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NAVAL AND MILITARY.  
DEFENCE FORCE.

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No. 56 /34.

H.E. The Ag  
Governor.

SUBJECT.

193 4.

1st March.

SIGNAL SECTION - F.I.S. DEFENCE FORCE.

Previous Paper.

STRENGTH AND DEGREE OF TRAINING

## MINUTES.

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Minute from His Excellency the Ag Governor. 1/3/34.  
Minute from Lieut & Adj. F.I.S. Defence Force. 2/3/34.

*Yh.* Report called for submitted.  
*mch*  
*2.3.34.*

*Jhr. C.S.*

*We have undertaken on the  
outbreak of war to man the Port  
War Signal Station, which is to be  
established at Foldsbury Rock, with the  
Defence Force Signal Section, or part of  
it, until the arrival from the U.K.*

Subsequent Paper.

Kingdom of naval signalmen.

2. It is imperative, therefore, that special attention should be devoted to the organisation and training of the signal section. The Commodore, S.A., in "Exeter" has offered assistance in this connection on occasions when ships under his command visit Stanley.

3. Please ask the Adjutant to consider and report what steps can be best taken to further the object in view.

Yours

Adjutant H. Defence Force. 7. 3. 34.

For your consideration  
and report.

MCH  
as cd.  
7. 3. 34.

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Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 2.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

In view of our heavy obligations in finding personnel to man the various organizations of the Defence Force from the number of men available for training at Port Stanley. May I suggest that the Signal Section be kept at a Nucleus of six members. This number I would consider sufficient to meet any emergency.

In the event of war, and until the arrival of Naval Signalmen from the United Kingdom, the Section could be supplemented by untrained personnel who could be used as message writers, or runners. The trained personnel being used to read or send messages.

In framing my Training Programme for the ensuing Drill Season, I had in view the question of training the members of the Section in Semaphore. At present they have a very good working knowledge of the Morse Code. It is essential that a Signalmen should be able to read or send a message, both by Morse or Semaphore. I have a thorough knowledge of Semaphore and I am capable of instructing. If His Excellency should approve I will take the Section in Semaphore during the ensuing Drill Season.

I consider it very kind indeed of the Commodore of H.M.S. Exeter to offer his assistance in the question of organization and training of our Signal Section. It would be very helpful from a training point of view if arrangements could be made whereby the members of the Signal Section could parade for Signal Instruction under the Naval Signal Instructors when a ship is in Port.

I am,

Sir,

yours obediently

*W. M. Allen*

Lieut & Adjutant  
F.I. Defence Force.

7/3/34

*J.E. Submitted.*

*MCH*  
*ascs.*

10. 3. 34.

M. C. S.

We cannot rely on all six of  
the members whose names are given in and 2  
actually being available for duty with the signal  
section on the outbreak of war. To allow for  
contingency I should like the strength of the section  
increased, say, to nine members.

2. I propose I shall be glad if  
the Adjutant will proceed as he proposes.

Yours

12. 3. 34.

Adjutant Lt. Defence Force.

In necessary action. I spoke  
to you about this matter today,  
also as regards an N.C.O. for the  
Signal Section and understood you  
to say that you regarded Pte  
H. Shade as most suitable to be N.C.O.

MCH

W. C. S.

12. 3. 34

The Hon Colonial Secretary

noted, thank you - You consider Private  
H. Shade who has carried on the duties of Instructor to the  
Signal Section would make a capable N.C.O. with the Rank  
of Corporal.

W. W. H. L.  
Lt. Adj.  
F. I. P. F.  
13/3/34

Ord. No. 7/20

Y.R. Under the Ordinance N.C.O's are appointed by the Commanding Officer. As there is at present no Commanding Officer with Y.R. as Commander-in-Chief approve Pte H. Slade being raised to the rank of Corporal in the Defence Force.

MCH  
as ch.  
18.3.34.

Hr. C. S.

I approve. The move

is, as far as can be  
foreseen, Pte Slade is more likely  
to be a permanent resident in the  
Colony than the majority of the  
other members at present in the  
Signal Section.

Y.R.

16.3.34.

Adjutant I.I. Defence Force.

Pte H Slade should now  
be raised to the rank of Corporal  
in the I.I. Defence Force. You  
will inform Pte Slade that he  
has been raised to that rank.  
with the approval of H.Q. the  
Commander-in-Chief.

MCH  
a/c C.P.  
16.3.34.

The Hon Col Sec.

is noted - I will inform Pte Slade  
that he has been raised to the Rank of Corporal and  
issue him with the Chevrons of that Rank accordingly

Wm. A. H. O'G.  
F.I.D.F.  
16.3.34

P. A.  
MCH  
17.3.34.

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Jr. C.S.

Please ask the Adjutant, to be.

Ref. Force for a report on the present  
state of the Signal Section giving e.g.,  
strength and degree of training.

Jul

1. 3. 34.

In further pleasure  
MCH

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MINUTE.

2nd March

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To

From The Adjutant

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Falkland Islands Defence Force  
Stanley, Falkland Islands

REPORT ON THE PRESENT STATE OF THE "SIGNAL" SECTION OF  
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE e.g; Strength and Degree  
of Training.

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Sir,

1. At present the "Signal" Section is composed of Six  
Members, as follows :

Pte.H.Clade(Instructor) Pte.W.D.Jones Pte.M.Creece

Pte.A.Beardmore Pte.H.Thomas Pte.T.D.Evans.

2. Training in Visual Signalling was taken up seriously by  
the Class during the past Training Season and each member  
was put through a test in reading and sending messages with  
the Daylight, Lucas Signalling Lamp, and qualified.

3. Gear available with the "Signal" Section is : Two Lamps,  
Signalling, Daylight, Short Range, Dismounted Services.

The Lamps are of 10-volt and are charged by 8 Cells, inert  
, S.Mk.I.

The Lamps can be read at a range of 2 miles with the naked  
eye by day, and six miles by night.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant

*Wm. Allan*

Lieut & Adjutant.  
F.I. Defence Force.