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FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE

Requests for Certificates of Service

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Date 25 July, 1952. 1528

No. 136 Saving.



W.C. Girling.

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I enclose a copy of a letter, with enclosure, received through the British Empire Service League, London, and should be grateful to learn whether it is possible to provide the required Certificate for transmission to Canada.

Reply at 5.

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THE CANADIAN LEGION OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE SERVICE LEAGUE

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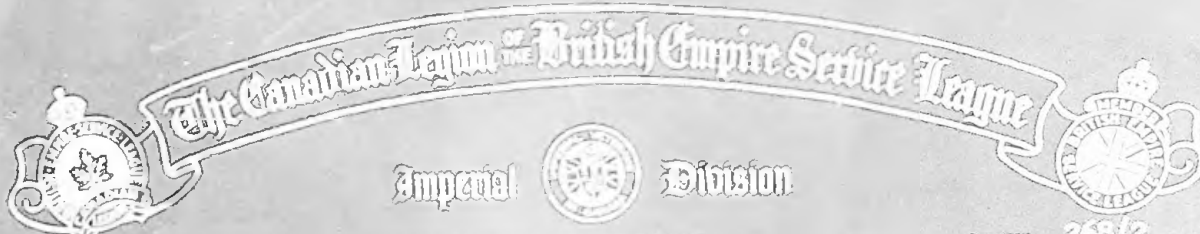
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YOUR REF. _____

10th June, 1952

DUPLICATE COPY

The Honorary Secretary,
British Empire Service League,
19 Manchester Square,
London, W.1., England.

Re: Mlost. - GIBLING, V.C.
2612 Western Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith Declaration which has been completed
in respect of lost Discharge Certificate in the case of the above
named, the replacement of which perhaps you would kindly obtain
through the normal channels.

Yours truly,
R. Hammer
R. Hammer,

IMPERIALS' SERVICE OFFICER.

RECEIVED
JUN 11 1952

"They served till death! Why not we?"

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D E C L A R A T I O N

With regard to the loss of Certificate of Service, Character Certificate, Certificate of Transfer or Re-transfer to the Reserve, or Discharge Certificate.

I, (i) W.C.GIRLING do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have lost my (ii) _____ and that the following are the true circumstances under which the loss occurred.

(iii)
(Full particulars)
(as to loss must be)
(inserted here)

never furnished . I was commissioned in the Falkland Islands Defence Force in August 1914, I left the Colony in July 1915 having resigned my Commission.

and I have no reason to think that it has passed into the hands of any other person; I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the sixth year of the reign of his late Majesty King William IV, cap. 62, entitled "The Statutory Declaration Act. 1935"

Signature of Declarant W. C. Girling

Regimental or Army Number and Rank Lieutenant

Regiment from which soldier was discharged
or transferrred to Reserve FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE

Present Age 86 Place of Birth Somerset, England

Present Address of Declarant 2612 Western Avenue,
North Vancouver, B.C.

Signed in the presence of, and declared before me, this 28 day of May, 1952, at North Vancouver in the County

_____ (in the Borough of _____) one

of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of New

(said Borough of Westminster).

Signature of J.P., or
Commissioner of Oaths,
of Notary Public

H. E. E. E.
A Justice of the Peace in and for
the Province of British Columbia

- (i) State Name
(ii) Insert Certificate of Service, Character Certificate, Certificate of transfer or Re-transfer to the Reserve, or Discharge Cert.
(iii) Insert the particulars of how the loss occurred, the date and place at which it occurred.

NOTE: A Notary Public must affix his Seal.

YOU ARE WARNED THAT IF THE DECLARATION MADE ABOVE BE FALSE? OR UNTRUE
IN ANY CASE

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OKS

ben. van. base 14. Dec. 1911

of ... if ... 86!!

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Extract from official muster Roll of
F. I. V. F. 1914-1919.

180. Eiding, W. C. Rank 13.8.14 10 months resign. June, 1915.

21/8/52

... Honorable Discharge

WAR OFFICE
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F. I. ref: 1927

C. O. ref: MIL/P 33

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 21st August, 1952.

No. ¹⁹¹ ~~136~~ SAVING. ~~COUSIN.~~

/ Your Saving Telegram No. 136 dated 25th July, 1952. W. G. Girling

Certificate of Service with Falkland Islands Volunteer Force (now
Falkland Islands Defence Force) in respect of person named attached for
transmission to Canada.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that
Lieutenant W. C. Girling
having been attested on the
16th January, 1901,
and Commissioned on the
13th August, 1914,
was honourably discharged from the
Falkland Islands Volunteer Force on the
15th June, 1915,
after having faithfully and efficiently
served therein for a period of
14 years and 5 months.

Headquarters,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.
21st August, 1952.

(Sga.) C CAMPBELL
Lieutenant-Colonel,
Officer Commanding.

Saving.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of..... FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 10 SEP 1952

No. 155 Saving.



Lieutenant Trevor Marshall

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— I enclose a copy of a letter from the Air Ministry, and should be grateful to learn whether the particulars required in connection with Lieutenant Marshall's service with the Falkland Islands Defence Force can be supplied.

Reply at 12.

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Tm. Holborn 3434 Bttn 1811

Correspondence on the subject of this letter should be addressed to:-

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

AIR MINISTRY A.R.1

and should quote this reference:-

A.R.1/3

Your ref

SPECIAL DELIVERY

3 SEP 1952

SECTION

CHIEF

REGISTRAR AIR MINISTRY

30 AUG 1952

LONDON, W.C.2.

CLONAL OFFICE

20 SEP 1952

Sir,

Lieutenant Trevor MARSHALL

I am directed to inform you that the above-mentioned officer has submitted an application for a short service commission in the Royal Air Force ~~Regiment~~ and states that he served in the Falkland Islands Defence Force from ~~the~~ 1948 to ~~the~~ 1951.

2. I am to request that this Department may be notified of the dates of this officer's appointments and promotions and, if applicable, the dates of his release and of the end of terminal leave, together with any period which may have been served in non-commissioned rank.

3. I am also to enquire whether this officer's record and service were satisfactory and whether there is any known reason why he should not be considered for appointment to a commission in the Royal Air Force.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

John

The Secretary,
The Colonial Office,
Great Smith Street S.W.1.

G.309985/JWE/11/51/500.



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A. C. S.

2/Lt. Marshall's service pt.

In the ranks 17-1-49 - 20-6-49.

Commissioned 21-6-49

Left Colony 29-8-51

W.H.
23/X/52

M. S.

Re. per. the usual cost. of Bre.

with draft reply to 7


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FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that

2nd-Lieutenant T. Marshall
.....

having been attested on the

..... 17th January, 1949

was honourably discharged from the Force on the

..... 29th August, 1951

after having faithfully and efficiently served therein for
a period of ...2..... years and 225..... days.

HEADQUARTERS,
STANLEY.

29.10.52

(Sgd.) C. Campbell Lieutenant-Colonel

Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE.

In the Ranks (Private)17th January, 1949.

Commissioned (2nd-Lieutenant) 21st June, 1949.

F. I. ref: 6855/H.

C. O. ref: DEF 157/245/24.

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 5th November, 1952.

No. 219 SAVING. C.I.M.F.

7 Your saving telegram No. 155 of 10th September, 1952. 2nd-Lieutenant Trevor Marshall.

10 Particulars of service of person named with Falkland Islands Defence Force, enclosed herewith.

2. Reference paragraph 5 of Air Ministry's letter of 29th August 1952, 2nd-Lieutenant Marshall's service with the Falkland Islands Defence Force was satisfactory and there is no known reason why he should not be considered for appointment to a commission in the Royal Air Force.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

Re

Saving

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 31 March, 1953No. 46 Saving

12.5 Your savingram No. 191 of the
21st August, 1952.

W.C. Girling.

14 I enclose a copy of a further
letter received from the Canadian Legion
of the British Empire Service League.

11 2. I should be grateful to learn
whether the required information can be
supplied from local records.

Copy at 16
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*CS - Mr Girling seems
to be sketching a map
for D
m/s*

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Year 1953
Code No. 268/2

23rd January, 1953

The Honorary Secretary,
The British Empire Service League,
19 Manchester Square,
London, W.1., England.

DUPLICATE COPY

Re: Lieut. GIRLING, W.S.
2612 Westown Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

The above-named man served with the Falkland Islands Volunteer Force from 1901 to 1915. He is now an applicant for War Veterans' Allowance under the Canadian Government scheme. In order to qualify he must have served in an actual theatre of war and he must have been a member of the Armed Forces proper. It is his claim that his Service with the Defence Force on the Falkland Islands in 1914 constituted Service with the Armed Forces proper and it is also his claim that the Falkland Islands at that time was a theatre of actual war inasfar as there was Naval action in the territorial waters of the Islands and that the enemy landed troops and engaged in combat with the Volunteer Forces.

We have been asked to make representations to the War Veterans' Allowance Board on the eligibility of Mr. Girling, but first of all we would like to ascertain for sure the status of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and secondly the veracity of Mr. Girling's statement insofar as the Islands themselves are concerned. It is our understanding that there had been Naval action most definitely at the Falkland Islands, but as to whether the enemy landed troops and engaged in combat with the Volunteer Forces, our records do not appear to bear out Mr. Girling's statement.

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It would, therefore, be appreciated if confirmation of
factual or other data could be given by the Tax Office specifically so that
it may have substantial evidence on which to approach the Tax Veterans
Administration.

Very truly,
Yours,
H. H. H. H.

RECEIVED OCTOBER 1961

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F. I. ref: 0838/H

C. O. ref: MIL 1/33

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 18th May, 1953.

No. 62. SAVING. COLONY.

1 2 Your Saving Telegram No. 46 of 31st March, 1953. W. C. Girling.

Service in the Falkland Islands Volunteers cannot be construed as service with the Armed Forces proper nor is it considered that the Falkland Islands was at that time a theatre of war.

2. No enemy troops (other than prisoners) landed in the Falkland Islands during the 1914-15 war and the Volunteer Force did not engage in combat.

GVERNOR.

Re.

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I 'phoned F.I.C. about this who
said family still in the Falklands,
and the best thing to do would be
to contact F.I.D.F. '

MW.

BRIDEMOOR COTTAGES
BRIDEMOOR - NR. REDRUTH
CORNWALL ENGLAND

11th FEBRUARY, 1966

to His Excellency, the Governor
of the Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir,

I would be grateful if you could help me, with regards to my obtaining, confirmation, of having served as a member of the Falkland Island Mounted Regiment in The Defence force during the last war.

I am most anxious to obtain this information, as I have been requested, by The British Legion, who are considering helping my wife and I.

Since leaving the Falkland Islands I have become badly disabled (multiple ~~sclerosis~~ ^{sclerosis}) and I am sure that you will understand that it is vitally important for me to be able to prove to them that I did serve in H.M. Forces, at present I have not got anything to do so, (not even my discharge papers!)

It would mean a tremendous lot, to us if you could kindly help in this matter. any expenses involved in your doing so we would gladly meet the cost (air mail reply would be much appreciated). I was at NORTH ARM, at the time of enlistment.

Yours faithfully

Thanking you most sincerely
R J. Burns (ROBERT JAMES BURNS) Reval at 20.



TO

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS
GOVERNMENT HOUSE
PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS
SOUTH ATLANTIC

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Sender's name and address: MR R. J. BURNS
BRIDGE MOOR COTTAGES
BRIDGE MOOR. NR. REDUTH
CORNWALL ENGLAND.

AN AIR LETTER SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY
ENCLOSURE; IF IT DOES IT WILL BE SURCHARGED
OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

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2nd March,

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Sir,

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I am directed to refer to your letter of the 11th February, 1961, addressed to His Excellency the Governor and to enclose herewith a certified true copy of your Discharge Certificate from the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgt.) H. W. Bounel.

f. COLONIAL SECRETARY.

R. J. Burns, Esq.,
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Bridgemoor,
Nr. Redruth,
Cornwall,
ENGLAND.

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