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F I D F EQUIPMENT.

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER

- O838 Falkland Islands Defense force
- O838/A Compulsory Training
- O838/D Falkland Islands Defense force - Legislation
- O838/E Maintenance of Buildings - Use of Drill Halls
- O838/F Exercise between
- O838/H Requests for Certificate of Service
- O838/I Explosion in 3rd. Hutchings Gun
- O838/K Uniforms
- O838/L Summer Training Camp
- O838/M Honorary Member.
- O838/N F.I.D.F. Clubs.

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G6T / FALK IS. 4/65754/1
All letters to be addressed to the CROWN AGENTS this reference being quoted.

4, MILLBANK, LONDON, S.W.1

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

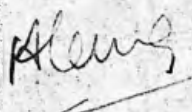
Telegrams "Crown, London-S.W.1."
Telephone Abbey 7730
Telex No. 24209

20th October, 1964.

Dear Sir,

The following report is submitted for your information
in connection with your indent (or letter).

Yours faithfully,



for The Crown Agents.



Your Indent { No. Telegram DEF.
127/50/01 of
Date 4.8.64.

Your Letter { No.
Date

Department Colonial Secretary.

ITEM NoS. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 & 7 SUBJECT Guns and Ammunition.

REMARKS

We have now been notified by the Ministry of Defence of the cost of these items which is as follows:-

Item 1.	6 Bren Guns .303 Mk. 2/1 @ 240 each	=	2240: 0: 0d.
Item 2.	36 Bren Magazines @5s: 0d each	=	9: 0: 0d.
Item 4.	12 Carbine Mk. 5 9 mm Sten @ 28: 0: 0d each	=	96: 0: 0d.
Item 5.	36 Sten Magazines @ 16: 6d each	=	29: 14: 0d.
Item 7.	150 Rounds 9 mm Drill Ammunition at total cost		163: 8: 8d.



In the case of goods not of United Kingdom manufacture the items concerned should be indicated on the invoice and the country of origin stated.

INVOICE.

(Supplementary Copy)

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THE CROWN AGENTS

Dr. to Messrs. Schermuly Limited,
of (full address) Spruce Works, Newdigate, Nr. Dorking,
Surrey.

Crown Agents' Reference GGT/Palk. Is. 1/65754/2.
Indent No. Telegram DRF. 127/50/01 of 4.8.64.

Date of Invoice 21st September, 1964
Contractor's Reference No. 3013

Special Account (if any)
Department Colonial Secretary.

If goods have been despatched by post:—
Date of Posting
Post Office of Despatch
G.P.O. Serial No.

Shipped by SS/MV R.M.S. "PROTECTOR"

To be filled in by Contractor.

Item Nos.	Quantity	Description of Article in wording of Tender	Weight				Rate	£ s. d.			
			T.	c.	q.	lb.					
8	6	1" Vercy Pistols					17.60	53	5	0	
9	120	1" Illuminating Cartridges					50/-	30	0	0	
10	96	1" Red Cartridges					52/-	20	16	0	
11	96	1" Green Cartridges					52/-	20	16	0	
Export Packing:—											
									124	17	0
									3	2	5
									127	19	5d

PACKING PARTICULARS

PACKAGE NUMBERS	NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF PKGS.	GROSS WEIGHT EACH PKGE.		NET WEIGHT EACH PKGE.		MEASUREMENTS EACH PKGE.			SHIPPING MARK	
		c.	q.	lb.	c.	q.	lb.			
4124	1 Wood Case	3	18	2	18	32"	17"	9"	Reqn. 65754	O.A.O. STANLEY.
									C ↑ A	Feld.No. DRF. 127/50/01.

PACKAGE NUMBER	If more than one package, CONTENTS OF EACH PACKAGE STATING ITEM NOS. AND QUANTITY OF ITEM IN EACH PACKAGE.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
INVOICE

THE WAR OFFICE
Accounts 1 (C) (AD)
Derby House, Exchange Buildings,
LIVERPOOL, 2
Telephone: CENTRAL 8080

No. **22381/1/O.C.**

KINDLY QUOTE THIS NUMBER IN ANY
CORRESPONDENCE ABOUT THIS INVOICE

Date 19th OCTOBER, 1964

CROWN AGENTS FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS
AND ADMINISTRATIONS,
4, MILLBANK,
LONDON, S.W.1.



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Shackleton

W.O. Ref. No.	L.H.	DETAIL	AMOUNT		
10/ELECTRONICS/ 164(21264)NS	O.C.N.R. RECEIPTS SUSPENSE ACCOUNT 721(i) SALES 2	TO SUPPLIES AS DETAILED IN THE ATTACHED VOUCHER(2), SPECIFIED BELOW, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SALES OFFER NO.10/ELECTRONICS/164 (21264)NS YOUR REFERENCE G6T/FALK.IS. <u>4/65754/4</u>			
DNW/N/EX.714	- 4 -	COST OF STORES AND PACKING	324	0	0

Payment is now due and should be
made as directed on the No. 2 copy
invoice attached.

324	0	0
<i>[Signature]</i>		

Job No. 12/427 Date 21.9.64 No. of Items

REPAYMENT VOUCHER SCHEDULE

Control No. 0250-36 0 250-37 21.9.64

Sheet No. of 1 Sheets

Issuing Office DUBLIN 1

W.O. Authority D/2/557/64/65 57/8165/6877

Repayment No. 23 SEP 64

Consign to GOVT OF FARMER ISLANDS

Voucher to THE CROWN AGENTS FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND TERRITORIES, 4 MILLER ST, LONDON, W.1

Sales Agreement Ref. A/10/ELECTRONICS/164(21264)13

Govt.

Customer's Demand Ref. CG/1/15 4/6/754/4

Delivery F.S.O. No. FSO 7349/1-5

Bill of Lading No.

Date and Mode of Despatch Sp. Despatched by Air 21.9.64 for R. W. SHAW

Item No.	Part No.	Section and Designation	'N', 'S' or 'R'	Quantity		Package Slip No.	Rate EACH	Value			Issue Control No.
				Required	Issued			£	s.	d.	
	0250-36	1-3 PH COP. 3/3 x 1/2 x 1/2 = 15" 3"		3	3	02-22800	1080.0	324	0	0	0250-36
	0250-36/1	1-3 PH COP. 3/3 x 1/2 x 1/2 = 15" 3"		3	3	"					0250-36/1
	Y3/6135-99-910-1155	3-CELL DRY 90/1.1/2 V No.1		6	6	"					0250-36/2
	Y3/6135-99-910-1155	3-CELL DRY 90/1.1/2 V No.1		6	6	"					0250-37
		Case packed Packing - 18 0									
		1-3 PH COP. 3/3 x 1/2 x 1/2 = 15" 3"									
		4 of 94 COP. 1/9 x 1/2 x 1/2 = 21 9"									

TOTAL Forward 324 0 0

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THE WAR OFFICE

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE Accounts 1(C) (AD)
Derby House, Exchange Buildings,
LIVERPOOL, 2
Telephone: CENTRAL 8080

No. 22687/1/O.C.

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Date 11TH NOVEMBER 1964
OCTOBER, 1964

CROWN AGENTS FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS
& ADMINISTRATIONS
4 MILLBANK
LONDON, S.W. 1



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W.O. Ref. No.	L.H.	DETAIL	AMOUNT		
10/CLOTHING & TEXT/183 (21210)NS	O.C.N.R. RECEIPTS SUSPENSE ACCOUNT 7.Z.1.(1) SALES 1	TO SUPPLIES AS DETAILED IN THE ATTACHED VOUCHER, SPECIFIED BELOW, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SALES OFFER NO. 10/CLOTH. & TEXT/183(21210)NS YOUR REFERENCE G6T/FALK IS. 4/65754/3 <i>Authy. Tel No 125. Dept.</i>			
BIC/OC/488	- 33 -	COST OF STORES COST OF PACKING	561 8	5 4	0 11

Payment is now due and should be made as directed on the No. 2 copy invoice attached.

TOTAL

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REPAYMENT VOUCHER SCHEDULE

Sheet No. 1 of 3 Sheets

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Job No. 911	Date 24.9.64	No. of Items 23
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W.O. Authority 10/010 P. 1/10/103 (2-010)21	Repayment No. 488 BIG/CG/
Sales Agreement Ref. 10/010 P. 1/10/103 (2-010)21	Govt. FALKLAND ISLAND
Customer's Demand Ref. M.P. 367/FALK ISLAND/4/6575A/3	
Delivery P.C.B.	Bill of Lading No.
Date and Mode of Despatch LAD 24.9.64. TFC/CK/8231	

Consign to 65754	OFFICER COMMANDING FALKLAND DEFENCE FORCES FALKLAND ISLANDS
TEL: 125	

Item No.	Part No.	Section and Designation	'N', 'S' or 'R'	Quantity		Package Slip No.	Rate	Value			Issue Control No.
				Required	Issued			£	s.	d.	
1	CG 8045-99-973-3931	TROUSERS COMBAT SLICE 1		2	2						5076655
2	CG 8045-99-973-3932	TROUSERS COMBAT SLICE 2		4	4						5076657
3	CG 8045-99-973-3933	TROUSERS COMBAT SLICE 3		5	5						5076658
4	CG 8045-99-973-3934	TROUSERS COMBAT SLICE 4		7	7						5076659
5	CG 8045-99-973-3935	TROUSERS COMBAT SLICE 5		11	11						5076660
6	CG 8045-99-973-3936	TROUSERS COMBAT SLICE 6		9	9						5076661
7	CG 8045-99-973-3937	TROUSERS COMBAT SLICE 7		5	5						5076662
8	CG 8045-99-973-3938	TROUSERS COMBAT SLICE 8		4	4						5076663
9	CG 8045-99-973-3939	TROUSERS COMBAT SLICE 9		3	3						5076664
10	CG 8045-99-973-3940	TROUSERS COMBAT SLICE 1		2	2						5076665
11	CG 8045-99-973-3940	TROUSERS COMBAT SLICE 2		3	3						5076666
12	CG 8045-99-973-3943	TROUSERS COMBAT SLICE 3		5	5						5076667
13	CG 8045-99-973-3944	TROUSERS COMBAT SLICE 4		7	7						5076668
14	CG 8045-99-973-3945	TROUSERS COMBAT SLICE 5		11	11						5076669

50 @ £9/1/6 each
Combat slacks
Comprising
Breeches, trousers
& drawers
Pyjamas

Included in price of tent

£	453	s.	15	d.	=
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TOTAL C/Forward

Job. No. 524

REPAYMENT VOUCHER SCHEDULE (Continuation Sheet)

Dated 16.7.64 No. of items 33

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Sheet No. 2 of 3 Sheets

Item No.	Part No.	Section and Designation	'N', 'S' or 'R'	Quantity		Package Slip No.	Rate	Value			Issue Control No.
				Required	Issued			£	s.	d.	
15	03 8045-99-973 3946	TROUSERS COMBAT SIZE 6		2	9						509667
16	03 8045-99-973 3947	TROUSERS COMBAT SIZE 7		7	7						509667
17	03 8045-99-973 3948	TROUSERS COMBAT SIZE 8		4	4						509667
18	03 8045-99-973 3949	TROUSERS COMBAT SIZE 9		2	2						509667
19	00 1691	BRANES PYJAMA SIZE 1		2	2						509667
20	00 1692	BRANES PYJAMA SIZE 2		3	3						509667
21	00 1693	BRANES PYJAMA SIZE 3		5	5						509667
22	00 1694	BRANES PYJAMA SIZE 4		7	7						509667
23	00 1695	BRANES PYJAMA SIZE 5		11	11						509667
24	00 1696	BRANES PYJAMA SIZE 6		9	9						509667
25	00 1697	BRANES PYJAMA SIZE 7		7	7						509668
26	00 1698	BRANES PYJAMA SIZE 8		4	4						509668
27	00 1699	BRANES PYJAMA SIZE 9		2	2						509668
28	00 0051	BOOTS ANKLE SIZE 7		12	12						509668
29	00 0054	BOOTS ANKLE SIZE 8		12	12						509668
30	00 0057	BOOTS ANKLE SIZE 9		10	10						509668
31	00 0060	BOOTS ANKLE SIZE 10		10	10						509668
32	00 0063	BOOTS ANKLE SIZE 11		3	3						509668
33	00 0066	BOOTS ANKLE SIZE 12		3	3						509668

Included in price of boot

50p @ 2/3/- pr.

TOTAL C/Forward 56L 5 =

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Job. No. 24

REPAYMENT VOUCHER SCHEDULE (Continuation Sheet)

Sheet No. 3 of 3 Sheets

IML DATED 16 9 64. No of ITEMS 33 RELEASE NOTE 3959

Item No.	Part No.	Section and Designation	'N', 'S' or 'R'	Quantity		Package Slip No.	Rate	Value			Issue Control No.
				Required	Issued			£	s.	d.	
		1 CASE				1/8 x 1/11 x 1/11	1.11	00	00		0-0-1-3
		1 CWP.				2/2 x 1/3 x 1/3	3.50	00	00		0-0-2-7
		1 CWP.				1/4 x 1/3 x 1/1	1.10	00	00		0-0-0-25
		1 CWP				2/11 x 1/4 x 1/4	3.80	00	00		0-0-2-0
		1 CWP.				1/4 x 1/3 x 1/1	1.10	00	00		0-0-0-21
		1 CASE.				1/1 x 1/3 x 1/4	3.60	00	00		0-0-2-11
		1 CASE.				2/11 x 1/4 x 1/4	3.80	00	00		0-0-2-6
		2-25 Sept 1964.									
		Truffle to contact movements,									
		1 CARTON.				1/10 x 1/11 x 1/11	2.20	00	00		0-0-1-4
		1 CARTON.				1/11 x 1/11 x 1/10	2.20	00	00		0-0-1-8
		1 CARTON.				0/11 x 1/10 x 2/11	1.11	00	00		0-0-1-18
		1 CARTON.				0/11 x 1/10 x 2/11	1.11	00	00		0-0-1-21
		1 CARTON				0/11 x 1/10 x 2/11	1.11	00	00		0-0-1-17
		1 CARTON.				1/11 x 1/11 x 1/10	2.20	00	00		0-0-1-9
		1 CARTON.				1/11 x 1/11 x 1/10	2.20	00	00		0-0-1-11
		1 CARTON.				1/11 x 1/11 x 1/10	2.20	00	00		0-0-1-14
		1 CARTON.				1/4 x 1/11 x 2/3	3.30	00	00		0-0-1-3
		1 CARTON.				1/11 x 1/11 x 1/9	2.10	00	00		0-0-0-24

Cost of Packing £ 8 4 11

TOTAL C/Forward

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
 Accounts 1 (C) (AD)
 Derby House, Exchange Buildings,
 LIVERPOOL, 2
 Telephone: CENTRAL 8080

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 Date 24th NOVEMBER, 1964

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CROWN AGENTS FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS
 AND ADMINISTRATIONS,
 4, MILLBANK,
 LONDON, S.W.1.

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W.O. Ref. No.	L.H.	DETAIL	AMOUNT		
0/SAA/334 21201)NS	O.C.N.R. RECEIPTS SUSPENSE ACCOUNT SALES 1	TO SUPPLIES AS DETAILED IN THE ATTACHED VOUCHER(S), SPECIFIED BELOW, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SALES OFFER NO. 10/SAA/334(21201)NS YOUR REFERENCE G6T/FALKLAND IS.4/65754/1 <i>Indent. Ref. 127/50/01 of 14.8.64</i> <i>Dept. Col. Sec.</i>			
FELTHAM NO/P7/8	7Z1(i) 1	COST OF STORES AND PACKING }	163	8	8
BRAMLEY MS/B/64/43	1	COST OF STORES AND PACKING }			

Payment is now due and should be
 made as directed on the No. 2 copy
 invoice attached.

TOTAL:	163	8	8

Job No. SRE-SALES/2 Date 11/9/64

No. of Items 1

REPAYMENT

REPAYMENT VOUCHER SCHEDULE

Sheet No. 1 of 1 Sheets

Army Form G.3993

In Depot ³ <u>HQ Ammunition Org.</u> <u>SPO (P7) Elmwood Ave. Weltham</u>	† M.O.S./W.O. Authy. or Sales Agt. Ref. <u>10/SAA/334(21201) NS</u>	Repayment No. <u>WO/P7/8</u>	Consign To Govt. of the Falkland Islands
Voucher To The Crown Agents For Overseas Govt. & Adm. 4 Billbank, London, S.W.1.	• F.S.O. No. <u>68763</u>	Delivery <u>T.A.S. H.F.S. Protector sailing 18th Sept. 1964</u>	Govt. <u>Falkland Islands</u>
	• Bill of Lading No.	Date and mode of despatch <u>15/11/64</u>	Customer's Demand Ref.

Issue Control No.	Item No.	Part No.	Designation	Condition ('N', 'S' or 'R')	Quantity		• Packages Card No.	Rate	Price		
					Required	Issued			£	s.	d.
P7 - 1393	1	1305-99-960-0734	Cartridges S.A. Drill 9 mm Mk.2. CASE WOOD PACKING WEIGHT 9lbs SIZE 12" x 8" x 6" 3 Copies of Repayment Voucher Schedules to be Forwarded to Accounts 1 (c) (AD) within 7 days of issue. Packing to be suitable for export to the Falkland Islands. DW Or Oc Or 9lbs LW Or 2 1/2		150	150					
<i>Price included in total value on repayment voucher MS/B/64/43</i>											

* Delete if delivery is "FOR"

† Delete as appropriate

TOTAL C/Fwd.



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H.M.S. PROTECTOR,
at Sea.

3rd January, 1966.

No. 281/4

The Colonial Secretary.
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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PORT STANLEY SALUTING GUNS

1. The saluting guns were stripped, examined and checked by the Ordnance Artificer of H.M.S. PROTECTOR to the standards of the enclosed table.
2. Considering the age and siting of the guns, their general condition was very good and they were considered quite suitable for firing blank charges.
3. It is recommended that individual parts of each gun be suitably re-marked to prevent interchanging.

(S.R. SANDFORD)
CAPTAIN.

Enclosure:- Check table.

Copied to Adj FIDF.

Enclosure to the Commanding Officer, H.M.S. PROTECTOR's
letter No. 281/4 dated the 3rd January, 1966

REPORT ON 3PDR HOTCHKISS GUNS AT PORT
STANLEY

CHECK TABLE

	<u>GUN</u>	
	<u>WEST</u>	<u>EAST</u>
Gauge Main Sprongs	Correct	
Striker Protrusion (0.125"-0.105")	Correct	
Eccentricity (Max 0.030")	Correct	
Cartridge head clearance (Max.0.040)	0.025"	0.020"
Strength of blow	21lbs	22lbs

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

PI676 P4416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Stanley			15.3.66
To	etat CO HMS PROTECTOR			HOA/c

24 Saluting guns stop Your report 281/4 have just discovered I never thanked you for this report stop Thanks and apologies

Secretary

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Time LS

Inspection of 3rd Hatkins guns

Inspection carried out in accordance with B.R. 291, tables 2B and 2F.

TABLR 2B Minimum permissible blow of percussion striker.

Minimum permissible blow, 22 lb.

On test both guns recorded a blow of 13.1 lbs.

Due to shortage of suitable spares the defect was unable to be corrected.

TABLR 2F Protrusion of Striker

Within limits

Remarks.

Borels contain heavy fouling and are in a poor state generally.

PORTABLE SALUTING GUN SPARES

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- D.P. 193047 — PIN
- D.P. 193220 — STRIKER — PIN
- D.P. 193268 — SCREW — FOR BREECH BLOCK PLATE
- * D.P. 193271 — SPRING — MAIN SPRING
- D.P. 193294 — SCREW — FOR CRANK HANDLE
- D.P. 193297 — SPRING — FOR TRIGGER
- D.P. 193376 — SEAR
- D.P. 193336 — SPRING — FOR SEAR.

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will recall that Mr. Munro-Higgs has been working in an assignment connected with what is popularly known as the Camp Communications Report. He has not completed the assignment yet. When discussing it with him recently I asked him whether he considered it would be advisable to endeavour to obtain the services of an outside expert to carry out a survey and make specific, costed recommendations. He agreed that such a course would be advisable.

2. I envisage our making, with Mr. Munro-Higgs assistance in drafting it, a normal application on Form A.1. for the services of an expert for a period of weeks with a view to his recommendations being embodied in a formal capital project which would receive consideration along with our various other capital projects with a view to deciding whether it should go forward for British capital A.I.D. and if so, what priority should be accorded to it.

3. This would be an addition to the tentative schedule of capital projects which has been circulated to Executive Council and it could, I would guess, involve expenditure in the range \$15,000 - \$60,000. (As a matter of interest there is yet another project for addition to the overall list - re-equipment of the F.I.D.F. with the N.A.T.O. rifle: approximate cost, \$7,000. At the same time I would like to take the opportunity to repeat that I do not consider the Swimming pool project to be unworthy of consideration. It may look a small project compared with, for example, the Power Station project, but if we presented our Capital Estimates departmentally it would not look disproportionately small).

J. A. Jones (Colonial Secretary)
7th January, 1970

JML
File 0663/IV
2459 (Capital projects)
1286/II (Swimming pool)
0838/D (F.I.D.F. Equipment)

By: 8. 4.

(2 K. 1. 1)

Mr. Sanders

You are offering a final assessment from (Clyde) based on the latest information from the Crown Agents desirable to make a final recommendation on re-equipping the FIDF with the 7.62 mm. rifle.

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DATE OF QUOTATION
CROWN AGENTS
FALK IS 9/35388

CROWN AGENTS
FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

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Telegram: "Crown, London-S.W.1"
Telephone: 01-222 7730
Telex No. 24209

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

3rd February 1970

Dear Sir,

Arms and Ammunition

Further to our letter of 2nd September 1969, we are now pleased to submit our quotation for 7.62 mm rifles and conversion kits, details of which are as follows:

Rifles from F.N., Belgium

? Mags

50 no. rifle "FAL" 7.62 mm. complete with webbing sling, magazine filler and cleaning kit @ B.Pr.6,625.00 ... = B.Pr.331,250.00 (approx. \$2760. 6. 4d.) f.o.b. Antwerp.
Delivery: 2 months from receipt of order.

Rifles from Australia

50 no. rifle 7.62 mm. L1A1 with ancillaries A and B, plus total of 4 magazines per rifle @ A£130.00 each ... = £A 6500.00 (approx. \$3037.7.8d.) f.o.b. Australian Port).

Delivery : 4/5 months from receipt of order.

Conversion kits from PBAF Enfield

7.62mm Conversion kit for Rifle No.4 .303

Comprising:

		<u>Each</u>	<u>Total</u>
7.62mm Target Accuracy Barrel)		
Fore-sight Mounting) Qty.	£12.12.6d.	£531. 5. 0.
7.62mm Extractor) 50		
Special Long Handguard)		
7.62mm Magazine)		
Selection of suitable breeching washers	50	3.6d.	£ 8.15. 0.
Proofing of barrels			£ 18.15. 0.
Packing for safe transit overseas:			£ 39. 5. 0.
Total (F.O.B.)	<u>£698. 0. 0.</u>

Delivery: 3 months from receipt of order.

Conversion kits from Sterling Engineering Co.

50 no. 7.62 mm Conversion kits for Rifle No.4 .303 @ £15. 0. 0d. = £750. 0. 0d. f.o.b.

Delivery:- 7/10 days from receipt of order.

We enclose brochures showing the two types of conversion kit and a technical manual for the Australian rifle. The Australian offer is made on the condition that the rifles are supplied for the use of the Falkland Island Government Authorities only, and must not be offered for resale to a third party without the written consent

The Adjutant,
F.I.D.F.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley.
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

/or

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of the Australian Government.

Although the price of the Australian rifle is higher than that of the Belgian equivalent, the Australian offer includes a large number of ancillary stores:-

Schedule A Stores

1 set for each rifle, consisting of:-

- 1 Bayonet and scabbard, complete
- 3 magazines,
- 1 pull-through,
- 1 brush, cleaning, small arms rifle,
- 1 tool combination,
- 1 tube grease,
- 1 length flannellette,
- 1 holdall, cleaning accessories,
- 1 oil bottle,
- 1 sling, rifle web.

Schedule B Stores

1 set per 5 rifles, consisting of:-

- 1 holdall, cleaning kit, containing 1 each of
 - rod, cleaning barrel and gas cylinders
 - brush, cleaning small arms, bore,
 - brush, cleaning, small arms, chamber and gas cylinders,
 - extractor for ruptured 7.62 mm cartridge.

Schedule C Stores, consisting of spares requirements for 2 years, could also be supplied at an additional cost. The F.N. offer does not include any of the above ancillaries, except for webbing sling, magazine filler and cleaning kit housed in the pistol grip of the rifle. If any further items were required with the F.N. rifle, such as bayonet and scabbard, spare magazines, etc., these could be ordered separately.

The Australian rifles could only be shipped via Durban, where they would be trans-shipped. In the event of an order for Australian LFA's, would you please confirm that this arrangement would be acceptable.

The F.N. rifle can be supplied either in the semi-automatic version, or with the fully automatic change lever, giving it automatic capability. The price is the same in both cases.

With regard to the conversion kits offered by R.S.A.F. Enfield, please note that the quotation refers to kits for converting the rifle no. 4.303 to 7.62 mm. for target accuracy purposes only, as sold on the civilian market. A kit for converting the .303 rifle to 7.62 mm. calibre for military purposes, has been developed, but is not at present in production and none are available.

We must apologise for the delay in submitting these quotations - we have had some difficulty in obtaining all the offers. We now await your further advice and request you to quote our above reference on any confirming indent or further correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. H. H.

C.S.

Regret I have been unable to make a personal contact with Capt. McLeod.

I have now sent him a copy of our latest information from Crown Agents asking for his recommendations and now await his reply.

H. Hemmings

Adjutant

10.4.70

Adjutant

Noted. It looks as if we may be unlikely to see Capt. McLeod in due to hand over to his successor tomorrow, so we may find ourselves having to wait a while for an answer.

JH/4

OK When Adjutant returns please ask if for BA to be on 30/4.

JH/4

P.S.O.

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DATE OF THIS LETTER SHOULD BE
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FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS
'G' Department
4, MILLBANK,
LONDON, S.W.1.

22nd April 1970

Dear Sirs,

Arms and Ammunition

We would be most grateful if you could let us know whether we can expect an indent for 7.62 mm Rifles or Conversion Kits in acceptance of our quotation of 3rd February 1970.

The Australian Department of Supply have agreed to extend the validity of their offer until the end of May, but we regret that all the other offers have now expired and we cannot guarantee that the prices quoted still remain firm.

Yours faithfully,

W. M. W. W.

for the Crown Agents

[
The Adjutant,
F.I.D.F.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.
]

C.S.

*above was received by the
last mail. copy of quotation
is also attached.*

*off
Adjutant
27/5/70*

IA/SU/MRD

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RE-EQUIPMENT OF THE FIDF

1. Available Weapons

With the FIDF buying a replacement weapon to the No 4 .303 the obvious weapon must be the 7.62 as this is now the standard North Atlantic Treaty Organisation small arms calibre. It would seem that the Belgian FAL 7.62 FN is the best weapon for the following reasons:

- a. Conversion. Due to the difficulty of converting the No 4 the weapons would need to be returned to the UK. This modification greatly decreases the accuracy of the No 4 and produces only average results.
- b. The Armalite or M16. This small calibre weapon is quite unsuitable as a replacement for a No 4 due to the limited range(a maximum of 300yds), its poor stopping power and its non existant penetrating power(the bullet breakes up, due to its very high velocity, on contract and will fail to penetrate even small bushes).
- c. The Australian SLR. This weapon is vertually the same as the British weapon and although boasting many ~~avalliaris~~alliaris is inferior in performance to the FN. It also has the added complication and difficulty of delivery necessitating the order going via Montevideo.
- d. The FAL 7.62. The FN has always been a slightly better version of the SLR and was only rejected by the United Kingdom for reasons other the military. It has been developed and the present model is a superior weapon to the original. The FAL can very quickly(on the spot by a rifleman) be fitted with a bipod and can very effectively be used in a LMG role. It must be noted that its performance will not equal that of the LMG at present in use in the FIDF. Shipment of the FAL delivery will involve only a short cross channel trip from Belgian to England from where it can be shipped by HMS ENDURANCE or the AES straight to the Falkland Islands.

2. Reccommendations

It is reccommended that the FIDF purchase the Belgian FAL 7.62 FN. If there is a requirement for a 7.62 LMG, the present LMG converted to 7.62 reccommended to be backed up with the FAL used in the bipod LMG role.

3. Ancilliaris

- a. If the FAL 7.62 is purchased the weapon should be purchased in the semi automatic version but it is reccommended that a small number be purchased with the automatic switch and bipods to increase a sections fire power and double up as a second LMG.
- b. Advice should be sought from the Crown Agent on the ancilliaris required for this weapon. It is suggested that the following items will be essential:

- (1) Per rifle: 1 sling)
1 loader)supplied with the rifle.
1 cleaning kit)
1 bayonet
1 scabbard
4 magazines

- (2) Per 5 rifles: an equivalent to the Type 'B' anullinary kit offered with the Australian SLR.
- (3) For the Unit: A comprehensive set of spares.

c. It should be remembered that due to the high velocity 'crack' of the 7.62 weapon, ear defenders will be required for those ranks either firing or supervising firing. Failure to wear ear defenders will, eventually, in deafness.

file pl.

J23/5

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From: Major E G B ALLEN RM

9/6 For our file which should
then go to Adjutant for comment.

J23/5

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DO TG 8/19/331A

T A Jones Esq OBE
Colonial Secretary
The Falkland Islands

4 May 1970

See 37

Dear Mr Jones,

1. During my visit I undertook to advise on a suitable weapon with which to re-equip the FIDF.
2. It is suggested you consider replacing your No 4 Rifles and .303 LMGs with the standard L39 7.62mm rifle and 7.62mm LMG.
3. The L39 has already been issued to the Armed Forces on a limited scale as a target rifle. It's action is similar to the No 4 and it would probably be a more robust weapon than the self loading rifle and therefore more suitable for general distribution to the FIDF.
4. I regret I have not been able to obtain any details of costs.

I hope all goes well with you
Yours Sincerely
Teddy Allen

35.

Adjutant,

How 31. To see and comment pl.

(C.S. has not yet seen correspondence

at b.c.)

f C.S.
29. 5. 70.
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C.S.

It is difficult to make any comment on this type of rifle without any specifications.

Capt. Leicester thinks it could be the type as issued for sniping which was a converted No.4.

I feel that in the absence of further details that we should still concentrate on the SLR.

W. J. M. M. M.
Adjutant, FIDF
8.6.70

Adjutant This reaches me too late before my departure on duty overseas to enable me to take effective action. I suggest the best course is for you to draft, & for ACS to send by the mail of 14 June, a personal enquiry (which you can say is being made in my absence but at my instance) to Major Allen asking him for the specifications. We shall hear at last, I hope,

be in possession of all the information we need to
enable a considered decision to be taken on the
the equipment question.

J
9/16

A.C.S.

Draft at B.C.

ff
Bridgford
9/6/70

10th June, 1970.

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Thank you for your letter DO TG 8/19/351A of 4th May 1970 addressed to Mr Jones regarding the re-equipment of the F.I.D.F. Mr Jones is leaving by this Darwin on a short official visit to UK and has asked me to enquire on his behalf whether you would be good enough to obtain for us specifications and costs of the L39 7.62 mm rifle and also the 7.62 mm L.M.G.

(H.L. BOUND)
for COLONIAL SECRETARY

Major E.C.B. Allen, R.M.,
Headquarters,
Training Group Royal Marines,
Eastney,
Southsea,
Hampshire,
PO4 9PX

ARA.

Adjutant,

Re. see above.

You will wish to reply
to correspondence now at b.c.?

f.c.s.
11.6.70.

C.S.

seen thank you.
copy of reply to correspondence at
attached

off
Back
12/6/70

By. 29.9.70

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Adjutant, F.I.D.F.

Any further action on this just now, pl?

§ f C.S.
28.9.70.

C.S.

No reply has been received from Major Allen.

§ Adjutant
29/9/70.

rec ~~13.12.70.~~
~~18.70.~~
(KIV - made)

Adjutant.

Present position, pl?

§ f C.S.
17.12.70.

C.S.

No reply
§ Adj
18/12/70.

§ 3.

Any further action to be taken at this stage, pl?

S/C Lund a' charon 1/19/70

§ 18.12.70.

12th June, 1970.

Dear Sirs,

Arms and Ammunition.

30A

Thank you for your letter G6W/Falk Is 9/35388 of 22nd April, 1970 regarding the supply of 7.62mm rifles etc and also for the quotations of 3rd February, 1970.

The question of re-equipping the F.I.D.F. with new weapons is still under consideration and it is therefore regretted that we are not yet in a position to say whether we will, or will not be placing an indent with you.

Yours faithfully,

Stammers
Adjutant, FIDF,

The Crown Agents for Oversea Government & Administrations,
'G' Department,
4, Millbank,
London, S.W.1.

7.E.

Reequipment of FIDF, Stanley, with NATO rifle

It has been agreed in principle by the Defense Committee that it is commonplace to replace the FIDF's .303 rifles with a version of the 7.62 mm weapon. Costs & availability need to be examined before the matter can go to Exco. for final decision.

2 I mentioned at the Defense Committee meeting that CAA had recently advised us of cost increases in various versions of the rifle but had not advised us what these were. Assistant will be asking CAA in our next outgoing mail to provide us with up-to-date information.

3 Meanwhile I am not, at any rate at present, too worried about the financial aspect. I suggest we should in any case endeavour to obtain these rifles under a Special Development Aid application. Though the UK might not like stretching the rubles & providing us, in a particular year, with £10,000 of Aid additional to our normal allocation, morally I think she would find it difficult to refuse. In the only other place in which I have looked in which the Gendarmes were re-equipped with the 7.62 mm. as a replacement for the .303, the UK declined to finance the transaction. But this was primarily

because the country concerned was independent & the equipment at that time (1966), when .303 ammunition was either too scarce or too expensive as well, meant that some £15-20,000 was to be utilized for non-productive purposes (or, to look at it another way, was being denied to sectors of the economy which could have benefited from it). The Gambia therefore paid for the re-equipment of its Gendarmerie. As indicated, I believe we could put up quite a good case for the UK to pay for re-equipping the FIDF with this rifle.

H D.C. 8901 considers the Belgian FN the best buy. But I consider that, provided transport difficulties can be overcome (& I believe they could be) the Australian rifle is the best buy as the price includes a large amount of auxiliary stores many of which are essential & would have to be purchased separately if the Belgian weapon was bought. (See pp. 28 A-B in file.)

H/S.

David's not sure how we set the state price list.
I don't know whether we will get the rifle from the
M. M. Lynn but we can try. On choice of the
D. L. or. and the M. M. Lynn 462 are available with
what the M. M. Lynn has, there will be the delivery date.

R. A. 20/2

J. 20/2

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29th December 1970

Dear Sir,

Arms and Ammunition

We refer to your letter 0838/B of the 12th June and would be interested to learn whether a decision has been taken on re-equipping the F.I.D.F. with new weapons.

In the event of your wishing to purchase 7.62 mm Rifles, we must remind you that it will be necessary for us to obtain further quotations since the validity of the offers received and detailed in our letter of 3rd February 1970, have long since expired.

Yours faithfully,

G. P. Newby
G. P. Newby
for the Crown Agents

Reply 44

The Adjutant,
F.I.D.F.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

GPN/SU/MRD

No. 0838/B

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

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS,

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~~2137~~
23rd February, 1971.

Dear Sirs,

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I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter G4V/FALK IS 9/35388 dated 29th December, 1970.

To date no decision has been made on the re-equipping of the F.I.D.F. with new weapons. The question is however still under consideration and I am requested to ask you to be good enough to obtain up to date quotations for us of both the Belgian and Australian versions.

Yours faithfully.

J. Hemmings
Adjutant, FIDF.

Reply at 55

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Bu 23. 5. 71.
— (mail)

From: Major E G B ALLEN RM

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TG 8/19/331A(1)

H L Bound Esq
Colonial Secretary's Office
Stanley
Falkland Islands

2 Feb 71

Dear Mr Bound,

Thank you for your letter dated ⁴⁰ 22 Dec 70.

I have passed it to Major James CLARKE who will be visiting the Naval Parties this year. I have asked Major CLARKE to brief the Colonial Secretary on the latest position regarding the purchase of small arms weapons for the FIDF.

Yours sincerely
EGB Allen

Copy to:

Major J F E Clarke MBE RM
Eastbury Park
Northwood
Middlesex

c.s.
to see pl.
J c.s.
12.3.71

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By an unfortunate chance this
He came to my hands this afternoon,
after you had had your interview with
Major Clarke. Had he mention
anything to you about the receipt
of the FIDE?

J
12/3

6/5.

This was on subject' we shall not discuss
but I will try and speak to him again.

6/5
12/3