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NAVAL AND MILITARY.  
(Defence Force (1)).

DEF/FID/6#17

19 45.

No. 92/45.

Officer Commanding, F.I.D.F.

SUBJECT.

19 45

30th August.

Previous Paper.

610/21

REVERSION OF FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE  
TO PEACE TIME ESTABLISHMENT.

MINUTES.

1. Minute from O.C., F.I.D.F. of 30. 8.45

(2)

*Discussed with O/C.*

*AB 18/1/46*

(3)

*O/C F.I.D.F.*

*You will require this m.p. ?*

*AB Jones 21/1/46*

*A.*

*Minute from O.C. F.I.D.F. of 4/5/46.*

(5)

*y.c.*

*I submit red (4) pl.*

*AB Jones 4/5/46*

(6)

*Hon. S.M.O.*

*Lieut Col. J.A. Woodgate*

*MS. 9. v. 46.*

*Reds: (4<sup>a</sup>) & (4<sup>b</sup>) circulated*

*for your consideration, pl.*

*AB Jones*

*9.5.46*

Subsequent Paper.

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Copy of Regulation, No. 1 of 1946 of  
(2)

7.

EXCERPT FROM M.P. 610/21.

Extract from Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Council  
held on the 14th of May, 1946.

"The Regulations were approved".

(Sgd.) L. W. Aldridge.

Clerk of the Executive Council.

Minute from Chief Constable of 23.5.46 9.

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H.E. saw C.R. Woodgate about this h. day.

Rev. 30/5 C.R.  
28.5.

minute to Chief Constable of 31.5.46.

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" from " " 4.6.46

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" " O.C. F.I.D.I. " 4.5.47.

13.

PA  
C.R.  
5.6

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H.E.

Has not seen (9) - (11) - sh. went by Sir  
Allan Cardwell's direction.

2. My only comment on (13) (sh. 1/2).  
will perhaps wish to discuss with C.R. W.)  
is that Lt. Bond cannot undertake more  
than he has to do at present without  
detachment to his office work.

A.S.  
12/3

15.

I cannot imagine that the work  
involved will make any substantial  
inroads in to Mr. Bond's time and I  
approve the proposal. In so far as I am

able to understand 9 at all, 10 provides  
a proper answer and I confirm X of  
para 3 on 13 and the consequential  
proposal.

MO 12/iii

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O.C.F.I.D.F.

To Sec 15 pl.

ABE  
12/iii

(17)

Honorable Colonial Secretary

(16) Dear Sir,

I assume Gazette notices will issue in  
due course.

I attach a copy of minute addressed  
to a/c.c. as to X of para 3. on 13.

W. O.C.F.I.D.F.  
16. III. 47.

18. Memo from O.C.F.I.D.F. to Chief Constable of 14/3/47

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Gazette as required, pl.

2. I am much obliged to As. C.C.  
for his co-operation & spirit.

ABE  
15/3

Letter to Lieut. D.W. O'Sullivan of 21. 3. 47.  
(Copy in P/234. D.W. O'Sullivan).

" " " J. Bound. " " " "

(Copy in P/186. J. Bound).

Gazette Notice No 19. of 21. 3. 47.

(Copies filed in P/186. J. Bound & P/234. D.W. O'Sullivan).

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f.d. Q<sub>24</sub><sup>3</sup>

CLOSED.



No.

## MINUTE.

(1)

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

30th August, 19 45.

To His Excellency the Governor  
and Commander-in-Chief,

From The Officer Commanding,  
Falkland Islands  
Defence Force,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

With the completion of the full reversion of the Force to its peace time basis I am now in a position to report as to the present strength of the Force in Stanley, and to ask Your Excellency's approval to proposals for its future organisation.

" - 5/4/45 "

The present ration is as follows:-

|                        | Headquarters. | Artillery. | Infantry. | Misc. |
|------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| Officers .....         | 3             | 1          | -         | -     |
| Warrant Officers ..... | -             | 1          | 1         | -     |
| N. C. Os. ....         | 3             | 15         | 14        | 3     |
| L/Cpls. and Privates . | 1             | 28         | 49        | 46    |
| or Gunners .....       | 4             | 44         | 64        | -     |

In addition to the officers included above there is also Major Greenshields, O.B.E., Major Fleuret, M.B.E., and the Reverend McWhan, C.F. Full returns have not yet been received from the Mounted Infantry. Of the miscellaneous, 14 are detached to the Royal Navy, and others to the Lighthouse, cutter boats, s.s. "Fitzroy" etc., or are otherwise in exempted occupations, and the "parade" strength is 4 officers and 112 other ranks.

2. From the experience gained in the Command of the Force during the war I most strongly recommend the formation of two units within the Force, in order to ensure that, should need arise, we have trained gunners and trained infantry. In addition to which our alliances dictate two sections. In the same way I suggest the Band be a separate command to avoid previous difficulties of getting the Band together without breaking up the unity of either Artillery or Infantry and also to avoid complications with the Bandmaster who as the only R.S.M. (having been promoted as Bandmaster) when parading takes charge over C.S.Ms. etc. who have had greater experience in executive commands.

3. On the assumption, and in the hope, that Your Excellency will approve this proposal I feel that a definite establishment should be laid down in order to control promotion and generally fall into line with Military procedure in these matters. I submit the following scale:-

| Unit.                | Officers | W.O. I | W.O. II | Sgts. | Cpls. | L/Cpls. and Ptes. |
|----------------------|----------|--------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|
| <u>Headquarters.</u> |          |        |         |       |       |                   |
| Commanding Officer   | 1        |        |         |       |       |                   |
| Adjutant             | 1        |        |         |       |       |                   |
| Medical Officer      | 1        |        |         |       |       |                   |
| Quartermaster        | 1        |        |         |       |       |                   |
| Chaplains            | 2        |        |         |       |       |                   |
| Force S. M.          |          | 1      |         |       |       |                   |
| Q. M. S.             |          |        | 1       |       |       |                   |
| Orderly Room         |          |        |         | 1     |       | 2                 |
| Headquarters Total   | 6        | 1      | 1       | 1     | -     | 2                 |

Artillery/

| Unit.                     | Officers | W.O. I | W.O. II | Sgts. | Cpls. | L/Cpls. and Ptes. |
|---------------------------|----------|--------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|
| <u>Artillery Company.</u> |          |        |         |       |       |                   |
| <u>Headquarters.</u>      |          |        |         |       |       |                   |
| O.C. Company              | 1        |        |         |       |       |                   |
| C. S. M.                  |          |        | 1       |       |       |                   |
| Signal Sergeant           |          |        |         | 1     |       |                   |
| C. Q. M. S.               |          |        |         | 1     |       |                   |
| <u>No. 1 Section.</u>     |          |        |         |       |       |                   |
| Officer Commanding        | 1        |        |         |       |       |                   |
| Other Ranks               |          |        |         | 1     | 2     | 26                |
| <u>No. 2 Section.</u>     |          |        |         |       |       |                   |
| Officer Commanding        | 1        |        |         |       |       |                   |
| Other Ranks               |          |        |         | 1     | 2     | 26                |
| Artillery Coy. Total      | 3        | -      | 1       | 4     | 4     | 52                |
| <u>Infantry Company.</u>  |          |        |         |       |       |                   |
| Headquarters              | 1        |        |         |       |       |                   |
| C. S. M.                  |          |        | 1       |       |       |                   |
| Signals                   |          |        |         | 1     |       |                   |
| C. Q. M. S.               |          |        |         | 1     |       |                   |
| <u>No. 1 Platoon.</u>     |          |        |         |       |       |                   |
| Officer Commanding        | 1        |        |         |       |       |                   |
| Other Ranks               |          |        |         | 1     | 3     | 30                |
| <u>No. 2 Platoon.</u>     |          |        |         |       |       |                   |
| Officer Commanding        | 1        |        |         |       |       |                   |
| Other Ranks               |          |        |         | 1     | 3     | 30                |
| Infantry Coy. Total       | 3        | -      | 1       | 4     | 6     | 60                |
| <u>Band.</u>              |          |        |         |       |       |                   |
| Bandmaster                |          | 1      |         |       |       |                   |
| Other Ranks               |          |        |         | 1     | 1     | 16                |
| Band Total                | -        | 1      |         | 1     | 1     | 16                |
| GRAND TOTAL               | 12       | 2      | 3       | 10    | 11    | 130               |

4. I would ask Your Excellency to look upon this establishment as the maximum we are likely to obtain at this time on a voluntary basis. In the event of an emergency the reserve would complete the establishment, but in the meanwhile we have a target figure at which to aim on a voluntary basis.

5. If Your Excellency kindly consents to the foregoing proposals it will be necessary to create the following additional Officers:-

Headquarters/

Headquarters - 1 Medical Officer  
1 Chaplain, 4th Class, Church of England.

Artillery - 2 Subalterns.

Infantry - 1 Company Commander  
2 Subalterns.

6. I offer Your Excellency the following recommendations to give effect to paragraph 5.

Medical Officer - Dr. Sladen (on arrival).  
Chaplain - Reverend Calvert.

I propose that Captain Sheppard should assume command of the Artillery Section and have in confidence asked for his recommendations. I am glad to say that of the seven temporary Officers he agrees with me that Mr. W. Browning, B.E.M., and Mr. J.B. Browning should have their temporary commissions confirmed to complete his establishment. As to the Infantry Company after full discussion with the Adjutant there is no doubt in our minds that Mr. D. W. O'Sullivan and Mr. L. A. Sedgwick are the two temporary Officers who should be confirmed. Although we have every confidence that Mr. O'Sullivan should be the Officer Commanding, Infantry Company, we do feel that he should, in fairness to himself, not be appointed immediately but that the Adjutant act as Officer Commanding, Infantry Company in the interim.

7. To summarise this rather lengthy report, for which I ask Your Excellency's indulgence, I submit the following recommendations

- ms. yes*
- (a) That the establishment of the Falkland Islands Defence Force be approved as laid down in paragraph 3.
  - (b) That commissions be granted to
    - (i) Reverend Calvert as Chaplain, 4th Class, Church of England.
    - (ii) Dr. Sladen on arrival as Captain.
  - (c) That the temporary commissions of the following gentlemen be confirmed with seniority of the date of original commission or promotion:
    - Mr. W. Browning, B.E.M.
    - Mr. D. O'Sullivan.
    - Mr. L. A. Sedgwick.
    - Mr. J. B. Browning.

*Austin K. K. K.*  
Lieutenant-Colonel,  
Officer Commanding,  
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

No.

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

## MINUTE.

7th May, 19 46.

From The Officer Commanding,

Falkland Islands  
Defence Force.  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To His Excellency the Governor and  
Commander-in-Chief,

STANLEY.

In continuation of and in accordance with Your Excellency's instructions received at an interview on the 18th of January, I have now approached the ex-Officers concerned, with one exception, and they were all honoured to have their Commissions revived from their original date and they all agree that the proposal that all Officers be automatically placed on the Retired List on reaching the age of 50 is most welcome. The exception is that of Mr. Perry and his refusal is illustrative of his sense of duty, and was made with great regret. As Your Excellency knows Mr. Perry is now the Caterer and Barman at the Force Club and for him to hold Commissioned Rank, even though retired, would, he thought, cause possible embarrassment on occasion, in which view I heartily concur.

Since seeing the ex-Officers, I have received the resignation of Mr. Harries and he has gone on the Retired List at his own request with the rank of Sergeant. As his resignation was received immediately following the refusal of the Secretary of State to consider his appeal, I feel the two things are connected and I do not regret being unable to submit this member's name to have his Commission renewed.

I understand that the Senior Medical Officer definitely would prefer not to accept a Commission in the Force, but that he would have no objection to Dr. Hopwood being Gazetted, and I know this gentleman would accept any such offer.

On these lines I submit the following final list of gentlemen whose Commissions I would like Your Excellency to revive with the seniority stated, it being understood that the interim period between demobilisation and recommissioning shall count as Commissioned Service.

|                         |                    |          |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Mr. W. Browning, B.E.M. | as Lieutenant,     | 6. 8.42  |
| Mr. J. B. Browning      | as 2nd-Lieutenant, | 3. 5.43  |
| Mr. D. Fleuret          | as 2nd-Lieutenant, | 6. 8.42  |
| Mr. M. J. Luxton        | as 2nd-Lieutenant, | 6. 8.42  |
| Mr. D. W. O'Sullivan    | as Lieutenant,     | 1. 2.43  |
| Mr. S. R. Summers       | as 2nd-Lieutenant, | 15. 8.41 |
| Mr. L. A. Sedgwick      | as 2nd-Lieutenant, | 6. 8.42  |
| Dr. B. Hopwood          | as Lieutenant.     |          |

Your Excellency will recall that during the war Lieutenant Grierson was placed on the Reserve List on transfer to South Georgia, as the habit was for all at South Georgia to wear uniform continuously and as Mr. Grierson's immediately superior Officer in his civil work was a Sergeant embarrassment would have arisen. In view of the fine work Mr. Grierson did while on duty in Stanley I should like to see him get his Commission back, but knowing all difficulties I would be grateful if Your Excellency will give consideration to this case.

In order to implement the new scheme and clear the situation on other points, pending the passing of a new Ordinance, I would be grateful if Your Excellency will give favourable consideration

to/



to making the attached draft order in Council, under Clause 37 of the present Defence Force Ordinance, 1920.

I have made no mention in the Order in Council of the new establishment for the Force as approved at (15) as Clause 4 of the Ordinance gives Your Excellency power to do this.

(16) M.P. 92/45.



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

(4)

Filed in 610/21

DEFENCE FORCE ORDINANCE, No. 7 of 1920.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under Section 37 of the Defence Force Ordinance, 1920.

(Sgd) A.W. Cardinall.

No. 1 of 1946.

Governor.

In exercise of the powers vested in him by Section 37 of the Defence Force Ordinance, 1920, and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to make the following Regulations:-

- Short Title.            1. These Regulations may be cited as the Defence Force Regulations, 1946.
- Compulsory            2. The Force shall muster for the following  
Parades.            compulsory parades during each year:-
- (a) For trained members.    Twelve compulsory instructional parades, annual Musketry Classification and the annual Ceremonial Parade on the occasion of the Birthday of His Majesty the King.
- (b) For first year recruits.    Thirty-two compulsory parades, annual Musketry Classification and for the annual Ceremonial Parade on the occasion of the Birthday of His Majesty the King if specifically detailed so to do.
- Retirement.            3. All Commissioned Officers of the Force shall automatically be placed on the Retired List on reaching the age of 50; this shall not, however, in any way affect earlier resignation or retirement under Clauses 11 and 13 of the Ordinance respectively.

All Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men shall automatically be posted to the Reserve List on reaching the age of 41, provided he has at

least/

least seven years' service in the Force, but earlier resignation under Clause 11, or application to retire under Clause 13, may still be made. In the case of any member reaching the age of 41 without the necessary seven years' service, then such a member shall not be placed on the Retired List until he has completed the necessary seven years.

Efficiency.

4. Any member of the Force shall be deemed to be efficient in drill if he has attended all compulsory parades during the year as laid down in paragraph 1, and in musketry if he has qualified as at least a second class shot.

Promotion

of Officers.

5. Officers on being Gazetted Second-Lieutenants may, on the recommendation of the Commanding Officer and Adjutant and subject to efficient service, be promoted to Lieutenant after two years' Commissioned Service.

Confidential

Reports.

6. The Commanding Officer shall submit to His Excellency the Governor a confidential report on each Officer in the Force in January each year. Such reports shall be read to the Officer concerned before submission.

Made by the Governor in Executive Council at a Meeting held on the <sup>14<sup>th</sup></sup> of *May*, 1946.

*Sh. Aldridge*  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

M. P. No. 610/21.

No.

92/45

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

MINUTE.

23rd May 1946,

(9)

From The Chief Constable,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Reference: F.I.D.F. - Appointments.

I have the honour to submit, please, the following observations and request, for your consideration.

2. Acting on the instance of the first official notification of the de-mobilisation of the Defence Force, I forwarded a letter to Capt. Aldridge on the subject of my War Office appointment as Staff Instructor to the F.I.D.F., requesting that such be reviewed and further requesting that I be permitted to continue in that appointment. I did not receive an answer but was interviewed by the Hon. Colonial secretary - Capt. Bradley, who informed me that the appointment of Staff Instructor was abolished and asked me to consider a post in the F.Is. Government Service as Chief Constable.

Red 66 - 9/29 3. In my letter of the 14th Oct. '45, I formally requested for the post on the understanding that my present one was abolished. I would respectfully draw attention to para. 3 of this letter volunteering my services with the Defence Force, especially as stated the instructional clause which covered all training.

Red 1 in 72/46 4. On the resumption of activities of the F.I.D.F. I considered it necessary to acquaint the facts governing the outside activities of my Constables, relative to their Police Duties, to all concerned. This was by forwarding a copy of my minute of the 16th May, stating the ruling that was considered essential.

5. Correspondence followed between the O.C. F.I.D.F. and myself which disclosed the intention of the former to appoint an instructor. This member, a Lieutenant in the F.I.D.F., very keen, is a Constable, who will I am informed take over all drills for the Force including the Unit I have been asked to command. This practice I submit, on behalf of a subordinate would be intolerable to me for the reasons that (1), the Constable in question cannot be allowed preferential treatment over the others, they being also members of the F.I.D.F, or the senior Constable, who is not; and that (2) the proposed nomination is entirely without qualifications whatsoever.

6. In conclusion, please, may I be permitted to state that I should be informed of the reasons of the abolition of my former appointment, and the refusal, up to the present, of my offer of service as instructor to the Defence Force, the latter being in the interests of that organization.

Reply at 11.

*E. Sheppard*  
Chief Constable.

No. 92/45; P/219.

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

MINUTE.

(11)

31st May, 19 46.

To The Chief Constable,

STANLEY.

From The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*Red 9.*

With reference to your Minute of the 23rd of May, 1946, and to my interview with you on the 30th of May, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that your former appointment as Staff Instructor to the Falkland Islands Defence Force was abolished because it was no longer required and that, with regard to the internal arrangements of the Force, His Excellency is not disposed to interfere in a matter which is the concern of the Commanding Officer.

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS,

Colonial Secretary.

*Ack. at* (12)

WE.



MINUTE

4th June, 1946.

From. The Chief Constable  
Stanley.

To. The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

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Reference: 92/45; P/219.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your minute  
of the 31st May and the contents as noted thereon.

*C. S. Lep/pand.*  
Chief Constable.

No. 7186

MINUTE.

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



From Officer Commanding

Falkland Islands Defence Force.  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

4th. March 1947 19

To His Excellency the Governor  
and Commander-in-Chief.

*Lt. Honorable Colonial Secretary.*

*Confidential.*

With the departure of Captain L.W.Aldridge MBE on leave I submit for Your Excellency's favourable consideration that Lieutenant John Bound be appointed Acting Adjutant of the Force, and if Your Excellency approves that the appointment be duly gazetted.

2 In view of the pressure of work that Lt. Bound has in his civilian capacity at this time I feel that he should have some assistance with his duties as Adjutant and I therefore further submit that Lieutenant D.O'Sullivan be formally gazetted as Assistant Adjutant, I say formally gazetted as he has been acting in this capacity since 1st. February 1943 quite satisfactorily.

*para 5 Red 9.3* Your Excellency may recall that the question of Lt. O'Sullivan acting as Weapon Training Officer of the Force and the difficulty on occasion of his being released from his civil duties was a matter we discussed. I understood Your Excellency to say that you saw no reason why such difficulties should arise and would direct that while his police duties must of necessity come first no unnecessary bother should ~~xxxxx~~ be allowed to arise in releasing him to act as WTO to the Force. If I have correctly interpreted Your Excellency's views on this matter, then in consideration of Lt. O'Sullivan's duties as Assistant Adjutant and WTO I submit that he be granted an allowance as Acting Adjutant ~~and~~ during the absence of the Adjutant ~~at~~ at the rate of £18 per annum paid monthly. Funds for this purpose are available under Military XV.7 Incidental Expenses.

*Austin Woodgate.*

Lieutenant Colonel  
Officer Commanding  
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

*Self/...*

No.

MINUTE.

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

14th March, 19 47.

To The Chief Constable,  
Stanley.

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

Further to our conversation this afternoon in connection with His Excellency's directive at (15) on M.P. 92/45 with reference to the release of Lt. O'Sullivan for duties with the Defence Force, the following I think embodies our conclusions.

(a) Lt. O'Sullivan's duties as a Constable must have first consideration

(b) Other things being equal you would have no objection to a private arrangement as between constables, for an interchange of police duty when short evening instructional parades clash with routine patrol, for the duration of such parade, provided you were previously notified.

(c) Where any member of your Force is required for a special parade during daytime or other than ordinary weekly training, then the request for his release shall be made direct to you by the C.O. or Adjutant.

2. I would offer you my sincere thanks for your kind co-operation in the matter which will enable effect to be given to His Excellency's instruction.

Copies to: H.C.S. for M.P. 92/45.  
Adjutant to note especially para. 1(c).  
Lt. O'Sullivan.  
H.Q. File.

*Rush L. Lloyd*  
Lt. Col.,  
O.C. F.I.D.F.

92/45

Copies to Treasury (2) to P/254 (1) D.W.O'Sullivan,

21st March, 47.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to act as Assistant Adjutant to the Falkland Islands Defence Force during the absence on leave of Captain L. W. Aldridge, M.B.E., C.P., with effect from the 1st of February, 1947.

2. You will be paid an allowance at the rate of £4/- per month while acting in this capacity in addition to your duties as Weapon Training Officer to the Force.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

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

VP.

21st March, 1947.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to act as Adjutant to the Falkland Islands Defence Force during the absence on leave of Captain L.W. Aldridge, M.B.E., J.P., with effect from the 1st of February, 1947.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

Meat. J. Bound,

STANLEY.

VP.



Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley,  
21st March, 1947.

It is hereby notified for general information that His Excellency has been pleased to make the following appointments in the Falkland Islands Defence Force during the absence on leave of Captain L. W. Aldridge, M.B.E., C.P., with effect from the 15th of February, 1947.

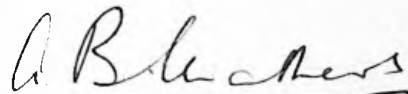
LIEUTENANT JOHN BOND

to act as Adjutant; and

LIEUTENANT D. W. O'SULLIVAN

to act as Assistant Adjutant and Weapon Training Officer.

By Command,



Colonial Secretary.