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NAVAL AND MILITARY.
(Miniature Rifle Club).
MISCELLANEOUS.
(General)

1946.

No. 109/46.

Secretary of State.

SUBJECT.

1946.

16th May.

Previous Paper.

"FORCES DAY" .22 RIFLE SHOOTING COMPETITION, 1946.

MINUTES.

1. Circ. Despatch from S. of S. of 16. 5. 46.

(2)

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

For your views on recd Opl.

D.H. Jones
10/7/46

(3)

Innumerate Colonial Secretary.

As the necessary targets must be obtained & the shoot completed by 31. Oct 1946 time will prevent some entries I fear, in addition we are having something of a 'claw' season as all rifles are in U.K. being repaired etc.

D.H. Jones
11. VII. 46

H. S. of S. Circ. Agram. of 1. 10. 46

S of S. Circ Despatch (2) of 26. 11. 46

Subsequent Paper.

OC., F.I.D.F.

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⑤ I think your (3) still applies?

OK
by CS.
19/3.

(7)

A.C.S.

That is so.

W. OC. F.I.D.F.
21.11.47.

Samogram No. 8 to S. of S. of 19.4.47.

Give Samogram from S. of S. of 10.3.48

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9. Pa. P.
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Record:

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9 should be referred to the Secretary,
M.L. Club when the m.r. season commences.

L.H. Jones
1.4.48.

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Mr. L. Gleadall
Hon. Sec.
F.I.D.F. M/R Club.

B.W. 15/4/48.
L.H. Jones
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You might care to bring
9 to the notice of your Committee & members in due course.

L.H. Jones
27.4.48.

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Hon. Sec.

Thank you. We are hoping to take
part in the 1948 competition if the targets arrive
before the closing date.

L. Gleadall
Hon. Sec.

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Targets not received

L.H. Jones
16/4/48

F.I.D.F. M.R.C
24/7/48

15/1/48
B.W. 3/1/48
L.H. Jones
9/4/48

re saving telegram from P.offs of 31.5.49

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Record

Encls. to (M) sent to Hon Sec F.I.D.F./M.R.C.

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CIRCULAR

Downing Street,

16th May, 1946.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a copy of the Rules of Entry for the "Forces Day" .22 rifle shooting competition, 1946, in aid of the Incorporated Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Help Society and Lord Roberts Memorial Workshops.

2. It is thought that Colonial Military Forces under direct control of Colonial Governments, Colonial Police Forces and, where existent, organised civilian rifle clubs, may wish to take part in the competition, the proceeds from which are to be devoted to a most deserving charity.

3. Details of the competition are being made known to military forces under the direct control of the War Office through the normal military channels.

4. All correspondence in connection with the competition should be addressed as directed in the Rules, but I should be interested to receive, in due course, particulars of any organisations which decide to compete.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

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G.H. HALL.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF

FALKLAND ISLANDS

See Ref. 4



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"FORCES DAY" .22 RIFLE SHOOTING COMPETITION, 1946

Chairman : LIEUT. GENERAL SIR OLIVER LEESE, BART., K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

Rules

1. An individual competition open to all members of the (1) Army (at Home and Overseas). (2) Senior and Junior Training Corps and Army Cadet Force. (3) Regimental Association Rifle Clubs. (4) Rifle Clubs affiliated to the National Rifle Association (N.R.A.). (5) The Police (including Auxiliaries). (6) The Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs. (7) Home Guard Rifle Clubs. (8) Similar Bodies in the Dominions and Colonies may also compete.
2. The Competition will be organised by each of the competing bodies within the framework of the rules.
3. Army Commands and other competing organisations will appoint an official, who will be responsible within that body for marking of targets, also for arranging for any ties to be shot off, and deciding the ultimate winners of prizes allocated to that body. (See Rule 7).
4. Any genuine dispute will be referred to the Central Committee whose decision will be final.
5. Prizes will be given by "Forces Day" Fund to each Army Command, Senior Training Corps, Junior Training Corps and Army Cadet Force, Regimental Association Rifle Clubs, Rifle Clubs affiliated to the N.R.A., The Police, the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs, Home Guard Rifle Clubs, and similar Bodies in the Dominions and Colonies.
1st Prize, 5 Savings Certificates ; 2nd Prize, 3 Savings Certificates ; 3rd Prize, 2 Savings Certificates.
6. Competitor's name, rank, number and unit to be entered on each target in BLOCK LETTERS.
7. Special Match Targets will be used ; these are obtainable from the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs, Mayleigh, Petersham Road, Richmond, Surrey, England, on sale at the rate of 3/6 per hundred, which includes postage. Bull practice targets may be purchased from the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs at the rate of 2/- per 100.
8. The Competition may commence immediately on receipt of targets, but all shooting in the preliminary stage, including shooting off ties, must be completed by 31st October, 1946. Names of Prize winners in each Army Command, Senior Training Corps, Junior Training Corps and Army Cadet Force, Regimental Association Rifle Clubs, Rifle Clubs affiliated to the N.R.A., the Police, the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs, Home Guard Rifle Clubs, and similar Bodies in the Dominions and Colonies, and their targets to be sent to Major W. D. S. Careye, 33, The Little Boltons, Kensington, London, S.W. 10, within 14 days of conclusion of the 1st stage.
9. The First Prize Winner in each Army Command, Senior Training Corps, Junior Training Corps and Army Cadet Force, Regimental Association Rifle Clubs, Rifle Clubs affiliated to the N.R.A., the Police, the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs, Home Guard Rifle Clubs, and similar Bodies in the Dominions and Colonies, will compete in the final for the Challenge Cup. Targets for this shooting will be sent to these winners by the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs, and must be returned to that Society by a date which will be stipulated when the targets are sent. Targets for this stage of the Competition must not be gauged or scored—this will be undertaken by the Society. In the event of ties in final judging, the dotted inner carton will count 10.1 points.
10. Individual Entries at 1/- per set of three targets are limited to three sets per person. Best set to count. Each set to be marked 1, 2 and 3.
11. For each set a Competitor will fire 30 shots, 10 on each of the three targets—2 on each bull. Scoring : 10 points for a bull, 9 if touching outer white ring, 8 if touching outer edge of black; 7, 6, 5 and 4 respectively for other rings. No score beyond outside ring. In the event of ties, the dotted inner carton may be used.
12. Distance 25 yards. Practice allowed before commencement of each set.
13. Coaching NOT allowed. Individuals may spot for themselves.
14. A witness must be provided for each shot.
15. Competitors must sign each target before commencing each set. Targets must also be countersigned by the witness.
16. Slings allowed. Aperture or open sights permitted. No artificial rests or telescopic sights.
17. Any type of rifle suitable for .22 ammunition may be used. Trigger pull to be NOT less than 3 pounds.
18. At the conclusion of the Competition, or earlier if desired, all monies received to be forwarded to Mrs. Leslie Morshhead, Central Appeals Organiser, 33, The Little Boltons, London, S.W.10, by cheque or money order made payable to "Forces Day."
19. Except where otherwise stated, the Rules of the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs will apply to this Competition.

Organiser of Shooting Competitions:—

Major W. D. S. CAREYE,
33, The Little Boltons,
Kensington,
London, S.W.10



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

FALKLAND ISLANDS

1st October, 1946.

Re: 1 My circular despatch of the 16th of May, 1946, regarding the Rules of Entry for the "Forces Day" 22 rifle shooting competition. It has now been decided that the date of completion of the preliminary stage will be extended to the 31st of December 1946. This decision has been taken because of the difficulty many competing organisations are experiencing in finding entries during the original period laid down in the rules.

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CIRCULAR (2)

Downing Street,
26th November, 1946.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to refer to my despatch of 16th May 1946, regarding the "Forces Day" .22 rifle shooting competition and to say that certain changes have been made to the rules. A memorandum setting out the changes which would affect any teams from Colonial Military Forces under local Government control, Colonial Police Forces and civilian rifle clubs which may wish to compete is enclosed for your information.

2. Since the closing dates for the two stages of the competition have now been put forward to 28th February 1947 and 31st May 1947 it is thought that more teams from Colonies may be able to compete.

3. It should be noted that communications regarding the competition should be addressed direct to Major W.D.S. Careye of The Incorporated Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen Help Society, but you will no doubt inform me what teams decide to enter the Competition.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient, humble servant,

A. CREECH JONES.

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Reply at 8.

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THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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MEMORANDUM

FORCES DAY .22 Rifle Shooting Competition

1. The following paragraphs describe these changes and additions to the rules of the competition forwarded under cover of the Secretary of State's despatch dated 16th May, 1946. References to these rules are given in parenthesis below.
2. GENERAL. For the purposes of this Memorandum, only rifle Clubs affiliated to the N.R.A. and the S.M.R.C., Colonial Police Forces, Local Military Forces under the administration of Colonial Governments and Boy Scouts and similar organisations are concerned. All information and instructions regarding the Competition so far as Military Forces under War Office control are concerned, will be issued by that Department.
3. ORGANISER Correspondence on all aspects of the competition should be addressed to:

Major W.D.S. Careye
The Incorporated Soldiers, Sailors & Airmen
Help Society,
33 The Little Boltons,
Kensington,
London, S.W.10.
4. DATES The competition will be divided into two stages:
 - (i) The preliminary shoot: will now be completed by 28th February 1947 (8)
 - (ii) The shoot for the Challenge Cup: will now be completed between 28th February 1947 and 31st May 1947 (9)
5. SUPERVISING OFFICIALS. Each competing body will appoint an impartial authority competent to make local arrangements for running of the competition, to deal with correspondence with the Organisers and to interpret the rules and generally to supervise all local activity in connection with the competition. In the case of a Colonial Police Force a senior officer nominated by the Commandant or Commissioner and the secretary or chairman in the case of a civilian club would be obvious choices for the post. The names and appointments of these officials should be notified to the Organiser (3)
6. FIRST STAGE - The Preliminary Shoot.
 - (a) Will be completed by 28th February 47 (8 - as amended)
 - (b) The 3 winning targets from each competing Unit will be forwarded to reach the Organiser not later than 31st March, 1947, advantage, where necessary, being taken of air mail facilities.
 - (c) Targets will be obtained as laid down in the rules (7) where, owing to time limitations, it is considered inadvisable to obtain targets for the preliminary shoot from the organiser, targets available locally may be used, provided a similar target is used by each competitor in each competing organisation.
 - (d) The winning target of each of the first three competitors from each competing body will bear the name, rank and number (where applicable) and unit or address of the appropriate competitor and will be countersigned by the supervising officer and will then be forwarded to the Organisers ((6) and (8) as amended above.)

7. SECOND STAGE - Challenge Cup.

Instructions in amplification of the Rules and targets for this round will be sent by the Organiser to competitors who, on the results of the preliminary round, qualify to enter for the Challenge Cup.

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 19th April, 1947.

No. 3. SAVING.

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Your Circular Despatch (2) of 26th November, 1946.

"Forces Day" .22 Rifle Shooting Competition only received by mail of March 5th.

As necessary targets must be obtained and shoot completed by 31st May, while earlier stage 28th February is already past, I regret that it will not be possible for Falkland Islands to enter a team.

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

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ENTRY FORM

“FORCES DAY” COMPETITION, 1948

Please send me sets of Three Match Cards with Practice Cards for the above
Competition at 1s. 6d. per set, total amount forwarded

I enclose Cheque value
Postal Order

All targets and other communications should be sent to:—

Signed

Address

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies

To the Officer Administering the Government of **FAKELAND ISLANDS**

CIRCULAR TELEGRAM SAVING

10th March, 1948.

9a-9b | With reference to my predecessor's circular despatch of 16th May, 1946, I enclose copies of the Rules and entrance forms for the "Forces Day" 22 Rifle Shooting Competition 1948.

2. Colonial Forces under direct control of Colonial Governments, Colonial Police Forces and, where existent civilian rifle clubs may care to enter for the competition.
3. Service Departments are arranging to circularise Colonial Forces under their administration with details of the competition.
4. As in previous years, all correspondence in connection with the competitions should be addressed as directed in the Rules, but I should be interested to receive, in due course, particulars of any organisations which decide to compete.

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"FORCES DAY" .22 RIFLE SHOOTING COMPETITION, 1949

"In aid of the Forces Help Society & Lord Roberts' Workshops."

President: Lieut.-General Sir Oliver Leese, Bart., K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

Chairman: Colonel B. C. Hartley, C.B., O.B.E.

All communications to be sent to:—

The Secretary: 33, The Little Boltons, London, S.W.10.



Winner of 1948 Competition
F. O. WOODIER of B. L. Halton.

RULES

1. (a) The Competition is an individual one and may be entered by members of the Armed Forces (including Women's Services), Police Forces, Civilian Rifle Clubs affiliated to the N.R.A. and N.S.R.A. and Junior Organisations at Home and Overseas.
(b) For the purpose of awarding prizes the Units or Club, etc., of individual entrants will be grouped as follows:—

Royal Navy & Royal Marines, including R.N.R., R.N.V.R., R.M.F.V.R.	... ..	Group I.
Army Commands including Territorial Associations	... ..	Group II.
Royal Air Force	... ..	Group III.
Police Forces (at Home and Overseas)	... ..	Group IV.
Civilian Clubs affiliated to N.S.R.A.	... ..	Group V.
Civilian Clubs not affiliated to N.S.R.A.	... ..	Group VI.
Junior Organisations: Sea Cadet Corps, A.C.F., A.T.C. & G.T.C.	... ..	Group VII.
2. The Competition will be organised by the Incorporated Soldiers, Sailors, & Airmen's Help Society, and any dispute should be referred to the "Forces' Day" .22 Rifle Shooting Competition Committee, whose decision will be final.
3. Competitor's name, rank, number and unit to be entered on each target in BLOCK LETTERS before the shoot.
4. Special Match Targets will be used. These may be obtained from the Secretary, at the address given above. No charge will be made for targets but they will be forwarded only on receipt of entrance fees, which should be sent with the application. A specimen application form is attached.
5. The Competition may start immediately on receipt of targets. Completed targets are to be sent (Postage Paid) to the Secretary, so as to arrive before 30th November, 1949. (It is important that if the match cards are folded for posting they should not be folded across the targets or aiming points).
6. Prizes will be awarded as follows: Best Score—Challenge Cup. Medals to first, second and third prize winners in each of the Groups in paragraph 1 (b) above.
7. Individual entries are 1s. 6d. per set of three match cards, together with three practice cards. No one entrant may purchase more than three sets of match cards at a total cost of 4s. 6d. Best set to count. Each set to be marked 1, 2 and 3. Only those cards supplied by the Secretary on receipt of the entrance fees may be used and these cards will be stamped with a special mark to ensure that no other cards are used.
8. A Competitor will fire 30 shots to a set, 10 on each of the three cards (two shots at each bull). A set of three cards to be shot within one hour from the commencement of shooting. Scoring: 10 points for a bull, 9, edge of black 8, 7, 6, 5 and 4 respectively, for other rings. No score beyond outside ring. When a shot touches the outside of a line the higher value is given. In the event of ties, the dotted inner carton may be used and will count 10.1 points. If still a tie, the Secretary will arrange for these to be shot off.
9. All scoring of targets will be done by the Secretary.
10. Distance—25 yards.
11. Coaching NOT allowed. Individuals may spot for themselves.
12. Each shoot must be witnessed and the witness must sign and date each card; the Competitor must also sign each of his cards.
13. Shot-holes must not be interfered with and must not be gauged.
14. Slings allowed. Aperture or open sights permitted. No artificial rests or telescopic sights.
15. Any type of rifle suitable for .22 ammunition may be used. Trigger pull to be NOT less than three pounds. Triggers must be tested.
16. Except where otherwise stated, the Rules of the National Small-Bore Rifle Association will apply to this Competition. Cheques to be made payable to "Forces Day."
17. Any extra practice cards may be obtained from the N.S.R.A., "Mayleigh," 173, Petersham Road, Richmond, Surrey. One target cards—2s. 9d. for 100, five target cards 4s. 9d. per 100.

"FORCES DAY" .22 RIFLE SHOOTING COMPETITION

WINNER OF THE HARTLEY CHALLENGE CUP FOR 1948.

F. O. WOODIER, of B.L. HALTON. Score, 302.9.

Prize Winners of Group 1—The Royal Navy.

				SCORE.
1st.	O. T. Pidgeon	...	H.M.S. Vengeance	297
2nd.	C. P. O. Tedder	...	H.M.S. Excellent	296
3rd.	Lt.-Comdr. Dumas	...	H.M.S. Volage	294

Prize Winners of Group 2—The Army Commands.

1st.	C.S.M. Tasker	...	5th Bn. Royal Leicester Regiment	302.8
2nd.	Captain N. Winter	...	Depot R.A.M.C.	299
3rd.	Sgt. F. Sawdon	...	West Yorks Regiment	298

Prize Winners of Group 3—The Royal Air Force.

1st.	F/Lt. Mullet	...	R.A.F. Stn., Bridgnorth	299
2nd.	P.O. K. G. Musk	...	23 F. Sqdn. A.T.C., Bushey	298
3rd.	F/Lt. Verney	...	R.A.F. Middle Wallop	297.9

Prize Winners of Group 4—The Police Force.

1st.	Sgt. C. A. Bishop	...	East Sussex Police Force	292
2nd.	P.C. E. Hawke	...	Thames Police Force	288

Prize Winners of Group 5—Civilian Clubs affiliated to N.S.R.A.

1st.	F.O. Woodier	...	B.L. Halton	302.9
2nd.	J. W. R. Newham	...	Beaminster	302.2
3rd.	T. Needham	...	Leicester Wardens "E" Div.	301.6

Prize Winners of Group 6—Civilian Clubs not affiliated to N.S.R.A.

1st.	B. Machado	...	Jamaica Rifle Association	301.8
2nd.	B. N. Cridland	...	Jamaica Rifle Association	299
3rd.	L. Messado	...	Jamaica Rifle Association	298

Prize Winners of Group 7—Junior Organisations.

1st.	L. A. Winter	...	Royal Grammar School, Guildford	293.3
2nd.	B. C. Thomas	...	Royal Grammar School, Guildford	292.8
3rd.	B. J. Swain	...	Royal Grammar School, Guildford	292.5

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies

To the Officer Administering the Government of **FALKLAND ISLANDS**

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CIRCULAR TELEGRAM SAVING

31st May, 1949.

"Forces Day". •22 Rifle Shooting Competition, 1949.

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With reference to my Circular Savingram of the 10th March, 1948, I now enclose copies of the Rules and entry forms for this year's competition, together with a copy of the list of last year's winners.

2. Colonial Forces under the direct control of Colonial Governments, Colonial Police Forces, and where existent, civilian rifle clubs may care to enter for the competition.

3. Service departments are arranging to circularise Colonial Forces under their administration with details of the competition.

4. As before, all correspondence in connection with the competition should be addressed as directed in the Rules, but I should be interested to receive, in due course, particulars of any organisations which decide to compete.

5. This Circular has ~~not been addressed to~~ the West African Council or to the Commissioner General, Singapore.

c. o. /1486/49

Ref. [unclear]
SECEP.