yards due south of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse and distant some 5,400<sup>x</sup> from the Gun. Fifteen rounds with half-charge were fired and it is calculated

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that 10 hits at least were registered.

6. Two Sergeants, one Corporal and eleven privates were given instruction on the Lewis Gun which included theory, maintenance, handling, stripping and stoppages, and the principles of Lewis Gun A/A Defence. They were also exercised in advanced handling in the field. Firing at balloons attached to a kite representing aircraft, was also carried out and finally the Section was put through a modified course using steel plates and a Lewis Gun Screen. This course included stoppages, ranging, action and distribution. It is proposed to continue this training during the winter with A/A as of first importance using a model aeroplane in the Drill Hall and a spot-light.

7. One Sergeant, one Corporal and nine privates attended the full period of training on the Vickers Gun, and four members of the Brass Band attended part-time. The first days of training were devoted to elementary gun drill, stoppages with dummy rounds and instruction in the various practices to be carried out on a Part I M.G. Target at 25 yards range. Each man was subsequently exercised in Immediate Action and Rectification of Stoppages with ball ammunition, six stoppages in a belt of fifty rounds per man being allotted. All but four men fired their M.G. Course on a Part I Target at 25 yards and these will be put through on the Rifle Range as soon as circumstances permit. On account of weather conditions instructional practices at 600 and 1,000 yards had to be abandoned and time did not permit of detailed instruction being given in the use of the various instruments attached to the Vickers Machine Gun.

8. The Signal Section of the Defence Force now numbers twelve. It is composed of young lads full of enthusiasm. Eight members attended the Camp and were given/



given instruction by C.S.M. Summers and Sgt. W. Browning under whom they made rapid progress. Towards the end of the Camp this Section shewed a marked improvement in the handling of messages by lamp, morse and semaphore. Tests in Wireless Telephony between Canopus Hut and the "Alert" and Stanley were also carried out with satisfactory results.

9. Physical training in the form of running, games, etc., was given each morning by Sgt. D. O'Sullivan. He also took the Recruits in elementary drill.

10. The Brass Band with Cpl. W. Summers in charge practised daily from 9.30 a.m., to 12.30 p.m., taking a keen interest in their work. There were 14 members present.

11. Captain the Honourable G. Kinneard, Medical Officer, inspected the Camp daily and Chaplain-Captain G. K. Lowe visited the Camp on several occasions holding Divine Service in the Marquee Tent on Sunday the 5th of March, at which some 60 members were present.

12. Huts and all parts of the Camp were inspected at 10.0 a.m., daily. Points were awarded for the general lay-out of bedding and equipment and for the appearance and cleanliness of the huts; a strong but very friendly rivalry existed between them. Each had its own football and tug-o-war teams and many interesting matches took place. The health of the troops generally was excellent.

13. We were again fortunate in obtaining the services of Sgt. J. Barnes as Cook. Great credit is due to him and his assistants for the most efficient manner in which they dealt with the difficult task of cooking and for the excellent meals provided.

14. A list of the personnel in Camp and a copy of the Standing Orders are attached.

Appendix "B".  
Appendix "C".



15. His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief paid visits to the Camp on the 6th and 7th of March and the interest shewn by him in all branches of the training was much appreciated by all ranks.

16. On the whole it can be said that the Defence Force Training Camp this year was a most successful one. It has not only improved the efficiency of the Force but it has instilled in the men a greater spirit of comradeship. No complaints came before me and a happy atmosphere appeared to exist amongst all ranks during the whole period of the Camp.

17. In conclusion I would like to place on record my appreciation of the work done and the assistance rendered to me by all Officers concerned and in particular R.S.M. Sheppard whose example and interest in the training of the troops made the work of running the Camp an easy matter.

Costs.

18. A sum of £160 was allowed in the estimates to cover all expenses in connection with the Camp. When this provision was made it was not anticipated that such a large number of members would attend and the amount will therefore be exceeded by the figure shewn in the attached statement of expenses. As it is extremely unlikely that a team will be sent to Bisley to represent the Colony this year there will be ample savings under the Military Head to cover the excess expenditure and I would be grateful for authority to submit a Special Warrant for the additional amount required.

Appendix "D".

Recommendations.

19. There can be no doubt that the holding of an Annual Summer Training Camp is the best means of obtaining efficiency in the Defence Force and every effort should, in

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my opinion, be made to continue these Camps. The site at Canopus is well suited to the training of all branches of the Force. It is in telephonic communication with Stanley, food supplies can be readily obtained and the transport of equipment, guns, instruments, etc., presents no difficulties as a road leads to the site.

20. The existing buildings, however, are not well sited either from a military or a health point of view. They are built in a valley and are visible from seaward. In wet weather water drains towards the buildings the result being that the immediate surroundings become very muddy and swampy. The accommodation too is limited and the huts were cramped this year. It was found necessary to cook in one of the huts in which 10 men slept. The present buildings cannot possibly sleep more than 42 men. Sixty-eight men and 3 Officers attended the Camp and I anticipate that 80 will be present next year. Under the existing arrangements it will be necessary to provide or borrow additional huts and to erect bunks with consequent increase in the cost of transport, construction, etc.

21. It is laid down in the Defence Scheme that the buildings at Canopus should be removed and re-erected on a site where they cannot be observed from seaward. The most suitable site to my mind is one about 200 yards north of the gun. The spot is well drained and if the buildings were erected on it they would not be visible from any bearing from seaward or from Port William, but they could be seen from the Signal Stations at Sapper Hill, Mount William and Mount Low and also from Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, the Wireless Station and Goldsworthy Rock. This would be an advantage in an emergency/



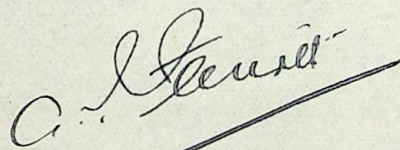
emergency as messages could be passed to all Stations from this site by signal without revealing its position.

22. I would submit, therefore, that serious consideration be given to the question of demolishing the buildings before next Summer Training Camp and of erecting a building large enough to sleep say between 70 and 80 men together with a galley properly fitted up. This may at first sight appear an expensive undertaking but having regard to the sums already expended each year on transport of huts, erection of additional bunks, etc., I consider that the additional cost is justified. A large proportion of the materials in the existing buildings could no doubt be utilized thereby reducing the expenditure. For a Mess Room for the men, I propose to obtain from the United Kingdom an Army Store Tent 50' x 20' the cost of which can be met from Defence Force Funds.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Capt.,  
Adjutant,  
Falkland Islands Defence Force.



## FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

## SUMMER TRAINING CAMP 1939 - SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - ALL ARMS.

<u>D A T E.</u>	<u>1ST PERIOD.</u>	<u>2ND PERIOD.</u>	<u>3RD PERIOD.</u>	<u>4TH PERIOD.</u>	<u>RECRUITS.</u>
	9.0 a.m. to 11.0 a.m.	11.20 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	1.30 p.m. to 3.0 p.m.	3.15 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.	1ST PERIOD.
Monday, 27th February.	MOVE OFF TO & MAKING CAMP.	MAKING CAMP.	CLEANING & MAKING CAMP.	CLEANING & MAKING CAMP.	TO CAMP.
Tuesday, 28th February.	Procedure: Fall In - Size - Dressing - Arm Drill as for Parade and Inspection.  Procedure: Dismissing with and without arms.	ARTILLERY. Prepare gun for running in - Drain off cylinders - Skidding - Remove preservative.  LEWIS GUN. Arrange Stores Clean guns and magazines - Elementary stripping.  MACHINE GUN. Elementary Gun Drill.  SIGNALS. Elementary instruction. Morse & Semaphore.  BAND. Practice - Music.	ARTILLERY. As for 2nd Period.  LEWIS GUN. Theory of the L.G. - Working parts - Maintenance.  MACHINE GUN. Elementary Gun Drill.  SIGNALS. Flag Drill.  BAND. To units as detailed.	ARTILLERY. As for 3rd Period.  LEWIS GUN. Elementary handling of gun - Magazine filling - loading.  MACHINE GUN. Aiming Instruction.  SIGNALS. Flag Drill.  BAND. To units as detailed.	Formation of a Squad - Positions of - Attention Stand at Ease Stand Easy Dressing Turning at the Halt.
Wednesday, 1st March.	Without Arms:- dressing squad - numbering - formation of fours - forming to a flank - saluting.  With Arms :- General Revision all movements.	ART'Y. Assemble Breech - Sights - Control to instruments.  L.G. Advanced Stripping & Handling.  M.G. Elementary Gun Drill.  SIG. Flag Drill - (Morse).  BAND. Practice.	ART'Y. Preparation for Firing - Sight Test - Control to Instruments - Tests.  L.G. Gun in & out of Action - Holding - Aiming, etc.  M.G. Stoppages I.A.  SIG. Flag Drill - (Semaphore).  BAND. To units.	ART'Y. Preparation for Firing. Crew & Control independant drill.  L.G. T.O.E.T. Possible Stoppages.  M.G. Traversing.  SIG. Flag Drill.  BAND. To units.	Length of pace and time in Marching. Position in Marching. Marching - Slow & quick time. Changing Step. Elementary Drill with Arms.
Thursday, 2nd March.	Lecture: (1) Discipline Personal - General - Camp - Range - March.  (2) Fire Orders.	ART'Y. Guns' Crew to Drill - change rounds. Control - Care and Maintenance of Instruments.  L.G. Stoppages I.A. 1, 2 & 3.  M.G. Controlled Corrections Direct.  SIG. Messages & Station Work (Flag)  BAND. Practice - March.	ART'Y. Guns' Crew to Drill with Control.  L.G. T.O.E.T. Stoppages - I.A.  SIG. Messages & Station Work Flag  BAND. To units.	ART'Y. Description of Ammunition - Projectiles Charges Fuzes Tubes & Care & Stowage - Control.  L.G. T.O.E.T. M.G. Controlled Corrections Indirect.  SIG. Messages & Station Work (Flag).  BAND. To units.	Lecture with remainder of the Defence Force.

STAND EASY  
11.0 - 11.20DINNER  
12.30 - 1.30STAND EASY  
3.0 - 3.15.



1ST PERIOD.

9.0 a.m. to 11.0 a.m.

STAND EASY  
11.0 - 11.20.

2ND PERIOD.

11.20 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

DINNER  
12.30 - 1.30.

3RD PERIOD.

1.30 p.m. to 3.0 p.m.

STAND EASY  
3.0 - 3.15.

4TH PERIOD.

3.15 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.

RECRUITS.

1ST PERIOD.

Friday, 3rd March.	Ceremonial Arm Drill - Halt - March - Funeral Exercises.	ART'Y. General description of Gun & Mounting - Drilling with reduced numbers - Look-outs - Watch Stations etc.  L.G. Advanced Handling Fire Positions.  M.G. Instruction on Infantry Rangefinder.  SIG. Station Work.  BAND. Practice.	ART'Y. Brief Lecture on Coast Defence Organization - Examination Service - Anchorage - Loop Mines - Booms.  L.G. As above.  M.G. Stoppages I.A.  SIG. Station Work.  BAND. To units.	ART'Y. Drill - Local defence A.A. Protection with the rifle and L.G.  L.G. As above.  M.G. Instruction on Direction Dial and Clinometer.  SIG. Station Work.  BAND. To units.	Marching - Double. Side Steps. Turning on the March. Saluting without arms. Drill with Arms.
Saturday, 4th March.	Bayonet Training. Assault - Defence.	ART'Y. Cleaning & Painting Gun & Cleaning off Projectiles.  L.G. -  M.G. Stoppages I.A. with ball ammunition.  SIG. Station Work (Lamp)  BAND. Practice.	RECREATION.	RECREATION.	Formation of Squad. Dressing. Numbering and Proving. Marching - Forming. Revision of Drill without Arms. Arm Drill.
Sunday, 5th March.	CAMP FATIGUES.	DIVINE SERVICE.	-----	-----	DIVINE SERVICE.
Monday, 6th March.	Arm Drill - Marching revision formations. A/A. Local protection & on the March.	ART'Y. Carry out Tests for firing - Full Calibre Firing.  L.G. Look-outs & Observers & Spectators.  M.G. Part I M.G. Course.  SIGS. Radio Telephony - "Alert" & Stanley W/T.  BAND. Practice.	ART'Y. Clean Gun - return stores - check Instruments.  L.G. Lewis Gun Course.  M.G. Part I M.G. Course.  SIGS. Radio Telephony Practical & Demonstration.  BAND. To units.	ART'Y. Clean Gun - place bore in state of preservation.  L.G. L.G. Course and Cleaning.  M.G. Cleaning.  SIGS. R/T - W/T.  BAND. To units.	Drill with Arms. Range Drill - S.A. Care of Arms. Revision of Drill.
Tuesday, 7th March.	Drill: General Revision and Ceremonial as carried out at H.M. the King's Birthday Parade.	ART'Y. Gun Drill with Control.  L.G. A/A. L.G. Firings at Balloons.  M.G. Application at 600 yards.  SIGS. Station Work.  BAND. Practice.	ART'Y. Dismantle Breech & Sights.  L.G. Clean Guns.  M.G. Observation and Registration at 1,000 yards.  SIGS. Station Work.  BAND. To units.	ART'Y. Place gun in state of preservation.  L.G. Clean & Stow all L.G. Equipment.  M.G. Cleaging - Stowing.  SIGS. Station Work.  BAND. To units.	Included with the remainder of Defence Force.
Wednesday, 8th March.	STRIKE CAMP.	RETURN TO STANLEY.	))))	-----	STRIKE CAMP.



APPENDIX "B".

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

SUMMER TRAINING CAMP 1939.

ORGANIZATION.

Artillery Section.

Sgt. J. J. Harries.  
Cpl. M. Luxton.  
" J. Lanning.  
" D. Fleuret.  
" W. J. Grierson.  
Gnr. J. Pettersson (B)  
" E. G. Biggs (B)  
" G. Osborne (B)  
" R. Wallin  
" T. Biggs (B)  
" F. White (B)  
" R. L. Robson  
" C. Dettleff  
" C. White  
" A. Short  
" J. B. Browning  
" S. Newman  
" R. T. Lellman  
" J. Turner (B)  
" E. Lellman  
" S. Pedersen  
" C. Jennings.

Lewis Gun Section.

Sgt. J. P. Peck. (B)  
" R. Campbell  
Pte. S. Aldridge  
" K. V. Lellman  
" C. Reive  
" J. Ryan  
" F. Aldridge  
" J. Blyth  
" I. Jones  
" H. H. Sedgwick  
" E. McAtasney  
" A. Shackel.  
" F. Browning.  
Cpl. C. Evans.

Machine Gun Section.

Sgt. D. O'Sullivan.  
Cpl. C. Henricksen  
Pte. B. N. Biggs  
" E. F. Pettersson  
" D. Peck  
" H. Bennett  
" R. King  
" E. Meierehoffer  
" C. McAtasney  
" L. K. W. Summers.  
" B. Gleadell.  
" W. Aldridge.

Signal Section.

C.S.M. S. R. Summers.  
Sgt. W. Browning.  
Sig. V. T. King.  
" V. K. Lellman.  
" W. Roberts  
" L. C. Gleadell  
" J. Dettleff  
" H. L. Bound.

Band.

Cpl. A. W. Summers  
Bdsmn. G. Pearson  
" J. D. Williams.  
" E. V. Summers.  
" B. Watson  
" H. V. Summers  
" J. Watts.

Headquarters.

Capt. D. R. Watson.  
" A. I. Fleuret.  
Lieut. ~~A. I. Fleuret~~  
R.S.M. C.F. Sheppard.  
Q.M.S. D. Lehen.  
Sgt. J. Barnes.  
Pte. W. McAtasney.  
Mr. J. Halliday.

(B) Also members of Band.



APPENDIX "C".

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

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SUMMER TRAINING CAMP 1939.

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STANDING ORDERS.

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REVEILLE...	...	...	...	6.30 a.m.
COFFEE	...	...	...	6.45 a.m.
PHYSICAL DRILL...	...	...	...	7.15 to 7.45 a.m.
BREAKFAST..	...	...	...	8.0 a.m.
PARADE	...	...	...	9.0 a.m.
STAND EASY.	...	...	...	11.0 a.m. to 11.20 a.m.
DINNER	...	....	...	12.30 p.m.
PARADE	...	...	...	1.30 p.m.
STAND EASY.	...	...	...	3.0 to 3.15 p.m.
DISMISS	...	...	...	4.15 p.m.
TEA..	...	...	...	4.30 p.m.
SUPPER	...	...	...	6.0 p.m.
SUNSET	...	...	...	7.30 p.m.
COFFEE	...	...	...	9.30 p.m.
LAST POST..	...	...	...	10.0 p.m.
LIGHTS OUT.	...	...	...	11.0 p.m.

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Inspection. All parts of the Camp and Huts will be inspected daily at 10.0 a.m. Points will be awarded for the condition of Huts and the lay-out of bedding and equipment.

Sanitation. All refuse to be placed in Tins and Pits provided.

Medical. Any man requiring medical attention will report to the Orderly Sergeant before 8.30 a.m.

Camp Bounds. The Fence running north and south and east of the Old Wireless Station site.

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20/37.

20th April,

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Sir,

With reference to the mounting recently made by your Department for Anti-aircraft work, I am directed by the Governor to transmit the accompanying copy of a report by the Adjutant, Falkland Islands Defence Force regarding the mounting in question.

2. I am to compliment your Department and the Artisan responsible for the work.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*MCH*  
Colonial Secretary.

The Agricultural Adviser,  
Agricultural Department,  
STANLEY.



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Agricultural Department,  
Stanley.

22nd April, 1939.

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge yours of 20th April, together with a report from the Adjutant, F.I. Defence Force, and I am pleased to note that the mounting is satisfactory. Your letter has been shown to the Artisan responsible for the work.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Darwin*  
Agricultural Adviser.

C.A.N.



PROPOSED F.I.D.F. HUT AT "CANOPUS"

(Quantities, &c.)

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20. 5" x 5" Piles, @ 2/6.	2.	10.	0
675 ft 3" x 4" Deal. @ 3 1/2d	9.	16.	11
1900 ft 2" x 4" :: @ 3 1/2d.	25.	13.	9
1750 ft 2" x 3" :: @ 2 1/2d	18.	4.	7
2700 ft 1" x 6" Flooring. @ 2d	22.	10.	0
23 rolls Felt, @ 5/8	6.	4.	8
78. 8ft sheets Corrgtd iron, @ 5/9	22.	8.	6
67. 7ft : : : @ 5/-	16.	15.	0
52. 6ft : : : @ 4/2	10.	16.	8
3. Opening Skylights, @ 25/-	3.	15.	0
9 lths Galvd Ridging, @ 3/7	1.	12.	3
150 sq yds Wire Netting, = 3 rolls, @ 18/-	2.	14.	0
6900 ft Matching, @ 1 1/4d ft	35.	18.	9
600 ft 1" x 9" Deal. @ 3 1/2d	8.	15.	0
96 ft 1" x 11" :: @ 4 1/2d	1.	16.	0
10 ft 3" x 6" :: @ 7d		5.	10
10 ft 3/4" x 11" @ 5 1/2d		4.	7
45 sq ft Glass, @ 4 1/2d		17.	10
20 lbs Putty, @ 2 1/4d		3.	9
16 lths glvd gutters. @ 2/11	2.	6.	8
2. Outlets. @ 2/-		4.	0
2. Downpipes. @ 3/-		6.	0
18 Brackets, @ 1/6 8d.		12.	0
3. 6" Rim Locks. @ 6/6		19.	6
3 prs 12" T.Hinges. @ 1/4		4.	0
3 prs 4" Butt Hinges. @ 6d		1.	6
x 3. 12" Slow Combustion Stoves, @ 65/-	9.	15.	0
6 sheets flt galvd iron, @ 4/6.	1.	7.	0
16 gross Roofing Screws, @ 1/6	1.	4.	0
56 lbs 5" Nails, @ 2 1/4d 1/2		10.	6
28 lbs 4" : : @ 2 1/4d.		5.	3
28 lbs 3" : : @ 2 1/4d.		5.	3
20 lbs 2" : : @ 2 1/2d		4.	2
28 lbs 1 1/2" Oval BBds, @ 2 3/4d.		6.	5

£ 209. 14. 4

x Less 3 Stoves @ 65/-

9- 15- 0  
£ 199. 19. 4

P. Wks. Estimate  
 Material say £ 200  
 Labour " 80  
£ 280



SLEEPER JOISTS	4" x 5"	174' )	490'	
WALL PLATES	4" x 5"	316' )		£12.- 5.- 0
FLOOR JOISTS	4" x 2"	631' )	1111'	18.- 10.- 4.
RAFTERS	4" x 2"	480' )		
PURLINS	5" x 2"	590' )		
PARTITIONS	5" x 2"	460' )	1050'	13.- 2.- 6.
FLOORING.	6" x 1"	2811'		35.- 2.- 9.
LINING.	4" x 1/2"	5400'		38.- 5.- 0.
NETTING	5 Rolls.)			13.- 12.- 0.
FELT.	17. "			
IRON.	1290'			43.- 0.- 0.
GUTTERING DOWNPIPES OUTLETS.				9.- 0.- 6.
RIDGING.				1.- 8.- 6.
BUNK BOARDS	9" x 1"	364'		9.- 2.- 0.
" POSTS	5" x 2"	200'		2.- 10.- 0.
SKYLIGHTS.				4.- 0.- 0.
CEMENT.				6.- 0.- 0.
				<u>£200.- 8.- 7.</u>
				NETTING
				3.- 3.- 0.
				<u>203.- 11.- 7.</u>
				NAILS.
				2.- 0.- 0.
				<u>205.- 11.- 7.</u>
				LABOUR APPROXIMATELY.
				80.- 0.- 0.
				<u>£285.- 11.- 7.</u>

sand and shingle are fairly handy to the site.

When the old building is dismantled it may be found that more of it will be useful than appears at present.

Ventilators can be made from material from old building.

Agri: Dept estimate  
 materials say £ 200  
 labour to be  
 paid out of  
 Agric. Vote

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Contingencies £ 200  
 £ 10 ?



DUPLICATE

NOTICE.

Tenders are invited for the erection complete of a hut approximately 21' x 58' to provide sleeping accommodation for 75 men.

The hut is to be erected on a site as will be pointed out in the vicinity of Canopus Hut at Whalebone Bay.

The contractor is to supply all materials necessary for the building and may also utilise any suitable material from the present hut, all of which will be transported to the site by the Government.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, and tenders from bona fide builders only will be considered.

Plan and specification may be seen on application at the Public Works Department.

Tenders should be forwarded in sealed envelopes marked "Tender for Hut" addressed to The Chairman of the Tender Board, not later than noon on Saturday the 22nd of July, 1939.

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GRAND  
STANDARD  
AGENTS



PLAN FOR FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

Specification.

The contract is for the erection complete of a building 24' x 58' in compartments and fitted with wooden bunks for the accommodation of 75 men, as plan.

The building is to be set on piles which are to be spaced sufficiently close together to give the building good stability.

The external covering consists of felt and galvanised iron and lined internally with 1/2" matching to top wall plate.

Interior partitions of 2" x 3" scantling are to be erected to the height of the top wall plate and lined on one side with 1/2" matching.

The roof to be covered with felt and galvanised iron laid on wire netting, and three ventilators are to be made and fitted, louvre design.

Doors are to be made of 1" T & G flooring and fitted with drip or weather board.

Each compartment is to be fitted with bunks, as plan, each 2' x 6' and built two bunks high.

Plan of building with list of materials to be used in construction is available for the contractor's use, and it is to be clearly understood that the price of the contract is to be for the whole work and that there are to be no extras.

The Government will transport all materials to the site and the contractor is to maintain sufficient labour to carry out the work in a workmanlike manner as expeditiously as possible to the satisfaction of the Government officer supervising, the site to be left in a neat and tidy condition on completion.

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I, the undersigned hereby agree to carry out the above work in accordance with plan for the lump sum of

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