

C.S.

NAVAL AND MILITARY

1927.

No.

379/27

C/C Defence Force

SUBJECT.

1927

25th July, 1927

DEFENCE FORCE RIFLE CLUB.

Previous Paper.

## MINUTES.

Minute from C/C Defence Force of 25th July, 1927.

y. 2.

Submitted for approval of Capt Dyer's  
proposals i.e. that

(i) Mark VII ammunition to be used for  
Rifle Club shoots and issued to civilian  
members at the same rate as to other  
members of 3<sup>rd</sup> per packet;

(ii) Mark VI ammunition to be used for the  
Infantry Fire Marking Course at + Lewis for  
practice; and

(iii) Rifles to be issued on loan to assist  
proper receipt to civilian members of the Rifle  
Club.  
J. W. D. 27. 7. 27.

Subsequent Paper.

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1849

Approved. Rifles kept out must be well looked after and the  
recipient must sign a paper to this effect, and that if the  
work is damaged by neglect or carelessness he will be responsible.  
Of course cartridges will only be sold for bona fide  
sport practice. I attach the greatest importance to these matters  
Rifle clubs & they should be encouraged in every way.

27/27.

A.H.

O.C. Defence Force

Please see.

J. Miller  
G. W. Lee

27. 7. 27.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Seen & noted, -

Br. Watson

C/o G. D. B. A.

29. 5. 25

Telegram to Westers of 5. 11. 27 2

Telegram from Westers of 21. 11. 27 3.

C. A.  
8/2/30.

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6-7. Letter to R. b. Pole-Evans, Esq., 12th May, 1930  
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O.C.

Japan Force

Please see.

J. W. L.

14. 5. 30

Now let's see

Seen and noted

A. M. Allen  
Adjutant 71 D.F.  
15.5.30

15/5/30.

RB

14 Letter from Mr H. C. Gellman 7/6/30

G. P. Schmitt. O.C. Japan Force

to see and report whether the

with ammunition etc. etc. have been

def received. J. W. L. 9. 6. 30.

Hon C.S

Please, and the state of the  
rifles.

Att.

9.30  
6

O.C. Defence Force

Accordingly, please

Hon. Col. Healy

Indy.

The adjutant's report (15) please;  
on returned rifles. J.M. 11.6.30. 10.6.30.

G.2. Subst. There are many

men in Stanley at present from  
Port Howard and the Adjutant might

take up with them the matter of  
the discrepancy in the number of  
the rifles and report at the same time.

Indy 12.6.30.

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1/4m C.S.  
Please enquire from Capt Watson.  
His private accounts for the  
supply of 4 rifles! Thank  
Mr. Evans for the care he has  
taken in despatching  
arms. All.

(12/30  
6)

Sptd Capt. D.R. Watson  
H.S.

Letters to be as drafted

ps

13.6.30.

16. Letter to R. b. Pole. Evans, Esq., 14/6/30.

O.C. Defence Force

Please see.

2 Capt. Watson is positive

That he originally deposited

two rifles at Port Howard.

4 29.6.30

12 19.6.30

J. M.  
18.6.30

ps

14.6.30.

Y. 14. 7. 30

Q. 30. 6. 30

Letter from Mr. R. Blake.	19/5/30	17
" " Mr. H. Cobble	9/6/30	18
" " Mrs J. Bonner	13/6/30	19
" to H. V. Cobb, Esq.	7/7/30.	20.

O. C. Defence Force.

Please see.

7 July  
7. 7. 30.

Hon. Col. Secy.

Dear thank you!

Mr Allan asks me to add that one rifle seen up in packing was returned from camp last trip of Falkland - origin not specified J.M. 8. 7. 30.

Y. 2. Schellat. It will no doubt

be possible to ascertain the origin

of this rifle by enquiring when the

Falkland returned.

Mr C. S. me 7 June  
at me in  
Please write in  
same course. M  
9. 7. 30.

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Letter from R.C. Pol. Evans Esq.  
6.7.30.

O.C. Defence Force

Please see at

report in the course that

information is available as regards

(c) the origin of the

rifle returned from the

camp by 22. "Bukhara"

at (b) the present Director

of the four rifles listed on

Ref 21.

2. I will take up the

matter of the recovery of

The rifle known to be still

in the Camp from these stations

at which branches of the

12th (Mk) are not to be

formed or to continue.

*J. Inner Moor*

10. 7. 30.

The Hon, Col Sec

1. The Rifle which arrived by the, S.S. Falkland, came from North Arm.

2. Capt D.R. Watson has no recollection of ever having received a rifle from Mr. A. Ashworth.

3. I suggest that in future the rifles issued to a Station in the Camp, should be held on charge by the Manager, and not be taken away by individuals when they leave the Station

4. I have noted the whereabouts of the 3, rifle<sup>s</sup> mentioned in red 21, but would it not be necessary to verify this,?

12/7/30

*J. Inner Moor* Major.

Letter to H.V. Cobb, Esq., 14th July, 1930. 22.

Letter to W. Clement, Esq. 14th July, 1930. 23.



O.C. Defuse Force

Thank you. The rifle  
received from North Area is evidently  
the old one referred to in para. 3  
of ref 13-12.

2. In regard to para 3 of  
your minute this is the intention  
of para 3. of ref 13-12 as similar  
letters addressed in this connection to  
the Manager of Capt stations, subject,  
"authorize you to retain in your care  
" or in the care of some responsible  
" person ".

3. Please see ref 23-22.

*J. M. M.*

14. 7. 30.

the How to do book

noted and returned

J. D. M.

Muzil  
O.C. Defence Force  
16.7.30

✓ 16.8.30

6. 16.7.30

Minute from O.C. Defence Force 13/8/30. re.

O.C. Defence

Back to.

2. What does this make the  
position in regard to after, please.

Ans :

(1) Total Number of Charge.

(2) (a) Number in Standing.

(b) Number in Camp.

(c) Number elsewhere, e.g. in

a. K. H. for H. travelling. ?

J. D. M.

15.8.30.

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Sheet No. 5.

25. Memo from O/c Defence Force 18 August 1930.

~~Recd~~  
~~10/9/30~~

by 30. 9. 30.

by 10. 9. 30.

26. Minute from H.E. The Governor 25/9/30

O.C. Defence Force.

Please see vol 26.

Seen by O/c Defence Force.

see initials on back of Red 26 27. 9. 30.

by 12. 10. 30.

by 29. 9. 30.

27. Letter from Mr. [unclear] 19/30

y.p. Sch. [unclear] ? O.C.

Defence Force to see.

by 6. 10. 30

AM 7/10/30

O.C. Defence Force

Please see.

Julius  
G.

7.10.30.

Now Col. Sec.

Walia and Returned

J.E.M.

Major  
O.C. Defence Force  
8/10/30

P.A. 9/11/30.

Letter from Mr. J.F. Bonner 17/11/30

(28)

~~W.E. Bonner~~

~~W.E. Bonner~~

~~W.E. Bonner~~

~~W.E. Bonner~~

O.C. Defence Force.

To see and for any comments  
you may wish to make.

2. I shall be glad if you will say  
what equipment, arms ammunition etc are  
in custody of Section at San Carlos.

W.E. Bonner

for C.S.

27.11.30

Hon. Col. Secy.

No comments please.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt J. F. Bonner 27/1/28 - M.P. 603/27.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt J. F. Bonner states in (19)  
 that 5 rifles were recalled from S. Carlos S.  
 There is no record of the S. Carlos S. section  
 holding arms or ammunition.

Resignations from Force.  
 Ordinance No 7 of 1920. 11 of Page 140.

J. L. Mait.  
 29.11.30.

Dr. J. F. Bonner.  
 Draft letter to W. J. F. Bonner.

submitted. E.R. for C.S.  
 29/11/30

14th C.S. to 5  
 Approved. Presumably were re-  
 rifles. maintained and put  
 civil of Capt Watson & put  
 back into armory?  
 J.H.

(27/20)  
 11

29.

Letter to J. F. Bonner, Esq., 1.12.30.

O/c Defence Force.

Referred with regard to query  
 contained in Hon. Excellency's minute above G.H.

Hon. Col. Hey.

In the absence of Cpl Watson the query cannot be made at present.

There is no record of S. Carlos S. holding arms so it must be presumed these rifles are in the armory.

(J.M.  
3.XII.30

~~H. 31.XII.30~~  
~~H. 3.XII.30~~

Minute from Adjutant. 7007. 9/12/30 (30)

C. Defence Force.

Before submitting Red 30 to  
His Excellency will you kindly make  
sure from Capt Watson who I understand  
is now in Stanley where my rifles are  
yet at San Carlos.

J.M.  
for C.S.  
10/XII/30

Hon Colonial Secretary

I saw Capt. Watson today  
and he informed me that there is no Reflex  
at San Carlos South.

Wm Allan Lindsay  
Jr. Commanding Officer  
13/12/30

V.O. Submitted.

J.M.  
for C.S.  
13/XII/30

J.M.  
15-30  
12

O.C.

Defence Force.

What rifles are

still on charge in the Camp,

please ?

Truly,

15.12.30.

The Hon, Colonial Secretary.

At present there are 33 rifles in the camp, allotted as under:-

<u>STATION</u>	<u>MK VI</u>	<u>MK VII</u>
Darwin	5	
N. Arm	4	
Fox Bay	1	
San Carlos N.	6	
Hill Cove	3	
Port Howard	3	
Douglas Station	-	8
Teel Inlet	1	2
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	23	10

Major.  
Commanding Officer. F.I.D. Force.  
23/12/30

Off. H. S. S.

1st. 3.3.31

1st. 8.2.31

Letter to Mr. Stanley

Letter to Mr. Stanley, please:

Through let O.C. Def Force see

4.3.31.

O.C. Defence Force.

To see.

C. J. J.  
C. J. J.  
4/3/31.

J. J. M.  
4/3/31

~~11. 30/4/31.~~  
~~10. 30/4/31.~~

11. 31/5/31.  
C. J. J. 30/4/31.

O.C. Defence Force.

Have these rifles yet been returned from Darwin and North Arm. please?

C. J. J.  
C. J. J.  
30/5/31.

Hon. Col. See.

Four rifles were received at Falkland 5/5/31, delivered at Drill Hall without advice, or notice of part of shipment, please.

J. J. M. 1/6/31

Yk.

Submitted for information. There are still other 5 rifles to be returned.

C. J. J.  
2/6/31.



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Off. Sec.

O.C. Defence Force night  
the advantage of the presence  
in study of Mr. Harding  
to verify the position in regard  
to Japan and North Am.

2. Where did he go.

"Fakelut" arrive on 22 22 31. ?

1/2

2. 6. 31.

O.C. Defence Force.

Will you please see  
Mr. Harding accordingly and  
report.

G. J. J.  
O.C. Defence  
5/6/31

Hon. Col. Leary

Spoke Mr Harding. He has promised to investigate this matter, & return such rifles as are held in Darwin, or North arm.

The Falkland Islands Co. know nothing of where the H rifles came from that were landed on 5/6/31, but have promised, if reminded to investigate the matter on the return of the Falkland.  
James Mori. 5/6/31.

Y/B.

Submitted.

The "Falkland" arrived at Stanley during the first week in May after a round trip of the west Falkland. She also called at North arm on her way out.

? b.f. 18/6/31.

A.S.D.  
5/6/31.

Off the Lake

For: please.

Ind

6.6.31.

b.f. 18/6/31  
A.S.D. 8/6/31.

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O.C. Def. Force.

Can you take a

convenient opportunity of "reminding"

the F.I. Coy, please?

J.M.

25.6.31

J.M.

C1

24.6.31.

67.

2.7.31.

J.M.

25.6.31.

O.C. Defence Force,

Any development, please?

J.M.

2/7/31

J.M.

2.7.31.

O.C.

Defence Force

How many rifles, if any,

still remain to be accounted for or

sent in, please?

*J. M. M.*

4.7.31

Hon Col Secty

According to my records the two rifles belonging to Port Howard and taken away by:-

P.R. Lee Pacific Bros & Co Fox Bay

R. Hutchinson

are still unaccounted for. The rifle received on 5/5/31 sewn up in canvas was from Mr Johnstone Fox Bay East, probably the rifle sewn up in canvas which was received on 2/7/31 is one of the missing rifles?

Rifles in the Camp are now located as follows:-

	Mk. III	Mk. II
Douglas Station	3	
Teel Inlet	2	1
San Carlos H.	1	9
Hill Cove	1	3
Port Howard	1	2
	11	15

Darwin, North Arm & Fox Bay East are now clear.

*J. M. M.* Major.  
Commanding F.I.D. Force, 7/7/31

O.C. Defence Force

*Mr R. Hutchinson*

now in Stanley, I believe.

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Perhaps it could be ascertained  
from his personally what has  
become of the rifle issued  
to him at Port Howard  
and taken away from him  
by him (and 21) ?

J.M.

8.9.31

J.M.

7.7.31

Hon Col Secty

The Adjutant interviewed L.R.R. Mitchipson yesterday and he informed him that he brought the rifle into Stanley and had it at home. He is to bring it to the Drill Hall. The Adjutant was not aware that this was the Hutchin-son in question, or else he would have interviewed him before this time.

10/7/31

James Moir. Major.  
Commanding Defence Force.

33. Letter to Sydney Miller Esq., 11th July, 1931.
34. Letter <sup>to</sup> Lieutenant H. V. Cobb. 13th July, 1931.

O.C. Defence Force

Please see at

Report any development in due  
course.

2 m. 11. 31

13.7.31

JDM  
15.7.31

~~15/8/31~~  
~~15/11/31~~

~~31/8/31~~  
~~15/8/31~~

Letter from Mr. S. Keller of 14/8/31.  
Minutes from C.O. Defence Force of 20/8/31.

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36.

O.C. Defence Force

Please see :

No distribution as shown in your

minutes of 7.7.31. will require

some revision ?

21.8.31  
37/8

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P.S. Can you say whether  
the other two rifles previously  
sent in for Hill Core have  
been received?

*JmD*

24.8.31.

Hon. Col. Leys.

- ① The figures as shown in 7/1/31  
show rifles on Capt. Watson's  
records handed over to M'Allan.  
with regard to Hill Core.
- ② There is no record of the above  
two rifles being handed over.

*James Mori.*  
24/8/31.

34. Letter to S. Miller, Esq., of 28/8/31.

O.C. Dep. P.W.

I have spoken  
with Hq. as a result  
of our conversation have sent

red 37.

*JmD*

28.8.31.

Hon. Col. Secy.

Seen thank you. J.M. 29.8.31.

1/1 6.10.31

29.8.31.

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O.C. Defence Force

Please see for recd

further enquiry as may be

and probable.

July

3.10.31.

40,  
Mr Allan, adjutant.

Please, for note, any possible action

J.M. 5.10.31.

O.C. Defence Force 41.

noted

I can definitely say that the rifles have not been received by me. I visited the F.I. Coy office and Mr. Crean and I went through the Voyage manifest and there was no trace of rifles being shipped from Hull. I also visited the Jetty and there was no trace of a Box of Rifles here.

J.M. 16.10.31.

As well as that  
- 16/10/31



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6 f. 14. 11. 31

10 31  
17. 10 31

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11. 12. 31

17. 11. 31

6 f. 11. 1. 32.

11. 12. 32.

4. 11. 2. 32.

11. 1. 32.

6 f. 11. 4. 32.

11. 2. 32.

6 f. 11. 10. 32.

11. 4. 32.

6 f. 2. 11. 32.

11. 10. 32

(To check rifles)

O.C. L 3  
Def. Force

Please request the  
Adjutant to check at report  
on the present stock of rifles

a possession of the Def. Force.

Ind. 4

2. 11. 32.

<sup>44</sup>  
Adjutant F. J. D.F.

To you please for necessary action.

J.M. 3. 11. 32.

O. 6. Defence Force. <sup>45</sup>

Herewith as requested

Total Rifles Mk. II & III showing location to date.

Location	Mk. II.	Mk. III
In Armoury	119	77 ✓
Douglas Station	8	
Teel Inlet	2	1
San Carlos	1	9
Hill Cove	-	2
Port Howard	-	2
	130	91
		130

Total 221

A. M. Allen Lieut & Adjt.  
F.I. Defence Force.

Hon. Col. Secy.

46.

Submitted please. James Wood. 5. XI. 32.

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4. 12. 32

Ind. 4 11. 32.

See 184 45.  
See 1845.

P. A. J. M.

31. 12. 32

Confidential.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

C.S. No.....

MEMO.

Departmental Number.

From. Officer..Commanding..F.I.D.F.

XIV. Military,

July 25th, 1927  
Date.....

To The Hon., Colonial Secretary,

Reference  
Numbers.

Submitted.

I have had enquiries regarding terms on which Rifles and Ammunition may be supplied to the Civilian members of the Defence Force Rifle Club.

The supply of ammunition in stock is as follows-

68,000 Mk.vll. of 1918

26,000 Mk.vll. of 1915

64,000 Mk.vl. over 10 year old.

Previously Mk.vl. ammunition has been used for the Rifle Club and sold to the members at the rate of 3d, per pkt, with the exception of special shoots last season in which we used Mk.vll. In view of the shooting to be carried on this coming season it seems advisable to adopt the Mk.vll for target practice, and Mk.vl. could be used for Lewis gun and Musketry course, Rifles could be loaned out from the Force if His Excellency the Commander in chief approves.

*for. Waker*  
O./C. F.I.D.F.

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Westers, Fox Bay.

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Despatched : 5th November, 1927. Time : 11.30.

Received : ... .. 1927 Time : ... ..

WESTERS,  
FOX BAY,  
WEST FALKLAND.

Membership of Defence Force Rifle Association is now open to all persons resident on West Falkland irrespective of age and of membership of the Defence Force proper. Circular letter from Secretary of Rifle Association follows.

SECRETARY.

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CODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Mr. S. Miller,

To The Colonial Secretary,

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Despatched: 21st November, 1927. Time: 21.00

Received: 22nd November, 1927. Time: 10.40.

COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
PORTSTANLEY.

Inform His Excellency have not been able to  
form Rifle Club here yet hope to do so later.  
MILLER.

Intd; A.H.

12th May,

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Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to address you in the matter of the branch of the Defence Force Rifle Association which was to be established at San Carlos South and in regard to which some misunderstanding appears to have arisen.

2. I am to say that His Excellency is anxious to assist in the formation of such a branch at San Carlos South if there is any real desire there for the same and if it is intended seriously to start and to continue rifle shooting on a properly equipped and managed range. It is naturally not expected that any rifles or ammunition supplied from the Defence Force should be used for any non-military purpose such as the shooting of geese or cattle.

3. I am to request you to inform me in due course whether you are still interested in this matter in which case I shall be happy to make arrangements for four good rifles and a quantity of serviceable ammunition to be supplied to you. I am to explain that the ammunition will be supplied to you on prepayment at the rate of 6d

per/

Lieutenant J. F. Bonner,  
Manager,  
San Carlos South,  
EAST FALKLAND.

per packet of ten rounds as to the members of the Rifle Association in Stanley.

4. In conclusion I am to add that I should be happy to answer any enquiry in this connection which you may wish to put forward, and to make available in an advisory capacity the services of the newly appointed Adjutant to the Defence Force, Lieutenant W.M. Allan.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W

Colonial Secretary.



379/27.

12th May,

30.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to address you in the matter of the branch of the Defence Force Rifle Association which was to be established at Port Howard and in regard to which some misunderstanding appears to have arisen.

2. I am to say that His Excellency is anxious to assist in the formation of such a branch at Port Howard if there is any real desire there for the same and if it is intended seriously to start and to continue rifle shooting on a properly equipped and managed range. It is naturally not expected that any rifles or ammunition supplied from the Defence Force should be used for any non military purpose such as the shooting of geese or cattle.

3. I am to request that you will inform me in due course whether you are still interested in this matter. In the event that you are so interested I am to authorise you to retain in your care or in the care of some responsible person and for the sole object as above described the four best of the twelve rifles at present recorded as on charge at Port Howard and to ask you to return by the first/

R. C. Pole-Evans, Esq., J.P.,  
Manager,  
Port Howard,  
WEST FALKLAND.



first opportunity the eight rifles in excess of that number to the Headquarters of the Defence Force at Stanley. If you are not interested, however, I am to ask that you will be good enough to arrange for the return as early as possible to the Headquarters of the Defence Force at Stanley all rifles, ammunition, targets etc belonging to the Rifle Association.

4. I am to add that should you decide to proceed with the establishment of a branch of the Rifle Association at Port Howard arrangements will be made to supply you with serviceable ammunition at the rate of 6d. per packet of ten rounds on prepayment as supplied to the members of the Rifle Association in Stanley.

5. In conclusion I am to add that I shall be happy to answer any enquiry in this connection which you may wish to put forward and to make available in an advisory capacity the services of the newly appointed Adjutant to the Defence Force, Lieutenant W. M. Allan.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

LS

Colonial Secretary.

13th May,

30.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to address you in the matter of the branch of the Defence Force Rifle Association which was to be established at Fox Bay East and in regard to which some misunderstanding appears to have arisen.

2. I am to say that His Excellency is anxious to assist in the formation of such a branch at Fox Bay East if there is any real desire there for the same and if it is intended seriously to start and to continue rifle shooting on a properly equipped and managed range. It is naturally not expected that any rifles or ammunition supplied from the Defence Force should be used for any non-military purpose such as the shooting of geese or cattle.

3. I am to request you to inform me in due course whether you are still interested in this matter in which case I shall be happy to make arrangements for three good rifles and a quantity of serviceable ammunition to be supplied to you in addition to the rifle already held at Fox Bay East by Mr. Johnson late of Hill Cove. I am to explain that the ammunition will be supplied to you on prepayment at the rate of 6d. per packet of ten rounds as to the members of the Rifle Association in

Stanley/

Lieutenant H.V. Cobb, J.P.,  
Manager,  
Fox Bay East,  
WEST FALKLAND.

Stanley. If you are not interested, however, I am to ask if you will be good enough to arrange for the return by the first opportunity of Mr. Johnson's rifle to the Headquarters of the Defence Force, Stanley.

4. In conclusion I am to add that I should be happy to answer any enquiry in this connection which you may wish to put forward, and to make available in an advisory capacity the services of the newly appointed Adjutant to the Defence Force, Lieutenant W. M. Allan.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

13th May,

30

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to address you in the matter of the branch of the Defence Force Rifle Association which was to be established at Hill Cove and in regard to which some misunderstanding appears to have arisen.

2. I am to say that His Excellency is anxious to assist in the formation of such a branch at Hill Cove if there is any real desire there for the same and if it is intended seriously to start and to continue rifle shooting on a properly equipped and managed range. It is naturally not expected that any rifles or ammunition supplied from the Defence Force should be used for any non-military purpose such as the shooting of geese or cattle.

3. I am to request that you will inform me in due course whether you are still interested in this matter. In the event that you are so interested I am to authorise you to retain in your care or in the care of some responsible person and for the sole object as above described the three rifles at present recorded as on charge at Hill Cove. If you are not interested, however, I am to ask that you will be good enough to

arrange/

Robert Blake, Esq., Jnr.,  
Manager,  
Hill Cove,  
WEST FALKLAND.

arrange for the return as early as possible to the Headquarters of the Defence Force at Stanley all rifles, ammunition, targets, etc. belonging to the Rifle Association.

4. I am to add that should you decide to proceed with the establishment of a branch of the Rifle Association at Hill Cove arrangements will be made to supply you with serviceable ammunition at the rate of 6d. per packet of ten rounds on prepayment as supplied to the members of the Rifle Association in Stanley.

5. In conclusion I am to add that I shall be happy to answer any enquiry in this connection which you may wish to put forward, and to make available in an advisory capacity the services of the newly appointed Adjutant to the Defence Force, Lieutenant W.M. Allan.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W

Colonial Secretary.

14th May,

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Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to address you in the matter of the branches of the Defence Force Rifle Association which were to be established at Darwin and North Arm and in regard to which some misunderstanding appears to have arisen.

2. I am to say that His Excellency is anxious to assist in the formation of such branches at Darwin and North Arm if there is any real desire there for the same and if it is intended seriously to start and to continue rifle shooting on a properly equipped and managed range. It is naturally not expected that any rifles or ammunition supplied from the Defence Force should be used for any non-military purpose such as the shooting of geese or cattle.

3. I am to request that you will inform me in due course whether you are still interested in this matter. In the event that you are so interested I am to authorize you to retain in your care or in the care of some responsible person and for the sole object as above described the four best in either case of the twelve and the five rifles at present recorded as on charge at Darwin and North Arm, respectively, and to ask you to return

T. G. Slaughter, Esq., J.P.,  
Manager,  
Darwin,  
EAST FALKLAND.

by/



by the first opportunity the six and one rifles in excess of those numbers to the Headquarters of the Defence Force at Stanley. If you are not interested, however, I am to ask that you will be good enough to arrange for the return as early as possible to the Headquarters of the Defence Force at Stanley all rifles, ammunition, targets etc. belonging to the Rifle Association.

4. I am to add that should you decide to proceed with the establishment of branches of the Rifle Association at Darwin and North Arm arrangements will be made to supply you with serviceable ammunition at the rate of 6d. per packet of ten rounds on prepayment as supplied to the members of the Rifle Association in Stanley.

5. In conclusion I am to add that I shall be happy to answer any enquiry in this connection which you may wish to put forward and to make available in an advisory capacity the services of the newly appointed Adjutant to the Defence Force, Lieutenant W. M. Allan.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W

Colonial Secretary.



PORT HOWARD,

WEST FALKLAND ISLAND,

June 7th 1930

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No379/27 of May 12th 1930 relating to the Rifle Association, which I passed on to George A Llanosa, who has been in charge of this branch.

Llanosa informs me today, that the men have decided to have no further interest in the matter, and also that he  
" is returning the Rifles, etc by the S."S. Fleurus, today.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. B. Evans.  
Manager.

The Hon Colonial Secretary

Stanley ,

Falkland Islands.



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

(15)

Sir

Received per S. S. Fleuros from  
Port-Howard on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June

8 Rifles MK II<sup>83</sup>

8 Bayonets or Pattern

6 Empty Boxes (ammunition)

300 Rounds MK VII amm in Bandoliers

P. 5. On the Return of Rifles taken over from  
Capt. D. R. Watson, Port-Howard is shown  
as having 12 Rifles on Charge

I wish to add, the efficient way in which the Rifles  
and Bayonets were packed for transport, securely packed P. 10

and sewn in Pack sheet. The Rifles were  
all in a well oiled and serviceable  
Condition

yours obediently  
Wm Allen Keni  
Adj. F-1. D. F.

Stanley  
11.6.30

579/27.

17th June,

30

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th of June, 1930, and to thank you for your kind action in the matter of the return to Stanley of the rifles, ammunition etc. belonging to the Defence Force.

2. I am also to request you to thank Mr. George A. Llamosa for the care taken by him in the despatch of the rifles etc which were received in excellent order.

3. I am to enquire with reference to my letter No. 579/27 of the 12th of May, 1930, on this same subject whether the total number of rifles originally handed over at Port Howard by Captain D.R. Watson was not twelve, and in such case to ask you to be good enough to take such further steps as may be necessary to have the remaining four rifles collected possibly from outlying houses on the Port Howard camp, and returned to Stanley.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*JS*

Colonial Secretary.

*One rifle  
received  
Three to be  
ack'd for  
7/6  
30/6*

R. C. Pole-Evans, Esq., J.P.,  
Manager,  
Port Howard,  
West Falkland.

File 10.77  
H.C.S.

279/5. Falkland

(17)

May 29. 1930

The Hon. Mr. Secretary

Stanley

Dear Sir

Your letter of May 13<sup>th</sup> was handed me in the dark when just on the point of embarking so I was unable to do anything about it. I hope that it will be all right if the matter is attended to when the 'Orta' comes back in October but if you are in a hurry to get in the two or three rifles before then please write to our man at Hill Cove Mr. Alfred Summers. The men out there are quite interested in rifle shooting but of course most of the time they are widely scattered about the farm so corporate action is difficult.

What are the essentials necessary to the establishment of a branch of the Rifle Association?

If the men were given permits to use .22 rifles without having to pay for gun licenses as was done for a short time not long ago, it would greatly increase interest in all rifle shooting.

Respectfully not having been able to answer your letter before embarking  
Yours faithfully  
Robert Blackie

1670 3/7

BENTLEY'S CODE.

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Packe Brothers & Co. Limited.

FOX BAY,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

9<sup>th</sup> June

1930

Sir,

With reference to your letter in the matter of  
the possibility of raising interest in the question  
of rifle shooting at Fox Bay, I beg to inform  
you that I am prepared to advance in the  
idea provided that the question of this company's  
employees going to England to compete is  
not raised. Whilst being immensely enthusiastic  
to raise local keenness, I am not prepared  
to act in any way which may have the  
effect of unsettling local labour.

dis is  
up  
manor

may I suggest that the essence of raising  
an interest would be the introduction of  
a competitive inter-station system.

The letter issued to J. Johnson is, as  
far as I am aware, still in his possession.  
I would be obliged if you would inform  
me as to your ideas for the future in  
reference to the above matter.

The South.

The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

I am,

Sir, your obedient servant  
H. B. Cobb. Manager.

19

13 th June 1930.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your communication of the 12th ulto. No 379/27. re this branch of the Defence Force Rifle Association, which reached me last week.

Re item 2. of your letter I should like to state that a Range was erected on this Station (done entirely with Station material and labour without any advice from Headquarters) as far back as March 1923, and put into immediate use, and I think I am right in stating, was the ~~xxxxp xxxxx~~ first Camp Range to be used in the West Falklands. Since when it has gradually fallen into abeyance owing to lack of supplies and information not coming from Stanley when requested, and culminating at the latter end of last year with the recalling of the five rifles we were originally supplied with.

With regard to your present proposition it really rests with the settlement employees, as the nature of it naturally excludes any outside Shepherds from participating, and when I have had a chance to discuss it with ~~them~~ former, I will inform you of their decision in due course.

I have the honour to be Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. J. Bonnet.*  
Lieut.

The Honble. The Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Port Stanley.

*1/11/30  
Put up  
received. M.  
2-30*

379/27.

7th July,

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Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 9th of June, 1930, relative to the formation of a branch of the Falkland Islands Defence Force Rifle Association at Fox Bay, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the formation of such a branch would not necessarily involve as its corollary the selection of any of its members to represent the Colony in rifle shooting in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, and that no member would in fact be so selected in opposition to your own wishes.

2. I am to thank you for the interest which you have been good enough to express in this connection and to suggest at the same time that the excellent idea put forward by you in regard to inter-station competition is one primarily for the initiative of station managers, who would receive of course all practicable encouragement and assistance, on application, from the Headquarters of the Rifle Association.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

H. V. Cobb, Esq., J.P.,  
Manager,  
Fox Bay, East,  
West Falkland.

Port Howard

July 6<sup>th</sup> 30.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your No. 379/27. of June 17<sup>th</sup>

Your letter has been read by Llamosa who informs me regard the missing Rifles:-

1. A. Asworth who left here in 1928. March, he undertook to deliver his rifle to Mr Watson on arrival in Stanley.

2. Mr W. Clement Roy Cove has one.

3. P. R. Lu, Packe Bros & Co. Fox Bay has one

4. R. Hutchinson " " " " has one

All these men were members, and took their rifles away with them when they left here.

Llamosa informs me, he asked one of the men from here, who has been lately visiting Stanley, to give the above information to Lieutenant Allan

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. R. Evans.

The Honourable

J. M. Ellis

Colonial Secretary

1/4 C.S.  
Please arrange for the  
rifles to be collected  
& please let me  
know when it has  
been done.  
(9.30) M



379/27.

14th July,

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Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 579/27 of the 7th of July, 1930, I am directed by the Governor to state that it is now understood from Mr. R. C. Pole-Evans that the following members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force Rifle Association, lately of Port Howard Station and believed actually to be employed on the Station under your management, have in their possession rifles belonging to the Defence Force, to wit :- P. R. Lee and R. Hutchinson.

2. I am to say that I should be grateful if you would kindly ascertain and inform me at your convenience whether such is the fact.

3. I am to add that in the event of it being decided finally not to proceed with the formation at Fox Bay East of a branch of the Rifle Association you will no doubt be good enough in due course to arrange for these rifles to be returned to Stanley together with that in the possession of Mr. J. Johnson.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

H.V. Cobb, Esq., J.P.,  
Manager,  
Fox Bay, East,  
WEST FAULKLAND.

379/27.

14th July,

30.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that it is understood from Mr. R. C. Pole-Evans that you have in your possession a rifle issued to you at Port Howard and belonging to the Falkland Islands Defence Force Rifle Association.

2. I am to request that you will be good enough to return this rifle at a convenient opportunity to the headquarters of the Defence Force in Stanley unless it is proposed to form a branch of the Rifle Association at Roy Cove when I shall be happy further to correspond with you in the matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

LS

Colonial Secretary.

Wickham Clement, Esq.,  
Roy Cove,  
WEST FALKLAND.

13th August 1930

From  
The Officer Commanding  
Falkland Islands Defence Force  
Stanley

To  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley

RIFLES AND AMMUNITION

Sir

I have recently received from Stations in the Camp 9. Mark, II, rifles, which I have taken on charge at Headquarters. The Stations from which they came was as under;-

DARWIN	7
NORTH ARM	1
CHARTERS	1 (per Mr. F. Bernsten)
	<u>9</u>

In addition to the above I have also received from the party that Mr. F. O'Sullivan lodged with, one Service Rifle Mark III\* which is in an unservicable condition; the barrel being corroded. This rifle was unaccounted for in the list taken over from Capt D.R. Watson, so I have taken it on charge.

*James Watt*: Major.  
O.C. Defence Force.

18th August 1930

From The Officer Commanding  
Falkland Islands Defence Force  
Stanley

To The Hon,  
Colonial Secretary  
Stanley

The Rifles on charge, and there dispositions are  
as under;-

	RIFLES Mark III *	RIFLES Mark II
In Stanley	108	61
@ United Kingdom	2	61
% " "	10	
Douglas	120	
Douglas Station	8	
	8	
Darwin		5
N. Arm		4
Fox Bay		1
San Carlos N.		6
Hill Cove		3
Teal Inlet		3
Port Howard		4
Mark III *	128	26
		Mark II 87

Total Rifles on Charge 215

@ With Bisley Team

% Being Re- Barrelled

Note;- 4 Mark II Rifles were sold to the Sealing Company.

*James Morris* Major.  
O.C. Defence Force.

1/4m C.S

Please see Mr Slaughter before  
he returns re the four rifles  
he has at Darwin.

(2500)  
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Att.

G.S.

I have spoken with Mr

Slaughter as G.S. directed. Mr

Slaughter clearly understands the position.

He says that he has seen to

be seen a continuing shooting at

Darwin but he will see that

they actually do now that the

season is starting.

He thinks that they

wish to take it seriously

but if they do not be

will fire instruction for the

after to be returned.

Jul

26. 9. 30.

14m C.S

Thank You.

All.

J.I.M.  
(29.9.30)

(26.30)  
9

Roy Cove  
West Falklands.

Sept: 2/30.

Sir,

Your 379/24 of 14<sup>th</sup> July to hand and contents noted —

I will forward the rifle by the first opportunity from Roy Cove, as there is a certain amount of risk sending a rifle overland, as it may sustain damage en route.

I trust you will find it in as good repair as when it was issued to me —

I am

Sir,  
your obedient servant.

W. H. Clement.

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary

Stanley.

28

12 th Novr. 1930.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter to you of June 13th, and in further consideration of yours of May 12th. No. 379/27.

I regret I must decline to accept your offer of four rifles and a supply of ammunition at the rate of 6d. per 10 rounds, as my Employees do not desire to use the Range here under those conditions.

2) The following men of this Station have tendered me their resignation as Volunteers, to be forwarded to Head Quarters;- G. Alazia.

W. F. Britton. A. Hookings. J. B. McKay. J. Reive. P. Reive.

3) As a result of their decision I will be glad if you will respectfully tender my resignation as Lieutenant of the Defence Force to His Excellency the Governor, as I have no further work to do in connection with the Force here now.

4) I would like you to express my entire willingness to rejoin on any occasion of National or Civil Crisis.

I have the honour to be Sir,

Your obedient servant.

*J. D. Bouner.*  
Manager.

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Port Stanley.



1st December, 30.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th of November, 1950, and to inform you that His Excellency has noted that the members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force resident at San Carlos South do not wish to avail themselves of the offer of the supply of ammunition for rifle practice at the rate of 6d per 10 rounds, the price paid by members in Stanley.

2. I am to attach a copy of Section 11 of the Defence Force Ordinance, 1920, which lays down the conditions under which members are permitted to quit the Force. I am to state that the required notice must be given in writing by members themselves and that the period of three months stipulated is reckoned from the date of the receipt of such notice by Headquarters.

3. I am to add that the Governor has been pleased to accept your resignation as an Officer of the Force and that His Excellency notes with satisfaction your willingness to rejoin on any occasion of emergency.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. B. Down*

for Colonial Secretary.

J. F. Bonner, Esq.,  
Manager,  
San Carlos South,  
EAST FALKLAND ISLAND.

MINUTE.

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

9th December 1930

From

To The Hon Colonial Secretary

Adjutant  
~~THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,~~  
Falkland Islands Defence Force

Port Stanley

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION  
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The undermentioned Rifles have been received and taken on charge by me at Stanley:-

- I. S.M.L.Rifle MK III No.I. 90229  
The above is a Service Rifle which Pte.F. O'Sullivan left at his lodgings, and was not counted in the list handed over by Capt.D.R.Watson. The Barrell of the Rifle is unserviceable.
2. S.M.L.Rifle Mk I.Star (For Mk VI Ammunition)

This Rifle was originally issued at Port Howard, and has been returned from Rey Cove by Mr.W.H.Clement. The Rifle is in excellent condition, and was securely packed in brown paper and canvas.

D.M. Allen Lieut & Adjutant  
F.I. D-Force

379/27.

4th March,

31.

Sir,

Further to my letter No. 379/27 of the 14th of May, 1930, and to our conversation in the matter of the proposed formation of rifle clubs at Darwin and North Arm, I am directed to request, on the assumption that it is not desired to proceed further with the formation of such clubs, that you will be good enough to cause to be returned by an early convenient opportunity to the headquarters of the Defence Force of Stanley the five and the four rifles actually recorded as being on charge at Darwin and North Arm, respectively, together with all ammunition, targets etc. belonging to the Rifle Association.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*C. J. Glover*

for Colonial Secretary.

T. G. Slaughter, Esq.,  
Manager,  
Darwin.



2nd July 1931

To  
Commanding Officer  
Falkland.I.Defence Force

Subject:- ARMS & AMMUNITION

Received from Falkland Islands Coy Ltd, per  
C.B.Falklands, from North Arm:-

- 1. Case containing, 5 Rifles Mk.VI
- 1. canvas bag containing 1.Rifle.Mk.VI.

*J. M. Allen* Lieut. & Adjutant.  
F.I. Defence Force.

Hon. Col. Secy.

*Submitted. This completes the return  
of rifles from Darwin & N. arm, please.*

*J. Lunn Moss.*  
2/7/31.

379/27.

11th July,

31.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of correspondence exchanged last year between Mr. E. Blake, Junior, and myself on the subject of the three rifles, ammunition etc., belonging to the Defence Force and issued for use at Hill Cove Station, and to request that in the event of it not being desired to proceed with the proposed formation of a branch of the Defence Force Rifle Association at Hill Cove Station you will be good enough to take the steps necessary for the return of these rifles, ammunition etc. to the Headquarters of the Defence Force in Stanley at an early convenient date.

2. I am to add that in the contrary event of it being desired to proceed with the formation of a branch of the Defence Force Rifle Association I shall be happy to receive any suggestions in such connection which you may wish to make.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

Sydney Miller, Esq., Jnr.,  
Manager,  
Hill Cove Station,  
WEST FALKLAND.

379/27.

13th July,

31.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose, for your facility of reference, a copy of my letter No. 379/27 of the 14th of July, 1930, and to say that of the two rifles belonging to the Defence Force therein mentioned the one has now been recovered from Mr. R. Hutchinson who is actually in Stanley.

2. I am to add that if Mr. P.R. Lee is still employed on the station under your management I shall be grateful for any assistance which you may be good enough to give in the matter of expediting the return of the rifle believed to be in his possession to the Headquarters of the Defence Force in Stanley.

3. I am to explain that this letter is written under the assumption that it is not desired to proceed with the proposed formation at Fox Bay East Station of a branch of the Defence Force Rifle Association and to state that in the contrary event of it being so desired I shall be happy to receive any suggestions in such connection which you may wish to make.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Lieutenant H.V. Cobb, J.P.,  
Manager,  
Fox Bay East,  
WEST FALKLAND.

Colonial Secretary.



HILL COVE,

FALKLAND ISLANDS,

Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1931.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of July 11<sup>th</sup> concerning three rifles issued to this station, I beg to state that I was unaware that correspondence had been exchanged last year between yourself and Mr. R. Blake on the subject.

I sent into Stanley by P.S. "Falkland" last April, 2 rifles packed in long narrow wooden case, addressed to O.C. Falkland Islands Defence Force, for which I have not yet had a receipt. I mentioned the matter to Capt. Watson one day when I was in Stanley last May.

The third rifle I am returning on P.S. "Fleurbaey" this trip, also addressed to O.C. Defence Force.

I hope the two rifles have turned up.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your obedient servant

Sydney Miller



No.

MINUTE.

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

20th August 1931

From

To The Hon Colonial Secretary

~~THE COLONIAL SECRETARY~~

S T A N L E Y

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

RETURN OF RIFLES FROM THE CAMP

I have to-day received 1 Rifle in good condition, per S.S. Fleura<sup>s</sup> from Pebble Island.

*J. Innes Moir.*

Major.  
Commanding F.I.D. Force.

\* This rifle may have been taken from Hill Cove  
no advice sent with rifle

\* This rifle was put on board S.S. "Blum" at Hill Cove.  
A.M. 20/8/31  
C. J. 20/8/31



379/27.

23th August,

31.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 14th of August, 1931, and of the one rifle belonging to the Falkland Islands Defence Force which arrived in good condition.

2. I am to say that no trace can be found of the two rifles which you state were sent into Stanley by the s.s. "Falkland" in April last and that the Falkland Islands Company, Limited, has no record of their having been shipped on this occasion. I shall be grateful therefore if you will be good enough to enquire into the matter so far as is in your power.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

Sydney Miller, Esquire, Junior,  
Manager, Mill Cove,  
WEST FALKLAND.



HILL COVE,

ISLANDS.

Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1931

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of 28<sup>th</sup> August, acknowledging receipt of the one rifle in good condition.

I have inquired into the matter of the two rifles shipped from here last April in S.S. "Falkland". My foreman assures me the box containing the two rifles and addressed to O.C. Falkland Islands Defence Force was put on board the "Falkland" as stated.

I regret I did not get a receipt for them from the vessel, as it is not usually necessary for small items going to Stanley and is never therefore troubled about.

If they are not lying undiscovered in the warehouses of the Falkland Islands Company, they must be in the possession of some unauthorised person as I can definitely state that they are not on this farm.

I am, Sir,

your obedient servant,

Sydney Miller jr