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APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS IN THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

CONNECTED FILES.

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F.I.D.F. COMMISSIONS IN.

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F. I. D. F.

MINUTE.

is requested
in any refer-
ence to this minute,
the above Number
and the date may
be quoted).

20th.

To His Excellency
and Commander-in-Chief.

From Officer Commanding

FIDF.
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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OFFICERS' FILE.

I have the honour to refer to the present strength of officers in the Force which is at the moment below establishment, on the other hand with the reduced numbers of rank and file I do not feel that a full establishment is justified. Of the present executive officers on the Active list, two have asked to be placed on the Retired List, two are quite frankly 'passengers' and the other two, as Acting Adjutant ~~xxx~~ in addition to Quartermaster, and Assistant Adjutant and Weapon Training Officer, leave no spare officer for ordinary regimental duties. In these circumstances I beg to submit for Your Excellency's kindly consideration that two additional officers be appointed in the near future. I submit for immediate consideration the name of Mr. W.H. Young and recommend that he be granted a commission as Second Lieutenant immediately. Mr. Young was a sergeant in the K.R.R.s during the last war and saw Active Service with a mechanised unit, in view of which Your Excellency may feel that the normal probationary period of two years as a Second Lieutenant may be dispensed with and he should be gazetted as Lieutenant forthwith. I am not prepared to recommend any higher rank as I am anxious not to offend the susceptibilities of officers already in the Force. The second recommendation I would prefer to leave until after the passing out parade for NCOs at the end of the month. In Mr. Young's case however there is an opportunity of a refresher in ordinary infantry arm drill, (as distinct from Rifle Brigade), with the NCOs which in fairness I should like him to have ask therefore for Your Excellency's early consideration.

May I take this opportunity of suggesting to Your Excellency that if certain proposals are eventually agreed as to the appointment of an Honorary Commandant in anticipation of my departure then I should be allowed to hand over as soon as approval is received, when my successor would have the advantage of such advice and help I could give him in a short time.

Paul Woodgate
Lt. Colonel
OC. FIDF.

App^d - I had
only enq;
about this!

I am not
prepared to
grant any
higher rank
immediately;
I feel that
he shd. be
gazetted as
Lieutenant.

W. - I think
this shd. come
in with the
letter.

inc. 2/1.

A

Please see reverse; I assume that the Regs. give me authority to appoint Mr. Yang as a lieutenant. Alternatively, if they do not, I must certainly have powers to award accelerated promotion and I will use them.

2. I think Col. W. shd. 'carry on' until he leaves?

The expedient of appointing an Interim Commandant was not intended to saddle you with absolute responsibility, but to give the acting C.O. some higher authority to turn to.

MC. 20/V

OC. FIDF

B

A for consideration, bc. The paper was delayed inadvertently in this office.

CBE
28.V

(C)

Annals of Colonial Sunday.

Paras. undersent on ① Lt. Brooking B.E.M. & Lt. L.A. Sedgwick.

The Excellency discussed para 1. of A above & while he can grant commissions at any rank promotion from 2nd Lt. to Lieut. cannot be earlier than after two years service. I am replying Mr. Young that the Excellency has been pleased to appoint him Lt. in the F.I. 2f.

W.S. OC. F.I. 2f.

29.V.47.

~~D~~ A

HE.

1-2

S 2 of A m 2 / freely approach J.E.'s
 intention. In any case ^{1 shd. not} ^{until at any rate first}
 wish to act as Hon. Commandant / before
 Cr. is departure: for his association with
 the F.I.D.F. is close, personal, and long.
 I can pick up guidance from him
 before he goes: & in any case his
 successor may have military experience.

It shd. be
prepared say.

2. Meanwhile, the Commission is
 being prepared: - Lieut. Young will need
 one.

ABH
30.1.15

B

CO.

Noted.

X above. Tell Colony and the Force (and myself) &
 greatly indebted to Col. Wardgate for his labours on the
 latter's behalf and for the state of efficiency to which
 he has brought and maintained this unit.

MS 30/15

C

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

In shd. see B.

2. A Commission for Lieut. Young is being
 prepared.

ABH
30.1.15

(a)

Colonial Secretary.

I am very grateful for your appreciation
of Mr. Faellings' kind minute at 38.

CWS. O.C.F.I. D.F.
2. vi. 47.

No. 1.

GAZETTE NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley.
31st May 1947.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the
following appointments in the Falkland Islands Defence Force
under Section (7) (1) of the Defence Force Ordinance, 1920:-

The Hon. A.B. Mathews, O.B.E.,

to be Honorary Commandant with the ~~senior~~ rank of Lieutenant
Colonel with effect from the 1st of June, 1947.

W.E. Young, Esq.,

to be Lieutenant with effect from the 1st of June, 1947.

By Command,

A.B. Mathews.

Colonial Secretary.

P.P. No. 0206.

W.E.

0206

7th June, 47.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be an officer in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with the rank of lieutenant.

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2. I am to enclose herewith your Commission.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS
Colonial Secretary.

W.H. Young, Esq.,
STANLEY.

Reply at 7.

VP.

By His Excellency

GEORGE, OFFICER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF
BRITISH EMPIRE, UPON WHOM HAS BEEN CONFERRED
EFFICIENCY DECORATION,

and Commander-in-Chief

of the Colony of The Falkland Islands and its Depend

L. S.

(SGD) MILES CLIFFORD.

To.....*WILLIAM HAMILTON KOUR*.....Greetings:



Reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, and Good Conduct: I do by these presents
constitute and appoint you to be an Officer of.....*the Falklands Defence Force*.....from the
.....*first*.....day of.....*June*.....19..*47*.. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge
your Duty as such in the Rank of*Lieutenant*.....which higher Rank as you may from time to

time hereafter be promoted or appointed to, of which a Notification will be made in *Falkland Islands Gazette*; and you are at all
times to exercise and well Discipline in Arms both the Inferior Officers and Men serving you, and use your best endeavours to keep
them in Good Order and Discipline. And I do hereby command them to obey you as Superior Officer, and you to observe and
follow such Orders and Directions as from time to time you shall receive from me, or your Superior Officers, according to the
Rules and Discipline of War, in pursuance of the Trust hereby reposed in you.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Stanley, this.....*first*.....*June*.....in the year of Our
Lord one thousand nine hundred and.....*forty-seven*.....and in the.....*month*.....year of His Majesty's reign.

BY.....*AGENCY'S COMMAND,*

.....*Colonial Secretary.*

C. S. Seal.

Ship Hotel,

10th June, 47.

0206

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge
5. receipt of your letter of 7th instant,
6. together with my commission in the
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

Please convey to His Excellency
the Governor that I feel greatly
honoured at having being selected
to receive this Commission.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

W. Young

HEADQUARTERS,
FALKLAND ISLANDS
STANLEY.

11th August, 1947.

His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief.
Government House,
Stanley.
(Through the Honourable the Colonial Secretary).

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to submit formally my resignation
as Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Defence Force
on my impending departure from the Colony. With Your
Excellency's kind approval I propose to hand over the
Command to Lt. Colonel A.B. Mathews O.B.E. at a Parade on
Thursday next the 14th inst.

May I ask Your Excellency to accept my sincere thanks
for the support and kindly consideration that the Government
has always given me in the execution of my duty as Officer
Commanding.

I have the honour to be
Your Excellency's
humble and obedient servant.

Rush Woodgate

Lt. Colonel.
OC. F.I.D.F.

W. R. B.
12/8

Reply at 11.

*Acknowledge showing my thanks to Col. W. R. for his
long service with the FIDF etc. etc.*

mc

G A Z E T T E N O T I C E .

Colonial Secretary's office,
Stanley.
18th August, 1947.

4 With reference to Gazette Notice No. 34 of the 31st of May, 1947,
the Honourable Lieutenant-Colonel A.B. Mathews, C.B.E., assumed command
of the Falkland Islands Defence Force vice the Honourable Lieutenant-
Colonel J.A. Woodgate, C.B.E., with effect from Thursday, the 14th of
August, 1947.

By Command,

A.B. Mathews.

Colonial Secretary.

Copy filed in P/343 II - Mr. Mathews's P. file. 18

19th August,

47.

Sir,

9 I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th of August, 1947, submitting your formal resignation as Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Defence Force on your impending departure from the Colony, which His Excellency has been pleased to accept.

2. I am to convey to you an expression of His Excellency's thanks for the services which you have rendered during your long period with the Force, ^{and} of his appreciation of the unswerving loyalty and untiring devotion to duty which have so signally marked your command.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable,
Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. Woodgate, O.B.E., A.R.I.B.A.,
STANLEY.

PA
A.B.
19.8

Stanley,
17.12.47

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To: The Hon. Lieut. Col. Mathews O.B.E.,

PP/WR

Dear Sir,

48-49-1/32 I wish to resign my Commission as a Chaplain in the Falkland Islands Defence Force as from 31st December 1947. My reason for doing so, is that now that the War conditions are completely over, I feel that to continue in office would be holding an unfair advantage over my fellow ministers in town.

My experiences as Chaplain in the Defence Force during the War years, and also to the Imperial troops will remain treasured memories all my life.

I will always be interested in the Defence Force and as an ex-officer will be only too pleased to do anything I can in its welfare.

I remain,

Yours sincerely, Sir,

Reply at 14 A.

Forrest McWhan.

H. C. S.

4900 1/12

Agree

Capt. McWhan was Commissioned in the Defence Force in 1942 for duty as Non-Conformist Chaplain to the Force.

While I fully appreciate the good intentions which must have prompted his letter at 12, I feel that the acceptance of his resignation and the subsequent appointment of the Revd. R. G. R. Calvert would be very much resented by all ranks of the Defence Force, many of whom still remember the good service performed and friendly companionship displayed by Capt. McWhan throughout the last war.

To regularise the position, may I respectfully suggest that all three representatives of the Churches in Stanley be appointed Honorary Chaplains to the Defence Force.

R. G. R. Calvert
Adjutant,
F.I.D.F.
2/1/48.

It is not intended to appoint any other Chaplain.

2. Re. Draft acceptance, expressing appreciation of his services.

ABC
2/1

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12-13

Draft for comm. for.

ABC
6.1

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A.

7th January,

48.

Sir,

12

I am directed by the Governor to refer to your letter of the 17th of December, 1947, and to inform you that His Excellency has accepted with regret your resignation of your commission in the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

2. I am to express His Excellency's high appreciation of your services to the Force.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. D. MATHEWS
Colonial Secretary.

Rev. W. F. Mowhan, M.B.E.,
STANLEY.

VP.

No.

MINUTE.

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

4th December 1947

To

JCS

From

Governor

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

F. I. D. F.

With Mr Bunting demobilised in the above and Mr Winter a bud. of. passage only it is necessary to come to a decision about the future of the Force.

My immediate inclination is to give the *de facto* command to Capt. Aldridge with immediate promotion to rank of Major leaving you as Itinerary Commandant. He would continue to draw his allowance of £50 p.a. which would be re-named "Command allowance" and Mr Bunt would become Adjutant and Quartermaster with promotion to Captain retaining his present allowance of £25 p.a. - a promotion *d'estrine*; I imagine the rules can be doubled?

Fire-fighting section.

Since the Brigade has opted for absorption into the Force, this should come into effect as from 1.1.48. Mr. Hardy ^{as Superintendent} will be given a commission as Captain with an allowance of £25 p.a. and the members of the fire-fighting section will receive the same capitulation gratuity as other members of the Force. They will also have uniforms and a distinctive shoulder-flash.

Fees, formerly payable to the Brigade, will in future be paid to the Force.

Members of the Fire-fighting section will also

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amendments of the F.I.D.F. except membership of the Rifle Club for which, however, they will be able to qualify by taking the prescribed course of instruction in Musketry.

Any funds in hand will revert also to Government [but there will be first call upon an amount equal thereto for such equipment etc. as the Capt. Sup^t. considers necessary in the interest of efficiency.] Thereafter equipment will become a ~~Government~~ charge on the estimates.

I will discuss details with Mr. Hardy at his convenience.

M.C. 4/xii

Y.E.

Captain Aldridge I have had a preliminary discussion with Mr. Hardy, he suggests 5 p.m. on Thursday 18 Dec. for an interview with Y.E. if convenient — after he has had time.

Abd
16.11

Agree.

M.C. 16/xii

A.C. R. arrange.

Abd
6.12

M.C. Arranged p
L.H. Lucas

YE.

May I pl. speak?

As to F.I.D.F. :-

And from Mr. O'Sullivan
to Captain since he is
the Officer who does the
training? Band is pri-
marily an 'Officer' Officer:
- appoints as C.M.,
from Corporal. (But call
him 'Adjutant - C.M.').

Fire Fighting

Had in Captaincy and
to an argument for
O'Sullivan not to
let as Lieut. Capt.

Aldridge I would like to have
a word with YE. on the risk
that recruiting for the F.I.D.F.
may dry up if Fire Fighting
section can see F.I.D.F. pri-
vileges (except Rifle Club) with
less work.

2. If Capt. is to take over
Fire Fighting it is justified in
taking over funds provided it
supplies equipment?

Certainly.

ABE
S. 12

Adjutant to a small unit
such as this would normally be
a Lieutenant and we could in
that case leave Mr. Bond with
his present rank but call him
Adjutant & Quartermaster.

I agree that O'Sullivan
should be promoted to Captain
which was why I asked you
about respective seniority. It doesn't
matter perhaps.

As to X, it is a bit
late in the day to bring this
up but please speak by all means
(with Capt. Aldridge).

MC. JKM

Question of appointment of Aldridge as
O.C. F.I.D.F. should now be taken up.

MC. $\frac{6}{1-28}$

Co

What is position re
F.I.D.F. ? I should

like to get this matter

Spencer
R. 6.9
6.7
6.7
6.7

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TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

Stanley

10 Sept. 1948.

Lt. Col. Matthews.
Col. Secretary.

Dear Sir,

We haven't met as yet, but as I am keen to become a member of the L.D.F., have been advised to apply to you.

Would you therefore let me have some information on the Force, and also, providing new members are required, the necessary application forms?

I am an ex Indian Army officer, and am keen to keep in touch with affairs connected with the Service. Yours faithfully,

David Willis

(DAVID W. WILLIS)

Reply at 20

HEADQUARTERS,
FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE,
STANLEY.

14th September, 1948.

Sir,

19
With reference to your letter of the 10th of September, 1948, expressing a desire to become a member of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, before submitting your request to His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief I should be grateful if you would furnish me with particulars of your previous military service.

I am,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

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

David W. Willis, Esq.,
STANLEY.

0206
c/o The "ShipHotel"
Stanley.
14th. September '48.

The Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
Stanley.

20
Sir,

In reply to your letter of today's date. My previous military service is briefly as follows:-

1937-41. O.T.C. & Army Cadet Force.
1941-44. British Army, serving in N.African Campaign, Sicily and Italy.
1944-48. Indian Army.

I was commissioned into the Indian Army, having passed out of Sandhurst and The Indian Military Academy. My Regts. were:-

The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regt:
The Ajmer Regt (Indian Grenadiers).
The 13th. Frontier Force Rifles.

I have commanded British and Indian Rifle companies; qualified as a staff officer, (not thro' Staff College); and served on the N.W.F.P. as a Staff Capt. and Bde. Maj. The following courses have been attended:-

Pln. Comds. Course.	N. Africa.	'Q'
Drill Course.	"	'D'
Coy. Weapons Course.	India.	'Q'
Mountain Warfare.	"	'Q'
D.M. Course.	India & U.K.	'D'

Shd. be seen as
a formality.

For further references which may be required, I can produce my Officers' Army Book 439, and Release Docs.

I have the Honour to be

Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

He may be offered a Commission in
the rank of Captain.

W.C. 14 TX

V. V. V. V. V.

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Adjutant

He has a Commission prepared for
ME to serve when Major Willis
has found his Army Bk. 439
et. Lig
24.5

as from 20.9.08

By His Excellency

GEORGE HILES CLIFFORD, ESQUIRE, COMPANION OF THE
MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT
GEORGE, OFFICER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE
BRITISH EMPIRE, UPON WHOM HAS BEEN CONFERRED THE
EFFICIENCY DECORATION,

Governor and Commander-in-Chief

of the Colony of The Falkland Islands and its Dependence

L. S.

(SGD) MILES CLIFFORD.

To DAVID WILLIAM WILLES, ESQUIRE Greeting :



Reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and Good Conduct: I do by these presents
constitute and appoint you to be an Officer of the Falkland Islands Defence Force from the
..... twentieth day of September, 1948. YOU are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge
your Duty as such in the Rank of Captain or in such higher Rank as you may from time to

time hereafter be promoted or appointed to, of which a Notification will be made in the *Falkland Islands Gazette*; and you are at all
times to exercise and well Discipline in Arms both the inferior Officers and Men serving under you, and use your best endeavour to keep
them in good Order and Discipline. And I do hereby command them to obey you as their Superior Officer, and you to observe and
follow such Order and Directions as from time to time you shall receive from me, or any other your Superior Officer, according to the
Rules and Discipline of War, in pursuance of the Trust hereby reposed in you.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Stanley, this twentieth day of September in the year of Our
Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight and in the twelfth year of His Majesty's reign.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,

Col. Sec's Stamp

Colonial Secretary.

23rd September, 48.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be an Officer in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with the rank of Captain.

23

2. I am to enclose herewith your Commission.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. E. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

D.W. Willis, Esq.,
STANLEY.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley.

24th September, 1948.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment in the Falkland Islands Defence Force under Section (7) (i) of the Defence Force Ordinance, 1920:-

D.W. WILLIS, ESQ.,

to be Captain with effect from the 20th of September, 1948.

By Command,

G. B. Matthews

Colonial Secretary.

1948
25/9/48



c/o The Ship Hotel,

STANLEY. 26

25th. September 48.

To. The C-in-C.,
The Falkland Islands Def. Force,
Stanley.

Thro' The Officer Comdg.,
The Falkland Islands Def. Force,
Stanley.

Sir,

23 I have the honour to state that I accept
the commission offered me with the rank of
Captain in the F.I.D.F.

I have the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David W. Willis".
Capt.

David W. Willis.

25/9.

PA 28/9/48

27.

CS.

F.I.D.F.

I propose to make the following appointments w.e.f. 1st January 1949:—

Officer Commanding with rank of
1 Lieut. Colonel ... Major. ^{? KS} ~~H.S.~~
Pierce Butler ? MC.

2 2nd Lt. with rank of Major.
Capt. LS Mudge HBE

3 Adjutant ... Capt ... Wallis.

2. The alloc. of £50 will be sub. divided between 2 & 3.

MC 16
XII

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Copy filed in P/429 - Major Butler's P. file.

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20th December,

48.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency will appoint you to be Officer Commanding, Falkland Islands Defence Force, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, with effect from the 1st of January, 1949.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

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Major K.S.P. Butler,
STANLEY.

VP.

0206

Copy filed in P/17/II - Capt. Aldridge's P. file.

20th December,

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48.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency will promote you to the rank of Major and to appoint you to be Maj i/c. Falkland Islands Defence Force with effect from the 1st of January, 1949.

2. The appointment will carry with it an allowance at the rate of £25 per annum.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

Capt. L.W. Aldridge, M.B.E., E.D.,
STANLEY.

VP.

*Receipt acknowledged
A. B. Mathews
25/12/48*

20th December, 48.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency will appoint you to be Adjutant, Falkland Islands Defence Force, with effect from the 1st of January, 1949.

2. The appointment will carry with it an allowance at the rate of £25 per annum.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

Colonial Secretary.

Capt. D.W. Willis,
STANLEY.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.
30th December, 1948.

Sir,

28. I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter dated 20th
December, 1948, and to accept the
appointment of Officer Commanding the
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

W. H. B. Sutherland
Hes. then see the
Basin for 1/1/49

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

ack.

file R.

*The last letter proposes
a "Commission Document" for
Lt. Col. B. - no? 1/1/49*

3rd January, 49.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be an Officer in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

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2. I am to enclose herewith your Commission.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. Butler

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Lieut.-Colonel,
K.S.P. Butler,
STANLEY.

Geoffrey Miles Clifford, Esquire, Companion of
Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and St. George, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of
British Empire, upon whom has been conferred
Efficiency Decoration,
By His Excellency Governor and Commander-in-Chief
of the Colony of The Falkland Islands and its Dependencies

L. S.

(SGD) MILES CLIFFORD,

To.....WILLIAM SOMERSET PIERCE, ESQUIRE,.....Greetings :



Reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and Good Conduct: I do by these presents constitute and appoint you to be an Officer of the Falkland Islands Defense Force from the first day of January, 1948. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge your Duty as such in the Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel or in such higher Rank as you may from time to time hereafter be promoted or appointed to, of which a Notification will be made in the Falkland Islands Gazette; and you are at all times to exercise and well Discipline in Arms both the Inferior Officers and Men serving under you, and use your best endeavours to keep them in Good Order and Discipline. And I do hereby command them to obey you as their Superior Officer, and you to observe and follow such Orders and Directions as from time to time you shall receive from me or any of your Superior Officers, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in pursuance of the Trust hereby reposed in you.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Stanley, this first day of January in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine and in the thirteenth year of His Majesty's reign.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,

W. Somers

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley.

4th January, 1949.

It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments in the Falkland Islands Defence Force, with effect from the 1st of January, 1949:-

copy filed on P/429

— MAJOR K.S.P. BUTLER, 's. p. file.

to be Officer in Command, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

copy filed on P/17 -

CAPTAIN L.W. ALDRIDGE, M.B.E., E.D., J.P.,

to be 2nd in Command with the rank of Major,

and

CAPTAIN D.W. WILLIS,

to be Adjutant.

By Command,

Chambers

Acting Colonial

Copy filed in P/343/II - Mr. Mathews's
P. file

8th January,

49.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th December, 1948, and to inform you that His Excellency has accepted your resignation as Honorary Commandant of the Falkland Islands Defence Force with effect from the 31st of December, 1948.

2. I am also to convey to you an expression of His Excellency's appreciation of the interest taken by you in the Defence Force while it was under your command.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. Winter

Acting Colonial Secretary

Lieut.-Col.,

A.B. Mathews,

STANLEY.

O.B.E.,

VP.

Ship Hotel. 37
Stanley.
C-1-48.

To: The Commanding Officer,
F.I.D.F.



Sir,

When I was requested to accept
a commission in the F.I.D.F. I was
informed that the duties entailed
consisted of twelve hourly parades
and one ceremonial parade annually.

Since then conferences at inconvenient
times have become fairly numerous, and
with field exercises and night operations
being planned, I find that far more
of my time will be required than
I was given to understand at the
time of my joining the Force.

I therefore request that I may
be permitted to resign my
commission.

Repl 38

Yours faithfully
W. A. Lane

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Headquarters
Falkland Islands Defence Force.
Port Stanley.
Falkland Islands.
10 January 1949.

W. H. Young Esq.
Ship Hotel,
Port Stanley.

Sir,

37 With reference to your letter dated 4th January 1949.

I am to inform you that His Excellency has been acquainted of the contents of the above mentioned letter and wishes me to inform you that he accepts your resignation of a commission in the Defence Force.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant



K. S. Pierce-Butler Lt. Col.
Commanding Falkland Islands
Defence Force.

Copy to Major L. W. Aldridge.

PP

Office/attach Commission
to 32
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Regret destroyed
P. H. 2/1 27/1

Falkland Islands Defence Force,
Port Stanley.
21st June 1949

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To: H.H. O.A.G.
Falkland Islands.

Your Honour,

I have the honour to recommend the following officer for promotion in the Defence Force:-

Lieut D.W.O'Sullivan to Captain.

This officer has been responsible for Infantry Training in the Unit and has carried out this task with much zeal. He was commissioned as Lieutenant on 1st February 1943. On the departure of Captain Willis from the Colony I propose to recommend Lieutenant O'Sullivan to the post of Adjutant.

See p.18.

I also have the honour to recommend that the following O.R's be commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants in the Defence Force:-

Colour Sergeant W.J.Jones.

Private T.Marshall.

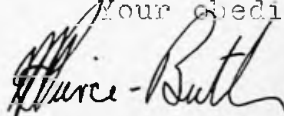
Colour Sergeant Jones has been with the Defence Force for 13 years during which time he has shown much keenness in training personnel placed under him.

Private Marshall is from U.K. and only joined the Unit in January of this year. He served in the Air Training Corps as a Warrant Officer Instructor prior to arriving in the Colony and ~~has~~ since joining the Defence Force has been responsible for part of the signal training in the Unit which he has carried out successfully.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant



Lieut. Colonel
Commanding Falkland Islands
Defence Force

pass to Cx information
commissioned in Gazette notice.

23rd June,

49.

Sir,

I am directed by the Officer Administering the Government to inform you that he has been pleased to appoint you to be an Officer in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with the rank of Second-Lieutenant.

2. I am to enclose herewith your Commission.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting Colonial Secretary.

2/4.

cc. T. Marshall,
STANLEY.

WIL.

Reply cc 45

The Honourable MICHAEL ROBERT RAYMER, ESQUIRE,
By ~~His Excellency~~

Officer Administering the Government
~~Governor and Commander in Chief~~

of the Colony of The Falkland Islands and its Dependencies,

(Sgd) MICHAEL R. RAYMER.

L. S.

To.....TREVOR MARSHALL, ESQUIRE.....Greetings:



Reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and Good Conduct: I do by these presents constitute and appoint you to be an Officer of.....~~the Falkland Islands Defence Force~~.....from the~~twenty-first~~.....day of.....~~June~~.....19~~49~~.... YOU are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge your Duty as such in the Rank of ~~Second-lieutenant~~..... or in such higher Rank as you may from time to time hereafter be promoted or appointed to, of which a Notification will be made in the *Falkland Islands Gazette*; and you are at all times to exercise and well Discipline in Arms both the Inferior Officers and Men serving under you, and use your best endeavours to keep them in Good Order and Discipline. And I do hereby command them to obey you as their Superior Officer, and you to observe and follow such Orders and Directions as from time to time you shall receive from me, or any of your Superior Officers, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in pursuance of the Trust hereby reposed in you.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Stanley, this....~~twenty-second~~.....day of.....~~June~~.....
Lord one thousand nine hundred and....~~forty-nine~~.....and in the.....~~fourteenth~~.....year of His Majesty's reign.

BY ~~HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND~~
the Command of the Officer Administering the Government,

R. Christie

Acting Colonial Secretary.

23rd June,

49.

Sir,

I am directed by the Officer Administering the Government to inform you that he has been pleased to appoint you to be an Officer in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with the rank of Second-Lieutenant.

2. I am to enclose herewith your Commission.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting Colonial Secretary.

2/4
Capt. W. J. Jones,
STANLEY.

WH.

The Honourable MICHAEL ROBERT RAYNER, ESQUIRE,
By ~~His Excellency~~

Officer Administering the Government
~~Governor and Commander in Chief~~

of the Colony of The Falkland Islands and its Dependencies,

(Sgd) MICHAEL R. RAYNER.

L. S.

To..... WILLIAM JOHN JONES, ESQUIRE..... Greetings :



Reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and Good Conduct: I do by these presents constitute and appoint you to be an Officer of..... **the Falkland Islands Defence Force,**..... from the **twenty-first**..... day of..... **June,**..... 19**49.**..... I am therefore carefully and diligently to discharge your Duty as such in the Rank of **Second-Lieutenant**..... or in such higher Rank as you may from time to

time hereafter be promoted or appointed to, of which a Notification will be made in the *Falkland Islands Gazette*; and you are at all times to exercise and well Discipline in Arms both the Inferior Officers and Men serving under you, and use your best endeavours to keep them in Good Order and Discipline. And I do hereby command them to obey you as their Superior Officer, and you to observe and follow such Orders and Directions as from time to time you shall receive from me, or any of your Superior Officers, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in pursuance of the Trust hereby reposed in you.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Stanley, this... **twenty-second**..... day of..... **June**..... in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and..... **forty-nine**..... and in the..... **fourteenth**..... year of His Majesty's reign.

BY ~~HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND~~,
the Command of the Officer Administering the Government,

R. White

Acting Colonial Secretary.

23rd June,

49.

Sir,

I am directed by the Officer Administering the Government to inform you that he has been pleased to approve of your promotion from the rank of Lieutenant to the rank of Captain in the Falkland Islands Defence Force, with effect from the 1st of June, 1949.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting Colonial Secretary.

Captain D. W. O'Sullivan,
STANLEY.

WH.

allg
allg
23/6/49



Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

24th June, 1949.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter, ref.0296, dated 23rd. instant, notifying my appointment as Second Lieutenant in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with effect from 21st June, 1949.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Marshall

2/Lt.

F. I. D. F.

The Honourable
The Acting Colonial Secretary,

Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

pps

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Port Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS. 46

0206

23th. July 1949.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit this, my application to resign my commission in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with effect from 1st. August 1949.

2. I will be leaving this Colony permanently during the early part of next month.

3. On receipt of your acceptance of my application, I will return all equipment drawn from the Q.M., F.I.D.F.

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



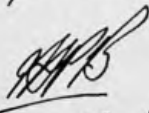
Captain, Adjutant,
The Falkland Islands Defence Force..

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

Reply 1447

Y.H.

I have the honour to forward the above application which I recommend should be accepted.



O.C. F.I.D.F. 30/7

2/c F.I.D.F.

Pls take necessary action

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

Ym.

21/7/49.

P.T.O.

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FAULKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE,
STANLEY, FAULKLAND ISLANDS.
1st August, 1949.

46

Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 28th of July, 1949, I am directed to inform you that His Honour the Officer Administering the Government has accepted your resignation from the commission held by you in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with effect from to-day's date.

(Sgd.) K. Pierce Butler.

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

Captain D. W. Willis,
STANLEY.

See file

*OK
5/8/49*

No.

0206

MINUTE.

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

20th Sept. 19 49.

From

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

To His Honour

The Officer Administering
the Government,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Following the departure of Capt. D. W. Willis the post of Adjutant, F.I.D.F., has become vacant.

I wish to recommend Capt. D. W. O'Sullivan to fill this post. Capt O'Sullivan is at present Weapon Training Officer to the Force and has previously served as Assistant Adjutant.

If my recommendation is approved, he will receive the £25 per annum provided for the Adjutant, and the similar allowance now paid to him as W.T.O. will cease.

I should be grateful if this appointment could take effect as from the 1st September, 1949.

W. J. B. Smith

Lieut-Col.

O/C. F. Is. Defence Force.

OC F.I.D.F.

Approved.

[Signature]
21/9/49.

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For necessary action per.

[Signature] 21/9

Copies to Treasury.

Audit

24th September,

49.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Officer administering the Government has been pleased to appoint you to be Adjutant, Falkland Islands Defence Force, with effect from the 1st September, 1949.

2. You will be paid an allowance at the rate of £25 per annum whilst carrying out the duties of Adjutant which includes those of Messengers Training Officer. The allowance formerly paid to you as Instructor to the Force will cease as from 31st August, 1949.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) R. WINTER,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Captain D. W. O'Sullivan,
F.I.D.F., Stanley.

WH.

U.F.C. Officer Commanding, F.I.D.F.

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NEW APPOINTMENT.

NAME.

DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE.

DATE.

REMARKS.

O'Sullivan, Capt. D.W.

Military

Adjutant

1.9.49

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Published in Gazette of 1.10.49.

WH.

WJH
27/9/49

51
John Street,

Stanley.

5th February 1951.

H.E. Sir G. Miles Clifford. K.B.E. C.M.G. E.D.

Sir,

I have been a member of the Territorial Army since my demobilisation in 1946, and most anxious to continue my service.

I have taken the liberty of appending details of my Army service.

In view of my former record I feel I could be of use to the Falkland Islands Defence Force, and should be most honoured by your Excellency's advice as to the possibility of obtaining a commission with the Force.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Francis D. Howard.

Reply at 53

CS

10/2/51.
Reply re. stating that I shall be pleased to grant him a Commission: I will discuss with Col. Butler on his return. MC. 9/11

Details of former service.

May.1940 to Nov.1942. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.
From the R.W.K's I volunteered for the
Reconnaissance Corps.

Nov.1942 to Apr.1946. 15th (Scottish) Reconnaissance Regiment.
While in England I was an instructor on
the 3" Mortar. The Regiment went to
Normandy shortly after D.Day and were in
action until the cessation of hostilities.

 In 1946 the Recce Corps were
disbanded, and I was transferred to the
14/20th King's Hussars.

Apr.1946 to Aug.1946. 14/20th King's Hussars, after which I was
demobilised with an exemplary character.

| During my service my highest rank was Serjeant.
While working in London I joined the "Inns-of-Court Regiment"
and served as an armoured car commander. I intended to apply
for a T.A.commission this year, but as I had obtained a
position with the Falkland Islands Company I was unable
to do so.

15th February,

51.

Sir,

51.

I am directed by the Governor to refer to your letter of the 5th of February, 1951, and to inform you that His Excellency will be pleased to grant you a commission in the Falkland Islands Defence Force, and to say that a further communication will be addressed to you on the return to Stanley of Lieutenant-Colonel R.E. Pierce Butler, Officer Commanding, Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Mr. F.D. Howard,
STANLEY.

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O/C F.I.D.F. (On return)
51-52. Will you please discuss with
H.C.S.
15.2.51.

H.C.S. I have discussed 51-52 with H.E.
In view of the ~~very~~ possibility of the Defence Force being reorganised in the
near future HE considers that we should write to Mr Howard thanking
him for his offer and explaining to him that as soon as the Force has
been reorganised we should be pleased to ~~for~~ use his services.
In the meantime there is little point in granting him a commission
W.P.B. 6/3/51

A.C.S. 11.11.51 accordingly W.P.B. 6/3/51.

10th March,

51.

CONFIDENTIAL

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 15th of February, 1951, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that in view of the possibility of the Falkland Islands Defence Force being reorganised in the near future it is not proposed to make any more appointments in the Force for the present. I am to inform you, however, that when the Defence Force is reorganised His Excellency will be pleased to accept your services and to grant you a Commission.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd/-) L. W. ALDRIDGE,

For COLONIAL SECRETARY.

F. D. Howard, Esq.,

STANLEY.

B.W. 30/4/51

36
Stanley.

0206
2nd August, 1951.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,
The Secretariat,
Stanley.



Sir,

Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I have the honour to submit this my resignation from the Falkland Islands Defence Force, as I shall be leaving the Colony on or about the 26th instant.

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

J. Marshall.
2/Lieut.

F.I.D.F.

Reply at 57.

ACS

Pl reply - express appreciation of the service performed by J. Marshall during his time in the Force.

3/8/51.

7th August,

51.

Sir,

56

I am directed by the Officer Administering the Government to refer to your letter of the 2nd of August, 1951, and to formally accept your resignation from the Falkland Islands Defence Force on your departure from the Colony.

2. I am to take this opportunity to express His Honour's appreciation of your services to the Force.

I am,

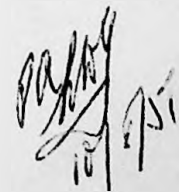
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) L.W. Aldridge

For COLONIAL SECRETARY.

T. Marshall, Esq.
STANLEY.

Handwritten signature and initials, possibly 'P. Marshall' and 'PS'.

H.C.S.,

As I shall be leaving the Colony on leave in the very near future, perhaps I may be permitted to offer the following suggestions for the administration of the Defence Force pending the introduction of a new Defence Force Ordinance :-

OFFICER COMMANDING.

The appointment of the Hon. Mr. C. Campbell, Colonial Secretary, to be Honorary Commandant as was done in the case of Mr. A. B. Mathews when Lieut.-Col. Woodgate left the Colony in 1947.

TRAINING.

That Capt. D. W. O'Sullivan, Adjutant, should continue to be responsible for the training of the Force.

STORES & ACCOUNTS.

That Lieut. J. Bound should continue in the post of Quartermaster, and that in addition to his normal duties he should assume control of the Commanding Officer's Fund (under C.O.'s. direction), as I have done for the past 10 years.

2. While I fully realise that you already have a very full plate, I do feel that your assumption of the Honorary Command of the Force will not increase your burden as the administration of the Force will go on as hitherto, but it will mean that either the Quartermaster or Adjutant will have a Senior Officer to whom they may refer in the event of any question arising which they are unable to deal with themselves.

A. H. Reynolds

Major.
2.i/c. F.I.D.F.

Y.E. Page 58.

Though I agree that a senior man should take over the job of Hon. Commandant, I do not think it would be proper for me to do so in view of the fact that I will later become D.A.G.

- No. 2) Two possible other candidates which occur to me are Mr. Cowbell as the Chief Constable. I don't think Capt O'Sullivan is up to it.
- 3) Y.E.'s directions are accordingly sought.

I doubt if Mr. Cowbell and, under it think that his ~~any~~ ^{senior} (commanded) was mainly in his own ~~preference~~ ^{preference} before that he was an 'other ranks' ~~only~~ ^{only}

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ACS 59

120 p. with file dealing
with new Defence Force Ordinance.

Q
7/3

ACS I think that Mr. Rayner has the
file referred to

LSG
7.3.52

Y.E.

Page 58.

If Y.E. agrees, I will take on the job of
Hon. Commandant while Major Aldridge is away.

In which case I will issue a gazette notice
as in 4 (b)

2) In the meantime I will try and finalize the
question of the new Defence Force Ordinance and, when
it is finished I suggest that Mr. Stokes then
be approached as a possible C.O.

Q
8/3

Aque. I think we need to consider the question of
rank, in my mind it is quite absurd to have a Lt. Col.
a Major and one or two Captains for a Force of 30-40

MC 8/iii

ACS

Please proceed with my gazette notice. Is there
anything to be handed over formally to me?

Q
8/3

ACS

No, Sir.

LSG
8/3

G A Z E T T E

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,

8th March, 1952.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment in the Falkland Islands Defence Force under Section (7) (i) of the Defence Force Ordinance, 1920 :-

COLIN CAMPBELL, ESQUIRE

to be Honorary Commandant with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel with effect from the 8th of March, 1952.

By Command,

Colin Campbell
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Ref: 0206.

B. B. B.
15/3/52
(Chapman)

61

18th June, 53.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be an Officer in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with the rank of Captain, with effect from the 16th of June, 1953.

2. His Excellency has also been pleased to appoint you to be an Aide-de-Camp.

3. Your Commission is enclosed.

62

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

Colonial Secretary.

Capt. J. R. Green,
STANLEY.

Reply 164

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See attached
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By His Excellency

Sir Miles Clifford, Knight Commander of the
Most Excellent Order of the British Empire,
Companion of the Most Distinguished Order
of Saint Michael and Saint George, upon whom
has been conferred the Efficiency Decoration,

Governor and Commander-in-Chief

of the Colony of The Falkland Islands and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral thereof.

To JOHN ROBERT GREEN, ESQUIRE, Greeting :



Reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and Good Conduct: I do by these presents
constitute and appoint you to be an Officer of the Falkland Islands Defence Force from the
..... day of June, 1953. YOU are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge
your Duty as such in the Rank of Captain or in such higher Rank as you may from time to

time hereafter be promoted or appointed to, of which a Notification will be made in the *Falkland Islands Gazette*; and you are at all
times to exercise and well Discipline in Arms both the inferior Officers and Men serving under you, and use your best endeavour to keep
them in good Order and Discipline. And I do hereby command them to obey you as their Superior Officer, and you to observe and
follow such Order and Directions as from time to time you shall receive from me, or any other your Superior Officer, according to the
Rules and Discipline of War, in pursuance of the Trust hereby reposed in you.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Stanley, this sixteenth day of June in the year of Our
Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three and in the second year of Her Majesty's reign.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,

Colonial Secretary.

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G A Z E T T E N O T I C E.

No. 38.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

24th June, 1953.

It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with effect from the 16th June, 1953: -

JOHN ROBERT GREEN, ESQUIRE,
to be Captain and Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

By Command,

C Campbell
Colonial Secretary.

Ref: 0206.

64

Please quote in reply.
No.....

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEPENDENCIES SURVEY,
PORT STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

25th June 1953

Sir,

61

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 0206 of 18th June, 1953, appointing me to be an Officer in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with the rank of Captain, with effect from the 16th June, 1953, and my Commission which was enclosed.

62

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I also acknowledge that I have been appointed Aide-de-Camp.

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

J.R. Cline

Assistant Secretary

THE HONOURABLE
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

PA
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65
copy in Personal file.

0206

3rd July,

53.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to approve your promotion from Lieutenant to Captain in the Falkland Islands Defence Force, with effect from the 16th of June, 1953.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) C. Campbell.

Colonial Secretary.

Captain J. Bound,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
STANLEY.

ack
I have a note for PO 44
was not forgotten at. *MT 6/7/53*

66

G A Z E T T E N O T I C E.

No. 41.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

10th July, 1953.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the promotion of Lieutenant J. Bound to the rank of Captain, Falkland Islands Defence Force, with effect from the 16th of June, 1953.

By Command,

C Campbell
Colonial Secretary.

Ref: 0206.

Pa

10th March,

54.


Sir,

I am directed to inform you that His Honour the Officer
Administering the Government has been pleased to approve your
promotion from 2nd Lieutenant to Lieutenant in the
Falkland Islands Defence Force, with effect from the
1st of March, 1954.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


Acting Colonial Secretary.

Lt. W.J. Jones,
STANLEY

u.f.s. Commanding Officer, Falkland Islands Defence Force.

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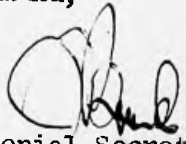
GAZETTE NOTICE.No. 14.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

8th March, 1954.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to
approve the promotion of 2nd Lieutenant W.J. Jones to
the rank of Lieutenant, Falkland Islands Defence Force,
with effect from the 1st of March, 1954.

By Command,


Colonial Secretary.

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11/3/54*

Ref: 0206.

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G A Z E T T E N O T I C E.

No. 20.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

26th April, 1955.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment in the Falkland Islands Defence Force under Section (7)(2) of the Defence Force Ordinance:-

AUBREY GORDON DENTON-THOMPSON, ESQUIRE, M.C.

to be Honorary Commandant with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel with effect from the 17th of April, 1955.

By Command,

A. G. Denton-Thompson

Colonial Secretary.

Carth

Ref. 0206.

DM

26th May,

55.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be Adjutant of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, with effect from the 1st of April, 1955.

2. Whilst so employed you will receive an allowance at the rate of £50 per annum.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. Bound

For COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Lt. W. Jones,
STANLEY.

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NEW APPOINTMENT.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Jones, Lieut. W. J.	Military	Adjutant F. I. D. F.	1. 4. 55.	-----

file 30/5

Mr. M.

P. Gazette 2/4. Ross - Mr W. Jones will
supply date - as on 68 "to be a

Second-Lieutenant." You might also ask
Mr. Jones whether Mr. Ross received a
letter and/or Commission as on 42 & 43 - he
evidently didn't as there is no file copy - W.H. 12

72 ACS

Wt. Jones reports that Mr. Goss was
commissioned on 28th May 1956. He has no
letter of appt. but does have a Commission.
We now gazette? - from the file it's difficult to tell.

lm

13/12/56.

Does on return.

- Can only trace 1 Lieut being gazetted (see 4)
1 2/Lt. " promoted
+ gazetted (see 68).

Shd. we gazette all commissions - Reg 4
(Defence Force) p. 158 Bd. vol. Says "officers on
being gazetted" but the word here is, I believe,
an army term meaning usual publication
in Force Orders..

Lt. 13/12/56

BU 22/12

1. Mr. Gavi appointment should be gazetted
2. He should receive a letter of appointment. If he has had a commission as at 62 - then should be a copy in the file.

L. J. H.

27.12.12.

B.

Mr. M.

He ascertain whether Mr. G. holds a copy similar to 62 - if he has pl. make a copy for file, if not pl. prepare, plus a letter. Was Lt. E. Rere on 28/5/56?

Lt. 27/12

19th January, 57.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be an Officer in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

2. I am to enclose herewith your Commission.

I am,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) A.G. Denton-Thompson

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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R.V. Goss, Esq.,
STANLEY.

OSWALD RAYNOR ARTHUR, ESQUIRE, COMMANDER
OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF
MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE, COMMANDER
THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER,

By His Excellency

(Sgd) O. R. Arthur

Governor and Commander-in-Chief

of the Colony of The Falkland Islands and its Dependencies

(Sgd) O. R. Arthur

L. S.

To RICHARD VICTOR GOSS, ESQUIRE

Greeting :



Reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Integrity and Good Conduct: I do by these presents constitute and appoint you to be an Officer of **the FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE** from the **twenty-eighth** day of **May** 19**56** and you are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge your Duty as such in the Rank of **2nd Lieutenant** or in such higher Rank as you may from time to

time hereafter be promoted or appointed to, of which a Notification will be made in the *Falkland Islands Gazette*; and you are at all times to exercise and well Discipline in Arms both the inferior Officers and Men serving under you, and use your best endeavour to keep them in good Order and Discipline. And I do hereby command them to obey you as their Superior Officer, and you to observe and follow such Order and Directions as from time to time you shall receive from me, or any other your Superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in pursuance of the Trust hereby reposed in you.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Stanley, this **twenty-eighth** day of **May** **1956** the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and **Fifty-six** and in the **Fifth** year of His Majesty's reign.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,

(Sgd) A. G. Denton-Thompson

Colonial Secretary.

C. S. Seal

G A Z E T T E N O T I C E .

No.4.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

22nd January, 1957.

It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with effect from the 28th May, 1956:-

RICHARD VICTOR GOSS, ESQUIRE
to be Second Lieutenant.

By Command,

H. G. Smith
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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Ref: 0206.

MC

29th March,

58.

Sir,

I am to request that you will assume command of the Falkland Islands Defence Force during my temporary absence from the Colony on leave.

2. Further, you are hereby authorised to operate the C.O.'s. fund during my absence. It should be operated in conformity with the previous policy and in the interests of the Falkland Islands Defence Force generally.

8/10/10 26 I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. G. Denton Thompson.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Captain J. Green,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,

STANLEY.

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I think there is an Rd file on the app. of Co. 79. 8/10/10
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G A Z E T T E N O T I C E.

No.19.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

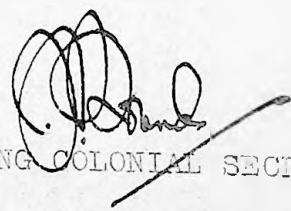
10th April, 1958.

It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor
has been pleased to appoint:-

Captain John Robert Green

to be in command of the Falkland Islands Defence Force during
the absence on leave of the Commandant.

By Command,


ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Ref:0206
DRM/MC

Falkland Islands Defence Force,
Headquarters,
Stanley.

Lt. Col. A.G. Denton-Thompson. M.C.
Commandant, F.I.D.F.

3rd November, 1959.

Sir,

I recommend the following promotions, and
submit for your approval:-

2nd/Lt. R.V. Goss.	to	Lieutenant
Sgt. P. Summers.	"	3/Sgt.
Cpl. H. Luxton.	"	Sgt.
L/Cpl. P. Peck.	"	Cpl.
L/Cpl. H. Ford.	"	Cpl.
L/Cpl. N. Goodwin.	"	Cpl.

All have been at their present rank for over three years,
have taken a very keen interest in all activities of the Force,
and have taken a great pride in their personal turn-out at parades.

Lt.

A. Jones.
Adjutant.

~~SECRET~~

0206

8th January 1960

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has approved your promotion to the rank of Lieutenant in the Falkland Islands Defence Force, with effect from the 15th January 1960.

I am to express His Excellency's congratulations on this promotion.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. G. Denton-Thompson.

A.G. Denton-Thompson Lt. Col.
Commandant Falkland Islands Defence Force

Reply at 93

Second Lieutenant R.V. Goss,
STANLEY.

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8th January 1960

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has approved your promotion to the rank of Captain in the Falkland Islands Defence Force, with effect from the 15th January 1960.

I am to express His Excellency's congratulations on this promotion.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A.C. Denton-Thompson

A.C. Denton-Thompson Lt. Col.
Commandant Falkland Islands Defence Force

W.H. Thompson

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Lt. W.J. Jones,
STANLEY.

AGLT/ST

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8th January 1960

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has approved your promotion to the rank of Major in the Falkland Islands Defence Force, with effect from the 15th January 1960.

I am to express His Excellency's congratulations on this promotion.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) A.C. Denton-Thompson

A.C. Denton-Thompson Lt. Col.
Commandant Falkland Islands Defence Force

Reply at 9#3

Capt. J.R. Green,
STANLEY.

AGDM/AM

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9th January 1960

I am asked to inform you that His Excellency the Governor has approved the following promotions in the Falkland Islands Defence Force:

2nd/Lt. B.V. Goss	to Lieutenant
Lt. W.J. Jones	to Captain
Capt. J.H. Green	to Major

These promotions will take effect from the 15th January 1960. The officers are being advised individually by letter.

In addition, I, as Commandant, have approved the following further promotions:

Sgt. P. Summers	to Staff Sergeant
Cpl. H. Luxton	to Sergeant
L/Cpl. P. Pook	to Corporal
L/Cpl. H. Ford	to Corporal
L/Cpl. R. Goodwin	to Corporal

These promotions should also take effect on the 15th January 1960.

You are requested to promulgate all these promotions in Force Orders.

Lt. Col. (s.d.) *Alfred Simpson*
Commandant

The Adjutant,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
Headquarters,
STANLEY.

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GAZETTE NOTICE

No. 7.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

11th January, 1960.

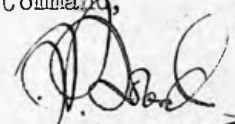
It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following promotions in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with effect from the 15th of January, 1960:-

CAPTAIN J.R. GREEN to the rank of Major

LIEUTENANT W.J. JONES to the rank of Captain

2ND LIEUTENANT R.V. GOSS to the rank of Lieutenant

By Command,


COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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Ref: 0206

LJH.

7 Drury Street,
Stanley.
14th January, 1960.

Lt. Col. A.G.Denton-Thompson, O.B.E., M.C.
Commandant,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
STANLEY.

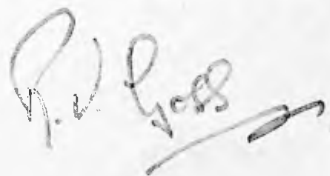
Sir,

I beg to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of the 8th January, 1960, informing me of my promotion to the rank of Lieutenant in the Falkland Islands Defence Force. I should be most grateful if you would express to His Excellency my gratitude and appreciation of the honour he has conferred upon me.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



2nd/Lt. F.I.D.F.

14.1.60.

Stanley #93
Falkland Islands
13th January 1960

Sir,

89 # I have the honour to
acknowledge receipt of your
letter dated 8th January 1960
informing me that His Excellency
the Governor has approved
my promotion to the rank of
Major in the Falkland Islands
Defence Force w.e.f. 15th January 1960.

I should be glad if my
appreciation of this honour
could be conveyed to His Excellency

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours Obedient Servant,

J. J. Shleen

Captain F.I.D.F.

Lt. Col. A.G. Dexter-Thompson O.B.E., M.C.,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
Stanley.

P.A.

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H.C.S.

We spoke about the appointment
of a C.O. for the F.I.D.F. file
submitted accordingly.

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21.10.60

1947

No successor has yet been appointed to Mr. Denton-Thompson as Commandant, Defence Force. The annexed file shows what has been done in the past. In 1947 Colonel Woodgate was the Officer Commanding. He was I think Executive Engineer, Public Works Department. When he was leaving he suggested the appointment of the then Colonial Secretary, Mr. Mathews as Honorary Commandant and that seems to have been the beginning as far as one can see of the practice of making such an appointment. (First page of 0206.) There was a suggestion on the 4th December, by the Governor Sir Miles Clifford that Captain Aldridge might be promoted to the rank of Major leaving the Colonial Secretary as Honorary Commandant - page 47, but it appears that Captain Aldridge was not promoted then. Presumably this continued until the end of 1948 when the Governor appointed Major Butler to be Officer Commanding the Defence Force and promoted him to the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel - page 28. I am told that Colonel Butler was in Fids. There is nothing about Colonel Butler's retirement but presumably he had left the islands by the 4th March, 1952 - page 58 - when Captain Aldridge by now a Major suggested that when he left the islands on leave the then Colonial Secretary, Mr. Colin Campbell should be made Honorary Commandant. Mr. Colin Campbell at first thought that it would be inappropriate for him to take this rank since he would later be Officer Administering the Government but eventually the appointment was made on the 8th March, 1952 - page 60. Apparently also no other Commandant was appointed and Mr. Colin Campbell remained as Honorary Commandant until he left and the next appointment was on the 26th April, 1955 when Mr. Denton-Thompson was appointed Honorary Commandant see page 69, and presumably he has remained as Honorary Commandant ever since. The appointment being particularly appropriate in his case since he was a soldier.

2. The appointment of Mr. Colin Campbell as Honorary Commandant appears to have been originally intended to be temporary whilst the new Defence Force Ordinance was being prepared, or rather while Major Aldridge was away - it being suggested by that time the new Defence Force Ordinance would be ready. However, the new Defence Force Ordinance did not come out until 18 months later - October, 1953 and there is nothing to show that either on Major Aldridge's return if he ever did return or on the passing of the new Ordinance Mr. Colin Campbell resigned the position of Honorary Commandant.

3. It seems on the face of it that other things being equal it is better to have a real Commandant who is doing the job rather than an Honorary one who isn't. I do not know whether Mr. Denton-Thompson left any recommendation with you before he gave up his post. I presume that Major Green is now the effective Commandant and it would appear appropriate to appoint him to the post. The Commandant has always apparently held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel so it would seem appropriate to promote him if he is being appointed Commandant. Presumably if any other promotions were necessary as a result he would be able to make a recommendation.

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RHDM/MF

H. C. S.

We spoke. Mr. Denton-Thompson thought that when he left, the best course would be for the new Colonial Secretary to become Honorary Commandant, as has happened in the past. He also held much the same views as those expressed by Sir Miles Clifford regarding the number of officers on page 59. I think it advisable for the prestige of the Force that the Colonial Secretary should be Honorary Commandant if he has not held military rank, and I think it would be a good idea for you to take this on. Section 8 (3) of the Ordinance states 'that the Commandant should be granted such local rank as the Governor may determine'. Presumably, therefore, I should appoint you with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, but it will not be necessary for you to get a uniform!

Handwritten initials

28th October 1960

*Rem. to G. W. to be
pl
H. C. S.
applied to*

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G A Z E T T E N O T I C E

No. 53

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

29th October, 1960.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment in the Falkland Islands Defence Force under Section 8 of the Defence Force Ordinance, 1954:-

RICHARD HENRY DAVID MANDERS, ESQUIRE, O.B.E.,

to be Honorary Commandant with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel with effect from the 28th October, 1960.

By Command,

Richard

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Ref: 0206

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28th December, 1961.

Commandant,
F.I.D.F.

Dear Sir,

I am making arrangements to go to Montevideo on the next trip of the Darwin and return to Stanley 14th February.

Lt. Goss is willing to act as Adjutant during my absence and I ask for your approval before having it posted in Orders. I would suggest he takes over the duties on the 1st January.

Since I was appointed Adjutant in 1955, I have not been away on holiday, so the question of payment for a person acting as Adjutant during my absence has never come up. If you should agree that my salary continues, payment for an Acting Adjutant would have to be met from Incidentals or the C.O's. Fund.

I should be grateful of your views on this subject.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

W. Jones

Adjutant,
F.I.D.F.

Reply at 105.

99.

1. Has made a question over area about an Adjutant
2. What happened on his (Capt) return for Miss Smith as Breach Sunday? (House) also on hand. 2.
3. What has been the difference between the two cases?
4. D. also allowance variation provided in the 1st 2

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At. J

99. Capt. O'Sullivan was Adjutant when he went on leave in 1951. It is not recorded here who took over his duties as Adjutant but I think Major Aldridge did. Being At. J, in all probability no allowance was paid.

2. When Mrs. Smith went away last year she went off pay entirely as there was no leave entitlement.

3. Adjutant does not earn leave.

4. In this case Lt. Cross does not receive a salary from personal emoluments.

HCS.

I think when O'Sullivan was Adjutant the payment was ¹⁰¹ made as an allowance and therefore ceased when an officer proceeded 2.1.62 on leave and doubt part wd be made to the Acting Officer. It is no longer shown as an allowance but rather as a form appointment and such it wd continue to be paid while on leave. Unfortunately it is not quite as simple as that because as S/C states

The appointment does not carry leave entitlement & as Mr Jones' visit to Divido is in no way connected with his duties as Adjutant, I feel the allowance shd. cease & payment be made to the acting officer.

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H.C.S.,

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The post of Adjutant carries no entitlement to leave. The salary is paid so long as the holder continues to fulfill the duties of the post. If Mr Jones take a holiday abroad & Mr Goss is appointed to be Adjutant during his absence the salary will be paid to Mr Goss during that period & Mr Jones will be off the F.I.D. payroll.

L.L.

6.1.62

0206

8th January,

62.

Sir,

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I am afraid that since your letter of 28th December 1961 came we have been very busy and I am sorry I have not replied sooner. There is no objection at all to your going on leave and I approve the appointment of Licut. Goss to act. But unfortunately the post of Adjutant carries no leave entitlement so that no extra money will be available and your allowance should be paid to Licut. Goss in your absence.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) R.H.D. Manders

For Commandant

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Adjutant,
F.I.D.F.,
STANLEY.

RHDH/JH

8.1.62

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76 Davis Street,
Stanley.

Lt. Col. R.H.D. Manders.
Commanding Officer,
F.I.D.F.

8th May, 1962.

Thro' Major J.R. Green.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to inform you that in my present employment I cannot spare the time to carry out efficiently the duties of Adjutant and Instructor to the Defence Force. To run the Force efficiently one must be in a position to devote a considerable amount of time and thought towards planning and arranging a syllabus of training which should be progressive and as interesting as possible, one for summer and one for winter months, and also social and competitive activities within the Force, without which one cannot expect to promote and hold the interest of the members. To make full use of the N.C.O.'s. an annual instructional class should be held, based on the syllabus, so one can be sure that each N.C.O. is well acquainted with each subject contained in the syllabus, and that he fully understands the part he will be expected to play when the programme is put into operation.

Because I cannot find the time to prepare and organize this form of training, members are loosing interest and will continue to do so as long as the Force is run on the present lines. Apart from shooting there is no incentive for persons to join the Force. Twelve ordinary drills, classification and ceremonial parades, illfitting uniforms and uncomplimentary remarks from the public will not hold a member's interest, or encourage others to join. This unfortunate state of affairs does exist, and I have on several occasions during the past five years brought to the notice of the Commanding Officer the difficulty in running the Force with a part-time Adjutant.

As I feel I can no longer continue under the present circumstances, I respectfully request to be placed on the Retired List of the Force as from the 30th June, 1962.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Capt. *A. Jones*

Adjutant.
F.I.D.F.

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" " 0838

To : The Officer Commanding Falkland Islands Defence Force,
From : Major J.R. Green.

106 Captain Jones spoke to me about the enclosed letter some time ago, but he has taken some time to think it over.

We held a meeting in your office over a year ago to discuss this problem and it was agreed at the time that Captain Jones would "give it another go" and report in due course. This he has now done, and he now submits his conclusions.

I must own to complete sympathy with his position and have long felt that a cold re-appraisal of the role of the Defence Force and its present day constitution is required.

Answers to the following questions are required:-

- (a). Is a Defence Force necessary for the protection of the Colony?
- (b). If so, is the Colony prepared to spend more money in providing up to date equipment, uniforms and adequate instruction and exercises, without which the Force can never be effective?

In my view there can be no justification for maintaining a Defence Force solely for three or four ceremonial parades a year, rifle shooting and canteen facilities. Such a force could be called something else, and assembled solely for these purposes.

Field craft and weapon training are necessary only if the Force has a military role and to do this properly, a full or part time ex-regular Sergeant Major would be essential. Then the Adjutant could well do a whole time job outside and fit in his reduced F.I.D.F. work in his spare time.



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" " 0838

Y.E.,

Please see 106 & 107. This question first came up when Major Green was in the South in 1960/61 season. We persuaded the Adjutant to stay on until he had come back. I then discussed the matter again with him and Major Green. We were unable at that time to think of any satisfactory solution other than the appointment of a full time Adjutant. Later on Lt. Goss offered to help Captain Jones and Captain Jones agreed to stay on a bit longer on those terms.

Now we are back where we started. I discussed this with Major Green who thinks that we are unlikely to get enthusiasm going again unless we get a full time instructor, and he is very keen on Commando stuff bearing in mind the fact that if an enemy came here they would presumably occupy Stanley at once and all that the Defence Force could do would be harassing guerilla warfare.

Naturally we spoke about the Defence Force to Mr. Marnham when he visited the headquarters and met the adjutant. Mr. Marnham thought that as regards numbers, considering our population, we were quite good but thought that we might introduce some more interests other than 'square bashing'. At that time the Adjutant said that he was thinking of giving up and Mr. Marnham hoped he would carry on. To-day I discussed the possibilities of the Defence Force with the only other officer namely Lt. Goss, whose point of view as a Legislator might also be useful to obtain.

My view of the situation at present is as follows -

1. Captain Jones has no doubt done excellent work. It is unfortunate that he now has a very busy job and cannot give the time that he used to. I gather from what I hear that his great weakness is that he is bad at delegating authority.
2. For the above reason I believe that the Defence Force now is at a low head. *ebb*
3. We do not know that it will be possible to revive interests in the Defence Force but on the other hand we do not know that it will not. I believe that they used to get quite a lot of fun out of field days etc. in the past and I believe that this sort of thing could be organized again. The signalling is a thing which was mentioned by Mr. Marnham and which has been done in the past and could no doubt be done again.
4. I understand that Lt. Goss did quite good work as a Sgt. Major. Captain Green told me that this was so and that in a way it was unfortunate that he was ever promoted. He himself tells me that he regards himself as in a way having been promoted out of the Force since there is not enough work for two officers and in practice there was nothing he could do except fire off the guns. The arrangement which we planned whereby he was going to help the Adjutant did not work because the Adjutant never gave him anything to do.

I of course did not suggest to Lt. Goss that he should be Adjutant. He said in the course of our discussion that he certainly would not dream of applying for the job in the place of Captain Jones but that if Captain Jones definitely left he would try to do his best. I know that the H.C.T. considers it unlikely that we would be able to justify the employment of a full time Adjutant at present. I feel that we should let Lt. Goss have a try.

I do not think the Defence Force would get much worse than it is at present, though it is possible that some of the present members would leave. I think there is a very reasonable chance that he would be able to make quite a good ^{job} of it and pull it together. There is one point which Lt. Goss mentioned. Our armourer is now getting near to the time when he can retire. He has recently had a slight stroke and is at present out of action. We are hoping that he will be back soon but cannot be quite sure how long he will stay with us. Mr. Goss thought that if he went it would be necessary to recruit a full time officer possibly an N.C.O. from home with the help of our Sister Regiment. Mr. Goss thought and I agree that if we could get the right type of man it would be possible then to have an honorary adjutant.

Copy to 0838.
RHDM/IM
15th May, 1962.

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H.C.S.

The time is fast approaching when we must consider the future of the Defence Force. At 107 in this file Major Green posed two questions, the first of which is: Is the Defence Force necessary for the protection of the Colony? To answer this, one has to consider what the Defence Force could do in the event of an emergency. The answer is, I think, very little. Any attacking force would presumably have Stanley as its first objective, and the Defence Force could do little to impede an enemy landing. Its numbers are insignificant and its weapons obsolete. With an enemy in occupation of Stanley, I cannot see the Defence Force "taking to the hills". Civilian soldiers can hardly be expected to employ guerrilla tactics while their wives and families are in enemy hands. In a place of this size, the enemy could find out in a couple of days which men were the guerrillas, and hold their wives and families as hostages. If we decide, therefore, that the Defence Force can fulfil no useful role in the protection of the Colony, the second question posed by Mr. Green falls away. There is no point in spending more money in providing up-to-date equipment, uniforms, adequate instruction and exercise, modern weapons etc. if the Force could fulfil no useful military purpose.

2. We are thus left with the remaining functions of the Defence Force, which are merely to undertake three or four ceremonial parades a year, and to provide rifle shooting and canteen facilities.

3. The question of rifle shooting is a debatable subject. At present no one can take part in rifle shooting unless he is over thirty or a member of the Defence Force. This means that young men who are keen on rifle shooting have to join the Defence Force in order to be able to shoot on the range. Young men coming to the Colony, such as those working in the Met. and Ionospheric Services, cannot shoot on the range unless they join the Defence Force. I must confess that this seems to me an out-dated procedure.

4. Neither do I consider that the various ceremonial parades are really vital. It is good to see the Defence Force well turned-out on parade, but their numbers are very few, and it is never easy for the Adjutant to get a good turn out. It was very different in the past when, I believe, 50 or 60 men used to be on parade.

5. I think there is little hope of reviving interest in a Force such as this, and I am sure it is going to be increasingly difficult to maintain such little interest as there is at present. When I first came, a camp used to be arranged with the Royal Marines, but this became difficult, because the active members of the Force were all employed, and it amounted to an extra holiday on pay. I do not think any gave up their normal holidays to attend the camps, but I am not quite certain on this point. In any event, the necessity for the camp, field days, etc. falls away if the Defence Force can fulfil no useful military purpose.

6. There remains the question of what to do when Captain Jones is placed on the retired list as from the 30th June. This is not a matter in which we should take any hasty decision, and I agree that Lt. Goss should act as Adjutant for the next six months or so, but I feel that during the forthcoming financial year we must consider the whole future of the Force. I really cannot envisage the Legislature agreeing to our employing a full time officer to take the place the Armourer when he retires.

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Friday
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[Handwritten signature]

May 19, 1962

Copy to 0838

Letter to Captain Jones as at 1/2
We must get out a letter appointing
Mr Goss to act

or 5/1

15/5/62

2 June, 62.

Sir,

I am directed to accept with regret your resignation from the post of Adjutant, Falkland Islands Defence Force with effect from the 30th June, 1962, and to express His Excellency's appreciation of the excellent work you have done as Adjutant.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) R.W.D. Menders. *m*COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. W. J. Jones,
STANLEY.

RWDH/TH

copy in P/447

14 June, 62.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to act as Adjutant, Falkland Islands Defence Force, with effect from the date of Captain Jones' retirement on 1st July, 1962.

2. The post carries an allowance of £100 per annum.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) R.H.D. Manders.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Lt. R. V. Goss,
STANLEY.

HLB/FH

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Adjutant

NEW APPOINTMENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Goss, Lieut. R. V.	Military	Adjutant, F.I.D.F.	1.7.62	-----

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TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Jones, Captain W.	F.I.D.F.	Adjutant	30.6.62.	<i>Retired</i> Resigned

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16th

4th June,

62.

Sir,

Further to my letter of 2nd June, 1962, I am directed to inform you that approval has been granted to you being placed on the retired list with effect from 30th June, 1962.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) R.H.D. Manders.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Bel H&C return 20.10.62 (109)

JH
R&C

Mr. W. J. Jones,
STANLEY.

HLB/FH

G.E.

117.

The question of what happens to officers who are transferred appears to need consideration.

I think the proper thing would be for them to resign but this necessity seems to have been lost sight of in the past. As regards Mr. Denton Thompson I do not think any action is needed now; as regards Mr. Green

✓ I think I could now ask him politely to resign.

As regards myself, lest it should be forgotten I respectfully tender my resignation as from the date of my leaving the colony.

I wonder whether G.E. would consider appointing Mr. Gray as my successor? If it is thought worth considering I could

✓ discuss with the Adjutant. It would no doubt be unusual and I imagine that in time of war he would have to resign as Lt Adjutant take command but I can see no real objection in our circumstances.

28/2/63.

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This arose on another file. I have noted that Mr. Green is not in future to be referred to as Major Green and am amending the list of names accordingly.

28/2/63

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Letter to Mr. Green at G/C.

1.3.63

By 2 weeks to remain as above
talking to the Adjutant
2/3/63.

ACS. (Hon Sec FIDF Club)

I would very much like it if on his
visits to Stanley he would have the
privilege of using the Club.

But he will have to be on the
retired list like Bill Jones.
Does this matter?

If all O.K. I would like
to add something about that

re
1/3/63.

Hon Sec.

It would not be automatic, but
I am sure if he applied for honorary member-
ship it would receive sympathetic consideration

I think I would say
anything from
now

1.3.63

52, March, 1963.

Dear Johnnie,

The question came up the other day of what happens about people like you and me who have been appointed officers in the Defence Force when they leave us. Up till now nobody seems to have worried about this but I think it would be better if from now on we regularized things and if in future when officers could no longer carry on their duties owing to the fact that they would no longer live in the Colony they sent in their resignation.

If you agree perhaps you would send in your formal resignation.

Yours sincerely,

R.H.D. Manders.

Mr. J. R. Green,
STANLEY.

RHD/TH

OK 15.3.63 (119)

Reply at 101

Stanley

121

14th March 1963

The Commanding Officer
The Falkland Islands Defence Force

Sir,

I have the honour to submit,
this my application to be placed
on the retired list of the Defence
Force since, on my change of
residence, I am no longer able
to serve in an active capacity.

I should be most
grateful if I could be granted
the usual rights and privileges
extended to retired officers
of the Force.

I am, Sir,

Yours Obedient Servant

M. Green
Major F.I.D.F.

G. E. 121 submitted.

I happened to meet him Green at a drinks
hank's before 121 came in. He would like
to be able to go on using the Defense Force Club.

He tells me that he is a Captain in the
regular Army. I said that it was proper
unfortunate that officers who held ranks
in the Defense Force here should go on using
their ranks elsewhere and I said he was to
wait. ~~He~~

He would have liked to have been able to
go on the retired list but he has not done
12 years service now was he forty and when he
left. He has however been made ^{honorary} member of
the Defense Force Club.

I can explain to him.

8th 18/4/63.

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19.4.63

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Commandant/

RETIRED LIST - DEFENCE FORCE.

Section 15 (1) of Ordinance No. 4/54 reads:

Any member who has been returned with efficiency for at least eighteen years or who has been returned with efficiency for at least twelve years and has attained the age of forty-one years.

Major Green will be forty-one on 28th May, 1963.

W.F.
4/4/63

G.E. The question of my successor as
Commandant arises. Please see 95 where the
general question was discussed.

I think we may definitely say now that the
Defense Force has passed successfully through the period
of 'probation' in which in our minds we put it
during the last year and that with Liebenow's loss
as Adjutant it has gained a new life and is on
the up grade at present. (Here discussed with

the Adjutant the question of my successor. He suggests, and
I ~~think~~ agree, that we should wait until we who
was Colonial Secretary is and after he has been here say a
month he might be able to get into with him and be
a help hand. He may of course be a soldier himself.

I do not think that the Adjutant is very keen on the going
being Commanding Officer and I think there is the trouble that
he would perhaps not have quite the necessary prestige
It seems a pity that we cannot have the benefit of Mr. Gray's
military experience but I don't think there is room for
another officer. Mr. Gray was sent in once to see a fellow;

I would like him to be a kind of honorary adviser and
I have suggested to the Adjutant that he might be a help ~~hand~~
but we must not do anything which would offend the
Adjutant.

C.S. could see him before on arrival
and perhaps G.E. the Adjutant could discuss
after about a month?

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10.7.63
JR

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B.D. arrival of new C.S.

30.9.63