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O.C. Defence Force.

SUBJECT.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE -

27th February.

Arrangements for Officering of.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

① Minutes from of C. G. J. W. G. of 24/2/42.

Memorandum Colonial Secretary.

Reference above minute 2nd para. & rd ①
M.P. S/64/44 Fourth (C) In order to remove any
possible doubt on this point I enclose two
draft telegrams & ask for the early dispatch
Subject thro Excellency approval.

C.W. O.C. F.I.D.F.
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Submitted

C. G. J. W. G.
9/3/42.

Subsequent Paper.

Majr Woodgate is O.C. Troops i. the New. Unit
is under his command. But never go
out of the way on paper to forward back.

O.C. Troops,

No note.

A.J.
J.H.
18/3/42

Honorable Colonial Secretary.

None Thank you

A.W. de P.O.F.

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

MINUTE.

27th. February 1949

From Officer Commanding
Defence Force.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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

(Copy to Secretariat for information)

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I have the honour to submit in accordance with Your Excellency's commands, my preliminary recommendations for the officering of the Defence Force following my re-appointment as Commanding Officer and in anticipation of the Departure of Captain Fleuret for South Georgia.

Captain Fleuret to continue to be Adjutant until his departure from the Colony and given a fortnights leave of absence sometime during the interim period. I assume that on his arrival at South Georgia he will be come O.C. Defences South Georgia and for this reason I would suggest that the War Office be asked to amend their appointment of a Norwegian Officer ^{from} to this command, to O.C. Defences Grytvyken.

Lieutenant Aldridge to return to the Secretariat on 1st. March and be appointed Assistant Adjutant at that date and Adjutant on Captain Fleuret's departure.

Lieutenant C.F. Sheppard to remain at Hqrs. for the present and to be at the disposal of Captain Fleuret for gunnery purposes. I submit that he eventually be appointed Officer in charge of Gunnery Training and the Maintenance of Guns, taking over either C.H.B. or S.H.B. in the case of alarm.

I will submit further proposals in due course to cover the appointment of Quartermaster and also Officers for the Posting Company which latter will now be necessary if Your Excellency wishes me to attend at Battle Headquarters in the case of alarm.

I would most earnestly recommend that any new officers commissioned together with the other Junior Officers should receive a weeks intensive training, in the case of the former before they receive their commissions.

Arthur Woodgate

Major.
O.C. Defence Force.

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Ref:- 122/CR/X/1.

Headquarters,
Falkland Islands Garrison.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith, a copy of a letter put forward by the Officer Commanding, Local Defence Force, proposing certain measures of re-organisation, and involving also, the promotion of some of his officers and the granting of new commissions.

I have gone into this matter fully with the Officer Commanding, Local Defence Force, and am in complete agreement, in principle, with the proposals.

The provision of extra officers will put his establishment on a satisfactory footing, and I consider that the number is the bare minimum required to run the Local Defence Force efficiently. I am particularly interested in pushing ahead with the organisation and training of the Troops of Mounted Infantry. I consider that this branch of the Local Defence Force should prove invaluable.

I do not know many of the officers of the Local Defence Force, and have not been here long enough to form a detailed opinion of their capabilities, but I am quite prepared to accept Major Woodgate's recommendations regarding them.

I regard the present shortage of officers in the Local Defence Force as serious, and consider these measures should be given effect with the least possible delay.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant.



Colonel.
Commanding, Falkland Islands Garrison.

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To:- His Excellency,
The Governor of the Falkland Islands.