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(Defence Force)  
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19 42.

No. 173/42.

Snelling, Chairman Flag  
Committee, Hull.

SUBJECT.

1942.

30th November.

Previous Paper.

PRESENTATION OF NEW STANDARD TO FALKLAND  
ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE BY CITIZENS OF HULL

MINUTES.

Telegram from Snelling, Chairman, Flag Committee, Hull, 30/11/42

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Honourable Colonial Secretary.

*Draft reply telegram enclosed.*

*AW. O.C.F.I.D.F.*

2. x 11. 42.

Telegram to Snelling Chairman, Flag Committee Hull of 4/12/42.

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7.11.42.

*The letter promised in (4) will actually*

*be from you?*

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Honourable Colonial Secretary. (6)

*Copy of letter enclosed please*

*AW O.C.F.I.D.F.*

12. x 11. 42

Subsequent Paper. (4)

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TELEGRAM.

No. 5.

*From* SNELLING. CHAIRMAN FLAG COMMITTEE. HULL.

*To* HON. COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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*Despatched:* 30th. November 19 42. *Time:* ...

*Received:* 1st. December 19 42. *Time:* 10.30.

Please advise whether standard presented by citizens of Hull has yet arrived. Reply.

Snelling. Chairmen Flag Committee. Hull.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* HON. COLONIAL SECRETARY.

*To* SNELLING. CHAIRMAN FLAG COMMITTEE. HULL.

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*Despatched :* 2nd. December 19 42. *Time :* 16.00.

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

Standard eventually arrived safely last mail. Please convey your Committee most grateful thanks their generous gift which Defence Force highly appreciates. Writing next mail.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Headquarters,  
F.I.D.F.,  
Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

12th December, 1942.

Chairman,  
Flag Committee,  
Hull.

Dear Mr. Snelling,

As promised in the Colonial Secretary's telegram of the 2nd inst. I am taking this, the first opportunity, of writing you and your Committee in an attempt to thank you and them for the Defence Force Standard.

Everyone is delighted at receiving such a beautiful piece of work and the Force is very proud to possess it, but such delight and pride is as nothing to the pleasure they find in being thus honoured and remembered by one of the leading cities in the country that is "home" to them all. We feel you are no longer hull-down on the horizon but here with us and believe me that means a lot.

With so many of the Force on active service on outposts and batteries it has been decided that there shall be no formal presentation till all members can be present together and when this eventually takes place I will see that a full description of the Ceremony and photographs are sent to you. I am sorry to say that the staff was broken in transit, but I am having a new one turned from a teak plank from the deck of H.M.S. "Exeter".

Will you please convey to all concerned the grateful thanks of the Officers and Men of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, both for the standard and the kindly thought which inspired the gift. Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

*W. C. F. I. D. F.*

Original - This mail  
Duplicate - Next mail.  
Triplicate - Secretariat File.  
Quadruplicate - H. I. File.