

C.S.

NAVAL & MILITARY,

(Miscellaneous.)

19 38.

No. 137/38.

C/O, Defence Force.

SUBJECT.

19 38.

2nd July,

FORMATION OF MOUNTED RIFLE UNITS

IN THE CAMP.

Previous Paper.

military

MINUTES.

Minute from Officer Commanding, F.I.D.F., of 2. 7. 38.

*M.H.*

*Submitted.*

*M.H.*

*S. J. 38*

*Extended to*

*Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> at 11 am*

*11 am 5/7/38*

*O.C. Defence Force.*

*To note.*

*M.H.*

*S. J. 38*

Subsequent Paper.

*Hon. Colonial Secretary*

*Noted, thank you*

*S. Marshall*

*6.7.38*

*M.H. 2/7/38*



Letter to the Crown Agents of 14.7.38.

2

O.C. Defence Force,

to note.

A.I.J.  
for C.S.  
14/7/38.

Hon Colonial Secretary

Noted Thank you  
S.M.O.B.  
14.7.38

V.A.  
14/7/38

Letter to C.A.S. of 10/8/38.

3

O.C. Defence Force,

to note.

A.I.J.  
for C.S.  
11/8/38.

Hon. Colonial Secretary

Noted. Thank you  
S.M.O.B.  
11.8.38

V.A.  
13/8/38

Hon. Treasurer,

to note.

A.I.J.  
for C.S.  
13/8/38.

Honors

Noted.

S.M.O.B.  
for C.S.  
13/8/38

V.A.  
13/8/38



4. Telegram from Mr. R. Greenshields of 26.8.38.

W.F. 15/9/38.  
C. 2/9/38

5. Telegram from Brown Agents of 9.9.38.

O. C. Defence Force,

for your recommendations please.

C. S. J.  
W.F.  
10/9/38

How Colonial Secretary

I have the honour to recommend that an order be placed for this equipment.

The quotations appear moderate and Lieut. Greenshields is on the spot to see that we get what is wanted.

Smawhall  
W.F. J.D.F.  
12.9.38

W.F.  
Submitted. The estimated cost landed here is £105. There are no savings under military by which this would be covered - the cost of ammunition having taken up all anticipated savings.

13.9.38 W.F. J.D.F.



H.C.

I will authorize this excess  
expenditure having regard to the  
financial state. Some more money  
may still have to be found for  
military services this year so the  
issue of the S.W. might stand over  
until the end of the month unless  
the regulations require otherwise

~~ttttt~~ 13/9/38

Telegraph C.A.'s to proceed with  
order

met  
ed  
13.9.38

Telegram to Brown Agents of 15.9.38 (6)

O.C. Defence Force  
Hon. Treas. ~~copy~~ 17/9/38  
To note.

met  
ed  
16.9.38

For O.C. Defence Force.  
met

Hon Colonial Secretary

Noted, thank you

SM  
O.D. 26/9/38

P.H.  
26/9/38



- 7. Letter from Crown Agents of 17. 8. 38.
- 3-9. \_\_\_\_\_ 9. 9. 38.
- 10-11. Advice of Orders Placed of 8. 9. 38.

O. Defence Force

For your observations please.

C. J. S.  
8/10/38

How Colonial Secretary

I would suggest advising the Crown Agents to procure the Bandoliers they mention at a cost of 15.6 each. The materials selected by Lieut. R. Greenshields for the Bombachas and Bunches are very suitable.

Marshal G. L.  
10.10.38.

- 12. Telegram to Crown Agents of 12. 10. 38.

P.A.  
17/10/38

- 13-14. Advice of Order Placed of 4. 10. 38.

15-16. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. 10. 38.

- 17. Letter from Crown Agents of 18. 10. 38.

O. Defence Force

For notes, please.

P.A.  
22/11/38.



Hon. Colonial Secretary

Noted Sharkyn.

Sm. O.P. & D.P.

23.11.38

P.A.  
25.11.38

Telegram to Crown Agents of 24.12.38.

(17)

Crown Agents Invoice of 2.11.38.

18.

First Shipping Advice of 9.11.38.

19.

Letter from Crown Agents of 25.11.38.

20.

O.C. Defence Force,

For your advice please  
on Red (20)

a.s.  
for C.  
27/12/38

Hon. Colonial Secretary.

I think that under the  
circumstances, it would be well to procure the  
Rats from the firm in England, specifying a  
3 3/4 briem. As these are required for February.  
I would recommend calling the Crown Agents.

S. Marshall

Major. O.P. & D.P.

28.12.38

Telegram to Crown Agents of 29.12.38.

(21)

P.H.  
29/12/38



22. Advice of Amendment of Order Placed 12.12.38

P.A.  
23/1/39

23-24. First Shipping Advice of 6.12.38

P.A.  
6/2/39

25-26. First Shipping Advice of 6.1.39

27. Advice of Order Placed of 17.1.39

28. Letter from Crown Agents of 19.1.39

ACS.

This means that a special warrant will be required in 1939 for uniforms.

P.A.  
C. 21/2/39

Yes. it is unavoidable.

MCH  
CS.  
25. 2. 39.

P.A.  
25/2/39

(29) Crown Agents Letter of 22/2/39.

Adjutant, G.I.D.Y.

To note.

P.A.  
23/2/39



N.C.S.

Med. J.G.  
A. Adj. S.F.  
23/3/39

P.A.  
23/3/39

First Shipping Advice of 14. 3. 39.

(30)

Adjutant, F.I.D.F.,

To withdraw Second Shipping Advice.

P.A.  
15/5/39

P.A.  
For C.S.  
15. 5. 39.

N.C.S.

Shipping Advice withdrawn.

A. J.G.  
Adj. S.F.  
15/5/39

Minutes from Adjutant, F.I.D.F. of 2/6/39.

31-33

M.

Submitted.

M.H.  
cl.  
2. 6. 39.

How many members of the D.F.  
are now in the West Falkland.  
Certainly there wd. be no issue of  
uniforms etc. until after a trial camp

~~2/6/39~~ 2/6/39

N.C.O's pay + keep runs high



Adjutant F.D.F.

Accordingly please

MCH

CS

5.6.39.

Ans.

There are at the present time 38 members of the Defence Force in the West Bankland.

2. It would be difficult to get a N.C.O. employed in Stanley on hourly wages to proceed to the West for anything less than full pay even though he is provided with free board and messing but it might be possible to send a N.C.O. who is in the employment of the Government on a monthly salary at *no extra cost*.

CS  
C. Adj. F.D.F.  
5/6/39.

M

Submitted.

MCH

CS  
5.6.39.

It will appear if an expenditure of up to £30 being incurred

The best way to proceed is for the Adjutant to carry out the whole of the arrangements in direct communication with the Manager Charles. There is no man selected for further reference to you. Please ask Adjutant to see me on this.


CS 5/6



Adjutant J. D. F.

To note H's instructions.

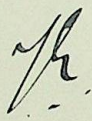
MCH  
C.S.  
7.6.39.

H.C. Will you please telegraph to  
Mr. Pole Evans as in draft put up  
 9/6

Telegram to Hon. R.C. Pole-Evans of 9. 6. 39. 34.

Telegram from Hon. R.C. Pole-Evans of 11. 6. 39.

J.P.A.  
16/6/39  
(35)

 Submitted.  
MCH  
C.S.  
12.6.39.

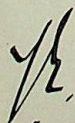
Good  13/6

Telegram to Hon. R.C. Pole-Evans of 16. 6. 39.

P.A.  
13/6/39  
(36)

Minutes from Adjutant, J.D.F. of 24/7/39. (37)

P.A.  
16/7/39

 Submitted.  
MCH  
C.S.  
25.7.39.



H.C.

I am glad to see this  
 A note sh<sup>d</sup>. be written up for  
 the press. Perhaps the Adjutant  
 could do this incidentally using  
 a news the desirability of  
 releasing men for training. The  
 minimum period sh<sup>d</sup>. be  
 10 days.

Leather hat bands preferable  
 to paper.

Could we not get gloves  
 cheaply by buying a number and  
 charging the men i.e. have a  
 store or canteen supply of uniform  
 pattern. They could then keep  
 them instead of the stores only  
 buy and use a pair

H.H.H. 25/7/35

Lieut. S. sh<sup>d</sup>. be compensated



Adjutant J. Deane Iron.  
According please.  
MCH  
26.7.39  
CJ.

Hes.  
Draft of proposed note put up.

JH.  
Submitted.  
CJ.  
14.8.39.  
14.8.39.

14/8

Report on mounted Rifles Training Camp. 38-39.

P.H.  
15/8/39.  
40.

Minute from C/C, Troops of 18/6/41.  
YH.  
Submitted for approval.

C.J.  
19/6/41

Where is the money? 19/11/41

YH.  
Under Head XXI. item 8.

C.J.  
19/11/41

Certainty of the money is there. B.U on O.C. Troops' return.  
20/11/41  
19/11/41



Hon Col Sec  
The money for this camp is available  
May His Excellency be asked please if  
leave from Stanley may be granted  
to Captain R Greenshields for the  
purpose of attending at Darwin  
from approximately July 26 to Aug 7<sup>th</sup>  
These men are quite untrained and  
inexperienced officers and instructors  
will be required more urgently  
than at Charles or Douglas.

C.D.L.  
OC Troops  
7.7.41

yf

Submitted.

O.S.P.  
7/7/41

Certainly. I think it is like "1066 & all  
that" - a good thing.

7/21/41

Hon Col Sec

noted. Thank you. Please inform  
Capt R. Greenshields.

C.D.L.  
OC Troops.  
8.7.41

PH

41-46. letter from Capt. R. Greenshields of 7/7/41.

47-50 " " " " " " 3.9.41

51-59 " " " " " " 2.9.41

60-61. Report to C in C from OC Troops. 8.9.41

yf

(62)

Reas 60-46 submitted.

O.S.P.  
7/19/41



Not satisfactory.

As regards the suggestion in (60-1) :-

- (1) would require legislation & ∴ a complete case shd. be made out for consideration.
- (2) can they be procured? If so are there any reasons why not?
- (3) purely routine
- (4) what is done to day?
- (5) what is the concrete suggestion?

Ordered.

*[Signature]* 13/IX/41

Q. Troops.

Referred to you the question of compulsory service scheme is being dealt with in view of appropriate info I think which is attached.

*C. Field.*  
15/9/41.

Honourable Colonial Secretary. (65)

With the lapse of time most of the excellencies points are now covered.

- 1. Necessary legislation has now been made.
- 2. Equipment has been ordered.
- 3. This will be done at the same time as the dumps in the Camp are formed.
- 4. This is, I believe covered by the Annual Camps, & a military order would ensure all men attending after 1. above.
- 5. I have discussed this with Capt Greenhills & fully realise the difficulty if not impossibility of finding men of the right type. The point will be considered again when the Scheme for Commandos is under consideration in the next few days.

*[Signature]* 27.II.42.  
D.C. F.I.D.F

P.A.



66. Minute from O/C, F.I.D.F., of 14. 1. 44.  
(67).

G.F.

The M. 9. have apparently never been issued with boots. In my view, if a man is conscripted for military service, limited though it may be to a fortnight's camp in the year, he must be provided with a complete uniform & should not be expected to provide his own boots. An issue is  $\therefore$  justified. With regard to replacement I prefer the Force Commander's suggestion of A. 3 years is a very liberal period as it represents only 42 days' wear on the boots, but if it is made longer there will be serious difficulties. The other suggestion means selling W.O. stores to men for civilian wear and that is wrong. A. S. W. may be necessary later on.

KB.  
6.1.44

(68.)

Yes. The boots may be issued on a biennial basis & their delivery can be arranged when the M. 1. Camps are opened this year. Question of charge to agent appropriate Head can be made discussed then.

*[Signature]* 6/1/44

69. Minute to O/C, F.I.D.F., of 7. 1. 44.

70. Minute from O/C, F.I.D.F., of 27. 6. 44.

(71)

A.E.S.

Pl. refer me to X. in (70).

KB.  
28/6/44

N.C.S.

Red (20), M.S. 133/43 refers, pl.

*[Signature]*  
28/6/44



Memorandum to O/C. F. I. D. F. of 29. 6. 44.

73.

*[Handwritten mark]*

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①

No.

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

MINUTE.

2nd July, 19 38

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

To The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley,

I have the honour to enquire whether His Excellency the Governor will grant me an interview to discuss certain matters in connection with the formation of Mounted Rifle Units in the Camp.

I should like Captain Fleuret, Adjutant of the Force and Lieut. Greenshields to be present.

*S. Marshall*  
Officer Commanding,  
Falkland Islands Defence Force.



157/38.

14th July, 38. (2)

Gentlemen,

I am directed to inform you that it is proposed to equip a number of mounted rifle units recently formed in the outlying districts of the Falkland Islands with certain articles of uniform. The equipment required for each member is given below :

- 1 Pr. Bombachas.
- 1 Pr. Half Wellington leather Boots.
- 1 Leather Mandolier.
- 1 Pancho.

2. I am to request that you will obtain quotations for the supply of 20 uniforms comprising the above articles and telegraph this Government before placing any order. Measurements of 18 men for whom the articles are required are enclosed the remaining 2 uniforms should be of average size. Jackets or Caps are not required.

3. I am to add that Lieut. R. Greenshields an Officer of the Defence Force who is proceeding to the United Kingdom on leave has been asked to call on you in this connection and full particulars can be obtained from him. He has been furnished with a copy of this letter.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

*W. H.*

Colonial Secretary.

Crown Agents for the Colonies,  
4, Millbank, Westminster,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.



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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
10th August, 1938.

No. 137/38.

Gentlemen,

With reference to my letter, No. 137/38 of the 14th of July, 1938, I am directed to inform you that it is desired to procure from Messrs Levy and Company, Wellington, New Zealand, as a trial shipment, 24 hats for the use of the mounted rifle units in the Colony, and to request that you will be good enough to make the necessary arrangements for the hats to be obtained and forwarded to the Colony.

2. The hats required are of the mounted rifle pattern, military, and of a somewhat better quality than those issued to N.C.O's and men in New Zealand Rifle units. The cost is estimated to be 90/- per dozen in New Zealand currency.

3. The numbers of each size required are given below :

<u>Number.</u>	<u>Size.</u>
1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
1	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
2	6 $\frac{7}{8}$
12	6 $\frac{7}{8}$
5	7
3	7 $\frac{1}{8}$ .

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

*W. H. M.*

Colonial Secretary.

THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,  
4. MILLBANK, WESTMINSTER,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.



GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE. (4)

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

**RECEIVED.**

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
27	London	22	11.40	26/8/38

To

Marshall, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

BOMBACHOS 26/6 PAUNCHOS 27/- BOOTS 27/6 BELT 15/6 NO N Z PATTERN IN  
ENGLAND BUT THREE LIKE THEM.

GREENSHIELDS.

Time



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents for the Colonies,.....

To Colonial Secretary.....

Despatched : 9th September, 19 38. Time : 1338.

Received : 10th September, 19 38. Time : 1100.

*Red<sup>h</sup>*

Your letter of 14th July Bombachas will cost £26. 10s.  
Boots £27. 10s. Bandoliers £15. 10s. Paunchos £26 exclusive  
of cost of packing and delivery f.o.b. and incidental  
charges. Letter follows.

CROWN AGENTS.

*Total cost exclusive of packing etc, for 20 complete  
uniforms £95-10-0.*



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Colonial Secretary, .....

*To* Crown Agents for the Colonies. ....

*Despatched* : 15th September, 19 38. *Time* : ...

*Received* : ... .. 19 ... *Time* : ...

Red 5

Your telegram 9th September please proceed with order for 20 uniforms complete at cost stated.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.



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ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,  
THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE  
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

4, MILLBANK,  
LONDON, S.W.1.



G / Falkland Is. 4551  
TELEGRAMS: "CROWN, LONDON".  
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730.

17th August, 1938.

Sir,

*Reds.* →

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 137/38 dated the 14th July concerning the equipment for the mounted rifle units and to state that we will obtain the quotations as soon as details of the patterns required are available from Lieutenant R. Greenshields. We will also telegraph to you as requested before placing the order.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

for Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands.

STANDARD

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.  
THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE  
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.

G/FALK Is. 4551.

TELEGRAMS: "CROWN, LONDON".

TELEPHONE: ~~0-1-1-1-1-1~~

ABBEY 7730.

9th September, 1938.

Sir,

*Red 2.*

I have the honour to refer to your letter No. 137/38 of the 14th July, regarding the uniforms for the mounted rifle units and to confirm our telegram of the 9th September, 1938, reading as follows:-

*Red 5.*

"Referring to your letter of 14th July, Bombachas will cost £26. 10s., boots £27. 10s., bandoliers £15. 10s., paunchos £26, exclusive of cost of packing and delivery f.o.b. and incidental charges. Letter follows."

We append herewith further details of the articles to which the above prices refer.

- (a) Bombachas, to conform to a sample pair, loaned to us by Lieut. Greenshields and made from a material to our pattern M.P.192, cutting attached, at 26/6d. per pair.
- (b) Half Wellington Leather Boots, Waxed Kip, machine welted, without spur boxes, conforming to a sample which has been approved by Lieut. Greenshields, at 27/6d. per pair.
- (c) Leather Bandoliers.

We are informed by Lieut. Greenshields that the Bandoliers are required to conform to a pattern as used in New Zealand, but in spite of many inquiries, we have been unable to obtain full details of this pattern.

The price referred to in our telegram (15/6. each) covers the cost of Bandoliers consisting of a waistbelt with plain buckle, a supporting cross strap and a five-pouch Bandolier containing 50 rounds. The supporting strap and the bandolier cross at the back and front of the wearer and are fitted to the belt by means of D's. and fasteners.

the/

The Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands.

16 *gmm*

JC



the quality and general make up to conform to the War Office standard. If a slightly lower quality would be suitable, the bandoliers<sup>etc.</sup> could be supplied at 13s. 3d. each. If an indent is forwarded will you please indicate which of these qualities should be ordered.

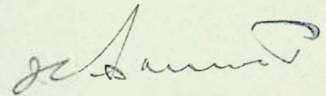
- (d) Paunchos, rectangular in shape, size 89" x 27", with 4" deep collar opening down front with two buttons, flap 7½" wide at top, 4" at bottom to cover opening at front, made from drab mixture material to our pattern M.P.212.(cutting attached). These Paunchos are in accordance with a rough sketch furnished by Lieut. Greenshields.

All the above prices are exclusive of the cost of packing, delivery f.o.b. and incidental charges.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



for Crown Agents.

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ADVICE OF ORDERS PLACED.

OFFICE OF THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,

4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.



The Crown Agents for the Colonies present their  
\_\_\_\_\_ compliments and beg to forward particulars of an order placed  
in pursuance of the indent quoted.

The Colonial Secretary,  
.....

Falkland Islands.  
.....

.....  
8th September, 19 38.....



G/Falkland Islands 4551

8th September, 1938.

Gentlemen,

We have received an indent from the Government of the Falkland Islands for 24 hats of the mounted rifle pattern, military, and of a somewhat better quality than those issued to the N.C.O's and men in New Zealand rifle units. The sizes are to be as follows:-

<u>Quantity.</u>	<u>Size.</u>
1	6½
1	6¾
2	6¾
12	6¾
5	7
<u>3</u>	<u>7½</u>
24	

2. The hats are estimated to cost 90/-d per dozen in New Zealand currency, and, provided this cost is not exceeded, will you please arrange for the supply to be put in hand and shipped to the Falkland Islands as soon as possible.

3. The shipping mark is as follows:-

: RECON.	O.H.M.S.	:
: 4551		:
:	O.A.G.,	:
: C ↑ A	Stanley,	:
: Col Secs	via Monte Video	:
: 1r 10 Aug		:
:		:

4. Instructions regarding the disposal of the shipping documents are enclosed herewith.

Messrs. Levy & Co.,  
Wellington,  
New Zealand.

I am, Gentlemen,  
your obedient servant

for Crown Agents.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Colonial Secretary, .....

*To* Crown Agents for the Colonies. ....

*Despatched* : 12th October,                      19 38.    *Time* : ...

*Received* :     ...     ...     ...     ... 19 ...    *Time* : ...

Red 629

My telegram of 15th September your letter 9th September  
G/4551 please supply bandoliers at price of 15/6 each.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.



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(B)

ADVICE OF ORDER PLACED.

OFFICE OF THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,  
4, MILLBANK,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies furnish overleaf particulars of a contract placed in pursuance of the Indent shown. A period of 14 to 28 days may elapse between the contract date for delivery and the date on which the goods leave this country, while inspection (if any), packing and arrangements for shipment are being carried out.

In the case of goods posted the contractor will forward under separate cover direct to the addressee two advice copies of the invoice, showing the indent number and the date of despatch of the parcel.

The Colonial Secretary, \_\_\_\_\_

Falkland Islands. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4th October, 19 38.

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COLONIAL SECRET  
19 NOV 1938  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

2-38

G/Falkland Islands 4551/2

Date of issue:—

Authy. Col. Sec's 137/38  
of 14.7.38

Barrow Hepburn & Gale Ltd.,  
Grange Hill,  
Borersday  
S.S.I.

A/c Mounted Rifle Unit

Sec. 1.

TENDER for the supply of:—

Leather Bandoliers

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY.	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.	RATE.	AMOUNT.	
3	20	Leather bandoliers 50rd. complete with 1 3/4" waistbelt fitted with brass, flat face buckle 1" shoulder straps for attachment to belt at 15/6d per set.  To conform to Crown Agents Specification 48.  As quoted in firm's letter 23/23, (G/Falk. Is. 4551) dated 26.8.38.  The order may be proceeded with. A formal order will be sent to firm as soon as possible after the quotation has been received.	Each 15/6d	15	10 -

~~DIRECT ORDER~~  
JK/SA

Inspector:—	Crown Agents.	Add cost of articles specified in continuation sheets (if any)	£		
Firm	Barrow Hepburn & Gale Ltd.	TOTAL cost of articles ... ..	£		
Date of Tender	27.9.38.	Deduct: Trade and Shipping Allowances.....	£		
Date of Order	4.10.38.	per cent. ... ..	£		
Delivery (period)	14 days.	Cash Discount for prompt payment.....	£		
Delivery (date)	18.10.38.	per cent. ... ..	£		
Entered up by	MM.	Add Cost (if any) of delivering to the Crown Agents' Office ... ..	£		
		TOTAL amount payable when the articles have been delivered and passed by the Inspector	£	15	10 -

Address for Post Packages:—      Reqn.      Shipping Mark:—  
4551      G.A.G  
Stanley

Col. Sec's Lf.  
10 Aug.

"E" Packing.



ADVICE OF ORDER PLACED.

OFFICE OF THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,  
4, MILLBANK,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

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The Colonial Secretary,

Falkland Islands.

4th October, 1938.







9.38.

G/ Falkland Islands 4551

Date of issue:—

9.38.

Authy. Col. Sec's 137/38 Adams Bros. (Raunds) Ltd.,  
Raunds,  
Northants.

A/c Mounted Rifle Unit.  
Dept.

G.I.

TENDER for the supply of:— Boots.

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY.	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.	RATE.	AMOUNT.
2	20 prs.	Waxed Rip half Wellington boots, machine welted, without spur boxes at <del>26/7d.</del> pair, as quoted by firm in letter H.M./J.S. dated 20/8/38.  Delivery 28 days.  The order may be proceeded with. A formal order will be sent to firm as soon as possible after the quotation has been received.  <u>Sizes:-</u> 6/5 7/5 8/5 8/6 8½/5 9/5 <u>Quantities:-</u> 1 6 6 1 2 4	27/6	27 10 -

INDIRECT ORDER.

JK/ML.19.

Inspector:— Max Crown Agents  
Firm Adams Bros. (Raunds) Ltd.,  
Date of Tender 24.9.38.  
Date of Order 4.10.38.  
Delivery {period 28 days  
{date 1.11.38.  
Entered up by HMA

Add cost of articles specified in continuation sheets (if any)	£		
TOTAL cost of articles	£		
Deduct: Trade and Shipping Allowances per cent.	£		
Cash Discount for prompt payment per cent.	£		
Add Cost (if any) of delivering to the Crown Agents' Office	£		
TOTAL amount payable when the articles have been delivered and passed by the Inspector	£	27	10 -

Address for Post Packages:—

Reqn. Shipping Mark:—  
4551 O.A.G.,  
Stanley.  
Col Secs.  
1r 10th Aug.

The sizes required are:-



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4, MILLBANK,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

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Indent No.

PAGE 2.

A/c.

Dept.

TENDER for the supply of:—

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY.	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.	RATE.	AMOUNT.
		<p>6s. 6d. per yd. which price includes delivery to the contractors premises.</p> <p>Payment and delivery will be effected as above.</p> <p>To conform to Crown Agents Specn. 64.</p> <p>The order may be proceeded with. A formal order will be sent to firm as soon as possible after the quotation has been received.</p>		

Inspector:—	Add cost of articles specified in continuation sheets (if any)	£		
Firm	TOTAL cost of articles ... ..	£		
Date of Tender	Deduct: Trade and Shipping Allowances.....	£		
Date of Order	per cent. ... ..	£		
Delivery { period	Cash Discount for prompt payment.....	£		
{ date	per cent. ... ..	£		
Entered up by	Add COST (if any) of delivering to the Crown Agents' Office ... ..	£		
	TOTAL amount payable when the articles have been delivered and passed by the Inspector	£		

Address for Post Packages:—

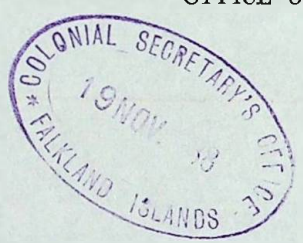
Reqn. Shipping Mark:—



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ADVICE OF ORDER PLACED.

OFFICE OF THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,  
4, MILLBANK,  
LONDON, S.W.1.



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The Colonial Secretary,

Falkland Islands.

5th October, 19 38.



G/

Falkland Is. 4551/3.

9.38.

Date of issue: — 9.38.

Indent No. Col. Sec's 137/38  
 A/c of 14/7/38.  
 Dept. Mounted Rifle Unit.

Hobson & Sons (London) Ltd.,  
 1/5, Lexington Street,  
 S.E.1.

TENDER for the supply of:—

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY.	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.	RATE.	AMOUNT.
1.	20 pro.	<p>Boobaches, mentioned in firm's letter No. L.F.S. dated 25/8/38 made from Bedford Cord No 192. @ 26/6 pr.</p> <p>55 yards Bedford Cord, 28" wide, are being supplied by the Crown Agents @ 40.40. per yard which price includes delivery to the contractors premises.</p> <p>This material will be delivered to firm at 154 - 164 Keeley St., London Bridge, S.E.1. The firm will be required to pay in cash at the above rate for the material immediately on delivery at his works.</p> <p>18 pro. to conform to Special sizeoil, copy attached.</p> <p>2 pro. to be in stock sizes.</p>	26/6	26 10 -
4.	20	<p>frunches, rectangular in shape, 4" deep collar, opening down front with 2 buttons, flap 7 1/2" wide at top, 4" at bottom to cover opening at front. Cut whole back, 2 side seams, <sup>raw</sup> edge bottom, cut 27" long, sweep 89", collar 19 1/2".</p> <p>As quoted in firm's letter L.F.S. dated 25/8/38 at 26/- each.</p> <p>17 1/2 yds cloth crab at store, 36" wide, MPT:2 are being supplied</p>	27/-	27 - -
DIRECT ORDER.		<p>Inspector: <i>[Signature]</i> 14/7/38.</p> <p>Firm <b>Hobson &amp; Sons Ltd.</b></p> <p>Date of Tender <b>5.10.38.</b></p> <p>Date of Order <b>5.10.38.</b> <i>70 days</i></p> <p>Delivery { period <del>56 days from receipt of</del> <i>70 days</i> }        { date <b>14.12.38.</b> } <i>material.</i></p> <p>Entered up by <b>M.H.</b></p>		
		<p>Address for Post Packages:—</p> <p>Reqn. Shipping Mark:—</p>		
		<p>4551 G. A. O.</p> <p>STANLEY,          Col. Sec's.          14.10.38.</p>		

Add cost of articles specified in continuation sheets (if any) £  
 TOTAL cost of articles ... .. £ 53 10 -  
 Deduct: Trade and Shipping Allowances..... £  
           per cent. ... .. £  
 Cash Discount for prompt payment..... £  
           per cent. ... .. £  
 Add Cost (if any) of delivering to the Crown Agents' Office ... .. £  
 TOTAL amount payable when the articles have been delivered and passed by the Inspector } £ 53 10 -



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ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.  
THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE  
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

137/38

4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

G/Falkland Is. 4551

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN SOWEST LONDON."  
OVERSEAS: "CROWN LONDON."  
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730.

18th October, 1938.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S  
19 NOV. 1938  
FALKLAND ISLAND

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your telegram dated  
the 12th October decoded to read as follows:-

"Referring to my telegram 15th September, referring  
to your letter 9th September, G/4551. Please supply  
Bandoliers at price of 15/-6d. each."

and to confirm that the leather bandoliers have been ordered in  
accordance with the War Office quality at 15/6d. each.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

for Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary.

To Crown Agents for the Colonies.

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Despatched: 24th December, 19 38. Time :...

Received: ... .. 19 ... Time :...

My telegram 15th September uniforms for Mounted Rifle  
Units request that all expenditure be brought to account  
in 1938.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.



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# INVOICE.

(Advice Copy)

## THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.

Dr. to Messrs. Barrow Hepburn & Gale Ltd.,  
of Grange Mills, Bermondsey, S.E.1.

Date 2nd November, 1938

Reference G/Falkland Islands 4551/2  
B.3220

Authy: CO. Sec's 137/38, 14.7.38  
Indent No.

Special a/c (if any)

Department Mounted Rifle Unit.

Shipped by S.S./M.V.  
or

Date of posting

*Delivered to Store.*

137/38



To be filled in by Contractor.

Item Nos.	Quantity.	Description of Article in wording of Tender.	Weight.				Rate.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
			T.	c.	q.	lb.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
3	20	Bandoliers Leather 50 Eds complete with 1 1/2" Waist Belt fitted with Brass Flat Faced Buckle 1" Shoulder Straps for attachments to Belt					Each 15/6d	15	10	0	15	10	0
INSPECTION CHARGE 1 1/2%													



# FIRST SHIPPING ADVICE.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies have to report the undermentioned shipment:—

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**ENCLOSURES:—**

Bill of Lading  
Suppliers Invoice  
Packing particulars—as detailed below.

9th November, 1938.

Reference G/Falkland Islands 4551/2.

~~XXXXXX~~ No. Authy Col. Sec's. 137/38 of 14.7.38.

O.H.M.S.

Special A/c. -

Marked } Reqn.  
4551  
C↑A

O. A. G.,

Dept. Mounted Rifle Unit.

STANLEY,  
VIA Monte Video.

Consignee Maclean & Stapleton

Col. Sec's lr. 10, AUG.

Nos.	Cases.	Bales.	Gross Weight.	Description of Stores.
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HC. 10360	1	-	0.3.0.	Leather bandoliers.
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Steamer Highland Princess

From Royal Albert Dock London by 17th November.

Please add via Monte Video to shipping marks.

HH/GP.  
10.11.38.  
£      s.      d.

Cost of packing and delivery f.o.b.      22.4      Super: feet at      11d.      per foot

Description of packing      Waterproof Paper and Wood.      1      -      3

£      1      -      3

Nos.	Cases.	Bales.	Gross Weight.	Description of Stores.						
HC. 10360	1	-	20	Leather bandoliers, 50 rd. complete with 1.3/4" waistbelts fitted with brass flat face buckle 1" shoulder straps.  Supplied by <u>Barrow Hepburn &amp; Gale Ltd.</u> Cont. 2. Complete						
				<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Measurements.</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Net Weight.</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Gross Weight.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2/6 1/11 1/5</td> <td>0.1.25.</td> <td>0.3.0.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Measurements.	Net Weight.	Gross Weight.	2/6 1/11 1/5	0.1.25.	0.3.0.
Measurements.	Net Weight.	Gross Weight.								
2/6 1/11 1/5	0.1.25.	0.3.0.								
JM										

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,  
THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE  
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED

G/Falkland Is. 4551.

TELEGRAMS: "CROWN, LONDON".

TELEPHONE: ~~410701-1100~~  
ABBEY 7730.



4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.

25th November, 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to our advice dated 8th September of an order placed with Messrs. A. Levy & Co., of New Zealand for the felt hats required in pursuance of your letter No. 137/38 of the 10th of August and to state that we have now been advised by this firm that they are unable to carry out the order at the estimated price of 90s. per dozen. The lowest price which they can offer is 180s. per dozen.

Red 3

2. As an alternative we have been quoted 85s. per dozen by a firm in this country for hats to the following specification:-

"2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " stiff flat brim, round crown with 2 eyelets each side, 3 rows of stitching round edge of brim, fitted with leather sweatband and chinstrap, no outside band or puggaree, conforming in quality and shade to the enclosed sample of felt".

3. We are unable to say definitely whether this description conforms to the hats at present worn by New Zealand units as we have been unable to obtain details of these.

4. In the circumstances we have instructed Messrs. Levy to regard the order as cancelled unless they receive further instructions from us to the contrary.

5. Will you please advise us as to the action which should be taken in connection with the supply of these hats.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

for Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

JAB



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,.....

To Crown Agents for the Colonies.....

Despatched: 29th December, 19 38. Time : ...

Received : ... .. 19... Time : ...

Red 20 →

Your letter of 25th November No. G/4551 please place order for felt hats with firm in United Kingdom at price quoted and to specification stated except that brim should be 3¼ inches. It is desirable that hats should reach Colony earliest possible date.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.





ADVISE OF AMENDMENT OF ORDER PLACED.  
G/FALKLAND IS.4551/3

OFFICE OF THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES

4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.

All communications on this subject to be addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, the above reference being quoted.

Telegrams: Crown, London.  
Telephone: Abbey 7730.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies present their compliments, and with reference to the Indent noted in the margin, have the honour to subjoin a copy of a letter authorising amendments to the Contract, details of which have already been forwarded to you.

Authority

~~Indent No.~~ Col. Sec's lr.137/38 of 14.7.38.  
Special A/c. (if any)  
Dept. Mounted Rifle Unit.  
Item No. 8 1 & 4

The Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands.

Date 12th December 1938.

Hobson & Sons (Ldn) Ltd.,  
1 Lexington Street,  
W.1.

Gentlemen,

I have to confirm our recent conversation with Mr. Ball regarding the unsatisfactory paunchos submitted for approval under item 4 of our order of the 5th October. These articles should be made up in accordance with the sketch furnished by Lieut. Greenshields and handed to Mr. Ball this morning. The correct description and specification is as follows:

20 Paunchos, conforming to the above sketch, rectangular in shape, 54" x 89" with 4" deep collar as shewn; 7.1/2" opening with flap to be provided for fastening; the general design of the collar is ~~is~~ to be as on the cape to our pattern 4513, but with a 4" collar; to be made from material to pattern M.P.212.

2. Will you please arrange for the 20 paunchos to be put in hand at the earliest possible date.

3. As arranged with Mr. Ball 1 extra pair of bombachas and a set of buttons ordered by Lieut. Greenshields for his own use are being included with the supply.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

for CROWN AGENTS.

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# INVOICE.

(Advice Copy)

## THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.

Dr. to Messrs. ADAMS BROS. (Raunds) LIMITED,

of RAUNDS, Wellingborough, Northants,

Date 28.11.38. o/332372.

Reference G/Falkland Islands 4551/1.

Indent No. Col. Sec's 137/38. 14.7.38.

Special a/c (if any)

Department

Shipped by S.S./M.V.

or

Date of posting

*Delivered to Crown Agents Store*

To be filled in by Contractor.

Item Nos.	Quantity.	Description of Article in wording of Tender.	Weight.				Rate.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
			T.	c.	q.	lb.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
2	20	Waxed Kip Half Wellington Boots, Machine Welted, Without Spur Boxes.					27/6.	27	10	0.	27	10	0.
								=====				=====	

INSPECTION CHARGE 1/6



# FIRST SHIPPING ADVICE.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies have to report the undermentioned shipment :—

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**ENCLOSURES:—**

- Bill of Lading
- Suppliers Invoice
- Packing particulars—as detailed below.

6th December, 1938

Reference G/Falkland Is. 4551/1.  
 Authy:— Col.Sec's 137/38  
 Index No of 14.7.38.

Special A/c.

Dept. Mounted Rifle Unit.

Consignee O.A.G.



Marked

Reqn. 4551

C↑A

Col.Secs.  
 1r.10th Aug.

O.H.M.S.

O. A. G.,

Stanley.

Nos.	CASES.	BALES.	GROSS WEIGHT.	DESCRIPTION OF STORES.
HC.11224.	1	-	1.0.18.	Boots.

Steamer "Reina del Pacifico"

From Canada Dock Liverpool between 21st-28th December.  
 To the order of Messrs. Greenshields, Cowie & Co.,  
 42, Castle Street, Liverpool.

Cost of packing and delivery f.o.b. 28.0 Super: feet at 11d. per foot  
 Description of packing Waterproof paper & wood.

HH/RB  
 13.12.38.  
 £      s.      d.  
 1.      5.      8

£      1.      5.      8

Nos.	CASES.	BALES.	DESCRIPTION
HC.11224.	1	-	20 prs. Waxed Kip half Wellington boots machine welted, without spur boxes.  Sizes : <u>6/5</u> <u>7/5</u> <u>8/5</u> <u>8/6</u> <u>8.1/2/5.</u> <u>9/5.</u> 1      6      6      1      2      4  Sup lied by <u>Acems Bros: (Raunds) Ltd.</u> Contract 1. Complete  <u>Measurements.</u> <u>Net weight</u> <u>Gross weight.</u> 2/11 1/7 2/1              0.2.18.              1.0.18.

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**INVOICE.**

(Advice Copy)

**THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.**

Dr. to Messrs. **HOBSON & SOHS (LONDON) LTD.,**  
of **154-164, Tooley Street, London Bridge, S.E.1.**

Date **10th January, 1939.**

Reference **G/Falkland Is. 4551/3.**

Indent No. **C.S. 137/36 of 147.38**

Special a/c (if any)

Department **Mounted Rifle Unit**

Shipped by S.S./M.V. **Delivered to Crown Agents Store.**  
or

Date of posting

To be filled in by Contractor.

Item Nos.	Quantity.	Description of Article in wording of Tender.	Weight.				Rate.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
			T.	c.	q.	lb.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
2	20	Pouches, rectangular in shape, 4" deep collar, opening down front with 2 buttons, flap 7½" wide at top, 4" at bottom to cover opening at front.					27/- ea	27	0	0	27	0	0

INSPECTION CHARGE 1%



**FIRST SHIPPING ADVICE.**

The Crown Agents for the Colonies have to report the undermentioned shipment:—

26

ENCLOSURES:—

Bill of Lading *Sent under separate cover.*  
 Suppliers Invoice *S.*  
 Packing particulars—as detailed below.

6th January, 1939.

Reference G/alkland Is. 4551/3.

Auth. No. Col. Sec's lr. 137/38 of 14.7.38.

Special A/c.

Dept. Mounted Rifle Unit.

Consignee O.A.G.



O.H.M.S.  
 Regn. 4551  
 C↑A  
 O. A. G.,  
 Stanley.  
 Col. Sec's lr  
 10 Aug.

Nos.	CASES.	BALES.	GROSS WEIGHT.	DESCRIPTION OF STORES.
HC. 144.	-	1	1.2.4.	Bombachas, etc.

Steamer "Reina del Pacifico"

From Canada Dock Liverpool by 9th January 9.1.39.  
 to the order of Messrs. Greenshields Cowie & Co. Ltd.,  
 42, Castle St.,  
 Liverpool. HH/WFC

Cost of packing and delivery f.o.b. 24.11 Super: feet at 1/1 per foot £ s. d.  
 Description of packing Can tar hoops. 1 7 0

£ 1 7 0

Nos.	CASES.	BALES.							
HC. 144	-	1	21 prs. Bombachas 20 Paunchos.						
Supplied by <u>Hobson &amp; Sons Ltd.</u> Contract 3. Complete.									
<table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Measurements</u></td> <td><u>Net weight</u></td> <td><u>Gross weight.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/7 1/10 1/9</td> <td>1.1.26</td> <td>1.2.4.</td> </tr> </table>				<u>Measurements</u>	<u>Net weight</u>	<u>Gross weight.</u>	2/7 1/10 1/9	1.1.26	1.2.4.
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2/7 1/10 1/9	1.1.26	1.2.4.							
I.D.									

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ADVICE OF ORDER PLACED.

OFFICE OF THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,

4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.

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The Colonial Secretary,

Falkland Islands.

17th January, 19 39.

*[Handwritten signature]*



1.39  
~~1.39~~

G/ Falkland Is. 4551/5



Date of issue: 12.38

Identity  
xxxxx Col. Secs 137/38  
A/of 14.7.38

Hobson & Sons (London) Ltd  
1-5, Lexington Street,  
W. 1.

Dept. Mounted Rifle Unit

G. 1.

TENDER for the supply of:— Hats.

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY.	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.	RATE.	AMOUNT.																					
5	24	Hats, felt, with <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " flat brims, round crown with 2 eyelets each side, 5 rows of stitching round edge of brim, leather sweatbands and chinstraps. No outside bands or puggarees. Quality and shade of felt as per enclosed sample.  As quoted in firms letter L.F.B of 23rd November (but with <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " brim) @ 85/- per doz.  <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Sizes:-</td> <td><sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub></td> <td><sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub></td> <td><sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub></td> <td><sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub></td> <td>7</td> <td><sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quant:-</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>12</td> <td>5</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </table> These hats have been telegraphed for and are urgently required. Delivery should therefore be effected at the earliest possible date.  Increased price due to larger brim. Please confirm.	Sizes:-	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	<sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	<sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	<sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	7	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	Quant:-	1	1	2	12	5	3	7/7 each	9 2 -							
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~~DIRECT ORDER~~  
30/01/39

Address for Post Packages:—

Shipping Mark.

O. A. G.  
Stanley.  
Col. Secs  
1r. 10th Aug.





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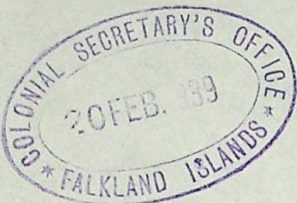
ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,  
THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE  
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.

G/Falkland Is. 4551.

TELEGRAMS (INLAND: "CROWN SOWEST LONDON".  
OVERSEAS: "CROWN LONDON".  
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730.



19th January 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your telegram of the 24th December decoded to read as follows :-

"Referring to my telegram 15th September uniforms for mounted rifle unit request that all expenditure be brought to account in 1938".

and to state that the firms invoices in respect of the bombachas, boots and bandoliers were paid before the end of 1938.

2. In the case of the paunchos, however, some delay has occurred in connection with this supply as the sample garment submitted by Messrs.Hobson & Sons for approval was not satisfactory and we were therefore unable to pay for the paunchos during 1938.

3. The freight charges on item 3 were also paid in 1938, but we were unable to pay the freight on items 1, 2 and 4 as these were not shipped by the end of that year. The sum of approximately £4 in respect of the freight etc., on items 1,2 and 4 will be paid in 1939.

4. The felt hats referred to in your telegram of the 29th December have been ordered but owing to the increased width of the brim, the price is 7s/7d. per hat instead of 7s/1d. as previously quoted. Our advice in respect of this order will be forwarded to you in the course of a few days.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. Channon*  
for Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,

Falkland Islands.

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Falkland Is. 4551/5

All communications to be addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, the date of this letter being quoted.

4. MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.

22nd February, 1939.



Sir,

Authy:- Col.Sec's  
~~Letter No.~~ 137/38 of 14.7.38  
Dept. Mounted Rifle Unit.

With reference to our advices of orders placed in pursuance of the indent noted in the margin, I have the honour to furnish the report below as to the progress of the work.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

for CROWN AGENTS.

The Colonial Secretary,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Item No.	Remarks.
5.	The contractors state that they will be unable to complete the hats for another week and in these circumstances we expect to effect shipment by the s.s. "Highland Monarch" sailing 25th March.

RS/DP



FIRST SHIPPING ADVICE.

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The Crown Agents for the Colonies have to report the shipment of goods supplied by:—

Reference:

S/Falkland Is. 4551/5.

Messrs. Hobson and Sons  
(London) Ltd.,  
1-5, Lexington Street,  
London, W. 1.



14th March,

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Authy:- Col. Sec's. 137/38 of  
~~Christie's Nox~~ 14.7.38.  
Special A/c.  
Dept. Mounted Rifle Unit.  
Consigned to Maclean and Stapledon.

Marked

REQN. O. H. M. S.  
4551 O.A.C.  
C ↑ A Stanley.  
\*Nos. Col. Sec's *revised*  
1r. 10th Aug.  
Gross Weight.

M.V./S.S. "HIGHLAND MONARCH" From Royal Albert Dock, London  
by 23rd March.

The particulars given in the schedule below were those furnished by the above mentioned contractor, when forwarding instructions were issued, and are not necessarily accurate.

VALUE £	*Nos.	Description of Packages	CONTENTS.	WEIGHT.				MEASUREMENTS.		
				Tons.	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lb.	Length.	Breadth.	Depth.
29	9066	1 Case	Felt Hats.	-	-	1	16	2.7.	1.6.	1.5.

ENCLOSURES:—

Bill of Lading

Suppliers' Invoice

Packing particulars

Office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies,  
4, Millbank, London, S.W. 1.



# INVOICE.

(Advice Copy)

## THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.

Dr. to Messrs. Hobson & Sons (London) Ltd  
of 154/164 Tooley Street. London S.E.1

Date 15th March 1939

Reference G/Floakland Is. 4551/5

Indent No. .-----.

Special a/c (if any)

Department Mounted Rifle Unit

Shipped by S.S./M.V. "Highland Monarch"  
or

Date of posting

To be filled in by Contractor.

Item Nos.	Quantity.	Description of Article in wording of Tender.	Weight.				Rate.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.												
			T.	c.	q.	lb.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.										
5	24	Hats, felt, with 3 1/4" flat brim, round crown with 2 eyelets each side, 3 rows stitching round edge of brim, leather sweatband & chinstraps. No outside band or puggaree.					7/7	9	2	0													
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FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

FORMATION OF MOUNTED RIFLE SECTION ON WEST FALKLAND.

Estimated cost of equipping 20 members of the Mounted Rifle Section on West Falkland.

20 Felt Hats @ 7/7.	£7. 11. 8.	
20 Paunchos @ 27/-.	27. 0. 0.	
20 Prs. Bombachos @ 26/6.	26. 10. 0.	
20 Prs. 1/2 Wellington Boots @ 27/6.	27. 10. 0.	
20 Jackets S.D. @20/6.	20. 10. 0.	
20 Bandoliers @ 15/6.	<u>15. 10. 0.</u>	124. 11. 8.
20 Rifles @ £7. 9. 0.	£149. 0. 0.	149. 0. 0.
Freight, packing & other charges.		10. 0. 0.
		<u>£283. 11. 8.</u>



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

MINUTE.

2nd June, 1939.

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

To The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.

In accordance with instructions received from His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, I have the honour to submit the following report relative to the proposed formation of a Mounted Rifles Section and the holding of a training camp on the West Falkland.

2. It would be necessary in the first instance to ascertain from the West Falkland Farmers whether they would be prepared to release members from the various stations in the event of such a camp being held. Chartres is suggested as being the most suitable station to hold the camp but Mr. Luxton would have to be consulted in this connection.

3. The camp might be held in June or July depending on circumstances.

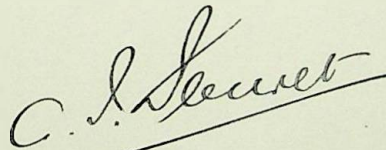
4. It is essential that an Officer and a N.C.O. be sent to the West to organize and train the Troop. Lieut. Greenshields is quite prepared to carry out the organization and a N.C.O. could be sent from Stanley to assist him. I estimate the cost of holding a training camp for 20 men at Chartres for a period of 10 days as follows.

20 Men @ 1/6 per day	...	...	...	£15. 0. 0.
Wages of N.C.O. - £2. 12. 6. for two weeks				5. 5. 0
Passages - 1 Officer	£4. 18. 0.			
1 N.C.O.	<u>3. 14. 0.</u>			8. 12. 0.
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The wages of the N.C.O. might be considerably increased if there is no opportunity for his return at the termination of the training period.

4. Attached is an estimate of the cost of equipping a Mounted Rifles Section on the West Falkland consisting of 20 members only. The estimate is based on the cost of similar equipment obtained recently for the East Falkland Mounted Rifles.



Capt.,  
Adjutant,  
Falkland Islands Defence Force.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Colonial Secretary,.....

*To* R. C. Pole-Evans, O.B.E., Port Howard.

*Despatched:* 9th June, 19 39. *Time:* ...

*Received:* ... .. 19 ... *Time:* ...

It is proposed to hold a ten days defence force training camp for mounted infantry in the West next month or in August.

The Adjutant is communicating with Luxton about holding the camp at Chartres. It is hoped that you will co-operate.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* The Honourable R. C. Pole-Evans, O.B.E., J.P.,

*To* The Colonial Secretary.

*Despatched*: 11th June, 1939. *Time*: 1900.

*Received*: 12th June, 1939. *Time*: 1200.

Mounted Infantry the Manager has instructions to co-operate  
all he can.

POLE-EVANS.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, .....

To The Hon. R. C. Pole-Evans, Port Howard.

Despatched: 16th June, 19 39. Time: ...

Received: ... .. 19 ... Time: ...

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The Governor has learnt with much pleasure of your readiness to co-operate in the training camp which was proposed. It appears however from telegram received by Adjutant from Chartres that the position of the West in the question of defence is not fully understood and it is necessary to postpone the camp. The Adjutant is writing to you fully by mail.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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

MINUTE.

24th July, 1939.

From The Adjutant,

Falkland Islands  
Defence Force,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

I have the honour to submit a report which has been received from Lieut. R. Greenshields on the Camp held at Douglas Station during the month of June last for the Mounted Rifles Section of the Defence Force.

2. Arrangements can be made to supply members of the Section with Khaki Gloves and Pugarees can be ordered for the Hats.

3. With regard to the last paragraph of Lieut. Greenshields' report I can only say that all Managers of Stations were notified of the date proposed for holding the Camp early in May and were at the same time asked if it would be convenient to release members to attend. I received one reply only to my letters that from Mr. Bonner who explained that the date was unsuitable as far as his Station was concerned.

*A. J. Bennett*  
Capt.,

Adjutant,  
Falkland Islands Defence Force.



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MOUNTED RIFLES TRAINING CAMP.

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A most successful training camp for the Mounted Rifles Section of the Defence Force was held at Douglas Station from the 18th to the 25th of June, 1959, inclusive.

Lieutenant Greenshields who was in command is to be congratulated for the arrangements made in connection with the Camp and the manner in which the training was carried through. He was ably assisted by 2nd/Lt.- Quartermaster C. Andreasen and Sgt. W. Browning.

Twenty-one members were present and the weather throughout the period of training though cold at times was not unpleasant.

The Troop received training in Mounted and Dismounted drill with rifles and instruction in signalling. They were also put through a musketry course with satisfactory results. On the 22nd of June an Exercise was carried out the Troop moving from Douglas Station to Teal Inlet where they lunched, afterwards falling back on Douglas Station.

The new uniforms with which the Section has been provided recently proved a success and added greatly to the appearance of the Unit.

During the whole period of the Camp the members took a keen interest in their training and made good progress under their respective leaders.

The importance of these Camps cannot be stressed too strongly providing as they do that training which is absolutely essential if a Mounted Rifles Section is to be of any service to the country in time of emergency. They also make a most welcome break in the lives of the men.

It is proposed to hold similar Training Camps annually in the East Falkland and it is hoped that it may be found possible/



possible to raise and equip a Section on the West Falkland in the near future. Owners of farm stations are urged therefore to co-operate in any way possible but particularly by releasing members from duty in order that they may receive the training which is necessary to bring the Unit to a high standard of efficiency.

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MINUTE.

18th June, 19 41.

From Officer Commanding Troops  
F.I.D.F.,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.

Permission to hold a Camp at Goose Green, Port Darwin, has been asked by Mr. G. Goddard who states that he can guarantee the attendance of between 35 to 40 men.

It is proposed to hold the Camp from Monday, July 28th to Wednesday August 6th inclusive.

Arrangements for the Camp and the programme of drill would be similar to those held at Chartres and Douglas.

May this request be placed before His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief please, and his approval or otherwise be sought.

There are about 120 men employed on the Falkland Islands Company estate, the men are keen, and a period of training would be beneficial to the general Defence of the Islands.

*C. Donald*

Col.  
Officer Commanding Troops,  
Falkland Islands.

MUSKETRY CLASSIFICATION - CHARTRES, 1941.

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Rank and Name.	Group- ing.	200 yds.	Rapid.	300 yds.	300 yds.	Total.
Cpl. W. Berntsen	-	4	5	1	1	11.
L/C. K. Betts	10	15	12	8	7	52.
L/C. F. Lellman	15	10	15	18	11	69.
L/C. W. Felton	20	12	4	14	8	58.
Pte. J. Duncan	15	5	11	8	15	54.
" G. Porter	-	12	13	7	9	41.
" W. Kiddle	10	5	2	5	5	27.
" H. Binnie	10	1	5	3	-	19.
" W. Davis	-	13	10	6	6	35.
" J. Harvey	-	7	3	3	1	14.
" K. Hutchinson	10	1	6	11	6	34.
" J. Lee	20	10	6	5	11	52.
" M. Murphy	10	6	4	4	2	26.
" P. Skilling	10	12	2	6	1	31.
" M. Hardy	-	9	-	4	2	15.
" E. Berntsen	-	16	9	6	5	36.
" W..Watts	15	10	4	12	5	46.
" B. Steen	15	8	5	2	6	36.
" J. McPhee	-	10	14	5	11	40.
" G. Evans	-	4	10	-	-	14.
" W. Duncan	-	9	4	4	2	19.
" J. Berntsen	10	12	14	8	12	56.
" A. Harvey	-	10	7	9	5	31.
" A. Ashley	15	10	15	11	15	66.
" J. Ashley	15	7	12	-	5	39.
" R. Berntsen	-	6	10	3	8	27.
" D. Felton	15	14	14	9	10	62.
" B. Goodwin	-	5	9	4	9	27.
<i>POSSIBLE</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>125.</i>
<i>AVERAGE.</i>						



MUSKETRY CLASSIFICATION. DOUGLAS STATION, 1941.

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Rank and Name.	Group ing.	200 yds.	Rapid	Snap.	500 yds.	Total.
Pte. F. McRae.	20	17	31	15	9	92.
L/C P. Kiddle.	15	16	22	6	2	61.
Pte. G. Short.	15	14	23	12	16	80.
" H. Faria.	+	4	11	+	4	19.
" J. Curran.	+	9	17	12	11	49.
L/C J. Rowlands.	10	15	27	9	11	72.
Pte. H. Biggs.	25	13	24	15	13	90.
" T. Fleuret.	10	11	15	3	6	45.
" N. Parrin.	+	4	9	+	2	15.
" W. Parrin.	20	11	27	15	9	82.
" J. Reive.	10	17	25	9	15	76.
" L. Biggs.	15	13	17	12	3	60.
" A.J. Bernsten.	25	12	12	6	13	68.
Cpl. L. Berntsen.	20	19	29	12	9	89.
Pte. W. McKay.	15	18	26	9	11	79.
" J. Morrison.	10	12	12	+	+	34.
" A. Perry.	10	15	25	12	12	74.
L/C L. Turner.	20	19	25	12	11	87.
Pte. D. Stewart.	20	16	27	12	12	87.
" J. Parrin.	+	7	1	+	1	9.
" R. Kiddle.	15	13	23	6	14	71.
<b>POSSIBLE.</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>AVERAGE.</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>64</b>

DOUGLAS STATION CAMP.

JUNE, 1941.

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All men to be shaved and boots polished when coming on parade.

All Arms and accoutrements to be cleaned and polished.

Night signalling with lamps, time to be arranged by Officer-in-Charge.

Any complaints to be made through the N.C.O. to the Officer-in-Charge.

EAST AND WEST FALKLANDS, JUNE, 1941.  
MOUNTED RIFLE CAMP.

1st Day.	A. Troop.	B. Troop.
0900	Parade and Inspection.	
0910	Mounted Drill (both troops)	
1050	Foot Drill with Arms (both Troops)	
1400	Lewis Gun Instruction.	Signalling.
1550	Signalling	Lewis Gun Instruction
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2nd Day.		
0900	Parade and Inspection	
0910	Lewis Gun Instruction	Foot Drill with Arms.
1050	Foot Drill with Arms	Lewis Gun Instruction
1400	Mounted Drill (both Troops).	
1500	" " " "	
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3rd Day.		
0900	Parade and Inspection.	
0910	Class Firing (both Troops)	
1050	" " " "	
1400	Lewis Gun Instruction	Foot Drill
1550	Foot Drill	Lewis Gun Instruction
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4th Day.		
0900	Parade and Inspection.	
0910	Class Firing (both Troops)	
1050	" " " "	
1400	Lewis Gun Instruction	Signalling.
1550	Signalling	Lewis Gun Instruction
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5th Day.		
0900	Parade and Inspection.	
0910	Foot Drill with Arms	Signalling.
1050	Signalling	Foot Drill with Arms.
1400	Lewis Gun Instruction	Signalling.
1550	Signalling	Lewis Gun Instruction
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6th Day		
0900	Parade and Inspection.	
0910	Signalling	Foot Drill with Arms.
1050	Foot Drill with Arms	Signalling.
1400	Lewis Gun Instruction	Mounted Drill on foot
1530	Mounted Drill on Foot	Lewis Gun Instruction
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7th Day.		
0900	Parade and Inspection Mounted.	
0910	Lewis Gun Instruction	Signalling.
1050	Signalling	Lewis Gun Instruction
1400	Mounted Drill (both Troops)	
1500	" " " "	



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Class Firing ordinary course to be fired also the one at the disappearing man starting at 400 yards running to 300 yards firing 5 shots prone position re-charge run to 200 yards kneel and fire 5 shots re-charge run to 100 yards and fire 5 shots standing time allowed for each distance 1 minute.

Horses to be let go into the HorsevPaddock after the 2nd day and got up again for the last day.

These dates and times can be altered to suit the weather.

*R. Greenhill*

Captain.  
Officer Commanding  
F. I. D. F. M. R.



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Stanley,  
Falkland Islands,  
July 7th, 1941.



Sir.

In accordance with instructions I proceeded to Douglas Station on the 19th of June to hold the annual winter camp, for members of the Defence Force (Mounted Unit) who are in the North Camp.

The duration of the camp was seven days commencing on June 22nd, and finishing on June the 28th, both dates inclusive.

Company Sergeant Major Summers arrived at Douglas from San - Carlos on Saturday 21st, June, he had attended a similar camp on the West Falklands, (Capt Harding is sending in a report of that Camp.)

Not so many men attended camp this year as last, but for this I do not blame the men as some of the Managers would not let their men away.

I am enclosing a copy of the training done, this programme was kept to as near as possible but was altered to suit the weather, also enclosed is a list of the Class Firing, and the names of the men who attended and from which Stations.

The men arrived on the 21st, June, and paraded at 0900 hours on the 22nd, and were inspected by Colonel Alderidge, D.S.O. Officer Commanding the Defence Force, after which the training as set out in the programme commenced. The men were just as keen as ever and most of them shewed that they had been keeping up their training during the past year.

This year for the first time they had Lewis Gun drill, and the most of them made excellent progress, both in shooting, dismantling, and assembling the gun. I allowed each man twenty-four shots. On the first day I allowed each man twelve rounds, and on the second day twelve rounds (three bursts of four rounds) this was a competition between sections at plates measuring 9" x 6", at a distance of 200yds. Considering the small amount of practice the men had, this shooting was very satisfactory.

Signalling. Most of the men can send and receive in both Morse and Semaphore, though not very fast, and lack of education is a great drawback in some cases, The best signallers practice in their own time and two of the men have been signalling to each other at a distance of fifteen miles with Aldis Lamps.

Equipment. The men on the whole take a great pride in their equipment and look after it well, the only rifles that did not seem in good condition, were the rifles that were returned from Bonners San-Carlos and these rifles were in a very dirty state.

General Training. The men were keen, and show a great interest in their work, and also show a great improvement on last year's drill.

General Remarks. I would like to state that, if possible, all Troops in the camp be supplied with uniforms and rifles of the same pattern, so that they are all dressed alike, and not as they are at present, some in khaki and some in overalls.

Most of the farmers co-operate in letting men off for this training, but some do not, and, I think that under the present war conditions all men of military age and members of the Defence Force living in the camp should have to attend one of the camps on the East or West Falklands, which camp to be arranged by the Officer in Charge. I personally see no reason why Managers cannot release their men for a week or ten days during the months of June or July, because, after all it is to their own benefit, besides being a benefit to the Colony, all these men should have some training in case of emergency. I think it would be a great pity if these camps were stopped now that these men are interested and keen, and the men would be of some use in defending the Colony if ever the case arises.

*How many are around? any new members? soon.*

*What action taken?*

*cost?*

*? kindly instruction  
? case farms, etc.*



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Ammunition and if possible a Lewis Gun should be kept the Headquarters in the Camp.

I should like to thank Company Sergeant Major Summers for the assistance he gave me at the Douglas Camp and also for going to the Camp on the West Falklands.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your Obedient Servant,

*R. Greenshield*

Captain.

Colonel C. D. Allderidge, D.S.O.; T.D.,  
Officer Commanding Troops, Falkland Islands.

Chartres

West Falklands

June 21st 1941

Officer Commanding

Falkland Islands Defence Force

Stanley

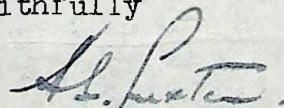
Dear Sir,

I enclose list of stores which were supplied to the camp held here last week and request that part be replaced as I am unable to obtain these goods in Stanley at the price charged to employees here for whom we run the store.

I had expected that sufficient stores would have been sent for the camp this year; no such stores arrived however.

Payment could be made to the account of this Station with the Falkland Islands Co Ltd

Yours faithfully



for Anson & Luxton



Hill Cove.

Falkland Islands. 49

22nd June. 1941.

Dear Sir,

The Defence Force camp was held at Chartres from June 11th-17th inclusive. Including the 2 cooks 30 men attended the camp. The men showed a keen interest in the training and quite considerable progress was made during the time we had at our disposal. I think the Sergeant Major was quite pleased with the work done in the time available and should like to add that I think he was a most suitable drill instructor to have sent out.

Its a pity the men have not got their uniforms but I understand these have been ordered. Incidentally if I am required to take charge of the camp another year, I think I should also be provided with a uniform. I would only actually want an allowance to get a tunic and riding breeches and the necessary badges.

I should be glad if you could write a personal letter to Mr Luxton thanking him for having the camp at Chartres as he went to considerable trouble to make it a success.

Will you please have the amounts on the enclosed list paid into the office of the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd and the Managers of the stations concerned will then pay their men the £1 bonus out here. I should also like a chit sent to each Manager saying that these sums have been paid into their account.

I understand the outpost hut at Calm Head, Port Stephens has been blown down in a recent gale and would suggest that you see Mr C. Robertson, the Manager, on his return from Montevideo and ask him if he could have this re-erected and repaired.

I enclose a few suggestions for a future camp.

Yours truly.

*H. C. Harding*

Captain. F.I.D.F.

The Officer Commanding

The Falkland Islands Defence Force.

Stanley.



Suggestions etc for future W. Falkland Camp.

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1. At least 2 signalling lamps and 2 buzzers should be provided.
2. Some signal poles and flags are required.
3. Bayonets might be sent out for bayonet drill.
4. 1100 rounds of ammunition required to make up for rounds expended at camp.
5. A certain amount of ammunition might be sent out to each station for the men to use for firing practice at stated times.
6. The number of rounds of ammunition now held on the West Falklands is 6530.
7. 3 <sup>a</sup> miniature rifles and ammunition might be provided for indoor firing when the weather is unsuitable for outdoor training.
8. Owing to variation in store prices it would be more satisfactory if stores for the camp were sent out from Stanley.
9. 6 more pull throughs and gauzes are required.
10. Wherever it is decided the camp is going to be held equipment should be sent out by the first available steamer to avoid any repetition of what happened at the camp last year when the rifles and ammunition only arrived 2 days before the camp broke up.



Stanley,  
3rd September, 1941.

Sir,

I am enclosing Capt, Harding's report on the Camp held at the Chartres, West Falklands.

I do not see any possibility of the F.I.D.F. supplying these men with minature rifles and ammunition, but I do think it possible to supply the men with a certain number of rounds of .503 ammunition ( to be used on a range ) so that they could get some practice.

Uniforms should also be supplied to these men at the earliest possible date.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*R. Greenfield*

Capt., O.C., F.I.D.F., M.R.

Col. C.D. Alderidge, D.S.O., T.D.  
O.C., F.I.D.F.,  
Stanley.

Stanley,  
2nd September, 1941.

Sir,

Accompanied by 2nd/Lieuts. Summers and Browning as instructors, I proceeded to Darwin on the 16th of August to hold a Mounted Rifle Training Camp which lasted until the 23rd of August.

2. 50 men were present, 46 from the F. I. C. employ and 4 from Bonners' San Carlos. The time was too short to allow more than elementary training to be done in all branches touched. Horse Drill, Musketry Drill and Signalling, both Lamp and Semaphore, but the men were keen and fairly good progress was made, lack of education is a great hindrance in Signalling work and showed up again here as it has at other Camps in both the East and West Falklands.

3. The men were put through a course of Class Firing but the results were not very good, but as the majority of the men had not used Service Rifles and had had no practice with them, some of the scores put up were not too bad. I am enclosing a list of the scores with this report. I am also enclosing a programme of the training done, this was adhered to except that the Class Firing was done when the weather was suitable.

4. Rifles, Signalling Lamps and Flags and 2.000 rounds of ammunition ( 810 rounds returned) were all taken out from Stanley and returned to Headquarters.

5. Mr Goddard the F.I.C. Camp Manager did every thing possible to make the Camp a success, and I should like to mention here my appreciation of his efforts.

6. Suggestions for future Camps. That all men be  
Supplied with/



Supplied with a uniform ( battle dress if the other kind cannot be got ) and a rifle. In my opinion the men would take a bigger interest in themselves once they are in uniform. So much ammunition should be allocated for rifle practice, it is impossible to make good shots with only Class Firing once a year. That the Camp at Darwin should be for F.I.C. men only, and that all men of military age should be made to attend.

7. The last statement about all men of military age should apply to all over the Falklands, in these times it is only right that all men should at least know how to handle a rifle and help to defend the Colony if necessary.

8. I wish to thank 2nd. Lieuts. Summers, and Browning for the keen way in which they carried out the tasks allocated to them.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*R. Greenfield*

Capt., O.C., F.I.D.F., M.R.

Col. C.D. Allderidge, D.S.O., T.D.,  
O.C., F.I.D.F.,  
Stanley.

NOMINAL LIST OF MEN WHO ATTENDED DARWIN TRAINING CAMP.

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A. Milne	F.I.C.	J. E. Ford.	F.I.C.
R. G. Vinson.	"	D. Middleton.	"
G. S. Middleton	"	M. McCarthy.	"
I. A. McMillan.	"	H. Hollen.	"
H. Finlayson.	"	A. H. McCarthy.	"
N. Bernsten.	"	W. J. Ford.	"
C. Finlayson.	"	P. Reave.	"
S. Smith.	"	E. Roberts.	"
W. D. Finlayson.	"	M. A. McLeod.	"
R. Finlayson.	"	S. Middleton.	"
F. D. Finlayson.	"	L. Whitney.	"
A. Middleton.	"	W. D. Morrison.	"
G. McLeod.	"	J. S. Middleton.	"
D. J. Middleton.	"	D. McMillan.	"
J. Middleton.	"	W. J. Cartmell.	"
R. J. McLeod.	"	S. Newman.	" Fitzroy.
E. Morrison.	"	A. Anderson.	" "
R. J. D. McLeod.	"	J. Finlayson.	" "
H. Larsen.	"	J. Curran.	" "
C. W. Ford.	"	P. P. Peck.	" "
F. J. Burns.	"	S. F. Summers.	San Carlos.
R. J. Burns.	"	H. Sarney.	" "
C. D. F. Ford.	"	D. G. McKay.	" "
P. McCarthy.	"	R. Morrison.	Stanley.
W. Burns.	"	B. L. Gleadell.	San Carlos.



DARWIN TRAINING CAMP.

PROGRAMME OF TRAINING FOR "E" TROOP.

Date.	0900.	0910 - 1030	1050 - 1300	1400 - 1530	1550 - 1630
Aug. SUN. 17th	Parade	Lecture - COLONEL C.D. ALLDERIDGE.	Swearing In & Mearuring.	Elementary Drill with Arms. SUMMERS.	Elementary Drill (Horse) on Foot. CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS.
MON. 18th	Parade	Elementary Signalling Semaphore. BROWNING.	Horse Drill on Foot. CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS.	Drill with Arms. SUMMERS.	Drill without Arms. BROWNING.
TUES. 19th	Parade	Horse Drill. CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS.	Signalling Semaphore. BROWNING.	Drill with Arms. SUMMERS.	Horse Drill. CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS.
WED. 20th	Parade	Drill with Arms. SUMMERS.	Signalling Semaphore. BROWNING.	Horse Drill. CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS.	Drill with Arms. SUMMERS.
THUR 21st	Parade	Class Firing.	Drill with Arms. SUMMERS.	Signalling. BROWNING.	Lecture - COLONEL C.D. ALLDERIDGE.
FRI. 22nd.	Parade	Signalling. BROWNING.	Horse Drill on Foot. CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS.	Class Firing. SUMMERS.	Signalling. BROWNING.
SAT. 23rd.	Parade	Signalling. BROWNING.	Class Firing. CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS.	Drill with Arms. SUMMERS.	Mounted Drill All Troops.
SUN. 24th.	Parade	Drill with Arms SUMMERS.	Signalling. BROWNING.	Lecture - COLONEL C.D. ALLDERIDGE.	Mounted Drill All Troops.

Morse Code and Lamp Signalling to be arranged for the evenings.

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DARWIN TRAINING CAMP.

PROGRAMME OF TRAINING FOR "F" TROOP.

Date	0900	0910 - 1030	1050 - 1300	1400 - 1630	1550 - 1630	
Aug.						
SUN. 17th	Parade	Lecture - COLONEL C.D. ALLDERIDGE.	Swearing In & Measuring.	Elementary Drill with Arms. BROWNING.	Elementary Drill without Arms. SUMMERS.	
MON. 18th	Parade	Elementary Drill (Horse) on foot CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS.	Drill with Arms. SUMMERS.	Elementary Signalling Semaphore BROWNING.	Horse drill on foot. CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS.	
TUE. 19th	Parade	Signalling Semaphore BROWNING.	Drill with Arms. SUMMERS.	Horse drill CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS.	Signalling Semaphore BROWNING.	
Wed.						
	20th	Parade	Horse Drill CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS.	Drill with Arms. SUMMERS.	Signalling BROWNING.	Horse drill CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS.
THU. 21st	Parade	Signalling BROWNING	Class Firing CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS.	Drill with Arms SUMMERS.	Lecture - COLONEL C.D. ALLDERIDGE.	
FRI. 22nd	Parade	Horse Drill on foot. CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS.	Class Firing BROWNING	Signalling BROWNING.	Drill with Arms. SUMMERS.	
SAT. 23rd	Parade	Signalling BROWNING.	Drill with Arms SUMMERS.	Class Firing CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS.	Mounted Drill All Troops on foot.	
SUN. 24th	Parade	Drill with Arms SUMMERS.	Signalling BROWNING.	Lecture - COLONEL C.D. ALLDERIDGE.	Mounted Drill All Troops.	

Morse Code and Lamp Signalling to be arranged for the evenings.



DARWIN TRAINING CAMP.  
PROGRAMME OF TRAINING "G" TROOP.

Date.	0900	0910 - 1030	1050 - 1300	1400 - 1530	1550 - 1630
Aug					
SUN. 17th	Parade	Lecture - COLONEL C.D. ALLDERIDGE.	Swearing In & Measureing	Elementary Drill with Arms. BROWNING.	Elementary Drill (Horse) on foot CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS.
MON. 18th	Parade	Elementary Drill with Arms SUMMERS.	Elementary Signalling Semaphore BROWNING	Horse Drill on Foot. CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS	Drill without Arms. SUMMERS.
TUE. 19th	Parade	Drill with Arms. SUMMERS	Horse Drill CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS	Signalling Semaphore. BROWNING	Drill with Arms. SUMMERS
WED. 20th	Parade	Signalling Semaphore BROWNING.	Horse Drill CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS	Drill with Arms SUMMERS	Signakling BROWNING
THU. 21st	Parade	Drill with Arms SUMMERS	Signalling BROWNING	Class Firing CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS	Lecture - COLONEL C.D. ALLDERIDGE.
FRI. 22nd	Parade	Class Firing SUMMERS	Drill with Arms SUMMERS	Horse Drill of Foot CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS	Drill with Arms SUMMERS
SAT. 23rd	Parade	Drill with Arms SUMMERS	Class Firing CAPT. R. GREENSHIELDS	Signalling BROWNING	Mounted Drill on Foot ALL TROOPS.
SUN. 24th	Parade	Signalling BROWNING	Drill with Arms SUMMERS	Lecture - COLONEL C.D. ALLDERIDGE.	Mounted Drill ALL TROOPS.

Morse Code and Lamp Signalling to be arranged for the evening.

DARWIN TRAINING CAMP, AUGUST, 1941.

MUSKETRY CLASSIFICATION, G TROOP.

	100 yds	200 yds	200 yds Rapid.	300 yds	Total.
S. Newman.	18	10	18	8	54
A. Anderson.	14	9	20	7	50
J. Finlayson.	3	3	2	7	15
J. Curran.	17	9	12	3	41
H. Sarney.	10	0	0	0	10
P. P. Peck.	20	11	22	10	63
B. L. Gleadell.	16	5	13	6	40
S. F. Summers.	2	2	1	4	9
D. G. McKay.	11	4	15	9	39
W. J. Cartmell.	18	12	16	0	46
D. McMillan.	12	11	0	0	23 ( Sick. )
J. S. Middleton.	12	6	13	4	35
W.D.Morrison.	17	17	22	11	67
L. Whitney.	6	2	3	1	12
S. Middleton.	9	12	9	9	39
M. A. McLeod.	13	4	10	9	36
R. Morrison.	18	19	19	9	65
E. Roberts.	11	7	22	4	44



DARWIN TRAINING CAMP, AUGUST, 1941.

MUSKETRY CLASSIFICATION, F TROOP.

	100 yds	200 yds	200 yds Rapid.	300 yds	Total.
E. Morrison.	16	4	2	0	22
R.J.D. McLeod.	17	13	31	7	68
H. Larsen.	9	5	12	4	30
C. W. Ford.	8	1	10	5	24
F. J. Burns.	14	11	17	15	57
R. J. Burns.	15	9	10	5	39
C. D. F. Ford.	15	6	23	3	47
P. McCarthy.	4	3	0	3	10
W. Burns.	12	5	5	6	28
J. E. Ford.	0	4	5	0	9
D. Middleton.	6	0	3	0	9
M. McCarthy.	6	0	0	0	6
H. Hollen.	11	5	4	0	20
A. H. McCarthy.	12	9	13	8	42
W. J. Ford.	11	0	5	0	16
P. Reive.	5	12	3	1	21

DARWIN TRAINING CAMP, AUGUST, 1941.

MUSKETRY CLASSIFICATION, E TROOP.

	100 yds	200 yds rapid	200 yds rapid	300 yds	Total.
Andrea Milne.	10	13	19	5	47
R. G. Vinson.	16	13	20	5	54
G. S. Middleton.	4	12	12	0	28
I. A. McMillan.	11	10	15	0	36
H. Finlayson.	15	10	26	1	52
N. Bernsten.	14	6	14	4	38
C. Finlayson.	15	6	17	7	45
S. Smith.	3	2	7	11	23
W. D. Finlayson.	16	5	20	6	47
R. Finlayson.	20	5	16	10	51
F. D. Finlayson.	17	3	17	10	47
A. Middleton.	8	0	0	0	8 (Sick.)
G. McLeod.	12	9	17	7	45
D. J. Middleton.	10	8	3	0	21
J. Middleton.	8	6	3	9	26
R. J. McLeod.	13	9	10	7	39



No.

MINUTE.

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

9th September, 19 41.

From Officer Commanding Troops,

To His Excellency the Governor,

F. Is. Defence Force.

Government House,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to submit to you reports from Captain R. Greenshields, Commanding the F. I. D. F. Mounted Infantry, concerning the work recently carried out in the following training Camps :-

Chartres, West Falklands,	June 11th/17th.
Douglas, East "	" 22nd/28th.
Darwin, " "	August 16th/23rd.

I was not present at Chartres and therefore cannot comment.

The Camps at Douglas and Darwin were both successful though different in character. At Douglas the men were mostly experienced and re-training produced rapid and satisfactory results. At Darwin where an ambitious programme included Foot Drill, Mounted Exercise and Signalling, tares were converted into hearts of oak in eight days.

At neither of the two last named camps was the weather worthy of eulogy.

Feeding was good and the interest and enthusiasm of the rank and file in their work was encouraging.

I must place on record my appreciation of the hard work and enthusiasm of Captain R. Greenshields. Without his local knowledge and popularity satisfactory results could not have been achieved. 2nd Lieutenant Summers and Browning also did good work patiently and untiringly.

I would suggest

- (1) a revision of the compulsory service scheme to the extent of embracing all fit males between the ages of 18 and 50.
- (2) The provision of uniforms and rifles for all.

(3) The allotment of /

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- (3) The allotment of sufficient ammunition to outlying posts and camps on the basis of 50 rounds per man per annum exclusive of Machine Gun ammunition.
- (4) Ten days compulsory training per year for all men enrolled.
- (5) The appointment of a few officers (unpaid) at certain points to maintain the chain of command and discipline.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*C. F. ...*

O/C Troops.

Col.,



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

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MINUTE.

4th January, 1944.

To His Excellency the Governor  
and Commander-in-Chief,  
thro' Colonial Secretary.

From Officer Commanding,  
F. I. D. F.  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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I have received a request from O.C., Mounted Infantry for the issue of boots to the men of the Mounted Infantry. In view of the difficulties of ensuring these boots are only worn when on Military duty (the difficulty is big enough in Stanley), I did not consider this issue justified. I have, however, discussed the matter with the Force Commander and he suggests that the boots be issued, and that the men be informed that they must last for three years. In the event of misuse and their being worn out sooner than this the men shall pay for replacements by money stopped from their pay earned during the Annual Camp. This gives some control, but in view of the present shortage and high cost of civilian boots I feel that there would be no objection on the part of the men to being charged for a new pair every year. The last boots purchased were about 23/9 per pair, but, I understand, Ordnance will charge 30/-. On this figure the cost of issuing boots to the Mounted Infantry will amount to some £250.

2. I refer this matter to Your Excellency as no provision has been made for such large expenditure during the present year, and I would be grateful for Your Excellency's instruction on the matter.

*Austin Woodgat.*  
Lieutenant-Colonel,  
Officer Commanding,  
F. I. D. F.

No. 137/38.MINUTE.

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

7th January, 19 43. (9)From The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Officer Commanding,Falkland Islands Defence Force,STANLEY.

With reference to your minute of 4th January, I am directed by His Excellency to reply as follows :-

In view of the fact that the Mounted Infantry have never been issued with boots although they are now a conscripted unit an issue may be made in 1944, when the training camps are open. His Excellency regrets that he is unable to accept your suggestion for annual issues since this would amount to selling military stores for civilian use. As suggested by the Force Commander, when the boots are issued the men should be informed that they must last for 3 years and that if they are misused and worn out sooner than this the cost of replacements will be stopped from their pay unless of course paid for in cash. You should raise the question of expenditure again when the time for issuing the boots arrives.

K. G. BRADLEY  
Colonial Secretary.



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7th June, 1944.

From Officer Commanding,

To The Hon. Col. Secretary,

F. I. D. F.

Stanley,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Falkland Islands.

Boots have now been issued to the Mounted Infantry and the cost ascertained - the amount being £211. -s, 5d. As this sub-head (AXI 5 uniforms) has, in addition, to meet other over-expenditures, authority for which has been granted up to £622. 16s. 3d. which total has not yet been reached, may the issue of the S.W. stand over until final amount is known.

*Cuth Woodgate*  
Lieutenant-Colonel,  
Officer Commanding,  
F.I.D.F.

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

29th June, 1944.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Officer Commanding,

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

*See 70.*

With reference to your Minute of the 27th June, I agree that that application for a Special Warrant should be delayed until an accurate estimate can be made of the net over-expenditure under the Sub-head.

2. I would invite attention to my minute of the 21st March which then authorized the total expenditure under the Sub-head of £622. 16. 3. This was not the figure authorized for over-expenditure. Further authority must be sought for any expenditure over the total approved £833. 16s. 8d.

K. G. BRADLEY  
Colonial Secretary.