

SECRET

WAR/W2G/1#12

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1941.

No. S/20/41. (M)

Secretary of State.

SUBJECT.

1941.

PROPOSED GARRISON - BILLETING.

Preliminary Arrangements.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

1. Broadcast by H.E. the Governor on 16/1/42
2. Excerpt from Governor's telegram to S. of S. No. 6
Most Secret of 16/1/42
3. Public Notice of 20/3/42
4. Minute from Billeting Officer of 18/4/42.

Minutes excerpted from M.P. S/20/41.

Y/E. Referred, pl.

(Itld.) L.W.A.
for C.S.
20/4/42.

Red () will give Major Woodgate an indication of the numbers of the garrison envisaged and red () the nature of the force.

The Billeting Officer has not yet finished his work in my opinion. He should have prepared and in complete readiness billeting details for each of the three forces in (). There must be in readiness a company of suitable size to guide the billeting officer of the incoming garrison to the houses, furnishing him with exact details and numbers for each house. After that any changes are up to the incomers.

Arrangements must be so prepared that immediately the parade of the incoming troops is complete. every single man of them will be marched to his quarters, guided by the Defence Force company mentioned - and this should not take more than 20 minutes after the parade has taken place.

The incomers cannot know the plan of Port Stanley and therefore we act for them in the first instance.

Adjustments and changes are thereafter the concern of the incomers.

(Itld.) A.W.C.
21/IV/42.

Subsequent Paper.

O/C. Troops & Billeting Officer,
To note, and for
necessary action, please.

(Itld.) L.W.A.
for C.S.
21/4/42.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

His Excellency's Commands noted
and necessary action is being taken.

With a view to saving the time of the N.C.O's. who
will doubtless be asked numberless questions at each house, I
propose that either a note be made of these or residents be
told to write their questions to me but in any case they will
be replied to each evening over the broadcast system. This
will ensure greater consistency in the answers, and in many
cases give an answer which the N.C.O. is quite unable to give.

May His Excellency's approval be sought urgently,
please. Copy of broadcast attached.

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(Itld.) J.A.W. O.C. Troops.
22/4/42.

Y/E.

Will you approve proposed broadcast, please ?.

(Itld.) L.W.A.
for C.S.
22/4/42.

Why is this necessary ? The Ladies' Committee obtained the
information obtainable and surely on that a scheme can be
prepared in the office.

We have to deal with local circumstances which we cannot
alter and nothing can be gained by continuous worrying of the
civilian population.

The point is - there are three schemes. one of which has
to be put into force if a garrison is sent here. There is no
question except that of our having in any case to meet that of
billeting and without any hope of alterations &c. The troops
must cut their cloth as they find it.

The idea was a simple one - information was gathered by the
Ladies Committee; on that the three schemes were to have been
prepared; The Appeal Committee would have been appointed;
Scheme "A" published & so on.

(i.e. 500 men)

(Itld.) A.W.C.
22/IV/42.

O/C. Troops & Billeting Officer,

To you, please.

(Itld.) L.W.A.
for C.S.
22/4/42.

Honourable Colonial Secretary,

Noted thank you.

(Itld.) J.A.W.
a/O.C. Troops.
22/4/42.

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Minute from O/C. Troops, of 23/4/42.

Y/E. Referred, please.

(Itld.) L.W.A.
for C.S.
23/4/42.

Until numbers of proposed garrison are known n.f.a. is necessary; nor should details of billeting be issued.

The procedure will be as follows and so inform Major Woodgate:-

As soon as we know whether 500, 1000 or 1500 are coming, (a) the schemes A or B or C for the billeting will be made known with other pertinent details, (b) the necessary defence regulation issued by me (this will fix prices &c), (c) the Appeal Board set up and a Clerk to it appointed, (d) the result notified to B. Officer.

It must be remembered that we are not in the United Kingdom with almost unlimited resources, but in a tiny place where, if 1500 men come, 1500 men have to be accommodated - and the only thing to bear in mind is to cause as little inconvenience as possible.

Are the schemes prepared ?.

(Itld.) A.W.C.
23/4/42.

O/T. Troops,

To see H.E's. Minute, pl.

(Itld.) L.W.A.
for C.S.
24/4/42.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

His Excellency's minute noted thank you. I hope to submit scheme p.m. to-day.

(Itld.) J.A.W.
A/O.C. Troops.
27/4/42.

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Minute from O/C. Troops of 27/4/42.

Y.E.

Submitted, pl.

(Itld.) L.W.A.
for C.S.
27/4/42.

Public Notice.

In connection with possible billeting the following ladies & gentlemen have agreed to sit on the Billeting Appeal Board, when & if such a Board becomes necessary, under the Chairmanship of Dr. J. E. Hamilton, J.P. D.Sc.

Miss M. E. Carey
Mrs. A. Newing
Revd. G. K. Lowe
Revd. W. F. McWhan
Revd. H. Drumm

The public is thanked for their very excellent co-operation in recent surveys. Only five persons (about 1½% of the population of householders) failed to realise the meaning of the billeting plan and did not co-operate.

Until the proper & pertinent orders are made, no action is possible, but the great thing is that full preparations are now complete, and when the occasion arises details can be thrashed out and settled.

Until the details of the billeting are known, the Board will not meet but it is in being and ready to function at short notice.

Please show the above to the Magistrate for his editing and agreement before issuing.

(Itld.) A.W.C.
28/IV/42.

Copy ex: to M.P. S/20/41 (M)

Ex. from S. of S. tel. No. 40 Most Secret of 4/5/42.	10.
S. of S. " 86 " " " 14/5/42.	11.
Telegram to S. of S. " 98 " " " 15/5/42.	12.
" " " 94 " " " 13/5/42.	13.
G. I. Defence (Amendment) Regulations, 1942.	14.
Gazette Notice No 64 of 9/6/42.	15.
Copy of letter to Hon. G. J. Gellon of 13/6/42.	16.
Minutes from O.C. Troops of 18/6/42.	17-18.
Letter from O.C. Troops of 28/6/42.	19-24.
Minutes to Billeting Officer of 28/6/42.	25.
Address broadcast by H.E. the Governor of 1/7/42.	26-29.

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BROADCAST BY HIS EXCELLENCY A. W. CARDINALL, ESQUIRE, C.M.G.,
On 16th January, 1942.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

As promised by me to several among you I wish always whenever it is practicable to take you into my confidence. The absence of daily newspapers makes this to a certain extent most necessary so that idle chatter and rumour-mongering can be avoided or rendered futile.

The Imperial authorities in London are watching carefully our position here as regards the War and it is necessary for them to have with the least possible delay as full information as we can provide concerning the temporary billeting of troops.

Only a temporary measure is at present contemplated, but the number of men who may arrive here is such that voluntary offers could not possibly suffice.

I know everyone of you would do his or her best, but more than that is required. The organization will have to be as perfect as we can make it, and so that there will be neither delay nor discussion when the time arrives.

For this end there will have to be made an examination of the possibilities here, a collection of data, and a careful and detailed survey of what we have and what we require.

Your help is required in obtaining this information and I know you will give it. House to house calls will be made as soon as possible beginning tomorrow and printed forms should be filled in. This is a military measure and in no way concerns civil defence. The Military Women's Auxiliary Force will be responsible together with you for this.

But remember this - at the moment ^{only} I know that certain steps are under consideration and that nothing whatsoever has yet been decided. Therefore do not speculate or bother yourselves about details, and above all do not listen to those who always seem to know all.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 16th January, 1942 Time: ...

Received: 19 Time:

No. 6. Most Secret. (See S/20/41 (A) rows 5 & 6)

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During construction of camp billeting in Stanley could be arranged up to 1500. This question is being investigated and details being prepared for execution without delay, but it could only be a temporary measure.

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GOVERNOR.

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NOTICE.

In reference to the possible temporary billeting of troops the Officer Commanding Troops, Major Woodgate, is appointed Military Billeting Officer.

As soon as possible billeting notices will be issued and the persons affected may appeal to a Civil Billeting Control Board which will shortly be set up when the names of the members of the Board will be announced.

20th March, 1942.

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M I N U T E.

18th April, 1942.

From .. O. C. Troops,
Falkland Islands.

To .. Hon. Col. Sec.,
Stanley.

The numbering of all properties in Stanley and the fixing of street nameplates is now completed.

Before I commence billeting survey I should have the following information for the reason given

- (a) Numbers to be billeted in order to know whether it is to be "intensive" or normal allocation of rooms.
- (b) The organisation of the unit - e.g. Brigade, Battallion or Company - in order that provision of relevant Headquarters or assembly points may be fixed.
- (c) Whether the troops are to be fed by individual householders or from a central field kitchen - in order that Company Cookhouses etc., may be settled upon.

As I believe that none of the above information is known, I submit that when the troops arrive the usual billeting party from the unit could make all their arrangements (now the houses are numbered and the streets named) within 2 hours, if I am prepared with general basis information on local conditions. I submit therefore that no further action be taken at this time.

Arthur Woodgate.
Major,
O. C. Troops.
Billeting Officer.

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From .. Headquarters, F.I.D.F.
Date .. 21st April, 1942.
To Supt. E. & T. Dept.

Please have broadcast the following.

"Billeting.

N.C.Os of the Defence Force, detailed for the purpose, will tomorrow commence a billeting survey. This survey will entail a house to house call and it will be of great help if residents could, as far as possible, arrange to be in when this call is made. In order to give the public an opportunity of helping in this way, the areas for survey on the following day will be broadcast each evening until all is completed.

It is again pointed out that any disagreement with the numbers to be billeted in any house is a matter for appeal to the Billeting Tribunal and cannot be discussed or settled by the N.C.Os making the survey. They are acting under orders and working on a fixed formula in order as far as possible to ensure even treatment all round, but they have no authority to negotiate any amendments^{to} the Scale in individual cases.

Tomorrow's area will be all ^{EAST} ~~west~~ of and including Philomel Street with Fitzroy Road and Davis Street complete.

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From.. Hchs. F.I.D.F.
Date .. 22nd. April 1942
To ... S.E. and T.

Please have the following broadcast this evening.

The Billetting Officer would like to take this opportunity of thanking householders for their helpful co-operation in to-day's survey which was of great assistance to all concerned.

The following area will be surveyed to-morrow, Thursday starting at 9.a.m.

ROSS ROAD CENTRAL JOHN STREET BARRACK STREET VILLIERS
STREET DEAN STREET AND DRURY STREET.



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M I N U T E.

23rd April 1942.

From.... O. C. Troops,
Stanley.

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To... Hon. Col. Secretary,
Stanley.

I request instruction as to what if any exemptions are to be made in the billeting Scheme. As you are aware in the U. K. among other exemptions, is a married woman whose husband is on Active Service. This exemption has been claimed in one case in Stanley and there are many others who would possibly claim exemption had they knowledge of this fact.

2. At the same time it would be helpful if basic rates of pay could be settled. The normal is I believe as follows,

- 1. Bed and full board ... 4s 6d per day per man.
- 2. Bed only ... 1s 6d " " " "
- 3. Shelter only ... 6d " " " "

3. It would be very helpful to have early instruction.

Cush Goodfat

Major,
Officer Commanding Troops.

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27th April, 1942.

From .. O. C. Troops,
F. I. D. F.

To .. Hon. Col. Secretary,
Stanley.

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I have the honour to submit the following report on the Three billeting schemes prepared.

The first scheme was to give bedding and board to all men and the total obtained was the result of a voluntary reply by householders to the question, "How many men can you sleep in beds and feed?".

The second scheme was for bedding only, and a voluntary reply was received to the question, "How many men can you sleep in beds?".

The third scheme was for shelter only and the accomodation was based on an estimate of 20 square feet per man in spare rooms made by the N.C.Os doing the survey.

The numbers obtained were

Scheme 1 162
Scheme 2 71
Scheme 3 937

One would normally have anticipated the larger figure in Scheme 2, but the apparent anomaly is caused by the lack of beds and bedding as a result of the Evacuation Scheme. It should be noted, perhaps, that it also shows how willing everybody is to help provided they can.

There were 5 cases of definite non co-operation. Everyone else was most helpful and only had one anxiety, that is whether everyone was being treated alike. Householders were assured that this was so and in consequence I would strongly submit that "Non co-operators" should be suitably dealt with. This request was made to me particularly by the N.C.Os doing the survey.

There was one case (wife of the Principal Keeper at Cape Pembroke) who claimed exemption as her husband was away on Active Service.

A few houses were not visited as the owners were away in the Camp, but against possible use of these must be set the loss of subsequent withdrawals from the list owing to sickness in a household etc. I feel, however, that the figures represent a fair average.

It will be seen from the figures that it is impossible even to house a battalXion under schemes 1 and 2, but in addition to the figure shown in Scheme 3 another 500 could be accommodated on the same basis in the Town Hall, Baths, Church Hall, Government School and Roman Catholic School, but these buildings have not

/been included

been included as they are already earmarked as stores, instructional centres, etc.

I have prepared a map for each Scheme, and in the case of the third have indicated approximate Company Boundaries and Headquarters Messes. There are ample and ideal sites for Company Cookhouses or Field Kitchens in various lean-to sheds and stables.

Clash Woodgate

Major,
O.C. Troops,
Falkland Islands.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 4th May, 19 42 Time: 0840

Received: 4th May, 19 42 Time:

No. 70. Most Secret. (See S/20/41 (A) read 11)

ORIGINAL OF TELEGRAM FILED IN M.P. S/20/41 (A).

... ..

2. Estimate that Camp may not be completed by time of arrival of main body in which case temporary accommodation will be required. Understand from your telegram No. 6 that this would be available up to 1500 men.

... .. *Rods 546 S/20/41 (A)*

SECRETARY OF STATE.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 271.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 14th May, 19 42 Time: 1019

Received: 14th May, 19 42 Time:

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IMMEDIATE. No. 86. Most Secret. With reference to my telegram No. 70 paragraph 2. Temporary billets in Port Stanley will definitely be required for approximately 1500. Force will not be repeat not be able to provide facilities for cooking heating and lighting whilst they are in these billets. Please confirm that these facilities will be available locally.

Excerpted to M.P. 5/20/41 (J) { 2. Your reply Officer Commanding Troops anxious to make best possible provision for welfare and amenities and in this connection wishes to bring about sixteen beagles with him. Telegraph whether any objection. If not, presume formalities regarding importation under Dogs Regulations 1928 will be waived.

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SECRETARY OF STATE.



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TELEGRAM.

5/20/41. (11A)

No. 299. From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 15th May, 19 42. Time: 1255.

Received: 16th May, 19 42. Time: 1030.

IMMEDIATE.

No. 90. Most Secret. Grateful for reply to my telegram No. 86
not later than the morning of May 18th.

Read (11)

I.D.C.O.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 15th May, 19 42 Time: 1100

Received: 19 Time:

No. 98. MOST SECRET. With reference to your Telegram No. 86 Most Secret lighting and heating available. Cooking is not repeat not. Facilities of every description will have to be brought. Bakeries report that they can produce a maximum of 3000 2-lb loaves weekly above normal output if extra labour is provided.

Flour will have to be brought as well as all other foodstuffs excepting meat. Private houses have only small cottage ranges, and a large proportion of the men will have to be billeted in public buildings with no ranges at all.

But the advance party can repeat can be accommodated with full cooking facilities.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 13th May, 19 42 Time: 2000

Received: 19 Time:

No. 94. Most Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 70 Most Secret and my telegram No. 6 Most Secret billeting I would emphasize that beds and bedding must be brought with first detachment and as regards seeds these should if possible be from Scottish firms.

GOVERNOR.

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*Exempted to
M.P. 5/20/41 (A)*

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Falkland Islands Defence (Amendment) Regulations, 1942.

A. W. CARDINALL,

Governor.

His Excellency the Governor under the authority of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act of the United Kingdom, 1939, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Defence (Amendment) Regulations, 1942, and shall come into operation forthwith. Citation and date of coming into operation.

2. The Defence Regulations 1939 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Regulations") shall have effect as if there were made therein the following amendment.

3. Regulation 68 of the principal Regulations is hereby revoked and replaced by the following Regulation:— Replacement of Regulation 68 of principal Regulations.

68.—(1) Any person acting under the authority of the Governor may serve upon the occupier of any premises a written notice (hereinafter referred to as "a billeting notice") requiring the occupier of the premises to furnish therein, while the notice remains in force, such accommodation by way of lodging or food or both, and either with or without attendance, as may be specified in the notice for such persons as may be so specified. Billeting.

(2) Where a room in any premises is required by a billeting notice to be devoted exclusively to the accommodation of any person, then, notwithstanding anything in any contract, no other person shall be entitled to occupy the room so long as that requirement is in force.

(3) Any person having power to serve a billeting notice is hereinafter referred to as "a billeting officer".

(4) The occupier of any premises shall, if ordered so to do by a billeting officer, furnish to such authority or person as may be specified in the request such information with respect to the accommodation contained in the premises and with respect to the persons living therein as may be so specified.

(5) The price payable in respect of any accommodation furnished in any premises to any person in accordance with a billeting notice shall be such as may be determined by order of the Governor, and shall be paid to the occupier of the premises by the Governor or by such other authority as he may designate.

(6) A billeting officer may revoke a billeting notice relating to any premises, without prejudice to the service of a further billeting notice relating to those premises; and the Governor may by order direct that all billeting notices for the time being in force shall cease to have effect, either generally or as respects premises in a particular area.

(7) Where—

(a) a billeting notice is revoked or ceases to have effect under the last preceding paragraph, or

(b) accommodation required by a billeting notice to be provided for any person ceases to be provided,

the occupier of the premises to which the billeting notice relates shall forthwith surrender it to a billeting officer, who shall cancel or amend the notice, as the case may require.

(8) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with requirements of a billeting notice or with any of the requirements of this Regulation he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

(9) For the purposes of hearing complaints in respect of billeting notices there shall be a tribunal consisting of not less than six persons nominated by the Governor, four of whom shall form a quorum; and any person who is aggrieved by the service upon him of a billeting notice, or by the operation of a billeting notice served upon him, may, make a complaint to the tribunal constituted under this paragraph; and upon hearing the complaint the tribunal may cancel or vary the billeting notice as the tribunal thinks fit.

(10) A billeting notice relating to any premises may, if it is not practicable to deliver it to the occupier of the premises, be served by delivering it to any person on the premises.

(11) If any order is contravened or not complied with in the case of any premises, any persons acting under the authority of the Governor may enter the premises and take in relation thereto all such steps as may be reasonably necessary for the enforcement of the order.

(12) Where the owner or lessee of any unoccupied premises is not readily accessible any person acting under the authority of the Governor may enter the premises using such force as is reasonably necessary for the purpose.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 1942.

By Command,

L. W. ALDRIDGE,

for Colonial Secretary.

M.P. 8/20/41.

No. 64.

GAZETTE NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

9th June, 1942.

It is hereby notified, for general information, that His Excellency the Governor has authorised the Officer Commanding Troops, Falkland Islands, any any one acting under his instructions, to be Billeting Officers for the purposes of Regulation 68 of the Defence Regulations, 1939.

By Command,



for Colonial Secretary.

M.P. S/20/41.

Sentance for record.

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Headquarters,
F.I.D.F.

13th June, 1942.

The Hon. J.J. Felton,
Stanley.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that it is proposed to requisition your house "Malvina" and its contents for Military use under the powers vested in me as Requisitioning Officer under F.I. Defence Regulations.

I am unable to say the exact date on which the property will be required to be handed over, but would say not later than 14 days' time. Formal requisitioning order will be sent you in due course but with a view to causing you as little inconvenience as possible I give you this preliminary notification.

I feel it would be to our mutual advantage if a Schedule of Dilapidation could be prepared forthwith and also an Inventory of Contents, as well as settling, if possible, by negotiation the rates of hiring. I shall be pleased to meet you at any time with a view to doing this if you will give me an early appointment.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Requisitioning Officer.

*A.J.C. instructed
to "cancel"
this with No 7.
1230 13/6.*

Headquarters,
18th June, 1942.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that your property known as Malvina House together with its contents may be requisitioned for military use at short notice. Formal notice of requisition will be sent you as soon as final decision is reached, but in the meantime I would suggest that you take such steps as you may feel to be desirable in order that possession may be obtained in fortyeight hours should such short notice be found necessary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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The Hon. J.J. Felton,
Stanley.

Billeting Officer.

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Headquarters.
28th. June 1942.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to hand you herewith the following documents, which I have prepared on the basis of Your Excellency's Memorandum of the 26th. inst. and a list of stores handed to me personally by the N.O.i/c.

- (a). Draft Billetting Scheme.
- (b). Sketch plan of the Government School.
- (c). Diagram billeting plan shewing general dispositions.

While there is every possibility that the scheme will need amendment in detail when fuller information is available it will at least form a basis of discussion and I would be grateful for Your Excellency's comment or approval treating it thus.

2. The biggest outstanding problem is to find the necessary accommodation for either or both the Headquarters and Second Echelon Messes. There is little doubt that the ideal would be to occupy the whole of Malvina House for Headquarters Mess, the alternatives have distinct disadvantages - among other things Stanley Cottage where the cooking could be arranged without disturbance, there is neither Hot water or bath and only ^{one} very inconveniently placed W.C.; Stanley House on the other hand has these amenities but the duplication of cooking in the same house presents difficulties. The possibility of getting possession of Malvina House is, from all I hear getting less, and unless extreme measures are adopted I do not think we can count upon it. Captain Roberts in a general way seemed prepared when I spoke to him recently, to take steps to obviate the cooking problems and he can accommodate the necessary number to sleep. Would Your Excellency like me to try and fix up with Captain Roberts to make Stanley House Headquarters Mess until such time as the new Camp is completed, after which if O.C. Troops and his staff wish to remain in Stanley time will have been given to make some other arrangement to suit the wishes of this officer.

3. Your Excellency will note that I am suggesting the Rose Hotel for the Second Echelon Mess. This is an ideal place,

but in order to get possession it may be necessary to requisition the hotel portion as against the Public House part. The present tenant is about to leave as soon as he can dispose of the bulk of his furniture. The place is empty as regards visitors. The date of this change over seems to be very much in the air and I think that both the present and new tenant would not be adverse to the property being requisitioned. If this was done it would not only give us all our immediate needs but in addition could eventually become either the permanent Headquarters Mess or what will doubtless be eventually wanted and organised by the N.A.A.F.I. an Officer's Club. I would be glad to have Your Excellency's instructions as to what if any action you wish me to take, as at this moment the tenant while wanting to be helpful says he cannot do anything, and even if he is ordered to take in so many Officers there will be no one to cook and a change of tenant and furniture will not make for comfort for those who are billeted there.

4. When the Advance Party are accommodated there is on present figures a margin of nine beds. Even in the few weeks that have passed since the first survey was made there have been quite a number of additions and omission to the list owing to people moving, sickness etc.etc. and while I think that the grand total will not vary much and the figures are based on voluntary offers to billet in beds, for safety sake I would strongly recommend that Your Excellency gives consent to the issue of the formal billeting notices to the householders concerned, so that should there be any appeals to be heard they can be settled and figures adjusted in readiness, thus avoiding chaos at the last moment. It could be explained to all that the notices were provisional and without a house-to-house canvas actual total figures would not be divulged.

5. While I fully realise the difficult position in ^{which} Your Excellency is placed by the impossibility of giving out any information about the arrival of troops, I cannot suggest too

Strongly that Your Excellency gives favourable consideration to a broadcast at the earliest possible date to cover the following points.

- (a) That the troops when they arrive will be British and that the prevalent fear that every female they meet they will attempt to assault is completely wrong. So well established is this idea that Your Excellency is said to be about to issue an order that no female may be out during the hours of black-out.
- (b) That the anticipated orgy of drunkenness is not likely to arise as quite irrespective of the Military Police control, the British at a shilling per day cannot afford to get drunk. The local popular idea is that their pay is the same as the Defence Force.
- (c) That while the very poor opinion of the behaviour of the British Army held locally did not even apply to pre-war days, it applies still less now when the ranks are made up with well educated and decently brought men from all walks of life.

The above are the important points, but if in addition some outline what a soldier is entitled to in billets, billeting rates, the food expected to be supplied where and if this is included and similar little details of which the people are quite ignorant would help a great deal, in that it would be fact and avoid idle speculation and its attendant nonsense.

6. To summarise I would be very grateful for Your Excellency's instructions on the following points mentioned above.

- Ys (a) May I work on the Billetting Scheme as a basis of Discussion?
- X (b) May Captain Roberts be approached as to the Headquarters Mess being at Stanley House?
- Ys (c) May Rose Hotel be provisionally requisitioned?
- Ys (d) May formal billeting notices be issued provisionally in the next few days?

Phon (e) Does Your Excellency wish the necessary data for a broadcast?
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 c/o. Troops


DRAFT BILLETING SCHEME (CONTINUED).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOMMODATION.

1. GENERAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. Head Office, draughtsmen, light stores in the Gymnasium of the Roman Catholic School
Mechanical construction equipment and transport not required on the site of the camp in the School yard adjoining.
2. HEADQUARTERS. O.c. Troops and B.M. (or Adjutant) to use the office of the Superintendent of Education with the large room adjoining for clerks and staff. Guard room for defaulters in the Police Station also office of the A.P.M. Quartermaster if included in the advance party to have office and store in the Government School. (See attached sketch plan)
3. SIGNALS. In the room with clerks adjoining O.C. Troops Office.
4. ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS. Offices in the Government School with some store accommodation for 'ready-use' stores. Rest of stores in Church Hall and 33, John Street (a large stone-built empty house belonging to Estate Louis Williams). Arrangements for stores not immediately required to be stored on San Casto has already been made. Transport in Government School Yard.
5. ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS. Offices in the Government School, with store accommodation for small spares. Until the advance party actually arrives no suggestion can be made for the storage of explosive stores. Transport in the School Yard.
6. 11th. WEST YORKS REGIMENT. From the parade state of those arriving with the advance party of this unit, which is interpreted as six Officers, one sergeant cook and three batmen, no demand for any office accommodation is anticipated. Should the need arise a room could be found in the Catholic School. For this reason their Mess is the most remote.
7. ROYAL ARMY PAY CORPS. These few details can be accommodated in Government School or if space does not allow with details in 6.
8. FIRST FIELD HOSPITAL. While at first sight it would seem that this unit should be allocated some part of the Hospital by arrangement with S.M.O. it is felt that this ~~should only in any~~

might not make for smooth working with the need for two lots of drugs, supplies etc. which would need to be kept separate. It is therefore suggested that for just so long as it takes to discharge and unpack Military Medical Stores some arrangement should be made with S.M.O. but after that the R.A.M.C. should be established in an empty house opposite the Government School. A certain amount of the Medical stores could be put here too.

9. ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS INSTITUTION. As this unit will it is assumed be chiefly responsible for N.A.A.F.I. Canteen, the office could be conveniently located in one of the rooms at the stage end of the upper Town Hall.



Major.
Billeting Officer.

26.vi.42 *Paul Smith* (25)

Billeting Officer,

As you are aware there will be two phases of Billeting (a) for the advance party and (b) for the main garrison.

Both will be of a temporary character and last only until such time as is required for the construction of the camp.

The following details as regards (a) are now available, but as regards (b) none have yet been received. The date of arrival of either party has not yet been notified from the Colonial Office.

(a) ADVANCE PARTY.

Unit.	Warrant			Other Ranks.
	Officers.	Officers.	Sergts.	
1. General Construction Company	4	1	2	147
2. Headquarters	5	1	3	4
3. Signals	-	-	1	5
4. R. A. S. C.	3	-	4	32
5. R. A. O. C.	2	2	3	8
6. 11th West Yorks	6	-	1	3
7. ? (Pay)	1	-	2	2
8. 1st Field Hospital	1	-	1	1
9. R.A.S.C. Institution	-	1	1	1
TOTAL	22	5	17	203

22 Officers and 225 other ranks.

Paul Smith

STANDARD

Ladies & Gentlemen,

It has for long been common knowledge that our garrison here is to be strengthened and although I have strict orders to divulge no details, I can make known to you that within a very short time a first contingent is expected.

Plans have been made to accommodate these men in billets and I understand that this arrangement has been so far a voluntary one. That is excellent. But of course you will understand that when the full strength arrives there will be so great a call on billets that voluntary offers could not possibly suffice. However the inconvenience and overcrowding will not be of long duration, as the object of the first contingent is to erect the camp or camps for housing the whole of the re-inforcing garrison.

The notice given you will be very short. I am sorry that it cannot be longer, but the lives of the in-coming men are ~~and~~ at stake and as long as they are at sea date and time cannot be divulged. You must I think realise this yourselves; but I will tell you this to ^{show} illustrate how valuable news can and has leaked out from here in the most innocent and unexpected manner.

Some months ago when the Admiral was here he visited Sapper Hill and was overheard to say something about the power of our new ammunition. That remark was repeated over the wireless telephone ~~to Mount Zeno~~ and was heard in Buenos Aires where it was immediately published. That illustrates how closely watched we are, not only by our ^{show} sympathizers but by our enemies in South America.

I should like to explain a little what billeting really means. It is not quite like lodging; for it is at bottom compulsory and arises out of military necessity. The men have to be accommodated and that is all there is to it. But we, Englishmen, have always hated this particular form of compulsion with the result that under the various Army Acts most stringent rules and regulations have been drawn up to safeguard as much as possible the rights of the civilian population.

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As you can imagine there are scores of difficulties that are certain to arise, which can all, with care and patience be settled. For this reason there has been set up by me a committee called the Billetting Appeal Board. It consists of

- Chairman: Dr. J. E. Hamilton
Miss M. Carey
Mrs. A. Newing
Revd. G. K. Lowe
Revd. H. Drumm
Revd. W. F. McMan.

There will be published by the Chairman the method and form for registering complaints and for hearing appeals. Those details will be decided as soon as contact has been made with the ~~and~~ personnel of the incoming troops and their requirements made known.

The Board of course will be guided by its knowledge of the fact that the billeting has got to be done and that it is only of a very temporary nature. And to save a lot of trouble I would advise no one to approach the Board or its members except on matters of fact and not supposition.

I have been reliably informed that most of you are anxious to do all you can in the way of hospitality to these boys, for that is what most of them will be, who come to this somewhat isolated spot to defend you and your homes, to help hold this country for the Empire. Thanks. But they will not expect much.

At home as I have said billeting is strictly controlled and to give you an idea of what the Military Authorities expect the following is a Schedule of requirements *in peace time, not in war.*

- (a) for breakfast, five ounces of bread, one pint of tea, with milk and sugar, four ounces of bacon;
- (b) For hot dinner, twelve ounces of meat previous to being dressed, six ounces of bread, eight ounces of potatoes, or other vegetables;
- (c) For supper, five ounces of bread, one pint of tea with milk and sugar, two ounces of cheese.

That is a soldier's ^{peace} dietary. Rather small I think when compared with the usual meals of one of us here. Of course substitutes are allowed but just ponder over 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs of meat ^{for a year} dressed ~~per~~ man for a week. How many Falkland Islanders would be content/

content with that ? Or for that matter 1½ lbs of bacon or a substitute as a whole week's supply of meat at breakfast ? You will see there is no mention of eggs or cakes or jam or puddings or pies or any other of the fancier foods to which you are accustomed and the deprivation of which you would consider a real hardship.

Again the Army prices at home indicate the attitude the authorities take. Mark that I have said at home and not here, for this will have to be a matter to be adjusted after contact has been made and requirements known. *Therefore the prices are piece*
price only.

Lodging and attendance for a soldier where meals furnished.

Tenpence a night for the first soldier and eightpence a night for each additional soldier.

Breakfast as specified in Part I of the Second Schedule to the Army Act

Ninepence each.

Dinner as so specified

One shilling and twopence.

~~Supper as so specified~~

~~Three pence each.~~

Supper as so specified

Fivepence each.

Where no meals furnished, lodging and attendance, and the means and the necessary utensils for the preparation and cooking of his food

Tenpence a night for the first soldier and eightpence a night for each additional soldier.

Soldiers - lodging (with bed and attendance) when no meals and no cooking facilities are required

Sixpence a night for each soldier.

Officers and soldiers - unfurnished accommodation in occupied premises.

Twopence a night for each officer or soldier.

Officers and soldiers - unfurnished accommodation in otherwise unoccupied premises

One penny a night for each officer or soldier.

Kipling, I am afraid, has in his rightfully popular works given a very false impression of our British Army, and from remarks passed amongst you that have come to my ears it would seem that many of you have a most unfortunate idea of the character of our soldiers.

These men today represent the entire manhood of Great Britain. Some are the sons of the rich, some of the poor, peers sons as well as those of the peasant are in the ranks together. There

is no distinction of class. They are just soldiers, defenders of the right, ~~defenders~~ ^{crusaders} if you will; all are imbued with only one thought, one spirit - the service of humanity. They are as decent and as clean-living as ourselves. The sole difference is that the vast majority are very young, full of their youthful strength - boys like your own children, with mothers and fathers such as you - very lonely, far indeed from their homes, deprived of all the little joys and happiness^{es} of their own towns and villages, probably hurt that they have been taken from the centre of the fray. A little kindness and patience will help them; it is certain that they will repay it.

Reverse the picture and see your own sons, taken into this mad maelstrom of war, far away from their homeland. How much you as parents would appreciate hospitality and kindness shown to them.

Your reputation for these is great; and I know your reputation will be preserved. But do not spoil them by over generosity. Remember they are here to fight if need be - fight for you as well as for the Empire. Therefore when peace comes and they return home, let them carry away a firm love and respect for the Falkland Islands as I trust they will leave behind them a memory of clean decent Englishmen whom you will have learned to love.
