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19 42.

No. 108/42.

C.C., F.I.D.F.

SUBJECT.

19 42.
15th August.

RELEASE OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FOR
MILITARY SERVICE.

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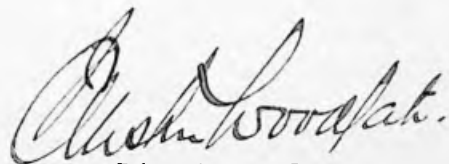
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13th August, 1942.

From: Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
STANLEY.

To: The Hon. Col. Secretary,
STANLEY.

The Force Commander wishes all Batteries brought up to full strength. A minimum of 16 O.Rs is needed to do this and the only source of supply (other than taking untrained gunners from Infantry Company) is shown on the attached list. Following our conversation on the question of replacing men by women I thought you would like to see the attached list and let me know how many of the men one can count on as being available.



Lieut. Colonel,
Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

(1)

Nominal List of Artillery Details and their Civil Employment.

Cpl. Pettersson, John Rivetter, F.I.C.

officer etc.

~~Cpl. Lellman, E.F. Clerk, Treasury X~~

Gnr. Osborne, John Shop Assistant, F.I.C.

Gnr. Evans, Howell Head Gardener, Govt. Gardens.?

Gnr. Cletheroe, C.J. Assistant Blacksmith, F.I.C.

typist

~~Gnr. Lellman, V.K. Legal Clerk R.A.F. ref. Bennett P.W.D~~

*amblydip
9/11
yes
with tail held*

Gnr. Watson, W.H. Agricultural Department -

yes. Gnr. Robson, R.L. P.W.D. - Carpenter

woman yes.

Gnr. Biggs, T.I. P.W.D. - Clerk

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yes. Gnr. Bound, H.L. Secretariat, Treasury

*not at least
before 1914
late 1915.*

Technician

~~Gnr. Turner, John Dental Mechanic X~~

Technician

~~Gnr. King, V.T. Secretariat - Printer X~~

Gnr. Reive, William Mr. McGill - Butcher.

yes Gnr. Reive, Leonard Globe Store - Shop Assistant X

yes Gnr. Howatt, F.D. Globe Store - Shop Assistant X

electrician

~~Gnr. Fuhlendorff, E.V. E. & T. Dept. -~~

irreplaceable.

~~Gnr. Jennings, Clifford Agricultural Department X~~

Gnr. Pettersson, Axel Stanley Arms - Manager

*yes
amblydip*

~~Gnr. Osborne, George E. & T. Dept. -~~

Gnr. Dixon, P.S. F.I.C. - Carpenter

Gnr. Jones, William Globe Hotel - Manager,

Y.F.

As you are aware the F.I.D. 7 has been allotted front. Our duties in the Defence Scheme and it will, therefore, be essential to do all in our power not only to intensify the training but also to bring the whole-time establishment up to strength. I will address you separately about the training.

2. I am sure that much can still be done to make more use of our woman-power to release young civilian employees for active service. There is an immediate demand for 16 more gunners to bring our C.D. batteries up to strength, but before this demand is passed on to employers, I would like to ensure that Govt. does its share.

3. With the cooperation of Heads of Departments I have been promised the following releases.

Treasury. 1. W. Bond. Replaced by woman ^{and} after 1 month's training. (Am. (Miss Biggs?))

P.W.D. 2. W. Robson. (Carpenter) w/o replacement. Govt. work will be slowed up but defence must come first.

3. W. Biggs (Clerk). Replaced by W/S Woodgate.

Ag. Dept. 4. V. Watson. Replaced probably by military labour.

~~5. W. Evans (Govt. Ho. Hd. quarters). This is for you to say. It is just possible that we could take over, if necessary, a girl be found to help.~~

R.B.T. 5. W.G. Osborne w/o replacement. (work "spread")

4. I propose that women class appointed as Temporary Clerks should be on Grade IV (£100 x 10 - £150) starting at £100 unless as the normal thing, subject to any special cases being considered, on application, on their merits. I would place no restriction on wives working in the same dept. as their husbands. Where Heads of depts cannot readily find the women they want

we will obtain them from Miss Carey who has a list of
volunteers for W.A.A.C.S. that do not seem to have
been organised.

5. G.H.F. will approve this scheme and ~~let me know~~
~~about the gardeners~~, I will inform the military academy.
& they will then tackle the other employers.

KB.

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P.S. the case of Hellman, who wants to join the R.A.F., will be
treated separately. He will be replaced by Bennett of the
P.W.D. who can type.

15th August,

42.

Colonial Secretary,

Director of Agriculture,
Executive Engineer, P.W.D.
O.i.C. Treasury.

With reference to our recent conversation regarding the release of men for active service, I enclose a copy of a minute I have written to the O.C. F.I.D.F. You will no doubt agree that this minute embodies correctly decisions reached in our conversation and I would like to thank you for the ready co-operation you have given in this matter.

His Excellency has agreed that temporary clerks appointed to relieve the men taken for active service should be employed on Grade IV at the commencing salary of £100. There is no objection to a wife working in the same Department as her husband. In case of difficulty in selecting women for these posts reference should be made to Miss Carey.

Colonial Secretary.

15th August, 42. (5)

MINUTE

From THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STANLEY.

To Officer Commanding
F. I. D. F.
STANLEY.

CONFIDENTIAL

With reference to your minute of 13th August, I have been able to arrange for the release of five of the men mentioned on your list who are in Government employ.

(1) Mr. H. L. Sound, Treasury. This man can be replaced by a woman, but she will require at least a month's training after selection. The C.I.C. Treasury will advise you as soon as he is in a position to release Mr Sound.

(2) Mr. E. I. Nelson, F. I. D. This man is being released without replacement.

(3) Mr. F. E. Riggs, F. I. D. This man is being relieved by a woman and can be released forthwith.

(4) Mr. W. H. Watson, Agricultural Department. This man is being released without replacement. The Director of Agriculture is relying on military labour to take his place. You should consult with Mr. Gibbs as to how soon Watson can be placed at your disposal.

(5) Mr. G. Caberna, F. & T. Department. This man is being released without replacement and as far as I know is available immediately.

Now that the Government has given a lead you will no doubt wish to approach other Employers for the release of the men you require. You will appreciate, of course, that there are certain men, e.g. riveters, who cannot possibly be released because they are busy on essential war work.

Colonial Secretary.

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No. _____

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



MINUTE.

17th August 19 42.

From Director of Agriculture.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.


Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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I am in receipt of your minute of 15th. August 1942 concerning a copy of the Confidential minute addressed to the O.C. F.I.D.F. which is in accordance with the agreement we came to re Watson.

May I also draw your attention to the fact that this confidential minute was sent to me in an unsealed and unmarked envelope.

my fault KB


Director of Agriculture.

Office of,
The Naval Officer in Charge,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

17th August, 1942.

No. S. 2/8.

The Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands



APPLICATION FOR P.I.D.P. OF CIVILIAN'S SERVICES FOR
NAVAL PURPOSES.

With further reference to our conversation on the above subject, it is requested that work on Admiralty construction, both at the Naval Oil Fuel Depot and on the Admiralty oil barge being built on the Floating dock, be allowed to go forward unhindered.

2. This work is most important and Their Lordship's consider it should be given priority.

3. This request must also apply to the N.O.F.D. fire party, vide sense of my minute of 1st July 1941 and your C/8/39 of 5th July 1941. It is understood that G. Sornsen of this party is being called up for military duty.

4. This man has been especially trained by the Royal Navy as a diver; at the request of the Rear Admiral Commanding South America Division, in order to carry out diving operations on Naval Auxiliaries when required. He is the only diver in the Falkland Islands and it is most essential that he should be immediately available in order to ensure that no naval vessel be rendered immobile as was the case with HMS WILLIAM SCORSBY prior to his being trained. On two occasions recently, if it had not been for this man, a minesweeper would have been unable to carry out her duties for an indefinite period. I shall also require his services in connection with FA SAN CASTO next week.

5. G. Sornsen is at present being employed running the 'Help', whose services are required in the discharging of cargo from HMT ESPERANZA BAY. For this latter ship's quick turn-about I am responsible to the Admiralty.

COLONEL, R.N.
(Naval Officer in Charge)

No. 108/42.

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MINUTE.

19th August, 19 42.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Naval Officer-in-Charge,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Red 7. With reference to your S 2/8 of the 17th August, as the calling up of Members of the Defence Force is a purely Military matter, I should be grateful if you would communicate direct with the Military Authorities.

Colonial Secretary.