

C.S.

DEFENCE FORCE.

COURSES.

DEF/FID/4#14

193 6.

No.

283/36.

C.S.O.

SUBJECT.

193 6.

29th October.

Previous Paper.

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

COURSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

MINUTES.

(1-2) Letter from C.M. Smith, Esq., 29/10/36.

(3) Minute from O/C. F.I.D.F. of 29/10/37

Submitted.

In C.H.

20.1.37.

*A despatch can be written about
Lt. Hemmet*

30/1/37

*Dravo despatch Submitted.
In para: 3 of his minute the
O.C. Delima has suggested that*

Subsequent Paper.

Capt O'Sullivan should also receive
a course of instruction while
in the M.H. I do not know
whether Y.H. wished this suggestion
proceeded with or not.

mcH
ch.
2.2.37.

draft app.

~~ffff~~ 2/2

Despatch to S of S no. 24 of 2/2/37.

(H-5)

Yr.

Despatch submitted.

mcH
ch.
2.2.37.

O.C. Defence Force,
to note.

C.O.
C. Al. I.
3/2/37.

mcH

Notes. Thank you.

For D.I.D.D.
31.7.37.

h. 18/2/37
C.O. 11/2/37

P.A.
18/2/37

C.S.O. No. 283/26

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 1.....

(6-7)
(8-9)

S of S despatch no. 51 of 12/4/37.
" " " 52 " "

Or. Defence Force.

To note reals 6-9.

met
C.S.
15. 5. 37.

A.C.S.,

Noted.

C. S. J.
to C.O.C. S.F.
15/5/37.

P.A.
15/5/37.

(10-12)

S of S despatch no 62 of 30/4/37.

Y.E.

Submitted

Prod
30/6/37.

Hon. C.S.

I understand that you were
able to make satisfactory arrangements.

met
10. 6. 37

Your Excellency,

On arrival in England it was
arranged at the Colonial Office that I should discuss
the course at the War Office. This I did and it
was finally arranged that Cpl. D. O'Sullivan would
report at the Guards Depot on a date to be notified
to him by the War Office.

2. During the period of Training 2½-3 months Cpl. O'Sullivan will be instructed in Infantry Drill, Small Arms and Physical Training.

3. The reason for deciding on the Guards Depot in preference to a course with a Guards Battalion is that at the Depot he will be taught everything from the most elementary stages.

4. Having made this arrangement with the War Office I again attended at the Colonial Office where Mr. Creasy of the Colonial Office confirmed my arrangements. It was then left to the War Office to complete arrangements and to notify the Colonial Office of everything that took place.

5. I also asked Mr. Creasy to arrange for O'Sullivan's return passage some two weeks or so after the completion of the course. This will enable O'Sullivan to visit his parents in England before returning.

6. I took O'Sullivan to the Crown Agents and arranged for the payments to be made to him while in England. I also gave him instructions re the course.

Acting Colonial Secretary.
1. 7. 37.

Hon. C.S.

We shall fit another despatch in due course. I fear making these arrangements took up a good deal of your very limited stay in England. The Govt. is most grateful to you for your good work in this matter.

MCH

1.7.37

pages 17

Thank you

*Jes.
(17/37)*

13-15.

16-18.

S of S despatch no. 49 of 1/6/37.
" " " 83 " 29/6/37.

Y.E.

Submitted.

2. as Mr. Aldridge is proceeding to England on leave next year may a course in Victoria machine guns be arranged for him. If he does this successfully there will be no difficulty with the Lewis Guns or Brown Gun.

Hes.
17/8/37

Hon. C.S.

A good idea. We can address the S of S. MCH
10.8.37

19. Telegram from Brown Agents of 17. 8. 37.

H.E. informed

Please notify Mrs. O'Sullivan then P.A.

H.E.
12/8/37Hes.
14/8/37

(20) Letter from CPAs of 13/8/37.

(21-24) S of S despatch no. 98 of 27/7/37

Y.E.

I know that the allowance for Sgt. O'Sullivan for such an occasion as the Coronation was inadequate & I suggest that this amount together with the sum of £3 previously advanced be charged to the Coronation Vote.

£25 net £23
15/9/37

2. The amount of £32 referred to by the Crown Agents appears to be incorrect & I shall telegraph asking for particulars.

Hes.
14/9/37

Hon. Cl.

Approved.

mch
14. 9. 37.

Telegram to Brown Agents of 15. 9. 37. (25)

Telegram from Brown Agents of 17. 9. 37. (26)

PA
14/9/37

Y.E.

Disp. despatch submitted.

Hon. Cl.

Approved.

Yes
26/9/37

mch
28. 9. 37

Despatch to S. of S. no 138 of 1/10/37.

(27)

Y.E.

Disp. to the S. of S. for signature.

2. I also enclose letters to the War Office from Agents which I think Y.E. might approve of before despatch.

Yes
1/10/37

Hon. Cl.

Liquid.

2. Approved.

mch
2. 10. 37

PA
21/10/37

S. of S. despatch no 107 of 23/8/37.

(28. 31)

Y.E.

Submitted.

Yes
16/8/37

✓
mch
16. 8. 37

C.S.O. No. 283/26

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 3

argument 1.9.37

Take a copy of (283) for Defence Force Reports

Res
5/12/37

A.C.S.

Copy taken.

C.S.O.
Ad. J.
5/11/37

P.A.
5/11/37

(32-34.)
(35-36.)

S of S despatch no 128 of 29/9/37.
" " " 136 of 6/10/37.

Y.E.

Submitted.

a very satisfactory report.

Res.
6/11/37

Hon. C.S.

Excellent. Captain
Fleming deserves the greatest
credit in securing such a
report after a comparatively
short course. W.H.

3. XII. 37

37. Letter to Captain A.S. Stewart of 4.12.37.

P.H.
6/12/37

A.C.S.,

Should not Mr. D.P. Sullivan
be called upon to refund the sum
of £7.0.0. vide Red (28)

C. J. A.C.S.
7/12/37.

act

These are the limits of amount stated in the
Coronation file which I think has been exceeded
to the £7. Mr. Aldridge knows the exact position
which is stated in the m.b.

J.S.
7/12/37

A.C.S.,

All the correspondence regarding
these advances is contained in this
m.b., Reds (20, 21, 25, 26, 28)
and your minute of 14/9/37 on page
2 herein refers. The amounts due from
Sullivan is £7 unless it is proposed to charge
this sum to the
Coronation
Vote.

C. J. A.C.S.
9/12/37.

act

Long. The £7 should be recovered as to the minute

J.S.
9/12/37

Letter to Sgt. W.W. O'Sullivan of 10.12.37. (38)

P.A.
9/12/37.

Letter from Major C.H. Smith of 19/11/37. (39)

Donch.

M.A.C. (27) I wrote to Major Smith who arranges these courses for
Colonial troops & his reply is at (39). Personally I would recommend that
Mr. Aldridge be attached to a machine gun battalion for two
months by which time I am satisfied he would be able to give
all the instruction necessary for the F.I.D.D. machine gun section.
When Mr. Aldridge completes this course, there will then be in
the Colony instructors in Artillery, Machine Gun & Drill & Physical
Training

J.S.
24/12/37 C.F.D.D.

C.S.O. No. 283/36...

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 4...

B. U. when a reply has been
received to (27). MCH.
29.12.37.

31/1/38.
29/12/37.
C.S.O.

O.C. Defence Force

Passed to you for your
information. In particular Reas
(27), (29), (35) & 39.

C. J. D.
for C. J. D.
21/1/38

Hon. Sec. Secretary.

Seen, thank you.

SM.
O.C. 7.9.37.

21/1/38.
29/12/37.
28/1/38.

1. H.
31/1/38

(40-43) S. of S. despatch no. 1 of 11/1/38

J.L.

Submitted. Mr Aldridge goes
on leave in March.

2. Captain Flewce while
undergoing training received an
allowance at the rate of 10/-
per day, that is 5/- per night
spent away from his usual place
of residence and 5/- a day for
the period of training. Presumably
the CA's can be asked to pay
the same allowance to Mr Aldridge
while he is actually undergoing his
training

WCH
cl.
7.2.38

~~Handwritten~~ 5/2/38

Letter to the Crown Agents of 21/2/38. (44.)
WCH

Gen. Treasuries

to note.

a.d. J.
Loves.
22/2/38.

WCH.

Noted.

WCH
22/2/38

P.A.
23/2/38

45-48. S. of S. Despatch No. 19 of 14. 2. 38.

Hon. Treasurer,

to note.

C. J. J.
for C.
26/3/38Hence noted - Thank you.
C. J. J.
for C.
26/3/38P.A.
28/3/38

49-50. S. of S. Despatch, Staff 7 of H. B. Barch, 1938.

Hon. Treasurer,

to note.

C. J. J.
for C.
28/4/38Hence noted.
C. J. J.
28/4/38P.A.
28/4/38

Hon. Colonial Secretary

I have the honour to ask
if the matter of repayment by Sgt.
D. Sullivan of the sum of £7 (Red 38)
might be reconsidered with a view
to relieving Sgt. Sullivan of this
obligation. No doubt, incidentals
in connection with his visit to England.

must have taxed his resources considerably.

S. Marshall Major
O.C. & J.D.F.
6.9.38

Note

Mr. D. Sullivan received advances totalling £32 while in England. Taking into consideration the small monthly wage he drew in England (£5 per month) £25 of the £32 was unutilised.

J.R. Subynica. Mr. Sullivan owes £7 and although he was told to pay Dec^r 15 up to £1 per month he has paid nothing. The O.C. D.F. now recommends that Mr. Sullivan be relieved of paying the amount.
MCH
8.9.38

Approved
5/9

Hon. Secare,

to note.

The amount in question will now be charged to XV. 12, and a special warrant issued if and when necessary.

C. J. J. 8/9/38

Hon. Sec. The sum in question was charged to advances J.D.F. & repaid by the Defence Force in March of this year. Perhaps a voucher debiting the above head for the credit of J.D.F. to Defence Force funds could be passed, please?
10/9/38

Hon. Treasurer

Voucher herewith.

C. J. J.
for C.S.
12/9/38

Hon. C.S.

Voucher withdrawn,
Thank you.

C. J. J.
for C.S.
12/9/38

51-54.

S. of S. Despatch No. 77 of 11. 8. 38.

O. C. Defence Force

to note.

C. J. J.
for C.S.
12/9/38

Hon Colonial Secretary

Noted. Thank you

SM. J. O. B. D. F.

12.9.38

H.

Red 54 and enclosures
Submitted.

W. H.
C.S.
13.9.38

Very satisfactory, available.

H. H. H. 13/9

I. A.
13/9/38

S. of S. Staff aspatch no. 28 of 26/11/38.

55-57/

1.A.

23/1/39.



(y)

The War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.1.

29th October, 1936.

Dear Stewart,

Wolff has passed me your letter of 5th September about a course for Fleurel as we arrange all courses in the United Kingdom for members of the Colonial Forces.

The following courses at the Coast Artillery School might possible suit:-

- (a) 1st Quick Firing - from 2nd to 15th May, 1937.
- (b) 2nd Counter Bombardment - from 16th to 29th May, 1937.
(T.A.)
- (c) Adjutant's and P.S.I. - from 26th Sept. to 16th October, 1937.

The only other one about that time cuts right into the Bisley Meeting.

Should you intend to send an officer, the correct way of arranging it is to get your Government to write to the Colonial Office on the subject.

Finance, alas, also enters into the question and the War Office charges £4 per week for all courses, this amount being payable by the Colonial Government concerned.

If you let me know in advance, I can always take the preliminary steps to have a vacancy reserved.

If none of these dates are suitable it should be possible to arrange an attachment to a Coast Defence or other Artillery unit for any suitable period. Attachments have the advantage of being free!

/The

Major M.J. Stewart,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

The particulars of the Defence Force which Wolff has sent on to us are interesting. We get a copy of the Annual Colonial Report, but I had never seen the centenary booklet before, and have enjoyed reading it very much.

I am pressing hard for your cordite and am full of hope that it may go out from here early next year.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Smith

No.

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

MINUTE.

28th January, 19 37

From

The Officer Commanding
Falkland Islands
Defence Force.

To Hon Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

I have the honour to ask whether a communication can be addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of courses to be undertaken by members of the Defence Force during 1937.

2, I am anxious that Lieut. Fleuret should undergo a course in gunnery and as all the guns and instruments in the Colony have been supplied by the Admiralty it is most desirable that the course should be undertaken at the Naval School of Gunnery at Whale Island. In this connection I may state that Captain C.S. Thomson of H.M.S. "Ajax" expressed his entire agreement with the suggestion and was prepared to give the recommendation his support. The most suitable period during which the course could be undertaken is between the 1st of August and the 30th of September.

3. An additional Drill Instructor would be an asset to the Defence Force and for this purpose it is recommended that arrangements be made for Cpl. D. O'Sullivan to undergo a course in Drill and Gymnastics after his attendance at the Coronation Celebrations of His Majesty King George VI. A course of at least 6 weeks is desirable. Failing arrangements being made for the course of instruction it would be highly appreciated if Cpl. O'Sullivan could be attached to one of the Guards Regiments for instruction during a similar period to that which has been suggested for the course.

4. I could furnish any further information which may be required by the Colonial Office or the War Office during my stay in England.



Major,

Officer Commanding,

Falkland Islands Defence Force.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

2nd February, 1937.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 24.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty be asked whether arrangements can be made for Lieutenant A. I. Fleuret, Falkland Islands Defence Force, to undergo a course of 6 weeks duration at the Naval School of Gunnery at Whale Island. Lieutenant Fleuret will have command of and be responsible for the training of the Artillery Section of the Defence Force when properly organized.

2. The most suitable period during which the course could be undertaken by Lieutenant Fleuret would be between the 1st of August and the 30th of September, 1937. Lieutenant Fleuret is proceeding on leave of absence in May and is due to arrive in the United Kingdom about the middle of June, 1937.

3. I would enquire further whether arrangements can be made for Cpl. D. W. O'Sullivan a Non-Commissioned Officer of the Defence Force, to undergo a course of instruction of at least six weeks duration in Drill and Gymnastics while he is in the United Kingdom. If arrangements cannot be made for a course of instruction, I should be grateful if Cpl. O'Sullivan could be attached to one of the Guards regiments for instruction during the suggested period.

4./

HONOURABLE
• OMSBY GORE, F.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

4. Cpl. D. W. O'Sullivan is due to leave the Colony on the 5th of April in company with Major M. J. Stewart, Officer Commanding the Defence Force to represent the Falkland Islands Defence Force in the Military Contingent from the Colonial Empire and I would suggest that any further information which might be required in connection with these courses should be obtained from Major Stewart.

5. All expenses incurred in respect of the courses suggested will be borne by this Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

(Sgd.) HENRIKER HEATON

Reference to previous correspondence :-

~~Secretary of State~~
Governor's

despatch No. 24

of 2nd February, , 1937.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 51.



Downing Street,

12th April, , 1937.

Sir,

ANN
I have the honour to transmit to you for your information, a copy of the paper noted below on the subject of a course of instruction for Lieutenant A. I. Fleuret, Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

W. ORMSBY GORE.

The Officer Administering
the Government of
the Falkland Islands.

Date.

Description.

8th April, 1937.

To the Admiralty (without enclosure.)

(6)

8 April, 1937.

35135 C.R.

Sir,

No. 24. 2.2.37.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Ormsby Gore to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of a despatch from the Governor of the Falkland Islands inquiring whether arrangements can be made for Lieutenant A. I. Fleuret, Falkland Islands Defence Force, to undergo a course of instruction at the Naval School of Gunnery at Whale Island while on leave in this country.

2. I am to inquire whether arrangements can be made as desired by the Governor.

3. A communication has been sent to the War Office as regards paragraph 3 of the despatch.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) A. J. DAWE

THE SECRETARY,
ADMIRALTY.

Reference to previous correspondence :-



~~Reference to previous correspondence :-~~
Governor's Despatch No. 24
of 2nd February, , 1937.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.
No. 52.

Dorling Street,

12th April , 1937.

Sir,

NAH
I have the honour to transmit to you for your information, a copy of the paper noted below on the subject of a course of instruction for Cpl. D. W. O'Sullivan, Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

W. ORMEY GORE.

The Officer Administering
the Government of
the Falkland Islands.

Date.	Description.
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24th March, 1937. To the War Office.

24 March, 1937.

88121/37.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Ormsby Gore to state, for the information of the May Council that the Governor of the Falkland Islands has enquired whether arrangements can be made for Corporal D.W. O'Sullivan, a non-commissioned Officer of the Defence Force, to undergo a course of instruction of at least six weeks' duration in drill and gymnastics while he is in the United Kingdom. If arrangements cannot be made for a course of instruction the Governor would be grateful if Corporal O'Sullivan could be attached to one of the Guards Regiments for instruction during the suggested period.

2. Corporal D.W. O'Sullivan is due to leave the Colony on the 5th of April in company with Major M.L. Stewart, Officer Commanding the Defence Force to

represent

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE,

WAR OFFICE.

represent the Falkland Islands Defence Force in the Military Contingent from the Colonial Empire, and the Governor suggests that any further information which may be required in connection with this course should be obtained from Major Stewart when he arrives in this country at the end of April.

3. All expenses incurred in respect of this course will be borne by the Government of the Falkland Islands.

4. I am to enclose, for your information, copies of a certificate regarding Corporal O'Sullivan signed by the Adjutant to the Falkland Islands Defence Force and also of a medical report.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) A. J. DAWE.

Reference to previous correspondence.

Secretary of State's
~~MINISTRY OF DEFENCE~~

Despatch No. 52 of the

with 12th April, 1937.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 62.

Downing Street,

30th April, 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information, a copy of the paper noted below the proposed training of Corporal D. W. O'Sullivan, Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

The Officer Administering

The Government of

The Falkland Islands.

W. ORRANT CORE.

Date.	Description.
2nd April, 1937.	From the War Office.
21st " "	To " " "

COPY.

THE WAR OFFICE,

LONDON. S.W.1.

43/Domns./689 (M.O.2)

2nd April, 1937.

Sir,

With reference to Colonial Office letter No.88121/37 dated 24th March, 1937, on the subject of the proposed training of Corporal D.W.O'Sullivan, Falkland Islands Defence Force, I am commanded by the Army Council to state, for the information of Mr.Secretary Ormsby Gore, that they presume that the Governor of the Falkland Islands desires that this non-commissioned officer should receive instruction in physical training and not gymnastics.

2. I am to say, however, that it would be very difficult to arrange his attendance with students at the Army School of Physical Training, and that he would get very little value in such a short time.

3. I am further to say, however, that arrangements could be made for Corporal O'Sullivan to be attached to the Guards Depot for drill, and could attend the Gymnasium for one hour or more a day as required, receiving instruction in physical training under the warrant officer of the Army School of Physical Training in charge.

4. I am to request that Major Stewart's views may be obtained on the above proposal on his arrival in England, and, if the arrangements outlined are suitable, the necessary steps will be taken to put them into effect.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) A.E.WIDDOWS.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

(10)
(11)
21 April, 1937.

88121/37.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Ormsby Gore to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.43/Domns./689 (M.O.2) of the 2nd April on the subject of the proposed training of Corporal D.W.O'Sullivan, Falkland Islands Defence Force, and to request you to inform the Army Council that Major Stewart will be consulted on his arrival in England.

2. A further communication will be sent to you in due course.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) A. J. DAWE.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

WAR OFFICE.

Reference to previous correspondence.



Secretary of State's
Despatch No. 62

Despatch No. 62

the 30th April, 1937.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 72.

Downing Street,

1st June, 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information, a copy of the paper noted below on the subject of the training of Corporal (Acting Sgt.) D. W. O'Sullivan, Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

W. DENNY COLE.

The Officer Administering
the Government of
the Falkland Islands.

Date.	Description.
21st May, 1937.	From the War Office.
31st " "	To " " "

Copy.

43/Domns./689 (M.O.2)

(14)
The War Office,

London, S.W.1.

21st May, 1937.

Sir,

With reference to Colonial Office letter No. 88121/37 dated 21st April, 1937, regarding the training of Corporal (Acting Serjeant) D. W. O'Sullivan, Falkland Islands Defence Force, I am commanded by the Army Council to state, for the information of Mr. Secretary Ormsby Gore, that arrangements have been made for this non-commissioned officer to be attached to the Guards Depot, Caterham, for a period of two months, commencing on Monday, 24th May, 1937, for the purpose of undergoing instruction in drill and physical training.

2. I am to say that the above arrangements have been made on the understanding that no extra expense to British Army funds is incurred.

3. I am to add that instructions have been issued direct to Corporal (Acting Serjeant) O'Sullivan.

I am, etc.

(Signed) A. E. Widdows.

The Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office,

Downing Street,,

London, S.W.1.

(13)

31 May, 1937.

88121/37.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Ormsby Gore to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 43/Domns./689 (M.O.2) of the 21st of May, and to request you to convey his thanks to the Army Council for arranging for Corporal (Acting Sergeant) D. W. O'Sullivan, Falkland Islands Defence Force, to undergo a course of instruction in drill and physical training.

2. It is understood that a charge will be made for this non-commissioned officer's accommodation and messing at the Guards Depot, Caterham, and I am to request that the relevant claims may be forwarded to this Department in due course.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) A. J. DAVIE.

(Signed) A. J. DAVIE.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

WAR OFFICE.



Reference to previous correspondence :-

Secretary of State's
~~Memorandum~~

Despatch No. 51

of the 12th April, 1937.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 83.

Downing Street,

29th June, 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you for your information, a copy of the paper noted below on the subject of the training of Lieutenant A. I. Fleuret, Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

W. GREGG GORE.

The Officer Administering
the Government of
the Falkland Islands.

Date.

Description.

1937.

21st May.	From the Admiralty.
9th June.	To " "

9 June, 1937.

35135 C.R.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Ormsby Gore to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. C.W. 3397/37 of the 21st of May, and to request you to convey his thanks to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for arranging for Lieutenant A.I. Fleuret, Falkland Islands Defence Force, to receive a course of instruction at the R.M. School of Land Artillery, Eastney.

2. Mr. Ormsby Gore would be glad if a general course in Coast Defence Gunnery (6-inch) could be provided for this officer. He is not aware of any special features of this subject in which instruction is particularly required.

3. Lieutenant Fleuret will be instructed to report on the 3rd of August to the Colonel Commandant, R.M. Barracks, Eastney, as desired in the last paragraph of your letter.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

THE SECRETARY,

THE ADMIRALTY.

THOMAS A. J. DAWSON

C.W.3897/37.

ADMIRALTY, S.W.1.

21st May, 1937.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.35135. C.R., of 8th April, 1937, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that, owing to unusually heavy commitments at the Naval Gunnery Schools, arrangements will be made for Lieutenant A.I.Fleuret Falkland Islands Defence Force, to undergo a six weeks' course in gunnery, commencing early in August at the R.M. School of Land Artillery, Eastney.

My Lords assume that a course in Coast Defence Gunnery (6-inch) is required for this officer, but I am to request that you will state whether there are any special features of this subject in which instruction is required.

I am to request that Lieutenant Fleuret may be instructed to report on 3rd August, 1937, to the Colonel Commandant, R.M.Barracks, Eastney, Portsmouth.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) H. Eastwood.

The Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office,

S.W.1.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents for the Colonies,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 17th August, 19 37. *Time :* 1355.

Received : 18th August, 19 37. *Time :* 1100.

O'Sullivan, Corporal, Defence Force, LaFonia from
Montevideo September 4th.

CROWN AGENTS.



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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,
THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.



4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.

13th August, 1937.

Falkland Is. L. 2695.

TELEGRAMS: "CROWN, LONDON".

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 7730.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that
Corporal D.W. O'Sullivan of the Falkland Islands Defence Force,
who was a representative at the Coronation, is sailing on the
14th August, 1937. During his stay in the United Kingdom
he has been paid salary at the rate of £5 per month for the
months of April to July, 1937, inclusive, and in addition has
been paid advances from time to time amounting to £32, which
sum he has been informed is repayable by such instalments as
the Government of the Falkland Islands may decide

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Ramsay".

for Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands.

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15 July, 1937.

88121/37.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Ormsby Gore to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th of July, and to inform you that in the circumstances he is asking the Crown Agents for the Colonies to make you an advance of £20. This advance will be repayable by such instalments as the Colonial Government may decide.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) A. J. DAWE

SERGEANT D.W. O'SULLIVAN.

15 July, 1937.

88191/37.

Gentlemen,

£20.

With reference to the letter from this Office of the 26th of June, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Orasby Gore to request that you will make an advance of £20 from Falkland Islands funds to Corporal D. W. O'Sullivan, Falkland Islands Defence Force, who is at present engaged on a course of instruction in this country. Corporal O'Sullivan is being informed that this advance will be repayable by such instalments as the Colonial Government may decide.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

Signed: J. L. DAWE.

THE CROWN AGENTS

FOR THE COLONIES.

Copy

Sergeants' Mess,
Guards Depot,
Caterham.

5.7.37.

Sir,

As you are aware I came to England to represent the Falkland Islands Defence Force at the Coronation, and afterwards take a Drill Course at the above address.

I receive in England Five pounds per month of my wage this I find inadequate to meet my unforeseen requirements.

I would be grateful if I could have a small loan, say £20 Twenty pounds.

This I could repay on my return to Colony leaving England on the 14th of August.

Trusting my application will receive your kind consideration.

I have, etc.,

(Sd.) Sergt. D.W. O'Sullivan.

To
The Right Hon.
The Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies.

Reference to previous correspondence :-

(24)

Secretary of State's
Despatches

despatch

No. 79

of the 1st June, 1937.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 98.



Downing Street,

27th July , 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you for your information, a copy of the paper noted below on the subject of an advance of salary to Cpl. (Acting Sgt.) D. W. O'Sullivan, Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

The Officer Administering
the Government of
the Falkland Islands.

W. GORDON GORE.

Date.	Description.
5th July, 1937.	From Sgt. Sullivan.
15th " "	To " "
15th " "	To the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Crown Agents for the Colony.

Despatched : 15th September 19 57. Time : ...

Received : 19 ... Time : ...

Red 20.

Your letter L/2695 of 15th August advances issued to O'Sullivan according to your accounts amount to £25 and not £32 as stated in your letter. Please verify.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents for the Colonies.

To Colonial Secretary

Despatched : 17th September, 19 37. *Time :* 1307.

Received : 18th September, 19 37. *Time :* 1100.

Red 25
Your telegram 15th September £32 confirmed £7 in August account.

CROWN AGENTS.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS PAID TO AG. SGT. D. W.
O'SULLIVAN WHILST IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

15th May	Advance	£2. 0. 0.	✓
15th May	Salary for April	5. 0. 0.	✓
22nd May	Balance of Advance	3. 0. 0.	✓
5th June	Salary for May	5. 0. 0.	
10th July	Salary for June	5. 0. 0.	
16th July	Advance	20. 0. 0.	*
Aug.	Salary for July	5. 0. 0.	
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		£ 45. 0. 0.	
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

1st October, 1937.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.
No. 138.

Sir,

Led 18

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 83 of the 29th of June, 1937, regarding an arrangement which was made for Captain Fleuret of the Falkland Islands Defence Force to attend a course of instruction in the United Kingdom, and to inform you that it is considered desirable that Lieutenant Aldridge of the Defence Force should undergo a course of instruction in Vickers Machine Guns during his period of leave in the United Kingdom in 1938.

2. Lieutenant Aldridge is expected to reach the United Kingdom in April, 1938, on six months' leave and, except for the month of July when he will be at Bisley, he could receive instruction during any other period.

3. Lieutenant Aldridge might be attached to the Machine Gun Corps for a period of about two months and I should be glad to have your assistance to ensure this arrangement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

(Sgd.) M. C. Craigie-Halkett

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
W. G. ORMSBY CORE, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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Reference to previous correspondence :- (31)
Secretary of State's } Despatch No. 98 of
~~Government~~ }
27th July, 1937.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 107.

Downing Street,

23rd August, 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information, copies of the papers noted below on the subject of the attendance of Corporal D. W. O'Sullivan, Falkland Islands Defence Force, at a course of instruction.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

W. ORMSBY GORE.

The Officer Administering
The Government of the
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Date.	Description.
<u>1937.</u>	
29th July.	From the War Office (with enclosures)
9th August.	To the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Copy.

THE WAR OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W.1.

43/Domns./689 (M.O.2)

29th July, 1937.

Sir,

With reference to Colonial Office letter No. 88121/37 dated 31st May, 1937, on the subject of the training of Corporal (Acting Serjeant) D.W. O'Sullivan, Falkland Islands Defence Force, I am commanded by the Army Council to forward for the information of Mr. Secretary Ormsby Gore, the attached copy of a report which has been received from the General Officer Commanding, London District, relative to this non-commissioned officer's attachment to the Guards Depot for a period of two months from 24th May, 1937.

I am, etc.

(Signed) H. J. Creedy.

The Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office,

Downing Street,

London, S.W.1.

Copy.

SUBJECT: - ATTACHMENT.

REF. NO:- C.R.L.D. No. 3/87130 (G)
GD/3/1/13/37.

Guards Depot,
Caterham, Surrey.
23rd July, 1937.

Headquarters,
LONDON DISTRICT.

With reference to correspondence as above;
herewith report on Acting Sergeant D.W. O'Sullivan,
Falkland Islands Defence Force:-

"This N.C.O. attended a Drill Course for one month. During that period he was instructed in Foot Drill as far as Squad Drill in two ranks, and all Army Drill.

He tried hard and improved greatly during his course. He now has a good knowledge of Drill as taught to recruits. His word of command is fair. He has a good knowledge of the method of instruction and his ability to drill a squad is fair. His turn out on parade improved greatly while he was here.

He was attached to the Weapon Training Staff under instruction for 3 weeks and he proved himself to be very keen to learn. He took copious notes and made himself useful as a second Instructor on many occasions.

He did only a little practical Physical Training. He has a fair knowledge of the method of teaching P.T., and the principles to be observed."

(Signed) W.D. Faulkner, Major.

OFFICER COMMANDING GUARDS DEPOT.

CATERHAM, Surrey.

23.7.37.

9 August, 1937.

88121/37.

Gentlemen,

£7.

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 15th July, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Ormsby Gore to request that you will issue a further advance of £7 to Corporal D.W. O'Sullivan, Falkland Islands Defence Force, to meet his expenses before sailing for the Colony on the 14th August.

an,

2. Corporal O'Sullivan's address is 13 Egerton Gardens, Maling, W.13. He has been informed that this further advance will be repayable by such instalments as the Colonial Government may decide.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) GERALD GREASY

THE CROWN AGENTS

FOR THE COLONIES.

Reference to previous correspondence :-
Governor's Despatch No. 124 of the 2nd of February.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.
No. 128.



Downing Street,
29 September, 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you for your information a copy of the papers noted below on the subject of allowances and expenses payable to Lieut. A. I. Fleuret, Falkland Islands Defence Force, in connection with a course of instruction.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

W. ORMSBY GORE.

The Officer Administering
the Government of the
Falkland Islands.

Date.	Description.
14th September.	From Lt. Fleuret.
25th "	To " "

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COPY.

55 Highgate Road,

Copnor,

Portsmouth.

14th September 1937.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.35135 G.R. of the 9th of July 1937, I have the honour to inform you that I have completed the course in Gunnery at the Royal Military School of Land Artillery, Eastney, and that I propose returning to the Falkland Islands by the m.v. "Asturias" sailing from Southampton on the 2nd of October next.

2. No quarters were available for me at Eastney Barracks during the period of instruction from the 3rd August to the 14th September, and I would be grateful to learn whether any allowance is payable to me in respect of travelling and lodging expenses in this connection.

I have, etc.

(sgd.) A. I. Fleuret.

25 September 1937.

39135 C.R.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Crosby Gore to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th of September and to inform you that you are eligible in respect of the course in gunnery at the Royal Military School of Land Artillery, which you have undergone, to a refund of your 3rd class railway fares from and to your usual place of residence at the beginning and end of the course and to the following allowances:- A subsistence allowance of 5/- for each night spent away from your usual place of residence in connection with the course, and a training allowance of 5/- a day for the period of the course. You should submit a claim for the payment of these allowances and fares to the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sgt. J. B. Williams

A. I. FLEURET, Esq.

Reference to previous correspondence :-
Secretary of State's Despatch, No. 128 of the
29th September, 1937.



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 136.

Downing Street,
6 October, 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for
your information, a copy of the papers noted below
on the subject of a course of instruction in Coast
Defence Gunnery taken by Lieutenant A. I. Fleuret,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

W. ORMSBY GORE.

The Officer Administering
the Government of the
Falkland Islands.

Date.

Subject.

1937.

18th September. From the Admiralty.

Copy.

ADMIRALTY, S.W.I.

18th September, 1937.

C.W. 9820/37.

Sir,

With reference to your letters No.35135 C.R. of 8th April and 9th June, 1937, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that Lieutenant A.I. Fleuret, Falkland Islands Defence Force, carried out a course of instruction in Coast Defence Gunnery (6-inch) during the period 1st August - 11th September, 1937, at the School of Land Artillery, Portsmouth.

The Commandant, Portsmouth Division, R.M., reports that he now considers this officer fully qualified to command a 6-inch Coast Defence Battery, and that during the period of his attachment to the School, Lieutenant Fleuret displayed great keenness and interest in his work.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) H. EASTWOOD.

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.I.

283/36.

4th December,

37.

Sir,

Reds 35-26.

I am directed by the Acting Governor to enclose herewith a copy of a despatch which has been received from the Secretary of State on the subject of a course of instruction in Coast Defence Gunnery taken by you at the School of Land Artillery, Portsmouth.

2. I am to say that His Excellency considers that you deserve the greatest credit in securing such a report after a comparatively short course.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JP

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Captain A. I. Fleuret,
STANLEY.

283/56.

10th December,

37.

Sir,

I am directed to request that you will be good enough to arrange for the repayment to the Treasury of the advance of £7 made to you by the Crown Agents for the Colonies in the month of August, 1937, by instalments at the rate of £1 per month commencing with a first payment in respect of the month of February, 1938.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

gs
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Sgt. D. W. O'Sullivan,
STANLEY.



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The War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.1.

43/Domns/924 (M.O.2)

19th November, 1937.

Dear Stewart,

Thank you for your letter of 28th September, saying that Lieutenant Aldridge will be coming to England in April next year. I hope Sullivan got full value from his course at the Guards' Depot. I saw him before he left and he appeared to have enjoyed it thoroughly.

As to Aldridge, we can easily arrange for him to be attached to a machine gun battalion for two months at any time suitable to him. He could, if you wished, attend a course at the M.G. Wing, Small Arms School, from 20th June to 5th August, 1938, but this clashes with Bisley, and must, I presume, be ruled out. The next course is held from 31st October to 16th December which may be too late.

These courses, however, would cost your Government £4 (four pounds) a week and I don't expect you will want that. He should get quite good value from the attachment particularly during July, August or September.

We have seen the report of the visit of the "Ajax." We hope that the visit from the "Exeter" will be more useful to you, as she will no doubt have the long awaited cordite on board. She has been asked to make a comprehensive report as to your really vital requirements and as to what extent you can carry on without outside assistance.

Yours sincerely,
Ordnance

Major M.J. Stewart,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.



Reference to previous correspondence :-

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~~Information~~
Governor's

Recd 27
despatch No. 138 of
the 1st October, 1937.

FALKLAND ISLANDS. (Staff)

No. No. 1.

Downing Street,

11th January, 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you,
for your information, copies of
the papers noted below on the subject of the training of
Lieutenant L. W. Aldridge, Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
public servant,

The Officer Administering
The Government of the
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Date.

Description.

22nd November, 1937

To the War Office.

29th December, "

From " "

11th January, 1938

To " "

COPY.

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COLONIAL OFFICE,
DOWNING STREET.

27855 C.R.

22nd November 1937

Sir,

1/10/37. I am directed by Mr. Secretary Ormsby Gore to transmit to you, to be laid before the Army Council, a copy of a despatch from the Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands on the subject of a course of instruction in Vickers Machine Guns for Lieutenant L.W.Aldridge, Falkland Islands Defence Force.

2. I am to enquire whether arrangements can be made for Lieutenant Aldridge to be attached for instruction to a machine gun battalion as desired by the Acting Governor.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) A. J. DAWE

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
WAR OFFICE.

COPY.

WAR OFFICE

LONDON. S. W. 1.

43/Domns./924 (M.O.2)

29th December 1937

Sir,

With reference to Colonial Office letter No.27855 C.R. dated 22nd November,1937, on the subject of the training of Lieutenant L.W.Aldridge, Falkland Islands Defence Force, I am commanded by the Army Council to state, for the information of Mr. Secretary Ormsby Gore, that arrangements have been made for this officer to be attached to the Depot, The East Surrey Regiment, during the period 1st to 31st May,1938, and to the 2nd Battalion of this Regiment at Colchester from 1st to 30th June,1938.

2. I am to say that should the above dates prove unsuitable to Lieutenant Aldridge when he arrives it will be possible to make any modifications desirable.

3. I am to add that the above attachments have been approved on the understanding that no extra expense to British Army funds is incurred.

I am, etc.

(Signed) H.J.Creedy

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street.
London. S.W.1

27855 C.R.

140 2
// January, 1938

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Ormsby Gore to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.43/Doms/924 (M.O.2) of the 29th December 1937, and to request you to convey his thanks to the Army Council for the arrangements made for Lieutenant L.W.Aldridge, Falkland Islands Defence Force, to undergo military training during his leave in the United Kingdom.

2. Lieutenant Aldridge will be instructed to communicate with the War Office in the matter, as soon as he reports his arrival in this country.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

W. H. Jackson

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
WAR OFFICE.

283/36.

21st February, 38.

Gentlemen,

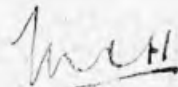
I am directed to inform you that 2/Lieut. L. W. Aldridge of the Falkland Islands Defence Force is proceeding on leave of absence to the United Kingdom in March, and that during his leave he will undergo a course of instruction in Vickers Machine Guns, for which purpose he is being attached to the East Surrey Regiment.

2. I am to add that during his period of training 2/Lieut. Aldridge will be entitled to a subsistence allowance of 5/- for each night spent away from his usual place of residence in connection with the course, and to a training allowance of 5/- per day for the period of the course, and I am to request that you will be good enough to pay these allowances to him on application.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,
4, Millbank, Westminster,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

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88121/37.

4 February, 1938.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Ormsby Gore to refer to the letter from this Office of the 9th August regarding the expenses of Corporal D.W. O'Sullivan, Falkland Islands Defence Force, and to transmit to you copies of correspondence with the Officer Commanding, Guards Depot, Caterham, Surrey.

2. I am to request that the amount of £4.19.8 may be paid to the Guards Depot from the funds of the Falkland Islands Government.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) A. B. ACHESON.

THE CROWN AGENTS

FOR THE COLONIES.

Fr. Depot. 8/12/37
To Depot. 4/2/38

£4.19.8

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SUBJECT:- ATTACHMENT - GUARDS DEPOT - MESSING ACCOUNT.

REF. NO:- GD/3/1/13/37.

The Under Secretary of State,
The Colonial Office,
LONDON. S.W.1.

Sir,

Acting Sergeant D.W.O'SULLIVAN,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

The above named N.C.O. was attached to the
Guards Depot for a period of two months from 24th May,
1937, for a course of instruction in drill, Weapon
Training, and Physical Training.

The amount of £4.19.8d. is still outstanding
in respect of his messing account in the Sergeants'
Mess.

I shall be grateful therefore, if this amount
could be forwarded as soon as possible, please.

I have etc.,

(Sd.) A. de L. Cazenove

Major,

OFFICER COMMANDING GUARDS DEPOT.

CATERHAM, Surrey.

8/12/1937.

86121/37

4 February, 1938.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Ormsby Gore to refer to your letters No. GD/3/1/13/37 of the 8th December and 10th January and to inform you that the Crown Agents for the Colonies are being instructed to pay to you the sum of £4.19.8 in respect of the messing account of Acting Sergeant D.W. O'Sullivan of the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

2. The delay in replying to your letter of the 8th December is regretted.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. WILLIAMS

THE OFFICER COMMANDING

GUARDS DEPOT.
CATTERHAM.

Reference to previous correspondence :-

Secretary of State's Despatch No. 107
of the 23rd of August, 1937.

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Falkland Islands.

No. 19.



Dowing Street,

14th February, 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for you
information, a copy of the papers noted below on the
subject of the attachment of Acting Sergeant D. W.
O'Sullivan, Falkland Islands Defence Force, to the
Guards Depot.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble
servant,

(Sgd.) W. Ormsby Gore.

The Officer Administering
the Government of the
Falkland Islands.

Date

Description.

4th February,
1938.

To the Crown Agents for the Colonies
(with enclosures)

35133 C.R.

3 March, 1938.

Gentlemen,

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 25th September, 1937, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Ormsby Gore to transmit to you a Receivable Order from the Director of Navy Accounts for the sum of £29. in respect of a claim for fees for a course of instruction in Coast Defence Gunnery undertaken by Lieutenant A. I. Fleuret, Assistant Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands, at the Royal Marine School of Land Artillery, Portsmouth, and to request that you will meet the claim from Falkland Islands funds.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) A. B. AGNEWSON.

THE CROWN AGENTS

FOR THE COLONIES.

Reference to previous correspondence

Secretary of State's despatch No. 136
of the 6th October, 1937.

Falkland Islands.
Staff
No. 7.



Downing Street

4th March, 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your
information, copies of the papers noted below.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble
servant,

(Sgd) W. Ormsby Gore.

The Officer Administering
the Government.

Name and Date.

Subject.

To the Crown Agents for the
Colonies 3rd February, 1938.

Course of instruction in Coast
Defence Gunnery undertaken by
Lieutenant A. I. Fleuret

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Reference to previous correspondence :-

Secretary of State's
Government's despatch No. 1

of the 11th of January, 1938.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 77.



DOWNING STREET,

11th August, 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information,
copies of the papers noted below on the subject of

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant.

(SGD.) MALCOLM MACDONALD.

The Officer Administering
the Government.

Name and Date.	Subject.
From War Office 27th July, 1938. (with enclosures)	The attachments of Lieutenant L. W. Aldridge, Falkland Islands Defence Force, to the depot, and the 2nd Battalion Middlesex Regiment.

THE WAR OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W.1.

43/Domns./924. (M.O.2).

27th July, 1938.

Sir,

With reference to Colonial Office letters 27955 C.R., dated 22nd November, 1937 and 11th January, 1938, and War Office letter 43/Domns./924.(M.O.2), dated 29th. December, 1937, I am commanded by the Army Council to forward, for the information of Mr.Secretary MacDonald, the attached copies of reports relating to the attachments of Lt.L.W.Aldridge, Falkland Islands Defence Force, to the Depot, and 2nd. battalion Middlesex Regiment.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) A.E. Widdows.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

Subject:- Attachments - Officers

CONFIDENTIAL.

Head quarters,
Eastern Command,
Horse Guards,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

Lieutenant L.W. Aldridge - Falkland Islands Defence Force.

Reference your C.R.E.C.No.24378(G) dated 1st. July, 1938, and O.C.Depot the Middlesex Regiment letter No.DMX/402 dated 4th. July, 1938.

The subjoined report on the above-named officer is forwarded:-

1. Period of attachment - 1st. to 30th. June, 1938.
2. How employed - Supernumerary Platoon Commander.
3. How he has carried out his duties - very satisfactorily.
4. Character - Exemplary.
5. Word of Command - Not exercised.
6. Knowledge of his work - Good.
7. Physical fitness - Good.
8. Summary of personality, characteristics and military qualifications:-

He was very keen to learn and showed a good knowledge of Machine Gunnery. He has a quiet personality. He showed sound judgment. A very good and conscientious officer, and a very interested and likeable man.

(Sd.) W.W. Jefferd, Lieut.-Colonel.

Commanding 2nd. Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (DCO).

New Barracks,
GOSPORT.
13th July, 1938.

COPY

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- Attachment - Lt.L.W. Aldridge
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

The Officer Commanding,
2nd. Bn. The Middlesex Regiment,
Gosport.

As a report is required on the above named officer at the end of his attachment, the following brief notes might possibly be helpful.

During his three and a half weeks here from the 2nd. to 26th. May, Lt.Aldridge worked on M.G.only. He knew nothing about the gun when he arrived. He showed great interest and made rapid progress. He completed the recruit's syllabus here and had some instruction in indirect fire and the range-taker.

He did no drill, so I am unable to report on his word of command.

A quiet and capable officer.

(Sd.) E.L. Heywood, Captain.

Commanding Depot, Middlesex Regiment.

Mill Hill, N.W.7.

4th.July, 1938.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.

Mill Hill, N.W.7.

(Sd.) J.P.Hall, Lieut.

4th July, 1938.

Adjutant, Depot Middlesex Regiment.



Reference to previous correspondence :-

Read
Secretary of State's despatch No. 77
Government

of 11.8.38.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

STAFF.

No. 28.

DOWNING STREET,

26th November, 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information,
copies of the paper noted below ~~on this subject~~

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

MALCOLM MACDONALD.

The Officer Administering
the Government.

Name and Date.	Subject.
From O/C. 2nd Middx. Regt. (with original enclosure)	Army Form A 2039 in respect of Mr. L. W. Aldridge.

To:- The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies,
 The Colonial Office,
 London. S.W.1.

From:- The Officer Commanding,
 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment,
 New Barracks,
 Gosport, Hants.

17th November 1938.

No. D/18/104/38.

Sir,

Reference Army Council Instruction No. 432 of 1938.

I have the honour to forward herewith Army
 Form A-2039, in respect of 2nd Lieutenant L. W. Aldridge,
 Falkland Island Defence Force, and to request that you
 acknowledge receipt of same.

I have, etc.

(Sgd.)

Major

for, Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commanding 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, (D.C.O.).

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GROUP I

Army No. _____

Rank 2/Lieut

Name L. W. ALDRIDGE

Unit Falkland Island Defence Force
attached 2/Middlesex Regt.



Date 25/7 1938