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O/C., F. I. D. F.

SUBJECT.

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31st July.

DEMOBILIZATION, FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

Previous Paper.

C/12/43.

MINUTES.

1. Minute from O/C., F.I.D.F., of 31/7/44.
2. Letter from O/C. F.I.D.F. of 14/8/44. Rec 11/9/44
3. Telegram to Magistrate, South Georgia, of 26/8/44.
4. Telegram from Magistrate, South Georgia, of 29/8/44.
5. Telegram to S. of S. No. 218 of 9/9/44.
6. Telegram from S. of S. No. 97 of 5/10/44.
7. Copy of Minute from O/C. F.I.D.F. of 11/10/44.
8. Minute to H.E. the Governor & to a from O/C, F.I.D.F.,
9. " " O/C, F.I.D.F., of 13.10.44. re
10. " from O/C, F.I.D.F., of 20.10.44. Appd. 21/11/44
11. Minute to O/C, F.I.D.F., of 23.10.44.
12. Copy of minute addressed to O/C.F.I.F. by O/C.F.I.D.F. of 24/10/44.
13. Minute from O/C, F.I.D.F., of 21. 6. 45.

(14)

4. E.

(13) Submitted for confirmation. I regret the delay.

Subsequent Paper.

28/6/45

4.E.

A proclamation should issue today demobilising
the Force. I submit alternative drafts.

2. Draft A. is more elaborate & designed more
from a historical point of view. (C.F. 1919 Gazette. p. 61)

3. Draft B. is more modern, succinct & utilitarian!

4. If 4.E. will approve one or the other I will have
the draft dated this morning.

dB
2.7.45

B. pl. as
amended

(17.)

AD

2/11/45

Specimen to O/C, F.I.D.F., of 3/7/45.

PRE-WAR EMPLOYMENT OF F.I.D.F. ACTIVE SERVICE PERSONNEL.

Rank.	Name.	Stationed at	Pre-war Employment.	Employed by
Pte.	Summers, W.J.	Headquarters	Labourer	P.W.D. <u>1</u>
Lieut.	Browning, W.	Charles Point	Labourer	F.I.C.
2/Lieut.	Perry, G.	Charles Point	Barman	F.I.C.
Gnr.	Biggs, Carl	Charles Point	Labourer	F.I.C.
Sgt.	Campbell, J.M.	R.N.A.D. Guard	Labourer	F.I.C.
L/Cpl.	Henricksen, M.	Charles Point	Steward	F.I.C. <u>5</u>
Gnr.	Britton, W.F.	Charles Point	Labourer	Camp
Sgt.	Clifton, T.S.	Charles Point	Labourer	Camp
Gnr.	Curran, Jos.	Charles Point	Labourer	Camp.
* Gnr.	Curran, H.	Canopus	Labourer	Camp
Gnr.	Evans, E.	Charles Point	Labourer	Camp
* Gnr.	Goodwin, D.S.	Canopus	Labourer	Camp
Gnr.	Henricksen, A.J.	Charles Point	Labourer	Camp
Gnr.	Kiddle, D.	Charles Point	Labourer	Camp
Gnr.	Morrison, H.H.	Charles Point	Labourer	Camp
Gnr.	Middleton, A.	R.N.A.D. Guard	Labourer	Camp
Gnr.	McRae, F.D.J.	Charles Point	Labourer	Camp
Sgt.	Rumbolds, R.H.	Quartermaster's	Labourer	Camp
Sgt.	Steen, R.B.	R.N.A.D. Guard	Labourer	Camp
Gnr.	Sarney, H.	R.N.A.D. Guard	Labourer	Camp
Gnr.	Smith, J.W.	Charles Point	Labourer	Camp
Gnr.	Shorey, W.P.	R.N.A.D. Guard	Labourer	Camp
* Gnr.	Stewart, D.W.	Canopus	Labourer	Camp <u>17</u>
Lieut.	O'Sullivan, D.W.	Headquarters	Constable	Government
Sgt.	Hirtle, W.	Headquarters	Trav.achr.	Government
Pte.	Morrison, D.R.	Quartermaster's	E. & T. Dept.	Government
Pte.	Osborne, G.H.	Headquarters	Linesman	Government <u>4</u>
Gnr.	Halkett, C.	R.N.A.D. Guard	Labourer	Ag. Dept.
Sgt.	McMillan, W.	Charles Point	Labourer	Ag. Dept.
Gnr.	Short, A.	R.N.A.D. Guard	Labourer	Ag. Dept.
Cpl.	Summers, W.E.	Charles Point	Labourer	Ag. Dept.
Gnr.	Williams, S.	Charles Point	Labourer	Ag. Dept. <u>5</u>
Cpl.	Aing, J.A.	Charles Point	Storekeeper	MCA. & S. <u>1</u>
Sgt.	Bowles, W.J.	Headquarters	Handyman	Self <u>1</u>
Cpl.	Biggs, A.L.S.	Quartermaster's	Shareholder	Shop <u>1</u>
Gnr.	Atkins, V.	Charles Point	Labourer	Chile <u>1</u>
Gnr.	McPhee, Pat	Charles Point	Youth	School
Gnr.	Nicholson, D.N.	Headquarters	Youth	School <u>2</u>

GRAND TOTAL - 38 All Ranks.

* To be discharged to civil employment on completion of essential work in connection with the 6-inch guns.

Not Attested.

McKay, R.	Canopus	Cook	Camp
Anderson, H.	Headquarters	Boy	School
Clifton, A.H.	Charles Point	Boy	School

Headquarters.
1 Mar 45.

PRE-WAR EMPLOYMENT OF F.I.D.F. ACTIVE SERVICE PERSONNEL.

Rank.	Name.	Stationed at.	Pre-war Employment.	Employed by
Lieut.	Harries, J.J.	Canopus	Labourer	P.W.D. Returned
2/Lieut.	Luxton, M.J.	Canopus	Labourer	P.W.D. "
2/Lieut.	Summers, S.R.	Stanley	Driver	P.W.D. "
Cpl.	Biggs, E.G.	Canopus	Painter	P.W.D. "
Cpl.	Buckley, P.E.	Canopus	Mason	P.W.D. "
Gnr.	Bonner, Henry	Headquarters	Labourer	P.W.D. "
Gnr.	Dettieff, H.C.	Canopus	Driver	P.W.D. "
Gnr.	Dixon, E.V.	Sapper Hill	Storekeeper	P.W.D. "
Gnr.	Halliday, S.S.	Canopus	Labourer	P.W.D. "
Gnr.	Jones, John	Charles Point	Labourer	P.W.D. "
Gnr.	McKay, John	Mount Low	Labourer	P.W.D. Deceased
Gnr.	Newman, Silas	Charles Point	Labourer	P.W.D. Returned
Sgt.	Summers, A.W.	Canopus	Labourer	P.W.D. O.S.
Gnr.	Summers, H.V.	Canopus	Labourer	P.W.D. Returned
Gnr.	Summers, L.K.W.	Canopus	Ap/Mechanic	P.W.D. O.S.
Pte.	Summers, W.J.	Headquarters	Labourer	P.W.D. Active
Gnr.	Short, A.	Canopus	Labourer	P.W.D. Agri. "
Cpl.	White, Frank	Canopus	Labourer	P.W.D. O.S.
Cpl.	Wallin, W.R.	Canopus	Labourer	P.W.D. Returned 19/2
Lieut.	Browning, W.	Charles Point	Labourer	F.I.C. Active
Gnr.	Biggs, Carl	Sapper Hill	Labourer	F.I.C. "
Sgt.	Campbell, J.M.	Canopus	Labourer	F.I.C. "
L/C.	Henricksen, M.	Charles Point	Steward	F.I.C. "
Gnr.	Jennings, F.J.	Charles Point	Labourer	F.I.C. - Returned
Gnr.	Reive, F.J.	Sapper Hill	A/Storekeeper	F.I.C. - Lighthouse
Sgt.	Williams, J.D.	Sapper Hill	Labourer	F.I.C. Returned
2/Lieut.	Perry, G.	Charles Point	Barman	F.I.C. Active 8/5
Sgt.	Anderson, A.	Mount Low	Labourer	Camp - Returned
Gnr.	Anderson, E.	Charles Point	Labourer	Camp - Returned
Gnr.	Anderson, T.	Mount Low	Labourer	Camp - "
Gnr.	Berntsen, E.F.	Canopus	Labourer	Camp - "
Gnr.	Burns, F.	Canopus	Labourer	Camp - "
Gnr.	Berrido, B.G.	Canopus	Labourer	Camp - O.S.
Gnr.	Berrido, Jock	Canopus	Labourer	Camp - "
Gnr.	Britton, W.F.	Mount Low	Labourer	Camp - Active
Gnr.	Biggs, L.J.	Charles Point	Labourer	Camp - O.S.
Sgt.	Clifton, T.S.	Mount Low	Labourer	Camp - Active
Gnr.	Curran, Jos.	Charles Point	Labourer	Camp - "
Gnr.	Curran, Henry	Canopus	Labourer	Camp - "
Gnr.	Dickson, C.J.	Canopus	Labourer	Camp - Returned
Gnr.	Evans, Evan	Canopus	Labourer	Camp - Active
Gnr.	Gleadell, B.L.	Canopus	Labourer	Camp - O.S.
Gnr.	Goodwin, D.S.	Mount Low	Labourer	Camp - Active
Gnr.	Goss, B.G.	Charles Point	Labourer	Camp - Returned
Gnr.	Henricksen, A.J.	Charles Point	Labourer	Camp - Active
Gnr.	Halliday, J.A.L.	Mount Low	Labourer	Camp - Returned
Gnr.	Halkett, C.	Mount Low	Labourer	Camp - Active
Gnr.	Halliday, A.J.	Mount Low	Labourer	Camp - Returned
Gnr.	Kiddle, Donald	Charles Point	Labourer	Camp - Active
Gnr.	Kiddle, W.	Canopus	Labourer	Camp - Returned
Gnr.	Morrison, H.H.	Mount Low	Labourer	Camp - Active
Cpl.	McMullen, M.J.	Charles Point	Labourer	Camp - Returned
Gnr.	McPhee, O.H?	Charles Point	Labourer	Camp - Returned
Gnr.	McRae, F.D.J.	Mount Low	Labourer	Camp - Active
Sgt.	Rumbolds, R.H.	Quartermaster's	Labourer	Camp - "
Sgt.	Steen, R.B.	Charles Point	Labourer	Camp - "
Gnr.	Sarney, H.	Canopus	Labourer	Camp - "
Gnr.	Smith, J.W.	Mount Low	Labourer	Camp - "
Gnr.	Shorey, W.P.	Canopus	Labourer	Camp - "
Cpl.	White, G.A.	Canopus	Labourer	Camp - O.S.
Gnr.	McKay, D.G.	Charles Point	Labourer	Camp - Returned
Gnr.	Smith, F.H.	Canopus	Labourer	Camp - Returned 35/6
Gnr.	Middleton, A.	R.N.A.D. Guard	Labourer	Camp
Gnr.	Stewart, D.W.	Canopus	Labourer	Camp

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Rank.	Name.	Stationed at.	Pre-war Employment.	Employed by	
Lieut.	Grierson, W.J.	Mount Low	Printer	Government	
Lieut.	O'Sullivan, D.	Headquarters	Constable	Government	<i>Active</i>
2/Lieut.	Fleuret, D.	Canopus	Constable	Government	
Cpl.	Osborne, G.H.	Sapper Hill	Linesman	Government	<i>Active</i>
Pte.	Morrison, D.R.	Quartermaster's	E & T Dept.	Government	"
Sgt.	Hirtle, W.	Headquarters	Clerk	Government	" 6/4
2/Lieut.	Browning, J.B.	Mount Low	Foreman	Ag. Dept.	<i>Returned</i>
Sgt.	McMillan, W.	Charles Point	Labourer	Ag. Dept.	<i>Active</i>
Cpl.	Summers, W.E.	Charles Point	Labourer	Ag. Dept.	"
Gnr.	Williams, S.	Sapper Hill	Labourer	Ag. Dept.	" 4/3
Cpl.	King, J.A.	Mount Low	Storekeeper	McA. & S.	<i>Active</i> 1/1
Sgt.	Bowles, W.J.	Headquarters	Handyman	Self	"
Cpl.	Smith, W.J.	Canopus	Seaman	Self	<i>Returned</i> 2/1
Cpl.	Biggs, A.L.S.	Quartermaster's	Shareholder	"Penguin" Shop.	1/1
Gnr.	Atkins, V.	Sapper Hill	Labourer	Chile	<i>Active</i> 1/1
Gnr.	Henricksen, L.	Canopus	Labourer	E. Hutchinson	O.S. 1/0
Gnr.	Biggs, J.K.	Canopus	Youth	At School	C.S.
Gnr.	McPhee, Pat	Charles Point	Youth	At School	<i>Active</i>
Gnr.	Nicholson, D.N.	Mount Low	Youth	At School	"
Pte.	Newing, J.G.	Headquarters	Youth	At School	<i>Met.</i> 4/3
Gnr.	Madhlon 17.	Mag. Guard.	Camp.	<i>Active.</i>	1
GRAND TOTAL - 82 All Ranks.					36 3/8

Not Attested.

McKay, R.	Canopus	Cook	Camp	
Anderson, H.	Headquarters	Boy	At School	
Bonner, D.	Canopus	Boy	At School	
Clifton, A.	Charles Point	Boy	At School	
Waghorn, J.	Canopus	Boy	At School	5/3

Headquarters.
29 Jul 44.

No. 51/100

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

MINUTE.

*Open new Secret File
"Linnobite" 7*

31st July, 1944.

From Officer Commanding,

F. I. D. F.,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Hon. Col. Secretary,

Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

Herewith nominal roll of all men on full time military pay at date as requested by you.


Lieutenant-Colonel,
Officer Commanding,
F.I.D.F.

Headquarters,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.


17th August, 1944.

Your Excellency:

I have the honour to submit a draft scheme for the demobilisation of the Defence Force which I understand Your Excellency wished me to prepare. Having studied red 5 on C/12/43 I do not feel there are any points raised therein that affect this Force save the returning volunteers, if and when they return, and then only so far as their qualifying service is concerned; that is we are a "supplying command" for all troops, save members of the Defence Force. The disposal of the volunteers cannot be settled in any detail until they are demobilised and the date, in their case, may be different to the local demobilisation date.

In preparing the draft many points have arisen upon which I had no idea of Your Excellency's views and wishes, and in these cases I have put up what I have felt to be the best proposition to meet the point from the angle of the Defence Force, but knowledge of wider consideration may well mean amendment. I have throughout worked in close consultation with the Adjutant and Quartermaster, whose vast knowledge of local conditions has been a great help, and have asked them to treat the question as one of great confidence at this stage.

I have the honour to be,
Your Excellency's obedient servant,


Lieutenant-Colonel,
Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

Enclosures: Draft Scheme in duplicate.
Copy of letter
and draft to Colonial Secretary.

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S C H E D U L E "A"

Highly Confidential

PHASES OF DEMOBILISATION.

GENERALLY.

In order to ensure fairness to all for qualifying service, it is vital that all Officers and men are demobilised at the same time and day.

The four main phases are:-

1. PREPARATION FOR DEMOBILISATION. (This will take one week).
2. LEAVE PERIOD. (28 days' leave, on pay, to all personnel on full time military pay).
3. DEMOBILISATION DAY.
4. RE-ENLISTMENT AND REFORMATION OF FORCE, and closing of records and books up to demobilisation day.

	Subject.	Recommendations, or suggestions, of Officer Commanding, Falkland Islands Defence Force.	His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief's comments on, or approval of, recommendations or suggestions.
PHASE 1.	PREPARATION FOR DEMOBILISATION.	On the receipt of the order from His Excellency to prepare for demobilisation, which will be given 35 days before date fixed as "demobilisation day", the following actions will be taken.	
	(a) Headquarters	Discharge papers, for each member of the Force, will be prepared, and necessary preparations made to receive stores etc., to be returned.	
	(b) Coast Defence Artillery	(i) Fire Commander will arrange, in conjunction with the Quartermaster, for all stores (other than gun ammunition) that can possibly be spared, including surplus kit of personnel, livestock etc., to be transported to Headquarters, where they will be checked in in the case of Government stores. (ii) Each unit of the C.D.A. will thoroughly clean up Quarters and surrounding areas, burning and burying all rubbish and covering over ash-dumps and latrines. (iii) A certificate of proper handing over will be issued, after inspection by the Commanding Officer, and until this is granted Officers Commanding Batteries will be responsible.	
	(c) Infantry Company	(i) The Infantry Company will parade at the usual weekly times, but not for training. (ii) They will clean, grease and stow all automatic weapons and check over personal arms and equipment. (iii) The Officer Commanding, Infantry Company, will arrange for this work to be done in the order laid down by the Quartermaster.	
	(d) Mounted Infantry	(i) The Officer Commanding, Mounted Infantry, will issue necessary orders for the return of all arms and ammunition to convenient centres on each Island, and for a proper inspection of all kit so handed in. (ii) Caches, dumps of ammunition and food, will be withdrawn to either one of the above centres, or Stanley, as may be convenient. (iii) The Officer Commanding, Mounted Infantry, will render a return, certifying all arms, ammunition and equipment have been returned in good order, and a note of any shortage.	
	(e) Fire Fighting Unit	No action in this Phase.	
PHASE 2.	LEAVE PERIOD.	This Phase will commence 7 days after the commencement of Phase 1, and 28 days before "demobilisation day". The following action will be taken at this stage.	
	(a) Headquarters	As for Phase 1 and checking stores and stowing.	
	(b) Coast Defence Artillery	(i) All personnel will proceed to Stanley and will be granted 28 days' leave on full pay (Stanley rates), less ration allowance. (ii) Officers Commanding Batteries, and Fire Command Post, will render a certificate that all money accounts for their battery have been paid, and all surplus monies properly distributed among the personnel of the battery within 48 hours of closing down of stations. (iii) All personal equipment, arms and ammunition will be handed in to the Q.M.'s Stores during the third week of the 28 days' leave, at a time that will be ordered by the Quartermaster, or, in the case of individual members, before they leave Stanley. All missing	

(c) Infantry Company

(d) Mounted Infantry

(e) Fire Fighting Unit

PHASE 3. "DEMOBILISATION DAY".

equipment will be paid for by the man concerned and the amount deducted from his final pay.

As for Phase 1, but personal equipment and arms will be returned to store during the fourth week by arrangement between the Officer Commanding, Infantry Company, and the Quartermaster.

As for Phase 1.

All uniforms, issued by Defence Force, will be returned to store during the last week, at times to be arranged between A.R.P. Liaison Officer and the Quartermaster.

- (i) All members of the Force will parade at Headquarters, including any Mounted Infantry Section in Stanley, in civilian dress.
- (ii) Discharge papers will be issued and the parade dismissed.
- (iii) Discharge papers for Mounted Infantry will be circulated by arrangement of Officer Commanding, Mounted Infantry.
- (iv) If this parade is approved, it is submitted, for consideration, that His Excellency might be kind enough to bid farewell to the Force.
- (v) In view of the number of men involved, it is suggested that a public holiday be declared.
- (vi) It is suggested that some form of gratuity could, with advantage, be issued to members, based on their length of service on full time military pay, in order to bring local conditions more into line with the United Kingdom procedure, where, in addition to gratuity, troops will, on demobilisation, receive a complete new outfit of civilian clothing. The figure suggested is 3d. for each completed day of service on full time military pay. This would amount to a total disbursement of just under £2,000, and would amount to, in the case of a man who had been in continuous service on whole time military pay, £22 up to the 30th June, 1944.
- (vii) Night operators at the Telephone Exchange will be withdrawn.

N.B. The question of their re-employment, as civilian operators, or future night use of the Exchange, is a matter that is being raised by the Superintendent, Electrical and Telegraphs Department.

PHASE 4. RE-ENLISTMENT AND REFORMATION.

- (i) Re-enlistment and reformation of the Force will be commenced on the day following "demobilisation day".
- (ii) In order to deal with re-enlistment and closing up of books and records, and storing equipment, the following members of the Force will continue to be employed, but as civilians at their present wages, unless they re-enlist immediately. They will be so employed until the work of winding up is complete; say four weeks as a minimum.

Lieut. Bound (Q.M.), 2nd-Lieut. G. Perry, Q.M.'s Sergeant, Orderly Room Sergeant, 1 Corporal, 2 Privates and 1 Runner.

S C H E D U L E "B".

SUBSEQUENT DISPOSAL OF MEMBERS OF THE DEFENCE FORCE ON THE ACTIVE LIST AT THE TIME OF DEMOBILISATION.

GENERALLY.

1. Retired List. Members will remain unchanged. Any who have been transferred to the Active List will return to the Retired List, with the rank held on demobilisation in the case of N.C.Os and men.
2. Reserve List. There are no members of the Force now, nor have there been, on this List. While it cannot be said with certainty, it is felt very likely, that the Reserve was unpopular in that no provision is made in the Defence Force Ordinance of 1920 for members enjoying the privileges of the Club, as laid down for Retired members (Section 13 (4)).
3. Active List. The present Active List is composed of four categories of members for purpose of demobilisation. The following Schedule shows the suggested disposal of each category after the day of demobilisation, with any alternatives, or options, for the individual concerned

Present Category.

Category, or options, after demobilisation.

1. Officers holding permanent Commissions

- (a) Continue as Officers in the Force
- or
- (b) Resign and be placed on the Retired List.

2. Officers holding temporary Commissions

- (a) Resign commissions and then if over 41 years of age on demobilisation
- (i) Placed on Retired List with the rank held on being given first commission

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| <p>3. Members who joined the Force prior to 3rd September, 1939, and who were then, or have since become, N.C.Os.</p> <p>4. Members who were attested on 3rd September, 1939, or after, and who have since become N.C.Os.</p> | <p>or</p> <p>(ii) Become honorary members of the Officers' Club.</p> <p>(b) If under 41 years of age on demobilisation then either</p> <p>(1) as 2(a)(1) or (ii)</p> <p>or</p> <p>(ii) Rejoin Force with rank held on being commissioned; previous service to count if they rejoin within 6 months.</p> <p>(a) If over 41 on demobilisation.</p> <p>(i) Be placed on Retired List with present rank</p> <p>(b) If under 41 on demobilisation</p> <p>(i) Rejoin with rank held on demobilisation, but previous service to count if they rejoin within six months of demobilisation.</p> <p>(a) If over 41 on demobilisation</p> <p>(i) Discharged</p> <p>(b) If under 41 on demobilisation</p> <p>(i) Rejoin as private, but service to count from original attestation date if they rejoin within six months after demobilisation.</p> <p><u>N.B.</u> After N.C.O. vacancies have been filled from 3(b) (i) next priority will be given to men who have been N.C.Os and rejoin under 4(b)(i).</p> |
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S C H E D U L E "C".

DISPOSAL OF STORES, ARMS, EQUIPMENT, AMMUNITION ETC.

Subject or Item.	Recommendations, or suggestions, of Officer Commanding, Falkland Islands Defence Force.	His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief's comments on, or approval of, recommendations or suggestions.																					
<p>1. <u>Coast Defence Artillery.</u></p> <p>Disposal of guns, ammunition and equipment etc.</p> <p>(a) 6-inch guns, 12-pdrs., 4-inch (if received before demobilisation day) and old pattern 4-inch.</p> <p>(b) Bofors guns</p> <p>(c) Range-finders</p> <p>(d) Ammunition</p>	<p>(i) To be immobilised by removal of smaller fittings, sights etc., to Stanley.</p> <p>(ii) Guns to be greased and covered.</p> <p>To be dismantled and sent, together with all spares and ammunition, to Ordnance Depot.</p> <p>To be brought into Stanley and stored.</p> <p>(i) The following are ammunition stocks at present held by the Force.</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>6-inch</td><td>1,351 rounds</td><td>(Canopus),</td></tr> <tr> <td>12-pdr. 12-cwt. .</td><td>644 rounds</td><td>(Charles Point),</td></tr> <tr> <td>4-inch Q.F.</td><td>393 rounds</td><td>(155 Ordnance Pt.)</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td>(238 Surf Bay Magazine)</td></tr> <tr> <td>4-inch B.L.</td><td>702 rounds</td><td>(Custom Shed)</td></tr> <tr> <td>3-pdr.</td><td>158 rounds</td><td>(Snake Hill)</td></tr> <tr> <td>12-pdr. 8-cwt. ..</td><td>50 cartridges only</td><td>(H.Qrs)</td></tr> </table> <p>In the case of the 4-inch B.L. no guns are available from which this ammunition could be fired. While nothing has yet been definitely invoiced for, further ammunition may yet arrive in the Colony.</p> <p>(ii) As gun ammunition deteriorates and only has a definite "Safe" life, I recommend that a "feu-de-joie" be arranged at each Battery of say 100 rounds per gun, or such number as will leave the necessary balance as may be ordered to be maintained by Committee of Imperial Defence on each gun site. The alternatives are either</p>	6-inch	1,351 rounds	(Canopus),	12-pdr. 12-cwt. .	644 rounds	(Charles Point),	4-inch Q.F.	393 rounds	(155 Ordnance Pt.)			(238 Surf Bay Magazine)	4-inch B.L.	702 rounds	(Custom Shed)	3-pdr.	158 rounds	(Snake Hill)	12-pdr. 8-cwt. ..	50 cartridges only	(H.Qrs)	
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2. Disposal of buildings,
barrack furniture etc.

(a) Buildings

(b) Barrack furniture
and fuel

(c) Cooking utensils

3. All Units.

Disposal of Uniforms.

(a) Battle Dress uniforms
and caps.

(b) Service Dress and
Patrol Dress Uniform.

(c) Boots, ankle

(d) Denims

4. Radar Equipment

5. Searchlights

(a) Projectors

(b) Engines

(a) return to United Kingdom, or

(b) dump at sea.

(i) It is recommended that the present buildings at Mount Low, Charles Point, Tussac Point, Sapper Hill and Canopus remain.

(ii) It is suggested that the last named (or any of the others) would give accommodation for future annual training camps.

(iii) The remainder could be let for holiday periods in summer and would produce revenue.

If suggestions 2(a)(ii) and (iii) are adopted then tables, chairs, bunks, cooking ranges, peat and linoleum should be left on site.

Windchargers to be dismantled and sent to Store.

To be returned into Stanley, and, other than those required for annual training camps, to be sold by auction. It is felt that, in addition to the storage space needed, if they were wanted in years to come their condition, after storing, would make them unservicable.

(i) All uniforms to be handed in.

(ii) The second best uniform held by a man to be returned to him for civilian wear after removal of shoulder straps and rank badges.

All to be handed in for re-issue on reformation of Force.

To be handed in and "boarded", after which all surplus to requirements, and those condemned, to be offered to members of the old Force at a nominal charge.

All to be handed in.

This is a matter which, it is assumed, will be dealt with by Imperial Troops.

(i) Reflectors to be removed, placed in their special reflector carrying cases, and brought into store, together with automatic arc and lamp.

(ii) Lamps to be well greased and covered, and left on site.

Engines to be drained down, greased and covered, and left on site.

S C H E D U L E "D".

RECONSTITUTION OF DEFENCE FORCE.

	Subject.	Recommendations, or suggestions, of Officer Commanding, Falkland Islands Defence Force.	His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief's comments on, or approval of, recommendations or suggestions.
1.	PEACE ESTABLISHMENT.	(a) The post-war needs of the Force for permanent maintenance and personnel (civilian) will be much greater than now, if recommendations in Schedule "C" are adopted, particularly Sections 1(a) and (d), 2(a) and (b), 5(a) and (b). An inspection every week is essential if proper care is to be taken of the equipment left on site. It will, in fact, be a whole time job for a very reliable man. Similar-ly the vast amount of stores now held could not be controlled by the pre-war part time work of one man (XV b 2 Allowance, Care of Stores and Arms - £36).	

- (b) I consider the minimum staff that would meet the needs would be Quartermaster, commissioned rank with an annual allowance of say £25, one Quartermaster-sergeant as inspector and caretaker of all buildings, arms, equipment and stores, and issue of stores, at £200 per annum.
- (c) The present allowance of £36 paid to Caretaker of Headquarters to be increased to £50.
- (d) The establishment of the Force is difficult to lay down until it is known what response there will be to calls for re-enlistment, or whether conscription, in some form or other, is to remain.
I feel that the adoption of the following organisation would ensure a sizeable Force which should be within local conditions of man power to supply.

Headquarters 4 Officers, 3 Other Ranks,
Coast Defence Artillery.. 3 Officers, 60 Other Ranks,
Infantry Company 3 Officers, 60 Other Ranks,
South Georgia 2 Officers, ? Other Ranks.

The war has brought out many times the need for a recognised establishment and organisation into different categories. The pre-war arrangement of all infantry was completely altered on active service conditions, with the consequent regrouping etc., after war broke out.

2. CONSCRIPTION AND SHORT TERM ENLISTMENT.

- (a) The basic foundation of conscription, in peace time, is whole time military training, which could never be adopted in the Colony without most serious disturbance of civil life.
- (b) I feel that something could be done to give men a certain amount of elementary military training, and I suggest that in the framing of the new Ordinance we should introduce a scheme of short term enlistment on a voluntary basis, or, if thought desirable, on a compulsory basis.
A man could join for one or two years after which he could be transferred to the Reserve List.
After three Should a man, ~~under three~~ years, wish to become a full member of the Force, then the period of service, under his short term contract, would be counted as service.

3. SOUTH GEORGIA.

I think the Officer Commanding, South Georgia, should be asked for his views on the peace time Force there.

4. MOUNTED INFANTRY.

- (a) The question of the Mounted Infantry being continued in its present form will present serious difficulties. If, as I understand, the present Officer Commanding, Mounted Infantry, is leaving the Colony at the end of the war, I cannot, at this time, think of anybody in the Camps to replace him, who would take the same personal interest and show the necessary keenness to carry on. There is little doubt that the farmers generally do not take kindly to their men being taken, even for a short time, for military duties, but, I think, this is mainly due to their present labour difficulties rather than apathy towards the defence of the Colony, or the Force, and that, with the return of more normal conditions, they would be more helpful. At the same time there are, in the Camp, a number of men who are very keen members of the Force, and whom it would not be fair to deprive of their privileges of joining the Force, should they wish.
- (b) In order to meet these difficulties, and their attendant problems, I feel that the Mounted Infantry, if reconstituted, should be formed as a mobile reserve, and that their annual training of a week, or a fortnight, should be done in Stanley, where better facilities exist.

5. OFFICERS.

- (a) Of the present Officers of the Force, in addition to myself, there are seven Officers holding permanent commissions, who will remain so if Schedule "B" is adopted. They are Majors Fleuret and Greenshields, Captains Aldridge, Kinneard and Sheppard, Lieut. C. Andreasen and 2nd-Lieut. Laurenson, or in categories

Headquarters 3 Officers,
Coast Defence Artillery ... 1 Officer,
Infantry Company -
Mounted Infantry 2 Officers,
South Georgia 2 Officers.

- (b) I understand the last ruling from the Admiralty, in the case of Captain Sheppard, was that he was to return when the Colony had finished with his services, but I have received a request from him that his services should be retained in his original capacity as

an instructor. Until the reformed Force begins to take shape, in the way of numbers, I am not prepared to make any recommendations at this stage.

(c) The appointment of new Officers to complete the new establishment will have to be considered when the new Force begins to take shape. While the present Officers should naturally have prior consideration, the difficulty of their civil occupation will arise as before.

(d) At this stage, and in view of the work involved, I would strongly recommend the appointment of a Quartermaster immediately after demobilisation.

6. DEFENCE FORCE CLUB.

(a) The Defence Force Club directly, and its subsidiaries indirectly, are governed by the Defence Force Ordinance, and must, therefore, be considered in connection with demobilisation. Membership is limited to members, and retired members, of the Force, and was, and is, a very jealously guarded privilege.

(b) The admission of "conscripts" was never popular, but could not be avoided, but I feel very strongly that as their service was for war only, then their membership must be for war only, and this is the basis underlying Schedule "A".

There are, I fear, bound to be one or two hard cases that will arise under Schedule "A" 4, (e.g. young men who would have joined the Force in any case), but any exceptions will only breed very great dissatisfaction.

(c) The Management Committee of the Club, and all subsidiary Clubs, that is in office at the time of demobilisation to continue to act until a General Meeting can be called, or a period of three months, whichever is the less.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 26th August, 19 44. Time :

Received : 19 ... Time :

No. 52. SECRET. Falkland Islands Defence Force. Grateful if you would telegraph me your views on desirability of maintaining a unit in South Georgia after demobilization of the Force.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.



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TO:

FROM:

Secretary Post Standard

Your Telegram 52. I am not (yet) aware of any reason why unit should be maintained here after demobilization of Defence Forces. During season usually from September to end of May sealing and whaling (fishers) forms a screen round the whole island and they can be relied upon to report any vessel either approaching or passing South Georgia.

Existing Scheme of maintaining continuous watch at Linn Harbour only is ineffective in so far as reporting vessels approaching GRYTVIKEN is concerned owing

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:

*Limited view to seaward and I have already
endeavored to make clear futility of such an
arrangement.*

*In my case ~~something~~ something
must be done this season regarding relieving
the Gons Crew at least who have been on duty
for period of 5 years without leave - impossible.*

Too much

TOR. 29th August 1941

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TELEGRAM.

M.P. 5/15/44. (5)

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies..

Despatched: 9th September, 19 44 *Time:* 1300

Received: 19 ... *Time:* ...

No. 218. REPLY URGENTLY REQUIRED. TOP SECRET. In view
of altered military position I propose, subject to your approval,
to begin reducing Defence Force towards peace-time basis.

Naval Officer-in-Charge and O/C. Troops agree with me that
coastal batteries need no longer be maintained on war footing.
Demand for civilian labour exceeds the supply.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

For date, which is (b)
at 5.10.1944

From Secretary of State.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 5th October, 19 44. Time : 1000.

Received : 6th October, 19 44. Time : 1030.

No. 97. SECRET. With reference to your Telegram No. 218.

Defence Force proposal approved.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

& OUT CODE.

No.

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

11th October, 1944

To His Excellency the Governor
and Commander-in-Chief,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

From

The Officer Commanding,
F.I.D.F.,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

C O N F I D E N T I A L.

I submit the following notes of Your Excellency's instructions of this morning and will be grateful if these could be confirmed.

- ✓ (a) No demobilisation to take place until such later date as Your Excellency may direct. *i.e. when the state of emergency ends.*
- ✓ (b) Any member of the Force, at present on full time military pay, may be "granted indefinite leave subject to immediate recall" provided that he can satisfy me that he has a bona fide offer of employment in civil life. The fact that such release may reduce any battery to such an extent that it can no longer function as a battery is not to be considered. The employment, which a man is offered, must be of such a nature that it is not used as an excuse for release from full time duty with the idea of eventually coming to Government for work.

No publicity to be given to this instruction; it is intended as personal to me.

- ✓ (c) At this stage no vacancy for additional employees exist in the Public Works Department.
- ✓ (d) The actual closing down of any battery will be left until such time as the personnel are entirely reduced, and details of final closing down shall be left to my discretion. The Force Commander wishes that Charles Point (Examination Battery) be the last battery to be closed down, and in order to do this it may be reinforced at the expense of Canopus.
- (e) The Fire Commander may be released from the Force at any time now that he may wish. *when the batteries are really reduced.*

2. The actual result of paragraph 2 (b) above will, I estimate, mean that 3 or 4 men will be affected. Each man that is released, however, will aggravate the question of the proportion of officers to men. There are, at the moment, 7 officers on batteries, 1 at Headquarters and the Liaison Officer to C.O.D. on full time pay. One's maximum needs, at the moment, are for 4 officers. The civil employment of the 8 is made up of

Public Works Department	3
Agricultural Department	1
Police	2
Printing Office	1
Falkland Islands Company	1

The obvious first choice for return to civil life should be the 2 constables, but I would be glad of Your Excellency's ruling as to whether these and which, if any, of the others are to be returned to civil life.

3. For Your Excellency's information I attach a Schedule shewing the approximate numbers, and employment, of members of the Force, at present on full time military pay, excluding youths who were at school

It will, but this doesn't matter of liberty.

Notes in red as made on original of this minute by H.E. The Governor

in 1939.

Falkland Islands Company	7
Printing Office	1
Police	2
Electrical and Telegraphs Department.	2
Public Works Department	15
Agricultural Department	6
Independent	5
Camp	23



Lieutenant-Colonel,
Officer Commanding,
F.I.D.F.

Your Excellency,

My comments on the draft demobilisation scheme are as follows :-

SCHEDULE A.

2. Phase 1. No provision is made for a review and inspection by Your Excellency except a farewell "~~Civies~~" parade for serving members during phase 2. Not only will Your Excellency wish to review, inspect and address the Force and Civil Defence Services on a uniform/cerimonial parade, but I feel that the majority of the personnel would appreciate such a parade. It is the only fitting end to five years of active service. The O/C., F.I.D.F., omitted this ceremony presumably because he does not think that the drill standard of the men on the batteries is sufficiently high, but he is prepared to arrange it if Your Excellency desires. There is no reason why the gunners should not be doing drill every day now.

3. Phase 2. Fire Fighting Unit. The present unit will be on call only until the end of phase 2. I have already asked the C.C.D., to draft a scheme for the ~~part~~^{peace} time reorganization of the Fire Services. It is important that this new organization should be working by the end of Phase 2 as there must be no gap.

4. Phase 3. (vii). We shall certainly have an all-night telephone service if only because of fire alarm.

SCHEDULE B.

5. No comments.

SCHEDULE C.

6. Ammunition. some of this is War Office property. We must therefore obtain, in due course, War Office instructions as to its disposal. Meanwhile the O/C., agrees that it should be left in situ.

Buildings. Only one training camp is needed - Canopus. I doubt if Sapper Hill would be in much demand for week-end purposes, but the huts there would be available for use elsewhere as required. Mount Low and Charles Point buildings might be useful if the Sparrow Cove land were developed by the Agricultural Department.

SCHEDULE D.

7. South Georgia. The O/C., agrees with me that the maintenance of the contingent in South Georgia will be quite useless, but I certainly think we should give Major Fleuret a chance of expressing his opinion and I will ask him.

CONSCRIPTION AND SHORT TERM ENLISTMENT.

8. This is a most important question and our policy will have to be decided now because if the entire force were ~~revived~~^{revived} while the war is still going on to a voluntary basis it would be very difficult to re-introduce any measure of conscription after peace had been signed. I have discussed this with the O/C., and we agree from every point of view conscription should be retained for the 18-19 age group. So long as the Argentine problem is unsettled we shall need an efficient Defence Force. The pre-war organization and scale of training ~~was~~^{were} quite inadequate and since then, of course, military training has become far more complicated. If every boy in Stanley is put through two years part time training as he reaches the age ¹⁸ a more adequate ~~Det Force~~^{Det Force} for war time development will be created. In addition there is every/

every thing to be ^{said}asked, in local circumstances, for putting youths through a period of discipline ^{and activity}. In our view these young conscripts should be given the privileges of the Defence Force Club, the object of the older voluntary members being to encourage them in every way to remain on as volunteers in the force. The conscripts would have to be paid, but such pay should be *normal*, say, 1/- a parade.

9. The suggestion is that Proclamation 6/44, calling out the Defence Force on active service, should remain in force until peace, but that subsequent Proclamations calling out all specific age groups should be repealed from a certain date. On the next day a Proclamation should issue calling out again the 18-19 age group. It would be simpler merely to demobilise the 20-52 age group, but the G.O., is very anxious to have a clear-out-line affecting everybody in the Force on a given date. During the period between demobilisation and peace we can redraft the Defence Force Ordinance, which has to be done in any case, and submit ~~the~~ Imperial policy, inserting provision for short term conscription as suggested above. I submit that this suggestion be very carefully considered. Without some such measure of permanent conscription an efficient Defence Force is an impossibility.

Captain Sheppard. I would like to discuss the future of this Officer with you if I may.

K.B.
22nd August, 1944.

O.C.

7.10.2

Will you please let me have a note of the decisions reached at the conference this morning & a draft of the public announcement which you will be making. The notes opposite are for your retention.

K.B.
11/10/44

Invariable Colonial Secretary.

Copy of memorandum on instructions given by His Excellency is attached. No public announcement is to be made I understand.

W.S. O.C.F. 1.2.4.
11.8.44.

No. S/14/44.

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

MINUTE.

(9)

13th October, 19 44.

To Officer Commanding,

Falkland Islands Defence Force

STANLEY.

From Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

S E C R E T.

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I enclose copies of a telegram I sent to the Magistrate, South Georgia, in August regarding demobilization and of his reply. You will no doubt wish to make recommendations to His Excellency in the light of the decisions taken on the 11th October.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

No. _____

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MINUTE.

20th October, 1944.

From Officer Commanding,

To The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,

F. I. D. F.,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

May the following draft announcement, to all farmers on the East and West, be submitted to His Excellency for approval and issue.

"Managers are notified that members of the Defence Force, who are willing to go to work in the Camps, may now be released without a substitute being found to replace them."

Y.E. KB.

Quetta Goodfat.

Lieutenant-Colonel,
Officer Commanding,
F. I. D. F.

No. 8/14/44.

MINUTE.

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

From The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

23rd October, 19 44.

To The Officer Commanding,

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

STANLEY.

Radio

With reference to your minute of 20th October, your proposed announcement to the farms has been approved by His Excellency. If it is the intention that this should be included in the weekly broadcast to the camp please advise me by Friday next.

K. G. COLLEY
Colonial Secretary.

No. _____

MINUTE.

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

27th October, 1944.

From Officer Commanding,

To Headquarters,

F.I.D.F.,

Force 132,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

SECRET AND CONFIDENTIAL.

Telegram

I yesterday discussed the enclosed ~~terms~~ (I should be glad if you will return them) with His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief and he instructed me to obtain your orders as to whether, in view of all the circumstances, the Defence Force in South Georgia might not be stood down. My own opinion is that this could be done it always being understood, of course, that the defences could be remanned at comparatively short notice.

2. It has been suggested that when not otherwise engaged the personnel of batteries could, from now on, be occupied in taking down barbed wire defences within reasonable distance of their battery. I am quite happy to do this should you so wish, but would point out that the Government do not thereby accept responsibility for the removal of all the

wire/

wire which was erected.

5. As things are at present arranged I shall be proceeding to the United Kingdom, on leave, about the 17th November, and during my absence His Excellency has directed that Major R. Greenshields shall act as Officer Commanding, Falkland Islands Defence Force.



Lieutenant-Colonel,
Officer Commanding,
F.I.D.F.

No.

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

MINUTE.

21st June, 1945. 13

From The Officer Commanding,

P. I. D. F.,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable the
Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

C O N F I D E N T I A L.

I would be grateful for His Excellency's confirmation of the following decisions arrived at in conference yesterday morning.

- i. Clearing up of outposts. This work to be paid for from one of the suitable Vote Sub-Heads under Head XXI where a balance remains. *(Later information pay from xxi. 6)*
- ii. In due course the Rev. R.G.R. Calvert to become Church of England Chaplain of the Force provided he is agreeable.
- iii. Lieutenant J. Bound to be confirmed in his commission as Lieutenant for duties as Quartermaster.
- iv. An Armourer and Caretaker to be appointed.
- v. As a result of iii and iv above following amendments will be made to Vote Head XV. Omit Staff Instructor and Allowance Care of Stores and Arms - total saving £336 - add Quartermaster's

allowance/

allowance £25, Allowance Armourer and Caretaker (£173 + £27 Cost of Living Bonus) - total extra expenditure £225 - net saving on Vote Head £111.

- vi. Printed certificates to be prepared for issue to Officers of the Force holding temporary commissions.



Lieutenant-Colonel,
Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

Reversion of Falkland Islands Defence Force to
peace conditions.

IN THE NAME of His Majesty GEORGE VI., by the Grace of God of
Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas,
King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, &c., &c., &c.

SIR

By His Excellency/ALLAN WILKINSON
Governor, Knight Commander of
the Most Excellent Order of the
British Empire, Companion of the
Most Distinguished Order of
Saint Michael and Saint George,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Colony of the
Falkland Islands and its
Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

(L.S.)

I do hereby order, under Section 15 (4) of the Defence Force
Ordinance, 1920, that the period of active service of the Force
shall end on 2nd July, 1945.

Proclamations, No. 6 of 1939, No. 12 of 1939, No. 10 of 1941,
and No. 11 of 1941, are hereby repealed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE PUBLIC SEAL OF THE COLONY.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony at
Government House, Stanley, this 2nd day of July, in the Year of
Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty-five.

By His Excellency's Command

Colonial Secretary

No. 8/44/11

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

MINUTE.

18

3rd July, 19 45.

To The Officer Commanding,
Falkland Is. Defence Force,

From The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

Your minute of 21st June recording an interview with His Excellency has been confirmed.

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.