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(Miscellaneous.)

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No. 177/40.

O/C., F.I.D.F.

SUBJECT.

19 40.

12th December.

Previous Paper.

Burial expenses of members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force who die while on active service.

MINUTES.

1. Minute from O/C., F.I.D.F., of 12. 12. 40.

O.C. by 7.

What are your views?

I take it that a soldier on duty is most assuredly entitled to a military burial. If so, how you any more? If not I return your claim for a S.W. under "Contingencies" for necessary amendment.

A.S. 13/11/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

As discussed with you on 14. 11. 40 I feel the principle that a man dying or killed in active service is entitled to have free burial if so desired by relatives. In this case I shall, in view of all circumstances try to collect a portion from the father, but if this fails, then we have enough balance under "Contingencies" to meet it before 31st. inst.

*W. O.C.D.F.
16. 11. 40.*

Subsequent Paper.

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



MINUTE.

12th December, 1940.

From Commanding Officer,

To The Honourable,

Falkland Islands
Defence Force.

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

Attached a/c from Mr. W. H. Sedgwick submitted please.

Mr. H. Biggs, father of the late Pte. P. Biggs, has intimated that in view of the fact that his son died whilst on active service, he feels that all burial expenses should be borne by the Defence Force.

May I be instructed as to whether or not the expenses of this and possibly of other cases where a man dies on active service, should be borne by the Military Dept.

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Major.,
Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.