

C. S.

NAVAL & MILITARY.
(Defence Force)
(Miscellaneous)

19 44.

No. 9/44.

His Excellency.

SUBJECT.

19 44.

20th January.

Previous Paper.

AFFILIATION OF MOUNTED INFANTRY AND INFANTRY
COMPANY WITH WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT AND COASTAL
DEFENCE BATTERY WITH ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

MINUTES.

- 1. Letter to Colonel W. H. Hynes of 20. 1. 44.
- 2. " from " " " 24. 1. 44
- 3. Despatch, no. 9 to S. of S. of 28. 1. 44.

O.C.
7-1-44

You may care to make copies of (2) & (3)
for your records.

K.B.
1.2.44

Honorable Colonel Secretary.

Yes, thank you. This has been done.

W.S. 4.2.44.

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(6)
Thanks from Col. Hynes to W. O. 9.3.44.

(7)

O.C.
7/1/44

(6) 4.4.44

K.B.
23.5.44

(8)

Honorable Colonel Secretary

See Thank you.

W.S. 02.1.29.
23/6/44

Subsequent Paper.

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Letter from Col. Bomber of 8. 8. 44.

S. of S. Saving Telegram, No. 16 of 16. 9. 44.

Public Notice of 5. 12. 44.

Telegram to Crown agents of 13. 5. 47.

Telegram to O.C. West Yorkshire Regiment of 13. 5. 47.

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13. 5. 47. 13.

Pa. 2/15

Saving telegram No. 17 from S. of S of 20. 2. 51

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For those members of the Defence Force who served in the colony alongside (a) the Royal Artillery or (b) the West Yorks, I would say that the alliances are highly valued. However the Artillery and Mounted Infantry units of the Force do not exist at the present time, though in the event of emergency they could once again be brought into being. I think these alliances would have been better made with the Auckland Islands Defence Force rather than with small units thereof.

Ph
14/3/51

So do I.

16

Coast Defence Battery has ceased to exist and action should be taken as in para 2 above. Also in case of Mangled Infantry. We should apply to W. Yates for affiliation of the FIDF as such. Draft pt.

mc 14/11/51

YE Draft at core etc.

W 22/3/51

Issue 18
mc 29/3.

Saving telegram No. 26 to S of S of 24. 3. 51

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Ph
24/3/51

having telegram No. 55 from S. of S of 19.6.51 20

YH 21. He may confirm para 2 of 20 pt.

Office
11/7/51.

ACS

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7c. U 11/7/51.

having telegram No. 123 ~~from~~ S. of S. 16.7.51 23

PA
18/7/51

Despatch 35 from S. of S. of 2.7.51 24

PA
12/7/51

Despatch No 42 from S of S. of 28/2/52 25

26.

Adj. F.I.D.F.

28 for inf. of Officers, R.

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Res.
2/4/52

ACS.
As requested, and returned.

Swof
Adj. F.I.D.F.
1-V-53

leg

28 Circ. from Reg. Headquarters, West Yorkshire Regt. of. 25/7/57.
29 Letter to Colonel, the West Yorkshire Regiment of 27/9/57.

As: F.O.F. 30.

To see 28 & 29

Q
30/9.

31
Noted 5/10/57
w.v. a.s.

32 Letter to Genl. York. Regt. of 5.5.58

W. P. S. H.

W. P. S. H.
5.5.58

33. Sgm. No. 31 of 17.4.58. from S. of S.

W.P.S.H.

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33. As. Commandant's draft reply
2 p.c. at G.C. pl. - the other loose pp. are
Defense Docs - will be
passed to them for
action

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11/6/58

W.P.S.H. 35.
11/6/58.

36. Sgm. No. 117 to S. of S. of 12.6.58.

37. Tel. No. 72 from S. of S. of 25.7.58.

See 30/9
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39. Tel. No. 111 to S. of S. of 26/7/58.

39A letter Lt. Col. Webber, W. Yorks Regt.

40. S/T no 54 from SIS of 25.6.58

Rec. 30/9/58
(mail)

No mail of
31.01.58.

Rec 1/11/58
mail

41 Letter from Major H.A.V. Spencer of 5.2.58

Sec. F.I.D.S.

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I have made no progress in this matter. Would you
keep in mind discuss on your way to the office some time next
week.

[Signature]
22/1/59.

HCS

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I regret having held on to this file. It has
been in my brief case where I overlooked it.
The sight of the F.I.D.S. to wear the lanyard
arose out of an informal discussion I had
with one of the company commanders at the
West Yorks depot.

[Signature] 2/5/59

44. S/T. 29 from SIS of 14/6/59.

45 Letter from Brigadier R. J. Springhall, C.B., O.B.E., of March '59

46 Letter to " " " " " " of 20/5/59.

HCS

as the lanyard question is outstanding
what
20.5.59.

Capt. F.O.F.

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Nothing appears to have been done about (41) - you may care to discuss with the C.O. some time.

~~J~~
O/C
/59.

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P.L. h.u. when the file with the usual letter from the C.O. on re-equipping the Defence Force comes back from the Adjutant.

B.H. 1/1/7
26.11.60

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AcS

File 1295 attached, R
Jlem
1.2.60

50. Letter to Major Magnard of 2nd Feb. 1960.

~~51. Conf. Sgm. No. 150 of 23.12.59 from S/O~~

51 Letter from Colonial office of 17.8.61.

52 Invoice from Crown London of 19/4/61.

53 Advice of Order from Crown London of 31/1/61

54 Progress Report from Crown London of 31/1/61.

55. Letter to A. St. J. Sugg, C.M.G.

56 Letter from A. St. J. Sugg of 5/4/67

57 Letter to Sugg of 11.5.67.

T.H.
O.H.
11.2.60

By 31.7.61 (mail)
8.8.61.

No more
11.2.61

Jan
8.8.61

20th January, 1944.

Dear Colonel Hynes,

I have received from Colonel Woodgate, on behalf of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, a suggestion with which I hope you will be sympathetic and which I certainly endorse. Briefly, it is that in commemoration of the unit's close association during the past eighteen months with the Force under your Command, application might be made asking for the affiliation of the Mounted Infantry and the Infantry Company with the West Yorkshire Regiment and of the Coastal Defence Battery with the Royal Regiment of Artillery.

While many Dominion Regiments are affiliated to units of the British Army, I believe no Colonial unit has yet been granted this great privilege. I do not think, however, that this need deter us. This Colony is unique in that it is inhabited solely by British people who maintain the closest ties of personal loyalty and affection for their mother land and certainly regard themselves as British in the fullest meaning of the word.

From the point of view of the Defence Force and the Colony there are two considerations which weigh with me particularly; the first is historical, in that this has been the first and may well be the last occasion on which an Imperial Garrison has been stationed in the Colony. This is, therefore, likely to

Colonel W. R. Hynes, have/
Commander,
Falkland Islands Force,

STANLEY.

have been and to be the only opportunity to the Defence Force of working and associating with the British Army and it might well seem fitting that the link, which has been forged so strongly by mutual co-operation and friendship should, if possible, be made permanent; the second consideration is the opportunity for drawing even closer in the future the ties which bind our people to the Mother Country. If men from the Falkland Islands Defence Force going to England for any purpose can feel that they may find a welcome and a renewal of old friendships in the messes and barracks of the Regiments which they have known here, a genuine contribution will have been made to the cementing of imperial loyalty.

If Colonel Green and Major Bradbury agree to my tentative proposals and if you yourself are in sympathy with them, I should be most grateful if you would take the necessary steps to bring the idea to the notice of the War Office. I would simultaneously submit the suggestion to the Secretary of State.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) A. W. CARDINALL

Headquarters,
Falkland Islands Force.
24 Jan 44.



Dear Sir Alan,

I am fully in accord with the proposal to take up the question of affiliating the Falkland Islands Defence Force to regiments of the British Army.

The Coast Defence Battery of the F.I.D.F., should be affiliated to the Royal Artillery and the Infantry Company and the Mounted Infantry to the West Yorkshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales Own) in view of the association of the 11th. Bn. of that Regiment with the Defence Force during the past eighteen months.

I feel very strongly that such an opportunity of binding closer imperial friendship and loyalty should not be missed, and for my part I shall do all I can to secure the permanence of the link which has been forged here.

I shall write fully on the matter to the Secretary of State for War, and ask him, if he is in agreement with the suggestion, to approach the Colonels of the respective regiments with a view to having the proposal finally approved. I note that you will submit the proposal simultaneously to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The Officer Commanding the 11th. Bn. The West Yorkshire Regt (P.W.O.) will be asked to write demi-officially to the Colonel of his Regiment (Field Marshall, Sir Cyril Deverell, G.C.B., K.B.E.) about the matter, and the Officer Commanding the A.A., Royal Artillery Battery here will be asked to communicate similarly with the Headquarters of his Regiment.

Yours sincerely
W. H. St. John

His Excellency, Sir Alan W. Cardinall, K.B.E., C.M.G.
Government House,
Falkland Islands.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
28th January, 1944.

PAKLAND ISLANDS.
No. 9.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward, for your consideration, a copy of correspondence which I have had with the Officer Commanding, Falkland Islands Force, regarding the possibility of the affiliation of the Coast Defence Battery of the Falkland Islands Defence Force with the Royal Artillery, and of the Infantry Company and Mounted Infantry of the Defence Force with the West Yorkshire Regiment.

2. The reasons which have led me to make this suggestion are, I think, sufficiently set out in my letter to Colonel Hynes and I hope that you will feel able to lend your support to the proposal.

3. You will notice that in the second paragraph of my letter I draw attention to the fact that such an affiliation would probably be the of its kind between units of the British Army and Colonial as distinct from Dominion troops. I very much hope, however, that the risk of creating a precedent will not deter the War Office from giving their consent. As I have explained in my letter to Colonel Hynes and as you are well aware, this Colony is unique, and I think you will agree that a matter like this it should not be regarded in the same light as a Crown Colony with a mixed population but rather as though it were a

RIGHT HONOURABLE

G. F. G. STANLEY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

small offshoot of the Mother Country, more distant than but otherwise comparable to the Isle of Man or the Outer Hebrides.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Sgd.) A. W. CARDINALL

Subject:- Affiliation Colonial Units to Regular Army.

D.O./501.

(6)

To:- The Under Secretary of State for War,
The War Office,
London S.W.1.

From:- Commander,
Falkland Islands Force (Force 122).

9 Mar 44.

Sir,

On the withdrawal of the major part of the Imperial Troops from the Falkland Islands I was requested by His Excellency the Governor, on behalf of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, to put forward a request for the Defence Force to be affiliated to units of the British Regular Army. The Battery of Coast Defence Artillery desires affiliation to the Royal Regiment of Artillery and the Infantry and Mounted Infantry portions of the Defence Force desires affiliation to the West Yorkshire Regiment (P.W.O.). Units of both these Regiments formed part of the Force now being withdrawn and the Defence Force has maintained close association with them during the past eighteen months.

I understand that His Excellency, The Governor of the Falkland Islands is raising this matter through the Colonial Office.

From my experience in the Falkland Islands I am very much in favour of this request being acceded to. I am not aware that any Colonial Units have been granted this privilege but the Falkland Islands are unique in that they are inhabited solely by British people who regard themselves as British in the fullest meaning of the word. It is also the most isolated Colony as regards proximity to another British Colony or Dominion.

The Battery of Coast Defence Artillery, Falkland Islands Defence Force, has been embodied since the outbreak of war and since that time its personnel have been serving full time at their war stations with great keenness and perseverance through much inclement weather. The Battery had also been embodied for full time service during the Great War 1914 - 1918.

In peace time the Falkland Islands Defence Force Rifle Club has regularly sent a team to the Annual National Rifle Association Meeting at Bisley where they have many times competed with success.

I feel very strongly that such an opportunity of binding closer together Imperial friendship and loyalty should not be missed. The relations between the Force under my command and the Islanders were extremely good and to perpetuate the link by affiliation of the Defence Force to Units of the British Regular Army could not fail to have a very good effect on the morale of the people living in this isolated region.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Colonel.

Commanding, Falkland Islands Force (Force 122).

H.Q., F.I.F.,
8th August, 1944.

(9)

The Colonial Secretary,

Attached for H.E. the Governor's information
and return please.

D/O 501 of 9th March, 44, is not held, it was presumably from
Col. Hynes after arrival in U.K.

Last para. of attached (of which copies are held by A.G. 6 and
F.M. Deverell) indicate that no further action is required from this
end, we shall presumably hear further in the course of time.

As far as M.I. and Infantry are concerned I can see no
difficulty; for The Governor it may be more difficult, normal
procedure would be affiliation to a Regular R.A. Battery or Regiment
not merely to the Royal Regiment of Artillery. In the case of
F.I.D.F. gunners, A.A. gunners here were not a regular unit and will
presumably be disbanded after the war, but A.G.G. - the R.A. branch
at the W.C. will presumably be writing to us on the matter.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter No. D/O/501, dated 9th March, 44, suggesting that units of the Falkland Islands Defence Force be allied to regiments of the British Army, I am directed to inform you that the first stage in the procedure for effecting such alliances, is the mutual agreement of the regiments concerned. When this has been reached the Dominion or Colonial unit, etc., then submits to its own Headquarters an application, which should include a letter from the Colonel, or Colonel Commandant, of the British regiment or corps agreeing to the proposed alliance. It is then sent to the Government of the Dominion or Colony for passing to the Dominion or Colonial Office, who transmit it to the War Office for the consideration of the Army Council.

The above procedure has been stated because it is noticed in your letter of the 24th January, 44 to H.E. Sir. A. W. Cardinall, forwarded to this Department by the Colonial Office, that you intended asking the O.C. 11th Bn. The West Yorkshire Regiment to write to Field Marshal Sir Cyril Deverell, Colonel of The West Yorkshire Regiment, regarding the proposed alliance of the Infantry Company and Mounted Infantry to that regiment, and the O.C. the A.A. Battery, similarly to communicate with the H.Q., of his regiment in regard to the alliance of the Coast Defence Battery to the R.A. This would initiate the first stage of the procedure and subsequent action will depend upon the result.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) ?

Director of Personal Services.

Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Force,
(FORCE 122).

(For copies see over)

Copies for information to:-

Colonial Office (Reference their letter No. 36547~~0~~44 of 21st April, 1944)

A.G.6. War Office.

Field Marshall Sir Cyril Deverell, G.C.B., K.B.E.,
Colonel, The West Yorkshire Regiment.

8 Aug 44.

(9)

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A. J. M. London
H. G. R. A.

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THE WAR OFFICE,

London, S.W.1.

078/167(A.G.4.d)

7th September, 1944.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 36547/44, of 21st April, 1944, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve an alliance between the Coast Defence Battery of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and the Royal Regiment of Artillery, and an alliance between the Infantry Company and Mounted Infantry of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and The West Yorkshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Own).

A notification of these alliances will be published in Army Orders in due course.

I am, etc.

(Sgd.) G.W. LAMBERT.

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

Saving.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Date 16th September, 1944.

No. 16 Saving.



With reference to your despatch No. 9 of the 28th of January, I enclose for your information a copy of a letter from the War Office regarding the affiliation of units of the Falkland Islands Defence Force with British Regiments.

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Red 3.
7.9.1944.

SECMR.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

His Excellency has been advised by the Secretary of State that His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve an alliance between the Coast Defence Battery of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and the Royal Regiment of Artillery, and an alliance between the Infantry Company and Mounted Infantry of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and The West Yorkshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Own).

nial Secretary's Office,
STANLEY.

5th December, 1944.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				13. 5. 47.

To
 CROWN LONDON

Please pay for wreath for late Sir Cyril Deverell if applied for by
 West Yorks Regiment.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

LJH.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

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To

OFFICER COMMANDING WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT YORK

On behalf of people of Falkland Islands, I ask you to accept my sincere condolences on the loss of their Colonel in Chief stop Please also express our sympathy to Lady Devorell.

GOVERNOR OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Time

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9/44



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S A V I N G.

36155/51

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officers Administering the Governments of

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|-----------------------------|----------------|
| (1) HONG KONG | No. <u>142</u> |
| (2) <u>FALKLAND ISLANDS</u> | No. <u>17</u> |
| (3) BERMUDA | No. <u>59</u> |
| (4) JAMAICA | No. <u>213</u> |

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Date. 20 February, 1951.

Alliances between Colonial and British Regiments.

1. It is understood that the following Alliances of long standing are on record in the War Office:-

To (1) (a) The Battery, H.K.V.D.C. with the Royal Regiment of Artillery, (1929).

(b) Pay Section, H.K.V.D.C., with the Royal Army Pay Corps (1939).

To (2) (a) Coast Defence Battery, F.I. Defence Force with the Royal Regiment of Artillery (1944).

(b) The Infantry Company and Mounted Infantry of the F.I. Defence Force with The West Yorkshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Own), (1944).

To (3) Bermuda Volunteer Engineers with the Corps of Royal Engineers (1935).

To (4) Jamaica Engineer Corps with the Corps of Royal Engineers (1938).

To all 2. War Office state that, in the case of units now having ceased to exist, application for the termination of the alliances should be made.

3. I should be grateful for your comments.

SECEP.

Mr. Reply at 18

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Governor of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 24th March, 1951.

No. 66. COLON.

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Your saving telegram No. 17 of 20th February, 1951. Alliances between Colonial and British Regiments.

2. (a) The Coast Defence Battery of the Falkland Islands Defence Force no longer exists. Grateful therefore if alliance with the Royal Regiment of Artillery could be terminated.

(b) The Mounted Infantry unit of the Falkland Islands Defence Force no longer exists. Grateful therefore if this unit could be deleted from the alliance and furthermore if application could be made to The West Yorkshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Own) for the alliance with "The Infantry Company" to be changed to "The Falkland Islands Defence Force" as such.

GOVERNOR.

36155/51.

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Saving. Your Reference: 9/44.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 19 June, 1951.

No. 55 Saving.



19 Your saving No. 66 Colony of the 24th March. Alliance between Falkland Islands Defence Force and The West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own).

Before consideration can be given to application in your paragraph 2(b), War Office would be glad to receive confirmation that Defence Force is composed entirely of Infantry.

SECEP.

Reply at 21

9 JUL 1951

F. I. ref: 9/44

C. O. ref: 36155/51.

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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: 16th July, 1951.

No. 123. SAVING. COLONY.

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Your Saving Telegram No. 55 of 19th June, 1951. Alliance between Falkland Islands Defence Force and The West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own).

2. I confirm that the Defence Force is now composed entirely of Infantry.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

DESPATCH
NO. 35

Date 2 JUL 1951

Transmitted with the compliments of the Secretary of State for the Colonies for

information.

the Governor's consideration.
observations.



Reference:- Secretary of State's
Governor's

Telegram No.
Despatch No.
Savingram No. 66 } 19
of 24.3.51

Date	Nature of Communication
<p>20. 6. 51</p> <p>B</p>	<p>Copy of letter from war office</p> <p>9/8/51</p>

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THE WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

20 June 1951

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:-
The Under-Secretary of State,
The War Office,
London, S.W.1.
and the following number quoted.

31/395(A.G.4(2))

22 JUN 1951
COLONIAL OFFICE

Sir,

Subject - Termination of Alliances.

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I am commanded by the Army Council to refer to your letter No. 3155/51 dated 23rd April, 1951, and to inform you that His Majesty the King has approved the termination of the alliances between the Battery, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps and the Royal Regiment of Artillery and between the Coast Defence Battery of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and the Royal Regiment of Artillery.

I can add that a notification of the above will appear in Army Orders in the course.

I am,
Sir,

Most obedient Servant,

W.S. Smith

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
The Strand House,
Great Smith Street,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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Date 28 FEB 1952

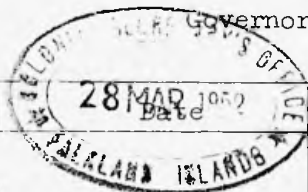
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Reference:- ~~Secretary of State's~~ Governor's

Telegram No.
Despatch No.
Savingram No. 123
of 16. 7. 51



28 MAR 1952 Date	Nature of Communication
18. 2. 52 25/52	<p>alliances</p> <p><u>Copies</u> of letter from War Office</p> <p>By O.C. to me</p> <p>me</p> <p>ACD Pze inform govt notice FIDF ofiam 2/4</p> <p>no reason as it is a continuation for a public meeting 29/3</p>



Tn. No. GH/General 8040

Further correspondence on this subject should be addressed to
The Under-Secretary of State (A.C. J. (C))

THE WAR OFFICE,

LONDON, 25

S.W.1.

Please quote in any reply

978/175 (A.C. J. (C))

18 February, 1952

Sir,

Subject:- ALLIANCE

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I am directed to refer to your letter No. 36155/51 dated 28th April, 1951, and to inform you that Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to approve an alliance between The West Yorkshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Own) and The Royal Ulster Defence Force.

Notification of the above will appear in Army Orders in due course.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. A. C. J.

Director of Personnel Services

The Under-Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
LONDON, S.W.1.

SPECIAL CARE
20 FEB 1952
SECTION

CHIEF
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE
19 FEB 1952
COLONIAL OFFICE

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Regimental Headquarters and Depot
The West Yorkshire Regiment (PWO),
Imphal Barracks, Tulford Road, YORK.

25th July, 1957.

You have already heard of the forthcoming Army reorganisation. The details as they affect us are briefly as follows. In order to reduce the Army to the required strength by 1962 about half the total number of Infantry Regiments are to be amalgamated in pairs, amongst them ourselves and the East Yorkshire Regiment.

This means that after more than 270 years of separate and distinguished existence, the two Regiments will become one. The two Regular Battalions and the Depots will merge, but the T.A. will stay as it is for the present. The Colours of both Regular Battalions will continue in Service together until due for normal replacement.

The reforms go further than this. The Group system under which we have worked for the past 10 years will be intensified. The Groups or Brigades as they will now be called, will be smaller and the Battalions more closely integrated within them. All members of the Brigade will wear the same Cap badge. Promotion of senior Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants will be from a Brigade Roll, though Officers on first appointment will still be commissioned to a Regiment as before. There will be only one Band for the Brigade. Regimental Depots will be reduced in size and scope to deal only with Regimental affairs. The training of Recruits will be done centrally at new Brigade Depots.

It is clear, therefore, that although we and the West Yorkshires are amongst those to feel the full impact of the changes, all Regiments are affected by them very considerably.

Many questions at once arise. The most important is the title and insignia of the new Regiment and the location of its Regimental Depot. Policy will have to be settled regarding the future of the Regimental Association, Journal, Museum, Dining Club, Chapel, Funds, Property etc. These will of course continue but in exactly what form is not at the moment clear.

Answers to all these problems will be worked out in time by the two Regiments in close cooperation. The date for completion of the amalgamation is not until the end of 1959 so we have at least two years in which to arrange everything decently and in order.

The Colonel-in-Chief, whom I had the honour of seeing yesterday, has asked me to say that she realises to the full what a severe blow to regimental pride these changes will mean to all of us. But the Government after full consideration has decided they are necessary in the interests of the Nation and Her Majesty The Queen has approved. Though our separate identity will lapse, much of our spirit and tradition will remain to animate the new Regiment.

We can only therefore accept the situation loyally and make the best of it. We must set our Regimental affairs in order and do all we can to ensure that the amalgamation goes smoothly.

The new Regiment must get away to a good start and become a credit to its forebears, the 14th and the 15th Foot.

(Signed) G. H. CR E

Brigadier,
Colonel The West Yorkshire Regiment,
(The Prince of Wales's Own).

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Copy to :- H.E. Field Marshal Sir William Slim, GCB, GCSE, KCVO,
GBE, DSO, MC,

Government House,
CANBERRA,
Australia.

Brig R.J. Springhall, CB, OBE,
Colonel The East Yorkshire Regiment (The Duke of York's Own),
Woodside House,
Aspley Guise,
Blotchloy,
Bucks.

Ref: 9/44

27 September, 1957

D/O.

Thank you very much for your circular letter of the 25th July which refers to the forthcoming Army reorganization.

We fully appreciate that the proposed amalgamation will be a disappointment for many in both regiments and we appreciate also that a considerable number of problems will have to be settled and ironed out as a result of the amalgamation between the East and West Yorkshire Regiments.

For our part we sincerely hope that a way will be found for our small unit here to preserve its association with the Yorkshire Regiment or whatever now takes the place of the East and West Yorkshire Regiments.

(A.G. Denton-Thompson)

Lieutenant Colonel
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

Colonel The West Yorkshire Regiment,
Regimental Headquarters and Depot,
The West Yorkshire Regiment (PWO),
Imphal Barracks, Fulford Road,
York.

GDT/SJA

c.c. Miss Wells, London

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✓ C.S.O. file 9/44


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Falkland Islands Defence Force
Stanley
Falkland Islands

5th May, 1958

When I was in the United Kingdom in 1954 I had the pleasure of spending a week at Imperial Barracks doing a refresher on Infantry training and renewing the acquaintance ship of the Falkland Islands Defence Force with the Regiment to which it is affiliated. During my stay, which I much enjoyed, I was asked whether the Force had any obsolete weapons which could be sent home for placing in your Regimental Museum. I regret the delay which has taken place but at long last we have had a sort out with the result that I am sending home on the R.R.S. John Biscoe a couple of Maxim Guns which might possibly be suitable for inclusion in the museum. I enclose a negotiable copy of the Bill of Lading and trust you will be able to make arrangements to collect the weapons at Southampton and clear them through the Customs. The ship is expected to arrive on or about 3rd June, 1958, but details may be obtained nearer the time from Miss M Wells, F.I.D.F. Rear Base, c/o Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations, 1, Millbank, London. S.W.1. who will be only too pleased to keep you informed.

I'm glad to say that the Force, though sadly reduced in numbers, is active, keen and is particularly proud of its marksmanship. The Rifle Association carried off the Junior Holapere Cup and was second in the Junior Mackintosh Trophy at Sisley last year. We also manage to get in a summer camp each year together with a detachment of Royal Marine Commandos from H.M.S. Protector.

I trust that all goes well at the Depot and I do hope the guns will be acceptable.


(J. R. Zoon)
Commanding Officer, F.I.D.F.

Reply at 32.

Colonel The West Yorkshire Regiment,
Regimental Headquarters and Depot,
The West Yorkshire Regiment, (R.O.),
Imperial Barracks, Salford Road,
YORK



DEF 62/150/08

S A V I N G

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies

To the Officers Administering the Governments of

- (1) BERMUDA No. 141
- (2) KENYA No. 634
- (3) FALKLAND ISLANDS No. 31
- (4) LEeward ISLANDS No. 221

Repeated to:-

Permanent Secretary BALFO No. 21

Administrator ANTIGUA No. 99

17 APR 1958

Regimental Alliances

I have been informed by the Army Council that the forthcoming re-organisation of the British Army involves a number of Infantry Regiments who have alliances with units in Colonial Forces.

The units concerned are:-

- (a) The Bermuda Rifles allied to the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment, amalgamating with the Northamptonshire Regiment.
- (b) 5th Battalion, King's African Rifles allied to the Dorset Regiment, amalgamating with the Devonshire Regiment.
- (c) The Falkland Islands Defence Force allied to the West Yorkshire Regiment, amalgamating with the East Yorkshire Regiment.
- (d) The Antigua Defence Force allied to the South Staffordshire Regiment, amalgamating with the North Staffordshire Regiment.

2. The Colonels of the Regiments concerned have all expressed the hope that these alliances should be inherited and continued by the new Regiments formed by the amalgamations.

3. I should be grateful to know whether it is your wish and that of the Colonial unit concerned in your Territory that their alliance with the new Regiment should be continued. If it should be so, it is proposed that Her Majesty's approval should be sought by the War Office; I have myself no objection to this proposal.

4. This savingram has been addressed to the Governors of Bermuda, Kenya, Falkland Isles and Leeward Islands, and repeated to the Administrator of Antigua.

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A/Commandant,
F.I.D.F.

SECEP

For Observations, Pl 22.5.58

Reply at 36.
AES if see reply at cover
& other comms. 10/5/58

F. I. ref: 9/44

C. O. ref: DEF 62/150/68

SAVING TELEGRAM.

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

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 12th June, 1958.

No. 117. SAVING. CELESTY

33 Your Savingram No. 31 paragraph 5 of the 17th April, 1958.
Regimental Alliances.

I am most anxious for the alliance between the Falkland Islands Defence Force and the West Yorkshire Regiment to be continued and should therefore be glad if Her Majesty's approval could be sought for inheritance of the alliance, by the newly formed Prince of Wales' Own Regiment of Yorkshire.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 25. 7. 58. Time: 1725. Received: 26. 7. 58. Time: 0900.

PRIORITY.

No. 72. Regimental Alliances.

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I should be grateful for a reply to my Savingram
No. 31.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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Reply to S/T at f. 36

Arrived at Montevideo Thursday 24th.

P/L: FH

at 39.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

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From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 26. 7. 58. Time: 1030. Received: Time:

PRIORITY.

No. 111. Your telegram No. 72 Regimental Alliances.

Please see my Colony Savingram No. 117 in mail which left Colony on 20th.

GOVERNOR.

P/L: FH

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Headquarters,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
Stanley.

Dear Colonel Webber,

I am replying to your letter dated 25th April, 1958,
in the absence of my Colonel who is on leave.

All ranks of the Falkland Islands Defence Force join with me in wishing you and the 1st Bn. The West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own) the very best of luck for your future as soldiers of the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire.

We are deeply touched by the kind thoughts expressed in your farewell letter and I have been asked to say how proud we have been of the affiliation of our Regiments and how delighted we are to know that application is about to be made for the alliance to be continued with your new Regiment the name of which so happily retains a part of your old title.

The Falkland Islands Defence Force will continue to regard the traditions of the 6th Bn of Foot as an example upon which to build and maintain a spirit of service and comradeship in arms.

As a token of remembrance of our past affiliation we should look upon it as a great honour if we were allowed to wear the lanyard of the West Yorkshire Regiment and I wonder if you could help us in obtaining permission to do so.

Yours sincerely,

(SIC) J. GREEN.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL D. R. W. WEBBER,
COMMANDING,
1ST BN. THE WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT,
(THE PRINCE OF WALES'S OWN),
CONNAUGAT BARRACKS,
DOVER,

Saving

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies
To Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 25th June, 1958.

No. 54 Saving

PRIORITY

Regimental Alliances.

33 I should be grateful to learn when a
reply may be expected to my savinggram No. 31 of
17th April.

SECEP.

*Got it
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*Reply sent at 36
See also 39.*

Major H.A.V. SPENCER, (Retd) 41

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS,
THE PRINCE OF WALES'S OWN REGIMENT OF YORKSHIRE,
IMPHAL BARRACKS,
YORK.



Telephone 53621 Ext 16.

Date: 5 September, 1958.

Dear *Captain Green*

394 → The Colonel of the late West Yorkshire Regiment, Brigadier G.H. Cree CBE DSO, thanks you for your letter. We should be very pleased if the Falkland Islands Defence Force would wear the lanyard of the West Yorkshire Regiment. From his experience of similar matters Brigadier Cree advises that the official application to do so must be made by you in the normal way.

When we are asked by the War Office we will strongly support the application.

With best wishes,

Yours *msj*

M. G. W.

Captain J. Green,
Headquarters,
The Falkland Islands Defence Force,
Stanley,
The Falkland Islands.

C.D. HoF

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*you may wish to
take them up on their?*

W.S.
15/10/58



S A V I N G

DEF.62/150/08

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officers Administering the Governments of

- 1) BERMUDA No. 133 Saving.
- 2) KENYA No. 609 Saving.
- 3) FALKLAND ISLANDS No. 29 Saving.
- 4) LEEWARD ISLANDS No. 176 Saving.

Repeated to:-

- Permanent Secretary, E.A.L.F.O. No. 14 Saving.
- Administrator, ANTIGUA No. 77 Saving.

Date 18 April, 1959.

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My savingram (to 1) No. 141
 (to 2) No. 634
 (to 3) No. 31 of 17th April 1958, repeated
 (to 4) No. 221
 to Permanent Secretary, E.A.L.F.O., No. 21 and
 Administrator, Antigua, No. 99.

Your Savingram (to 1) No. 297 of 9th June, 1958.
 (to 2) No. 1304 of 27th May, 1958.
 (to 3) No. 117 of 12th June, 1958.
 (to 4) No. 280 of 16th May, 1958.

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Regimental Alliances.

The Army Council has submitted to Her Majesty The Queen the proposal that alliances which existed before the amalgamation of British Regiments should be renewed with the new Regiments, and Her Majesty has approved this proposal.

The alliances will now be as follows:

- (a) The Bermuda Rifles allied to the 2nd East Anglian Regiment (Royal 10th/48th Foot), a regiment to be formed from The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment and The Northamptonshire Regiment.
- (b) 5th Battalion, King's African Rifles allied to The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, a regiment formed from The Devonshire Regiment and The Dorset Regiment.
- (c) The Falkland Islands Defence Force allied to The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, a regiment formed from The West Yorkshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Own) and The East Yorkshire Regiment (The Duke of York's Own).
- (d) The Antigua Defence Force allied to The Staffordshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's), a regiment formed from The South Staffordshire Regiment and The North Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's).

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To see re 837409

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Brigadier R. J. SPRINGHALL, CB., OBE.
REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS,
THE PRINCE OF WALES'S OWN REGIMENT OF YORKSHIRE,
IMPHAL BARRACKS,
YORK.



Telephone 53621

March, 1959.

To:- The Honorary Colonel,
The Falkland Islands Defence Force.

As Colonel of The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire I am writing to say how delighted and honoured my Regiment is to know that Her Majesty The Queen has graciously approved of the affiliation of The Falkland Islands Defence Force with The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire. The Regiment is very proud of this great distinction and we all trust that this new bond will be the means of strengthening still further the friendships between us that have existed so happily in the past. I hope that when any of your officers or men come to this country they will make contact with the Regimental Headquarters, at Imphal Barracks, York, where they will always be assured of a welcome.

R. J. Springhall Colonel.
The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire.

Reply at 4b

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20th May, 1959.

As Commandant of the Falkland Islands Defence Force I should like to say that we in turn are indeed very pleased and honoured that Her Majesty the Queen has graciously approved of the affiliation of the Force with the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire.

In thanking you for your letter in which you advise me of Her Majesty's decision, I should like to convey to you and to all who serve in the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire the best wishes of all ranks of the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

Lieutenant Colonel A.G. DENTON-THOMPSON, O.B.E., M.C.
Commandant, Falkland Islands Defence Force.

Brigadier R.J. Springhall, C.B., C.B.E.
Colonel,
The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire,
Regimental Headquarters,
Imphal Barracks,
York,
England.

AGDT/SM

4th February, 1960.

Dear Maynard,

I am really not too sure quite to whom I should send this letter, but if it is not your province perhaps you would be good enough to see it on its way to the right destination.

As you may know, our Defence Force used to be affiliated to the West Yorkshire Regiment and is now affiliated to the Prince of Wales' Own Regiment of Yorkshire. Just about the time of the amalgamation of the Yorkshire regiment the second in command (I was on leave) wrote to the Commanding Officer of the West Yorks enquiring whether the Defence Force might be permitted to wear the Lanyard of the West Yorkshire Regiment to denote our past associations with that unit.

We had a reply saying that Brigadier Cree, the Colonel of the old West Yorkshire Regiment, advised that our application should go through the usual channels (I assume Colonial Office and then War Office). The reply also said that the Prince of Wales' Own Regiment of Yorkshire would strongly support our application when it was referred to them by the War Office.

I wonder whether you could arrange for this application to go forward to the War Office. As I shall be going shortly perhaps a reply could be addressed to Major J. Green, Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey Office, Stanley.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) A. G. Denton-Thompson.

Major W.A.F. Maynard,
COLONIAL OFFICE.

AGDT/LH

Tel.: ABBey 1266

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Your Reference

My Reference DEF.62/150/08



COLONIAL OFFICE

THE CHURCH HOUSE
GREAT SMITH STREET
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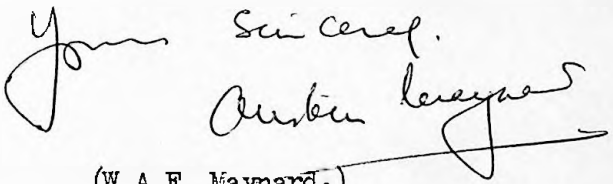
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December, 1960.
7th January.

Dear Green

Thank you for your letter of the 18th October, about the West Yorkshire Lanyards.

- 2. I have spoken to the O.C. of the depot of the Prince of Wales Own Regiment of Yorkshire, who has said that the Colonel of the Regiment would prefer you to wear the new pattern of the Lanyard.
- 3. I am at the same time letting the Crown Agents know that you wish to have four dozen new Lanyards ordered and sent out to you at once.
- 4. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Crown Agents, with a request to them to order these from Conway Williams, 48 Brook Street, Mayfair, W.1.

Your sincere,

 (W.A.F. Maynard.)

Major J.R. Green,
 O.C. Falkland Islands
 Defence Force,
 Stanley,
 Falkland Islands.

HCS. 52
 For your files & n.a.

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(Supplementary Copy)

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THE CROWN AGENTS

Dr. to Messrs. Conway Williams
of (full address) 48, Brook St
Mayfair, W. 1.

Crown Agents' Reference
Indent No.

FAIRLAND IS 8720/1

Date of Invoice 19th April 1961
Contractor's Reference No.

Special Account (if any)
Department

If goods have been despatched by post:—
Date of Posting 28th March 1961
Post Office of Despatch S. Weyton St
G.P.O. Serial No.

Shipped by SS/MV

To be filled in by Contractor

Item Nos.	Quantity	Description of Article in wording of Tender	Weight				Rate			
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1	48	Lanyards P.W.O. Regt of Yorks					3/3	7	16	0

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Col. Office. Ltr. DEF. 62/150/08
16.1.61.

Messrs. Conway Williams,
48, Brook Street,
Mayfair,
London,
W.1.

Order Dated :-

To: -
THE CROWN AGENTS
Her Majesty's Governments and Administrations,
4, MILLBANK, LONDON, S.W.1.

GENTLEMEN,

We accept this order placed for and on behalf of the Government of Falkland Islands.
and agree to supply, on the terms stipulated, Lanyards.
specified below, in accordance with the Crown Agents' General Conditions of Contract dated June, 1957, and, where applicable, Special Conditions of Contract dated June, 1957.

Signature J. Currie Address _____

Dated this _____ day of _____ 19 _____

This order is subject to inspection by No Inspection. before despatch.

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QTY	QUANTITY	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES ORDERED	ESTIMATED COST	RATE	AMOUNT
1. 48	only.	Lanyards of the Prince of Wales Own Regiment of Yorkshire. © 3/3d. each..... For delivery in 6 weeks i.e. 1st March. This order confirms telephone conversation of 25th January, 1961.	7. 16.0. plus cost of postage.		

DELIVERY DATE: _____
(Not Period)

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If economy can be effected by so doing, firm should quote for despatch by Parcel Post, sub-divided if necessary. Firms may offer delivery at ports other than Liverpool or London if by so doing they can deliver f.o.b. more cheaply. For delivery f.o.b. London price must include port rates.

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Mayfair,
London,
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Date of Order :—

31 JAN 1961

Order placed by the Crown Agents on behalf of the Government of Falkland Islands.
for the supply of lanyards.



Due for delivery 1-3-61

Being inspected by No inspection.

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*Colonial Secretary
Stanley
Falkland Islands.*

Date 7/4/61.

[Signature]
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3 / July 1966

The Falkland Islands Defence Force is "affiliated" to the West Yorkshire Regiment, a battalion of which was stationed here during the 1939-45 war. This affiliation appears to have meant little more than the periodical exchange of greetings and receipt of the regimental magazine of the Regiment, which is now merged with the Yorkshire Regiment to form the Prince of Wales' Own Regiment of Yorkshire.

The Royal Marines have in recent years played a considerable part in the training of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and it has been suggested locally that some sort of affiliation with that Corps might materially help the Defence Force and increase its popular appeal.

When Thompson next comes to see you, I should be glad if you would mention this suggestion to him. He is already aware of it and is well qualified to speak from knowledge of the Defence Force and the local background to its activities. If, after discussing it with Thompson, you consider that there are no objections to proceeding with enquiries, I should be glad if you could put out feelers on our behalf in the appropriate quarter.

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A.St.J. Sugg Esq., C.M.G.,
Colonial Office

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COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
GREAT SMITH STREET, LONDON S.W.1
Telephone: ABBey 1266, ext.

COLONIAL SECRETARY
8-MAY 1967
FALKLAND ISLANDS

April, 1967.

Handwritten initials/signature

Our reference: YC.10/5

Your reference:

55 Dear Tommy

In July last year Sir Cosmo wrote and asked me to speak to you about getting the Defence Force affiliated to the Royal Marines. I carefully made a note of this but we do not in fact appear to have discussed it possibly because of other and more important matters. I am very sorry that I did not do anything more about this and I should be grateful if you would let me know whether you would like me to pursue this further now?

Handwritten signature
(A. St.J. Sugg)

W.H. Thompson Esq., M.B.E.,
Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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See 57

11th May 1967

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Thank you for your letter Y0.10/5 of the 5th April about getting the Defence Force Affiliated to the Royal Marines.

I suggest the matter be dropped. If it seems profitable to do so we can always take the matter up again.

(W. H. Thompson)

A.St.J. Sugg Esq., C.M.G.,
Commonwealth Office.

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