

C.S.

MISCELLANEOUS

WAR/W2H/2#9

19 39.

No. 164/39.

C. S. O.

SUBJECT.

19 39.

3rd September.

DECLARATION OF WAR ON GERMANY

Previous Paper.

MOBILISATION OF DEFENCE FORCE. *de*

✓
1914

MINUTES.

1. Telegram to All Farm Managers of 3. 9. 39.
2. Proclamation No. 6 of 1939.
3. Minute to Registrar-General of 7. 9. 39.

Yh. Submitted for information.
WCH
7. 9. 39

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HHH 5/9
Circular 48 of 10th Septh from S. of S

Yh. Submitted.

WCH

12. 9. 39.

Subsequent Paper.

A further let. went to you saying
that it was thought very improbable
that Germany would not be 3 years

that preparations for that period

at least were necessary

Do you consider it desirable to publish anything?

~~Marked~~

~~13/9~~ 13/9

Y.R.

I think it should be published in the local paper. It was broadcast from England

MCH
C.S.

V. well but ^{14. 9. 39} it should be

stated that H.M. Sw. does not as in
my minute above

~~14/9~~ 14/9

Notice for publication, 15. 9. 39.

(5)

Circ. Tele: 66 of 15/9/39 from L. of S. (6)

Y.R.

Submitted. Compulsory Service
in this colony is provided for
by Section 19 of Ord. 7 of 1920.

MCH

C.S.
15. 9. 39.

~~15/9~~ 15/9

- 7-8. Letter from W. H. Clement, Esq. of 14. 9. 39.
 9. _____ " _____ 30. 9. 39.
 10. Telegram from W. H. Clement, Esq. of 11. 10. 39.
 11. Letter from H. C. Harding of 9. 10. 39.
 12-14. _____ A. G. Barton, Esq. 8. 10. 39.

Mr. Defence Force.

To see reads 7-14
 and for your observations
 and recommendations on the
 matters referred to by the
 managers.

W. H.

C.S.

15. 10. 39.

Honble. Col. Secretary.

I would appear that all difficulties
 could be removed if control of relief of
 a responsibility for outposts was vested
 locally. Preliminary enquiries from
 Mr. P. Evans show him to be willing to assume
 this responsibility. He is calling a meeting
 to discuss situation. Meanwhile I submit
 he be asked to act officially forthwith.

From the military side I hope to
 be able to arrange for Lt. Allender to visit
 the three posts next week to help, advise a
 report on their sitting etc. etc.

W. H. 14. 10. 39.
 M. F. D. F.

Yh.

Submitted. I suggest that
this matter be considered
at the Defence Meeting on
Monday next.

MCH
CS
14. x. 39

Desires to say

Please telegraph to Mr. Harding
saying that I will be glad if he
will accept a Commission as
Captain in the Defence Force for
the duration of the war and adding
that O.C. D. 7. proposes to ~~put~~
~~the~~ allocate to him the control of the
area ^{in the W. 3} and the three control watching
stations in the W. 3. then

~~14/11/39~~ 16/x/39

H.R. spoken.

MCH
CS
16. x. 39.

Yh.

I do not know if Yh.
wishes the telegram to go
forward.

MCH
CS
17. x. 39.

HCS.

Since above was agreed a telegram has been received from Mr. P. E. Evans by the D.C. S. J., indicating that he had taken over control of the distribution of men to the various stations. (I had suggested to him in a personal letter a month ago that it might be a good thing if he took this on but as he did not refer to this suggestion in replying I assumed that he was not prepared to take it on.)

Under the circumstances I arranged after consultation with the D.C. to offer him a commission suggesting Mr. Harding alternatively. No further action necessary pending his reply.

I put up a draft notice for publication on the question of pay and allowances. Please show it to the D.C. the free for

any attention he may wish to
offer.

When approved it should be
issued and telegraphed to the
West for general information.

~~W.H.H.~~ 18/10/29

Mr. Deane Linn.

To see Notice it is
proposed to issue and for
any alterations you may
wish to suggest.

W.H.H.

18.10.29.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

1. May I request that the following notes that I have collected as a result of the discussion at the Defence Committee Meeting on Monday last, be given favourable consideration before I am asked to make suggestions on the proposed notice, the two subjects being so very relevant.
2. I submit that with the proposed increase of the numbers of the men from the Camp in Stanley and their possible movement to and fro as a result of reliefs etc., the avoidance of any anomalies in the pay of different men in the Force has become even more important than it was at the time of the Meeting.
3. When the matter was first brought to my notice by the N.C.O. i/c Long Island Look-out, he told me definitely that he was not getting his meat, quite irrespective of his other allowances - house, milk, eggs etc. The actual cash values of these perquisites are not easily ascertained, but the figure adopted by the Insurance Companies may be taken as a good guide. I understand that they are £60 p.a. in the case of a married man and £40 p.a. for a single man. On these figures and wages at £7 per month the cash value of his income is £144 and £124 p.a. respectively. Military pay with the Messing allowances is £168.16.3. and £123.3.9. These figures entirely ignore the question of any garden produce and they do, I think shew that there is not nearly such a wide discrepancy between the rates of pay as I have always been lead to believe.
4. A typical anomaly exists at the moment at North Look-out, where there are three men from the Camp and two Stanley men having different rates of pay.
5. I submit that the meat, if and when supplied by any farmer is a form of indirect taxation with an unfair incidence. Up to now the point has not become serious, but if one is to assume a War lasting for three years, something of a hardship will arise. A four man post costs approximately a pound a week for meat or £52 p.a. and this cost falls on the farm in whose area the post is situated, while other farms make no contributions.
6. I most earnestly submit that in view of all the relevant considerations that I have tried to set out above, that authority may be given for East Falkland at least, but more fairly for both, for the pay of the Force to include the 1/9 per diem messing allowance and that they purchase their own meat and stores.

Rushbrook
Major.

O.C. F.I.D.F.

19.x.39.

*He omitted to say
that he was getting 0
the rate of £3-10
a month above his
civilian pay*

Submitted. The OC. takes the
view that members of the Defence
Force should all be on an equal
footing and independent of
assistance from Camp Stations
i.e., that they should purchase
all they require including meat.
WCH

The statement of the ^{20. 4. 59} LCO. Long
Island is regarded as a try on. He,
a outpost, got billeted by SW. and
given free meat ~~as well~~ (it w^d be hard
to credit that he paid for any meat but if
necessary that it be enquired into) and
free shipping which he w^d not get in camp.
His family of course got milk ~~off~~. There
is no free issue of eggs in camp.

2. We know about the Lawrence Coy
situation but ^{we} are dealing only with cash
payments and it is not disputed that
every camp man ⁱⁿ "duty" is better off than
when on civil duty.

3. N. do not out sh^d be rewarded entirely for
the camp when practicable.

4. Farmers should be paid direct by SW. for
sheep consumed at 5/- a head or whatever the
practice has been. What did the Flying Co. pay?

5. The position in the camp is also different in
respect of the fact that the personnel are on peace
duty for 1 month at a time only.

6. 10 Ex. Co. for consideration

Please ask Lt. Commandr. G. Ward to give his views just
WCH 27/4/59

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Sheet No. 4

It will probably be better not to publish any notice at all if the present system is maintained.

I may say that I estimate the cost of paying all work at Stanley rates as amounting to £1200 a year over present expenditure.

~~11/11~~ 23/1/39

Lieut. Commr. Goddard
R.N. V.R.

In your views please.

W.H.
C/
23. 1. 39.

Hon. David Secord

Camp man as farm worker is paid either 6 or 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ per week plus mutton, housing & fuel.

Same man as a soldier is paid £7.10.0 per week plus mutton, housing, fuel & light, whilst his family (if any) still on farm continue to enjoy free meat, housing etc.

I can see no justification for raising the military pay of these men by a further 1/4 per diem.

If however it becomes desirable or necessary to.

fix a level rate of pay throughout the whole force, I think
 that considerable saving would accrue to Government and
 no hardship be entailed to personnel by substituting
 an issue of free mutton plus a ^{grocery} ~~allowance~~ allowance
 of 1/- per diem for the present messing allowance of 1/9¹ per diem
 Suggest
 Mutton issue @ 3 lbs per man per day (ie approx 1/2 sheep per week per man)
 " " " " @ 3^d per lb = 9^d (wholesale price)

Government could obtain mutton carcasses at say 7/6 each, that is
 2^d per lb (w loss if sheep are heavy) thus saving 1^d per lb on
 every lb of mutton issued or 3^d per head per man per day

Hon. S. M. O. *28.10.39*
 Captain Hon. D. S. A. Wren *29.10.39*
 The Hon. A. K. House *Nov 39*
 Major the Hon. J. A. Woodgate *26.11.39*
 Circulated for Ex. Council.
MCH
26.11.39

Telegram from Hon. J. C. Camera of 30.10.39. (15)

OC. R.A.S.C. }
 Agric. Adviser }

Please see message from
 Mr Cameron. Can you
 say what the position is
 and what reply should
 be returned.

MCH
 2. XI. 39.

Hon. Col. Sec.

The only man I know
 of who was engaged by McLameron
 has long since gone to Port San Carlos,
 his name being Elvas Fleet.

Possibly others may have been engaged
 by private agents.

No doubt most farms will be
 working short handed, which means
 of course, the work will take longer
 but, wool is not affected in the
 same way as the produce of agricultural
 and dairy farms would be.

RAW
 A.A. 6/11/39

16. Minute from O/C, Defence Force of 4.11.39.

17. ——— H.E. the Governor 6.11.39.

Yh.

Let 15 Submitted.
 Should be glad to be
 informed as to the reply
 to be returned.

MCH
 6. XI. 39.

H.C.S.

Will you please hold a meeting
this morning to settle this phase
of the man power question

O.C. D.F., S.N.O. and Captain
Weir should attend.

It is essential while the war
is in progress that the best possible
use should be made of the man power
available. — not only must our defences be
ensured but the sheep industry must
be carried on. There was ^{some} depletion
of man power in the industry before the
war: this has been much intensified
by men being called up for service in the
Stanley area and in coast watching.

I understand that 4 camps were
from the Long Island from an coming with
Stanley today. With the possible exception of
~~unless they include a~~

married men who cannot find employment
in the camp, there is no reason why they
should be employed in Stanley by the
Government. The military in the F.I.C. but
a clear understanding must be laid

down. (To equalize the position of ^{camp} coast watching
with members of the D.F. in Stanley I authorize
an allowance of 1/- a day being paid as against
the 1/5 in Stanley area) ~~1/11/35~~ 2/11/35

To relevant
help

C.S.O. No.....164/39

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Sheet No.....

A register or some similar record of man power is required to arrive at how it may best be used. There is at present no such record and it would take some time to prepare.

Meeting held at noon today. Present: The Officer Commanding Defence Force, The Senior Naval Officer and the Agricultural Adviser (O.C. R.A.S.C.)

Man power It was considered that with but few exceptions the fullest possible use was being made of the man power available but that at the present time there was a shortage of labour due to the employment of 25 men at South Georgia. So far as Stanley was concerned it had been found necessary to employ a certain number of old men for Agricultural work.

Labour in the Camp. It was considered that farm labour had not been unduly reduced as a result of Military requirements. The S.N.O. expressed the opinion that farmers could carry on the seasons work but would be somewhat later than usual in finishing. Inconvenience must be expected under war conditions. It was pointed out that no representations had been received regarding the impossibility of coping with the seasons work owing to shortage of labour. Calls had been made on farms for man power for Military purposes. The services of internees had been offered to make up shortage but refused except in the case of Darwin which was taking nine men and releasing a similar number of men for Military service.

It was agreed that if men left their employment at Darwin owing to the employment of internees they should not be permitted to work on other farms but should be enrolled by the Military and sent back to

Darwin.

Men recently in the Long Is. Guard. With regard to the four men recently in the Guard some of whom had left Camp employment, it was agreed that with the exception of one man who had already taken Camp work, the others should not be taken for Military service or employed in Stanley but should be required to take Camp employment. If farms did not require them men then they could be taken for Military service.

Enquiry made by the Manager, Port San Carlos. The Agricultural Adviser stated that he was not aware of any case in which a man engaged for the Camp had been taken by the Govt. A man employed by his Dept. had been sent to Port San Carlos and another man offered. Men formerly in the Long Is. Guard would be available for Camp employment.

It was agreed that beyond the number of men furnished by the Station for Coast Watching no further men would be required. It was pointed out that Fort San Carlos, Douglas Station, Teal Inlet, Salvador and Rincon Grande were all furnishing men for Coast Watching duties. Of the ten men required by the Military from the E.F., one was being provided by San Carlos S. and nine from Darwin.

Defence requirements. It was agreed that it was not at present possible possible to weaken the Defence Force by the release of men for civil work in Stanley or in the Camp.

Employment in Stanley. It was agreed that better use could be made of some of the man power in Stanley particularly that employed by the P.W.D. It was pointed out that young men were being carried as "passengers" in lorries who ought to be employed on military work or peat cutting. The O.C. Defence Force (Executive Engineer) stated that he would look into this.

C.S.O. No. 184/39.

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Sheet No.

Men leaving Camp employment for the purpose of joining the Defence Force.

It was agreed that no man should be enrolled until prior reference had been made to the Agricultural Dept., with a view to ascertaining whether the man was required for farm work

Allowance of Is/- a day to Camp Coast Watchers. The S.N.O. considered this too high and that if it were granted men should pay for their mutton. After experience of its working it was considered that the allowance of Is/9d a day to Stanley men was too high and that it should be reduced to Is/-. All members of the Defence Force whether serving in Stanley or in the Camp would then be on an equal footing.

MCH
C.S.
7th Novbr 1939.

16. Despatch to S. of S. No 122
of 8th Nov^r 1939.

Jh. Despatch submitted
for signature.

MCH
C.S.
8. XI. 39.

~~TTTTT~~ 8/11
Jh. Submitted with minute
of 7th Nov^r 1939.

MCH
C.S.
8. XI. 39.

H.C.

Captain Wei was made responsible for mobilisation at the outbreak of war and he should be the responsible authority in all matters of personnel. Please ask him to establish the necessary registers.

2. I would like to be a good deal more clear as to the grounds for the sudden recommendation that such a large cut should be made in the messing allowance. We cannot feed the mess apparently for less than 2/- a day but it is recommended that half this is enough when it comes to feeding themselves. The only doubt the A.C. yourself and others had was as to whether the allowance should be 1/6 or 1/9. I should like to see the actual figures in which the cost here is 1/- is based. We know it can be done in the camp where there is much malnutrition.

3. The men actually get £1.15 + 12/3 now = £2.7.3 a week (7 days) as against £2.12.6 in civil life. For this they ^{can} get to live in narrow bunks in a crowded room under circumstances of some discomfort.

4. I wish to obtain the advice of Ex. Co. on this question. A meeting is overdue.

M.H. 10/11/39

A above should be answered

dispute the ^{rate} ~~cost~~ of 4/9 but considered

(a) That the basic pay of men called up of 5/- should cover messing allowance though they admitted that the Stanley workers would all be worse off than in civil life and camp men better off

(b) That if Stanley men received 1/9 messing allowance all coast watchers should be paid the same amount even though it increased their wages from £6 to £10.2.6 a month.

3. A meeting of E.C. should be held on Wednesday to advise finally on the question

13/11/39

Meeting Summoned for
11 a.m. Wednesday 15th
Nov^r 1939.

W.H.C.

Proclamation to bring into
force compulsory Service in the
H. Defence Force.

18 Letter from A.G. Barton, Esq., of 1/11/39.

19 Y. E.

Proclamation submitted in triplicate for signature.

(intd.) M. C. H.

C. S.

14/11/39.

~~tttt~~ 14/11/39

H.C.

Plan now enclosed
draft telegram to Mr. Pole Evans.
It embodies the conclusions
arrived at in Ex. Co. yesterday

~~tttt~~ 16/11/39

(20)

Telegram to R.C. Pole-Evans
O.B.R. P.O. Howard 16. XI. 39
(Sent to In. Bay in Govt. Code)
MCH

(21)

Telegram from R.C. Pole Evans 16. XI. 39.

(22)

Telegram to — do —

(23)

Telegram from — do —

J.H.

Submitted. Mr. Evans
has not replied to X
of red 20. MCH

23. XI. 39

HCS

I am glad to see this. Please
send him the enclosed personal
message. It is as we are asking again
about volunteers in view of Capt. Harding's
telegram



24/11/39

Telegram from H.E. the Governor
to Mr. Pole Evans, Port Howard
of 24. XI. 39

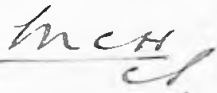
(24)

Minute from O.C. Defence Force
of 24. XI. 39 with enclosure.

25-26

O.C. Defence Force.

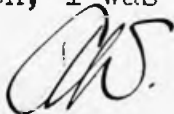
I fear it will not do
to allow men to come in from
the Camp during the season.
I should think he could help
his mother much better by
remaining in the Camp.
Is he a member of the
Defence Force and is he still
a Coastwatcher?



HONOURABLE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

24. XI. 39.

This man is a member of the Force and is on permanent
coastwatching. I much regret that in my minute of the
25th. I said this was the man who I sent back with Davis.
This should not have been, I was confusing him with Anderson.



O.C. Defence Force.
25th. November 1939.

- 27-28. Minute to Registrar-General of 15. 11. 39.
 29-32. Minute from O/C, F.I.D.F. of 1. 12. 39.

yh.

Submitted with the exception of radio communication and shortage of labour the various points raised by Mr. Barton appear to concern the O.C. Defence Force.

2. With regard to "H" I understood that a continuous watch is now kept on 600 metres.

3. Labour shortage has been unavoidable owing to labour being sent to South Georgia at the request of the Imperial Govt.

mcH

11. 11. 39.

There is nothing the O.C.

Cannot answer

~~11/12/39~~ - 12/12/39

O.C. Defence Force.

To note H's minute please.

mcH

13. 11. 39.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Now thank you: Copy of my reply (33)
attached for your records please.

W.O.C. 28.11.39.

R. Defence Force.

The Revd. Lowe complained
today that he had received no
reply from you to red 25.

What is the position of
Halliday. Is he on active service?

MCH
C/

29.11.39

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

I cannot reply to Revd. Lowe until I have your
ruling on the point raised with you in my 3rd para.
red 26. Vide your minute of 24.11.39 & mine of 25.11.39.
both of which refer please.

W.O.C. 30.11.39.

R. Defence Force.

The rule regarding Camp men
coming in should be applied. We
cannot be a party to encouraging
a man to leave Camp work
in the middle of the season.
Stations already experience difficulty
in obtaining labour.

MCH
C/

1.1.40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Your ruling noted Thank you & Revd.
Lowe informed accordingly.

W.O.C. 3.1.40.

MCH
C/

P.A. 3.1.40

3.1.40

34. Letter from Rev. G.K. Howe, of 4/1/40.

Submitted. This concerns
 Uds. 25 and 26 and
 Minutes herein of 29th
 Dec^r to 2nd January.

2. Saw Mr. Lowe
 and informed him that men
 could not be encouraged to
 leave farms unless there
 were very strong grounds.

MCH
 Ed.

5. 1. 40

Is J. J. Hallyday a member
 of the Defence Force? Married
 or single?

~~11/1/40~~

This man is a member
 of the Defence Force. He
 is single. He was doing
 coastwatching in the
 Port Stephens area.

MCH

Ed.

5. 1. 40

H.C.

A difficulty so often found
here is checking up on the truth
of the basis for requests. ^{may} all
that is said in support of the request
is (25) and (34) be accepted without
reserve i.e. Is Mrs Halliday a widowed
invalid without anyone to look after
her and without other support than
what J. J. Halliday can give her?

6/1/40

Chief Constable.

Please ascertain the
position. Does Mrs Halliday
live alone? How old is
she? Is she an invalid. In
previous similar instances - J.
Newman for example was seldom
if ever with his parents although
he alleged that he had to
look after them. Has Mrs
Halliday any other relatives in
Stanley?

WCH
C

6. 1. 40

(35) Letter from Chief Constable of 8/1/40.

JH.

Report of Chief Constable
Submitted M^{rs} Halliday
has a married son living in
Stanley but apparently she
prefers to live alone. It
seems strange that the
married son has made
no representations. If *JH.*
desires I will see him
about the matter.

MCH
CS

8. 1. 40

Will you kindly do so

~~11/1/40~~ 8/1/40

ask M^{rs} Halliday to see me
please.

MCH

CS

9. 1. 40

M^{rs} Halliday seen today.

MCH

11. 1. 40.

R. Defence Force.

M^{rs} Halliday has
informed me that his
brother is not working on

Brought in
when
MCH

a Camp Station and that
as a member of the Defence
Force he has been performing
duty as a Coastwatcher.

If this is so he can be
brought to Stanley for
military duty?

WCH

11.1.40

Knownable Colonial Dentons.

This man although possibly a member
of the Defence Force is not carrying out any
military duties now that the Coastwatching Scheme
has been abolished, therefore from ^{the} military point
of view he can be spared. If he is not working
on a Camp Station what is his ^{means of} livelihood. It
seems that a statement by a man on the Camp
that he is unemployed on a Station means he can
come to Stanley & be taken off by the Force. If he comes
in he will be re-enlisted. C.W. O.C. D.F. 12.1.40.

Y.

Submitted. I do not understand
the above. In his minute of
25.11.39 on sheet 9 the O.C. Defence
Force said the man was a
member of the Force. The Force
on the outbreak of war was
called out. So it must be evident
that Halliday is on active service.
It seems surprising that the
Command does not know what
members are doing.

2. Mr. J. Halliday told me that
his brother was not working on
a Camp Station. He stated
that his mother was aged
and required his younger brother

to help her with her re.
 Mr. J. Halliday is married with
 4 children and said he could
 not look after his mother
 as she should be looked after.

3. Mr. D. F. Shout I
 think ascertain the whereabouts
 on the W. F. of Pte Halliday.
 If he has not taken leave
 employment he could be
 brought to Stanley for
 military service.

me H.
 C.
 15. 1. 40

Yes
 15/1/40

36. Despatch No. 18 to S.O.S. of 16/1/40.

37. Minute to O/C, F.I.S.F., of 16/1/40.

Yh. Despatch submitted.

me H.
 C.

17. 1. 40

17/1/40

29
 17/1/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

1. A telegram has today been sent to Capt. Starding asking the whereabouts a employment of J. J. Halliday.
2. May I ask you to correct any erroneous impression which may have been given to His Excellency by the final sentence of para. 1. of your minute of the 15.1.40. which is not only an unfortunate comment but without foundation in fact. Private Halliday together with all other members of the Force on West Falkland was returned to civil life following the meeting of the Defence Committee on the 4th. December when Coastwatching was abolished from the 9th. (vide 3 minute of that meeting.) Since this date his activities are of no concern to me as the P.C. Defence Force, but I am in a position to give you at any time full information concerning any member who is in receipt of military pay.

A.W. P.C. Sp. 18.1.40.

Yh Submitted. I fear there has been some misunderstanding over this matter. I was not aware that Pte Halliday had been released in return to civil life. The P.C. Defence Force would naturally not know his whereabouts.

MCH
18.1.40

Quite so

10/1

C.S.O. No. 164/39

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 14

Re Defence Force.

To note This clears
up the misunderstanding.

MCH

CS

19.1.40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Please accept my grateful thanks.

2. I find this man is on the Laponia
en route for Stanley. I am in the meanwhile
ascertaining ~~his~~ whether he left of his own
accord or was dismissed from his civil
employment.

W.O.C. D.F. 19.1.40.

MCH

CS
21.1.40

P.H.
21/1/40

(38) Minute from O/C, F.I.D.F., of 21.1.40.

Re Submitted. As Pte Halliday
has been sent from Pte Stephens
as their contribution to the
Western Gun crew he should
presumably remain in Stanley.

MCH

CS

22.1.40

He will be stationed
where the O.C. can
best employ him but that will
hope be in the Stanley area

22/1/40

Minute from C.P., F.I.S.F., of 22.1.40.

40-41.

O.C. Defence Force.

To note H.B.'s minute.

MCH

23.1.40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Now thank you. The Stilliday will
be attached to Arrow Point Sun.

OW O.C.D.F.
24.1.40.

Letter to Capt. the Rev. G.H. Howe of 26.1.40. 42.

MCH
C.S.

P.P.
26/1/40.

Minute from H.E. the Governor of 3.5.40. (43)

Notes of points discussed by H.E. the Governor & E.E. of 29/4/40. (44)

E.E.

Please see H.E.'s minute & report

OW 4/5/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Instructions have been given to ensure H.B.'s orders
at Wireless Station. I will report their completion.
Navy Point that will be ended by about the end
of the week.

OW E. 7. v. 40

OW 2/5/40.
2/5/40
P.A.

C.S.O. No. 164/39...

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 15.

45. Minute from Officer Commanding, F.I.D.F. of 19/7/40.
N.C.O.

Please see 45

AD 22/11/40

HES. If sufficient men are available a guard would be very acceptable, but in order to make it efficient I consider that two sentries would have to be on duty ~~at once~~ ^{together}, this would entail at least eight men & one N.C.O. Should the Admiralty agree to bear the cost I presume the question of the guard at present on duty at the WPT station (now under Naval control) would also have to be considered on the same basis. I should have to ask RASAD for his opinion.

RSLy 26.7.40.

46-47. Letter from O/C, F.I.D.F. to H.E. the Governor 22/7/40

N.C.O.

Could you sound RASAD on 45 & your minute above?
AD 27/11/40

HES. In the course of a general conversation with O.C. D.F. I understood that there may be difficulty in finding the requisite number of men to form the guard. Would it not be advisable to be certain of this before obtaining approval from RASAD.

RSLy 27.7.40.

O.C. D.F.

Please see above

AD 31/11/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

His Excellency having agreed that a gun from Tuzoe be taken at Navy the point no longer arises does it? We should have great difficulty in finding the very moderate numbers the N.C.O. thinks necessary. P.T.

which numbers I do not think would be adequate, unless one called back to the Fore some of the "un/ouchables".

W.S. Scott

P.A.

2. VIII. 40

Notice from H.E. the Governor of 4. 9. 40.

(48)

Telegram No. 95 to S of S. of 13. 9. 40.

P.A.

(49)

P.A.

Excerpt from Minute from Executive Engineers of 18/9/40. 50.

T/E.

Rec (50) submitted for confirmation.

P.A.

C. H. J. 19/9/40

19/5

P.A.

Telegram No. 91 from S. of S. of 22. 9. 40.

(51)

Government Notice No. 98. of 23/9/40.

(52)

Office.

Please send copy of Rec (52) to Mr. Lucas for broadcasting.

C. 26/9/40

P.A.

Telegram from S. of S. Circular No. 199 of 19. 10. 40.

(53)

A.C.S.

In order to carry out instructions in (53) there has to be a check on our out. going G.T.C. as brevity in coding can only be obtained by exercising liberty in attaining drafts to suit the code.

24/10/40

Noted P.A. C. 23/10/40

Withdrawn from. 5/4/41.

H.C.

I have revised rates of pay
for reporting ships as follows: —

£50 for first report received of

£10 for first report of enemy warship
£10 for first report of enemy supply ship
The above are payable to any
person making the report whether
a member of
a Defence Force or on duty or
otherwise

The following payable, only to
civilians ^(except light house keepers) or members of force on
duty

£2 for sending in first report received
of any foreign ship

£1 for report of British ship not
being local

The reward will not be paid
unless the O.C.D.F. is satisfied
that it is true.

£2 may be paid to the Public
shipyard or shipyard who report
a warship for the 24:25:26.

28/1/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

May the attached papers be registered 54-57.
into file & passed to His Excellency for consideration
please.

W. O.C. & F. 30. x. 40.

H.E. G.C. Def. 7.

Herewith the file - suggest you discuss
this with H.E. at your weekly interview.

AD 2/xii/40

H.C.S.

It will do as amended

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~~W.H.~~ 4/12/40

O.C. Def. 7.

f. u. n. a. AD 4/xii/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Copies are being made for circulation throughout
the Colony. 59-60.

W. O.C. & F. 5. xii. 40. Ph

Telegram from Mr. S. Skiller of 31/3/41.

61.

S. & A.

With reference to Red 61 have you
any camp men on your waiting list
who would be prepared to go to Ray Cove?

A. J. P. M.
3/4/41.

H.E.S.

We have no waiting list of men wanting
work in the camp. A camp man, A. Henrickson,
was here recently for work but was told he was
not eligible for work with Government as work
was to be had in the camp. I believe this man is
still unemployed.

T B
for D. J. A.
3.4.41

62. Telegram to Mr. S. Miller, Day Care, of 7/4/41.

PA.

63. Telegram from Mr. Miller, of 8/4/41.

64. " to Mr. Miller, Day Care of 10/4/41.

PA.

65. Telegram from Mr. Miller of 12/4/41.

O.K. Sec.

I think you might wish to telegraph as follows:-

"Your telegram April 12 ~~st~~
H.E. ~~also~~ ^{facts & figures} reports the a. l. and
tone and ^{incisive} candor of your
message"

- A.D. 15/4/41

66. Telegram to Miller, Day Care of 16/4/41.

PA.

67. Letter from S. Miller, Day Care of 17/4/41

Y/E.

Red (y) submitted.

I do not know what practical action Mr. Miller wishes the Govt. to take in this matter. There is a shortage of labour generally in the Colony.

Moreover, I do not see how the Government can compel men to work in the camp

P.A.

A.D. 23/4/41

- 86-87. Minute to Registrar General of 18. 12. 41.
 88. Despatch No. 112 to S. of S. of 19. 12. 41.

P.A.

- 89-93. Address by H.E. the Governor 10. 12. 41.

P.A.

94. Government Notice No. 130 of 22. 12. 41.

P.A.

95. Telegram No. 177 to S. of S. of 3. 9. 42.
 96. Letter from Q.C, F.I.S.F. of 3. 9. 42.
 97. " " Naval Officer-in-Charge of 3. 9. 42.
 98. " " O.C, F.I.S. Garrison of 4. 9. 42.
 99. Telegram No. 148 from S. of S. of 9. 9. 42.
 100. Gazette Notice No. 88 of 9. 9. 42.
 101-102. Gazette Notice No. 90 of 16. 9. 42.

P.A.

103. S of S Secret ltr. Saving of 5/4/43.
 104. Saving Telegram, Secret, to S. of S. of 31. 1. 44.

P.A.

105. Proclamation, No. 2 of 1945 of 2. 7. 45.
 106. Minute to Registrar General of 24. 7. 45.
 107. Despatch, No. 55 to S. of S. of 2. 8. 45.

Calling out members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and orders to employers to release any personnel required for the Public Service.

IN THE NAME of His Majesty GEORGE VI., by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, &c., &c., &c.

By His Excellency SIR HERBERT HENNIKER HEATON, *Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

(Sgt.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

WHEREAS a state of war exists between His Majesty the King and Germany, and whereas it is necessary that any invasion of or attack on the Colony under my Government by the forces of the said Germany

.....shall be repelled, I ^{Chief} Sir Herbert Henniker Heaton, K.C.M.G., Governor and Commander-in-Chief do hereby under the powers conferred on me by section 15 of the Falkland Islands Defence Force Ordinance No. 7 of 1920, call out for active service every Officer and Member of the Force, and command every such Officer and Member now in Stanley to assemble at the Falkland Islands Defence Force Headquarters at the hour of four p.m. on Sunday, 3rd Sept. 1939, and every such Officer and Member now in the camp at the Woolshed at the settlement of their employers at the hour of Noon on Monday, 4th September, 1939, for the purpose of performing such service as may by me be directed, and I do further hereby command employers to release any persons who may be required for the Public Service.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony at Government House, Stanley, this third day of September in the year of Our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and thirty-nine

By Command,

(Sgd.) M. G. Craig-Halkett

Colonial Secretary.

No. 164/39.

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

MINUTE.

7th September, 19 39.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Registrar-General,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I am directed to enclose herewith, for insertion in your files, an authenticated copy of Proclamation No. 6 of 1939.


Colonial Secretary.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 10th September, 19 39 *Time:* 1424.

Received: 10th September, 19 39. *Time:*

Circular No. 48. Following communique by War Cabinet was issued to Press yesterday evening (September 9th) and is repeated for information. (Begins)

At their meeting this morning the War Cabinet decided to base their policy upon assumption that the War will last for three years or more. Instructions are being issued to all Government Departments to insure plans for future shall at once be prepared on this assumption. In the meantime the measures for which preparation are being brought fully into active operation. In furtherance expended defence programmes that are already operating, Ministry Supply will forthwith take the necessary steps to ensure that productive capacity for munitions of all kinds is increased on a scale required to meet every possible demand. Corresponding arrangements are being made by Admiralty and Air Ministry.

In great National effort which is implicate in War Cabinet decision, civil needs of country will be born in mind as well as importance of maintaining export trade.

War Cabinet are confident this significant decision will meet with whole-hearted support of British people and will be welcomed by our Allies and Friends.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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FOR PUBLICATION.

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His Majesty's Government think it very improbable Germany could hold out for 3 years though preparations for that period at least were necessary.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 15th September, 19 39. Time: 0555.

Received: 15th September, 19 39. Time:

No. 66. Circular. Paragraph 1. A number of Colonial Governments have enacted or have under consideration Ordinances providing for either compulsory Military Service in the accepted sense of that term or for compulsory Personal Service i.e. requiring persons to perform service for need of Local Defence.

Paragraph 2. In order to insure uniformity on certain important points I request that if such Legislation is contemplated an outline of its provisions (or if time permits a Draft Bill) should be submitted to me for consideration beforehand.

Paragraph 3. If it is desired to make provision for such compulsory service (i.e. Military Service or Personal Service) this ought to have been done by Special Legislation and not by issue of Regulations under Emergency Powers (Defence) Act.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Fox Bay East,
West Falkland.

14th. September,
1933.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the names of Volunteers and men aged from 18 to 41 years as instructed by your message which I received while at Port Howard on 8th. September.

2. The names of the Volunteers have been sent you on 8th. September by radio.

3. I beg that you will convey to His Excellency my full appreciation of the very heavy responsibility imposed upon him in this critical time, as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Falkland Islands and the Dependencies.

4. I beg further, that you will convey to His Excellency my duty, and say, that any commands that he may have for us will be most loyally obeyed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Hon.
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

H. V. Clement

1939.

VOLUNTEERS AND BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 & 41 YEARS.

EMPLOYED BY PACKE, BROS. & CO. LTD.

VOLUNTEERS.

FOX BAY EAST.

FREDERICK EDDY WHITNEY.

REGINALD PHILLIP LEE.

ALBERT FAULKNER ALABIA.

DUNROSE HEAD.

WILLIAM BERNTSEN.

AGE FROM 18 TO 41 YEARS.

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH.</u>	<u>NATIONALITY.</u>
W. H. CLEMENT (WICKHAM HOWARD.)	OCTOBER 22ND. 1903.	BRITISH.
EARNEST CHARLES STANBURY CLEADELL.	MARCH 14TH. 1904.	"
ALBERT CHARLES JONES.	JULY 18TH. 1921.	"
STANLEY JOHN DAVIS.	AUGUST 3RD. 1915.	"
WILLIAM NATHANIEL PRICE.	SEPTEMBER 15TH. 1906.	"
DAVID GEORGE GOODWIN.	OCTOBER 18TH. 1909.	"
GEORGE FREDERICK BERNTSEN.	JANUARY 25TH. 1913.	"

W. H. Clement

14/9/39.

Packer Bros. & Co. Limited
Fox Bay, Falkland Islands.

30th. September, 1939

Sir,

I have been requested to convey to you the names of two men in the employ of Messrs. Luxton & Anson who are liable for registration.

Keith William Luxton, born 10th February, 1908, nationality, British.

Robert Kiddle, born 26th. July, 1913, nationality, British.

2. Mr. Luxton asks me to say that no notice was given as to any alteration of the former itinerary and in consequence he had not the names ready.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Hon.
The Colonial Secretary,

Stam. ay.

W. H. Clement

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TELEGRAM.

From Mr. Clement, Fox Bay,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 11th October, 19 39. *Time:* 1000.

Received: 12th October, 19 39. *Time:* 1130.

Can you advise me when I may expect two men back from
Weddell outpost duty.

CLEMENT.

(11)

Hill Cove.

Falkland Islands.

9th. October, 1939.

Sir,

I have been requested by the West Falkland Manager's Association to write to you concerning the 'outposts' on the West Falklands. The members of the Association have asked me to make it clear that they wish to co-operate in every way with the Government in the present situation, and conclude that it is the Government's desire that the sheep farming industry of the Colony should be carried on to the best of our ability.

A number of farms on the West are now working short handed, and if the outposts have to be established permanently, we would ask if it is possible to replace the present outposts with men from Stanley, at any rate for the shearing season.

Failing the possibility of doing this I think most farmers would prefer to send one permanent outpost where required instead of 2 or 3 having to go for certain periods.

We should be glad to have your views on the above subject as soon as convenient.

Yours faithfully.

H. C. Harding

Hon. Secretary.

West Falkland Manager's Association.

The Honourable .

The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

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PEBBLE ISLAND,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

8th. October 1939

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Sir,

Coast Watching

1. Ever since the system of Coast Watching was instituted I have urged the Adjutant of the Defence Force to send either an Officer or a responsible N.C.O. to the West to inspect the various outposts and to put them on a business footing if not on a military one.

He tells me that such a course is not possible owing to the shortage of officers and N.C.O's.

2. If these outposts on the West are to be permanent I suggest as an alternative that one of the Managers should be given full powers to control all members of the Force on the West, and detail them to the various posts as and when required. The Manager so selected should have powers to swear-in new Volunteers, so that those stations which at present have a bigger proportion of members than others will not have to bear more than their fair share of the duty.

3. I do not suppose this Station is unique in having some employees who could be spared for duty more easily than others, but who, not being members of the Force are not strictly eligible.

4. The Manager selected could convene a meeting of other Managers and if it is known how many of the outposts are regarded as permanent

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a list of men for duty could be decided upon to last throughout the summer months.

5. At present the Adjutant is doing his best to arrange for the various guards and their reliefs over the wireless but it is a most unsatisfactory proceeding and is likely to become even more so. The Adjutant cannot be expected to know the peculiar circumstances under which some farms have to work. I naturally have in mind my own position. I do not wish anyone to think that I am lacking in public spirit in times of emergency like these, but it is literally impossible for me to supply three men from my employees to man the outpost during January and the early part of February unless many hundreds of sheep are to be allowed to die on their backs. The very most I could do would be to 'attend' to a guard provided by another station.

6. Since the outbreak of war this farm has supplied a double guard of six men for a fortnight, and is presumably due to mount another guard of three men very shortly for three weeks or a month. In addition, after learning that the Pebble outpost was likely to be permanent, I had to build and transport to the top of a neighbouring mountain a hut measuring twelve feet by nine, complete with furniture, bedding, stove, fuel, and stores. The farm has erected $3\frac{3}{4}$ miles of telephone line from the hut to the Settlement. Ordinary routine work, with the exception of shepherding has been completely disorganised.

7. I am assuming that no assistance will be forthcoming from

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Stanley. Therefore the sooner each Station knows its liabilities in the busy months ahead the better it will be for everybody concerned.

I trust you will give my plea for local control and management of outposts your careful consideration.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A. I. Barton

Manager

N O T I C E.

It is hereby notified, for general information, that the policy of the Government in respect of the pay and allowances of Members of the Defence Force on Active Service has been that the combined emoluments should approximate as closely as possible to the amount received by the majority, when in civil employment.

Where there has been any considerable difference the Government and some if not all private employers have made up the difference from their own funds.

All privates are ~~now~~ in receipt of the flat rate of 5/- a day. In the Stanley area where direct money wages and the expenses of living are higher than in the camp and members must find their own meat at Stanley rates, a messing allowance of 1/9 a day has been approved. Camp members at outposts are supplied with meat etc., as when in civil employment and the same messing allowance is not considered necessary. The majority are in receipt of pay which is anything up to 30/- a month more than when working on the farms, as well as free lighting.

A If there is any class of camp worker, the members of which are at a financial loss while on outpost duty, representations should be made to the Officer Commanding the Defence Force.

Members of the Force leaving the camp of their own accord and coming into Stanley will be given camp rates of pay only when employed. Any members summoned to Stanley for duty by the Officer Commanding will however be granted full pay and allowances as ~~when~~ for residents of Stanley.

All ranks will appreciate the necessity for economies where possible in Military expenditure, the burden of which will have to be met by taxation.

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TELEGRAM.

From Hon. N. K. Cameron, Port San Carlos,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 30th October, 1939. *Time :* 0830.

Received : 30th October, 1939. *Time :* 1100.

Please advise if men are to be taken away during shearing.

No
Men due here for season have not arrived presumably engaged by Government in Stanley. If others are to be taken position will be difficult and discontent unsuitable among those who are left short handed to do the work. Hope that everything possible will be done by the Government to ease the position in the camp until shearing is completed.

CAMERON.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

8th November, 1939.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 122.

Sir,

With reference to your telegram of the 3rd of September, 1939, informing me that war had broken out with Germany, I have the honour to transmit six copies of Proclamation, No. 6 of 1939, which was issued on that date, calling out members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and orders to employers to release any personnel required for the Public Service.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Sgd.) R. GEMMICK-HEATON

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

(17)

Memorandum regarding Military Pay.

In civil employment the "camp worker" received 28/- per week plus shelter, fuel and certain food allowances.

In military employment he received 35/- per week, plus food allowances, fuel and shelter.

The Stanley worker received 52/6 per week with no allowances, in civil employment.

In military employment he receives 47/3 per week i.e. (5/- & 1/9 messing allowance per day) plus fuel and shelter. On balance it will be apparent that the "camp worker" is better off financially in military employment than he was in civil life whereas the Stanley worker is if anything slightly worse off.

In peace times it is common knowledge that the "camp worker" fares better financially than the worker in Stanley, though he enjoys fewer social advantages and the life is less attractive.

Unless therefore, one is prepared to admit that in peace times there was a serious discrepancy in the wage scales of camp and town, there is no justification for adding 1/9 to the pay of men employed in the camp on military duty.

Superficially 28/- per week plus perquisites may appear in sharp contrast to 52/6 with no perquisites, but in peace times no one objected to this state of affairs for the reason that in the light of experience the difference was only apparent. The reason lies in the differing economic conditions of camp and town.

The protection of the sheep industry is as vital as the military defense of the colony and no step should be taken which will ultimately embarrass the farmer in his relations with labour.

Geo. K.
15/11/39

Note The word "shelter" has various connotations: -
But normally Stanley and camp workers have their own with reasonable comfort though they share a room in some circumstances. Shelter in military life means a rough and narrow bunk - one of a tier cooking done in some room with no place for drying clothes or recreation.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

November 1st.1939

The Hon.the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Sir,

Three employees, Thomas Anderson, George Short & Carl Jacobsen have thrown up their civil employment here without notice and are proceeding to Stanley by the "Prefecto Garcia". The excuse of the two first-named is of the flimsiest. They demanded extra money before they would attempt to swarm up the rigging of the schooner "Karina Kirsten". I intended to remove the masts to use for piles and to get them out whole it was necessary to fix a rope well up the mast. When these men refused to go up without extra pay I made a sarcastic remark and they took exception to it.

Anderson belongs to the Defence Force and I should very much like to see him sent back to the West for permanent outpost duty though not on this station.

Short is one of the simple and very easily led kind of man, who would not have thought of leaving if Anderson had not persuaded him into it.

Jacobsen was only my house-boy and I am not concerned about him at all.

I hope you will bring this letter to the attention of the Military Authorities.

Yours faithfully,

A. G. Boulton
Manager.

To bring into force Compulsory Service in the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

IN THE NAME of His Majesty GEORGE VI., by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, &c., &c., &c.

By His Excellency SIR HERBERT HENNIKER HEATON,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

(L. S.)

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

WHEREAS a state of War exists between His Majesty the King and Germany rendering it necessary that any invasion of or attack on the Colony under my Government by the forces of the said Germany shall be repelled;

AND WHEREAS it is provided under Section 19 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1920, that every British subject over the age of eighteen and under the age of forty-one years resident in the Colony, not being exempt under section 22 of the Ordinance, shall be liable to serve in the Defence Force;

AND WHEREAS it is provided further under Section 20 of the said Ordinance that in the event of the Defence Force being called out for active service and the Governor considering it expedient that the numerical strength of the Force should be increased, the Governor may by proclamation call upon and require any or all such person or persons, not being members of the Force, to join and serve with the Force so called out;

AND WHEREAS I consider it expedient that the numerical strength of the Force should be increased;

NOW THEREFORE I, SIR HERBERT HENNIKER HEATON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies, do hereby call upon and require all such persons mentioned in the Schedule hereto to assemble at the Falkland Islands Defence Force Headquarters at the hour of 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, 16th November, 1939, for the purpose of performing such service as may by me be directed.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony at Government House, Stanley, this Fourteenth day of November in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and thirty-nine.

By Command,

(Sgd.) M. C. Craigie-Halkett

Colonial Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

S. G. Aldridge
W. N. Binnie
G. W. J. Bowles
G. A. Bennett
M. G. Creece
W. H. Cletheroe
S. W. Cletheroe
A. R. Cletheroe
T. W. Campbell
E. W. Enestrom
M. E. Evans
V. E. Fuhlendorff
W. H. Goss
R. W. Hills
L. D. Morrison
J. A. King
M. O. Lyse
J. C. Osborne
E. R. B. Paice
C. L. Summers
F. G. Short

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

Registered Civilians to be called up for Medical Examination
and Training.

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W. H. Goss

R. W. Hills

W. P. Hills (name withdrawn and L. D. Morrison
substituted.)

J. A. King

M. O. Lyse

J. C. Osborne

E. R. B. Paice

C. L. Summers

F. G. Short

From His Excellency the Governor

to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

I wish the O.C. D.F. and
yourself to see and consider attached
proposals before tomorrow's meeting of
Executive Council.

I have also in mind a further solution
by making all these stations one
man posts and paying the full
Stanley rate and allowances for the
duty. I doubt in fact whether

the whole duty required cannot be
carried out by a single man at each
station. As no vessel would approach
the coast with lights burning, night watches
(except at Stanley where alertness is necessary
on all grounds) seem useless. It can
probably be safely held that one reliable
man on foot pay would be as if not of
more efficient practical value than the
present system

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It ~~has~~ is hereby notified for
general information that the system
of ^{providing} ~~watching~~ ^{watchers} from members
enrolled in the Defence Force shall
cease as from the end of November.

Coast watchers ~~there~~ are not
soldiers nor ~~do~~ ^{can} military discipline
or training be extended to them
in this Colony.

Since ~~with~~ the services of
watchers have hitherto been obtained
in the same manner as those of
members of the Defence Force employed
on the defences of Stanley, His
Excellency the Governor has ordered
that they shall be paid the
same allowances. All coast
watchers not forming part of the
Stanley area ~~will therefore~~ will
therefore in respect of any period
during which they have had to
purchase their own provisions, be

Coast watching services will be welcome.

The Government will pay 5/- a day without allowances but with quarters to any person volunteering for this work. Whole time service will be required. Volunteers if any should state whether they are volunteers for the duration of the war or for limited periods not exceeding one month at a time.

Normally a tour of duty would not exceed one month and arrangements will be made to that effect if a sufficient number of volunteers are forthcoming. It is not proposed that more than two be accepted from any one station farm.*

Two coast watchers only will be allotted to each station coast watching station.

Managers of farms are requested to undertake that any man volunteering for duty as stated herein will be retained in employment on the termination of any period of service.

Major Woodgate.
V.C. F.F. Defence Force.

To see and consider.
MCH
14. XI. 39.

Annals Colonial Secretary.

It would appear that his Excellency's
Scheme cuts the Gordon trust in one. Subject
to the volunteers being forthcoming all difficulties
would be met. As V.C. Defence Force I am
Content.

J.W. V.C. Defence Force
15. XI. 39.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To R.C. Role-Evans, Esq., O.B.E., Fort Howard.

Despatched: 16th November, 19 39. Time:

Received: 19 Time:

X
I am directed by the Governor to inform you that it is proposed to revise the system of coastwatching in the Camp. As the Watchers are not required to perform military duties and are not subject to military training or discipline it is considered that the work can best be carried out by volunteers. Under present conditions two men would suffice for each Station and it is proposed that 5/- a day without allowances should be sufficient remuneration. The normal tour of duty would be one month. It has been decided to increase the reward of £25 offered for the first report in respect of a hostile ship to £50. Do you consider that sufficient volunteers could be found in the West for the three stations. Age is immaterial if the men are reliable and have good eyesight. The new Scheme for West and East would begin on 1st December. Please reply early.

Colonial Secretary.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Mr. Myles, Fox Bay,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 18th November, 1939. Time : 9000.

Received : 18th November, 1939. Time : 1315.

Following from Mr. Pole-Evans begins:- Please inform Colonial Secretary the message passed through you to me has been received and as Captain Harding is in Charge of the West I await his instructions.

.....
Pole-Evans. Ends.

MYLES.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Hon: Colonial Secretary.

To Myles Fox Bay.

Despatched: 20th NOVEMBER 19 39 *Time:*

Received: 19 *Time:*

Please transmit the following to R.C.Pole Evans Esq.

My Telegram November 20th.

Your Telegram November 18th.

Captain Harding has been in charge of the military contingent only so far but as you are unwilling to advise the Government as requested he will be in future consulted in your stead. You will be informed in due course as to the date of the Legislative Council.

Colonial Secretary.

Doded
WHRS

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Operator, Fox Bay.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 22nd November, 19 39 Time : 14.00

Received : 23rd " 19 39 Time : 11.30

Following from Mr. Evans begins :- Please inform Colonial Secretary I am very sorry to have misinterpreted his telegram of November 17th or perhaps there is a mistake somewhere to me definitely it does not read that advice was asked for from me. Most decidedly there is no question of unwillingness to help whenever possible on my part. Pole-Evans. Ends.

MYLES.

Personal to Mr. Pote Loane
 from Governor

I am very glad misunderstanding has been cleared up. Hardy has kindly agreed to carry out executive military duty in West but I rely upon you for advice and ^{free} expressions of opinion on all matters affecting West.

Sent at 1530 on
 24. XI. 59
McH
 C.S.

Christ Church Cathedral

Port Stanley Falkland Islands

REV GERALD K. LOWE

25
November 24th, 1959

Major J. Austine Woodgate,
O.C. Defence Force,
Stanley.

Dear Sir:

Mrs J. Halliday, a member of my congregation has asked me to communicate with you in the following matter.

Her husband died a few months ago and she is left in the house by herself. The woman is in very poor health and unable to do the necessary jobs around the place, such as pest and gardens etc. She has no money with which to pay for such assistance, as her husband's pension ceased at his death.

Mrs Halliday has a son, James John Halliday, who is on Out Post duty at Port Stephens on the West Falklands. I understand he is her only unmarried son and her only means of support, as the other sons are married with families.

Would it be possible to have Halliday brought into Stanley for duty or civil employment where he could be of some help to his widowed mother. He has been helping his mother financially, but I think his presence in Stanley is needed in these particular circumstances.

Trusting you will find it possible to comply with this woman's request,

I am,

Sir,

Yours Faithfully,

Gerald K. Lowe

No.

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

MINUTE.

25. XI. 1939.

From A.C. Defence Force.

To Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

1. The attached is forwarded please.
2. This man recently caused a lot of telegraphic activity by leaving Camp without permission. I sent him back as "cross" on Prefecture.
3. Do you wish the rule as to Camp men coming in to be applied in this case please?

C.R. H

To bring into force Compulsory Service in the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

IN THE NAME of His Majesty GEORGE VI., by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, &c., &c., &c.



By His Excellency SIR HERBERT HEINIKER HEATON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

H. Heiniker Heaton

WHEREAS a state of War exists between His Majesty the King and Germany rendering it necessary that any invasion of or attack on the Colony under my Government by the forces of the said Germany shall be repelled;

AND WHEREAS it is provided under Section 19 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1920, that every British subject over the age of eighteen and under the age of forty-one years resident in the Colony, not being exempt under section 22 of the Ordinance, shall be liable to serve in the Defence Force;

AND WHEREAS it is provided further under Section 20 of the said Ordinance that in the event of the Defence Force being called out for active service and the Governor considering it expedient that the numerical strength of the Force should be increased, the Governor may by proclamation call upon and require any or all such person or persons, not being members of the Force, to join and serve with the Force so called out;

AND WHEREAS I consider it expedient that the numerical strength of the Force should be increased;

NOW THEREFORE I, SIR HERBERT HEINIKER HEATON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies do hereby call upon and require all such persons mentioned in the Schedule hereto to assemble at the Falkland Islands Defence Force Headquarters at the hour of 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, 16th November, 1939, for the purpose of performing such service as may by me be directed.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony at Government House, Stanley, this fourteenth day of November in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and thirty-nine.

By Command,

M. L. Craigie
Colonial Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

S. G. Aldridge.
W. N. Binnie.
G. W. J. Bowles.
G. A. Bennett
M. G. Creece
W. E. Cletheroe
S. W. Cletheroe
A. R. Cletheroe
T. W. Campbell
E. W. Enestrom
M. E. Evans
V. E. Fuhlendorff
W. H. Goss
R. W. Hills
L. D. Morrison
J. A. King
M. O. Lyse
J. C. Osborne
E. R. B. Paice
C. L. Summers
F. G. Short

No. 164/39.

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

MINUTE.

15th November, 19 39.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Registrar-General,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I am directed to enclose herewith, for insertion in the files of the Registrar-General, an authenticated copy of Proclamation, No. 12 of 1939, bringing into force Compulsory Service in the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

met
Colonial Secretary.

(31)
Messrs. Dean Brothers,
Pebble Island,
West Falkland.

21st. November 1939

The Commanding Officer,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
Stanley.

Sir,

Herewith I beg to submit my firm's claim for the following :-

1. Defence Force Pay & Allowances up to the end of October 1939.
2. Cost of Material, Labour, Transport in respect of the First Mountain Guard Hut.

With reference to (1) above some explanation is necessary. Shortly after the outbreak of war I received instructions to put out an outpost of three men. No instructions were received as to the method of communication between the outpost and the Wireless Station at the Settlement.

I accordingly mounted a guard on the mountain known as Marble Mountain at the extreme West end of Pebble, at the foot of which there is a shepherd's hut where sleeping accommodation for the guard could be provided. The look-out post itself was on the top of the mountain. Here I placed a portable wireless transmitter and conscripted a locally trained lad to act as operator as well as doing his share of coast-watching.

With the apparatus at my disposal and the adverse conditions being taken into consideration (the apparatus being in a tent with a jury-rigged mast and aerial) it was not possible to guarantee direct communication with Stanley should the occasion arise. I therefore had to arrange for a constant watch to be maintained at the Settlement. The 24 hours were split up between my regular Operator Pte. J. Peck and two amateurs Alan Betts & myself.

On and from the 21st. September when my three men were relieved by three men from the West none of whom had any knowledge of wireless I arranged a system of smoke signals between the hours of 5.0 a.m. and 11.0 p.m. Any smoke signal seen at the Settlement would at once bring on duty an operator who would receive any communication from the outpost by a simple method of wireless signalling. The men were shown the way to use the transmitter and tests carried out fairly satisfactorily. From 11.0 p.m. to 5.0 a.m. the hours during which it was least likely that a smoke or fire signal would be noticed at the Settlement, wireless signals would be used exclusively.

Fortunately perhaps there was never any need for a signal but that does not alter the fact that there had to be a listener on duty at the Settlement during those hours from the 21st. to the 27th. September. This duty was divided between Alan Betts and myself but as the former was available for Station work every other day I have calculated this period as qualifying for $\frac{1}{2}$ -time pay, six days equalling three days on full pay.

Private J. Peck. This employee must be regarded as having been off Station Pay and on Defence Force Pay plus victualling allowance of 1/- per day since the 6th. September, During the period

when a constant watch was being kept he was on duty from 10 - 12 hours a day. At the present time he is not doing more than 7 or 8 including time taken in charging accumulators and other necessary maintenance of plant. He attends routines with Stanley and Fox Bay five times a day more or less, but as the scheduled times for these routines vary from day to day he cannot effectively be employed on Station work in the intervals.

Do you regard it as necessary that the Pebble Wireless Station should attend to all these daily routines? If they could be both diminished and regularised it would enable me to employ Peck for at least half the day.

Communications I should state here and now that in my opinion until the Stanley Wireless Station is equipped sufficiently to maintain a 24-hour watch on the 600 metre wavelength the advantage of the Port Stephens and Pebble Coast-Watching Stations is greatly minimised.

Your records will show that you have on more than one occasion received telegrams from this Station eight hours or more after they were handed in here.

This is not calculated to keep to the proper pitch of enthusiasm either my Operator or the Outpost for which I am partly responsible. Further, as there is a financial reward offered to the Coast Watcher who first sights an enemy vessel, one of these days it may lead to a very serious argument. The Stanley Wireless Station is not easily persuaded to accept a telegram dated the day previous to their receipt of the telegram.

Local Control of Outposts In a letter to the Colonial Secretary dated the 8th. October and unanswered as yet, I pleaded that a Manager of a West Farm should be given full powers to control all members of the Force on the West and detail them to the various Outposts as and when required.

A few days later I was summoned to attend a meeting of Managers at Port Howard. Mr. R.C. Pole-Evans then informed us that he had been put in charge of the West. We did not dispute his authority for such a statement though some of us would have appreciated a telegram to that effect if not a circular letter of such a nature that it could be posted in the Cookhouse on every Station.

Recently, requiring information on a certain matter I applied to Mr. Pole-Evans only to be told that he had handed everything over to Mr. Harding, who later informed me by telegram that he had been appointed a commissioned Officer of the Defence Force and was in charge of the Coast Watching Stations on the West.

On the 19th. of this month I went out of my way to visit Capt. Harding at Hill Cove to discuss military matters with him. I was shown a copy of a telegram from the Colonial Secretary to the Operator at Fox Bay for forwarding to Mr. Pole-Evans. This telegram contained some fantastic proposal which I need not discuss as it can never be put into operation.

I have come to the regrettable conclusion that one Government Department does not know what another is doing.

T. Anderson If I had been informed that there was a responsible authority on the West this man would now be on permanent outpost duty like Mc.Gill & Halliday instead of steward on the s.s. "Lafonia". A telegram to the West for instructions would have brought an answer in a few hours. As it was I had no power to detain the man myself.

Captain Harding informs me that Anderson was refused employment by Government in either a civil or military sphere in an attempt to compel him to return to the Camp. If the Falkland Islands Company's vessels are as short-handed as the farms he would find no difficulty in getting employment aboard one of them.

On the other hand I am told that a sailor on board the "Prefecto Garcia", J. Anderson, was not allowed to leave the cutter and take employment at Weddell.

One instance of the Government's policy is contradicted by another.

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New Gun Crew It is not for me to criticise the necessity for the erection of another gun to defend the Colony, but I do deplore the proposal to take men from the Camp to man it.

For years now men have drifted to Stanley from the farms of their own will, attracted by the prospect of short hours and high wages. Now it is proposed to take away men who definitely prefer Camp life, and yet the farms are still required to maintain the Coast Watching Stations with the depleted resources at their disposal.

This policy is in direct contrast to that of the Home Government which is doing all it can to assist agriculture and other key industries. I have yet to learn that the production of wool in war time is not a key industry.

Labour Shortage Not only am I three employees short on last season's total but my Wireless Operator is on Government duty, I have to find at least one man for the guard every other month, and the guard to maintain all the time. Do you consider it reasonable to expect me to send away yet another man? Far be it from me to imply that another farm should send another man and let me off. I know there are other stations just as short-handed as myself, and I only wish to emphasize that the West is already taxed to the limits of its capabilities in manning and maintaining three Outposts without any additional burden.

Duties of Coast Watchers The only instructions that I have received are that all ships are to be reported, but it seems to me not a little curious that the movements of familiar local craft should be telegraphed over the air when the Censorship Regulations demand that no mention should be made in letters of the movements of ships.

You will recall that the "Ilen" anchored a few miles from here one night after dark and could not be actually identified though it was known that she was in the vicinity of Pebble. The Guard reported her and I sent you a telegram that same night, but as usual the Stanley Wireless Station did not receive the telegram until after 6.0 a.m. the next morning. By 8.0 a.m. the vessel was under weigh and had been identified as the "Ilen" which ~~was~~ information was duly passed on to you at the earliest opportunity. Stanley however would not accept it, and required further information as to tonnage, rig etc. etc. In my absence from the Settlement the Operator attended to this but it certainly seemed rather futile to me.

Later that day when the aircraft from H.M.S. "Exeter" landed here I was interested to see that the Officer in command of the 'plane sent a telegram through our Station in plain English to Signal Station Stanley for "Exeter" - "Aircraft arrived Pebble etc."

I had previously been cautioned by the Local Censor for mentioning the "Prefecto Garcia" in a telegram to Stanley.

I suggest that the duties of Coast Watchers should be more clearly defined and instructions posted in every guard-hut.

I shall welcome a letter from you and I trust that it will contain reassurances which will go far to remove the doubts and fears which I share with other Westers.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A. E. Barton

Manager

No.

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

MINUTE.

1st December, 19 39.

From The Officer Commanding,

The Falkland Islands
Defence Force,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

I have the honour to forward, for your information and such action as you consider necessary, a letter which has been addressed to me by the Manager of Pebble Island.

2. I propose to address Mr. Barton direct on the points which affect the Defence Force only.

3. With regard to the employment of J. Anderson on the "Perfecto", I may mention that he was a member of the crew and had already been sailing in the vessel. On the occasion referred to by Mr. Barton it was necessary that the "Perfecto" should make an early departure from Stanley with Government cargo. On the eve of his departure the Master came to see me and explained that J. Anderson wished to leave him as he had secured a job at Weddell Island, and that he had been unsuccessful in obtaining a man to replace him. As Anderson was a member of the Defence Force I ordered that he should proceed with Captain Davis on that voyage. He was released immediately on his return to Stanley and proceeded to Weddell Island to take up his employment.

3. The description given in the final paragraph of Mr. Barton's letter regarding the reporting of the "Ilen" is not a true statement of the facts. On the 1st of November Pebble reported "An unidentified vessel proceeding from N.W. Pass". It was not until a message had been despatched to Pebble on the 2nd of November asking for a description of the vessel that any information was received as to the rig and tonnage, etc., of the craft nor had any reference been made to the "Ilen" until then.

Clifford Woodgate
Major,
Officer Commanding, F.I.D.F.

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HEADQUARTERS,
FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE,
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS,

27th December, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st of November, 1939, and to inform you that the claims made by Messrs Dean Brothers for sums expended in connection with the defences of the Colony have been paid to the Falkland Islands Company, Limited, for the credit of your firm.

2. As the Coastwatching Station at Pebble Island has now been withdrawn comment on the points raised by you appears superfluous at this stage. I thank you, however, for the information and helpful suggestions contained in your letter and assure you that they will be borne in mind should it ever be necessary to re-establish the Coastwatching Station at Pebble Island.

3. I would like to take this opportunity of conveying to you and to all those concerned my appreciation of the admirable work carried out in establishing a post at Pebble and for the constant watch kept by that post and your Wireless Telegraph Station.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) J. A. Woodgate.

Major,
Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

MANAGER,
PEBBLE ISLAND,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

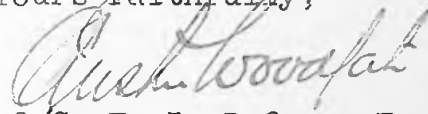
Stanley.

2nd January, 1940.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 24th of November, 1939, I have now heard from the Honourable Colonial Secretary, to whom the matter was referred that the rule as to camp men coming in to Stanley must be applied in this case and I regret therefore that J. J. Halliday cannot be brought in.

Yours faithfully,



O/C, F. I. Defence Force.

Revd G. K. Lowe.

Stanley.

Christ Church Cathedral

Port Stanley Falkland Islands

REV GERALD K. LOWE

January 4th, 1940

Honourable Sir:

Would you kindly place the following before His Excellency the Governor.

On November 24th, 1939 I wrote to the Commanding Officer on behalf of Mrs Halliday requesting that her son, J.J. Halliday, who was then on out post duty on the West Falklands be allowed to come to Stanley and serve in the force here. The reason for the request was so that he could look after his mother who recently lost her husband and is herself a partial invalid. She is not in a position to pay people to do her garden and cut her post. Her son on the West is her only means of support and it is rather asking a lot to expect him to keep himself out there, his mother is here, and pay people to plant his garden and cut and cart the post.

January 3rd I received the enclosed communication, the contents of which I feel contains little if any humane considerations.

While I fully appreciate the necessity of keeping as many men on the farms as possible, I also feel that this man's first duty under these special circumstances, is to look after his mother.

Would you kindly ask His Excellency to consider the matter and if at all possible comply with this woman's request,

Yours faithfully,

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Gerald K. Lowe

Police Station

Stanley

8-1-40

Sir

I have the honour to submit report on
Mrs Halliday. At the present time she is living alone,
and she over 60 years of age. She is a cripple being
lame. She has one son in Stanley namely W. J. Halliday
married with a wife and four children. Also there are
two sons Andrew & John. John is single. Andrew
married he is shepherd boss at Port Stephens. Two
daughters Mrs David Duncan Reg Cove. and Mrs Howard
Duncan Port Stephens

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

J. H. Hooley

Honourable.
Colonial Secretary

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
16th January, 1940.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 18.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith six copies of Proclamation, No. 12 of 1939, issued on the 14th of November, 1939, bringing into force Compulsory Service in the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Sgd) H. HENNIKER HEATON

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

No. 164/39.

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

MINUTE.

16th January, 19 40.

From The Colonial Secretary,

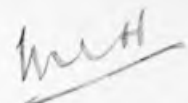
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Officer Commanding,

F. Is. Defence Force,

STANLEY.

With reference to Private Halliday who was until recently detailed for Military duty as a Coastwatcher, West Falkland, I am directed to request that you will take early steps to ascertain the whereabouts of this Member of the Defence Force. If he has not taken up employment in the Camp he should be brought to Stanley for Military duty.


Colonial Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
53	Fox Bay	34	11.30	21/1/40

To

O.C., Defence Force, Stanley.

PTE JOHN HALLIDAY WAS EMPLOYED AT ROYCOVE STOP HE LEFT THERE ON HIS OWN ACCORD ON THE GROUNDS OF HAVING TO BE IN STANLEY TO LOOK AFTER HIS MOTHER.

HARDING.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Forwarded please. May I have your instructions as to whether this man is to remain or not. He has arrived in Stanley from Port Stephens, where he was temporarily employed, as their contribution to the British Guano Co.

J. B. H. of 22.1.40.

Time

HILL COVE,
Falkland Islands,

15th December, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that all the Coast Watching Stations were withdrawn as from p.m. on December 11th., according to your instructions sent to me through the Wireless Operator at Fox Bay.

With reference to the pay that I was authorized to receive for Defence Force duties, I should be glad if you would inform His Excellency that while very much appreciating the Government's offer, I do not wish to put the Colony to any additional expense, and that I am quite willing to perform any duties that may arise in the future without remuneration.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd.) H.C. HARDING

The Officer Commanding,
Defence Force,
STANLEY.

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No.

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

MINUTE.

22nd January, 19 40.

From Officer Commanding,

To The Honourable,

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

I have the honour to transmit for the information of His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, a copy of a letter which I have received from Captain Harding.

15/12/39



Major,
Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

164/39.

26th January,

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Reverend Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 4th January, 1940, I have the honour to inform you that Pte. J. J. Halliday who was recently on the West Falkland has now been brought to Stanley for Military duty here.

I am,

Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

h c h

Colonial Secretary.

Captain the Reverend
G. K. Lowe,
The Deanery,
STANLEY.

Original in M.P. 66/355

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Excerpt from minute received from H.E. the Governor
of the 3rd of May, 1946.

.....
The Guard should be better housed. Please ask the E.E. to take early steps for putting down linoleum and lining the inside of the hut. A paint issue should also be made. Fittings for 3 electric light should be supplied. The W/T Staff will fit them in and supply power from the Station. The cost to us of fuel will be saved and cleanliness will result.

I shall be glad to know when the works as above have been carried out.

(Inltd.) H.H.H.
3. 5. 46.

Excerpt from Notes of points discussed by His
Excellency the Governor and the Executive Engineer
on Monday, 29th April, 1940.

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DEFENCE FORCE. Extension to Navy Point hut and chairs
for men's quarters to be proceeded with urgently,
I explained that I hoped to get back to the urgent
military work this week having temporarily cleared
up the civil work accumulation with the P.W.D.

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No.
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MINUTE.

19th July, 19 40.

From Officer Commanding,

Defence Force.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

In an audience with His Excellency yesterday morning I submitted that Navy Point outpost be withdrawn as not being essential to the defence of Stanley, while His Excellency agreed as to this at the same time he thought some form of guard highly desirable for the protection of the valuable Naval Stores and Oil Tanks at Camber particularly against sabotage. In these circumstances the point arises as to whether such guard should not be maintained at Admiralty expense; and the post moved to the old quarters at the Camber. May instructions be given as to this please?



Major.,
Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

*The Honourable The Colonial Secretary
for information.*

July. 22nd.

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Officer Commanding
F. I. D. B.

His Excellency the Governor
and Commander in Chief.

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I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's provisional decision to revert on 1st. August to the monthly system of relief for the 6" gun batteries.

Since discussing the matter with Your Excellency in audience last Thursday, I have commenced to plan the necessary reorganisation and the more one considers the matter the more one feels that it is not the best possible solution to meet the requirements, which I submit are:-

- (1) To keep the minimum garrison at each post to ensure
 - (a) efficient use of armaments,
 - (b) proper watch keeping,
 - (c) some temporary immediate action in an emergency.
- (2) To keep down expenditure both on pay and allowances and transport.
- (3) To give leave in such a way that neither the civil or military side is unnecessarily disturbed.

I would submit to Your Excellency that the scheme of 3 N.C.Os. and 5 men (total of six at any time one being on leave) at each position more nearly meets these needs than does the monthly relief. When the last system was in force prior to 11th. June a total complement of 3 N.C.Os. and 13 O.Rs. was needed for each relief and to adopt this system again will mean making at least three new N.C.Os. and the necessary number of O.Rs. will be difficult to find with present shortage of men who can conveniently be released from civil life for outpost duty. When in operation before, the men detailed to men Sappers Hill ^{from Sappers} were loaders and could in an emergency have taken no action other than uncovering the gun until the trained men arrived. In this connection I timed ration lorries

July 22nd.

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Continued.

on Friday without notifying the drivers and the ordinary run was S.H.B. 20 minutes: Canopas 30 minutes: to this must be added say 10 minutes for crews to get to H. Qrs. after the alarm which means that for half an hour Sappers Hill could not take any action; whereas with the alternative system the gun could be firing immediately at a slightly slower rate.

In order to reduce transport to a minimum ^{only} the bi-weekly store trips are now made leave men working in with them with the monthly relief system an additional trip for 50% Saturday night leave will be entailed and being in overtime hours is a heavy charge.

As Executive Engineer, I found the monthly breaking up of gangs had an adverse effect in efficiency and caused additional administrative work both in P.W.D. and S.H. office, and the Adjutant tells me the guns crews took a great deal of pulling together after the month off duty.

I would therefore submit with every deference that Your Excellency will cancel the provisional instructions for the monthly reliefs and agree to the system of 2 H.C.Os. and 6 men at each gun.

P.W.D.
Major.

148.

From His Excellency the Governor

On the conclusion of the first year of the war I wish to place on record my deep appreciation of the manner in which the whole population of these Islands have responded to the calls made upon them whether for personal service or for contributions in other ways to the war effort.

I thank particularly each and every member of the Defence Force who have been unwearingly in striving for increased efficiency to meet attack and have kept ceaseless watch over the sea approaches. High soldierly qualities are essential for the maintenance of discipline and preparedness over a long period of inaction. Our defenders are exhibiting these qualities and justifying our confidence in them.

1874

42 September 1960

P.C. put back

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 13th September, 19 40. Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

No. 95. The people of the Falkland Islands wish to express their deepest gratitude for their Majesties preservation from an attack serving only to deepen the horror and detestation of German vileness.

GOVERNOR.

EXCERPT FROM MINUTE FROM EXECUTIVE ENGINEER OF13th September, 1940. Original filed in 147/40.

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Canoeous. The men's sleeping quarters to be ceiled in immediately and work completed before next Thursday, P.M.D. to supply materials only. Estimated cost £5.

W.T. Station Guards Ers. A yoke or rolling barrel to be supplied and also "arm" chairs. Estimated cost £2. 10. 0.

Tussac Point. Battery to be moved as soon as opportunity arises to Ordinance Point. Estimated cost of move £20. 0. 0.

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● DECODE.

No 403

TELEGRAM.

From SECRETARY OF STATE

To H. E. THE GOVERNOR

Despatched :

19

Time :

Received :

22nd September

1940

Time : 23.15

No 91.

Red 49.
Your telegram No 95 has been laid before the King who has commanded me to convey to the people of the Falkland Islands an expression of his sincere thanks for the message.

Their Majesties are deeply touched by the concern for their safety and welfare which is being shown by so many of their peoples in all parts of the Empire.

G.T.C.

No. 98.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

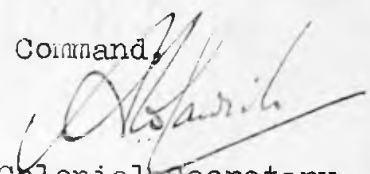
Colonial Secretary's Office,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

23rd September, 1940.

The Governor directs the publication of the following telegraphic correspondence between His Excellency and the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies relative to the outrageous bombing attacks made upon Their Majesties the King and Queen by the German Air Force.

By Command,


Colonial Secretary.

From the Governor to the Secretary of State for
the Colonies on the 13th September, 1940.

The people of the Falkland Islands wish to express their deepest gratitude for their Majesties preservation from an attack serving only to deepen the horror and detestation of German vileness.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the
Governor on the 22nd September, 1940.

Your telegram has been laid before the King who has commanded me to convey to the people of the Falkland Islands an expression of his sincere thanks for the message.

Their Majesties are deeply touched by the concern for their safety and welfare which is being shown by so many of their people in all parts of the Empire.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.
RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
Service	Pebble		10.50	24.11.40

To

O C D F., Stanley.

SHEPHERD REPORTS WARSHIP SIGHTED 9.30 TWELVE MILES NORTH END OF PEBBLE
PROCEEDING EASTWARDS AT HIGH SPEED.

DOROTHY BARTON.

*Ship sighted off Cape Tamar 11.15 on bearing
SE course.*

*Both Shepherds say warship but unable to
give details because of poor visibility. Quite
sure she is warship.*

*Reports confirmed. Labeled said thought
cruiser. One Shepherd says about size
of Exeter.*

Time

547.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
191 /	Psy Stat	31	14.15	26.11.40

To

Barton

Pebble Is.

Vessel sighted off Pebble on Sunday ~~morning~~ morning has now been identified beyond doubt as the 45 ton schooner for Weddell now in Stanley. Shepherd will receive reward accordingly.

O.C.D.F.

Copy:

Time

Report of vessel sighted (5)

1. Time sighted
2. Appearance of vessel, with particular reference to number and position of masts and funnels.
3. Distance from land
4. Approximate compass bearing from land.
5. Course being steered
6. Speed as estimated

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N O T I C E.

A wireless message received at Defence Force Headquarters at 10.50 on the morning of the 24th November stated that a shepherd reported having sighted at 9.30 a.m. a warship 12 miles from an indicated point of land proceeding eastward at high speed.

The importance attaching to such messages and their speedy communication to Headquarters cannot be over estimated. The report as worded was good in form except for failing in one serious particular. A description of the vessel sighted is essential. It is not sufficient to state that a vessel is a warship for instance without giving reasons for the statement, e.g. number and position of funnels and masts and whether large top works etc. In the case under reference it was reported by wireless some hours later that the vessel was about the size of the Exeter. This would have been helpful if true : any points of difference would have been more so.

It should be generally known that warships of any nationality can be identified at Defence Headquarters if sufficient information as to their appearance is available.

The rewards offered by the Government for the first report received in Stanley Headquarters of a ship, other than a local vessel, approaching the coast are :-

- I Payable to any person without restriction.
 - (a) Enemy warship - £50.
 - (b) Enemy supply ship - £10.
- II Payable to any person excluding members of Defence Force on active service and light house staff :
 - (a) Foreign ship - £2.
 - (b) British ship - £1.

Such reports must be confirmed before they are payable.

Wireless reports should if possible be sent in code.

In order to ensure full information being obtained a pro forma information sheet is attached and it will meet all needs if bare information is given with stop between as example appended.

REPORT OF VESSEL SIGHTED.

1. Place and time sighted.
2. Appearance of vessel, with particular reference to number and position of masts and funnels.
3. Distance from land.
4. Approximate compass bearing from land.
5. Course being steered.
6. Speed as estimated.

EXAMPLE. 1230 Dunnose Head stop Tanker funnel and three masts forward stop 10 miles stop W.N.W. stop East stop 10 knots stop.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Mr. Miller, Roy Cove,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 31st March, 19 41. *Time:* 2145.

Received: 1st April, 19 41. *Time:* 1100.

Have been working for 18 months seriously shorthanded. Two single men are leaving in April voluntarily for no apparent reason. This leaves 28,000 acres of live camp without shepherds during tuppung and winter season thus placing welfare of wool production in a serious position with only six married and one single employee left. Could you arrange return of James May who is Roy Cove man at Arrow Point and one other man and replace them by compulsory service if necessary of the two leaving here who are both of Military age. I would emphasize urgency of this request. Can guarantee J. May rouseabout job and other man navvies job at current wages plus ten per cent until June 30th and thereafter at £7. 10s. and £7 respectively.

MILLER.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary.

To Mr. Miller, Roy Cove.

Despatched: 7th April, 19 41. Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

Your telegram 31st March please telegraph
names and ages of 2 men leaving you in April.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From Mr. Millern Roy Cove, _____

To Colonial Secretary. _____

Despatched : 8th April, 1941. *Time :* 1430.

Received : 9th April, 1941. *Time :* 1030.

Names ages are Vincent Goodwin 30 Douglas Goodwin 19 next June.

MILLER.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary.

To Miller, Roy Cove.

Despatched : 10th April, 19 41. Time : ...

Received : 19 ... Time : ...

Recd 61. v 63.

Your telegrams 31st March and 8th April much regret cannot release May. Agricultural Department endeavouring to obtain two camp men for you.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

65.

From Mr. Miller, Roy Cove,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 12th April, 1941. *Time* :2000.

Received : 13th April, 1941. *Time* :1030.

Reference your telegram April 11th Agricultural Department has been endeavouring to get men for me for past eight months with no success. Government does not realise that position here is serious and I would like to know what interest authorities will show if farm has partly to close down. Your message requiring farms to supply a campman for Government job Foxbay absolutely amazes me.

MILLER.

Red 64.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary. _____

To Miller, Roy Cove.

Despatched : 16th April, 1941. *Time :* ...

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

Accd. 65.

Your telegram April 12th His Excellency fails to understand the astounding tone and incredible crudity of your message.

Colonial Secretary.

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(67)

Roy Cove,
Falkland Islands.

April 17th, 1941.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Sir,

Recd. 66.

With reference to your telegram of yesterday April 16th I regret that ~~you should~~ His Excellency should take exception to the tone of my message of April 12th.

What your message terms incredible crudity I consider as a plain statement of an extremely serious labour situation in the camp as a whole and this farm in particular, on top of which came your message asking farmers to advertise to their men that a Government job was vacant at Fox Bay, whereby one of us is liable to lose another man when we are already desperately shorthanded.

At present we have no source of labour supply other than can be arranged by the Government.

Like all other producers of raw material in the Empire we have been indirectly requested to produce to the best of our ability to help the war effort.

In England farmers receive encouragement and a supply of labour during this war; here we are sure of nothing at all except that very little interest has been shown by the Government in the only industry of the Colony.

For the past six years the Authorities in Stanley have done very little in a practical form to stem the flow of labour from the farms into Stanley, and the position here from the point of view of wool production is becoming so serious that I had hoped for a determined effort on the part of the Government to relieve farmers of a steadily deteriorating labour situation.

I have stated the serious situation now facing this farm & the industry generally in what I call plain terms and it will be hopeless from the farmer's point of view if instead of some practical action, I am to be told for the second time that my correspondence has an astounding tone and is incredibly crude.

I am, Sir,

your obedient servant,

Sydney Miller

The man who leaves will presumably be given work in the camp as he is a camp man

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Stanley, Falkland Islands,

1st September, 1941.

WHEREAS it is provided in Sections 18 and 19 of the Defence Force Ordinance, No. 4 of 1920, that every male British subject over the age of eighteen and under the age of forty-one years resident in the Colony shall be liable to serve in the Defence Force.

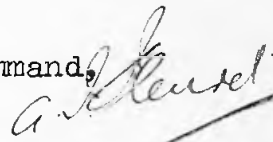
AND WHEREAS it is further provided that every such person with certain exemptions specified in the Schedule hereto, shall furnish his full name and the date of his birth to the Officer Commanding the Defence Force within four months of becoming liable to serve.

AND WHEREAS certain persons have not yet furnished the particulars required by law.

It is hereby notified that every such person shall furnish the particulars required forthwith by letter to the Adjutant of the Defence Force, or in person to the Officer designated by him at the Defence Force Headquarters between the hours of 9.30 a.m., and 4.30 p.m. on weekdays.

Any person so liable who fails to comply with this Notice will be prosecuted in accordance with law.

By Command,



for Colonial Secretary.

M.P. No. 164/39.

SCHEDULE OF EXEMPTIONS.

The only son of a widow being her only support.

Members and Clerk of the Executive and Legislative Councils.

Judge of the Supreme Court.

Postmaster and Registrar Supreme Court.

Magistrates.

Duly qualified Medical Practitioners.

Members of the Police Force.

Ministers of Religion.

Teachers in Schools under Government inspection.

Licensed Pilots.

All persons medically certified to the satisfaction of the Governor to be physically unfit for service, and

Any person exempted by order of the Governor-in-Council.

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● DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 3rd September, 1941. *Time :*...

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

No. 121. Upon this occasion of the third anniversary of the outbreak of War please accept from the people of this Dependency the firm assurance of their loyalty and faith that ere long the foulness that has spread over the World will be completely cleansed away through the valorous energy of our kith and kin.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From ... Under Secretary of State for War.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 2nd September, 19 41. Time : ...

Received : 19 ... Time : ...

Personal from Cigs to all troops under your command.

As we enter into the third year of the War the army can look with pride upon what has passed and with confidence into the future. We have passed through times of defeat and anxiety through weary months of waitings and through days of triumphant success no one can predict what the future holds for the army which in these years by its own endeavour and with the help of its brothers in industry has grown in strength and efficiency there may still be months of waiting and preparation for some. There may still be heavy blows to be met by others but whether patience or hardihood is demanded of the soldier he will I know carryout his task with high hearted confidence in absolute assurance that whether it comes soon or late Victory will be ours.

TROOPERS.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Under Secretary of State for War.

Despatched : 3rd September, 1941, Time :...

Received : 19... Time :...

Thanks for your Rec. 70. message to the troops here. Deprived as we are of active participation in these times of hardship we are stirred to the depths by the knowledge of the terrific heroism of His Majesty's forces whenever and wherever they have faced the foe and are proud to be attached to them.

GOVERNOR.

Stanley
28th August 1941

Sir

The members of The F.I. Reform League wish me to point out to you that while they entirely agree with practice alarms to exercise our defenses etc, they consider it unfair that one recently was given while very many people were sick including members of the Defence Force.

It is hoped Sir, that His Excellency The Governor will see that this does not occur again while influenza or any other sickness is prevalent.

I have the honour
to be Sir,

The Hon
Colonial Secretary
Stanley

• your obedient servant
W. J. M. Atkinson
Secretary

72/41.

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6th September,

41.

Sir,

Red 72.

With reference to your letter of the 28th of August, 1941, I am directed to inform you that while it is regretted that the practice alarm was held at a time when many people were ill with influenza it should be realized that we are at war.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. J. F.

For Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,
Falkland Islands Reform League,
STANLEY.

● DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 147. *From* Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 11th September, 19 41. *Time :* 20.40.

Received : 12th September, 19 41. *Time :* 10.30.

No. 104. *Recd 69.* Your telegram No. 121 has been laid before H.M. the King who desires that an expression of his warm appreciation of the message contained therein may be conveyed to the people of the Falkland Islands.

G.T.C.

Secretary of State.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
13th September, 1941.

His Excellency the Governor directs the publication of the following telegraphic correspondence between His Excellency and the Secretary of State for the Colonies :-

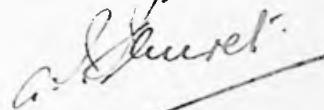
From the Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 3rd September, 1941.

Upon this occasion of the third anniversary of the outbreak of War please accept from the people of this Dependency the firm assurance of their loyalty and faith that ere long the foulness that has spread over the World will be completely cleansed away through the valorous energy of our kith and kin.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor on 11th September, 1941.

Your telegram has been laid before H.M. the King who desires that an expression of his warm appreciation of the message contained therein may be conveyed to the people of the Falkland Islands.

By Command,



for Colonial Secretary.

DECODE.

76.

TELEGRAM.

From Rear Admiral South America Division.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 15th September, 19 41. *Time :* 11.43.

Received : 16th September, 19 41. *Time :* 10.30.

Recd 71.
Your 0001 2/3.

On behalf of Royal Navy and in particular of S.A. Division please convey to Colony our most grateful thanks. Those ships of the Division fortunate enough to have visited you have without exception taken away with them very pleasant memories of help and kindness shown them by you all. I do assure you that it gives me and those under my command a feeling of great confidence to know that we have you and the Falkland Islands behind us in times of need.

Rear Admiral S.A. Division.

To bring into force Compulsory Service in the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

IN THE NAME of His Majesty GEORGE VI., by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, &c., &c., &c.

*By His Excellency ALLAN WOLSEY CARDINALL,
ESQUIRE, Companion of the Most Distinguished
Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and
over the Colony of the Falkland Islands and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

(Sgd.) A. W. CARDINALL

WHEREAS a state of War exists between His Majesty the King and Germany, Japan, Italy, Finland, Hungary, and Roumania, rendering it necessary that any invasion of or attack on the Colony under my Government by the forces of the said countries shall be repelled;

AND WHEREAS it is provided under Section 19 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1920, as amended by Ordinance No. 9 of 1941, that every British subject over the age of eighteen and under the age of fifty-one years resident in the Colony, not being exempt under Section 22 of the Ordinance, shall be liable to serve in the Defence Force;

AND WHEREAS it is provided further under Section 20 of the said Ordinance that in the event of the Defence Force being called out for active service and the Governor considering it expedient that the numerical strength of the Force should be increased, the Governor may by proclamation call upon and require any or all such person or persons, not being members of the Force, to join and serve with the Force so called out;

AND WHEREAS I consider it expedient that the numerical strength of the Force should be increased;

NOW, THEREFORE I, ALLAN WOLSEY CARDINALL, ESQUIRE, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies do hereby call upon and require all such persons resident in Stanley and affected by the Proviso to Section 19 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1920 as amended by Ordinance No. 9 of 1941, to assemble at the Falkland Islands Defence Force Headquarters at the hour of 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th December, 1941, for the purpose of performing such service as may by me be directed.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony at Government House, Stanley, this 8th day of December, in the year of Our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and forty-one.

By Command,

(Sgd.) A. I. Fleuret.

for Colonial Secretary.

No. 164/39.

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

MINUTE.

9th December 19 41.

*From**To* The Registrar-General,

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I am directed to forward herewith, for insertion in the files of the Registrar-General, an authenticated copy of Proclamation No. 10 of 1941, bringing into force Compulsory Service in the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

G. J. J.
for Colonial Secretary.

● DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Officer in Charge, South Georgia.

Despatched : 8th December, 19 44. *Time* : ...

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

No. 98. State of War exists between His Majesty and
Finland, Hungary, Roumania and Japan.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Officer in Charge, South Georgia.

Despatched : 8th December, 19 41. Time:...

Received : 19 ... Time:...

No. 101. Every male British subject over the age of
18 and under 51 resident in Colony now liable to serve
in Defence Force.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				8. 12. 41.
To	MANAGER, HARBOUR, PEOPLE ISLAND.	OPERATOR, FOX HAY.	ADMINISTRATOR, PORT SAN CARLOS.	ALL MANAGERS, EAST FALKLAND.

EVERY MALE BRITISH SUBJECT OVER THE AGE OF 18 AND UNDER 54 RESIDENT IN COLONY NOW LIABLE TO SERVE IN DEFENCE FORCE. SUCH PERSONS SHOULD FURNISH FORTHWITH FULL NAME, DATE OF BIRTH AND NATIONALITY TO STATION MANAGERS WHO WILL THEREUPON COMMUNICATE PARTICULARS TO OFFICER COMMANDING DEFENCE FORCE.

OFFICER COMMANDING TROOPS.

Time

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Officer Commanding Troops,

To Wireless Operator, Fox Bay, Easton, Pebble Island.

Despatched : 8th December, 19 41. Time : ...

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

Please communicate the following to all out Stations and coastal areas West Falklands : begins :-

With the advent of Japan into the War the situation has become one of utmost gravity and will remain so for some time to come.

Attack may be expected at any moment and therefore it is of vital importance that all camps should forthwith organise full time watching parties and report anything unusual with the least possible delay to Headquarters, Falkland Islands Defence Force or to Officer Commanding Troops direct. Ends.

OFFICER COMMANDING TROOPS.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Officer Commanding Troops,.....

To Andreassen, San Carlos, East Falkland.

Despatched : 8th December, 19 41. *Time :*...

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

Please communicate the following to all out Stations and coastal areas East Falklands, begins :

With the advent of Japan into the war the situation has become one of utmost gravity and will remain so for some time to come.

Attack may be expected at any moment and therefore it is of vital importance that all camps should forthwith organise full time watching parties and report anything unusual with the least possible delay to Headquarters, Falkland Islands Defence Force or to Officer Commanding Troops direct. Ends.

OFFICER COMMANDING TROOPS.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.
SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				10. 12. 41.
<i>To</i> FOR TELEPHONING TO ALL STATIONS ON THE EAST FALKLANDS.				

WITH THE ADVENT OF JAPAN INTO THE WAR THE SITUATION HAS BECOME ONE OF UTMOST GRAVITY AND WILL REMAIN SO FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

ATTACK MAY BE EXPECTED AT ANY MOMENT AND THEREFORE IT IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE THAT ALL CAMPS SHOULD FOREWITH ORGANISE FULL TIME WATCHING PARTIES AND REPORT ANYTHING UNUSUAL WITH THE LEAST POSSIBLE DELAY TO HEADQUARTERS, FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE OR TO OFFICER COMMANDING TROOPS DIRECT. ENDS.

OFFICER COMMANDING TROOPS.

Time

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 101.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

12th December, 1941.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward herewith six copies of Proclamation, No. 10 of 1941, bringing into force Compulsory Service in the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most
obedient, humble servant,

(Sgd) A. W. CARDINALL

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LORD MOYNE, P.C., D.S.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

No. 11.

Proclamation

1941.

Ordering general mobilisation of the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

IN THE NAME of His Majesty GEORGE VI., by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, &c., &c., &c.

(I.S.)

*By His Excellency ALLAN WOLSEY CARDINALL,
ESQUIRE, Companion of the Most Distinguished
Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and
over the Colony of the Falkland Islands and
its Dependencies and Vice Admiral thereof.*

(Sgd.) A. W. CARDINALL

WHEREAS a state of War exists between His Majesty the King and Germany, Japan, Italy, Finland, Hungary and Roumania, and whereas it is necessary that any invasion of or attack on the Colony under my Government by the forces of the said countries shall be repelled, I, ALLAN WOLSEY CARDINALL, ESQUIRE, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies do hereby under the powers conferred on me by Section 15 of the Falkland Islands Defence Force Ordinance, No. 7 of 1920, order and proclaim general mobilisation of every Officer and Member of the Force as from 6 p.m. on Wednesday the 10th of December, 1941, for the purpose of performing such service as may by me be directed, and I do further hereby command employers to release any persons who may be required under this Proclamation.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony at Government House, Stanley, this 10th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and forty-one.

By His Excellency's Command,

(Sgd.) A. I. Fleuret.

for Colonial Secretary.

No. 164/39.

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

MINUTE.

(87)

18th December, 1941.

~~Minute~~ To

~~Min~~ From The Colonial Secretary

~~The Registrar-General,~~

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I am directed to forward herewith, for insertion in the files of the Registrar-General, an authenticated copy of Proclamation No. 11 of 1941, ordering general mobilisation of the Falkland Islands Defence Force.


for Colonial Secretary.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 112.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

19th December, 1941.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward herewith, six copies of Proclamation, No. 11 of 1941, made by me on 10th of December, ordering general mobilisation of the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most
obedient, humble servant,

(Sgd.) A. W. CARDINALL

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LORD MOYNE, P.C., D.S.O.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED TO ALL FARM MANAGERS ON THE
EAST AND WEST FALKLANDS BY WIRELESS AND/OR TELEPHONE.

TO ALL FARM MANAGERS.

IMMEDIATE. WAR DECLARED ON GERMANY. PROCLAMATION
ISSUED THIS DAY CALLING OUT DEFENCE FORCE. EVERY
OFFICER AND MEMBER OF THE DEFENCE FORCE AT PRESENT
IN THE CAMP IS REQUIRED TO REPORT AT THE WOOLSHED
AT THE SETTLEMENT OF THEIR EMPLOYERS AT NOON ON
MONDAY THE 4TH SEPTEMBER. MANAGERS ARE REQUIRED
TO REPORT TO STANLEY IMMEDIATELY THE NAMES OF ALL
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS SO REPORTING. MANAGERS SHOULD
INSTRUCT SUCH OFFICERS AND MEMBERS AS ARE NOT
REQUIRED FOR COAST WATCHING DUTIES TO RETURN TO THEIR
CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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*Received
H E Slade*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am speaking to you at one of the gravest moments in your history, how grave none of us can say.

The entry of Japan into the war has brought these islands into the front line on the extreme left of the American defences; and we can no longer rely on the protection afforded by distance.

There is no need for alarm or panic. There is only need for preparedness and the calm facing of facts. And it is these that I wish to impress upon you to the full; and I am sure once you realise the position you will display the same British spirit that has been shown elsewhere not only at home in Great Britain but in so many places of the Empire.

The first fact that must be understood is that Japan is a far different foe to Germany. The Japanese have not only the same skill and thoroughness, but possess a degree of initiation and energy far surpassing that of our main enemy. To these are to be added a heroism, a fanaticism and a spirit of individualism quite exceptional. They possess too a cold-blooded unscrupulousness and a sense of dishonesty, lack of chivalry and a cruelty equal to that of the Hun.

They are a foe that is not to be despised, not to be underrated, one that can be expected always to do the unexpected, and to do it thoroughly.

I am inclined to believe that very many of you are apt to discount one new enemy in so far as we ourselves are concerned because of the vast distances that separate him from our shores. But do not do so.

It is obvious that the Japanese will do all they can to obtain naval supremacy in the Pacific and therefore will aim at cutting communication from the Atlantic. There are only two lines for such communication - one through the Panama Canal and the other round Cape Horn. We are the sentinels at this latter gate.

It is obvious too that the Canal is the principal route, but it is most vulnerable and its temporary closing through enemy action makes the Horn route one of vital importance. Everyone

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knows this and it is probably because of this knowledge that already the Republics of Central America, Haiti and San Domingo have declared war on Japan. Their airfields are too close to the canal and no risk that they should be used by the enemy whether by actual seizure or by individual and determined flights by enemy subjects could be afforded.

So far there has been no news of any such attack or attempted attack; but the suddenness and unexpectedness of the blow against Honolulu last Sunday shows the spirit of the enemy. It is one of aggression. It follows the maxim of Napoleon that offence is the best defence.

We have heard this morning of Japanese flights over San Francisco, attacks on the Aleutian Islands, preparedness most earnest in Victoria, British Columbia; we have also learned of attacks on shipping only 700 miles from the Californian Coast. These all show that distance has been annihilated and this is a lesson that we must now learn.

Moreover remember the last war. Many of you witnessed a hostile fleet steaming off your shores. That fleet was successfully re-fuelled at sea and that fleet's nearest home base was in the Caroline and Marshall Islands. Today Japan owns these islands and therefore enjoys the same base.

Colliers met the warships and replenished their stock of coal somewhere off the Chilean coast. Today the Japanese can refuel their oil-burning vessels far more easily, and they may well have a base nearly half way closer to our shores.

One must not forget the great Paumotu Archipelago. It is nominally Free French, but it is practically unguarded. There are vast spaces there and since Japan has so evidently long prepared her attack it is well within reason to suppose she has accumulated stocks therein.

You might say that the seizure of the Falklands or the destruction of Stanley would serve Japan but little. One cannot argue a point which is one for experts, but one can most definitely say that such an act by the enemy would be one of terrific

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nuisance value.

What can we do? The answer is clear. Defend that which has been entrusted to us to the utmost of our ability, and if necessary go down in that defence.

That is I know your whole hearted reply, your final determination, your only desire and will.

To that end yesterday the Executive and Legislative Councils met and passed the necessary legislation to call to the colours all men up to the age of fifty-one. The older ones will relieve the younger in the less strenuous work, and by so doing aid in increasing our fighting force. No one, I think, will cavil at this, for all will realise that we are truly up against it, our backs of very truth against the wall.

You appreciate too that differing from the days of 1914 we now have to think of air, bombings and landings. Only a very few parachute troops could do an immensity of damage here, especially when working in conjunction with bombings. These require men to deal with, and as many men as we can get.

There is no reason why older men should not volunteer. The age of 51 was fixed because that is the age limit at present in force in England; but a man is as old as he feels, and a volunteer's age need not be too closely scrutinised. It is to every man's conscience.

Now, what about Civil Defence? There has been in existence for some time a Civil Defence Committee. You know, or you can easily find out their names. Go to them and learn what you can do in this hour of danger. They will advise you.

It is no time for dilatoriness or complacency. We are as never before an outpost, not of Empire this time, but of Civilisation.

I do not think there is any need for me to tell you your duty. You and I are one in knowing that; and I am certain you will all respond.

I had it in my mind to form a Women's Auxiliary Force, even to conscript women, as has been done in England. But our population is small and perhaps that is not yet necessary. However women can

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help and ought, I venture to say, to do so. They can and should register themselves as volunteers for general service, leaving the actual work to be allotted them. They can be fire-watchers as well as men; they can drive cars and lorries; they can do a hundred and one things that men usually perform. If they are fit they should certainly do so.

I shall ask a ladies Committee to meet and to function forthwith, and over this broadcast you will learn details as soon as possible.

But there is other woman's work which requires little organization. You can make swabs, dressings, and bandages in your homes; you can prepare splints and even make stretchers. You can each one of you mark down invalids and little babies whom you will care for and carry to safety, if occasion should arise. You can organize canteens for the homeless or the workers. You can stir yourselves to the same depths that the women of Great Britain have attained, to the greatest depth of self-sacrifice, mutual love and wonderful heroism.

The Civil Defence Committee has already taken steps about the black-out. In this your assistance is needed. It is far far better to carry out these discomforts by voluntary agreement than to resort to compulsion and force. I know you appreciate this and will do your utmost.

Car-lights and electric torches should be dimmed, and never flashed on to the clouds. But in order to lessen the discomfort of a black-out, I have decided to extend as from today the daylight saving hours by one more hour. Therefore please put your clocks and watches on yet another hour tonight when you go to bed. This has been done in England with conspicuous success; and in summer time lessens the number of hours when artificial light is needed.

As for your windows and doors, the committee will advise you and if necessary help. But it is for each one of us to do what each can for himself. We shall help each other most by calling for help the least.

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There will be a practice alarm very shortly. You will be warned in time, as it will be rather a practice than an alarm. In this all are asked to act as if it were the real thing and so take the rehearsal as a very serious matter, just exactly as life-boat drill is done at sea.

I hope I have not alarmed you too much. But believe me we are faced with the great possibility of a very grave and quite possibly immediate danger and it is only by our preparedness that we can effectually meet it.

I have called you sentinels of Cape Horn. Your watchfulness and alertness will show your worthiness of the trust that has been placed upon you. As you mount this bastion of the Empires defence remember the example of our kith and kin, and take pride in the performance of the duty thrust upon you.

No. 130.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
22nd December, 1941.

With reference to Government Notice of the 11th of September, 1939, it appears necessary once more to repeat the warning given against the spreading of false rumours to alarm people.

A report has been circulated that the Norwegian vessel which recently called at Stanley has since been identified as a German Raider, that her crew consisted of Norwegian speaking Germans, and that she had on board a considerable quantity of arms and ammunition stored beneath her deck cargo of timber.

The Government wishes the general public to understand that there is no truth whatever in the rumour, and that if the author of such a story can be found he will be severely dealt with. Furthermore it should be clearly understood that those persons who spread such rumours without due enquiry are also liable to punishment.

By Command,

C. J. Stewart

For Colonial Secretary.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Despatched: 3rd September, 19 42. Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

No. 177. As we enter upon the fourth year of war I would ask you to convey to His Majesty the humble duty of myself and the people of this Colony, and assurance of their steadfast loyalty and affection towards himself and the Royal Family and complete confidence in our final victory.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

O.C. Def. Force.

Dear Colonel Woodgate,

Please convey to all the members of the F.I. Def. Force the thanks and gratitude of myself and the Colony for the patient endurance in the hard work of Coast Watching. Through three long years they have stood sentry uncomplainingly and most devotedly. There are, I am afraid, many more months of this same watching ahead, but we know their steadiness and determination and in that knowledge our confidence and trust becomes complete.

Yours sincerely,

(SGD) A.W. CARDINALL.



HQn. F.I.D.F.

3rd September 1942.

To
His Excellency The Governor
& Commander-in-Chief

Your Excellency,

Your very kind message on this the
third anniversary of the outbreak of war
has been conveyed to the members of the
Force.

May I, on this behalf, express
our deep sense of gratitude for your
Excellency's appreciation of our efforts,
the knowledge of which will lighten
us to continue to do our best until
the whole world enjoys the same freedom
as our own Empire.

I ask your Excellency to accept
the loyal greetings of the Force.

Yours Sincerely,

Arthur Hoodkott.

Office of
The Naval Officer in Charge,

Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

3rd September, 1942.

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Royal Navy and the Mercantile
Marine, I thank Your Excellency for your gracious message which
I am forwarding to the Commander in Chief, South Atlantic Station,
by signal.

*I am the honor to be
your Excellency's obedient servant*

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COMMANDER, R.N.

To His Excellency the Governor,
Falkland Islands.

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TO: Naval Officer in Charge Falkland Islands

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I deeply appreciate your message of 3rd September as also do every member of South Atlantic Command. I am particularly pleased you included in your message the Mercantile Marine whose sustained courage is exciting the admiration of us all. Please convey to the people of the Colony our thanks for their kind thoughts of us at this time. From myself I send greetings to the many friends I made during my visit to the Falkland Islands in 1930.

BRITISH NAVAL

TAIT Vice Admiral.

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109. ANNIVERSARY OF OUTBREAK OF WAR - 3 SEPTEMBER 42.

On the occasion of the Third Anniversary of the war, the following message has been received from His Excellency, the Governor of the Falkland Islands :-

"On the occasion of the Third Anniversary of the war, I should like to convey to yourself and all in your command, the affection and confidence of the Falkland Islands people and myself. The heroism and self-sacrifice of our Army need no words of mine, and the records of the past three years are outstanding in that Army's history. The days to come may be heavy and sad, but the outcome is certain. Of that there is no doubt, and we know that our trust in you could never be too great."

The Force Commander has sent His Excellency the following reply:-

"On behalf of all ranks of the Falkland Islands Force, and on my own behalf, I thank you most sincerely for the very kind message of confidence and trust from yourself and the Falkland Islands people on the occasion of the Third Anniversary of the War.

I am speaking for all ranks when I say how much every one of us appreciate the very kindly welcome we have received from you all, and the warmth of that welcome has done much to alleviate the hardships incidental to our undertaking.

Come what may, the ultimate victory of our armed forces is certain, and I hope that if ever the opportunity comes, we, here, shall fully justify the confidence and trust you have reposed in us."

To His Excellency, the Governor
Of the Falkland Islands.

Your Excellency,

On behalf of all ranks of the Falkland Islands Force, and on my own behalf, I thank you most sincerely, for the very kind message of confidence and trust from yourself and the people of the Falkland Islands on the occasion of the third anniversary of the war.

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I have the honour to be

Your Excellency,

Your most obedient servant

H. H. St. John's Colonel.

4 Sept 1942.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 8th September, 19 42. *Time:* 1500.

Received: 9th September, 19 42. *Time:* 1030.

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No. 148. Your telegram No. 177 His Majesty has commanded me to convey to you and to the people of the Falkland Islands his sincere thanks for the message of loyalty and affection to the King and Royal Family.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

No. 88.

GAZETTE NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
9th September, 1942.

His Excellency the Governor directs the publication of the following telegraphic correspondence between His Excellency and the Secretary of State for the Colonies :-

From His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, 3rd September, 1942.

As we enter upon the fourth year of war I would ask you to convey to His Majesty the humble duty of myself and the people of this Colony, and assurance of their steadfast loyalty and affection towards himself and the Royal Family and complete confidence in our final victory

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor, 8th September, 1942.

His Majesty has commanded me to convey to you and to the people of the Falkland Islands his sincere thanks for the message of loyalty and affection to the King and Royal Family.

M.P. No. 164/39.

By Command,
Kenneth Bradley
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
17th September, 1942.

His Excellency the Governor directs the publication of the following correspondence exchanged upon the occasion of the third Anniversary of the outbreak of War :-

From His Excellency the Governor to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Falkland Islands.

Please accept from me and also the people of this Colony a message of gratefulness and love for all that the Royal Navy has done for us and all the world in the past three years. While thanking you, we pray that God may be with you in the coming months and lead you to triumph of victory which is undoubtedly assured.

At the same time I should like you to greet our great Mercantile Marine which in reality is a part of your Service and whose intrepid valour and wonderful heroism have done and are doing so much towards the coming glorious issue.

From the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Falkland Islands, to His Excellency the Governor.

On behalf of the Royal Navy and the Mercantile Marine, I thank Your Excellency for your gracious message which I am forwarding to the Commander-in-Chief, South Atlantic Station.

From the Commander-in-Chief, South Atlantic Station, to His Excellency the Governor.

I deeply appreciate your message as also do every member of South Atlantic Command. I am particularly pleased you included in your message the Mercantile Marine whose sustained courage is exciting the admiration of us all. Please convey to the people of the Colony our thanks for their kind thoughts of us at this time. From myself I send greetings to the many friends I made during my visit to the Falkland Islands in 1930.

From His Excellency the Governor to the Force Commander, Falkland Islands Force.

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From/

From the Force Commander, Falkland Islands Force,
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Come what may, the ultimate victory of our armed forces is certain, and I hope that if ever the opportunity comes, we, here, shall fully justify the confidence and trust you have reposed in us.

From His Excellency the Governor to the Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

Please convey to all the members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force the thanks and gratitude of myself and the Colony for the patient endurance in the hard work of Coast Watching. Through three long years they have stood sentry uncomplainingly and most devotedly. There are, I am afraid, many more months of this same watching ahead, but we know their steadfastness and determination and in that knowledge our confidence and trust becomes complete.

From the Officer Commanding, Falkland Islands Defence Force,
to His Excellency the Governor.

Your very kind message on this the Third Anniversary of the outbreak of war has been conveyed to the members of the Defence Force.

May I, on their behalf, express our deep sense of gratitude for Your Excellency's appreciation of our efforts, the knowledge of which will hearten us to continue to do our best until the whole world enjoys the same freedom as our own Empire.

I ask Your Excellency to accept the loyal greetings of the Defence Force.

By Command,

Kenneth Bradley
Colonial Secretary.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
To the Officer Administering the Government of

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

5th July, 1943.



SECRET.

Requests are frequently being received in the Colonial Office for information regarding (a) the extent to which compulsory powers for military and other national service have been taken by Colonial Governments and (b) the extent to which these powers have been used. Much information on these points is available but in regard to (b) it is desirable to have on record more precise details.

I should therefore be grateful if you would furnish me with a full and up-to-date statement on the position in the territory under your administration in regard to both men and women, white and coloured. Where conscription has been applied statement should indicate the services into which personnel have been conscripted, and the numbers in each category.

SAVING TELEGRAM.

From the Officer Administering the Government
of the Falkland Islands.

To the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 31st January, 1941.

Red 103. RECEIVED. Your secret Circular Telegram bearing of the 5th July.
Compulsory powers for military and other national service.

A. FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

Under the Falkland Islands Defence Force Ordinance, 1939, as amended by the Defence Force (Amendment) Ordinance, 1941, every male person resident in the Colony between the ages of 18 and 51 years, is required within four months of his becoming liable under the Ordinance to register for military service.

A Proclamation issued on the 3rd of September, 1939, under the Defence Force Ordinance, called out for active service all members of the Defence Force, and commanded employers to release any persons required for the Public Service. A further Proclamation ordering general mobilisation of the Falkland Islands Defence Force was issued on the 10th of December, 1941.

The following table shows the extent to which the above powers have been used :-

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Men conscripted	300.
Less: Discharged	60
Deceased	<u>3</u>
	<u>63</u>
Total number conscripted 31/12/43.	237

B. ORDER REQUIRING PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES IN SHIPS.

On the 21st of September, 1943, an order was made providing for the conscription of Merchant Seamen on the lines of the United Kingdom Defence Regulation, No. 17 A.D., as requested in Lord Drumhorne's Circular despatch dated the 17th October, 1942.

There has so far been no occasion to use these powers.

No other form of compulsory national service exist in the Colony or its Dependencies.

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Reversion of Falkland Islands Defence Force to
peace conditions.

IN THE NAME of His Majesty GEORGE VI., by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, &c., &c., &c.

SIR

By His Excellency/ALLAN WOLSEY
CARDINALL, Knight Commander of
the Most Excellent Order of the
British Empire, Companion of the
Most Distinguished Order of
Saint Michael and Saint George,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Colony of the
Falkland Islands and its
Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

Alfred

I do hereby order, under Section 15 (4) of the Defence Force Ordinance, 1920, that the period of active service of the Force shall end on 2nd July, 1945.

Proclamations, No. 6 of 1939, No. 12 of 1939, No. 10 of 1941, and No. 11 of 1941, are hereby repealed.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony at Government House, Stanley, this 2nd day of July, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and Forty-five.

By His Excellency's Command,

Kenneth Readley
Colonial Secretary.

No. 164/39.

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

MINUTE.

24th July, 1945

To Registrar General,

STANLEY.

From The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I enclose herewith for insertion in your files an authenticated copy of Proclamation No. 2 of 1945 repealing Proclamations No. 6 of 1939, No. 12 of 1939, No. 10 of 1941 and No. 11 of 1941.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 2.

Proclamation

1945.

Reversion of Falkland Islands Defence Force to peace conditions.

IN THE NAME of His Majesty GEORGE VI., by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, &c., &c., &c.

A. W. CARDINALL.

[L.S.]

By His Excellency SIR ALLAN WOLSEY CARDINALL, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

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By His Excellency's Command,

KENNETH BRADLEY,

Colonial Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd August, 1945.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 55.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith six copies of Proclamation, No. 2 of 1945, entitled Reversion of Falkland Islands Defence Force to peace conditions.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Sgd.) A. W. CARDINALL

RIGHT HONOURABLE
G. H. DALL, P.C.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.