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No. 27/1938.

O/C. Defence Force.

SUBJECT.

19 38.

2nd February.

Free issue of uniform to Officers in the  
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

Previous Paper.

## MINUTES.

(1) Minute from O/C. Defence Force of 2/2/38.

Copies of Minutes recorded on sheet 1 in M.P. 1/32.

Y.E.

Submitted. The O.C. Defence Force recommends that uniforms for officers should be paid for by the Government. Officers who have the blue uniform had it supplied at public expense, with the exception of that for Mr. Greenshields. Captain Watson has not got a blue uniform but has asked for one.

(Itld.) M.C.H.

C.S.  
2/2/38.

What is your view.

Was Major Stewart given a free uniform. Should he no  
turn it in if so ?.

(Itld.) H.H.H.

3/2/38.

Subsequent Paper.

Y.E.

Major Stewart was supplied with the blue uniform free. I understand that the O.C. Defence Force has asked him to return it.

2. I am of opinion that officers should be provided with uniform at a cost not exceeding £25.

(Itld.) M.C.H.

C.S.  
3/2/38.

The approval of the S. of S. should I think be first obtained as this is contrary to law.

(Itld.) H.H.H.

4/2/38.

A.C.I.

The authority for the issue of uniforms free to officers is contained in *instructs*  
9/13/34 (Reas <sup>30-31</sup> ~~47-48~~) Blue Uniform (huss)  
~~12/4/34~~  
1/19/31. (Reas 1-2 and front sheet of int)  
Khaki Uniform for A. J. Tennant.  
1/6/34 front sheet (Khaki uniform for  
Second Lieut. L. W. Alaridge.

A.J.  
A.C.I.  
7/2/38

Letter from Hon. Treasurer, 8/2/38.

2-3.

A.C.I.

With reference to Reas 2.3, Red 2 was written by me at the direction of the commanding officer. There was no intention of discourtesy nor can I see where the communication lacks courtesy.

A.J.  
A.C.I.  
8/2/38



J.H.  
 Letter from Major Stewart  
 Submitted at his request.  
 The matter appears settled  
 since he has arranged to  
 hand over his uniform, less  
 a pocket loss.

2. With regard to J.H.'s  
 Minute of 4<sup>th</sup> February I  
 venture to suggest that the  
 Ord: be amended. I understand  
 that the O.C. Defence Force  
 is recommending certain other  
 amendments in the law.  
 I note from previous files  
 that it has been the  
 practice to issue uniforms  
 to officers free.

MCH  
 CS.  
 8.2.38

The amendment of the law can  
 provide for a grant of £25 towards  
 the cost of officers' uniforms.

Major Stewart can be told that his  
 offer is approved and that it is regretted  
 that he should have <sup>felt that he has</sup> been treated with  
 any discourtesy as there was certainly no  
 intention of any thing of the kind.

8/2/38



Minute to Hon. Col. Treasurer of 9/28. (4.)

The O.C. Defence Force.

To see correspondence  
before issue of minute  
to Major Stewart.

MCH  
CS  
9. 2. 18

Hon. Col. Secretary,

Seen. I have the honour to state that I regret exceedingly that Major Stewart feels that the letter written to him by my direction was lacking in courtesy. I beg to assure you that no discourtesy was intended. The letter was merely the formal request customarily addressed to officers resigning from, or otherwise ceasing to be on the strength of a Force.

All the articles mentioned are on issue to Major Stewart from the Defence Force.

In view of the pending commissioned appointments to the Force, it was thought desirable to obtain from Major Stewart as early as possible the articles of uniform on issue to him.

Captain Watson has assured me that only the Blue Greatcoat and the boots are likely to be of service to him.

The khaki British Warm and the hats will, I think, serve the Hon. S. M. O. if he be appointed.

It is intended that the other articles be returned to Messrs: Hobson and Sons, either with a view to an allowance being made to us, or for the alterations necessary for their re-issue.

Were Major Stewart to hand over directly to Captain Watson, some confusion would result. My Adjutant would

have/

have to give Major Stewart receipts for stores for which I am responsible, without directly receiving the articles and Captain Watson would have to acknowledge receipt of them to us, without my Adjutant having personally issued the articles to him.

*B. Marshall*

Major.

Officer Commanding, Falkland  
Islands Defence Force.

9/2/38.

*O.C. Defence Force.*

*Major Stewart has been  
requested to return the articles  
to the Adjutant. met  
10, 2, 38*

*Hon Col. Secretary.*

*Noted Thankyou.  
S.M. O. 64.2.3. 17/3/38.*

*bf. 31/3/38  
C. 18/3/38*

Hon. Col. Secretary,

I have the honour to submit draft amendment in lieu of (2) of Section 9. of the Defence Force Ordinance.

"A grant of twenty-five pounds may be made at the public expense towards the cost of such uniforms and equipment/



equipment as the Governor shall direct to be worn by an Officer appointed to the Force.

Such uniforms and equipment as are supplied to an Officer shall remain the property of the Force and an Officer quitting the Force shall be required to return such uniforms and equipment."

S. Marshall  
Major.

Officer Commanding, Falkland  
Islands Defence Force.  
18/3/38.

See in 610/21  
Suggested amendment of Defence  
Force Ordinance.

met  
cl.  
24.3.38

Hon. Col. Secretary,

In anticipation of the amendment of the Defence Force Ordinance, 1920, to provide for a grant of £25 towards the cost of officers uniforms, I have the honour to submit for approval a Special Warrant in the sum of £60 to cover expenses in connection with the supply of uniform to 3 Officers of the Defence Force. As it is not proposed to send a Team to Bisley this year there will be savings under sub-head 8, more than sufficient to cover the amount required.

S. Marshall  
Major,  
Officer Commanding,  
F. I. D. Force,  
5.4.38.

Submitted. Uniforms are  
required for -

Capt. Watson  
The Chaplain  
The Surgeon.

but the Ord. has not yet been  
amended.

met  
cl.

7.4.38  
The Ord. should first be amended  
22/4/38



O. C. Defence Force,  
to note.

A. J. S.  
7/4/38

Don Col. See.

Noted Shankar

SM 4202  
27/4/38

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27/4/38  
3/5/38  
27/4/38  
C. J. S.

⑤ Minute from Colonial Treasurer 14. 5. 38.

A. C. S.

According to para. 2 of Red  
(4) the articles of uniform were to be  
returned to me.

I am not employed as an  
orderly in the Defence Force and  
I do not propose to call at the  
Col. Treasurer's Quarters on Sunday  
to collect articles of uniform.

I will be at Headquarters at any  
hour that is convenient, however,  
and will detail the Storekeeper to  
collect the uniforms.

A. J. S.  
14/5/38



Hon. Treas.

Please see minute of  
Adjutant's meeting. The Stovebarn  
Military Dept. will call for the  
uniform at the time stated  
in your minute.

Wm H  
cl  
14. 5. 58

Hon. C.

- I have returned the articles enumerated on red (6).  
I retained two small collar badges as a souvenir.
2. I have seen the minute by the adjutant and I am  
disappointed that an officer who was appointed adjutant  
during my term of command should have disregarded  
precedence and the channel of correspondence as I am no  
longer on the strength of the Defence Force & my interest  
is confined to that of a member of Council and one  
who at all times will always wish the Force every  
possible success.
3. There is nothing in my minute at red (4) to  
justify the interpretation placed on it by the adjutant. In  
any case it is interesting perhaps that he has  
expressed an opinion in the minute paper.
4. I do not consider red (4) to be quite in accordance  
with His Excellency's minute of the 8/8/28 & I think I  
should have been advised of the minute by the O.C.  
D. I. D. F. of 9/7/28 - however, I take it the matter is  
now closed.

R. M.  
15/5/28

Adjutant H. D. F.

To see. The matter can be  
considered closed.

Wm H  
cl  
19. 5. 58



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MINUTE.

2nd February, 1938

From The Officer Commanding

To The Honourable Colonial Secretary,

Falkland Islands Defence

Stanley.

Force,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to submit as follows :-

Although Ordinance rules that an officer of the Defence Force shall furnish himself with the necessary uniforms at his own expense, a number of Officers from time to time have been provided with uniforms by Government.

Until recently the khaki service dress was the only one required by an Officer, but with the issue of the new uniforms to the rank and file, it is now necessary for every officer to possess blue uniform, with mess-kit desirable as well, and the outlay involved is considerable. With one exception, the blue uniform and mess-kit ordered for officers last year were paid for by Government, Lieut. Greenshields paid for his own, and I submit that a return of the amount to him might be considered.

I would suggest for your consideration an issue to each officer being commissioned, of a khaki service uniform with S.B. Belt and British warm overcoat, and a blue undress uniform complete, at a cost to Government not exceeding £25, the issue to be maintained by the officer and returned to Government upon the officer ceasing to belong to the Defence Force.

This would leave an officer responsible for the provision of mess-kit, blue overcoat and boots worn with khaki service dress, at a cost of approximately £14.

*B. Marshall*

Officer Commanding  
F.I. Defence Force.



- C O P Y -

FAULKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE,  
STANLEY, FAULKLAND ISLANDS,  
3rd February, 1938.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commanding Officer of the Falkland Islands Defence Force to request that you will be good enough to hand in the articles of military uniform noted below which were issued to you while in Command of the Defence Force and which are still in your possession :

- 1 Pr. Brown Riding Boots.
- 1 S.D. Khaki Cap.
- 1 British Warm.
- 1 Blue Patrol Jacket with rank badges.
- 1 Pr. Undress Overalls.
- 1 Pr. Wellington Boots.
- 1 Pr. Spurs.
- 1 Blue Undress Cap.
- 1 Mess Jacket with rank and collar badges.
- 1 Mess Vest.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) A.I. Fleuret.  
Capt.  
Adjutant,  
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

MAJOR THE HONOURABLE  
M.J. STEWART,  
STANLEY.





Honourable Colonial Secretary,

I have the honour to transmit a copy of a letter which I have received from the Officer Commanding the Defence Force, and to say the least of it I consider the request contained therein most peculiar. I have heard of officers being deprived of their swords, but never of their clothing.

2. Actually, some three months ago, I asked Captain Watson if he would accept my Mess Kit when I proceeded on leave, as it would be a saving to the Force, and he said he would. This disposes of the overalls, Wellingtons and spurs, Dress Cap, Mess jacket and vest, and overcoat. As previously reported my Blue Patrol Jacket was removed from my Quarters before the 8th December Parade. The other articles I have no use for and will return, and I would ask that you will be good enough to place this suggestion before His Excellency for approval.

3. I consider the communication under reference lacks courtesy.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. G. G. G.", written in a cursive style.

Colonial Treasurer.  
8th February, 1938.



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MINUTE.

9th February, 19 38.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Honourable

The Colonial Treasurer,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

Red 3  
With reference to your Minute of the 8th of February, 1938, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the offer with regard to the disposal of your uniform is approved.

2. I am to request, however, that you will be good enough to cause the articles to be returned to the Adjutant of the Defence Force.

3. I am to add that it is regretted that you should have felt that you have been treated with any discourtesy as there was certainly no intention of anything of the kind.

*MCH*

Colonial Secretary.



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No.

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MINUTE.

14th May, 1938.

From

The Colonial Treasurer,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

With reference to the recent correspondence in which you advised me of His Excellency's direction to hand over the uniform which I wore as an Officer of the Defence Force, will you please advise the Adjutant that I shall hand over the uniform at my Quarters at 12.30 p.m. tomorrow, Sunday, should this hour be convenient.

*W. G. S. S. S.*  
Colonial Treasurer.



No. *4/38*

(6)

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE,

*15* *May* 19*38*

Received from *Major J. M. Stewart*

The undermentioned articles of Uniform or Equipment:—

	Quantity.		Quantity.
Jacket, S.D. ...	2	Chevrons	
<i>Overalls</i>	1	<i>Riding Boots</i>	1
<del>Trousers, S.D. prs.</del>		<del>Waistcoat</del>	
<i>Prades</i>	2	<i>1/2 Wellingtons</i>	1
Greatcoat, drab	1	<i>Boots</i>	
" <i>Blue</i>	1	<i>Spurs</i>	2 pr.
Putties, prs.	1	Cartridge Carrier (R) ...	
Caps, S.D. & <i>Undress</i>	3	<i>Sam Brown Belt</i>	1
Balmoral Bonnets	1	Cartridge Carrier (L) ...	
Badge, Cap	2	Carrier Waterbottle	2
F.I.D.F.	—	Braces with buckle	1
Tartan Rosette	—	Haversack	
Cross Guns	—	Waterbottle	2
Lewis Gun Badge	—	<i>Mess Jacket</i>	1
		<del>Pack</del>	
		<i>Mess Vest</i>	1
		<del>Straps supporting</del>	

*A. J. Stewart*

*Adjutant, Defence Force*



O.C. Defence Force.

to note. You are aware  
of the facts in this connection.

M. J. S.  
20/5/38.

Hon. Colonial Secretary

Noted. Thank you.

Captain Gleeson wrote previously  
under my direction offering to make  
arrangements as would suit Major  
Stewart's convenience in connection  
with the return of the uniforms.  
But this and an earlier letter were  
not acknowledged. Under the circum-  
stances I can quite understand  
Captain Gleeson's interpreting Major  
Stewart's minute in the way he did.

I cannot see where he has dis-  
regarded precedence and the  
channel of correspondence

Colonial major  
O.B. F. J. D. J.  
23. 5. 38

Seen.

in CH  
CS  
23. 5. 38

P.A.  
23/5/38