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SUBJECT.

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Previous Paper.

Submitting names of members  
of Defense Force for promotion  
to non-commissioned ranks

MINUTES.

Y.B.

Submitted for approval

~~10 Oct. 24~~  
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O.C./D.F.

Will you please announce  
the appointments at such time and  
in such manner as may seem appropriate  
A posting in orders is sufficient and  
usual I think

Subsequent Paper.

9/10/29.

~~10 Nov. 24~~  
The returned under confidential cover.



Hon Col Sec.

Appointments of non-commissioned  
officers, posted in address dated  
13 November. 1924.

L.R. Watson  
Officer Commanding  
F. D. F.  
12th Nov 1924

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G. S.

Submitted

I regret to say that I put the paper  
received just before 4.30 hrs of the Post,  
away in my confidential cupboard and  
forgot it.

2 It is of course quite competent for  
volunteers or indeed for regular soldiers to  
repeal promotion and it is difficult to  
know - whether any action taken in this  
case would do any good. The real offence  
is that these men had already informed the  
D.C. that they would accept non-commissioned  
rank and they have let him down, because  
they are dissatisfied with other promotion.

This appears to be in effect an attempt to  
decide who shall or shall not be promoted  
and G.S. might wish to make some reference  
to it on the next occasion on which the  
Defence Force is addressed. To <sup>have</sup> make a special  
meeting of the Force for the purpose of dealing  
with this question alone as I ~~was~~ was at first  
prepared to recommend would be I think to make



too much of the latter and would  
be to suit for consideration the  
mentality of the material with which  
we have to deal. It is not as  
though there was any actual indiscipline.

3. It will probably be a considerable  
time before further promotions are  
necessary. When that time comes  
notice should I suggest be given that  
vacancies will be filled and a class  
formed of aspirants for promotion. From  
these those who did best on tests  
would be selected. I understand

the ground of objection to certain of the  
appointments in the present case was  
that the nominees or one or two of  
them did not know their drill.  
No one would of course be allowed to  
join a promotion class who did not  
formally undertake to accept and accept  
rank offered. Backing out thereafter  
would certainly I consider be an  
offense which could be dealt with by  
disbarment from the force.

~~W.H.H.~~ 13 Jan 28-

H.C.S.

I propose to refer to this on the next  
occasion on which I address Dyfne Mee.

2. The procedure proposed in para 3 should  
be followed upon further promotions as contemplated.  
R. 19 March 1928

Letter sent to Mr 187/25 - open  
date 20 March





Head Quarters.  
Falkland Island Defence Force.

November 4th. 1924.

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary,

I have the honour to submit for  
the consideration of H.E. The Commander in Chief,  
names of men who I recommend for promotion in  
the Falkland Island Defence Force.

I have the honour,  
to be Sir,

yours obediently,

*B. Watson Riech.*

Officer Commanding F.I.D.F.



Head Quarters.  
Falkland Island Defence Force.

November 4th. 1934.

Names of members of the Defence Force recommended  
for promotion.

Cpl.	H. Newing	to be promoted to	Sergt.
Cpl.	W. Etheridge	:	:: : : Sergt.
Lc. Cpl.	T. Hardy	:	:: : : Sergt.
Pte.	G.R.L. Brown	:	: : : : <del>Sergt.</del> Cpl.
Pte.	W. Summers	:	: : : : Cpl.
Pte.	E.J. Gleadell	:	: : : : Cpl.
Pte.	C.G. Allan	:	: : : : Lc. Cpl.
Pte.	E. Mc. Atasney	:	: : : : Cpl. Lewis Gun.
Pte.	S. Summers	:	: : : : Cpl. Signal Sect.
Pte.	A.E. Smith	:	: : : : <del>Lc.</del> Cpl. Band Sect.

*B.R. Watkinson Lieut.*

Officer Commanding. F.I.D.F.





Head Quarters.

Falkland Island Defence Force.

14th. November 1924.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,

I have the honour to inform you that following the announcement of Promotions in the F.I.D.F. certain members of the Force have made it known to me, that they are dissatisfied with the appointments.

Pts, W. Summers, E. Mc. Atasney, C. G. Allan have refused the rank given them. I have asked these men to reconsider but they refuse to do so.

I am sorry that this has happened and ask that you will kindly advise me what to do in the matter.

I am Sir,

yours obediently,

*B. R. Watkinson*

Officer Commanding F.I.D.F.