

C.S.

M I L I T A R Y

(Misc.)

19 39

No. 197/39.

Colonial Secretary

SUBJECT.

19 39

15th October

Previous Paper.

NIL

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.RELEASE OF MEMBERS OF TO RETURN TO CIVIL
EMPLOYMENT.

MINUTES.

1. Letter to Commanding Officer 15/10/39
2. Letter from Commanding Officer 17/10/39
3. do - do - 18/10/39
4. Letter from Commanding Officer 18/10/39
to H.C. the Commander-in-Chief
5. Minute from H.C. the Commander-in-Chief
to Commanding Officer.

H.C. Defence Force.

Can you say please
when Printer Stedwick will
return to the Printing Dept?

2. Perhaps also you
will be good enough to state
when E. Lellman is likely to

Subsequent Paper.

be released.

MCH
C.S.
23. X. 39.

Hon: Col: Secretary.

1. Weather permitting Corporal Sedgwick
(24th) will return to Stanley tomorrow & I presume
will be ready to commence duty tomorrow
on 26th inst:
2. If you will agree to release Lellman at
30 minutes notice in case of serious emergency
arising, he can report back to you for duty
on the 25th.

C.S. 23. X. 39.

O.C. Defence Force.

Thank you. Should an
emergency arise Mr E. Lellman
will be immediately released.
This applies to all civil
servants who are members of
the Defence Force.

MCH
C.S.
24. X. 39.

Hon: Colonel Secretary.

Your kind assurance noted. C.S. 24. X. 39.

Sem.

P.A.

MCH

Mr E. Lellman returned duty at Treasury today.

MCH
25. X. 39

6. Minute from O.C. Defence Force of
19.1.40

M.
Under normal conditions the Printing Office requires a staff of three Printers and one apprentice. There has been considerable increase in printing work since the outbreak of war. For some time the Head Printer was alone and in consequence work piled up but has since been reduced. One member of the Printing Staff is on military duty. If apprentice King is taken the work will be slowed down.

M.C.H.
20.1.40

It is necessary to release him ^{for a time} but it has not been too much to hope that the pre-war months since war broke out should have given time for training more signifiers and bringing them to a high state of efficiency. I shall be glad if the O.C. will give this matter his particular attention. The office has been so strained as yours and the Printing Office by military demands

O.C. Defence Force.

To note. Pte. King will
be released for military duty
at the close of work today.

M.H.
e.s.

25. 1. 40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Would thank you. I am grateful for your
help in the matter. H.E.'s note has been acted
on vide. today's R.O.s.

O.C. D.F. 26. 1. 40

P.H.
30/1/40.

Letter from Manager, F.I.C., of 30/1/40.

(7)

O.C. Defence Force.

In your consideration please.
The Manager I.L. Coy. saw me about
this and stated that the
work was necessary.

M.H.
e.s.

30. 1. 40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

I regret that I personally am not prepared at
this moment to accept responsibility for the further reduction
of personnel on outpost. I have been compelled to
with draw ^{for 14 days about} two men to assist completion Snows Point Hut
and when either they are returned or the "Whalers" return
I may be able to release temporarily the men wanted
by F.I.C.

O.C. D.F. 1. 2. 40.

8. Acknowledgment to F.I. Co. Ltd

Yr. Submitted. The Manager informed me that certain buildings were urgently required for the proper working of certain farms.

2. Inform him carpenters cannot be released from military duties until labourers return from S. Georgia?

M.H.
2. 2. 40

But men must surely be paid for the Cambor jetties work very urgent? The other works must of course wait as suggested

M.H. 6/2/40

O. Devereux Ince.

Referred please.

M.H.
6. 2. 40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

The two men for whom the F.I. Co. are asking are both apprentices just out or about to finish their time, & I understand the work is urgent & important & would surely be better done by fully experienced Carpenters

may I suggest as an alternative that they employ Sedgwick who is a "free lance" Carpenter in Stanley & I will endeavour to release temporarily at least Pte Robson who once was employed by them & who is from all accounts a most excellent workman.

2. I would most strongly recommend however & beg His Excellency to give favourable consideration to the abolition of York Bay Post on the grounds that a hostile landing is now so remote a possibility as to be ignored & their ^{use} ~~work~~ is now reduced with the installation of hydrophones. This would enable me to release Robson permanently, otherwise to do so temporarily would be a ^{such a} further reduction in personnel at Campus as to endanger the efficiency of the Post.

W. O. D. F.

Sedgwick would not work for the Hs. Coy.
8.2.40
met.

Yf. Submitted with reference to para: 2. Mr Roberts came to see me yesterday and said his Coy had been asked to carry out certain repairs to the "Port Richard" and that they could not do so unless the men they asked for were released from military service.

met
es.

10. 2. 40

H.C.S.

On the understanding that the abolition of the York Bay Pot (which would in any case be effected when the Arrow Point gun is manned) will free men for immediate ^{docking} repairs and repairs of Pot Richard, the Manager F.I.C. should have his men

~~letter~~ 12/2/40
⑨ letter from Manager, F.I.C. of 10.2.40.
O.C. Defence Force.

To note. Will you please arrange.

MCH
C.S.

Honourable Colonial Secretary

12.2.40

Note please. The two men asked for will be released by daylight tonight. Will you inform F.I.C. of ~~same~~ as stated by H.E.
MCH O.C.D.F.
13.2.40

⑩ letter to Manager, F.I.C., of 13.2.40.

MCH
C.S.

P.H.
15/2/40.

letter from Manager, F.I.C., of 19.2.40. (11)

Obituary from Financial Secretary, 9/3/40. (12)

P.H.
23/2/40

W. Defence Force.

I should be glad if arrangements could be made to release Pte Kelvin Lellman for return to the Secretariat.

MCH
C.S.

Also a minute from 8.5.40 the Financial Secty regarding the release of Squatter W.H. Bours.

MCH
C.S.
8.5.40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Mr Excellency having agreed to a minimum establishment for outposts & this minimum being the strength at the present moment, I regret I am unable to release any further personnel with his approval. I had arranged to release Bours before the new minimum was agreed & made arrangements accordingly when he is fit for duty.

Quite irrespective of this Lellman is the best signaller in the force & does very valuable ^{a essential} work when on occasion Canopus acts as Shore Signal Station.

C.S. P.L.D.F. 11.3.40.

J.H.

W. Lellman is required for typing the Blue Book re. those Depts. except the Secretariat have got their staffs back. Except for occasional assistance from Captain Hensel and Lieut. Aldridge since the outbreak of war. I have had only one clerk, and this when work has increased considerably as compared with normal conditions.

MCH
C.S.
11.3.40

H.C.

Mr. K. Bellman is ~~not~~ to have been member in the Secretariat but he is not on the Staff.

There is unquestionably the necessity for strengthening ^{by you} the Staff, which has been carried on under circumstances of very real difficulty since the outbreak of war. The means of doing so will be discussed. It is probably that a reduction of the number actually on duty may be possible at an early date.

~~W.H.~~ 12/3/40

F.S.

To note that Mr. Bould will be released.

MCH
C.S.
12.3.40

14.6.5.

Noted. Thanks you.

P.A.

MCH
C.S.
13.3.40

W.H.
F.S. 13.3/40.

Letter from Spanager, F.I.C., of 18/3/40.

(13)

O.C. Defence Force

Referred please.

M.H.

Ct.

19. 3. 40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

I feel His Excellency's minute 12.2.40 a resultant action by me is relevant. Serjt. Browning at Mount Law & Serjt. Chadell at Tussac, do not come within the new winter organisation scheme & my answer is that with great regret I cannot agree to release of these men. May the matter be referred to His Excellency for final decision please.

W.O.C.F.

20. 3. 40.

J.R.

Submitted.

M.H.

Ct.
21. 3. 40

Please reply that the two carpenters were released on 13: February ^{specifically to meet (say) the requirements for the particular purposes stated.} ~~on the grounds given~~ in his letter of the 10: of February and for the specific purpose of enabling the docking and under water repairs to be carried out on the Port Richard I must . . . that the work will be ^{done} ~~carried~~ in accordance with that understanding even though it is unfortunately ^{deemed} not possible at this time by the O.C. to release at the moment two key military men in charge of ports.

W.O.C.F. 21/3/40

(14) Letter to Manager, F.I.C., of 23.3.40.

~~P.H.~~
~~23/3/40.~~

Minute & letter to Curran & H.E., authority for release withdrawn as therein instructed.

[Signature] O.C.D.F. 25.3.40.

~~P.H.~~
~~26/3/40.~~

(15) Letter from Manager, F.I.C., of 17/4/40.

U.E.
Letter from Manager F.I.C. for your information

[Signature] 18/4/40

~~15/4~~

~~P.H.~~
~~22/4/40.~~

16 Letter from Chief Constable of 26.4.40.

O.C.D.F.

To see (16) for remarks

[Signature] 27/4/40

The Honourable, The Colonial Secretary.

The situation with the Force becomes more serious each day, with the continuous requests for certain men to be released. Unfortunately in most cases the man is wanted because he is a "good" man in civil life which means /he

he is also very valuable in the Force. This case is a particularly good example. May a compromise be reached & Lt Corporal Flound remain with the Force for a few days or weeks longer until I can see my way clear by ^{an} internal reshuffle to replace him. He is due back to military life on the 1st. May.

W. M. Df.
29. IV. 40.

Letter from Rev. G. K. Lowe of 26th April, 1940.

(17)

O. C. Def. 7.

Perhaps you could arrange an interview with me so that we could evolve a definite arrangement to submit to H. E.

W. M. Df.
29/IV/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary

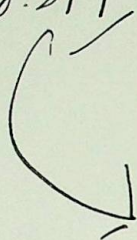
As explained I have every sympathy with this request & can only to various arrangements let him go. but before he is released I would like it to be ruled that other applicants be ^(which can also be done) released in order to be fair all round & also prevent it becoming a prevalent idea that if the padre makes official application direct the request is always granted.

W. M. Df.
30. IV. 40.

Letter to Rev. G. K. Lowe of 2nd May, 1940.

(18)

H. 10/3/40.
C.S. 31/5/40



(19) Notes of points discussed by H.E. the Governor and the Ex Engineer of 29.4.40.

Chief Constable.

Cpl. Stewart will be released from military duties on 11th May.

C.S. 10/5/40

Noted thanking you

J.P.
C.C.
10/5/40

H. 25/6/40.
C.S. 11/8/40

(21) Minutes from Sup. Ex L. of 5.6.40.
O.C. Def 7.

Please see (21), & ask Messrs to see you. If the man can't be spared, perhaps Mr. would find a substitute - if so, how much?

A.D. 6/11/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

I promised Mr. James yesterday that I would release this man at the first possible moment & arrangements have probably been made for this purpose before I received this file.

A.D. O.C. Def. 6.11.40.

Supr. E. & T.

To note.

C. J. G.
for M.
7/6/40.

Hon. Col. Secretary

noted. Thank you.

P.M.
S. E. T.
7. VI. 40

P.A.

Minute from Head Printer of 18/9/40.

22.

O.C.D.F.

? AD 19/11/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

I regret delay in reply but the problem is a most difficult one. I am quite unable to release Cpl. Gerson immediately but hope to be in a position so to do within the next week or ten days.

W O.C.D.F. 24.10.40.

A.C.S. Please to inform Allen AD 26/11/40

~~AD 5/10/40.~~
~~C. J. G. 26/9/40~~

1. Gerson returned to duty 1/10/40

P.A.

Minute from Supervisor E. & T. of 6/2/41.

23.

Defence force.

See (23) for your consideration please. The position is difficult.

C. J. G.
for M.
6/2/41

A.C.S.

I hope to release this man this week.

W.S. 11.2.41
O.C.D.F.

Supr. E. & T.

To note

AD 11/2/41

Hon C.S.

Thank you. P.M. SEPT 12/41

VA

214. Minute from Sup. E & T, of 3/7/41.

Supr. E & T. (25)

It seems to me that this is a matter for co-operation and is capable surely of departmental arrangement. What would happen if Mr. Blyth suddenly became ill or was granted leave? After all it is only one night a week only that he is required for duty and the military Department has cooperated by releasing from military duty every employee belonging to the Electrical Department. Cannot E. Fuhlenberg be detailed for duty at the Power Station for this short period if the Engineman is unwilling to do the duty.

2. It does not seem to be fully realized that we are at war and does the staff of the Power Station seem, apparently, to appreciate that it is composed of officers on the permanent establishment whose whole time services are at the disposal of the Crown. There are many instances at present including yourself, where officers are required to perform duties much in excess of their ordinary routine duties.

3. Arrangements should be made for Mr. Blyth to be released as requested.

A. J. P. C.
14/7/41

(26)

Hon. Col Sec.

Mr Hennah took the duty last Friday and in future Fuhlenberg will be available.

I am sure Mr Hennah has had no noncooperative intentions, and he is aware of the position of officers on the permanent establishment.

PAK.
S. E. T.
8/7/41

PA

Minutes from O/C, F.I.D.F., of 19.1.43. 27.

Minutes from Executive Engineer of 28.8.43. 27. P.H.
(28)

G.F.
This is a ~~document~~
Minutes from O/C, F.I.D.F., of 6.4.44. 27.
(28)

O.C.
7-1-27.

This is an essential service, though the bakery could do without him in the event of a military emergency. In these circumstances " indefinite leave subject to immediate recall " seems to be the most appropriate procedure.

K.B.
10.4.44

(29)

Innovative Colonial Currency.

N.M. Thank you a w.c. taken.

M.S. O.C. F.I.D.F.
12.4.44.

~~Minutes from O/C, F.I.D.F., of 18.6.44. 30.~~

Minutes from Executive Engineer of 16.8.44 30.

Minutes to Executive Engineer of 18.8.44 31. P.H.

Minutes to O/C, F.I.D.F., of 28.2.45. 32.

from " " " " " " 33. P.H.

15th October 1939.

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Dear Commanding Officer,

Can anything be done about releasing for return to their civil duties of some of the staffs of this Office, the Treasury and the Printing Office ?. Printing of ordinances and badly needed forms is already far behind the normal time for such work. The shortage of staff in this and the Treasury Depts is seriously impairing the efficiency of the Civil Administration and causing considerable delay in dealing with the Estimates for 1940 and also other Financial matters such as the making up of the Savings Bank accounts. With recruits available you may find it possible to return -at any rate until the pressure abates - the following:-

Treasury E.Lellman.

This Office K.Lellman

L.Aldridge.

Printing Sedgwick and Grierson.

Yrs.sincerely.

McCall

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Headquarters,
STANLEY.

17th October, 1939.

Dear Colonial Secretary,

Your letter of the 15th arrived as I was "combing out" the nominal roll of the Force to see where there were any spare men, as the force itself is in need of reinforcements in part, and a new guns crew has to be found. At the moment I cannot see how these are to be produced.

When therefore I say I cannot offer you any help in your difficulties I trust you will realise fully that it is not because I am not appreciative of them but because I am completely unable.

While I am unable to do all I would like to, I have been able to make arrangements whereby you can have Lt. Aldridge back for afternoons during such time as the exigencies of the Service permit which I hope will help you a little.

Do you not feel that we have now reached the point where if the defence of the island is to take precedence over all else some action should be taken to reorganise those members of the community of military age into (1) those whose civil services are essential to keep the economic and administrative life of the dependency going and (2) those in non-essential employment, and then, make discharges or reenlistments accordingly?

I feel this would at least spread the "discomforts of the war" more fairly amongst the community.

Yours very sincerely,

Arthur Woodcut.
N. F. I. D. F.

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HEADQUARTERS
FALKLAND ISLAND DEFENCE FORCE
STANLEY.

18th. October 1939.

Dear Colonial Secretary,

Further to our conversation to-day, as to the release from the Force of certain of your Staff, I am glad to be able to tell you that, subject to the adoption of the scheme for obtaining replacements being approved by His Excellency, to whom it has been to-day submitted, I shall be shortly in position to let you have back two printers - Sedgwick and King. With regard to Lellman for the Treasury, I cannot possibly take the responsibility of releasing him until time has been allowed for training his successor as range-taker for the Sappers Hill Gun. This is a very highly specialised duty and even the instrument has to be adjusted to the new man's eyesight.

As already arranged Lt. Alldridge will be available in the afternoons from now on.

I trust that this will meet your immediate needs and assure you that Lellman of the Treasury will be released as soon as is practicable.

Yours very sincerely,

Major. O.C. Defence Force.

Mr Jones,
To see. I was clearly
informed yesterday that Mr E. J.
Lellman would be returned to the
Treasury.

MCH
cd.

18. 10. 39.

PJO

Hon. C.S.

Dear Sir, Thank you.

The fact that Fellman will be demobilized is noted. Is it possible, however, to determine definitively when this may be expected, please?

I am sure you do not require any assurances of the fact that the Treasury work has increased two-fold in consequence of the war, but if details are necessary they can be furnished.

I request that either Bond's or Fellman's services may be made available to this department as soon as possible, please.

C. D. Jones
19/10/39.

HEADQUARTERS,
FALKLAND ISLAND DEFENCE FORCE.
STANLEY.

18th. October 1939.

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Sir,

I have the honour to submit for the kind consideration of Your Excellency the following data as to the release of members of the Force and their replacement.

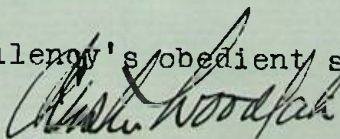
1. My problem is to find replacements for the men who are urgently required to go back to the Secretariat and also additional men for the new gun at Charles Point when mounted.
2. Of the twenty seven men shewn on the last return sent to Your Excellency, as being trained but returned to civil life; after deducting those who have come back to the Force to release such men as Lorry drivers etc., and those who cannot be spared to come back to the Force, and those who have volunteered for whaling, there remain eight, one of whom is the son of Mr. Pole-Evans.
3. The new gun will require a crew of nine. Which means I still have to find a further one man for the gun before the three for the Secretariat can be found.
4. I submit that the post at Yorke Bay, in anticipation of the gun post at Charles Point, should be merged with the post at Tussock Point in the form of a patrol, three men from Yorke Bay being used to exchange two for the Secretariat and one for the new gun, the other being added to Tussock Point.
5. Your Excellency will observe that this only gives two of the three men required by the Secretariat. The third E. Lellman of the Treasury, is the range-taker at Sapper Hill gun and I suggest that one of the new-gun's crew should be trained to take his place, as such training will take some considerable time and involves the adjustment of the rangefinder to the new mans eyesight, and I trust that by the time that his training is completed, another man to complete the new gun's crew will be available.
6. As an example of the difficulties with which I am faced I would point out that the only immediate relief for Sedgwick, one of the printers, is C.S.M. Summers a valuable non-commissioned officer of the Force.

I have the honour to request that I may have Your Excellency's approval to the above proposals as after the most complete and thorough consideration of the case I can see no alternative, if all the desiderata are to be achieved.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,



Major. O.C. Defence Force.

(5)

From His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief
to the Officer Commanding the Defence Force.

I am unable fully to appreciate the difficulties referred to in your letter of today.

1. 109 members of the Defence Force are given in the list of members rendered to me on the 6th of September as being in the camp. Any of these could be called into Stanley on duty, leaving quite sufficient men between 18 and 41 who could be enrolled for coast watching though not now members of the Force.
2. The especial necessity for any individual, e.g. D. Pole-Evans, is not very clear. He is one of the latest volunteer recruits and his only military qualification is being able to drive a lorry. For sheep farming he is worth probably any three men.
3. The guard at Tussac Point is a gun's crew and it appears inadvisable to have any mergings, where they are concerned, for extra patrol work.
4. Yorke Bay is essentially a night post like Hookers Point and I am unable to appreciate its value during the day time.
5. I appreciate the difficulty about Gunner E.F. Lellman but in any case a second man trained for range-finding is essential. It seems very desirable by tests to find a relief with the same eyesight to avoid the necessity for adjustments.
6. To sum up, it appears that you should have a dozen men at least in from the camp.

164/39 with c/c. F.I.D.F.

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URGENT.

No.

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

MINUTE.

19th January, 1940.

From The Officer Commanding

To The Honourable

F.I. Defence Force.

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

I have the honour to request that Signaman V. King be released from civil duties at the earliest possible moment.

2. My reason for making this request is that a serious situation has now arisen in that Sapper Hill Battery is without a signaman. As this position is the examination battery it is essential that a trained signaman should be stationed there permanently.

Rushford

Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

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REGISTERED 1902.

Stanley

AGENT FOR LLOYDS.

AGENTS FOR
THE PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

30th January, 1940.

Sir,

I beg to request that Ptes. H.Sedgwick and R.F.Hannaford, carpenters employed by this Company, may be released from Military duties for urgent work as follows -

Camber jetty - re-deck and erect crane. Very urgent.

Piling face of East jetty.

Erection of house at Hill Side.

Construction of house for Roy Cove.

Construction and erection of house for Leicester View, Foxbay W.

Construction and erection of cookhouse for Foxbay W.

The above are in addition to our ordinary maintenance work which is considerable.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

A. M. Bush

Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

No.

197/39

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS,

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February 15 1940

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your..... *letter*
dated..... *30th January* 19..... *40* and to inform
you that a further communication
will be addressed to you in
due course.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. C. Craigie

Colonial Secretary.

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AGENT FOR LLOYDS.

AGENTS FOR
THE PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

10th February, 1940.

Sir,

Red 7
Further to my letter of 30th January, 1940 with reference to the release of two carpenters, I have to inform you that work of an urgent nature is still increasing and accumulating as follows :-

- (1). Racks and shelves for Naval Store at Camber Shed.
- (2). "Port Richard" to dock and carry out underwater repairs. Even the operation of docking cannot be undertaken without 4 carpenters, of whom we have only 3.
- (3). Oil barge to dock, examine and repair when convenient.
- (4). We have also to construct rafts for our vessels under the safety measures for passengers and crews of torpedoed or mined vessels as per circular from the Chamber of Shipping.

I shall be very grateful for an early decision.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

Stanley

Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

197/39.

13th February,

40.

Sir,

2eds 7.9.

With reference to your letters of the 30th January and the 10th February, I am directed to inform you that the Military Department has arranged to release from midnight tonight the two carpenters for which you applied.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M.H.

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,
The Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,
STANLEY.

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AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" RADIO.

19th February, 1940.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 197/39 dated 13th February, 1940, for which I thank you.

Radio

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. T. Rankin

Manager.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

No.
(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

9th March, 19 40.

From Financial Secretary,

To The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

URGENT.

Signaller H.L. Bound, Falkland Is. Defence Force.

Owing to pressure of work in order to close the Annual Accounts, and to properly allocate the routine duties of this Office, I would be glad if Private Bound could be released from Military duty in order to return to his substantive post.

2. I have discussed this matter with the Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Defence Force, and I gather from him that Mr. Bound has been under medical treatment for some time, and that he would be able to dispense with his services.

3. I would be glad if Mr. Bound could resume duty in the Treasury at the earliest possible date.

[Handwritten Signature]
Financial Secretary.

(13)

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AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

18th March, 1940.

Sir,

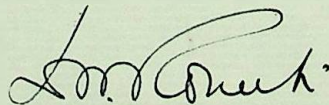
As we are in some difficulty with regard to the temporary manning of "Fitzroy" and of the Floating Dock concurrently, I should be grateful if the temporary release of W. Browning and J. R. Gleadell could be arranged until the return of "Fitzroy" about 7th April or until "Port Richard" is undocked, whichever occurs first.

These men would be available in an emergency and transport to their respective outposts would be guaranteed by us.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,



Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

197/39.

23rd March,

40.

Sir,

Red 13.

With reference to your letter of the 18th of March, 1940, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that two carpenters were released on the 15th February for the particular purpose stated in your letter of the 10th February and for the specific purpose of enabling the docking and underwater repairs to be carried out on the "Port Richard".

2. His Excellency trusts therefor that the work will be done in accordance with that understanding even though it is unfortunately not deemed possible by the Officer Commanding the Defence Force to release at the moment two key Military men in charge of posts.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WCH
Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,
The Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,
STANLEY.

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)
REGISTERED 1902.

Stanley

AGENT FOR LLOYDS.

AGENTS FOR
THE PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

TELEGRAMS: FLEETWING PORT STANLEY VIA RADIO.

17th April, 1940.

Sir,

With reference to His Excellency's request for a detailed statement to you of men required for (a) Imperial work, (b) private work of an urgent nature, I have to inform you that since the return of all the men from South Georgia, the position has more or less resolved itself for the present. Also two useful men have been returned to us from Military duties, namely F. Coleman and W. J. Halliday. I have also been able to secure the services of a Norwegian engineer for the homeward voyage of "Lafonia". This has relieved one local mechanic for service in "Fitzroy". We have work in connection with the pumping station at the Oil Fuel Depot for which I would have asked for the temporary services of Sgt. J. R. Gleadell but I understand he may be needed for H.M.S. "Afterglow". I will therefore endeavour to do this particular work as best we can with the men available. I hope that we may be allowed to retain the services of the two carpenters' apprentices who were released to us on 13th February last. Although H.M.S. "Afterglow" is nearing completion of repair, there is still considerable arrears of work for Admiralty account. Also docking and maintenance of floating plant, though of a private nature, is almost equally urgent from a Naval point of view. The urgent private work enumerated in my letters of 10th and 30th January is at the moment at a standstill.

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Reds 7a 9.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

John Duck
Manager.

THE HONOURABLE
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY
STANLEY



Police Station (16)
26th April 1940

Sir

With reference to my interview with His Excellency on April 15th, regarding strength of staff, I beg to apply that Constable Fleuret be released from his military duties.

Constable Fleuret would be available at any time should he be required for any military duty.

I am

Sir

Your Obedient Servant
F. Swain
Ag. Chief Constable

Hon Colonial Secretary
Stanley

Christ Church Cathedral

Port Stanley Falkland Islands

REV GERALD K. LOWE

197/39

April 26th, 1940

The Honourable,
The Colonial Sec-retary
Stanley.

Honourable Sir:

Would you kindly place the following request before His Excellency the Governor.

Private Paice, aged 17 years, now serving in the Falklands Islands Defence Force, was, previous to the warserving an apprenticeship in the engineering dept of the Falkland Islands Company. Private Paice and his parents are most anxious that he should be released from active service and given the opportunity of continuing with his apprenticeship.

I have spoken to the Commanding Officer, and he was not willing to release the boy from Military Service.

Mr. J. M. Thomson, informs me that the boy was doing very well and would in time be successful.

It seems to me most unfortunate that this boy who is very keen on his career should not be given the opportunity of returning to it. There are so few local chances of our boys ever attaining to anything higher than the status of a labourer.

I can assure His Excellency, that if the boys request is granted, he will only be too pleased to return to the ranks if the need arises.

Yours Faithfully,

Gerald K. Lowe

197/39.

2nd May,

40.

Reverend Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 26th April, 1940, I have the honour to inform you that arrangements have been made to release all apprentices serving on outpost duty with the Defence Force in which case Pte. Paice will automatically return to civil employment.

I am,

Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) *A. J. Cardinal*

Colonial Secretary.

The Reverend,
C. K. Lowe,
STANLEY.

Excerpt from Notes of points discussed by His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Engineer on Monday, 29th April, 1940.

.....
DEFENCE FORCE. Cpl. Fleuret to be released to the Police Force as soon as convenient arrangements can be made for his replacement in the Defence Force.
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Excerpt from Notes of points discussed by His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Engineer on Monday, 29th April, 1940.

.....
DEFENCE FORCE. R.S.M. to take command of Canopus pending the release from civil duties for this purpose of Captain Fleuret.
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NO.

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

MINUTE.

21

5 June

1940

From

Supervisor E.T.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To Hon. Colonial Secretary
Stanley.

I beg to draw your attention to the fact that the assistant engineman J. Blyth has been taken from duty in the power house to take up military duties in Stanley.

Under existing circumstances which require light at 3 to 3.30 pm daily, apart from occasional dance extensions, it is expected rather much from our remaining one man to work from say 3.30pm until - in the case of tonight - 1.30 am. and then for this same man to commence again at 6.30 am.

Realising that military requirements are of an important character I feel that the electric light is also of sufficient importance to justify consideration. If Blyth is not able to resume power house duty, it will be necessary to curtail our electrical work and place electricians in the Power House.

R.H.
S.E.T. 5/6/40

No. _____

MINUTE.

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

18th September, 1940.

From

To The Honourable, _____

Head Printer, _____

Colonial Secretary. _____

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Owing to pressure of work and being short handed it is impossible to carry out all printing required, I beg to ask if Cpl. Grierson could be released from Military Duty.

B. G. Allan.

Head Printer.

No. _____

MINUTE.

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

6th February 19 41

From Supervisor E.T.

To Hon Colonial Secretary



Stanley

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

On account of the excessive amount of electrical and telephone work to be done in this dept during the next two or three months I would be grateful if consideration can be given for private Charles Reiss to be returned to civil employment. I understand that Pto Reiss is now stationed at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.

R.W.
A. E. T.
6/2/41

Minute

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From Supervisor E & T
Stanley.

To. Asst Col Secretary
Stanley

A few days ago the Military Dept through Major asked if J. Blyth from the Power House could be released for duty at the Drill Hall every Friday from 6 pm until 8 pm for the purpose of gun drill instruction. While I have no objection to this under normal power house service I would like to point out that if Blyth is to do this work while early morning lighting is in progress some interruption of the present watches will be necessary resulting in additional duty for either the enginemen Hennes or Blyth.

I would like to suggest that the arrangement for Blyth be that he is taken for this duty after the morning lights cease on or about 7th August.

The power has to be on now from approximately 3 pm until midnight at the earliest then commence again at 6.30 am.

For your instructions please.

J. Meade

S E & T
3.7.41



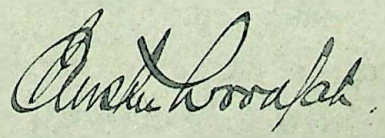
Subject: Release of Mounted Infantry Member.

Hon. Col. Secretary,
Stanley, F. I.

Further to our telephone conversation with reference to the release of a Camp man for employment in a local bakery, I have now received the enclosed formal request.

2. Under the Defence Force Ordinance the man can only be exempted from Military Service by an Order in Council by His Excellency (vide Schedule 'B'). I doubt whether this is really necessary. The man can be "Granted indefinite leave subject to immediate recall" as has been done before in similar cases. By these means should the man, as others have done, leave the bakery, he can be easily re-embodied and avoid the need for cancelling the Order in Council.

3. Will you, please, say what you wish me to do in this case.



Lieutenant-Colonel,
Officer Commanding,
F. I. D. F.

STANLEY.
6 Apr 44.

(27a)

Stanley Bakery,
Stanley.
April 4th. 1944.

Lt. Col. J.A.Woodgate,
O.C.F. I.D.F.
Stanley.

Dear Sir,
I wish to ask if you will be good enough to excuse
from all Military Duties Mr E, Barnes who has just arrived
from the West Falklands and who is a full partner in the
above bakery with me.

Yours Faithfully,

W. H. Stewart

No.

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

MINUTE.

30

CONFIDENTIAL

16th August, 1944.



HONOURABLE,

From THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

In anticipation of the increased activities of this department following demobilisation, I want to relieve Mr. Lees of his additional war-time duties as Storekeeper and for the same reason train the ex Storekeeper in the system which has been adopted since he left. I would be grateful therefore if arrangements could be made for Mr. E.V. Dixon to rejoin the Department as at 1st September 1944. The Officer Commanding Falkland Island Defence Force has agreed to release Mr. Dixon at this time.

No provision is made under XV111 for the current year for salary of Storekeeper, but if Mr. Dixon is released there will be a corresponding saving on XX1. 2 Military Pay and Allowances and XV11. 20 Supplementary Pay.

Rush Goodfat.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.

No. _____

Copy to Treasury for information.

MINUTE.

(31)

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

18th August, 19 44

From Colonial Secretary,

To Executive Engineer,

Stanley,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Falkland Islands.

Red 30
With reference to your confidential minute of the 16th August there is no objection to the return of Mr. E.V. Dixon to the post of Store-keeper as from the 1st September.

2. It is appreciated that there will be a corresponding saving under Head XXI/2.

3. When the final position of Head XVIII/1, as a whole, can be accurately estimated, a Special Warrant may be applied for, if necessary, for the nett over expenditure on the whole Subhead, and savings quoted where possible.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

No. 179/39.

MINUTE.

(32)

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

28th February, 19 45.

From

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Officer Commanding,

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

STANLEY.

I understand that Constable D. Fleuret is being returned to Civilian Duties. I should be grateful if you would inform me of the proposed date of his release in order that I may make the necessary departmental arrangements.

2. I should appreciate similar information whenever a member of the Permanent Establishment is released.

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

No. _____

MINUTE.

33.

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

28th February, 1945.

To The Honourable _____

From The Officer Commanding,
Falk. Is. Defence Force,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Red 32

With reference to your Minute of today's date, I have the honour to inform you that Constable D. Fleuret is being released from military full-time duties as from midnight tonight. I regret that through an oversight you were not informed of this decision when it was taken, but this will be borne in mind when any other P.E. officials are released.

(Sgd.) R. Greenhields,
Major.

Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.