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MISCELLANEOUS  
(General)

19 41.

No. 118/41.

C.S.C.

SUBJECT.

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15th December.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CORPS

Previous Paper.

1. Notice of 14/12/41. MINUTES.
- 1A Government Notice No. 125 of 15th December, 1941.
2. Letter from Chairman, Civil Defence Committee of 15. 12. 41.

*Y/B:* I was under the impression that the Civil Defence Committee would still function and that the W.A.C.s would in no way interfere with them. I cannot therefore understand why there should be general confusion.

*C. J. [unclear]  
15/12/41*

There may at the beginning be some misunderstanding - But the answer is

- (a) Rather!
- (b) Just as before.

The new idea of a Women's aux. corps is that they should be more of a military nature.

The Civil Defence Ctee is [unclear]

Subsequent Paper.

responsible (in so far as is competent  
with military requirements) for the defence  
of the civil population of Stanley.

The new proposal is to release women  
for work outside Stanley or inside the  
town by releasing men for actual  
fighting or armed defence. Thus women  
enlisted in the Corps can be taken for  
long. Drivers, <sup>clerks,</sup> dairymaids, gardening, fresh  
hauling, first. line ambulance & nursing  
for the soldiers before reaching Stanley &  
so.

If a woman, already signed up  
with the C. Def. Ctee, joins up with the  
new force, she should first obtain permission  
from the C. Def. Ctee or a receipt or be  
brought back for work with the C. Def. Ctee.

In any case I think it should  
be definitely understood that the C. Def.  
Ctee is for Stanley & its civil population,  
the new Ctee is for military assistance by  
releasing men to free them for the fighting  
services + for first. line work outside  
Stanley.

  
16/11/41

3. Letter to chairman, Civil Defence Committee 17/12/41.  
P.A. Chairman, W.F.C.C.

To sec.

C. J. P. C.  
28/12/41

Hon. Col. Sec.

The Committee has in no way interfered nor confused the Civil Defence of the Colony.  
M.C.

4. Minute from Executive Engineer of 23.12.41.

Hon. J. E. E.

Miss Biggs should be paid at the rate of 5/- per day or 5 1/2 day week from military vote. Pay & allowances (Civilian).

C. J. P. C.  
29/12/41

Hon. Col. Sec.

Red ④ noted that Miss Biggs be paid at 5/- per day. from 5/- per week, or the equivalent of 27/6 per week.

Red  
J. E. S. 29/12/41

Honourable Colonial Secretary

Hon. R. B. G.

C. J. P. C.

20.12.41

Quartermaster,

to note.

A. J. J. L.  
3/12/41.

Hon. Col. Sec

noted thank you.

A. J. J. L.  
3/12/41.

P.S.

Hon. J.

When I wrote my minute of 29/12/41 herein I was under the impression that the Storekeeper who had been taken for military duties was still drawing the salary of his substantive office. This is not the case, however, and he is being paid from military funds. Therefore his 12099 should discontinue to be paid from military and should receive his salary from P.W.D. votes.

A. J. J. L.  
3/1/42.

5. Minute from E. E. dated 29/1/42

E. E.

(6).

Re (5) under the above ruling by the Col Sec, Miss Bey is should now receive salary from P.W.D., and not from military source, as hitherto. From January 1st 1942 Miss Bey is should be paid at 57 per day on a 5 1/2 day week, under a new head, as follows:-

XVIII P.W. (6) Other Charges

5 Extra assistance

This should be covered by a S.W., once the total amount involved has been established

The sum under Personal Emoluments for the 1942 Estimate, for Storekeeper, cannot be made use of in this case.

The amount paid in December last and charged to Supplementary Pay, must be allowed to stand, as this cannot now be altered.

M. J. J.

P.W.S. 30-1-42

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Announcement

Notes. Thank you. I understand authority must be obtained before women are employed to replace men, therefore will you please pass this my formal request for the appointment of Miss Begg vice E. Dixon to the Honorable Colonial Secretary please.

C.W. E.

10.2.42.

(5)

Hon. Col. Sec.

W. L. T. H.

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9-10. Minute from Controller of Civil Defence.

(11)

G.F.

As discussed. I submit a draft letter for G.F.'s approval.

12. Letter to Miss E. C. Carey of 15/12/42.

WB  
11/12

(13)

C.C.D

To note. These women are now at your disposal.

WB.

16/12

H.C.S., Noted

F.D.

C.C.D. 17/12/42

NOTICE.

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In reference to His Excellency the Governor's broadcast at noon today all women between the ages of 18 and upward anxious to register for National Service are requested to call at the Government Post Office tomorrow, Wednesday 11th of December and give their names and other details to Miss Carey the Postmaster, who will be in her office for this purpose from 9 a.m.

The names of the Committee will be published later as well as further details of the organization.

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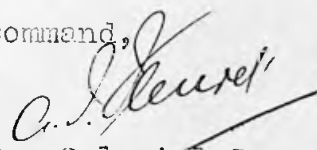
GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
15th December, 1941.

The following Committee has been appointed to assist  
in the organization of, and recruitment and allocation of  
duties in, a Women's Auxiliary Corps in Stanley :-

- Miss E. M. Carey, Chairman.
- Mrs. A. I. Fleuret.
- Mrs. J. D. Creamer, O.B.E. } Members.
- Mrs. L. A. Sedgwick. }
- Mrs. C. Henriksen. }

By Command,



for Colonial Secretary.

M.P. No. 118/41.

# Christ Church Cathedral

Port Stanley Falkland Islands

REV GERALD K. LOWE

December 15th, 1941

The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.

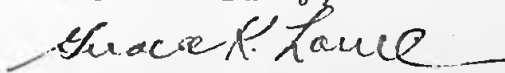
Honourable Sir:

Since the formation of the New Committee under the Chairmanship of Miss Carey, General Confusion has reigned in the ranks of the Civil Defence Committee.

What our committee would like decided in the shortest time is, A. Are we supposed to continue to function, and B if so what duties do we continue to be responsible for and what duties are being taken over by the new Committee.

The situation as it now stands is most unsatisfactory, and in the interest public safety and a more efficient prosecution of the war, should be cleared up as soon as possible.

Yours Faithfully,



Chairman Civil Defence Committee,



118/41.

17th December, 41.

Reverend Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 15th of December, 1941, I am directed to inform you that there may at the beginning be some misunderstanding with regard to the formation of a Women's Auxiliary Corps but the Civil Defence Committee should continue to function and its duties should be as already arranged.

2. The new idea of a Women's Auxiliary Corps is that they should be more of a military nature. The Civil Defence Committee is entirely responsible (in so far as is compatible with military requirements) for the defence of the civil population of Stanley.

3. The new proposal is to enlist women for work outside Stanley or inside the town, by releasing men for actual fighting or armed defences. Thus women enlisted in the corps can be taken for lorry-drivers, clerks, dairy work, gardening, peat hauling, front line ambulance and nursing for the soldiers before reaching Stanley, etc, etc.

4. If a woman already signed up with the Civil Defence Committee joins up with the new force she should first obtain permission from the Civil Defence Committee or resign or be turned back for work with the Civil Defence Committee.

5. In any case His Excellency thinks it should be definitely understood that the Civil Defence Committee is for Stanley and its civil population and the new Committee for military assistance by replacing men to free them for the fighting services and for front line work outside Stanley.

I am,  
Reverend Sir,  
Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

Civil Defence Committee,  
LEY.

U R G E N T .

MINUTE.

(4)

No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

23rd December, 19 41



From

The Executive Engineer,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

I am informed by Miss Carey that where women are engaged to replace men they are to receive Military pay. Will you please confirm this and also say whether this is to be at 7/6d per day for a six day week or £2.12.6. per week. The point arises in connection with Miss M. Biggs who is assisting in P.W.D. Store.

*Rush Loozfat*  
Executive Engineer.

No.

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

MINUTE.

29th January, 1942.

From Executive Engineer,

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Hon: Financial Secretary,

Stanley.

My attention has been called to the unfair allocation of charge in the case of the salary paid to Miss Madge Biggs. The storekeeper whose place she is in part filling is now drawing his Military pay of £2. 12. 6 per week plus Supplementary pay from Miscellaneous 17. to make up his salary to £200 p.a., which means this officer is now of no cost to this department. Miss Biggs is being paid from Military pay and she also therefore is of no cost to this department.

May authority therefore be given to pay Miss Biggs from the amount allowed in the estimates for Storekeeper and necessary adjustments be made from the date of her commencing duty.

*Austin Woodgate*

Executive Engineer.

Your Reference  
P.S. Reference

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**GENERAL POST OFFICE,  
PORT STANLEY,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.**

9th December, 1942.

F.D. Evans, Esq., Controller of Civil Defence

With reference to your letters of the 1st December and 7th December, 1942, I regret to inform you that the members of the Committee of the Womens' Auxiliary Services have tendered their resignations and I as Chairman wish to resign also from the Committee.

There are many reasons for these resignations - several of the members of the Committee have had for the past few months as many as ten and twelve billetees living in their homes and therefore have had little time to spare. The personnel of the W.A.S. Services have been busy with laundry etc. for the troops and have not been available for other duties.

The members express their regret resigning from the Committee and are of the opinion that it would be better if controlled under the Civil Defence in future and not as a separate unit as hithertofore.

It is with great regret that I am resigning from this Committee.

*E. M. Carew*

Chairman,  
Womens' Auxiliary Service Corp.

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MINUTE.

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10th. December 19 42

From Controller of Civil  
Defence.

To Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I beg to submit a letter from Miss E.M. Carey, Chairman, Womens' Auxiliary Corps in which she tenders on behalf of the committee, and her own resignation.

I am unable to find out what work has been done in connection with the Womens' Auxiliary Corps and will therefore be unable to embody it in my progress report.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. J. Smith".

Controller of Civil Defence.

(12)

15th December, 1942.

Dear Miss Carey,

I am very sorry to hear that you wish to resign from the Chairmanship of the Women's Auxiliary Corps and that the other members of your Committee are also resigning. I am most grateful for the work which you and your Colleagues have done and should be glad if you would tell them so.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) A. W. CARDINALL

Miss E. M. Carey,  
STANLEY.