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SUBJECT:

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER AND YEAR.

0838/A

SECRET. (Training)

92/45

Reversion of F.I.D.F. to Peace Time Establishment.

0206

Appointment of Officers in the F.I.D.F.

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Commissions in "

73/45

Appt. of Officers, F.I.D.F.

*0206.
0838/B.*

F. I. D. F. Equipment

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- Secret.

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" Legislation

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" maintenance of Buildings

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" ~~Adm. Apparatus~~ ~~Administration~~ ~~Building~~

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- Exercises between F. I. D. F. & H. M. Ships

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" Requests for Certificates of Service

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" Explosion in 3 pdr. Hotchkiss Gun

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" Ammunition

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" Uniforms.

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" Summer Training Camp.

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" Honorary Members.

MEMORANDUM.

Requested
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dat may be quoted.

5th July, 1949.

To. The Honourable,

The Ag. Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

From. Executive Engineer.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

I have the honour to inform you that following a discussion between the honourable officer administering the Government, E.E. and Secretary F.I.D.S. at Government House on 1st July, it was decided.

1. That the ex-army P.A. camp on the South side of Stanley should not be used by the F.I.D.F.
2. That for the purposes of training the F.I.D.F. would take over the garage and one large Nissen hut existing at the Army Camp (main camp to West of Stanley).
3. That E.E. would engage watchman for the purpose of ensuring the safety of P.W.D., B & T F.I.D.S. & F.I.D.F. stores - Cost of these watchman to be $\frac{2}{3}$ F.I. Government and $\frac{1}{3}$ F.I.D.S. - This has been done and the watchman will commence work on Thursday 7th July at the rate of four pounds five shillings per week each.
4. That P.W.D. would provide a lorry for the purpose of transporting F.I.D.F. personel to and the Army Camp on training nights - the driver to be provided by the Defence Force.

E. L. Bunting

Executive Engineer.

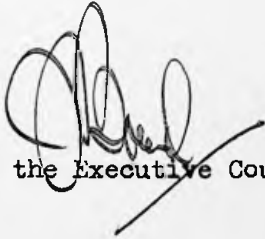
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Extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Executive Council
held on the 11th of June, 1953.

12. Future of the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

Council were informed that, when Captain O'Sullivan retired, the Force would lose the services of its only competent Drill Instructor. Council advised that the work of Instructor did not warrant a full time appointment but thought that Government should express preference for a man with military experience when advertising future overseas vacancies in the departments.

His Excellency concurred and ordered accordingly.


Clerk of the Executive Council.

PA.
25/6

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF MEETING OF STANDING FINANCE
COMMITTEE OF 9. 4. 54.

(Original filed in 1040/A - S.F.C. Minutes of Meetings).

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2. Committee approved the following:-

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(iii) Payment of messing allowance to Mr. W. Jones
whilst attending a course of training at the Depot of the
West Yorkshire Regiment.

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Pa.
22/4

3rd June,

54.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to inform you that Lieutenant W. Jones of the Falkland Islands Defence Force will be attached for a short period to the West Yorkshire Regiment and I am to request you to pay him on demand £15 in respect of course expenses plus the cost of 3rd class return train fares London - York for the period 22nd August - 22nd September, 1954. The amount should be debited in the Colony's general account.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

See 5

Reply at 10.

The Crown Agents for Overseas Governments & Administrations,
4, Millbank,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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would you approve the appointment
of Capt. Norris R.M. as an hon.
member F.I.C.F. under Sec 3 (3) Cap 19 Revised
Laws for the period of his sojourn
in the Colony.

The object is to enable him
to make use of the Social Clubs of
the Force, and an appreciation of the
services he has rendered as regards
training & lectures.

28/8

With pleasure

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30th June,

St.

Sir,

I am directed to state that by virtue of the powers conferred upon him by Section 3 (3) of the Defence Force Ordinance, 1954, His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you an honorary member of the Falkland Islands Defence Force during the period of your sojourn in the Colony.

2. His Excellency wishes me to point out that such membership entails no obligations or commitments on your part and the appointment is made to enable you to avail yourself freely of such social and sporting amenities as the Defence Force has to offer.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Capt. I. Morris, R.M.,
STANLEY.

Copies to: Commanding Officer, R.M.S. Big-
bury Bay.
Commandant, Falkland Islands Defen

Reply at 9

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R N Wireless Station,
Port Stanley
4th July 1954

Dear Colonel Campbell,

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I have just received a letter telling me that His Excellency has appointed me an honorary member of the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I would like to say how pleased and proud I am to have the honour of becoming a member of your force. I have been most impressed by their busyness in their work and enjoyed their friendliness after parade.

I hope that I may be allowed to be a working member and give any assistance within my power

Yours sincerely
J H Morris

P/M

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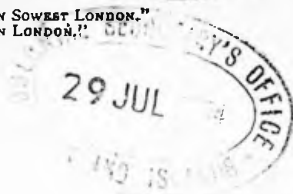
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Communications to be addressed to The Crown Agents for the Colonies, 4, Millbank, London, S.W.1, and the above reference quoted.



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

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN SOWEST LONDON."
 { OVERSEAS: "CROWN LONDON."
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7780.



15 JUL 1954¹⁹⁵

Sir,

With reference to your letter
No. *0838/A* of the *3rd June*.
we have the honour to state that
Mr. *W. G. Jones*.
Defence Force.

reports that he arrived in this country ~~on~~
~~leave~~ on the *11th July*.

Wm

We have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servants,

[Handwritten signature]

for the Crown Agents.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

PA 3/1/52

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 19/9/54

Time: 18.35 Received: 10.9.54. Time: 2000

IMMEDIATE. No. 161. W. Jones. Police Force. Person named states that he is to be appointed Adjutant, local Defence Force, and has been offered an opportunity to attend a Platoon Commanders' Course at Warminster, September 12th - 19th.

Grateful immediate reply as to whether cost of £13 tuition 11/- daily messing and return fare may be paid from Colonial Funds.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C. WH

Typed VP

Reply at 12

Phoned to W/T station 0905 11/9/54

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 11.9.54. Time: 09.05 Received: Time:

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No. 240. Your telegram No. 161. W. Jones.
I confirm person named is Adjutant designate
and I approve cost of course at Warminster
being met from Colonial Funds.

GOVERNOR.

B

G.T.C. VP

A.B.S.

You are meeting this expenditure
from C.O.'s fund pl?

Wed 11/9.

C

D

A.B.S.

Do you wish to see Mr. Jones?
Wednesday 27th?
Wed 25/10

~~Private~~

Not necessarily

possibly the capital cost
of course. B.V. when
Jones returns.

Oct 24/10

13/9

60.25/10



Major DRW WEBBER.

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AND DEPOT.
THE WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT (P.W.O.),
IMPHAL BARRACKS,
YORK.

DO/DRWW/3.

Tele:- York 53621 Ext 34.

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29th Sep 54

Dear Colonel,

Jones has left us now. We enjoyed having him very much and his behaviour in every way was a credit to your force.

I experience more difficulty in obtaining for him the ^{right} sort of training and experience than I had originally anticipated. The usual "red tape" and Treasury restrictions proved more obstructive than usual. Also there was one grave slip on the part of my staff which did not make matters any easier.

However, he has been shown how to organise and run basic training for recruits during his stay at this Depot.

He has had an opportunity to study the technique and polish of the Guards system of training in Drill during a weeks stay with their Training Battalion.

He also attended a short Territorial Army Officers Tactical course at the School of Infantry. He may have derived some knowledge from this course which he may be able to pass on to others.

I questioned him about his finances, he seemed quite happy.

He raised the question of the entitlement of certain Officers and Other Ranks of your force to the Victory Medal. I told him we would be happy to "take up arms" on their behalf, with your approval, and if we are provided with the full facts. /MAG

If there is any other way in which we can be of any assistance you know you have only to call on us, and we shall only be too happy to do all we can.

Yours sincerely
John Dole
Reply at 16

Lt. Col. G. Campbell.
Falkland Islands Defence Force.
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

1st November, 1954.

Dear Major Webber,

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Many thanks for your DO/DRW/3
of the 29th of September, 1954, on the
subject of Jones. I am most grateful
to you for having him and for all the
friendliness and hospitality he received.
I am sure he will have benefited greatly
from his experiences and I hope we can
trespass on your kindness again if and
when the occasion arises.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) C. Camp bell,

Lt. Colonel. F.I.D.F.

Major D.R.W. Webber,
Regimental Headquarters and Depot,
The West Yorkshire Regiment (P.W.O.),
Imphal Barracks, YORK.

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K. i. v. note to Adjutant I. C. W.
present to C. O. W. Yorks - cured
sheep-skin for C. O.'s desk?

Bu 2/12.

Shins sent Pa. 12/12

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DEF. 78/50/03.

Saving

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date ¹⁵ March, 1955.

No. ³² Saving

A.

Lieutenant W. Jones, Falkland Islands Defence Force.

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WAR

I enclose a copy of a letter from the War Office with a claim for £30.12.0. for tuition and maintenance fees in respect of Lieutenant Jones.

2. I should be glad to learn whether the Crown Agents may be authorised to pay the amount claimed to the War Office.

SECEP.

C.T.
- Comm. pt.
A.M.
1/5/55



Reply 25

COPY

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The War Office,
London,
S.W.1.

15/Misc.A./8661.

2nd March, 1955.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith statement and vouchers in support of a claim of £30-12-0d. due to this Department in respect of Tuition and Maintenance of Falkland Islands students during the period ended 30th September, 1954.

A remittance in settlement made payable to the Under Secretary of State for War, should be forwarded to this Office.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(sd) W.R.Clutterbuck.

Colonial Office,
(Accounts Branch),
Sanctuary Buildings,
S.W.1

Ref. No. ..CPO/EC/CR/39/78.

Cost of **FALKLAND ISLANDS**..... Students attending Courses at
British Army Schools & Training Establishments in the U.K.
for the quarter ending **30th September 1954.**

Rank	Name	Inclusive Dates of Course	School or Training Establishment	Details of Course	Tuition	Maintenance	Total
Lt:	JONES. W.	22/8/54-13/9/54	Depot W. Yorks & Y & N Bde Gds: Trng Bn: Surrey and School of Infantry (Tactical)	Attached and Platoon Comds: <i>at</i> No 1 at School of Infantry (Tactical)	13 : 0 ; 0 ✓	17 : 12 : 0.	30 : 12 : 0. ✓

APPENDIX.

10 NOV 1954

RETURN OF PERSONNEL OF THE ROYAL NAVY, ROYAL MARINES, ROYAL AIR FORCE, OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, COLONIAL, COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN FORCES ATTACHED TO OR UNDERGOING COURSES OF INSTRUCTION WITH BRITISH ARMY SCHOOLS, TRAINING ESTABLISHMENTS, FORMATIONS AND UNITS. (WO. 36)

(a)	(b)	(c)	Full period of Course or attachment(see notes below)		(f)	(g)
			(d)	(e)		
Lieut W. Jones.	FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE	ATTACHMENT Depot W. Yorks & Y & N Bde	22 Aug 54	5 Sep 54	Whether main-tenance charges have been paid (See para 7(a))	Remarks. See para 7(b) and notes below.
		ATTACHMENT Guards Trg Bn. SURREY	6 Sep 54	" 12 Sep 54		
		Platoon Commanders TA Course No. 1.	12 Sep 54	19 Sep 54		
		ATTACHMENT Depot W. Yorks & Y & N Bde	20 Sep 54	23 Sep 54.		

Recd Return from School on 12/23/54
~~Tuition fees of £13 per week and maintenance charges of 11/- per die will be born by the Falkland Islar. Authorities.~~

Certified that all casualties, i.e. admissions to and discharges from hospital, living out of barracks, leave (other than week-end leave, etc. have been marked in the 'Remarks' column.

Station.....*ORK*.....

[Signature]
 Signature. Comd., Depot, W. Yorks & Y & N Bde.....

Date; ; ;*28 Sep 54*.....

Commanding.....

- Notes:-
- (a) If attending a course of instruction insert the full title of the course. If personnel join before the course begins or remain after the course ends, such periods will be shown as attachments, and the actual period of the attendance at the course will be shown separately.
 - (b) If not attending a course, insert the word "Attachment" only.

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No., rank and name of the officer or other rank	Service or Colonial, etc, Force to which he belongs	Course or attachment (See notes below)	Full Period of course or attachment (See notes below)		Whether maintenance charges have been paid	Remarks (See notes below)
			From	To		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Lt W.J. JONES	Falkland Islands Defence Force	PL Comds TA Course No 1	12 Sep 54	19 Sep 54	No	<p><i>11 Sep 54 as attached to Depot - W Yorks + 4 N Bde and Gds Trn Bn. Sinyon / see appendix 28 Sep 54</i></p> <p><i>then attached again to Depot W Yorks etc, see appendix 28 Sep 54</i></p>

School of Infantry (Tactical)

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Certified that all casualties, ie, admissions to and discharges from hospital, living-out of barracks, leave (other than week-end leave), etc, have been included in the "Remarks" column.

(Station) WARMINGSTER

Date 28 Dec 54

Signature *Arthur King* Commandant
Commanding THE SCHOOL OF INFANTRY, TACTICAL WING

Notes:-

- (a) If attending a course of instruction insert the full title of the course. If personnel join before the course begins or remain after the course ends, such periods will be shown as attachments, and the actual period of attendance at the course will be shown separately.
- (b) If not attending a course, insert the word "Attachment" only.

CONFIDENTIAL

D.C.S.

A suitable f.4 pl.

A.G.T.

5/4.

The Commanding Officer,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit for your information this general report concerning my attendance at the depot of the West Yorkshire Regiment whilst on leave in UK.

I was received with the utmost cordiality by Major D.R.W. Webber, Officer Commanding the Depot who afforded me every facility at his disposal in order to make my stay both worth while and interesting. He had drawn up an intensive programme which was to occupy every hour of my week's visit and which proved to be most instructive. My first evening was spent with him inspecting ceremonial guards and parades in the city of York ending with attendance at a mid-night service in York Minster to mark the end of Festival week).

I lived in the Depot Mess where I was well looked after even to the luxury of having a servant detailed to look after me.

My first day was spent with recruits in training witnessing typical periods on the training programme i.e. P.T., drill, map reading, L.M.G. practice, section in the attack and simple obstacle crossing.

Another day was spent on the range, part with our own troops and part with Americans who were good enough to demonstrate to me their Garand automatic rifle.

I was 'farmed out' to the Guards for a day in order to accompany them on a full scale demonstration exercise of the platoon in the attack using live ammunition. With typical Army thoroughness I had been provided with transport at the Depot at 6a.m. only to arrive at the Guards detachment an hour and half earlier than I had been expected much to the dismay of the officer whose job it was to get out of bed and look after me until breakfast time. We did the first practice on the moors in the morning and a dress rehearsal, 30 miles away, in the afternoon.

I spent a day visiting L of C troops in the area such as R.E.M.E. and R.O.A.C. and watched the testing of weapons and the system of equipment overhaul etc. If the Defence Force has equipment, particularly weapons, which need overhaul it may be possible to wangle a free service through the West Yorks who could have them attended to as if they were their own. My guide in the workshop saw no apparent difficulty in this.

/Sheet 2.....

The Commanding Officer of the local territorial battalion had served with my battalion of the D.C.L.I. during the war and he was most enthusiastic in showing me the way they run things in the West Yorks. I attended one of his drill nights and spent an afternoon with his Quartermaster on stores accounting.

Wherever I went I took the opportunity of discussing with the officers I met the question of the fighting role of the Falkland Islands Defence Force. I found an almost unanimous opinion about this and their suggestions on peace time training were most useful. The outcome of these discussions is contained in Appendices I and II to this report.

It occurred to me that we of the Defence Force might appreciate some token of our link with the West Yorks and so I asked whether we might obtain permission to wear the Regiment's lanyard. I was told that permission should be sought through the Colonel of the Regiment, Field Marshall Slim.

I obtained a number of copies of a brief history of the Regiment which could be given to those members of the Defence Force who are interested.

In conclusion I should add that I was subsequently invited to attend the annual dinner of the Regiment at the United Service Club as guest of honour. I felt that this was a mark of esteem conferred upon the Defence Force as a whole and that in future we should endeavour to send an annual telegram of good will to the Officers of the Regiment on the appropriate date. Their cognisance of our affiliation is real and Major Webber assured me that any of our officers and men on leave who care to pay them a visit will be more than welcome.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,



CAPTAIN. F. I. D. F.

Stanley.
7th March, 1955.

APPENDIX I

The Role of the Defence Force in the
Military Strategy of the Falkland Islands.

It is already accepted that the Defence Force is so small in numbers that even fully armed with modern weapons it could not hope to play any significant part in the defence of the Islands against a determined enemy intent on occupation.

There is a threat, however remote, that Argentina may embark upon such a venture relying on the element of surprise and a Naval force sufficient to dispose of or avoid one British frigate. This may take the form of a token raid and early withdrawal in which case no land force could become effective quickly enough. But such an action could give no advantage to, indeed it would be prejudicial to the claims of the country concerned.

An attempt at permanent occupation, however short lived, would be a more likely intention in which case the Defence Force could carry out operations as subsequently set out in this proposition.

It should be mentioned that Russia as a potential invader is not taken into account since a state of war would certainly already exist between that country and the Western Powers and the defence of the Falklands taken care of.

In the event of a temporary occupation by the Argentines it is proposed, therefore, that the Defence Force should play a harassing role calculated to make life unhealthy for the enemy and to reduce the morale of his troops until such time as a British force should dislodge him. No attempt would be made by the Force either to oppose an invasion or to fight a fixed battle on land against occupying forces. Should a threat of invasion become apparent the Force would withdraw intact to prepared and hidden positions in the camp but within striking distance of the Stanley area.

It may be argued that such an emergency is so remote that any preparation is a waste of time. Nevertheless I believe that training to a definite end would have an immediate beneficial effect upon the morale of the Defence Force; it would encourage young recruits and the type of irregular action envisaged would appeal to the independent spirit of the Falkland Islanders.

APPENDIX II.

A Broad Outline of Training the Defence Force to a Harassing Role.

This part assumes that the arguments set forth in Appendix I are accepted.

Armament The greatest potential asset in the Force is the Falkland Islanders' aptitude for marksmanship with the rifle. This should continue to be encouraged. The opinion of the majority of officers I consulted at home is that every man should be armed with a sniper's rifle. This would be ideal but funds are not available. We have, however, some very good rifles and we should endeavour to obtain as many telescopic sights to fit them as funds permit; a few each year. All should be trained to use them.

The L.M.G. has a limited use - on occasional road ambush and the defence, in surprise, of Force HQ (in the country not the Drill Hall).

The Sten would be used for personal protection if caught out.

Grenades and explosives have their part but may be difficult to obtain for training purposes.

No other weapons are necessary.

Objects Routine actions against the enemy would consist of long range sniping - ~~no~~ more.

As opportunity arises small scale surprise raids would take place at night.

Occasional road or track ambushes may be possible.

Methods The Force would be organised to operate in groups of 3 (1 officer or NCO and 2 other ranks). No semblance of platoons and sections would be maintained except, possibly, for peace time administrative purposes. These groups should consist where possible of friends mutually confident.

Each group would be trained to act independently or with other groups and would learn to cover ground quickly and silently especially at night.

Communications At least 2 portable wireless sets of the 18 or 68 type would be a great asset.

Training Arms (i) To make every man proficient in the use of all arms and all the equipment held by the Force.

(ii) To make every man capable of using all kinds of transport which may fall to his disposal in emergency e.g. the horse, motor-cycle, car etc.

(iii) To make every man proficient in observing and reporting, the use of the map and compass etc.

Drill and ceremonial would not be neglected since discipline is an essential basis of guerilla warfare. The Force, too, has peace-time ceremonial commitments to fulfill.

Dress Regulation dress would be worn except on exercises when troops would be dressed quasi Commando style.

A full training programme can be arranged based on these lines to occupy all drill nights. I have no idea what equipment is available but essential items are as follows:-

- (i) Maps and map cases
- (ii) Prismatic compasses
- (iii) Binoculars
- (iv) The material to make a sand table
- (v) The material to make one or two simple obstacles and a small plot of land on which to erect them.
- (vi) Up to date Military Training Pamphlets.
- (vii) One 68 wireless set which may be obtainable from FIDS.

The Royal Marine Detachment may be prepared to loan any items not held.

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B on 18 pt.

W.F.S.
20/4.

H.S.

At (4), S.F.C. approved payment of missing
alleg. to Lieut. Jones. Nothing is said about tuition
fees.

I recommend this matter be placed before
S.F.C. at the next meeting with a view to commencing
in meeting the total charge of £20.12.0. It is
not a fair charge to Company funds.

W.F.S.
20/4

A.I.

Re. note for S.F.C. ~~return~~ file re.

W.F.S.
20/4.

Homes

In the absence of the Treasurer
I suggest that an A.I.S.E. be submitted
for submission to members at the
next S.F.C. - the claim will have to
be met by this bank & by production
of an A.I.S.E. the matter wd be settled
almost immediately instead of it
lagging on until the next meeting
of S.F.C. Subject to your approval
application should ~~be~~ come from
Military Dept

W.F.S.
25/4/55.

W.F.S.
To save time
since you have
an A.I.S.E. re. matter for a
conf. copy
to 18
20/4

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 17.5.55 Time: 1600 Received: Time:

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No 93. Your Savingram 32/55. Lieutenant W. Jones.

Please authorise Crown Agents to pay amount
claimed by War Office.

GOVERNOR

A. J. ✓ *for* 18/5/55
Auditor of Genl. A. 19/5.

Please note of n.a.i.d.c. #

W. J. S.
18/5.

In S.F.C. Min

20/5

H. CT. I have discussed with Major Green

of Captain Jones the question of the future of the

F. I. D. F.

The conclusion is that it is not possible to carry on the Force without a full time Adjutant - or rather an Adjutant who has no other full time job.

It seems to be admitted that Captain Jones is the only man here who is capable of maintaining a nucleus of the Defence Force and unfortunately as long as he has his present job he is himself admits that he cannot make a success of it. It was different when he was in La Potia.

I think it is right that it is no use trying to carry on the Defence Force unless there is an opportunity to organize interesting training programmes and that it is no use allowing it to peter out by everybody getting bored of it; it would be better to drop it down.

There was a proposal some years ago when Jones was still in La Potia that he should be appointed a P.T. Instructor in the School and combine this with the job of Adjutant. The S/G was queried by me and said that he would be exceedingly useful as a part time P.T. Instructor and could help with games but the very maximum he would be paid as such would be £180.

Mr Jones in his present post gets £500 salary ^{also} commission which I think brings it up to £600. It would perhaps be if he would have to add at least £375 a year to what we are paying him now.

The question would of course arise as to whether it would be worth to try to take him away from his present job.

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He tells me that when he applied there were several
other applicants.

If one had the power (as in war time)
to 'direct' people to jobs I feel that
we would direct Jones to the post of Adjutant
expecting him to give his spare time to the
Boy Brigade & the Rifle Boys because I do not
think there is anyone else who can do these
things so well as he. I also feel that
we should have a Defence Force. Admittedly
our few stalwarts will not have the effect of making
the Falkland Islands impregnable but I don't
think that is quite all there is to be said on the subject.
It seems to me wrong to ignore completely the question of training
anybody who wants to do anything to resist the enemy in time of war
& also to be unprepared to give any encouragement to
anybody who wanted to be trained to help in time of war.
I would now have to ask H.C. whether he would
authorise of us trying to obtain funds for the payment of a
full time Adjutant.

I have thought also of trying to get more out of the
Unions. The Adjutant says that he does help his
voluntarily now.

Must have your views on the ~~general~~ whole
matter before proceeding further.

R (2/4/61)

Am to A.

I am most doubtful as to whether the appointment of a full time Adjutant would have any support in S.F.C. I have no great hopes that it would result in any increase in the rate of recruitment or enthusiasm.

The proposal to appoint a full time Adjutant would have to be qualified, I think, by an undertaking to abolish the post of Quartermaster. S.F.C. would certainly require a lot of convincing that two men could be fully occupied every day on F.I.D.F. matters.

I suggest that the future of the Force might be discussed in S.F.C. next month, and the question of whether there should be a full time Adjutant could be brought in as an idea rather than as a proposal. The approach to the subject could have an important bearing on the reception it gets.

L.C.
20.4.61

G. E.

I have discussed the Defence Force first
with Major Green & the Adjutant and then
with H.C.T.

It does not appear that we can get the Force
functioning efficiently with Captain J. as Adjutant
unless we can make it work in while to give up
his present post.

I thought of sounding S.F.C. on the question
of the Defence Force generally to find out their
attitude and not to put any ideas to them to
approve.

An idea of H.C.T.'s is that all the part of
present members not only of the Defence Force but
of any service (e.g. P.A.F.) should be eligible
to belong to the Club and to have on the few ceremonial
days. I think we should try to have Camps
with the members every year.

I do not know whether G.C. would like to discuss
with H.C.T. or perhaps Major Green or not or whether
we should sound the members of the S.F.C. or refer
further.

or
26/4/61

Shown to H. E.

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have this in regard to present

5/3/61



4.7.61

76 Davis Street,
Stanley.

8th May, 1962.

Lt. Col. R.H.D. Manders,
Commanding Officer,
F.I.D.F.

Thro' Major J.R. Green.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to inform you that in my present employment I cannot spare the time to carry out efficiently the duties of Adjutant and Instructor to the Defence Force. To run the Force efficiently one must be in a position to devote a considerable amount of time and thought towards planning and arranging a syllabus of training which should be progressive and as interesting as possible, one for summer and one for winter months, and also social and competitive activities within the Force, without which one cannot expect to promote and hold the interest of the members. To make full use of the N.C.O's. an annual instructional class should be held, based on the syllabus, so one can be sure that each N.C.O. is well acquainted with each subject contained in the syllabus, and that he fully understands the part he will be expected to play when the programme is put into operation.

Because I cannot find the time to prepare and organise this form of training, members are loosing interest and will continue to do so as long as the Force is run on the present lines. Apart from shooting there is no incentive for persons to join the Force. Twelve ordinary drills, classification and ceremonial parades, ill fitting uniforms and uncomplimentary remarks from the public will not hold a member's interest, or encourage others to join. This unfortunate state of affairs does exist, and I have on several occasions during the past five years brought to the notice of the Commanding Officer the difficulty in running the Force with a part-time Adjutant.

As I feel I can no longer continue under the present circumstances, I respectfully request to be placed on the Retired List of the Force as from the 30th June, 1962.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Capt. (Sgd.) W. Jones
Adjutant, F.I.D.F.

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Original in 0206

To: The Officer Commanding Falkland Islands Defence Force,
From: Major J. R. Green.

Captain Jones spoke to me about the enclosed letter some time ago, but he has taken some time to think it over.

We held a meeting in your office over a year ago to discuss this problem and it was agreed at the time that Captain Jones would "give it another go" and report in due course. This he has now done, and he now submits his conclusions.

I must own to complete sympathy with his position and have long felt that a cold re-appraisal of the role of the Defence Force and its present day constitution is required.

Answers to the following questions are required:-

- (a). Is a Defence Force necessary for the protection of the Colony?
- (b). If so, is the Colony prepared to spend more money in providing up to date equipment, uniforms and adequate instruction and exercises, without which the Force can never be effective?

In my view there can be no justification for maintaining a Defence Force solely for three or four ceremonial parades a year, rifle shooting and canteen facilities. Such a force could be called something else, and assembled solely for these purposes.

Field craft and weapon training are necessary only if the Force has a military role and to do this properly, a full or part time ex-regular Sergeant Major would be essential. Then the Adjutant could well do a whole time job outside and fit in his reduced F.I.D.F. work in his spare time.

(Sgd.) J. R. Green

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Please see 106 & 107. This question first came up when Major Green was in the South in 1960/61 season. We persuaded the Adjutant to stay on until he had come back. I then discussed the matter again with him and Major Green. We were unable at that time to think of any satisfactory solution other than the appointment of a full time Adjutant. Later on Lt. Goss offered to help Captain Jones and Captain Jones agreed to stay on a bit longer on those terms.

Now we are back where we started. I discussed this with Major Green who thinks that we are unlikely to get enthusiasm going again unless we get a full time instructor, and he is very keen on Commando stuff bearing in mind the fact that if an enemy came here they would presumably occupy Stanley at once and all that the Defence Force could do would be harassing guerilla warfare.

Naturally we spoke about the Defence Force to Mr. Marnham when he visited the headquarters and met the adjutant. Mr. Marnham thought that as regards numbers, considering our population, we were quite good but thought that we might introduce some more interests other than 'square bashing'. At that time the Adjutant said that he was thinking of giving up and Mr. Marnham hoped he would carry on. To-day I discussed the possibilities of the Defence Force with the only other officer namely Lt. Goss, whose point of view as a Legislator I thought it might also be useful to obtain.

My view of the situation at present is as follows -

1. Captain Jones has no doubt done excellent work. It is unfortunate that he now has a very busy job and cannot give the time that he use to. I gather from what I hear that his great weakness is that he is bad at delegating authority.
2. For the above reason I believe that the Defence Force now is at a low ebb.
3. We do not know that it will be possible to revive interests in the Defence Force but on the other hand we do not know that it will not. I believe that they used to get quite a lot of fun out of field days etc. in the past and I believe that this sort of think could be organised again. The signalling is a thing which was mentioned by Mr. Marnham and which has been done in the past and could no doubt be done again.
4. I understand that Lt. Goss did quite good work as a Sgt. Major. Captain Green told me that this was so and that in a way it was unfortunate that he was ever promoted. He himself tells me that he regards himself as in a way having been promoted out of the Force since there is not enough work for two officers and in practice there was nothing he could do except fire off the guns. The arrangement which we planned whereby he was going to help the Adjutant didnot work because the Adjutant never gave him anything to do.

I of course did not suggest to Lt. Goss that he should be Adjutant. He said in the course of our discussion that he certainly would not dream of applying for the job in the place of Captain Jones but that if Captain Jones definitely left he would try to do his best. I know that the H.C.T. considers it unlikely that we would be able to justify the employment of a full time Adjutant at present. I feel that we should let Lt. Goss have a try. I do not think the Defence Force would get much worse than it is at present, though it is possible that some of the present members would leave. I think there is a very reasonable chance that he would be able to make quite a good show of it and pull it together. There is one point which Lt. Goss mentioned. Our armourer is now getting near to the time when he can retire. He has recently has a slight stroke and is at present out of action. We are hoping that he will be back soon but cannot be quite sure how long he will stay with us. Mr. Goss thought that if he went it would be necessary to recruit a full time officer possibly an N.C.O. from home with the help of our Sister Regiment. Mr. Goss thought and I agreed that if we could get the right type of man it would be possible then to have an honorary adjutant.

H.C.S.

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The time is fast approaching when we must consider the future of the Defence Force. At 107 in this file Major Green posed two questions, the first of which is: Is the Defence Force necessary for the protection of the Colony? To answer this, one has to consider what the Defence Force could do in the event of an emergency. The answer is, I think, very little. Any attacking force would presumably have Stanley as its first objective, and the Defence Force could do little to impede an enemy landing. Its numbers are insignificant and its weapons obsolete. With an enemy in occupation of Stanley, I cannot see the Defence Force "taking to the hills". Civilian soldiers can hardly be expected to employ guerrilla tactics while their wives and families are in enemy hands. In a place of this size, the enemy could find out in a couple of days which men were the guerrillas, and hold their wives and families as hostages. If we decide, therefore, that the Defence Force can fulfil no useful role in the protection of the Colony, the second question posed by Mr. Green falls away. There is no point in spending more money in providing up-to-date equipment, uniforms, adequate instruction and exercise, modern weapons etc. if the Force could fulfil no useful military purpose.

2. We are thus left with the remaining functions of the Defence Force, which are merely to undertake three or four ceremonial parades a year, and to provide rifle shooting and canteen facilities.

3. The question of rifle shooting is a debatable subject. At present no one can take part in rifle shooting unless he is over thirty or a member of the Defence Force. This means that young men who are keen on rifle shooting have to join the Defence Force in order to be able to shoot on the range. Young men coming to the Colony, such as those working in the Met. and Ionospheric Services, cannot shoot on the range unless they join the Defence Force. I must confess that this seems to me an out-dated procedure.

4. Neither do I consider that the various ceremonial parades are really vital. It is good to see the Defence Force well turned-out on parade, but their numbers are very few, and it is never easy for the Adjutant to get a good turn out. It was very different in the past when, I believe, 50 or 60 men used to be on parade.

5. I think there is little hope of reviving interest in a Force such as this, and I am sure it is going to be increasingly difficult to maintain such little interest as there is at present. When I first came, a camp used to be arranged with the Royal Marines, but this became difficult, because the active members of the Force were all employed, and it amounted to an extra holiday on pay. I do not think any gave up their normal holidays to attend the camps, but I am not quite certain on this point. In any event, the necessity for the camp, field day, etc. falls away if the Defence Force can fulfil no useful military purpose.

6. There remains the question of what to do when Captain Jones is placed on the retired list as from the 30th June. This is not a matter in which we should take any hasty decision, and I agree that Lt. Goss should act as Adjutant for the next six months or so, but I feel that during the forthcoming financial year we must consider the whole future of the force. I really cannot envisage the Legislature agreeing to our employing a full time officer to take the place the Armourer when he retires.

(Intld) EPA.

May, 19th, 1962.

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Original in O206

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4.2. 109 has to be further considered

I would like to recommend that the Defence Force
✓ be allowed to carry on till next winter which is
the season of ~~drills~~ drills so that we can see whether the
attendance justifies a continuance of the life of the
Force.

Lieutenant Jones took over at the end of the
last lot of drills. He says that the turn out for
class firing has been very good and that, remembering
the men on the guns and he believes the turn out
last Sunday was the best there has been for a
long time. He has made it clear that he will not tolerate
slackers and next winter those who make no
attempt to do their drills will be out. We can then
find out how whether the numbers left would justify
us carrying on.

I have been thinking about the argument that the Defence
Force could not prevent capture of the Islands in war
but I wonder whether this is an argument against it.

I rather wonder whether any local Defence Force anywhere
would by itself unaided be the slightest use to repel or
even delay an invasion. Our Defence Force in Guyana was
quite a flourishing body but certainly by itself
it could have done nothing.

As regards 3 of 109 I think we could immediately
amend the order to provide that the people referred to
can ~~see~~ only form the Public Club with the permission of the
Governor. I have discussed this with Messrs Gleadell
& Board since I last spoke to the Adjutant so I have
not put this to him but I presume that if any
regulation were adopted applications would be referred
to the Adjutant before being allowed and we could avoid
such anomalies as those referred to at para 3.

In general I doubt whether we should try to compel men
on short contracts to join the Defence Force. This
amendment would satisfy the Board for the present.

#7.46
I would not regret abolishing the rule entirely
as we do get some ^{good} ~~good~~ men that way.

There is one more point, the position of Lieutenant
Goss. There is an anomaly which I suppose I should
have pointed before his appointment namely that he
held of Adjutant appears above the line in his estimates.
Of course Goss cannot be a Government servant and an
elected member of Council. The post of Adjutant is
of course nothing like a full time job and is
not paid as such. We can get over the difficulty
by providing in next year's estimates an allowance
below the line. Lt. Goss asked if he was entitled
to the privileges of a Government servant as regards
hospital charges. I explained to him that I would
gladly have arranged for this if it were possible but
that an admission that he was a Government
servant would put him in a hopeless position and
he saw the point.

16/11/62.

#8 47

HCS

I presume you will be going into the
question of membership of The Rifle Assoc. again.
Do Messrs Giddell, Bown, & Goss think there
will be any complication with younger members
of The Force? Will they say that if expats.
are not compelled to join The S.F., why should
they?

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I will talk to him 22.11.62

Goss F30 a week
22/11/62 BW 30.11.62

~~HA 49~~ 49

S. S. I had a further discussion with Mr. A. D. W.
I have asked Mr. Glendon to bring to my notice any
cases of people being kept out of the shooting by
his rule. This should give us a chance to
study how the rule is working in practice and
whether there are any anomalies but does not
commit us to any action. I think that is as
far as we can go now.

S^r 11/2/62.

RA
4.12.62

BO 30.6.63.

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Stanley
10th June 1963.

Sir,

In answer to your letter dated 17th May 1963, I submit the following why I have not attended my Parades.

During my first five years in the Force, I can honestly say that I enjoyed them immensely.

They consisted of one hour Arms Drill and one hour of competitive training with other weapons, during each of the twelve Instructional Parades. There were weekend exercises on the outskirts of Stanley and sometimes an evening exercise with H.M. Forces of Protector. There was a fortnights training each year and this was always enjoyed by the Members who took part in it.

Today the Force has twelve Parades a year with nothing but Arms Drill, and this has become very monotonous.

Outside of actual weapon and field training, my interest is nil. I joined the Defence Force to find out how a soldier moves in the field and, not one who takes part only on Ceremonial Occasions.

Finally, Sir, I ask that my resignation be accepted as from to-day.

(Sgd.) T.J. Peck

Private

19, June,

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Sir,

I enclose letter from Private Terry Peck for any observations you may wish to make.

2. I sympathize to some extent with Private Peck's outlook although it is not possible at present to contemplate re-introduction of the training we used to give as described by him.

3. The relevant section of the Ordinance is section 14 (page 15 of Falkland Islands Gazettes 1954). I can dispense with the need for a month's notice. Could you please confirm that he has delivered up in good order (fair wear and tear only excepted) all arms, clothing and appointments being public property or property of the Force issued to him and that he does not owe any money.

4. (We need not I think penalize people for not being efficient in the past).

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R.H.D. Manders

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COMMANDANT

The Adjutant,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
STANLEY.

*Adjutant has
dealt with his*

N. FA

*Please used in the file
copy of the Defence Force
Report which is in
reference of the
budget speaker*

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See 52

*2/2/63
See 30/6/63*

RHD/TH

REPORT OF THE COMMANDANT, FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE TO THE
COLONIAL SECRETARY

The amount of work which can be usefully done by the Defence Force is very strictly limited and indeed its functions are at present mostly if not entirely ceremonial. The regulations providing for twelve compulsory parades of two hours each had never been revised but it was impossible usefully to employ so much time and the result was a lowering of the morale of the force. The number of compulsory parades has now been reduced to eight of not exceeding one hour each and the indications are that this, combined with other measures, will again make the Defence Force into a keen unit albeit of necessity a small one.

The Drill Hall roof has long been a source of worry. The portion which has been giving trouble is a lean-to down the west side which is roofed with felt. It is now proposed to alter the pitch and cover it with corrugated iron and also to repair the interior damage that has occurred owing to dampness in the past. It is proposed that the water which now runs through the adjoining properties should be led off in a proper way.

It is encouraging to note that there are six new recruits this year.

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Original in O448/VIII
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Vacancy part-time Quartermaster and Armourer, Falkland Islands Defence Force.

Applications are invited for this post on a part-time basis.

The salary attached to the post is £10 per month.

Applicants should preferably have some knowledge of small-arms and storekeeping.

Applications, which should reach him before the 24th of January, should be addressed to the Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

31st on re-broadcasting
D.P.H.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
13th January, 1964.

WILL/TH

ACJ

No applications.

D.P.H.
24.1.64

Military

Any applications?

No

Rev. 24.1.64.

24.1.64

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C.S.

We have received neither applications
nor enquiries it appears that the bait is
insufficient, although I would have thought
otherwise. It is just possible that a little
more publicity may result in attracting
someone & I suggest we re-advertise before
considering an increased offer.

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Yes. Re broadcast
a couple or three
times. Give news
56 class date 30.1.64

53. Re-broadcast closing 31.1.64.

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11 Brandon Road.

Stanley, 22nd February, 1964.

To The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Sir;

61 With reference to your letter 0838. 18-2-64.

On the 30th January, 1964 in response to the wireless announcement regarding the post of part time Quartermaster and Armourer in the Falkland Islands Defence Force. I wrote requesting that I could be given more information concerning the post, firstly for me to ascertain whether or not I should have sufficient spare time and secondly to decide if capable of taking on the post if considered suitable.

Before any move could be made on my part of accepting the position I should first have had to obtain the consent of my employers; in accordance with the terms of my Contract.

After waiting for 18 days and having had no acknowledgement of my letter, I assumed that I was unsuitable and took on more duties within my own work.

On the 20th February at 12.45 the Adjutant presented at my home your letter 0838 dated 18th February with instruction that I was to be at the Falkland Islands Defence Force Headquarters that evening.

On arrival at the Head-Quarters, I could find only Mr. Henricksen who had no knowledge of what duties were required of the part time man, and was unable to clarify the situation at all.

I therefore request that my letter be withdrawn and your letter appointing me be cancelled.

I remain,

Sir,

Your faithfully.

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Ackd. 21.2.64

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I have spoken to Mr Smith. I am afraid I completely overlooked para 1 of SR + accepted the letter as a formal application for the post.

Mr Smith has since discussed the whole affair with the Adjutant + has now arranged to accept the appointment w.e.f. 1.3.64.

I take it no further action is required on this. ✓ 65

Message 61 web 1.3.64

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26th February, 64.

Sir,

I am to inform you that you have been selected for the duties of part-time Quartermaster and Armourer in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with effect from the 1st of March, 1964.

2. You will receive salary at the rate of \$10 per month.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) H. L. Bound.

for COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. J. Smith,
STANLEY.

Copies to: Treasury
Audit

u.f.s. Adjutant, Falkland Islands Defence Force.

PH

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Y.E.

Establishment of the Falkland Islands Defence Force

Recognising that the recent increase in the effective strength of the F.I.D.F. makes the work of the Adjutant more difficult. The following establishment of officers is recommended -

The Commandant with under command Captain Goss as Adjutant and two junior officers to serve as Training Officer and Lieutenant Quartermaster respectively.

By this means it should be possible to provide proper supervision of the large quantity of arms and ammunition which have been issued throughout the islands and to keep proper check on issues of clothing and other essential items whilst at the same time retaining impetus in training.

If the officer chosen to undertake training proves his worth he should eventually be able to take over as Adjutant in place of Captain R.V. Goss who, having served 26 years in the F.I.D.F., feels the time has come to look forward to an easing of his burden.

Officers who devote a lot of time to training should qualify for bounties in the same way as other ranks who can earn up to £7 10s for carrying out annual drills. By dividing the present Adjutant's allowance of £100 into three separate allowances or "bounties" of £40 for the Adjutant and £30 for each of the junior officers this can be met without further call upon Colonial finances.

If Y.E. agrees I ask for authority to make the necessary preliminary moves in this direction.

The Hon. R. V. Goss has agreed this draft.

(Intld) WHT
C.S.

17th August, 1965

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Original filed in 2341/A

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C.S.

Agreed

(Intld) CH 20/8/65

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19th November, 65.

From: The Colonial Secretary,

To: The Adjutant,

Falkland Islands Defence
Force,

STANLEY

Victory Green Gun Covers

His Excellency the Governor has observed that these covers are now very tatty.

2. Have we any better spares?

(Sgd) W. E. Thompson.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

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EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM A.B. MONK, ESQ., J.P. TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY
DATED THE 25TH JANUARY, 1966. Original filed on O209/III.

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There are quite a lot of Camp Defence Force Volunteers about. I think they were all recruited last winter while I was in England and had a little training by the Royal Marines. These men have been issued with Rifles and in some cases with Bren Guns or similar. Some are under age, on this Farm anyway and I am sure we are not unique in this respect; admittedly I think all the Ammunition is in the charge of one man. However, the point I am coming to is this; under whose authority are these men? So far as I know they have not taken any Oath to the Crown so they are not Military in the true sense, in any case they have no uniforms. If, as is of course, almost inconceivable, there ever was need for armed men to defend the Colony would not these men be in a very unsatisfactory position. In any case who gives them the order to fire or not to fire, here say; supposing we have no communication with Stanley? Can they decide to hold an exercise here on their own without my authority? The man holding the Bren Gun here is leaving the Colony shortly and goes to N.Z. I think. Is there a standard procedure about surrendering these weapons?

Parents
Army
X
in approval
JF

To the Warrant. Who handles our arms.

Please don't think I am trying to crab the thing; I am 100% for it. I only want to know the procedure in all cases so that I or someone else can know exactly what to do. I want the whole thing on a regular basis. I want to know exactly how much authority everybody has and I want the chaps concerned to be legally Military Men so that they have all the protection that confers.

Probably put very badly, but please advise.

719
24th February, 1966.

Dear Mr. Monk,

Falkland Islands Defence Force

Further to my hand written note about your query on the F.I.D.F. I hope the following will answer the points you have raised. It is not my intention to circulate these answers to farm managers in general until I know you agree they cover your queries. It might well be that further questions you may have will be of interest to others.

* Age of volunteers. No person under 18 years can be a volunteer without his parents consent.

Controlling authority. The controlling authority on any farm is the manager or person appointed with the manager's approval. This is indicated by the fact that the manager or his approved deputy holds all ammunition and is responsible accordingly.

Uniforms. To obtain and issue uniforms and complete equipment to over 100 persons at present 'on call' in the camps would be costly, and I doubt very much whether S.F.C. would approve the expense involved for what must be, under the circumstances, a very loose organisation with an indefinite, and possibly short term, life. However, we have a number of glen-garry type hats, ex 1953/45, and are contemplating issuing them as an identifying symbol.

Order to open fire. Farms units will not open fire on their own initiative: they are extensions of a control based in Stanley. If a farm finds it is unable to communicate with Stanley it should be careful to avoid independent action which might, because of haste, lead to a difficult situation. However, if a band of thugs suddenly started to shoot up Pebble Island no doubt you would retaliate under the Common Law right of self defence. As far as exercises are concerned the busy

season/.....

A. B. Monk, Esq., J.P.,
PEBBLE ISLAND.

IM.

Copy sent to Capt-R.V. Goss, F.I.D.F.

season in the camp offers little time for field work, and we think these should only be held during winter and when we are able to send out instructors. Rifle Practice can be carried out within reason at the managers discretion and under his guidance. Strict discipline is of course necessary to avoid accidents.

Surrender of weapons. Weapons should always be surrendered to the manager and we will collect them from him. This applies in the case of an employee leaving the farm or for any other reason which the manager deems surrender necessary. X

I know that you are not trying to grab anything. The camp units were set up very quickly when it appeared that there was a need to do so. I am of the opinion they should be kept alive until the situation has cleared itself somewhat more than it has to date.

Please let us know your reactions to the above and if you think the outline I have given is sufficient we will produce a paper for general circulation.

Yours Sincerely,

(W.H. THOMPSON)

Reply at 72

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TELEGRAMS: "MITERJACK PORT STANLEY"

PEBBLE ISLANDS.
W. FALKLAND ISLANDS.

23rd March 1966

to. Thompson Esq
Col. Secretary
Stanley.

Dear Mr Thompson.

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With reference to your letter
dated 24th February regarding F.I.D.F and, that
of 4th March 1966 regarding Seal. I regret I
have not answered before, but I have been away
about 10 or various small islands during the past month
and have only just mind back for H.P.'s visit.
I think your letter re F.I.D.F answer, most of my
queries and some general directions to Managers &
others to make the whole position clear would I think
be a good thing.

We will endeavour to get some information
re Seal.

Yours sincerely

Manager

0838

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6th April,

66.

From: Colonial Secretary,

To: The Officer Commanding,
Royal Marines,

STANLEY.

Camp Volunteers.

I refer to our conversation concerning the Camp Volunteers.
The attached notes may be of interest to you, and should be used
as a guide when you and members of your detachment are in the Camp.

Sgt. W. H. T.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Dear Sir,

Camp Volunteers.

I have been in correspondence with Mr. Adrian Monk of Pebble Island who asked me for certain rulings. I am sure my answers will be of interest to you all, and the following relevant section of my letter to him is for your information:

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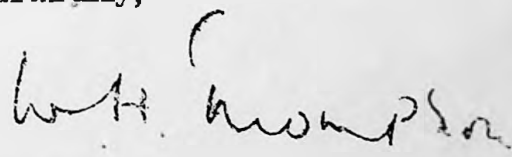
Uniforms. To obtain and issue uniforms and complete equipment to over 100 persons at present 'on call' in the camps would be costly, and I doubt very much whether S.F.C. would approve the expense involved for what must be, under the circumstance, a very loose organisation with an indefinite, and possibly short term, life. However, we have a number of glengarry type hats, ex 1939/45, and are contemplating issuing them as an identifying symbol.

Order to open fire. Farms units will not open fire on their own initiative: they are extensions of a control based in Stanley. If a farm finds it is unable to communicate with Stanley it should be careful to avoid independent action which might, because of haste, lead to a difficult situation. However, if a band of thugs suddenly started to shoot up Pebble Island no doubt you would retaliate under the Common Law right of self defence. As far as exercises are concerned the busy season in the camp offers little time for field work, and we think these should only be held during winter and when we are able to send out instructors. Rifle practice can be carried out within reason at the managers discretion and under his guidance. Strict discipline is of course necessary to avoid accidents.

Surrender of weapons. Weapons should always be surrendered to the manager and we will collect them from him. This arises in the case of an employee leaving the farm or for any other reason which the manager deems surrender necessary.

If you have any questions on the above or any other aspect of Camp Volunteers I will do my best to supply you with answers and information.

Yours faithfully,


COLONIAL SECRETARY
To All Farm Managers.

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

Stanley Fitzroy

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

April 17th. 1966 *19*



The Hon. The Colonial Secretary
Stanley.

Loi. 21/4

Dear Sir

CAMP VOLUNTEERS

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I refer to your circular 0838 and to the paragraph headed Controlling Authority. It states that the Manager or his deputy holds all ammunition and is responsible accordingly.

I wish to inform you that 2,000 rounds of .303 ammunition suddenly appeared on the rolling tables at the woolshed here without anyone knowing it's purpose or ultimate destination. I assumed that it was intended for the use of the franc-tireurs in this area and accordingly put it under lock and key. As no information has reached me either in writing or by word of mouth from the issuing officer I do not know if the quantity I have mentioned above tallies with the amount issued. Nor do I know who to ask .

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There are employees in possession of service type rifles and bayonets which were issued to them during my absence from the Farm last winter, are these weapons to remain in the hands of these individuals or should they, or at least the bayonets, be locked away with the ammunition?

Reply ar76

I will not take any responsibility for accidents which may occur while these firearms are on issue to employees and while the present slap-happy method of issuing ammunition continues. You must clearly understand that any accident which may occur involving a service rifle or ammunition issued from the Defence Force armoury is Government's responsibility, not mine.

Yours faithfully,



Section manager.

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2nd May, 1966

Dear Mr. Clement,

75 Thank you for your letter of April 17th concerning 'Camp Volunteers.'

I am sorry that things appear to have gone wrong. As you know Camp Volunteers was first discussed last year with the Sheeppowners' Association at the winter meeting and general agreement was obtained. After that Captain Kenrose of the Royal Marines went around camp stations obtaining more specific agreement for the detail. I cannot trace the records of his movements but Biteroy is marked on a list of his as 'agreed!'

However I am asking Captain Ian Martin, Royal Marines, to come out and see you about all this and clear up what appears to be an unfortunate mess.

If, of course, you feel that you cannot join in on the scheme we will certainly meet your views and withdraw all weapons and ammunition, but I hope you will not let it come to that yet.

(W.H. THOMPSON)

Mr. J.E. Clement,
PIE BOY

Copies to: Adjutant F.I.D.F.
Captain Martin. Please speak.

ER

Paq

CS. Efficiency Medals - having given careful thought to what I have decided what G.H. drawing room can not accommodate all who should attend and I therefore propose to present the medals & bars on Battle Day. Please tell Capt. Goss what I will be getting in touch with him re

Efficiency Medals & Bars.

WTS and
meanwhile
pt. have WTS
paper filed
BU on 1 Sept

WA
20/57

Medals

Private. E. Williams
" B. B. Peck.

First Bar

S.M. H. P. Luxton
Sgt. P. W. Peck (Pebble Island)
Pte. S. Inc Askill.

Second Bar

Sergeant A. H. Ford.

W.I. 18/5.

Ye. Martin & Goss wanted for W/E 11 June. take place as planned on 11
The holes for repairs are on the open part of G.H.
Marsons file, which you hold at the moment.

Provided Capt
write it here,
in presentation
of WTS ORC with
planned on 11

WA
20/5-

W.I.

W. 24/5 wfe

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL EXPENDITURE OF AMMUNITION FOR TRAINING.

1. Stanley Contingent.

Number of members	50	
Rounds per man	250	
Total expenditure per year		12,500 rounds.

(N.B. This figure is calculated to include the annual range course and also the amount of ammunition used on an annual camp.)

2. Farm ranks.

Number of members	150 (approx)	
Rounds per man	100	
Total Expenditure per year		15,000 rounds.

(N.B. This figure is to include the Bren guns on each station.)

3. The total expenditure of ammunition in any one year will therefore come to 27,500 rounds if the training is to continue at the present rate. This figure may be over the actual amount used but it would be wise to allow for the above expenditure if supplies are not to run out in a few years time.

4. In addition to the above figures there should be an operational 'first line' scale kept ready for immediate use. This should be to the same scale as above, ie another 27,500 rounds. This ammunition should become the training ammunition each year while the new supply is kept as the 'first line'.

Bu 1/9/66

.S.

On page 77 of this file is a list of Efficiency Medals and Bars due for presentation. I have already made it known that I should like to present these medals on Battle Day, 8th December. I hope that H.M.S. Protector will be in Stanley on that occasion but we cannot at this stage be certain that she will.

2. Thought should be given now to plans for the presentation. Government House drawing room is too small to accommodate the number of people concerned together with their friends and relatives and therefore the presentation would have to take place elsewhere. We cannot rely on the weather and therefore I think it would be advisable for the presentation to take place under cover.

3. Would you please discuss alternatives with Captain Goss? I suggest that the presentations take place immediately after the cathedral service and march past but if anyone has other suggestions in mind I should be glad to hear them.

4. As Sgt P.W. Peck lives on Pebble Island, I have written to Mr Monk to enquire whether it would be possible for Peck, should Peck so wish, to come into Stanley for the presentation. It may well be an inconvenient time from the point of view of the farm and I could, if really necessary, make arrangements for the Peck presentation at some other time; naturally I would prefer to deal with all the people concerned together.

EW
9/19/66

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TELEGRAMS: "MITERJACK PORT STANLEY"

PEBBLE ISLANDS.
W. FALKLAND ISLANDS.
18th September 1966

L.Gleadell Esqre.,
The Officer Administering the Government,
Stanley. F.I.

Dear Sir,

With reference a letter dated 9th September concerning Pat Peck, written by H.E. just prior to his departure to the United Kingdom. H.E. states that Pat Peck is to ^{be} awarded a Bar to his Efficiency Medal and he would like Pat to come to Stanley for this purpose on December the 8th next.

I talked with Pat Peck about this and said that so far as the Farm is concerned we would give him time off to do this; Pat however does not wish to go into Stanley then.

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18/11*

Possibly if Pat could be assured that he would only be required in Stanley for that one day and that weather permitting he would be flown in and out on the 7th and 9th of December he might be persuaded to come, especially if the Government were to pay his Air-passages.

Yours faithfully

(A.B.Monk)

Copy to P. Peck.

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peck
Reply at 8/4*

Y.E.,

Capt Goss feels that this should be a very simple affair in which the D.F. returns to the Drill Hall after the march past and that the presentation takes place there. He does not propose any form of following celebration.

L.G.

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We spoke with Capt Goss

on 18/11

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FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

STANLEY,
19th November, 1966.

SERVICE RECORD.

CAPT. W.J. JONES.

5. 4.35.	Attested.
28. 9.42.	Lance Corporal.
25. 4.44.	Corporal.
3. 6.47.	Colour Sergeant.
21. 6.49.	Commissioned Second Lieutenant.
1. 3.54.	Lieutenant.
15. 1.60.	Captain.
30. 6.62.	Transferred to Retired List.
22.10.66.	Transferred to Active List.

Medals.

Defence Medal.		Awarded 2.7.45.
Efficiency Medal.	Due 1943	Awarded 31.12.52.
" " 1st clasp.	Due 1947	Awarded 31.12.52.
" " 2nd clasp.	Due 1953	Awarded 25.11.53.

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

STANLEY,
19th November, 1966.

SERVICE RECORD.

SECOND LIEUTENANT P.G. SUMMERS.

22. 1.41.	Attested.
16. 3.48.	Sergeant.
10.50.	Appointed Bandmaster.
15. 1.60.	Staff Sergeant.
1. 1.66.	Commissioned Second Lieutenant.

Medals.

Defence Medal.		Awarded 2. 7.45.
Efficiency Medal.	Due 1949	Awarded 31.12.52.
" " 1st clasp.	Due 1955	Awarded 30. 6.55.
" " 2nd clasp.	Due 1961	Awarded 20. 4.62.

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25th November

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To: The Adjutant,

From: Colonial Secretary,

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

STANLEY

Efficiency medals and bars.

This is to confirm that the following will receive medals and bars from H.E. The Governor on the 8th December.

Medals

Pte. E. Williams

Pte. B. B. Peck

First Bar

F.S.M. H.T. Luxton

Pte. S. McAskill

Second Bar

Sgt. A. H. Ford

Sgt. P.W. Peck will not be present and his bar will be sent to him by post. Please let me have the bar and I will arrange a suitable covering letter.



(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

25th November, 1966.

Dear Mr. Monk,

80 Thank you very much for your letter of the 18th September about Pat Peck's Bar to his Efficiency Medal. My very humble apologies for not having done something about it before.

We will not bother him, or you, now and he can have his Bar sent on by post which I will do.

Yours sincerely,

(W.H. THOMPSON)

A.B. Monk, Esq., J.P.,
PEBBLE ISLAND.

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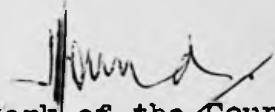
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14th December, 1966

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20. COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING

Referring to our relationship with Argentina, His Excellency said that thought might have to be given to the possibility of introducing compulsory military training in Stanley. The matter was being kept under review.

Council noted the position.


Clerk of the Council

Defence Hall,
Stanley.

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26 Jan 67.

Commandant, F.I.D.F.

Discussed

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Dear Sir,

As I am leaving this week and will not be able to see you before I leave I feel I ought to pass on once more a 'drip' on the attendance figures for the Force.

This week we have had an average attendance of sixteen ranks per platoon, a rather sorry state of affairs! Attendance is becoming very slack and I feel an announcement ought to be made to 'cancel' the 'excused' list until the end of the Proclamation.

I think they are all taking advantage of the lack of action on the 'deserters'. I am sorry that I cannot be of more assistance at present.

I have written to Captain Cross asking him to contact you on this problem.

Yours faithfully,

A. J. Met.

CAPT R.M.

P.S. Please excuse my hurried scrawl!

8th February, 1967.

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I am enclosing a copy of our Defence Force Ordinance, which we propose to revise pretty extensively, but before we get down to it I would appreciate your advice.

After the incident last year when a plane-load of Argentine irregulars appeared on the scene the Defence Force was called out for training by Proclamation. This training amounted to about one and a half hours a week.

The first flush of enthusiasm soon wore off and half a dozen awkward members of the Force refused to turn out for training. At first sight section 22 of the Ordinance appears to give the Commandant fairly adequate powers but in fact does not do so.

The Officers of the Force (which at maximum strength is only about 40 strong all ranks) are the Commandant (usually an honorary appointment) the Adjutant and one junior officer. This means that because the Adjutant and other officer are naturally involved in everything the Commandant must always act directly. In a civilian army called out for one drill of one and a half hours a week admonitions and reprimands do precious little to maintain discipline. Dismissal from the Force only encourages others to misbehave in order to get out.

The Commandant cannot set up a Court of Inquiry under section 22 (4), because, as I have said above, the other two officers are almost certainly to be involved in the matter for investigation.

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Our local Force is often our only defence, and with the ever-present threat of action against us by the Argentine hot heads the problem of maintaining reasonable discipline is an important one.

Sir Hubert Flaxman, C.M.G.,
Ashton Cottage,
Yaxley,
Nr. Eye,
SURREY.

Would you therefore offer your advice on the following points:

(1) Could it be made possible for a civil court to hear any military cases referred to it by the Commandant, where, in the opinion of the Commandant, there is no other way of ensuring a fair hearing?

I realise that a way round the problem is to revise sub sections 22 (3) and 22 (4), but because of closeness of life and involvement of personalities it is far from a satisfactory solution.

(2) Does an Honorary Commandant have the powers which the Ordinance gives to the Commandant?

(3) Section 45 says that fines or moneys may be recovered summarily as a civil debt by the Commandant. Does this mean that the Commandant does not have to proceed through a civil court?

For the purposes of your consideration please do not take any account of section 25 of the Ordinance which has proved to be neither here nor there in our situation.

(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

~~K10 as for sign~~
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8 Drills already held for 1967.
1 Day Exercise.

To R.L. *A.H. FORD SGT.*
K.C. Summers.
W.J. Coutts.

Discharge Medically unfit.
J. Allan.
S.N. Johnson.

Resignation.
J. Cheek. (W/T Operator)

Unpaid Fines.

T.D. Hansen: fined £3 9/1/67
do £3 7/2/67
Total £6.

E. Smith: fined £2 9/1/67
do £3 7/2/67
Total £5.

G.S. Duncan: fined £3 9/1/67 (Handed in all
kit to Q.M.)
Total £3.

R.W. Ross: fined £3 9/1/67 (subject C.O.
review)



Ashton Cottage,
Yaxley, Nr. Eye,
Suffolk.

28th March 1967.

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My dear Thompson.
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Thank you for your letter of 8th February 1967 about the revision of the Defence Force Ordinance.

(1)* In answer to your specific questions I consider that, in the case of a voluntary force such as yours, there would be no objection to reference to a civil court where military offences committed by its members are concerned. The principle is accepted here in the case of the Territorial Army by the Auxiliary Forces Act. Under this Act certain offences against discipline when undergoing training or attending drills and parades, or failure to appear for training, may be dealt with either under military law or in a magistrates' court, where offenders are liable on summary conviction to penalties which may extend to a fine of up to ~~50~~ £20 or up to three months' imprisonment for the more serious offences, or to a fine not exceeding £5 in minor cases. The division, in fact, roughly corresponds with the offences created in your Defence Force Ordinance under s.21 and under s.21 (2). It would be a simple matter to introduce this principle into your proposed revised legislation by the use of the words "the Commandant or a Court of Summary Jurisdiction" where applicable. It would, of course, be necessary to restrict the power of the civil court to fine or imprisonment (if you wish to introduce the latter penalty), and to leave exclusively military punishment, such as admonition, reprimand, reduction of rank or expulsion to the Commandant. And as the civil court could not be bound by the finding of a Court of Inquiry some alteration in section 22 would be inevitable.

A fine or penalty which "may be recoverable as a civil debt" should be recovered after due civil process. It becomes a "civil case" within the definition of s.2 of the Administration of Justice Ordinance, and should be dealt with in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction after a formal claim by or on behalf of the Commandant.

Your question "Does an Honorary Commandant have the powers which the Ordinance gives to the Commandant" is not a simple one to answer, particularly as it appears from your letter that the Honorary Commandant (yourself ?) takes some active part in the administration of the Defence Force. This state of affairs is unusual in my experience. An honorary military appointment is normally conferred as a distinction, and is titular, without involving the usual duties, privileges etc. of office. It is unusual for such an appointment to be treated as an active, although unpaid, one; although such a situation regularly arises where the honorary secretaries of clubs, societies etc. are concerned. In my view, if the Honorary Commandant is to have active powers to exercise the duties of Commandant he must be, as the Defence Force



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Ordinance states, "the Officer for the time being in Command of the Defence Force."
If this is the case he is the Commandant within the meaning of the Ordinance.

(I may be able to enlarge on this point shortly, as I have asked my son, an Army Officer with the Ministry of Defence, if he will have a word on the subject with the Judge Advocate's Department.).

It might be possible, subject to local considerations, to smeliorate the situation regarding Courts of Inquiry by enabling the Commandant to compose such a court with "officers and other persons". This would be unusual and might in practice be unsatisfactory, but it could be qualified by the safeguard that prior approval to the "other persons" must be given by the Colonial Secretary.

I hope the above will give you the answers you require. If it will assist you, and if you will let me know what revisions and amendments you have in mind, I will do my best to produce a draft Bill for arevised Ordinance for your consideration.

With best wishes and regards,

Yours sincerely

Hubert Flanagan.

The Hon. W. H. Thompson, M.B.E.,
Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

P.S.

I hope you will excuse my poor typing.

12th June 1967

Thank you for your letter of the 29th March 1967 about the Defence Force Ordinance.

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I have decided to go ahead with a revision and attach a list of the alterations that seem to be necessary. Perhaps you would look at them and comment as you may wish.

Would you be good enough to provide a draft of those sections so marked? Please do not attempt to draft the whole Amending Ordinance as that can be quite easily done here.

I hope you have been able to meet Mr. Bennett our Registrar, and that this summer is one to enjoy.

(W.H. Thompson)

Sir Hubert Plaxman, C.M.G.,
Ashton Cottage,
Yaxley,
Mr. Eyo,
SURREY.

Copy: R.G.S.C.

PEC.

97/A
Dependent Territories Division,

Our Ref. YC 10/SML

8th June, 1967.

Thank you for your letter of the 18th May asking about the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

2. The Defence Force which has been established for many years and has been fairly active recently is a Falkland Island Government organisation and I do not think there could be any question of a direct secondment to it from your present position. I did however take the opportunity when the Governor was in my office the other day, he is on leave, of showing him your letter and he said that he felt sure that you could be of considerable help to the Force but that he could not of course promise you a commission at this stage.

3. I am sending a copy of your letter to Mr. Thompson the Colonial Secretary who is administering the Government while the Governor is on leave and I have no doubt that he will get in touch with you when you arrive.

4. With regard to the question of retaining your "B" Commission while you are away from England I think it would be more satisfactory if you took this up direct with the Ministry of Defence but please write and ask me if you think there is anything that I can usefully do.

(A. ST. J. SUGG)

T.J. Smith, Esq.,
Munby,
Cowley Bridge Road,
EXETER,
Devon.

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"Munby"

Cowley Bridge Rd.,

Exeter,
Devon.

May 18th 1967.

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23 MAY 1967
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Dear Sir,

I am shortly going to take-up a teaching post in the Falkland Islands, and I'd very much like to know something about the Defence Force of the colony.

I hold a T.A. 'B' commission at present and I've been with the Army Cadet Force for six years. I would like to carry on my interest if possible without the necessity of resigning my commission, which I'd take up again on my return.

Could you tell me if I could do any military service in the Falklands, and whether arrangements such as secondment can be made through the Ministry of Defence (Army) or the A.C.F. Association.

Yours faithfully,

T. J. Sugg

Mr. Sugg
Dependent Terr. Secn.
C.O.

D.S.R. 58 220V on 23/5/67 JAE.

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3rd August

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To: Captain R.V. Goss, E.D., M.L.C.,
From: Colonial Secretary,
F. Is. Defence Force,

STANLEY.

Mr. T.J. Smith

Mr. T.J. Smith who has just arrived in the Colony as a teacher holds a United Kingdom Territorial Army commission and has also been with the Army Cadet Force for 6 years. He is asking whether he can be commissioned into the Defence Force.

Perhaps you would be good enough to take a look at Mr. T.J. Smith and let me know what you think.

See 97a & b

(W.H. Thompson)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

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ASHTON COTTAGE,
YAXLEY, EYE,
SUFFOLK.
MELLIS 317.

16 August 1967.

My dear Thompson.

I enclose my comments etc on
some of your proposed alterations to
the Defence Force Ordinance. I
hope they are adequate and will be
of assistance in the preparation of the
final draft. I have not
commented on sections where I have
nothing to add to your proposals.

We have had an exceptionally
good summer up to now. I hope
you can say the same about your
winter. It is most interesting to
keep in touch with your many &
varied activities through your
excellent Monthly Reviews.

Perhaps our correspondence will
be speeded up when you have an air
service from the mainland!

With my best regards,
Yours sincerely
Hulub Flacman.

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Noteson suggested amendments to the
Defence Force Ordinance, 1954.

Section 3 (1). You could add "and nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed so as to require any person to perform any military service, or any non-combatant duty connected with military service, outside the Colony."

Sections 12 and 13. Might be combined and read as follows -

"12. (1) Members shall be provided with such arms, clothing and equipment as the Governor shall direct, which shall be supplied to them at their enrolment and renewed at the public expense as the Commandant shall decide.

(2) All arms, clothing and equipment issued to any member shall be and remain the property of the Government and shall be produced, exhibited and delivered to the Commandant or to any person authorised by him to inspect and receive the same.

(3) Every member shall pay to the Commandant the cost of repairing or replacing any arms, clothing or equipment wilfully or negligently damaged, destroyed or lost by such member."

(Although "appointments" is defined in section 2 it seems rather a clumsy word in this connection. If the revised wording of "arms, clothing and equipment" is accepted, the definition should be deleted from that section.)

Section 15 (1). The words "returned with efficiency" may be technically correct, but the expression is new to me. ? Would not "served with efficiency" be simpler.

If no upper retiring age is fixed it seems that a period of service of at least eighteen years will be obligatory before a member may be posted to the Retired List. This might prove unsatisfactory in the case of a member who has been accepted for service in, say, his mid-thirties.

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Section 22. I suggest thst this section be re-drafted as follows -

"22.(1) Subject to the provisions hereinafter contained the Commandant may impose the following punishments upon members -

- (a) admonition;
- (b) reprimand;
- (c) severe reprimand;
- ?? (d) the carrying out of additional fatigues or other duties;
- (e) fine;
- (f) reduction in rank;
- (g) expulsion from the Force.

(2) Any offence under s.21 of this Ordinance shall also be cognizable by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, and the Commandant may, after investigating any charge brought under the provisions of section 21, remand any person so charged for prosecution before such Court, and the Court shall thereafter deal with the matter de novo, provided that any member charged with any offence shall not be liable to be tried by the Commandant and by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, but may be tried by either of them.

(3) Any member who commits an offence under section 21 may be ordered by the Commandant or by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction to pay a fine not exceeding £ , or, if he is a warrant officer or non commissioned officer may be ordered by the Commandant to be reduced in rank.

(4) An appeal to the Governor shall lie in any case where the fine imposed by the Commandant exceeds £ or reduction in rank is ordered, and an appeal to the Supreme Court as provided by law shall lie from any decision of the Court of Summary Jurisdiction."

(Please see my comment on this proposed section at page 5).

Section 23 (4) Delete as suggested, but substitute "all arms, clothing or equipment" for "all arms, ammunition, uniform and appointments."

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Section 24. (1).

I have a minor comment here. In your draft amendment the term "member of the Force" is used. The ~~old~~ Ordinance sometimes refers to "member of the Force" and sometimes to "member". In view of the definition in section 2 it would seem that the words "of the Force" are technically unnecessary. On the other hand I consider that "member of the Force" may be said to "read" better. For the sake of uniformity it would be as well to keep to one or the other of the terms throughout the new draft Ordinance, and this could be regularised by altering the definition in the Interpretation clause to "Member of the Force" means a person commissioned or enrolled as a member of the Force."

If you agree the word "member" in any of my proposed amendments should be read as "member of the Force", and the draft altered accordingly.

I think your requirement as to intervention by the Police will be met by adding the words "or deliver him into Police custody" after "member of the Force" in line seven of your draft, or by substituting the words "into police custody" for "into the custody of any member of the Force". Where an officer is concerned the requirement might be met by putting "open" before "arrest" in line six.

Section 36 (2). You may consider that it is desirable to have at least one officer on a Court of Inquiry convened by the Commandant. In that case the wording could be -

"(2) The Commandant may at any time convene a Court of Inquiry of officers, or of an officer and such other persons as may be approved by the Colonial Secretary, to inquire....."

If the participation of an officer may sometimes be impracticable, the section could read -

"(2) The Commandant may at any time convene a Court of Inquiry composed of officers or other persons appointed with the approval of the Colonial Secretary, or of both, to inquire....."

Section 38. The words "before him or" should be omitted from your draft.

Section 39. The sections under the heading "Offences"

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are not strictly speaking "military offences", but offences against military personnel or property. They are outside the jurisdiction of the Commandant, whose powers are limited to offences under section 21, and the wording "on summary conviction" in sections 39-43 may not require any amplification. However the position would be put beyond doubt if the words "on conviction by a Court of Summary jurisdiction" were substituted.

Section 40. This could be amended to read -

"40. If any person wilfully obstructs or molests any officer or member while on duty he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding £20, and may on complaint be arrested and detained without warrant by a police officer, or may be arrested or given into custody by the senior officer.....".

Section 41. The addition of the words "or a police officer" after "on the prosecution of the Commandant" should suffice.

Section 42. I think that this section should generally be considered as applicable to non-members of the Force only. The Commandant has power to deal with the offences referred to in cases where members of the Force, other than officers, are concerned, under section 21 (2), as offences under that section, and should proceed accordingly. He should not have power to proceed against non-members of the Force, and I suggest that the section should read -

"42. (1) If any person designedly and without lawful authority makes away with, sells, pawns, or wrongfully destroys or damages or negligently loses any article or thing issued to a member, or wrongfully refuses or neglects to deliver up on demand any article or thing issued to a member, the value of such article or thing shall be recoverable from him before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, and he shall, for any such offence be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding pounds."

In sub-section (2) the words "arms, ammunition, appointments, uniform, musical instruments or necessities" to be replaced by "arms, clothing and equipment" for the sake of uniformity.

5.

Section 43. I agree.

Section 47. The wording of this repeal section will require alteration.

I have not proposed any separate provision for summary trial by the Commandant in the draft for section 22. The maximum penalty proposed for offences under section 21, particularly those in sub-section (1), is very light - no doubt because you have local conditions in mind. Maximum penalties of fine up to £50 and imprisonment would not normally be considered excessive. I am not aware of the present procedural difference between summary and non-summary trials by the Commandant (perhaps it is governed by Regulation ?), but in view of the low maximum fine permissible it seems reasonable to permit him to deal in the same way with all cases coming before him under s.22, and there should be no need to make provision for differing forms of trial. If you wish to keep the distinction a sub-section in the present terms can be included in the draft.

Voluntary

If you are likely to be faced with a shortage of man-power in emergency you might find it useful to have some reserve (however small) to call out. It might be possible to form a reserve from able-bodied men who have been transferred to the Retired List under section 15 (1) (a) and (b) and who are willing to serve in emergency. If so, this could be brought about as follows -

"There may be established a Reserve which shall consist of any person who was a member and has been placed on the Retired List and whose application to become a member of the Reserve has been approved by the Commandant.

(2) Section 16 shall apply to the Reserve in the same manner and to the same extent as it applies to members on the Active List."

Yes.

H.F.

Section 3 (1) to be amended to read:-

"Establishment and Organisation.

There shall be raised and maintained a Defence Force for service in the Colony."

Most of the present section is superfluous and it is not intended that the Force should serve in the Dependencies.

Section 3 (2) delete the words "established under the Defence Force Ordinance (Chapter 19)"

The reference now has no meaning.

Section 5 delete all of this section.

There is, and can only be, one unit.

Section 6 (1) delete the words "by the Commandant" and "which shall be kept by him"

It is necessary to command a particular person to do the job.

Section 12 (1) to read:-

"Section 12. Members shall wear such uniform as the Governor shall direct, which shall be supplied to them on their enrolment and renewed at the public expense as the Commandant shall decide."

Section 12 (2) no longer necessary: uniforms are supplied.

Section 13 (1) Re-word the first and second lines to read:-

"All arms, ammunition, clothing and appointments issued on loan to any member of...."

This ensures similarity of drafting in all appropriate sections.

Section 13 (2) to read:-

"Every member shall pay to the Commandant the cost of repairing or replacing any arms, ammunition, clothing or appointments wilfully or negligently damaged, destroyed or lost by such member."

Section 14. delete the words "by the Commandant" in the last line thereof, putting a full-stop after the Force.

Thus to tie up with re-drafted Section 6 (1).

Section 15 (1) delete the words "or has been returned with efficiency for at least twelve years and has attained the age of forty one years."

No upper retiring age is required. Subsections (a) and (b) provide all the powers that are necessary.

Section 15 (2) (a) to read:-

"has been certified by a Medical Officer to be debarred from further service with the Force by reason of physical disability, not being the result of his own misconduct, or"

The limitation is not considered necessary.

Section 15 (6) deleted. The need for this has now disappeared.

Section 16 (1) delete the words "or any unit".

Section 21 (1) alter the third line to read:-

"...any duty under this Ordinance, commit an...."

Section 21 (2) alter the second line to read:-

"...parade or not, shall commit an offence if he,..."

Section 21 (3) alter the second line to read:-

"...officer, shall commit an offence and shall be..."

Section 22

Would you re-draft this

- (a) to make subsection (2) apply to officers, warrant officers and non-commissioned officers as far as fines are concerned retaining the alternative of a reduction in rank for warrant officers and non-commissioned officers.
- (b) to increase the fine referred to in subsections (3) and (4) to £10.
- (c) to allow cases to go before either the Commandant or a Court of Summary Jurisdiction.
- (d) the composition of a Court of Inquiry whether made up of officers or of officers and other persons presents the greatest difficulty. It is therefore suggested that 22 (4) as amended by Ordinance 5 of 1964 should be deleted in its entirety.
- (e) if 22 (4) is deleted a new safeguard is required and it is suggested that 22/5 be re-written to provide for appeals to lie to the Governor or the Supreme Court as may be appropriate in every case where the fine exceeds £3.

Section 23 (4) delete the words "being public property or the property of the Force" and amend third line to read: "all arms, ammunition, clothing and appointments,".

Section 24 (1) to be amended to read:-

"If any member of the Force when he is on parade, or undergoing training, or wearing uniform, or on duty, disobeys any lawful order of any officer under whose command he then is, or is guilty of misconduct, the officer then in command of the Force, or any superior officer under whose command the Force then is, may order the offender, if an officer, into arrest, and if not an officer, into the custody of any member of the Force: provided that the offender shall not be kept in such arrest or custody longer than during the time that the Force as aforesaid shall remain on duty. For the purposes of this provision any such member while going to or returning from any place of exercise, drill, or assembly shall be deemed to be on duty so long as he continues to wear uniform."

Obviously an entirely Civilian Force with no permanent employees cannot hold a person in custody, could you therefore enlarge this to allow for arrests by the Police and for holding in custody by the Police.

Section 27 delete the words "if willing to do so" in line 3.

Section 28 delete the words "except at such times and under such conditions as are hereinafter specified."

The words appear to have no application.

Section 30 delete the words "to fatigue or exposure incident"

This is considered to be too narrow and not in accord with rulings in the United Kingdom.

Section 36 (2) Would you re-draft to allow Courts of Inquiry to be made up of officers and other persons: such other persons being subject to approval by the Colonial Secretary.

Section 38 It is suggested that the last seven lines should read:-

"the President of the Court of Inquiry may certify the default, refusal or contempt under his hand to a Court having power to deal with or punish persons guilty of like acts or omissions, and such Court may thereupon inquire into the same and, if the person is found guilty, deal with or punish him in like manner as if such default, refusal or contempt had been made or committed before him or in relation to the Court.

Section 39 Are not the words "by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction" necessary between the end of line 3 and the beginning of line 4?

Section 40 The first 4 lines to read:-

"If any person wilfully obstructs or molests any officer or member of the Force while on duty, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding £20, and may be arrested or given into custody ..."

Can you suggest a form of drafting to allow arrests by the Police. Surely immediate arrests by a specific person are not always possible?

Section 41 The words "on the prosecution of the Commandant" seem to be over restrictive. Will you please provide a draft to allow arrest and prosecution by the Police.

Section 42 (1) Is not this section written in such a way that it is
and 42 (2) capable of application to both a member of the Force and any other person?

In any event it would appear that the level of fine should be consistent with powers given to the Commandant in Section 22, and provision should be included for cases under the section to be heard in a Civil Court. This could be done by inserting between the words 'him' and 'and' in line 3 from the end "or by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction".

This section might even conflict with other law and may not be necessary at all. Is not the Larceny Act enough?

Section 43 Do you consider that a re-wording as follows makes this easier to handle?

"If any employer or person by threats or otherwise wilfully prevents or endeavours to prevent any one from becoming or from serving as a member of the Force, such employer or person shall be liable on summary conviction, if the offence be committed in peace time, to a fine not exceeding twenty five pounds, and, if committed at any time during which the Force or any part thereof is on active service, to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds for each such offence or repeated offence."

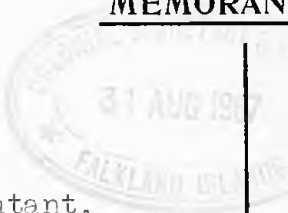
Schedule Delete the words "and its Dependencies" from the Oath.

pmc.

No. 0538

MEMORANDUM

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



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31st August, 1967.

To: Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

From: Adjutant.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:-

Return of His Excellency.

I anticipate a Guard and Salute. Subject to your direction I will arrange and ask members to prepare their new 'Blues' for the occasion. A total of 34 have now been issued. Some require slight alteration and all are to be fitted with our new buttons.

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11th September 67.

To: The Adjutant,

From: Colonial Secretary,

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

STANLEY

Military Display

I have asked Captain Keelan whether his unit could provide some sort of display, possibly with the hovercraft, at the time of the Races.

The F.I.D.F. might do something as well. How do you feel about this?

Much of course depends on Protector.

(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

TB

See 105

Ref: ~~P/1018~~ 0338

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12th September 1967

Dear Sir,

Guard of Honour for His Excellency The Governor
on return from leave on 23rd September.

Provided R.M.S. Darwin arrives in daylight I would like a Guard of Honour.

I suggest that the Royal Marines should supply the Guard, but if the arrival is at a time which does not conflict with working hours the Falkland Islands Defence Force might like to take part.

Please concert your arrangements and let me know what will take place.

Yours faithfully,

(W.H. THOMPSON)
ACTING GOVERNOR.

The Officer Commanding,
Royal Marines,
STANLEY.

The Adjutant,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
STANLEY.

TB

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No. _____

MEMORANDUM

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

12th September, 1967.



To: The Colonial Secretary,

From: Adjutant,

Secretariat,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY

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SUBJECT :-

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Military Display

I refer to your memo 0838 of the 11th September.

Our active roll now largely consists of young men and I feel they may well be keen to take part but at this time of the year much would depend on the amount of time required for training. Between now and Xmas we plan to hold 3 Field Day Exercises, 2 Ceremonial Parades, and the Annual Musketry Classification, apart from the odd Drill Parade, Rehearsals, and those taking part in a special R/T course. If the weather is kind, no problem. But if the married members do find themselves pressed for time we still have 16 to 18 single men who could join in.

W

[Handwritten Signature]

Captain,

ADJUTANT.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.REPORT.Headquarters,
4th October, 1967.DEFENCE SCHEME EXERCISE
4th OCTOBER, 1967.
TIME 0700 - 1230.STAND TO

The alarm sounded at 0700. Weather conditions were excellent. Total response was very good with 34 Active members taking part. 2 members - FIC Butchers - who were not present have reported that they were up at the Butchery and did not hear the alarm.

The zeal of all concerned is reflected in that services and personnel were able to report a complete state of readiness within 25 minutes of the alarm sounding. This included the Guards drawn from Retired List volunteers being in their respective positions and the Aircraft ready. All but the Active members and P.W.D. drivers were stood down at 0730.

The Stand To showed that the Defence Force can be alerted and brought to a state of readiness with good speed.

His Excellency The Governor accompanied by the Colonial Secretary attended throughout the whole exercise.

TRANSPORT

5 Government Land Rovers with drivers were used. Drivers were quick off the mark and all transport operated most efficiently.

Land Rovers are excellent vehicles for moving small sections of troops quickly and comfortably and are ideal for our purpose both in moral and efficiency.

The transport provided showed that the Defence Force can quickly be made efficiently mobile.

3-Part Exercise

3 Sections of 4 Royal Marines to each Section were used as live enemy. Observation Posts were established by the defending forces on Mount William, Sapper Hill and the Look-Out Rocks in the vicinity of the Wireless Station. Reports on enemy movements were received from Sapper Hill only as our 88 set on Mount William failed to make contact.

Part 1 3 Sections of troops - Royal Marines and Defence Force working together - were transported to the Filtration Plant under command of Colour Sergeant Miller, R.M. Moody Valley Farm House and the Stone Crusher area were cordoned off and the 4 'enemy' were captured while taking cover in the vicinity of the farm stable. Method - Cordon with direct frontal approach.

Part 2 1 Section under the command of Cpl B. Ford were transported to the vicinity of the RSR Station on Davis Street and made an attack towards the Wireless Station and succeeded in capturing the 'enemy' in and around the building. Method - Fire and Movement to objective then 3 men routing while remainder of Section give cover.

Part 3 All troops with Sergeant Rocky, R.M. in command were then transported to Government House. The whole area was cordoned off and the 'enemy' around Government House were captured. Method - Complete cordon with individual routing by 1 Section.

Equipment

R/T sets. 3 A40 (R.M.) 1 A41 (R.M.) 2 88. 1 SR 19.

Weapons. Rifles, Brens and S.L.R.

Ammo. 5 Blanks per man and enemy with Smoke Grenades.

Police

A Constable accompanied the troops.

General Remarks

With the ideal conditions the alarm system worked well but I am of the opinion that maroon type rockets should still be obtained as we are aware that the sirens do freeze up. The use of Church Bells also helps particularly in distinguishing the Defence...../

Defence Alarm from the Fire Alarm.

Our transport system worked well, saves a great deal of time in moving troops, and greatly assists in conserving the energy of our part-time soldier.

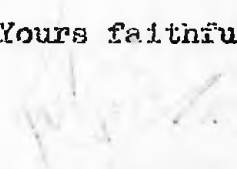
The nature of the Exercises and the time allocated allowed only brief work on the ground such as Fire and Movement. I sense that some members were a little disappointed in this particularly in such glorious weather.

The failure of our 88 R/T sets will be looked into and we must obtain or develop a better means of intercommunication as this is vital particularly where man-power is limited. I will discuss with C. Reive and Captain Keelan.

A Constable in his blue uniform stands out in the field like a black sheep in the flock. In contact with an enemy he would obviously draw fire. I suggest it would be an alround advantage if he wore similar attire to the troops and carried his own badge and arm band.

I am of the opinion that the Exercise as a whole was succesful, useful and enjoyable. I recommend that the next one be based on the interception of an enemy in the field.

Yours faithfully,



Captain,
ADJUTANT, F.I.D.F.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

29th December, 67.

Dear Sir,

I am to inform you that you have been appointed to the unestablished part-time post of Armourer/Storekeeper in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with effect from 1st January 1968.

2. You will receive an allowance at the rate of £200 per annum.

Yours faithfully,

(H. L. BOUND)
for COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. J. S. Smith,
STANLEY.

AA

Copies to: Adjutant FIDF
Treasury.

In reference

The Legislature has for 3 years approved the payments of bounties to the F.I.D.S.

X | The Treasury continues to contest the validity of the estimates in this matter. Such action is, of course, "ultra vires".

The scale of bounties is, & has been approved by me both as Commander & Colonial Secretary, & is in accordance with the wishes of the Legislature.

This is to revoke the authority for 1861's bounties.

Whom for C.S.
1/3/68

110/3.

C.T.

To see 102 re.

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C.S.
2.3.68.

C.S. X | is untrue.

Please provide me with the scale of payments, or details of the basis on which the payments are calculated. J.G.

26th March 1968.

Dear Captain Jones,

As a first step in reorganising the Falkland Islands Defence Force I would request you to accept full responsibility for training.

It is undeniable that we face a continuing risk of intrusion by irregulars from the Coast and the standard of Falkland Islands Defence Force training must therefore be kept at the best possible level.

Your long service, obvious keenness and work in connection with the last Annual Camp make it obvious that you are the person for the task.

I shall be grateful for your reply.

Yours sincerely,

(W. H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY
and Commandant
Falkland Islands
Defence Force

Captain W. J. Jones,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
STANLEY.

AA.

Copy to Captain R.V.Goss E.D.,M.L.C
Adjutant F.I.D.F.

See 115

1st April, 68.

Colonial Secretary.

Adjutant, Falkland Islands Defence Force.

c.c. Colonial Treasurer
c.c. Audit.Payment of Bounties.

The following basis for calculation will be used.

For completion of the 12 statutory training periods - \$6 per person.

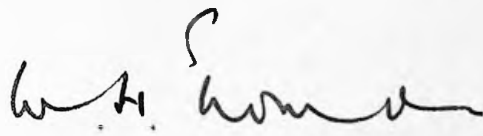
For attendance at approved field exercises up to a maximum of three - 10/- per exercise.

Attendance at Annual Training Camp - \$2. 10s.

No bounty shall be paid unless the member concerned has completed his annual rifle classification, or, unless the member has been excused or exempted by the Commandant in writing.

The bounty is payable to officers on the authority of the Commandant.

This instruction shall be retroactive to the 1st July, 1967.

(W.H. THOMPSON)

WHT/SC

115
Stanley,
4th April, 1968. *pa.*

Dear Sir,

112
Thankyou very much for the kind remarks contained in your letter No.0838 of 26th March, 1968.

Regarding your request for me to accept full responsibility for the training of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, I very much regret having to inform you of my decision of not being able to accept this responsibility on a part-time basis. I have made this decision most reluctantly after many days of careful consideration. From previous experience I know only too well the amount of work which is involved in a job of this nature, and that Military, and Police Work in particular, do not go together.

I am in complete agreement that we cannot overlook the possibility of intruders landing on our shores, but regardless of this, our AIM must and should be to reach the highest possible standard in the training of the Force. To achieve this, one must be in a position to devote time and energy towards planning and putting into operation a progressive and systematic training programme. Also social and competitive activities within the force to try and promote and retain interest.

My only reason for relinquishing the Post of Adjutant and Instructor to the Force and going on the Retired List was that I could not faithfully serve two masters no matter how hard I tried. This ^{is} equally true today. If it had not been for the events which followed the DC4 incident I would have still been on the Retired List.

Yours sincerely,

W. Jones

Capt.

Falkland Is. Defence Force.

W.H. Thompson, Esq.,
Commandant,
Falkland Is. Defence Force,
Stanley.

Through Capt. R.V. Goss, E.D. M.L.C.

R.V. Goss

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8th April, 68.

Adjutant, Falkland Islands Defence Force

Colonial Secretary.

c.c. O.C.R.M.

Training Officer.

In view of Captain Jones' refusal to accept the post of Training Officer, will you please discuss the situation with O.C.R.M. and let me have your recommendation for coping with the situation.

(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SC

H.E. the Governor.

Your Excellency. In accordance with Regulation 7 of the Defence Force Regulations, 1954, I recommend the promotion of Second Lieutenant P.G. Summers to the rank of Lieutenant.

Mr. Summers has now held the rank of Second Lieutenant for over two years, having been commissioned with effect from 1st January, 1966. He is now largely responsible for the day to day administration of the Defence Force and I consider him well worthy of promotion.

S.

COMMANDANT
FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

11th April, 1968.

Copy to - F.I.D.F. Confidential file. ✓
" " - P.G. Summers personal file.

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2nd July, 68.

Dear Sir,

Special training for non-commissioned officers.

Captain Clough has told me that it does not appear possible for him to carry out adequate training because the compulsory parade season comes to an end this week. You are aware of the feelings of the Defence Committee and I shall be obliged if you will do all possible to keep the four N.C.Os. concerned together in special training until the six weeks course has been completed.

By copy of this letter I am asking Captain Clough whether he could actually transfer this training to Marine Headquarters. It would be both warmer and more pleasant than the empty, unheated drill hall.

Yours faithfully,

(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Adjutant,
F.I.D.F.

c.c. Captain P. Clough, R.M.

SC

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119
John street,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.
9th August, 1968

Dear Sir,

I would draw your attention to the fact that a Military Exercise was carried out on Mullet Creek Farm on the evening of Thursday the 8th August 1968.

The participants were, I understand, Royal Marines and members of the Defence Force using blank ammunition and flares.

The exercise was carried out in the Sand Bay and Mount William area without the consent of the occupiers of the land or their representative.

This area is vitally important to the farm as it is the ewe breeding ground. Such an action would not only disturb the heavy-in-lamb ewes, many of which are bound to be in a weakened state at this time of year, but could result in heavy losses which a farm of this size cannot afford.

I would point out that even in the Falklands an entry of this nature can be regarded as a trespass ab initio and it is needless to refer to consequential damage.

I should be obliged for any protection you may be able exercise to prevent a recurrence of such an exercise.

Yours faithfully,

J. Bennett

p.p. Mrs. Browning Mrs. McGill

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Reply at 120

10th August

68.

Dear Sir,

119.

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th August and unreservedly apologise for the trespass upon Mullet Creek Farm.

I have taken steps to see that this does not take place again.

Yours faithfully,

S.

(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. H. Bennett,
STANLEY.

10th August

From: Colonial Secretary,

To: The OC Royal Marines,
The Adjutant F.I.D.F.,

STANLEY.

Complaint

I have received the following complaint from Mullet Creek Farm:

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(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

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From: Captain J.P. Clough, RM

Officer Commanding
Royal Marines
Naval Party 8901
c/o BFPO, Ships

R/TAGG/10

12th August, 1968

The Manager,
Hallett Creek Farm,
East Falkland.

Si 12/8

Dear Sir,

I would like to apologise most sincerely for trespassing on your land on the night of Thursday, 8th August.

It was completely my fault and I will make sure that this does not happen again.

Flares and blank ammunition were used in the area of the Quarry only, and so I hope did not disturb your cows.

Again I'm sorry for the inconvenience that we must have caused you.

Yours sincerely
Peter Clough

Copy to:

- ✓ The Colonial Secretary
Adjutant, Falkland Islands Defence Force

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Tel of 19.9.68
(f.123) sent
5 Aug.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From CROWN LONDON

To COLONIAL SECRETARY, STANLEY

Despatched . 15th October, 1968 Time : 1315

Received : 15th October, 1968 Time :

At request Lt. Summers grateful authorise purchase embroidered shoulder titles for Defence Force costing four pounds four shillings plus postage quote ref GIY/8/24279

125.
Please despatch
necessary authorization
for purchase

F/L : AA

R/L

17:10:68.

Adjutant, 124

Pl. advise

f c.s.
15.10.68.

4th February 1969

To: C.T., S.M.O., S.P.T., S.P.E.,
H.M., S.P.W., G.P., *oil Police,*
From: Colonial Secretary, STANLEY

Copies: Adj. FIDF, Postmaster

F.I.D.F. Annual Training Camp.

It is hoped that Heads of Departments will be able to release the following for the camp between the 8th and 16th February 1969.

Officers will continue to draw pay.

Capt. W.J. Jones	Police
Lieut P.G. Summers	Treasury
F.S.M. H.T. Luxton	Customs
Sgt. B. Ford	Printing
Cpl. D.J. Hansen	Post Office
Pte. P.J. Watts	Studio
Pte. G.W. Cheek	Power & Electrical
Pte. L. Harris	Power & Electrical
Pte. O. May	Power & Electrical
Pte. B.W. Shorey	Medical
Pte. A.R. Biggs	P.W.D. Carpenters
Pte. A.A. Alazia	P.W.D. Painters
Pte. P. Summers	P.W.D. Garage.

(W.H. THOMPSON)

COLONIAL SECRETARY

No. 0638/1

MEMORANDUM

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It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



4th February, 1969.

To: The Colonial Secretary.

From: Officer in Charge Police.

STANLEY

W162

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- F.I.D.F. Annual Training Camp.

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Reference your Circular dated the 4th February, 1969, about the Training Camp, but I regret that Constable Jones cannot be spared to take part in it.

I discussed with Constable Jones a week ago, the problem of releasing him for the weeks training and he agreed that it would be unfair to other officers in the Force to expect them to continue doing extra duties whilst he was away. He will however, undertake training whenever his off duty period permits.

Officer in Charge,
Falkland Islands Police Force.

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Lt. P. Summers
Adjutant.
5.3.69

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Naval Party 8901
Moody Brook Camp
Stanley

RM/FAIK/9

27th June 1969

The Colonial Secretary
Secretariat
Stanley

FAIKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE
CAMP MEMBERS

Reference: A. Quarterly Report RM/FAIK/24 dated 27th May, 1969 (held by His Excellency The Governor)

1. Resulting from personal visits and training teams' visits to a number of Camp Settlements, listed at Reference A paragraph 6, the following faults have emerged:

- a. Volunteers feel out of touch with Stanley FIDF, seeing only my Marines and only then infrequently. Thus they feel neglected.
- b. Ammunition generally is in short supply both for training and first line use, resulting in infrequent shooting practice.
- c. Volunteers are neither sworn-in as members of the FIDF, nor issued with any uniform. An armband would satisfy Part 1 Article 4 of the Geneva Convention and qualify these men for treatment as Prisoners of War, should the occasion arise.

2. I feel that action along the lines of the following would alleviate some of the despondency amongst Camp Volunteers, and might even encourage others to join:

- a. A uniformed member of the FIDF in Stanley to accompany my training teams where possible, and in any case an officer or SNCO from the FIDF to visit all Settlements officially at least once a year.
- b. The ammunition scales at Settlements to be reviewed annually and adjusted to enable realistic practice to be carried out at least monthly. This action to be supervised by the RM Sergeant Major.
- c. Camp members of the FIDF to be sworn-in and issued with some kind of distinctive armband.

3. Paragraph 2c above would probably necessitate the payment to Camp Members of a small annual bounty or capitation grant. I feel that this would be justified if a record of training was kept by Settlement Managers.

M.A. Macleod

(M.L.A. MACLEOD)
Captain, Royal Marines

No. _____

MEMORANDUM

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6th April, 1970



It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

To: The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

From: Adjutant, F.I.D.F.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Hut on Weddell Island.

The attached letter has been received from the Manager, Weddell Island.

We have no record of such a hut belonging to the Defence Force and it seems probable that it was either purchased by or handed over to Weddell at the end of the war.

As ownership of the hut cannot be established and would also appear to be of little value I wish to recommend that the Manager be informed that Government wishes to make no claim on the hut.

Yes. Do you approve please?.

JG/1+

[Signature]
Adjutant.

Weddell Island
18th March 1970

Dear Sir,

During the
1939-45 war the government
erected a hut upon Mt. Weddell
for the men on out-post.

Could you let me know please
if this hut is still the property
of the government, or has it
been bought by John Hamilton Estates Ltd.

If it does still belong to the
government I should like to
offer a small sum for it.

As you will understand it
is deteriorating, owing to age, and
never having been painted.

However I could make use of some of
the material if I could purchase it.

I should be very grateful for
a reply soon, because of

I could purchase it I should,
like to do something about
dismantling before the winter
sets in.

Yours sincerely

R. Ferguson

Manager

Adjutant, F.I.D.F.,

To note approval pl.
& take necessary action.

J. E. S.

9.4.70.

C.S.

Noted thank you and Manager
Weddell Island informed accordingly.

JES
Adjutant
9/4/70

By. 29. 5. 70.

(for main file)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON

8TH MAY 1970.

10. Military Transport (C.S.0838)

The Chairman noted that the appropriate body would need to discuss the question of the training programme provided by the Royal Marines in the Camp the transportation expenditure in respect of which is met by the Falkland Islands Government.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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25th May

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I should be grateful if you would get into contact with me by telephone in order to arrange discussion of the training programme which the Royal Marines provide in the camp. As you probably know, the financial provision in respect of transport for this training is carried by a Falkland Islands Government vote which is under my control. Last year this vote was exceeded, and while I do not wish to make any issue of that I think it would be as well, at the beginning of your time here, for the two of us to get together in an endeavour to agree upon a realistic programme which will give the best value for money to both the colony and you.

See 140

(J. A. Jones)
Colonial Secretary

Captain Lester
Naval Party 3901,
Moody Brook,

JK
Take back to me after despatch of original.
25/5
3.8.70.

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19.8.70

Camp Training

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My letter of the 25th of May to you about contacting me in order to arrange discussion of the training programme which the Royal Marines provide in the camp was, through circumstances beyond the control of both of us (Legislative and Executive Council Meetings and preparatory work connected with my departure for Britain, primarily), abortive. I think perhaps we should get together now over this matter, if you would contact me by phone at your convenience.

(J.A. Jones)

Captain Leicester,
Naval Party 8901,
Moody Brook.

FA

CONFIDENTIAL

BU 24/8

Note discussed on 20/8. Camp training of FDT by increased Marine X unit is $3/4$ completed at an expenditure of £350 approx. Ol plans to complete one round of training for all camp units by end September.

J24/8
J/C Lee X. What is the expenditure figure to date under head IX (b) 12: Military Transport. J24/8

BU 24/8 CS £168 to date. Another £25 expected before end Aug. FA 24.8.70

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No. _____

MEMORANDUM

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

24th August, 19 70

To: The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

From: Adjutant, F.I.D.F.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Disposal of Guns at Charles Point.

The attached letter has been received from Mr. J.S. Smith.

These guns are now obsolete and of no use to F.I.D.F. but as I have never been to the Charles Point site may I have permission to arrange with Harbour Master to visit before submitting a recommendation please.

You may wish to appoint a Board of Survey to visit at the same time to make their recommendations.

See 1114

H. Summers

Adjutant, F.I.D.F.

C.T.

You have no objection to the proposed visit?

C.I. No.

L.E. 28/8/70

[Handwritten initials]

63 Fitzroy Road,
Stanley.
27.7.70.

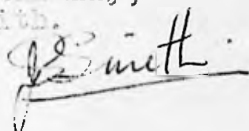
Dear Sir,

Recently I visited the site of the two gun positions
at Charles Point 1939 - 45 Outpost.

These guns over the years
are now in a very dilapidated condition, and I understand they
are now obsolete.

May I have permission to obtain the brasses
from these units as mementoes.

Yours faithfully,
J. S. Smith.



The Colonial Secretary.
The Adjutant, F. I. D. Force.

1st September

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From: The Colonial Secretary,

To: The Adjutant,

Falkland Is. Defence Force,

STANLEY

Guns at Charles Point

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Your memorandum of 24th August 1970 refers.

2. Permission has been given for you to visit Charles Point and inspect the guns there. Would you please arrange to do this and submit your report to me in due course.

3. A board of survey on the guns is being appointed and will visit the Charles Point site at the same time as yourself. It is regretted it is not possible to anticipate what the board's recommendation will be.

(Sgd) R.Browning.

for COLONIAL SECRETARY

1st September 70

To: Mr F.T. Lellman u.f.s. S/E

From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEYCopies to: Mr W.A. Felton; S/E;
Adjutant FIDEBoard of Survey - Guns at Charles Point

I am to inform you that you have been appointed chairman of a board of survey to inspect the guns at Charles Point and submit recommendations as to their disposal. You should liaise with Adjutant F.I.D.F. and arrange to visit the site at the same time as he does.

2. The other member of the board will be Mr W.A. Felton.

(R. Browning)
for COLONIAL SECRETARY

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COLONIAL SECRETARY.

STANLEY.



STANLEY.
SEPTEMBER 11th 1970.
REF. NO. 0838.

SIR,

A BOARD of SURVEY on September 9th 1970 inspected the two guns at Charles Point.

The particulars of the guns were as follows:-

Number one gun Q.F. 12Pr. 12cwt. W.B.&Co. 19¹17

Number two gun 12Pr. 12cwt. P.I. Made by B.U.S.M.Co. Ltd.

W.T. Cradle 5-2 ADMY. No. 323. Date 25. 7. 17.

The Board recommends that these guns could be disposed of and removed from the site.

We are,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

F. T. Hellman (Chairman)
W. A. Felton

Handwritten mark or signature at the bottom left corner.

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No.

MEMORANDUM

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

14th September, 1970

To: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

From: Adjutant, F.I.D.F.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Guns at Charles Point.

As authorised in your Memorandum 0838 of 1st September I visited Charles Point on 9th September, 1970.

Except for the Breech blocks which were dumped in Port William after the war the guns ~~are~~ intact but in a very poor state. There is a fair amount of brass on each gun and I consider that this is the only item in which scrap dealers ~~are~~ likely to be interested.

The guns have been deleted from F.I.D.F. books and it would appear that they were written off soon after the war when the breech blocks together with those of the Canopus Huts guns and Ordnance Point gun were dumped in Port William.

Details of the guns are:

Ordnance Q.F. 12 Pdr. (12 cwt) Mark I Reg No 804, EOC Mounting.

Ordnance Q.F. 12 Pdr. (12 cwt) Mark I Reg No 251, RGF Mounting.

The guns each have a shield around them of approximately 1 inch steel plate which although rusted may be of some use to P.W.D.

As stated in my earlier Memo these guns are now obsolete and of no further use to F.I.D.F. and I would recommend that the brass be offered for sale by tender.

There are still a couple of little ammunition shelters, several boxes of practice shells, a lookout hut and a chimney still at Charles Point and I would like to see the site cleared completely but as this will of course involve expenditure I suppose it will be as well left as it is.

J. Semmes
Adjutant, F.I.D.F.

Act

C.T.

One hears from time to time that scrap metals bring a healthy price & I wonder whether we ~~shd.~~ not be thinking of cashing in on these things ourselves rather than sell for a pittance to some private dealer. Have you any means of ascertaining the current market for various metals?

2 On the other hand it might be that the cost of winning such items as brass from 12 pr guns at Charles Point wd. exceed the expected return that we wd. be better advised to offer it to tender.

J. Semmes

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No. _____

MEMORANDUM

It is requested that, in any reference to this memo-
randum the above number and date should be quoted.

15th September, 19 70

To: The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

From: Adjutant, F.I.D.F.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Postings to Retired List.

Applications have been received from the undermentioned members to be posted to the Retired List of the Defence Force:-

- Sgt. Goodwin, W.A.N.
- Cpl. Williams, E.
- L/Cpl. Robson, L.M.
- Pte. Felton, W.A.
- Pte. Rowlands, J.R.

All the above members have the necessary qualifying service and I wish to recommend that approval be given for their posting to the Retired List.

J. Hemmings Captain.
Adjutant.

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Adoptant.

P. 148.

How does this affect the FID's future strength?

- 2 Do you in fact want to lose the services of all of them?
And if not, what is the likelihood of any of them being persuaded to remain?

J
1/17/49

C.S.

Reference 149.

The retirement of these members will not really affect Defence Force strength.

Felton, Robson & Rowlands have not now been active for a few years, but are still on the Active Roll, all have more than the necessary service required under the Ordinance.

Goodwin as a crew member of "Forrest" cannot give the time he feels, as a senior N.C.O. to the Force on account of time away from Stanley. He is the one member I am sorry to see go, but reluctantly I have to agree with him.

Williams has the least service of all, but does have the required 18 years. He is a very good man for Ceremonial work, but is not all that keen on the outdoor field work. His retirement does mean that promotion can be given to one of our young keen active members.

In the event of an emergency, such as the D.C.4 incident, all retired members can be recalled for duty.

In the circumstances I still wish to recommend that their requests be granted.

H. Himmus
Adjutant.
17.9.70

No.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

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16th September, 1970

To: The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

From: Adjutant, F.I.D.F.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Falkland Islands Defence Force Promotions.

I wish to recommend that authority be given for the undermentioned promotions to be made in the Defence Force:-

Pte. Morrison, B.

to Corporal.

Pte. Watson, N.

to Lance Corporal.

Hermus Captain.
Adjutant.

KIV -150.

b. s.

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I doubt whether Government could make scrap dealing a paying proposition unless a large amount of scrap was available.

2 If there is some useful scrap the best bet from Government's point of view is public tender. This might be for cash or for cleaning up the site.

L.G.

21/9/70

CL

I thought before going ahead with offering to tender we shd. satisfy ourselves that this is the solution. C.T. believes it is + on further ^{investigation} I agree. Govt. labour is not cheap + the bill for a few men for a few days working at Charles Point is likely exceed the net return from scrap sales.

21/9/70

FCS. I agree.

2 I note the Board's recommendation p. 446. It says nothing about asking for tenders for the brass: but we should do so.

3 The Board is also vague in saying 'the gun should be disposed of & removed from the site'. Does this mean Govt. moves them; we offer the entire gun for tender; or what?

22/9

OVER

C.S.

I imagine the scrap dealers wd. may want the metal but has an attractive market wif we impose a condition to remove the whole unit our offers will reduce considerably. However this wd. be the most sensible way to handle it wif no worthwhile offers come forward we cd. think again. Rather than just horse them torn to pieces & left in an unsightly condition, it might be better to drop the whole idea & leave them as they are as a monument to the last war!

2 if you agree I will offer them for tender as a whole conditional upon leaving the site in a clean and tidy condition

3 It is just possible that P.W.D. wd. have a use for the steel plate & I will pass the file to SPW for his observations.

22.9.70

Res.

As in your para. 2 with the additional condition that 'disposal' does not mean dumping on land but disposal out of sight (obviously at sea). I leave you to phrase it.

2 I suppose NPP 8901/2 are not interested in acquiring them!

Record

Discussed with Lt/Col. Peckles who intakes has mentioned to O/C Rm. No interest.

22/9

S.W.

x/ on p. 147. Can you comment pl?

30/9

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29th September

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From: The Acting Governor,


To: The Adjutant,
F.I.D.F.,
Stanley.

Postings to Retired List, F.I.D.F.

Your memorandum of 15th September 1970 refers.

Approval has been given for the undermentioned members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force to be posted to the Retired List of the Force:-

Sgt. Goodwin, W.A.N.
Cpl. Williams, E.
L/Cpl. Robson, L.M.
Pte. Felton, W.A.
Pte. Rowlands, J.R.


(J.A. Jones)
ACTING GOVERNOR

29th September

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From: The Acting Governor,

To: The Adjutant,

F.I.D.F.,


Stanley.

Promotions, F.I.D.F.

Your memorandum of 16th September 1970 refers.

This is to advise you that authority has been given for the following promotions to be made in the Falkland Islands Defence Force, namely:-

Pte. Morrison, B.	to Corporal
Pte. Watson, N.	to Lance Corporal


(J.A. Jones)
ACTING GOVERNOR

FA

By 22.10.70.

(for ~~main~~ ^{copy} file)

A.C.S.

x/ on p. 147 refers.

1" Steel plating is very rarely used in our line, and I cannot ~~foresee~~ see any need for it in the foreseeable future, the usual problem is no-one wants these things until they are disposed of and then the demand increases I would say we should have it if it is landed here at no cost.

It may be worth a check with the "Forester" engineer, heavy steel plating is more often used from the Marine side

Filed 1/10/20.

it.m.

x/ above. Can you ascertain ϕ ?

7.10.20

C.S.

I cannot see any further use for the metal in quest. - by Harbour Dept.

8.10.20.

S/c

trans ϕ

8.10.20

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the two obsolete 12 pounder guns at Charles Point. There is a quantity of brass on each gun and they have a certain value as scrap metal.

The successful purchaser would be required to leave the gun-sites in a clean and tidy condition, disposing of any unwanted material in the sea.

Tenders marked "Charles Point Guns" should be addressed to the Chairman, Tender Board, Secretariat, to reach him not later than Saturday, 31st October 1970.

Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

16th October 1970.

Ref: 0838.

FA



Copy to Adjutant FIDF under Comp. Slip.

A.C.S.

One tender received.

14/10/70 pl.

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2. 11. 70.

By 2. 11. 70

Agreed.

The Tender Board ACS (chair), A/T & ~~Secretary~~
Adjutant FIDF met this afternoon to consider the one tender recd. -
that of £2 from Mr. J.S. Smith.

The Board is of the opinion that for this sum it wd.
not be worth disturbing the site & perhaps leaving it in a far less
tidy condition than it already is. At the moment the guns are in
a presentable condition & I suppose so from some link with the post,
although I don't know who would wish to view it in that light.
But apart from that angle it wd. almost certainly cost more
than £2 to have someone inspect the site after the removal of
the guns to satisfy us that ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~possible~~ para 2 of the conditions
of removal has been met.

It is recommended that the tender is not accepted.

J 4.11.70

ACS

Agree.

L.E.

5/11/70

S/c

Re. inf. Mr. Smith that his tender is too low.

J 6.11.70

Ag.C.S.

P.135 will need to be discussed at a Defence Committee meeting (and there are sufficient spare copies at b.o.f. to enable distribution, in due course, to members of the committee): but in the meanwhile it will be useful to give Captain Macleod's proposals some preliminary thought.

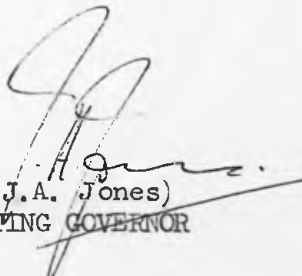
2. The feeling behind the proposals can be appreciated. The Marines have put a lot of work into camp visits and training and it is natural that they should not want to see camp enthusiasm evaporate. However, I foresee real difficulties over the proposal at 2 a, p.135, the principal one being the practical difficulty of sparing someone who is probably a Government or FIC employee to go on visits with the Marine training teams. The difficulty persists whether it was a different member of the F.I.D.F. who carried out the duty each time or not. The same difficulty applies to the second half of the proposal: effectively this would mean someone being away for weeks. At first blush neither of the two halves of the proposal made at 2 a, p.135, seem practicable.

3. As regards 2 b, while this seems harmless, there may, I imagine, be difficulties, farm-management-wise, to monthly rifle shooting practice being carried out. However, it will not be impossible to collect farm management views on this proposal and it does not seem open to the same sort of objections as 2 a.

4. 2 c. certainly seems sensible and in the best interests of the volunteers themselves. However, as Captain Macleod himself points out, some kind of capitation grant would probably be expected: but to administer it on a fair basis a little extra work would be placed on the shoulders of Managers - which may not be too popular a move. Nevertheless, on balance; and particularly because of X, p.135, I would think that this proposal for the provision of armbands to volunteers is a sensible and acceptable one.

5. The foregoing are only preliminary views. If you will put yours on paper also, we can arrange some discussion in due course.

13 August, 1968.


(J.A. Jones)
ACTING GOVERNOR

T.E.,

2 a. *Appreciated* It might be possible, but if my department were to be involved it would be most inconvenient and this is probably the view of most other people.

2 b. *This is true.* If we burn up too much .303 ammunition we shall find ourselves having to convert to 7.62 n.m. - and this will be an expensive matter

2 c. I am surprised this has not been done before. I doubt whether the payment is necessary.

h.g. 19/8/68