

C.S.

Naval and Military

DEF/FID/5#10

1939

No.

184/1939

H.E. the Governor

SUBJECT.

1939

30th Sep^{br}

Previous Paper.

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Contingent from the
Argentina to reinforce the
Falkland Islands Garrison in
war.

MINUTES.

Contingent arrived per "Laforia"
on 27th Sep^{br} 1939.

List of names of contingent

Minute from H.E. the Governor
of 30th Sep^{br}

C/15/26

Proclamation calling our Royal
Naval Reserves prepared.

V.C. Army Service Corps.

Please note A. and
B of H.E.'s minute and for
necessary action please.
Arrangements should be made
for the return of the Naval
officers mentioned by H.E. by
next sailing. MCH

Subsequent Paper.

C.S.
2. X. 39.

Letter from Commanding Officer, F.I.D.F., of 30.9.39. (3)

OT. Army Service Corps.

In passages please
for the persons mentioned in
(3) MCH

Spindle from H.E. the Governor of 2.10.39.
Letter to Officer Commanding, F.I.D.F., 4.10.39.
Hon. Col. Sec.

4.
5-6.

Confirming our conversation
of even date we are agreed that an
ex gratia payment of £5.0.0 should be
made to Lieut Cmdr V. E. Lucas, as has been
the case with those named in red (3).

DSAN

O.E.R.A.S.E.
6/10/39

OT. C. Treasury

To note.

MCH

CS. 6. x. 39.

Letter from J. D. Morrough of 7. x. 39

Letter from J. D. Morrough and
others of 7. x. 39.

Yk. Submitted with attached
claims. Captain Morrough handed
me these and asked for an
answer before he sailed. He
appeared to be under the
influence of drink. He complained
of the treatment of himself
and others and said the
officers he had dealt with here
did not appear to be straight
or act as gentlemen. I think
liquor and temper combined

affected Captain Monaghan's reason.

2. These persons have received £5 each for out of pocket expenses. I pointed this out but he said they should be paid while they were here in addition to the claims now put in. I gathered that the £5 had been spent here.

MCH
Ed.
7. 8. 39.

The O.C. D.F. spoke to me of this on Thursday. He did not appear that a moderate claim should be refused having regard to expenses incurred in getting to and from B.A.

£2.10 each may be paid to them on board for incidentals.

Captain Lapina might be given the money to hand to them.

~~ttttt~~ 7/8/39

O.C. Treasury informed. Arrangements
made with Army Service Corps office
to prepare vouchers for payment of
£2-10-0 each to J. D. Monaghan,
David Thorburn and Cyril Green.
Payment to be made on board
"Lafonia" prior to her departure.

MCH
C.S.

7. X. 39.

Letter to Captain J. D. Monaghan 7/10/39. 9

Officer Commanding
Army Service Corps.

To note.

MCH
C.S.

7. X. 39

Telegram from St B. M. Minister B. Ares 10
of 9/10/39.

Telegram to St B. M. Minister B. Ares 11
of 9/10/39.

Letter to C. Penager, F.I.C., of 6. 10. 39.

(12)

MCH
C.S.

The O.C.
R.A.S.C.

The attached account is
not understood. I do not think
it usual to supply some of the
items to men on military service.

MCH
C.S.

25. X. 39.

Mr. A.S.C. spoken regarding
 etc for pencils, towels etc.
 purchased for the Argentine
 Contingent. He said these
 articles had to be purchased
 on the arrival of the Contingent
 and that there would be
 no further purchase of articles
 which should be purchased by
 the men themselves.

Mr H
 ———
 C.S.
 25. X. 19.

Treasury.

To note.

Mr H.
 ———
 C.S.
 25. X. 19.

Hon. C.S.

Noted.

I state it that the a/c in
 question is to be paid, chargeable
 to FFI the war - misc Stores,
 please?

EDP
 26/10/39

Treasury.

Yes, please.

Mr H.
 ———
 C.S.
 26. X. 19.

Hon. C.S.

Noted. Thank you

EDP
 26/10/39

Letter and Enclosure from Lt B. M.
Ambassador B. Davis 13-14.
16. X. 39.

Mr. Defence Force.

For your consideration, please.

MCH
29. X. 39.

Hon. Colonial Secretary.

1. While I should be very sorry to lose even two of the Striking Force, I feel the avoidance of any of the unpleasant questions that are anticipated should be the policy to adopt. I submit these two men be released forthwith.
2. With regard to replacements, I understand that there are a considerable number of British unemployed in B.A. & while many are "unemployable" by selection with care a fair contingent could be found who would be quite willing to serve here for the duration at 5/- per diem & allowances. I submit this should be engaged into in order to have replacements in hand either before or after the present Contingent's term of service expires. This type of man would fit in better I feel.

W. M. D.F.
31. X. 39.

3. H.E. is giving favourable consideration to granting a months leave to Sergt. Luck. in order to settle his private affairs before taking a commission here for the duration of the war. If this leave be granted he could take up the question raised in (2.) above while in B.A.

W.

Y. Submitted. The two men referred to may be released from the Defence Force for return to the Argentine?

2. The V.C. Defence Force suggests that replacements be obtained from B. Aires.

Met
31. x. 39.

Certainly they should return
They should be informed of the reasons and released on the day Lapine sails unless they apply for an earlier date

2. Sergei Luck should be asked whether ^{he} the contingent knows of 2 good men to replace them. We could probably get a list from him of half a dozen in priority order and send it to the Minister

3. I do not propose to authorize an addition to the B.A. number though we can keep up the strength of the Contingent.

4. ~~In this~~ Alternatively to para 2 above I am ready to approve

of the suggestion in the postscript of the
O.C.'s minute. Serjt. Luck can
bear his share - at his own expense -
and bring back two volunteers to
replace those leaving.

5. Please put up draft despatch to
O.C. The Commodore is returning this

~~ttttt~~ 31/x

O.C. Defence Force.

To note. Will you kindly
inform Messrs David Joyce and
Charles Fitzherbert accordingly please.
The O.C., A.S.C. to be asked to
arrange for their passages by vessel
"Lafonia".

2. For action under para:
2 of H.E.'s minute please.

3. To note also para: 3 of
H.E.'s minute.

MCH
1. XI. 39.

Mr. Colonial Secretary.

1. Above noted & necessary action taken.
2. Action taken.
3. His Excellency today agreed that Serjt. Luck's
passage should be paid one way & the necessary
action has been taken with O.C. R.A.S.C. As this
N.C.O. will be away for a month, there is so
little time left for the Contingent to remain after
his return, I submit replacements be not asked
for except for the whole contingent as per para
2 of my note 31. x. 39.

MCH
2. XI. 39.

H.

Submitted. May Sergt.
 Luck proceed as suggested
 in para: 2 of the O.C.'s
 minute of 31.10.39.

WCH
CS
 2. XI. 39.

I have discussed this
 with the O.C.

I do not consider that
 justification exists at present
 for obtaining another certificate
 from B.L. to replace the present
 one when time expires

~~WCH~~ 4/XI/39

O.C. Defence Force.
 To note.

WCH
CS

4. XI. 39.

Hon: Col: Secretary

Noted. Thank you.

WCH 6.XI.39
 O.C.

15 Telegram to H.B.M. Ambassador.
 Buenos Aires
 8. XI. 39.

Telegram from Minister B.A. of 23. XI. (16)

Telegram to Ambassador B.A. of 23. XI. (17)

Please bring forward on 5/14/39

The contingent will sail in January 1940
as agreed at yesterday's meeting of Def.
Committee but I will not telegraph
until the 5th.

~~11/11/39~~ 29/11/39

B.F. 5.12.39

8/12.39

Letter from O/C, Defence Force of 29.11.39. (18)

O.C. Defence Force.

Repayment of the amounts
mentioned should be charged to
the Military Vote (new Head
XXI) Pay and Allowances, on the
prescribed Treasury forms.

MCH

1. XII. 39.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Yours please

W.D. O.C. of 4. XII. 39.

Telegram from B.A. to H.H. the
Governor 2. XII. 39

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Telegram from S. of S. to H.H.
the Governor, 4. XII. 39

20

YH

Red 20 Submitted. Paper
 also brought up in conformity
 with YH's minute of
 29th Nov. MCH
CS
 S. XI. 59.

I will at the proper time
 Communicate message (20)

W. R. C. (18) the intention was
 that Govt. should refund payments
 made for telegrams announcing
 their departure and cancelling them
 If Govt. would ever this that
 shd. be the maximum refund: if
 insufficient more will be paid. I
 mention this as I believe that
 part of the telegrams dealt with
 affairs unconnected with their
 movements. Sergeant Campbell's
 voucher will suffice

T. H. 8/12/38

O.C. Defence Force.

Referred please.

mch
cl.

6. XII. 39.

Minutes from O/C, Defence Force of 5.12.39. 21-22.

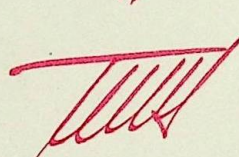
Y.

Reids 21 and 22 Submitted
for approval.

mch
cl.

6. XII. 39.

Both approved

 7/12/39

O.C. Defence Force.
Treasury.

To note approval.

mch
cl.

7. XII. 39.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Noted, thank you. I verbally notified Mr. Campbell of H.E.'s approval of red 22 before his hurried departure yesterday.



O.C. Defence Force.
9. XII. 39

P. A.
mch

12/12/39

23. Telegram to Rear Admiral, S. A. D., of 25/3/40.

McH
el.
27.3.40

P.H.
27/3/40

Please attach another file
relating to this campaign
in which I asked S.A.D. to
despatch that facilities should
be given for their enlistment.

19/4/40

Y/E.

M.P. 201/39 attached.

G. H. B.
19/4/40

P.H.
16/4/40

~~24-25~~

~~Letter from British Embassy, Buenos Aires of 3/4/40.~~

8/5/40

24-25. Letter from British Embassy, Buenos Aires of 19/4/40.

Y.E.

(25) raises a question not complete in
itself, as it is evident that one must
respond to all of to one. Of course some
might refuse.

In the claim submitted three
marked by asterisk returned unfil.

The claim which should I think be substantiated by evidence of some sort, amount apparently to \$100.00 per head - & our liability would then be for 33 persons \$6600.00 or about £440.

However some of the same individuals have also drawn an Admiralty allowance, on their re-engagement in H.M.'s forces. I do not know the procedure nor any precedent in this latter case.

AD 10/1/40

Will you please attach the file in which the contingent was accepted

TTTTT 10/3/40

Y/E.

W.P. 20/1/39 attached.

C. J. J.
C. J. J. 11/5/40

On 18. Sept: The authorities at BA informed me that a number of ex-service men who had been assembled with a view to being sent to the Foreign Office and Admiralty were only at my request. Defence Committee unanimously agreed that the men should be sent for and on 19. Sept. I telephoned "I require 30 picked men now to reinforce Garrison" I told M.V. at same time. "I have informed B.N.A., B.A. that I require 30 men only to reinforce Garrison"

However the Colony is not in a position to raise contention and I put up a draft reply. C.A.A. ok'd. be informed. C. J. J. will be necessary *TTTTT* 5/6/40

(P.S. I spoke to Mr. Knight who is quite sure that the full amount was spent necessarily on winter clothing. He and others spent more than 200 dollars without making any claim

ttttttt /

(26) Letter to British Ambassador, Buenos Aires 5/6/40.

Y.E.
For your signature, please.

AD 7/1/40

tttttt 7/16

Treas.
To note AD 7/1/40

(27) Letter to Crown Agents of 8. 6. 40.

Star. CS

Noted
copy
11/6/40

1.A

(28) Minutes from O/C, F.I.B.F., of 9. 9. 40.

Treas. Please see (28) + any remarks

AD 11/7/40

Hon. C.S.

The sum given in Dec 28 was paid to the Foreign Office, for the credit of the Embassy at Buenos Aires, by cheque on the instructions of the Colonial Office, and represents the cost of transport of the B.A. Contingent to this Colony.

② The authority is C.O. Ltr to the C.A.A. No. 614/SE/39 dated 26/1/40, a copy of which is attached to the receipted voucher, & is on record in the Treasury. (The No. 28 C.A.A. dtd 2/2 Feb 1940).

③ A special warrant for the sum in question is required, please

22/2/19/40

C.C. Def. 7.

What with the amount of the S.W. for, inclusion of this & all other possible contingencies under this head &c. Item 17. ? *AD 13/1/40*

Honourable Colonial Secretary. The S.W. issued under this head recently was calculated to cover running costs till the end of the year. On checking this to date I can say this will be the case. The only contingencies I know other than the relevant sum on (28) is cost of 2 lined horses from M.V. Say £70 & also the hire of a tractor from Douglas Station. The actual amount of such hiring is not yet agreed, but has varied so far from £60 - £30, & this must be added various repairs & repairs we have to purchase & do. *W. O.C.S. 17.12.40*

O.C. Def. 7.

Submit S.W. please *AD 19/1/40*

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

S.W. herewith please. Since writing my minute above 17.12.40 the motor cycle requisitioned @ 30/- per month has been offered for sale for £20; as all other motor cycles have now been returned & in addition to this we do all running repairs, I most strongly submit the offer be accepted as a distinct economy & have therefore included £15 in the S.W. for this purpose. The balance of £5 will be found from hire money in hand for rest of year.

W. O.C.S.
20.12.40.

NAMES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE BUENOS AIRES PARTY.

J.D. Marrogh	Ex.regular Officer
R.H.S.Campbell	"
G.B.Knight	"
F.E.Croucher.	"
E. Courtney Luck.	"
C.H.V.Longley	"
T. Sanderson	.O.T.C.
Roderick Campbell.	"
C.A. Nery.	"
Dudley Royal.	"
J.W.G. Bowden	"
Tony Clarke.	"
David Thorburn.	"
A. Lloyd Hirst.	"
C.C.Lamb.	"
A.S.Wells	"
D.H.Edwards.	"
J. Cowper-Coles	"
J. Hough	"
J.W.Hutcheson.	"
Cyril Green.	"
C.F.B. Fitzherbert	" X
John Lough.	"
C. Lyall Grant.	"
C.S. Robinson.	"
V.G.Lucas.	Ex-Officer R.N.
Anson May.	O.T.C.
L.R.Clarke	
D. Joyce.	" X
J.H.Poyner	"
A.B.Henderson.	"
J. Drever.	"
N. Cooper.	2 "

(2)

From His Excellency the Governor
to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

There is I suppose no file dealing with the contingent from the Argentine to reinforce the garrison, though there ~~are~~ is mention of them in one of the Secret files in connection with the alleged concentration of German forces on the Coast.

I attach a list.

A Those who have not enrolled in the Defence Force can be moved until their return to Antwerp but they will get no pay.

B Lieut. Commandr V. G. Lucas R.N. saw me yesterday. He will be affected by the Proclamation which should issue today calling out the Royal Naval Reserves. He has not enrolled neither I believe has a Lloyd Hirst. They should both be given passes by Lapin sailing next week at 5.15 p.m. Captain Weir who is in arrangements for the reception of the contingent & also make arrangements for the return of those mentioned herein.

30/9/35

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Headquarters,
STANLEY.

30th September, 1939.

Sir,

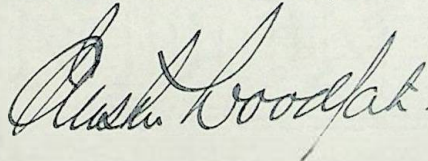
I have the honour to request that free return passage to Montevideo by the next sailing of the "Lafonia" may be granted to the undermentioned Volunteers who have been found medically unfit for military service:-

Mr Cyril Green
Mr Dudley Royle
Mr D. S. Thorburn
Major J. A. Morrogh.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Major.,
Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

From His Excellency the Governor

to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

184/39.

Will you please write to
the O. C. Troops with reference to the
contingent which came from the Argentine
in the following terms: -

I am directed to communicate
to you the terms upon which a
number of volunteers for service
in His Majesty's Forces have been
enlisted in this Colony.

2. The Government considered that
it was imperative that the garrison
of the Falkland Islands should be
strengthened temporarily by an
overseas contingent with some
military training, to meet an
impending contingency. An offer
of service from a number of British
subjects in the Argentine was
therefore gladly accepted. For the
reasons set forth below the maximum
term of service has been fixed at
six months.

3. The members of the contingent which arrived on the 27th of September was composed almost entirely of ^{regularly belonging to} members of Officers Training Corps and ^{regular} soldiers, all of whom would in the ordinary course be eligible for Commissions and there is no doubt that ~~they will~~ their services will be so ^{sought for} ~~needed~~ at a later date in a wider field. For this reason the Governor has approved of their enlistment in the Defence Force for a period of six months only (subject to boat sailings).

4. As His Excellency does not consider that it would be justifiable to retain the contingent in the Colony for any length of time after the danger of an early attack has passed, an undertaking has been given that the members of ^{the party} ~~it~~ will be released from duty in the Colony ~~in~~ after three months if circumstances so warrant.

5. I am to add that the contents of this letter may be communicated to the persons concerned. If you so think fit a copy may be given to each of them.

~~W. H. H. H.~~ 2/10/39

184/39.

October 26.
4th September,

39.

Sir,

I am directed to communicate to you the terms upon which a number of volunteers for service in His Majesty's Forces have been enlisted in this Colony.

2. The Government considered that it was imperative that the garrison of the Falkland Islands should be strengthened temporarily by an overseas contingent with some military training, to meet an impending contingency. An offer of service from a number of British subjects in the Argentine was therefore gladly accepted. For the reasons set forth below the maximum term of service has been fixed at six months.

3. The contingent which arrived on the 27th of September was composed almost entirely of members recently belonging to Officers Training Corps and ex regulars, all of whom would in the ordinary course be eligible for commissions and there can be no doubt that their services will be so sought for at a later date in a wider field. For this reason the Governor has approved of their enlistment in the Defence Force for a period of six months only (subject to boat sailings).

4. As His Excellency does not consider that it would be justifiable to retain the contingent in the Colony for any length of time after the danger of an early attack has passed, an undertaking has been given that the members of the party will be released from
duty/

Commanding Officer,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
STANLEY.

duty in the Colony after three months if circumstances so warrant.

5. I am to add that the contents of this letter may be communicated to the persons concerned. If you so think fit a copy may be given to each of them.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WCH

Colonial Secretary.

7
Colonial Secretary of the Falkland Islands

Sir:-

I have the honour to request that you will lay before His Excellency the Governor for his favourable consideration this my application for the reimbursement of the enclosed expenses which have been and will be incurred up to the date of our arrival in Buenos Aires.

I have the Honour, Sir,
your obedient servant,

Stanley.

Stanley.

October 7th 1939

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8
Colonial Secretary of the Falkland Islands

Sir:-

I have the honour to request that you will lay before His Excellency the Governor for his favourable consideration this my application for indemnity for the undermentioned members of the party who are returning to Buenos Aires.

These members have, in every case, relinquished their employment and have been deprived during their absence of their usual emoluments.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

your obedient servant,

John D. Monrogh.

Members returning to Buenos Aires:-

John D. Monrogh.

David S. Thorburn

~~Dudley~~ ~~Rogge~~

Cyril Green.

Stanley,
October 7th 1939

J. D. Monogh -

Clothing in Stanley	£ 2 .. 0 .. 0
Miscellaneous Mess expenses	5 .. 0
Tips on Lafonia to Montevideo	1 .. 10 .. 0
Passage - Montevideo to B.A.	2 .. 0 .. 0
Taxis, Meals etc.	2 .. 0 .. 0
	<hr/>
	£ 7 .. 15 .. 0

Laundry ?

Monogh.

How

D. S. Thorburn

Clothing etc Stanley	£ 1	10	0
Miscellaneous Mess expenses.		5	0
Tips etc on S.S. Lafonia to Montevideo	1	10	0
Passage Montevideo to B.A.	2	0	0
Taxis, meals etc. in Montevideo	2	0	0

£ 7 5 0

David S Thorburn

Laundry ?

C. GREEN

Expenses

	£	s	d
Clothing in Port Stanley	0	12	6

Tips on trip back to Montevideo	1	10	0
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Stay in Montevideo	2	0	0
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River boat passage to B.A.	2	0	0
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£	6	2	6
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C. Green

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Ref. No. C.S. 184/1939.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
7th October, 1939.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters of this days date and to inform you that instructions have been issued for the payment to you and Messrs. David S. Thorburn and Cyril Green of a sum of £2--10--0 each for incidentals. The amounts will be paid on board the s.s. "Lafonia" prior to her sailing.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

mch

Colonial Secretary.

Captain John D. Morrogh,
Stanley.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

10

From H.M.Ambassador, Buenos Ayres.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: Buenos Ayres 9.10. 1939 Time: 1525

Received: Cypher Office 9.10. 1939 Time: 1600

I should appreciate any comments you may wish to make on the 35 volunteers who came from here. What is the ir present status! have they been attested and enrolled in any organized force and subjected to Fidelity Act and if so for how long? who pays, feeds and accomodates the m? do you require reinforcements? do you require a small searchlight at reasonable cost? if so advise me as to electric curre nt and cable available.

My Military Attache will co-operate in any w ay.

Suggest reply by Lafonia tomorrow.

H.M.Ambassador Buenos Ayres.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

11

From Governor, F.I.

To Ambassador, B.A.

Despatched : 10/10 1939 Time : 0300

Received : 19 Time :

Your telegram 9th. October volunteers. 33 arrived 6 rejected medical ~~and~~ other grounds including Morrogh sailed Lafonia Saturday . Remainder enrolled ~~xxxxxxx~~ local defence force as privates took fidelity oath. Maintained entirely by this Government. All engaged for six months. I would be very glad obtain searchlight current available 110 volts no cable required. Many thanks for cooperation offer.

184/39.

(12)

STANLEY,

6th October, 1939.

The Manager,

Falkland Islands Co. Ltd.,

STANLEY.

Dear Sir,

Please provide the undermentioned with first class passages from Stanley to Montevideo per s.s. "Iafonia" and charge Royal Army Service Corps, Falkland Islands Defence Force.

Also kindly arrange with your Agents to provide first class passages, by first available steamer, for the same persons from Montevideo to Buenos Aires, and reasonable hotel and baggage expenses in Montevideo, and charge as above.

Lt. Commander V.C. LUCAS

Major J.D. MORROGH

Mr CYRIL GREEN

Mr DUDLEY ROYLE

Mr D.S. Thorburn

Mr F.W. NIXON

Dan Ken
O. C. Royal Army Service Corps.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Copy for your information.

Dan

SUBJECT FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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From Military Attaché No. M.A. M.8. Date October 16th, 1939.

To His Excellency Your No..... Date

I am informed that two of the volunteers who went to the Falkland Islands in September, Messrs. David Joyce and Charles Fitzherbert, are liable to be called up for their military service in the Argentine Army in December next. If they are not present when called up, explanations may be required as to the reason.

In order to avoid possible complications I suggest that it is advisable to ask the Governor of the Falkland Islands to release them from their engagement in his Defence Force and return them here before the end of November.

Replacements for them could be found immediately.

(Sgd.) R.E.M. RUSSELL.

Colonel MA.

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BUENOS AIRES,

October 16th, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, herewith, copy of a minute by my Military Attaché in regard to the position of Messrs. David Joyce and Charles Fitzherbert, of dual Argentine and British nationality, who are at present serving under engagement in the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

2. In the circumstances set out by Colonel Russell and in order to avoid any possibility of friction with the Argentine authorities, I consider, subject to any observations which Your Excellency may wish to offer, that these two gentlemen should be released from their present service. It will be observed that Colonel Russell anticipates no difficulty in finding replacements should Your Excellency require them.

3. I should be grateful for a telegraphic reply to this despatch.

I have the honour to be, with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient, humble Servant,

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His Excellency,
Sir Herbert Henniker-Heaton, K.C.M.G.,
Governor of the Falkland Islands,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

15

TELEGRAM

TO H.B.M. AMBASSADOR, BUENOS AIRES.

FROM H.E. the GOVERNOR.

DATE 8th NOVEMBER 1939.

SECRET ~~NO.~~... Your despatch October 16th have arranged
for the release and return of Messrs Joyce and
Fitzherbert. They sail on or about 12th November.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

258

From H.M.Ambassador, Buenos Ayres.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : Buenos Ayres 23.11.1939 *Time* 1300

Received : Cypher Office 23.11.1939 *Time* 1905

Your telegram un-numbered of November 22nd. to Consul-General.

Suggest that you consult Commodore before returning volunteers as I have reason to believe that he has fresh information of enemy activity in the South Atlantic.

Unfortunately several telegrams addressed to relatives here must have informed enemy of proposed depletion of your Force. Please telegraph your decision to me

H.M.Ambassador

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DECODE.

SENT.

TELEGRAM.

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From His Excellency the Governor.

To H.M.Ambassador, Buenos Aires.

Despatched : 23rd November, 19 39. *Time :* 2300.

Received : 19 *Time :*

Your telegram unnumbered of 23rd November.

Having regard to your suggestion final decision respecting return of Volunteers will be postponed indefinitely.

I will arrange for senders of telegrams you mention to cancel them. Kindly inform Consul General that I have no further advice to give about Christmas presents for the Volunteers.

November 28th 1939.

Major J. A. Woodgate,
Officer Commanding,
The Falkland Island Defence Force.

Dear Sir,

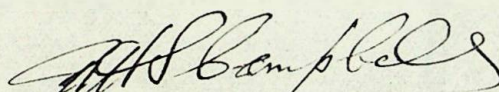
Below are given details of the persons and cost of their respective telegrams, in connection with ~~the cancelling of~~ their departure; in accordance with your instructions.

Bowden.)	
Lough.)	14/1.
Anson May.....	4/4.
Poyner.....	13/-
Campbell.....	8/8.
Croucher.....	£1/-/7 .
Cowper-Coles.....	15/2.
Lamb.....	16/3.

I remain,

Sir,

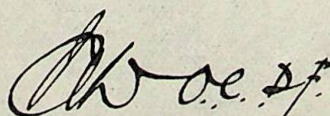
Your obedient servant,



Sergeant, F.I.D.F.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

H.E. Said these men were to be reimbursed for these cables. Will you issue necessary order on Treasury to pay in lump sum through H.Qrs. please.



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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Buenos Aires.

To H.E. The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 2nd December, 19 39 *Time:* 1015.

Received: 2nd December, 19 39 *Time:* 1830.

IMMEDIATE BNR.

Commodore Commanding South America Division America and West Indies Squadron from British Naval Attache Buenos Aires.

Your 2023 30th November following is paraphrase of my 1715 24th November begins my 1200 23rd November. Ambassador has received following reply from Governor Falkland Islands
Quote In view of your suggestion will postpone indefinitely final decision respecting return of volunteers unquote.

War Office have been informed by Military Attache that he has received disturbing reports from returned volunteers regarding defence conditions on Falkland Islands. There are insufficient men and ammunition and Islanders are indisciplined.

1015/2

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 56.

From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 4th December 19 39 *Time:* 19.28

Received: 19 *Time:*

No. 103 Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 83 Secret, Reinforcements from the Argentine. Understand from the Com-
modore Commanding South America Division that Volunteer
Contingent has done good work and provided you see no object-
ion I shall be glad if an expression of my appreciation of
their services may be conveyed to them before their departure
on December 7th.

December 5th 1939.

Major J.A. Woodgate.
Officer Commanding,
The Falkland Islands Defence Force.

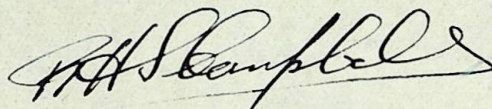
Dear Sir,

In view of the considerable incidental expenses involved on the journey between Montevideo and Port Stanley and the fact that the passage from Buenos Aires to Montevideo was paid by ourselves, I should be greatly obliged if you could give your consideration to the reimbursements of these out-of-pocket expenses to the members of the Mobile Unit.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your obedient servant,



Sergeant, Mobile Platoon. F.I.D.F.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Submitted please. Other members returning
have had some concession.

A.H.S. o.e. d.f. 5.11.39.

December 5th 1939.

Major J.A.Woodgate,
Officer Commanding,
The Falkland Islands Defence Force,

Dear Sir,

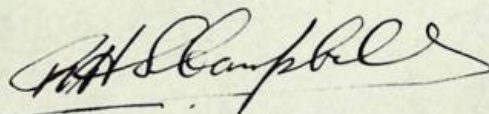
I have been asked by the members of the Mobile Unit to submit for your approval the fixing on the gun, recently mounted by us, a brass plate inscribed as follows "El Gaucho; This gun was mounted by the Buenos Aires Volunteers on 17th November 1939". The Plate would be obtained from Montevideo and forwarded privately from there.

Awaiting your decision on the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your obedient servant,



Sergeant, Mobile Platoon, F.I.D.F.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

May the necessary permission be asked for please. His Excellency has already considered the matter favourably in a general way.

W. A. C. J.
5.11.39.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM. SENT.

B.A. contingent
file (23)

From His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

To Rear Admiral South American Division.

Despatched: 25th March 19 40 *Time:*

Received: 19 *Time:*

I will be very grateful if on your forthcoming visit to Buenos Aires you can find an opportunity ~~to~~ to express our lasting appreciation of the fine manner in which Buenos Aires contingent contributed to our defences in the early stages of the war. They set the local garrison a superb example of camaraderie.

I.D.

BRITISH EMBASSY.

BUENOS AIRES.

19th. April, 1940.

His Excellency,

Sir Herbert Henniker Heaton. K.C.M.G.

Governor.

The Falkland Islands.

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to the notice of Your Excellency that when the 35 volunteers were sent to Port Stanley in September last it was necessary for most of them to provide themselves with clothing and equipment suitable for the service and climate.

Some were able to do so from their own resources but it was found necessary to advance money to others to enable them to purchase their requirements.

This money, amounting in all to \$2.850.00 (or about £190) was very kindly found at short notice by the Bank of London and South America, who are now enquiring as to its repayment.

As these gentlemen were joining the Falkland Islands Defence Force Your Excellency may wish to meet the charge from funds at your disposal and I therefore append a detailed list of those who received the advances.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

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Amounts paid to the following gentlemen by the
Bank of London and South America Ltd: sent by
Group Captian Miley 19.9.39.

HOUGH. James	.....	\$ 50.00
BOWDEN. Guy, W.	.....	\$200.00
NIXON. T.P.W.	.....	200.00
NERY. C.A.	.....	200.00
*MORROUGH. J.D.	.....	200.00
CLARKE. L.H.	.....	200.00
POYNOR. J.H.	.....	200.00
*GREEN. C.	.....	200.00
LUCAS. V.G.	.....	200.00
COWPER-COLES. J.	.....	200.00
LLOYD-HIRST. A.	.....	200.00
*THORBURN. D.S.	.....	200.00
COURTNEY-LUCK. E.	.....	200.00
EDWARDS. D.H.	.....	200.00
WELLS. A.S.	.....	200.00
		<u>\$2.850.00</u>

Buenos Aires, 12th. December 1939.

BANK OF LONDON AND SOUTH AMERICA LIMITED.

(signed) H.Scott Robson.

p. Staff Superintendent.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
5th June, 1940.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.
No. 184/39.

Sir,

Red 26
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter V.1/3 of the 19th of April with reference to the question of refunding to the Bank of London and South America the sum advanced to certain volunteers for service in the Colony, for the purchase of warm clothing.

I have certainly no wish that this Government should appear lacking in grace in recognition of the obligation incurred and the Government of the Colony will meet a draft from you on the Crown Agents for \$190, on the understanding that this constitutes a final settlement.

It is proper that I should mention that no medical examination of the volunteers took place before they were engaged in Buenos Aires and that of the number who arrived three who received grants for clothing were medically unfit and a fourth did not offer to enrol in the local Defence Force.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient
servant,

Governor.

His Excellency

SIR ESMOND OVEY, K.C.M.G., M.V.O.,
BRITISH EMBASSY,
BUENOS AIRES,
ARGENTINA.

184/39.

8th June,

40.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to inform you that the British Ambassador at Buenos Aires has been authorised to effect payment by draft drawn upon you of the sum of £190 approximately, due to the Bank of London and South America by this Government and to request that you will accept the draft when presented.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary

MINUTE.

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

9th September, 1940.



From The Officer Commanding,

To The Honourable

Falkland Islands
Defence Force,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The Colonial Secretary,

I have the honour to report that in the Crown Agents Accounts for the month of February, a charge, amounting to £455. 11. 10 appears against HEAD XV. 17. Transport. I have been given to understand that the charge is in respect of passage expenses of the members of the B. A. Contingent from Buenos Aires to Stanley in 1939.

As there is no provision to meet the charge under 17. Transport, may approval be granted for the submission of a Special Warrant for the amount in question.

Charles Woodgat

O/C. Falkland Islands Defence
Force.

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN SOWEST LONDON."
OVERSEAS: "CROWN LONDON."
TELEPHONE: ABBEY, 7730.

26th February, 1941.

Sir,

----- I have the honour to enclose a schedule together with a copy of despatch No.184/39 of 5th June addressed by H.E. The Governor Falkland Islands to Sir Esmond Ovey and supporting voucher in respect of a claim from the Foreign Office for the sum of £168.16s.3d. advanced by H.M.Embassy Buenos Aires to volunteers for service in the Colony and shall be glad to know if the claim may be met by us from the Falkland Islands funds.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. H. Swain

for CROWN AGENTS.

The Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands.

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En. 15.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR OF THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS, TO SIR ESMOND OVEY, K.C.M.G.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

No. 184/39.

5th June, 1940. 39

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(Sgd) H. HENNIKER HEATON.

Governor.

Sir Esmond Ovey, K.C.M.G.,
British Embassy,
Buenos Aires,
Argentina.

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DIPLOMATIC SERVICES:

HIS MAJESTY'S..... E M B A S S Y

AT..... B U E N O S A I R E S

..... S E P T E M B E R Q U A R T E R , 19 40

ADVANCE TO THE CROWN AGENTS,

£ 168.....16.....3d. ✓

Schedule No. 11.

Enclosure in Buenos Aires
Despatch No. 269 of Oct. 11th 1940

SCHEDULE of Payments made by His Majesty's.....EMBASSY.....at

.....BUENOS AIRES.....during the quarter ended.....September 30th, 19⁴⁰.....

No. of
Voucher

ADVANCE TO THE CROWN AGENTS.

1.	Governor, Falkland Islands; Authorising refund of advance to Volunteers by the Bank of London & South America Ltd.	£ 168.	16.	3d.
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N.B. The actual sum involved was Two Thousand,
Eight Hundred and Fifty pesos Argentine paper
currency (\$2850.00) for which a Bill (No.1877)
on the Finance Officer was negotiated (see
Bank's liquidation note attached herewith)

BANCO DE LONDRES Y AMERICA DEL SUD

CALLE BARTOLOME MITRE 399

BUENOS AIRESDpto. B.B. No. _____Buenos Aires, 24 de Julio de 1940NOTA DE LIQUIDACIONSEÑOR H.B.M. Embassy

POR su letra No.1877 a cargo del Finance Officer, Foreign
 Office, London £168:16:3 á 16.90

menos impuesto

TOTAL \$

Son Dos mil ochocientos pesos m/n

MONEDA LEGAL

2.	852.	90
	2.	90
2.	850.	--

BANCO DE LONDRES Y AMERICA DEL SUD

5th May,

41.

Gentlemen,

Rec. 31
With reference to your letter, No. P/256/3/2 of the 26th of February, 1941, I am directed to inform you that the claim of £168. 16. 3 received from the Foreign Office may be met from Falkland Islands funds.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. I. Fleuret

for Colonial Secretary.

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

C.C. Def 7.

Suggest you discuss this with N.E. at your weekly interview. *AD* 1/4/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

His Excellency saw this paper today, & ~~the~~ I was instructed

- (1) To submit a S.W. for B.A. Contingent fares
- (2) do do for motor cycle
- (3) Defer submission S.W. for horses until there arises a exact cost is known.

I now find * we shall have enough funds under military transport vote to pay for the m/c complete. His Excellency agreed the purchase & if formal approval now may be asked for the expenditure instead of S.W. it is all that is necessary.

S.W. for B.A. Contingent herewith please.

W. O.L.D.F.
2.8.40.

* This is possible owing to reduction of latest P.W.D. rates for transport following reorganisation of S.M. trips.

Y.E. S.W. for the B.A. contingent exps. for your signature, please.

AD 3/4/40

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29-31. Letter from Crown Agents of 26/2/41.

32. to Crown Agents of 5/5/41.

Y.A.