

C.S.

Military.

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1939.

No.

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H. E. the Governor.

SUBJECT.

1939

6th Novth

Previous Paper.

Falkland Islands Defence Force.

Formation of Striking Force.

MINUTES.

1. Minute to H.E. the Commander-in-Chief from the O.C. Defence Force
2. Minute from H.E. the Governor of 6. xi. 39.

Yh.

Submitted. A commission for Mr. Hugh Harding as a Captain in the Defence Force is being prepared.

WCH
6. xi. 39.

~~TTTTT~~ 7/11/39

Minute from O.C. Defence Force Submitting nominal roll referred to in para. 3 of red 1.

Subsequent Paper.

3-6

H.

Submitted.
MCH
7. XI. 39

What is Sergeant Luck's own
record?

~~11/11~~ 11/11/39

O.C. Defence Force.
Early. Will you
please furnish it.

MCH
8. XI. 39.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Record record enclosed please.

W.O.C. 8. XI. 39.

H.

Submitted.
MCH
8. XI. 39.

Please ask O.C. whether they all
with the exception of Serj. Luck and
? Archer wish to apply definitely
for commissions or enlistment in
some units. If so they should be
informed that their names will be given
forwarded to the proper quarter in ^{names that} ^{be given}
that their wishes may be met without ^{and they} ^{where both} ^{and present} ^{performances}
delay as soon as they are released from service here.

Mr. Deane Luce,
For action accordingly
please.

mch
cs.
9. XI. 39.

Announce Colonial Secretary.

1. I understand all members of the B.A. Contingent (with the exceptions noted by His Excellency) wish to apply for Commissions or enlistment in the Home Units.
2. The nominal roll asked for is attached.
3. The case of Pte Crocker is not yet settled.

M. D. C. 13. XI. 39.

M.

Submitted.

mch
cs.
13. XI. 39.

A despatch should be prepared covering all the information contained herein, for transmission to the proper quarters regarding each man.

~~14/11/39~~

Notes for
reproduction
mch
cs

H.E. the Governor and Commander-in-Chief,

Submitted. I am not aware whether Y.E. as C. and C. wishes correspondence between Y.E. and the O.C. Defence Force filed in this office.

2. With reference to the consultation referred to by the O.C. Defence Force in his submission to Y.E. of the 18th inst: I have to explain that I do not associate myself with the proposals made in that submission except that dealing with the matter of Quartermaster. Speaking as Acting Treasurer I welcome the change for reasons which I need not explain here.

3. Captain Weit during the past few days has repeatedly informed me that he should be second in Command of the F.I. Defence Force. I told him that he should inform Y.E. as C. and C. I realize that this is quite outside my province but perhaps I may be permitted to venture to remark that seniority of other Officers of equal rank requires to be taken into account. It would seem that para: 2 of the submission of the O.C. really means Company Commander - in the Army usually held by an Officer with the rank of Captain.

M.C.H.

Colonial Secretary.

19th Novbr. 1939.

H.C.S. The principle is that during war time all correspondence confined solely to the internal organization and administration of the Force is to be dealt with between the O.C. and myself and D.F. H.Q. is the Office of Record for that purpose. At the same ~~matter~~ as I would like you to see copies of letters etc. if marked important.

Mixed civil and military affairs sh^d. be dealt with as heretofore i.e. through C.S. minute papers the O.C. addressing me through you.

2. Your para 3. Captain Watson and Captain Stewart certainly retain their respective seniority. I learn with surprise of Captain Weiss' action.

3. The subject of this file is the striking force and this will be commended or recommended

~~W.H.H.~~ 20/11/20

Robinson 25/11

H. C.S.

Separate sheets should be made out now with the full record as we have it herein of each of the 20 men whose names are not comes out in red (4) with where given "Military Report" as given in black ink in red (4) and a space

at the post marked Comments by
Governor. They must all
be by Captain on 5.12.39 (Date
of birth and address are given
in the column marked Mobile
Station)

~~Handwritten signature~~ 29/10/39

Yr. Submitted. Does Yr. wish
the form made up as in
the draft. Is it required to
be signed by the O.C. Deponer
Force?

MCH
cl.

24. XI. 39.

As amended please

~~Handwritten signature~~ 1/12/39

O.C. Deponer Force
Application forms put up
for you to enter your
reply, please.

MCH
cl.

4. XII. 39.

Honourable Colonel Secretary
Reports Bureau please

M.S.
5. XII. 39.

H.
 Reports have been made
 on the forms by the O.C.
 Defence Force. Forms have
 been prepared for all the
 names shown in red &
 except those struck out in
 pencil.

2. Forms submitted.

C.S. 184/59 sent up
 contains a telegram from
 the S. of S. (red 20)
 regarding the Volunteer
 Contingent.

MCH

el

S. XII. 59.

Thanks, Please forward
 (when my recommendation have
 been inserted in copies) with covering
 despatch saying that I can
 say without reserve that individually
 and collectively the applicants are
 as reliable and keen a body of
 men as could be found anywhere.
 Adding that I trust sincerely that
 advantages can be taken of their offer of
 service in the process
 MCH 8/12/59

Schedule to accompany applications

Yr. Draft despatch submitted.
The telegram from the S. of S.
being Secret has not been
referred to.

McH
es

6. XII. 59.

As amended please
I wish for a spare copy to
send to the Ambassador BA

~~TTTTT~~ 7/12

Yr. Despatch submitted for
Signature. A spare copy
is put up.

McH
es

8. XII. 59.

~~TTTTT~~ 8/12

Applications by members of Contingent
from the Argentine for commissions
or enlistment in the armed forces
of the Crown in the UK. 14 - 36

Despatch No 136 of 8. XII. 59 to S. of S. 37 - 38

Third Personal Note to HM. Ambassador
B. Arco 39

P. A.
12/12/59

H.U.

Will you please send the following
telegram for me to S/S in GTC

With reference to my despatch
186 of 8th December ~~relative to~~
~~subject~~ please inform ^{me} whether
~~offer of commissions~~ any action
has been taken or offers of
commissions can be made to any
of the persons named in Numbers 15
and 19 in list have returned for
service here. Charles Lamb,
address Patent Knitting Company
Manchester, hopes obtain commission.
Others on ~~except~~ ~~described~~ in list
are waiting at address given in
despatch to know whether their
services can be utilized. This Govern-
ment undertakes to take every step
possible to enable them to be accepted
for service. Instructions through
~~Canadian~~ British Community
Council Buenos Aires would reach
them.

~~ttttt~~ 16/4/40

Telegram No. 44 Is S. of S. of 16/4/40. (40)

P.A.
16/4/40

Minute from O/C, F.I.S.F. of 20/4/40.

41-42.

P.A.
23/4/40

S. of S. Telegram, No. 38 of 21/4/40.

43.

N.O.C.

I think Poynt + Knight are with you & I understand that they already hold commissions. Is this so? If not are they eligible for A.O.E.R. or just enlistment?

P.A.
23/4/40

C.S. Poynt Knight already hold commissions.

P.A.
23/4/40

Y.E.

In reference to red (43) the despatches have of course not yet arrived. But the S. of S. has asked about the status of Campbell, Knight & New. Both C & N. are not in the Colony, & Knight has a commission so the letter part of (a) in the summary is not understood. I would also point out that Poynt, one of those referred to in (a) also is here & equally holds a commission already. Unless you require a telegram sent now, I think one could well hold the matter over until the despatches arrive.

P.A.
25/4/40

Yes
~~that~~ 25/4

R.A.
30/4/40.
44-48.

S. of S. disp. no. 23 of 3/4/40.

Y.E.
Returned as requested.
AD 11/4/40

49-52. Despatch No. 29 from S. of S. of 18. 4. 40.

Y.E. (53)
Despatches now received, but position still remains obscure as I am informed both Knight & Poynter do hold commissions.
AD 30/4/40

54. Telegram from Military Attache, B.A., of 4.5.45.

55. Letter to 12.5.45.

56. Savingram no. 11 from S. of S. of 15. 6. 45

Adj. F.I.D.F. (57)

(56) to you of. n. a. p.

JB.
for CS.
24/9/45

58. Savingram no. 29 to S. of S. of 28. 9. 45.

59. Telegram from War Office of 20.10.45.

O.C. 7.10.45 (60)

For draft reply pl.

JB
23.10.45

61. Telegram to War Office of 24.10.45 Pa

Diagram No. 4. from S. of S. of 18. 2. 46

62.

" " 14 to " " 25. 4. 46

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(1) (b)

MINUTE.

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

4th. November 1939 19

From O.C. Defence Force.

To His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to submit the following points and decisions arrived at by your Excellency at the conference this morning.

1. A Striking Force of a different type of man is required in order that the posts of smaller numbers may be relieved as a whole. This cannot be done at the moment as the present men of the Striking Force are not sufficiently trained Lewis Gunners or Signallers nor in the short time remaining is it worth while training them as specialists nor could they be intermixed with other men in the Force with any success.

2. The present Striking Force will have to be released by the end of March next and will then be replaced by 36 men from the Camps, who by then will have finished shearing and can be spared. Earlier arrival of these replacements is to be arranged if in any way possible, in order that they may receive at least a small amount of training before the others leave.

3. A nominal roll of the present ^{Striking} force to be prepared forthwith giving their particular military qualifications or such other matters as may help Your Excellency to decide what, if any, branch of the Imperial Forces they should be recommended as suitable for employment.

4. Mr. Harding be appointed Temporary Captain in the Force as Military representative on the West and rate of pay at £10.0.0. per mensem.

5. The present leave to me for gardening and peat cutting be discontinued from the 15th. of this month and that leave after that time be arranged to suit the exigencies of the service and on a basis to be equable all round. A further report

To Commissions
4. Dep
File

as to how this may be best arranged to be submitted to your Excellency
Excellency in due course.

Rudolf Woodgate

Major.
O.C. Defence Force.

Self typed.

From H. E.

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(17)

H. E.

The O. C. D. F. spoke
to me about this and
making it purely an
internal matter affecting
the tree. I asked him
to admit it died.

It is necessary, however
I see, to deal with it
as ordinary routine busi-
ness.

Please bear this fact in

W. H. E. 6/1/29

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DETAILS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MOBILE UNIT OF

THE FALKLAND ISLAND DEFENCE FORCE.

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>AGE.</u>	<u>BRANCH OF SERVICE PREFERRED.</u>	<u>PAST EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS.</u>
Campbell R.H.S.	40.	Lt 1st. Batt. H.K.O. Scottish Borderers, General Reserve of Officers, Class 2.	Awaiting orders from the War Office. ✓
Sanderson. T.D.	32	R.A.F. or Highland Regiment	5 yrs. O.T.C. Loretto School Cert. "A"- O.M. Sergt. ✓ Corporal F.I.D.F. ✓
		<i>Recommendations for observer R.A.F exceptionally keen eyesight & physical fitness and is a good shot.</i>	
Anson May H.D.	20	Royal Navy.	3 yrs O.T.C. Harrow School. ✓
		<i>Generally efficient and alert</i>	
Bowden J.W.G.	26	Royal Artillery.	3 yrs O.T.C. Westminster School ✓ 2 yrs 98th Bde. R.A. (T.A.) ✓ in ranks, finally commissioned as 2nd Lt. ✓
		<i>Very efficient</i>	
Campbell Roderick.	33	Highland Regiment.	5 yrs O.T.C. Fettes School. ✓
		<i>Efficient and a good leader</i>	
Clarke. L.H.	31	Navy.	No past experience, Accustomed to handling men- General fitness. ✓
Cooper N.W.	24	Infantry.	2 yrs O.T.C. Canterbury School. ✓
Cowper-Coles. J.	34	R.A.F. or Infantry.	No past experience. ✓
Drever J.A.	21	R.A.F. or Royal Navy.	No past experience- Exceller at games, and very fit. ✓
		<i>Seems the ideal type for R.A.F.</i>	
Edwards D.H.	23	R.A.F. or Transport.	2 yrs O.T.C. Brighton College Cert "A"- mechanical knowledge and General fitness. ✓
		<i>Very efficient, also seems the right type for R.A.F.</i>	
Lyall Grant C.	24	Infantry, preferably London Scottish.	3½ yrs O.T.C. Glansalmond - An hon. member of the London Scottish, of which his father was C.O. ✓
		<i>Should make an excellent infantry officer</i>	
Henderson A.B.	25	Royal Engineers-Tank Corps.	✓ Holds degree A.M.I.C.E. and G.I.M.E.- General fitness.
		<i>Keen and efficient</i>	
Longley C.H.	35	Infantry.	3 yrs in H.A.C. (Infantry)
Lough J.A.	26	M.G's-Royal Artillery-Tank Corps.	✓ 3 yrs O.T.C. Harrow School Cert "A"- Platoon Sergt. ✓ Mathematical and Mechanical ability.
		<i>Very keen</i>	
Nery. C.A.	37	Infantry.	✓ 3 yrs O.T.C. Cambridge University- Capt. of Boxing at Cambridge.
		<i>Keen and fit</i>	
Poynor J.H.	29	Infantry.	✓ 5 yrs O.T.C. ^{St Dunstan's} Bedford School ✓ 5 yrs 20th London Regt. (T.A.) Sergt. Machine Gun Section.
		<i>Exceptionally efficient</i>	
Robinson C.S.	32	R.A.F.	✓ 3 yrs O.T.C. Charterhouse School- "A" flying licence- 130 hours flying-Mechanical Engineering experience.
Wells A.S.	21	Infantry	✓ 3½ yrs O.T.C. King's College School.- Cert "A"- 6 months H.A.C.
Croucher F.E.	41	R.A.S.C. (Subject to local arrangements.)	Capt. 30th Lancers Indian Army.
Hough J.	29	Transport	10 yrs L.M.S. Rly and 3 yrs

NAME.	AGE.	BRANCH OF SERVICE PREFERRED.	PAST EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS.
Hough. J.		Continued.... ✓	B.A. Pacific Rly. Traffic Dept. Traction and Signalling sections.
Hutcheson J.W.	29	Transport ✓	11 yrs L.N.E. Rly and 3 yrs B.A. Pacific Rly- Traffic Dept.
Knight G.B.	41	Queen's Own Cameron High- landers. ✓ <i>Exceptionally fit</i>	3 yrs active service in ranks in Cameron's during last war.
Lamb C.C.	22	Cheshire Yeomanry or Transport Section ✓	4 yrs O.T.C. Charterhouse School- Mechanical knowledge and general fitness.
Lloyd Herst A.	22	Royal Navy. ✓	Already applied for engineer commission backed by Comd- dore Harewood, Naval attaché in Buenos Aires. Qualifications:- C.P.E.

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November. 6th 1939.

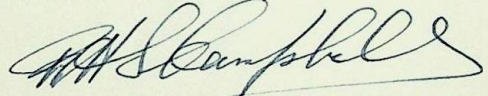
The Officer Commanding,
The Falkland Island Defence Force.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith the details of the members of the
Mobile Unit as requested verbally by you this morning.

I am,

your obedient servant,



Corporal F.I.D.F.

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MINUTE.

7th November, 1939

From Officer Commanding.

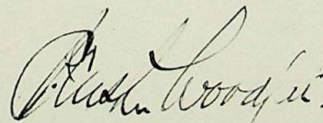
To His Excellency the Governor

Defence Force.

and Commander in Chief.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to submit to your Excellency the Nominal Roll referred to in para. 3 of my Minute of the 4th. The Manuscript notes have been added by the N.C.O.'s of the Force and having read them I see no reason to make any additions or omissions.



Major.,
Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

WCS on file 11/11/39 7/40

No.

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MINUTE.

10th November, 1939

From Officer Commanding,
Defence Force.
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To His Excellency the Governor
and Commander-in-Chief.

I have the honour to submit the following appreciation, observations and proposals on the present man power problems confronting the Force and in continuation of my Minute of the 4th.

1. I submit the following desiderata to be striven for ,
 - (a) The creation of a permanent striking force.
 - (b) The minimum disturbance of camp labour.
 - (c) Adequate periodic relief of the smaller posts as a whole in order
 - (i) To preserve discipline
 - (ii) To preserve the morale of the men on outpost
 - (iii) To improve general military training.
 - (d) Economic administration.
 - (e) General policy based on that laid down by the Imperial Government to anticipate a war of three years duration.
2. The proposal I submit for your Excellency's kind consideration is as follows:-

The abolition of the Internees Guard in its present form and the substitution of a guard of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men as a guard from dusk to dawn only. The only reasonable possibility of the Internees making a successful escape even if it were likely is the seizure by them in hours of darkness of one of the smaller harbour craft. They are all perfectly contented during the day and are doing good work. The officers are also now peat cutting. I submit the appointment of a charge hand from their number to be responsible for them to and from work and the checking of their return by the N.C.O. in charge of the Guard is all that is necessary.

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I have discussed the above with the Camp Commandant and he concurs. While your Excellency may think the attendant risk of such course is serious, I submit that the results (as hereafter) that would be achieved make the taking of a much greater risk justifiable.

3. The adoption of the procedure above would release 1 N.C.O. and 4 men. They could be used to commence a relief roster of all the Stanley posts (the two Gun positions excepted). Each post while on relief in Stanley together with one man in four on ordinary leave (in substitution of the gardening leave sometime after the 15th) should parade at 9 a.m. each day for two hours drill and instruction, which would do very much to preserve and increase discipline, smartness and efficiency.
4. There are at the moment some 40 men all reasonably well trained who have been returned to Civil life in Stanley. I submit that these men should be given two hours drill per week, either on Saturday or Sunday, or during the evening at the present time, which will keep them in training. These men could I estimate be mustered at H.Q. On the alarm in under an hour and would form an excellent striking force. (The test Scheme will give a good idea of the time actually taken). The present striking force would not be assembled very much quicker.
5. I humbly submit to your Excellency that the adoption of this scheme meets to the full the desiderata laid down in (1) as follows:-
 - (a) This would be assured.
 - (b) No further demands in the camp would be necessary other than the "Westers" guns crew. The eleven men asked from the East could if need be be dispensed with.
 - (c) This would be fully effected.
 - (d) The very early release of the B.A. Contingent could be envisaged with the saving on pay at their present strength of £55. 8. 9. per week plus fuel and light etc. A nominal payment (say 2/6 per parade) for the men called back from Civil life for drill once a week. This would cost £5 per week without any extras.
 - (e) Such scheme would work smoothly and indefinitely unless serious and unforeseen events arose.

(Sgd) J. A. Woodgate
Major.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Age.</u>	<u>Experience.</u>
Eric. CourtenayLuck.	46.	1912. <u>Portsmouth</u> Coast Defence. Gunner 42, Siege Battery R.G.A.
		1913-4. <u>Hong-Kong.</u> Coast Defence. Corporal R.G.A.
		1915 . <u>France.</u> Sargeant 27th Battery "60 pounders".
		1916. <u>France.</u> 2nd Lieutenant R.A.(Regular Army). attached to Royal Engineers.
		1917-8. <u>France.</u> Acting Captain "60 pounders" Battery.
		1919. <u>Demobilized to Reserve,</u> with Regular Army. Rank of Lieutenant.

Note:- Nominated for commission
in F. I. D. F.

14th. November 1939

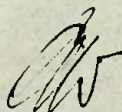
O.C. Defence Force.

His Excellency the Governor
and Commander-in-Chief.

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I have the honour to report that there is some element of doubt as to whether Pte. Croucher of the Striking Force will eventually be able to accept a commission in the Defence Force for reasons of his business in B.A. He is unable to give a definite reply until the receipt of the next mail.

In the event of Pte. Croucher being eventually unable to accept the honour, I would submit for Your Excellency's favourable consideration the name of Mr. Roland Still, which as an alternative is I submit preferable to the original proposal. I hesitated to put forward this gentleman's name in the first instance as I know that his time is very fully occupied in the Cipher Office, but he is definitely the type of keen man that the Force needs. I assume however, that the S.N.O. will shortly have in mind the question of the re-organisation of the Cipher Office on more permanent lines to give effect to the "three years policy" and I submit that he might be asked to consider the release of Mr. Still at this time.



Major.
O.C. Defence Force.

Copy to Honourable Colonial Secretary for information.

Copy

Inside Minute Paper.

C.S. Officer Commanding Defence Force.

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Sheet No.....

O. P. D. 7

I have received your minute of the 14th inst. in reference to the command of the Striking Force.

2. As I informed you, it will be necessary for me to see Corporal Croucher's papers before I grant a Commission to him. I will also take an opportunity of meeting him personally.

3. I am not prepared to consider Mr. Still for a Commission. I have no evidence (a) that he has the necessary qualifications or (b) that he would be suitable for the command of Falkland Islanders in training or in the field. The Head of his civil Department has already drawn attention to the fact that his duties should shortly take him on a prolonged tour.

4. The Commodore who stands in a position of considerable importance in relation to our defences, is expected at an early date. I wish to have this question of the Striking Force stabilised before his arrival.

5. The embryo new Striking Force should be in action when the prepared test of our defences is carried out.

[Handwritten signature]

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18th. November 39

O.C. Defence Force.

His Excellency the Governor
and Commander-in-Chief.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency letter of the 17th. instant with reference to the suggested reorganisation of Q Branch Of the Force. I have conferred with Captain Weir on the matter, as I know that hitherto he has not been in favour of relinquishing his office as O.C. R.A.S.C. As a result of the conference and consultation with the Honourable Colonial Secretary as to the civil side of the matter I have the honour to submit the following proposals which if made Executive will give effect to Your Excellency's commands in the matter and at the same time result in efficiency and contentment all round.

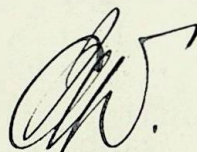
1. The office of O.C. R.A.S.C. and Camp Commandant be abolished as from 24.00 on the 30th. instant.
2. Captain D.S.A. Weir on relinquishment of this appointment become Officer Commanding Headquarters Company which will be used as the Striking Force. I submit this change of nomenclature for Your Excellency's kind approval in order that for purposes of administration the Force may be organised as a Battalion as near as possible and also to avoid any suggestion of the creation of separate entities and commands.
3. F.E. Croucher. subject to the provisos already mentioned by Your Excellency, be appointed second in command of the Headquarters Company and also as relief Officer for the Force generally.
4. Lt. Aldridge be appointed Lieutenant and Quartermaster of the Force as from 24.00 on the 30th. instant to deal with all matters of pay and supply to the Force, except R.E. Stores, that building materials etc.

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4. (Continued). These items, in view of the small quantities now involved can be dealt with by P.W.D. The Quartermaster will be accommodated in the Town Hall with Corporal Bonner as his N.C.O. and the present clerk from the Orderly room will be there where he will be much more conveniently placed from my own point of view.

I have the honour to submit the above proposals in the hope that I have correctly interpreted your Excellency's views in the matter and that I may in due course receive your comment or approval to the scheme.

The first paragraph of Your Excellency's letter of the 17th. has been passed to the Camp Commandant for necessary action in getting the paroles therein mentioned.



Major.
Officer Commanding Defence Force.

Honourable Colonial Secretary,

For your information.

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FAKLAND ISLANDS

No. 136

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

8th December, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit the accompanying applications from members of the Volunteer Contingent from the Argentine for commissions or enlistment in the Royal Navy, Army or Royal Air Force, and to request that if you see no objection the applications may be forwarded to the proper quarter.

2. The members of the Contingent have served with the Falkland Islands Defence Force since the 29th September last. They leave the Colony on this date on return to the Argentine following the decision that their retention could not be justified after local reinforcements of the Defence Force had been trained.

3. I regret their departure. Whether scrubbing out and painting a ship, manhandling, landing and mounting a twelve pounder gun in vile weather conditions or taking up position in

the

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE,

MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

the field in defence exercises at a speed described by the Marine Umpire as phenomenal, their conduct and keenness has been most inspiring.

4. I trust that it will be found possible to meet their wishes for service in the Armed Forces of the Crown in the United Kingdom.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant.

(sgd) H. Herried Heaton

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS.

NAME.

1. ANSON MAY, Hugh Douglas.
 2. BOWDEN, John Wallace Guy.
 3. CAMPBELL, Roderick.
 4. CAMPBELL, Ronald Henderson Stewart.
 5. CLAWSE, Lawrence Hardeastle.
 6. COOPER, Noel Wilson.
 7. COWPER-COLLES, John Harley.
 8. DRIVER, John Alexander.
 9. EDWARDS, Dennis Hubert.
 10. HENDERSON, Andrew Brodie.
 11. HOUGH, James.
 12. HUTCHESON, James Wenk.
 13. KNIGHT, George Bailey.
 14. LAMB, Charles Cornelius.
 15. MILDY-HIRST, Adrian.
 16. LOUGH, John Archibald Forbes.
 17. LYALL GRANT, Colin.
 18. MEY, Charles Albert.
 19. POYNOR, John Howard.
 20. ROBINSON, Charles Salkeld.
 21. SANDERSON, Thomas Dawson.
 22. WELLS, Alan Sinclair.
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F A L K L A N D I S L A N D S .

APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE
ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name ANSON MAY, Hugh Douglas.

Date of Birth 7th October, 1919.

Place of Birth Montevideo, Uruguay.

Address Deloitte, Plender and Griffiths,
Buenos Aires.

Past experience and qualifications 3 years O.T.C. Harrow School.

Branch of service preferred Royal Navy.

Present service Private in Falkland Is. Defence
Force from 29th September,
1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

A very smart and efficient man with ability as a leader, which with experience should make him a good type of Naval officer.



RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

Recommended for a commission in R.N.V.R.

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

STANLEY,
5th December, 1939.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name BOWDEN, John Wallace Guy.

Date of Birth 25th September, 1913.

Place of Birth London.

Address Mappen and Webb, Ltd.,
Buenos Aires.

Past experience and qualifications 3 years G.T.C. Westminster School. 2 years 98th Brigade R.A. (T.A.) in ranks, finally commission as 2nd Lieutenant.

Branch of service preferred Royal Artillery.

Present service Private in Falkland Is. Defence Force from 29th September, 1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

A very effecient man.

RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

Recommended.

(Sgt.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

STANLEY,
5th December, 1939.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE
ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name CAMPBELL, Roderick.

Date of Birth 29th May, 1906.

Place of Birth Buenos Aires.

Address Buenos Aires.

Past experience and qualifications 5 years O.T.C. Pettes School.

Branch of service preferred Highland Regiment.

Present service Private in the Falkland Is. Defence Force from 29th September, 1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

A very efficient type of man who would hold a commission with great success, particularly in a Highland regiment. Possesses fine leadership.



Major.

RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

I concur in above.

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

STANLEY,
5th December, 1939.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name	CAMPBELL, Ronald Henderson Stewart.
Date of Birth	5th February, 1900.
Place of Birth	Taguigolpa, Honduras.
Address	Bank of London and South America, Ltd., Buenos Aires.
Past experience and qualifications	General Reserve of Officers.
Branch of service preferred	1st Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers.
Present service	Sergeant in Falkland Is. Defence Force from 29th September, 1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

I cannot speak too highly of this N.C.O., he has had command of the Mobile Detachment and he has shown himself to be a splendid disciplinarian and a good leader of men, despite the peculiar circumstances in which he had had to exercise his command.

RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

I concur in the high terms in which the Officer Commanding, D.F. speaks of this applicant.

(Sgt.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

STANLEY,
5th December, 1939.

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APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE
ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name	CLARKE, Lawrence Hardcastle.
Date of Birth	17th May, 1908.
Place of Birth	Whitley Bay, England.
Address	Buenos Aires.
Past experience and qualifications	Nil. Accustomed to handling men. General fitness.
Branch of service preferred	Royal Navy.
Present service	Private in Falkland Is. Defence Force from 29th September, 1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

A very efficient man and one, who as an officer should be able to get the best out of the men under his command.

[Signature]
Major.

RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

An excellent type. Strongly recommended.

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

F A L K L A N D I S L A N D S .

APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name COOPER, Noel Wilson.

Date of Birth 24th December, 1914.

Place of Birth Buenos Aires.

Address Deloitte, Plender and Griffiths, Buenos Aires.

Past experience and qualifications 2 years O.T.C. Canterbury School.

Branch of Service preferred. Infantry.

Present Service Private in the Falkland Is. Defence Force from 29th September, 1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

A good type of man and with experience would make a very reliable officer.



RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

I concur in above.

(Sgt.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

STANLEY,
5th December, 1939.

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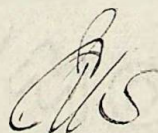
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE
ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name	COWPER-COLMS, John Harley.
Date of Birth	10th May, 1906.
Place of Birth	Greenwich.
Address	Buenos Aires.
Past experience and qualifications	Nil.
Branch of Service preferred	R.A.F. or Infantry.
Present Service	Private in Falkland Is. Defence Force from 29th September, 1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

An efficient type of man.



RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

A good reliable type.

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

STANLEY,
5th December, 1939.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name DREWER, John Alexander.

Date of Birth 10th June, 1918.

Place of Birth Montevideo, Uruguay.

Address Imperial Chemical Industries, Montevideo.

Past experience and qualifications Nil. Excellent at games and very fit

Branch of service preferred R.A.F. or Royal Navy.

Present service Private in the Falkland Is. Defence Force from 29th September, 1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

A very keen and enthusiastic type of man and he would appear to be highly suitable for the Royal Air Force.

RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

I concur in above.

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE
ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name	EDWARDS, Dennis Hubert.
Date of Birth	9th April, 1916.
Place of Birth	London.
Address	Union Cold Storage Coy, Buenos Aires.
Past experience and qualifications	2 years O.T.C. Brighton College - Cert. "A" Mechanical knowledge and general fitness.
Branch of service preferred	R.A.F. or Transport.
Present Service	Private in the Falkland Is. Defence Force from 29th September, 1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

An efficient member of the detachment.



RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

Recommended.

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name HENDERSON, Andrew Brodie.

Date of Birth 30th November, 1913.

Place of Birth London.

Address B.A. Gt. Southern Railway, Buenos Aires.

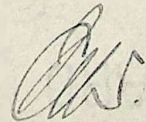
Past experience and qualifications Holds degree of A.M.I.C.E. and G.I.M.E. General fitness.

Branch of service preferred Royal Engineers Tank Corps.

Present service Private in Falkland Is. Defence Force from 29th September, 1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

A very conscientious and reliable man, has shown great keenness, not only in his efforts to become an efficient soldier but, in specialist engineering duties for which he has been detached.



RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

Strongly recommended for a commission.

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE
ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name HUTCHESON, James Wank.

Date of Birth 3rd March, 1910.

Place of Birth Clydebank.

Address Buenos Aires and Pacific
Railway, Buenos Aires.

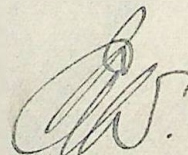
Past experience
and qualifications 11 years L.N.E. Railway.
3 years B.A. Pacific Railway -
Traffic Department.

Branch of service
preferred Transport.

Present service Private in the Falkland Is.
Defence Force from 29th
September, 1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

A good reliable type of man.



RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

Recommended.

(Sgt.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

STANLEY,
5TH December, 1939.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name KNIGHT, George Bailey.

Date of Birth 15th July, 1898.

Place of Birth Inveresk, Midlothian.

Address Bank of London and South America, Buenos Aires.

Past experience and qualifications. 3 years active service in ranks in Cameron's during last war.

Branch of Service preferred. Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

Present Service Private in the Falkland Is. Defence Force from 29th September, 1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

A very steady reliable man, has shown powers of good leadership while acting as H.C.O, and with his previous experience would make an excellent officer. There is a possibility of this man remaining in the Colony for cypher duty for which post or any other where absolute trustworthiness is required, he is highly suited.

[Signature]
Major.
RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

I concur in above.

(Sgt.) H. HENNIKER HEATON

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F A L K L A N D I S L A N D S.

APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE
ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name LAMB, Charles Cornelius.

Date of Birth 22nd January, 1917.

Place of Birth Bowdon, Cheshire.

Address Patent Knitting Company,
(B.A.) Buenos Aires.

Past experience and qualifications 4 years O.T.C. Charterhouse School. Mechanical knowledge and general fitness.

Branch of Service preferred Cheshire Yeomanry or Transport Section.

Present service Private in the Falkland Is. Defence Force from 29th September, 1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

An effecient man who with further experience would make a good type of officer.



RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

Normal Officer type.

(Sgt.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

STANLEY,
5th December, 1939.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE
ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name LLOYD-HIRST, Adrian.

Date of Birth 6th October, 1917.

Place of Birth London.

Address Buenos Aires, Gt. Southern
Railway, Buenos Aires.

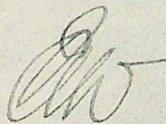
Past experience
and qualifications Applied for engineering
commission backed by Commodore
Harwood, R.N., O.B.E., and
Naval Attache in Buenos Aires.
Qualification C.P.E.

Branch of service
preferred Royal Navy.

Present service Private in the Falkland Is.
Defence Force from 29th
September, 1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

A very quiet and reliable man who with
experience would develop into a good officer
especially in a non executive branch.



Major.

RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

Recommended for R.N.V.R. Commission.

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-H

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name LOUGH, John Archibald Forbes.

Date of Birth 5th July, 1913.

Place of Birth Broadstairs, Kent.

Address Krabbe King and Co.,
Buenos Aires.

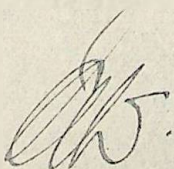
Past experience and qualifications 3 years O.T.C. Harrow School -
Cert. "A". Platoon Sergt.
Mathematical and Mechanical
ability.

Branch of service preferred M.G's - Royal Artillery -
Tank Corps.

Present service Private in Falkland Is. Defence
Force from 29th September,
1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

A keen and efficient man.



RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

A good type.

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE
ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name LYALL GRANT, Colin.

Date of Birth 25th August, 1915.

Place of Birth Wimbledon, Surrey.

Address Buenos Aires.

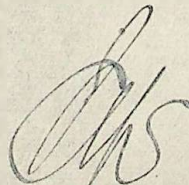
Past experience and qualifications 3½ years O.T.C. Glenalmond.
An Honorary Member of the
London Scottish of which his
father was C.O.

Branch of service preferred Infantry, preferably London
Scottish.

Present service Private in Falkland Islands
Defence Force from 29th
September, 1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

A very excellent man and one who would make a
very efficient officer.



RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

I concur in above.

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

STANLEY,
5th December, 1939.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE
ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name NERY, Charles Albert.

Date of Birth 24th October, 1902.

Place of Birth London.

Address Ogar Cross & Co.,
Buenos Aires.


Past experience
and qualifications 3 years C.T.C. Cambridge
University. Captain of
Boxing at Cambridge.

Branch of Service
preferred. Infantry.

Present service Private in the Falkland Islands
Defence Force from 29th
September, 1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

A very reliable and trustworthy man whom one
could recommend as being worthy of a commission
in His Majesty's Forces.


Major.

RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

An excellent all round type. Suitable for a
Commission.

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER HEATON

STANLEY,
5th December, 1939.

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APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE
ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name POYNOR, John Howard.

Date of Birth 20th March, 1910.

Place of Birth London.

Address Royal Mail Lines, Ltd.,
Buenos Aires.

Past experience
and qualifications 5 years O.T.C. St. Dunstons
School. 5 years 20th
London Regt. (T.A.) Sergeant
Machine gun Section.

Branch of service
preferred Infantry.

Present service Private Falkland Is. Defence
Force from 29th September,
1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

A very smart and efficient man who is quite
capable of being commissioned without
further training.



Major.

RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

Suitable for a Commission.

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

STANLEY,
5th December, 1939.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name . ROBINSON, Charles Salkeld.

Date of Birth 1st February, 1907.

Place of Birth Rochdale, Lancashire.

Address Thomas Robinson and Son, Ltd.
Rochdale.


Past experience and qualifications 3 years C.T.C. Charterhouse School. "A" flying license - 130 hours flying. Mechanical Engineering.

Branch of service preferred R.A.F.

Present service Private in Falkland Is. Defence Force from 29th September, 1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

An efficient man who with 150 hours flying on an "A" license and mechanical experience seems admirably fitted for the Royal Air Force.


Major.

RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

Services should certainly be accepted.

(Sgt.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

APPLICATION FOR A COMMISSION OR ENLISTMENT IN THE
ROYAL NAVY, ARMY OR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Name SANDERSON, Thomas Dawson.

Date of Birth 18th April, 1907.

Place of birth Buenos Aires.

Address Wilfred Diggs & Co (Importers)
Buenos Aires.

Past experience and qualifications 5 years O.T.C. Loretto School
Cert: "A" - G.M. Sergeant.

Branch of Service preferred. R.A.F. or Highland Regiment.

Present Service Corporal in the Falkland Is.
Defence Force from 29th
September, 1939.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

His work as N.C.O. in the force has shown him to be a good disciplinarian. His keen vision and physical fitness seem to suggest he would be well employed for observation work in the Royal Air Force.

RECOMMENDATION BY GOVERNOR.

Would make a first rate officer.

(Sgt.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

STANLEY,
5th December, 1939.



The Governor of the Falkland Islands presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador, Buenos Aires, and begs to transmit for his information the accompanying copy of a despatch addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies regarding the Volunteer Contingent from the Argentine who are leaving the Colony this day on return to the Argentine.

Government House,
Stanley, 8th December 1939.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,.....

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 16th April, 1940. Time: ...

Received: 19... Time: ...

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No. 44. With reference to my despatch No. 136 of 8th December please inform me whether any action has been taken or offers of commissions can be made to any of the persons named.

Numbers 15 and 19 on list have returned for service here.

Charles Lamb, address Patent Knitting Company, Manchester, hopes obtain commission. Others on list are waiting at

addresses given in despatch to know whether their services can be utilised. This Government undertook to take every step possible to enable them to be accepted for service. Instructions through British Community Council, Buenos Aires would reach them.

GOVERNOR.

20th. April 1940

O.C. Defence Force.

His Excellency the Governor
and Commander-in-Chief

*Copy to
The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary for information*

I have the honour to submit for the consideration of Your Excellency the following minute in connection with the Headquarters Company of the Defence Force.

- (1). With the relief of Sapper Hill Battery, the return of members of the Force from South Georgia and further recent releases to civil life the headquarters Company now has a parade state of about 100 N.C.O.s and men.
- (2). It is no longer possible for the Company to parade indoors in the evening with the change to winter time and many problems arise in connection with Saturday and Sunday as an alternative.
- (3). There are not sufficient instructors for the present numbers even if I do, as I have done, take a section myself.

I have fully discussed the matter with the R.S.M. and his opinion is quite definitely that the men are now up to a sufficient state of training to reduce parades to one for each man per month in the form of a "refresher" parade.

Accordingly, I have the honour to recommend for Your Excellency's favourable consideration that the Company be organised, as at present into four platoons composed as under and that the platoons parade in rotation on Mondays. This arrangement, I submit, would ensure the necessary "refreshed" drill despite weather conditions, avoids the other relevant difficulties and results in the appreciable saving of pay and allowances without in any way affecting the efficiency of the Force.

The Platoons are at present organised as follows:-

- No. 1. All artillery details
- 2 *best well trained details*

No. 3. Lewis Gunners.

No. 4. Machine Gunners, Signallers, Ambulance details and Headquarters Details.

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Major.
O.C. Defence Force.

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TELEGRAM.

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No. 291 From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 21st April 19 40 Time: 06.30.

Received: 19 Time:

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Not yet received.
No. 38 with reference to your telegram No. 44 Argentine Applicants are being informed of result through H.M. representative ~~of~~ in Buenos Aires. See my despatches No. 23 of April 3rd and No. 29 of April 18th of which following is summary. (a) Lloyd-Hiest appointed temporary Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant in Navy. Others not accepted for naval appointments. (b) Are Campbell, Knight, and Nery eligible for Army Officers Emergency Reserve or enlistment. (c) R.H.S. Campbell ineligible for either. (d) Remainder of those who indicated preference for Army are eligible for enlistment only.

Information regarding Army Officers Emergency Reserve sent to applicants care of Military Attache Buenos Aires.

Those eligible for enlistment subject to medical fitness would have to proceed to United Kingdom at their own expense and present themselves at recruiting centres. No guarantee of actual acceptance could be given. As regards R.A.F. waiting list is so long that there is no reasonable chance of acceptance.

G.T.C.

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AA

3 April, 1940.

13117/9/40.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary MacDonald to request you to inform Viscount Halifax that a despatch was received in January from the Governor of the Falkland Islands transmitting a number of applications from members of the Volunteer Contingent from the Argentine, for commissions or enlistment in the Royal Navy, Army or Royal Air Force. All the applicants have now returned to the Argentine.

2. I am to enclose a copy of a letter, with enclosure from the War Office relating to thirteen of the applicants, and to say that Mr. MacDonald would be grateful if Lord Halifax would cause these gentlemen to be informed, through His Majesty's representative in Buenos Aires, in the sense of the War Office letter.

3. A copy of a despatch which is being sent to the Governor of the Falkland Islands is enclosed.

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3.4.40.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(80) J. A. Calder

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 23.

Downing Street,

3 April, 1940.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 136 of the 8th of December transmitting applications from members of the Volunteer Contingent from the Argentine for commissions or enlistment in the Royal Navy, Army or Royal Air Force, I have the honour to inform you that copies of your despatch, with enclosures, were sent to the War Office and the Admiralty. Reference was not, however, made to the Air Ministry, because they have stated that in view of the large waiting lists now in existence it is not at present possible to consider applications for entry into the Royal Air Force from candidates who are not resident in the United Kingdom.

2. I enclose a copy of a letter, with enclosure from the War Office relating to those applicants who expressed a preference to serve in the Army. As it is understood that all the applicants are now in the Argentine, I am arranging with the Foreign Office for them to be informed through His Majesty's Representative in the Argentine of the results of their applications. A copy of a letter from the Colonial Office to the Foreign Office is enclosed.

3. I shall address a further despatch to you when a reply has been received from the Admiralty.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Sgd.) MALCOLM MACDONALD

GOVERNOR

SIR HERBERT HENNIKER HEATON, K.C.M.G.,

&c., &c., &c.

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THE WAR OFFICE,
THAMES HOUSE,
MILLBANK,
LONDON, S.W.1.
31st March, 1940.

100/Misc/790.(A.G.12).

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to refer to your letter No. 113117/9/40 dated the 19th February, 1940, enclosing a copy of despatch No. 136 of the 8th December, 1939, from the Governor of the Falkland Islands concerning applications from members of the Volunteer Contingent from the Argentine who have expressed a preference to serve in the Army.

The accompanying list to this letter shows which of the members of the volunteer contingent are eligible for consideration for enrolment into the Army Officers' Emergency Reserve or enlistment. Those members who are shown as ineligible for enrolment into the Army Officers' Emergency Reserve are marked thus in accordance with the existing rules which preclude the registration of anyone under the age of 31 years unless they are specially qualified for an appointment requiring exceptional treatment.

Information about the Army Officers' Emergency Reserve with the relevant Army Forms and conditions of service have been despatched to the Military Attaché at Buenos Aires.

I am to say that members shown as eligible for enlistment can, subject to medical fitness, be accepted for the Corps of their choice. It would, however, be necessary for them to present themselves at one of the Recruiting Centres established in the United Kingdom.

I am to add that the existing policy is that it is not intended to bring to the United Kingdom at public expense residents

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

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residents abroad who are members of the Army Officers' Emergency Reserve or those eligible for enlistment.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) G.W. LAMBERT.

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>ADDRESS.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
Campbell, R.	Buenos Aires.	Eligible for Army Officers' Emergency Reserve or enlistment.
Knight, G.B.	Bank of London and South America, Buenos Aires.	-do-
Nery, C.A.	Ogar Cross and Company, Buenos Aires.	-do-
Cooper, N.W.	Deloitte, Plender and Griffiths, Buenos Aires.	Ineligible for Army Officers' Emergency Reserve but eligible for enlistment.
Bowden, J.W.R.	Mappen and Webb, Limited, Buenos Aires.	-do-
Henderson, A.B.	Buenos Aires Great Southern Railway, Buenos Aires.	-do-
Hutcheson, J.W.	Buenos Aires and Pacific Railway, Buenos Aires.	-do-
Lamb, C.J.	Patent Knitting Company (B.A.) Buenos Aires.	-do-
Lough, J.A.F.	Krabbe, King and Company, Buenos Aires.	-do-
Lyall, G.C.	Buenos Aires.	-do-
Poyner, J.H.	Royal Mail Lines, Limited, Buenos Aires.	-do-
Wells, A.S.	Union Cold Storage Company, Buenos Aires.	-do-
Campbell, R.H.S.	Bank of London and South America Limited, Buenos Aires.	Ineligible for either Army Officers' Reserve or enlistment. Is a member of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers.

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ADMIRALTY, S.W.1.

C.W. 5679/40.

2nd April, 1940.

Sir,

I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to refer to your letter of the 19th February (13117/9/40), concerning applications by twenty-two members of the Falkland Isles Volunteer Contingent from the Argentine for commissions or enlistment in the Royal Navy, Army or Air Force.

Of the three gentlemen who preferred service with the Naval Forces, one, Mr. Adrian Lloyd-Hirst, has received an appointment as a Temporary Paymaster Sub Lieutenant. It has not, however, been possible to consider either Mr. H.D. Anson May or Mr. L.H. Clarke for employment in any capacity; nor do any of the remaining members appear suitable for any appointments. It is therefore regretted that Their Lordships are not in a position to utilise their services in naval appointments.

I am, etc.

(Sgd.) H. EASTWOOD.

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

13117/9/40.

12 April, 1940.

Sir,

With reference to the letter from this Department No.13117/9/40 of the 3rd of April, I am directed by Mr. Secretary MacDonald to transmit, to be placed before Viscount Halifax, a copy of a letter from the Admiralty dealing with a number of applications by members of the Volunteer Contingent from the Argentine for commissions or enlistment in the armed forces.

2.4.40.

2. A list of the applicants, with their addresses in the Argentine, is also enclosed, and Mr. MacDonald would be grateful if Lord Halifax would cause these gentlemen to be informed, through His Majesty's Representative in Buenos Aires, in the sense of the Admiralty letter, adding that their applications were not referred to the Air Ministry, because in view of the large waiting lists now in existence it is not at present possible to consider applications for entry into the Royal Air Force from candidates who are not resident in the United Kingdom.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

(Signed) J. A. CALDER

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS.

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>ADDRESS.</u>
1. ANSON MAY, Hugh Douglas.	Deloitte, Plender and Griffiths, Buenos Aires.
2. BOWDEN, John Wallace Guy.	Mappen and Webb Limited, Buenos Aires.
3. CAMPBELL, Roderick.	Buenos Aires.
4. CAMPBELL, Ronald Henderson Stewart.	Bank Of London and South America Limited, Buenos Aires.
5. CLARKE, Lawrence Hardcastle.	Buenos Aires.
6. COOPER, Noel Wilson.	Deloitte, Plender and Griffiths, Buenos Aires.
7. COWPER-COLES, John Harley.	Buenos Aires.
8. DREWER, John Alexander.	Imperial Chemical Industries, Montevideo.
9. EDWARDS, Dennis Hubert.	Union Cold Storage Company Buenos Aires.
10. HENDERSON, Andrew Brodie.	B.A. Gt. Southern Railway, Buenos Aires.
11. HOUGH, James.	Buenos Aires and Pacific Railway, Buenos Aires.
12. HUTCHESON, James Wank.	Buenos Aires and Pacific Railway, Buenos Aires.
13. KNIGHT, George Bailey.	Bank of London and South America, Buenos Aires.
14. LAMB, Charles Cornelius.	Patent Knitting Company, (B.A.) Buenos Aires.
15. LOUGH, John Archibald Forbes.	Krabbe King and Company, Buenos Aires.
16. LYALL GRANT, Colin.	Buenos Aires.
17. NERY, Charles Albert.	Ogar-Cross and Company, Buenos Aires.
18. POYNOR, John Howard.	Royal Mail Lines, Limited, Buenos Aires.
19. ROBINSON, Charles Salkeld.	Buenos Aires.
20. SANDERSON, Thomas Dawson.	Wilfred Diggs and Company, (Importers), Buenos Aires.
21. WELLS, Alan Sinclair.	Union Cold Storage Company, Buenos Aires.

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Reference to previous correspondence :-

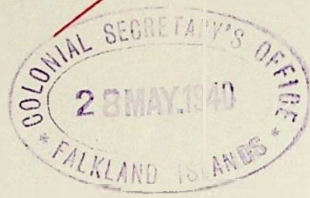
Secretary of State's
~~Government's~~ despatch No. 23

201/39.

Red 48.

of 3rd April, 1940.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.



No. 29.

DOWNING STREET,

18th April, 1940.

Sir,

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

(See)
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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

(Sgd.) MALCOLM MACDONALD.

The Officer Administering
the Government.

Name and Date.	Subject.
From the Admiralty 2. 4. 1940.	Applications by members of the Volunteer Contingent from the Argentine for Commissions or enlistment in the armed forces.
To the Foreign Office 12. 4. 1940.	

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BRITISH NAVAL BASE
5 - MAY. 1945
NAVAL MESSAGE
FALKLANDS.

S. 1320h.
(Established—October, 1935)

To: Governor F.I.

FROM: Military Attache,
B.Aires

Telegram No. 118. Would be grateful for a certificate for each volunteer joining the F.I.D.F. from B.A. in September 1939 giving particulars of length of service with that Force. This is to enable volunteers to claim benefits depending on period of service.

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12th May,

45.

Sir,

Red 54

With reference to your telegram, No. 118, I have the honour to forward certified copies of the Discharge Certificates of members of the volunteer contingent who were attested to and served in the Defence Force of this Colony during the period September to December, 1939.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

The Military Attache,
Buenos Aires.

Saving.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Date 16th June, 1945.

No. // Saving.



War Office have asked for confirmation of service claimed by Lieutenant C.A. Nevy, Pioneer Corps, who states that he was on full time military service with the Falkland Islands Defence Force from the 27th of September to the 8th of December, 1939, with rank of Private.

Grateful to learn whether information required can be supplied.

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From the Officer Administering the Government
of the Falkland Islands.

To the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 28th September, 1945.

No. 29. SAVING.

Red 56
With reference to your Saving Telegram No. 11 of the 15th of June,
1945, I enclose a copy of the official discharge of Private C. A. Nery
(now Lieutenant in Pioneer Corps) in respect of his full time military
service with the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

GOVERNOR.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To

General Falklands.

From Troopers 191630Z F2B/4 19oct 22175 F25/40 cable urgently details full pay mobilized or service Pte L. Harcastleclarke Falkland Islands Defence Force now Lieut R N V R officer claims service Sept to Dec 1939.

Ans. Red 61.

27/9/39 - 8/12/39

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

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To TROOPERS LONDON. H/O A/C.

Red 59/

Your telegram 191630Z F2B/4 19 Oct 22175 F23/40 addressed General Falkland Islands L Hardcastle Clarke served as Private full pay mobilized with Falkland Islands Defence Force from 27th September to 8th December 1939.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

Saving.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

To the Officer Administering the Government of.....

Date. 18 February, 1946.

No. 4 Saving.

I attach forms from the Admiralty regarding the previous service of T/Lieutenant L.H. Clarke and T/Lieutenant G.B. Knight in the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

2. I should be grateful if the particulars required can be supplied.

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government
of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 25th April, 1946.

No. 14. SAVING.

Red 62

With reference to your Saving Telegram, No. 4 of 18th February, 1946, I attach completed certificates in respect of full-time service with the Falkland Islands Defence Force of Privates L. H. Clarke and G. B. Knight.

GOVERNOR.