



## JOINT INDIVIDUAL MOUNTING INSTRUCTION FOR DEPLOYMENT TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS - BRITISH FORCES SOUTH ATLANTIC ISLANDS

**Commander British Forces' Mission is to deter any military aggression against the South Atlantic Overseas Territories in order to maintain UK sovereignty over the territories**

### Introduction

1. All Service personnel deploying to and assigned to the Falkland Islands (FI), British Forces South Atlantic Islands (BFSAI) should read this instruction on notification of deployment, whether they are part of a Formed Unit, an Individual Augmentee (IA) or assigned for 12 months, or more, on a Continuity Post (CP)/Continuity Tour (CT). CP are specific critical posts that have been identified as requiring continuity whereas a CT is an opportunity assignment where an applicant can apply through their Career Manager to be assigned to the Falklands for 12 months or more. It must be read in conjunction and provides amplification to, single Service documents<sup>1</sup>, see references at **Annex A**. The point of contact for updates to this document is SO2 J1, HQ BFSAI Tel: 94130 4239, Email: [BFSAI-FLk-HQ-J1-SO2@mod.uk](mailto:BFSAI-FLk-HQ-J1-SO2@mod.uk).

2. Personnel who are visiting the Falkland Islands in a duty capacity for less than 14 days are not required to complete any PDT but must be medically fit to deploy to BFSAI. However, if there is a requirement to drive MT during the visit then they must have the GS Module 1 qualification.

### Aim

3. The aim of this document is to ensure that individuals deploying to BFSAI are provided with clear guidance on: the administrative arrangements required; the individual's preparation standards; and useful administrative information prior to deployment to BFSAI. Following receipt of an Assignment Order, deploying individuals should also be given or have access to:

- a. **RAF**. A copy of the HQ Air Command Theatre Specific Preparatory Instruction.

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<sup>1</sup> RAF Personnel are to deploy iaw A1 Ops: Preparatory Instructions - The Falkland Islands.

- b. **ARMY.** Land Mounting Order.
- c. **RN.** No known current Mounting Order.

4. In order to prepare for deployment, individuals are to report to their J1 chain (Unit Personnel Office / HR Admin / Chief Clerks) to be informed of the administrative requirements and Pre-Deployment Training (PDT) they require. **It is the responsibility of the individual to arrive in Theatre correctly trained and with proof of that training.** Additionally, although every effort is made to ensure all the information in this document is current, personnel are strongly encouraged to make contact with person they are taking over from at the earliest opportunity to supplement the information provided in this brief and provide role specific information.

## Situation

5. British sovereignty over the South Atlantic Overseas Territories (SAOT) rests on a secure, historical legal footing. The first recorded landing on the Falkland Islands was by a British Captain called Strong and the first British settlement was established in 1766. Since 1833 Britain has been in open, continuous, effective and peaceful possession, occupation and control of the Islands with the exception of a brief period when Argentine forces invaded the Islands on 2 Apr 82. In response a British task force was dispatched on 3 Apr 82 to recapture the Islands. This was successfully achieved with the Argentine surrender on 14 Jun 82. Subsequently, the Commander of British Forces South Atlantic Islands Mission is to:

*‘Deter any military aggression against the SAOT in order to maintain UK sovereignty over the territories’*

6. **British Forces in the South Atlantic Overseas Territories (SAOT).** The SAOT encompasses the Falkland Islands (FI), South Georgia (SG) and the South Sandwich Islands (SSI). Additionally Ascension Island (ASI) falls under command of HQ British Forces South Atlantic Islands (BFSAI). The theatre is organised on a tri-Service basis to meet the threat from the sea, land and air.

7. **HQ BFSAI.** HQ BFSAI is a Tri-Service theatre and the position of CBF is a rotational post. The vast majority of personnel are employed in the Falkland Islands and are mainly unaccompanied Service Personnel (SP), Civil Servants and contractors. BFSAI uniquely offers the opportunity for personnel assigned to continuity posts (tours in excess of 12 months) to be accompanied by their families; **Annex B** contains additional information for these personnel that should be read in conjunction with the Families’ Arrival Pack available from OC GD Flt/Families’ Officer at [BFSAI-FLK-FISU-GDFlt-OC@mod.uk](mailto:BFSAI-FLK-FISU-GDFlt-OC@mod.uk).

## Documentation

8. The documents below must be held by all deployed personnel; a full check list can be found at **Annex C**. Personnel must also refer to their relevant Preparatory Instructions or Assignment Order to determine additional requirements for the location and post they are deploying to.

- a. **Travel Documents.**

- (1) **Passport.** A 10-year passport valid for the duration of the deployment plus 6 months.

- (2) **Military ID Card (MOD Form 90).** The military ID card must be in date with at least 12 months to run at the start of the deployment and in good condition.

(3) **ID Discs x 2.** Details on ID Discs must be up to date (blood groups checked against unit records).

(4) **F Ident 189.** This is the Geneva Convention Card and can be obtained from Unit HR Admin staff (Unit Personnel Office / HR Admin / Chief Clerks). All personnel are to be issued with F/IDENT/189, enclosed in F/IDENT/189A, prior to deployment as insufficient cards will be available in-theatre.

(5) **JPA Next of Kin and Emergency Contact details.** Personnel should ensure that their Next of Kin and Emergency Contact details are up to date prior to deploying to BFAI.

6) **Yellow Fever Certificate** in case of redivert.

b. **Medical and Dental Documents**

(1) **Medical history.** Personnel are to deploy with their Certificate of Medical Preparation and DMICP/EMIS print out.

(2) **Medical and Dental Records.** The parent unit/loosing unit Medical and Dental Centres must ensure that the Integrated Health Record (iHR) on DMICP is pushed to the BFAI. BFAI Med Dental staff have access to deployed DMICP.

(3) **FMed 23.** Those who have been authorised to deploy with a lower medical employment category<sup>2</sup> should bring a supporting FMed 23 (within the FMed 965/Med 4).

(4) **F/Ident/107.** All personnel working in a medical capacity (clinical or non-clinical) are to bring regulation armbands showing the Geneva Convention Emblem as well as F/Ident 106,107 and 108 as required.

c. **Driving Documents**

(1) **UK Driving Licence.** Both paper and card licence parts are required.

(2) **FMT 600.** The FMT 600 (Military Driving Licence) must be annotated with appropriate Highway Code Test, UK Matrix test, Land Rover (90 & 110) qualification and other licences relevant to the deployment. The Minimum on road General Service (GS) driver requirement is module 1 of the Defence GS Driver Package – JPA Code 10366. Module 2 Certification (cross country) is required at all mountain sites.

d. **Force Protection Documents.** All personnel are to bring the following:

(1) F7192 - Green CCS/Weapon Card (issued on completion of CCS). **RN and Army should arrive in theatre with a recording on JPA.**

(2) JSP 398 Card A/B - Rules of Engagement (issued by Trg Wing and FP Trg Flts).

e. **Trade Specific Documents.** The following trade specific documents are to be brought as per an individual's job specification:

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<sup>2</sup> See para 21 for more details.

- (1) MHE Operators Certificate (Forklift drivers only).
- (2) F7117/7118 (Electrical/Weapons tradesmen only) (Issued by section).
- (3) F4820/4820B (Technical tradesmen only) (Issued by section).
- (4) Flying Log Book (Aircrew only).
- (5) F Ident 106/107/108 (Trade/Branch appropriate).

f. **Fitness Testing.** All personnel are to bring JPA evidence of an in-date fitness test. Personnel deploying to Remote Radar Heads on 4 month tours or less are, where possible, are advised to deploy with fitness test currency for the length of their deployment.

## Security Clearances

9. **Proof of Vetting Clearance.** All personnel are to ensure that their vetting status is current and appropriate to their assignment; if in doubt as to the standard of vetting required, personnel should obtain a copy of their Job Specification via their single Service manning/assignment desks, which will indicate the necessary level. Personnel are to ensure that their JPA Competency Details are correct as proof of clearance is to be taken to Theatre.

10. **DV STRAP Posts.** Army and RAF personnel deploying to DV STRAP posts should contact the PJHQ Corporate STRAPSO on 9360 Ext 58483 or Ext 58481 for details regarding how to forward STRAP clearance to Theatre. RN Personnel should contact the STRAPSO Cell at HMS Collingwood (SCU Levdene).

11. **Criminal Records Bureau (CRB)/Disclosures and Barring Service (DBS) Checks.** All personnel who may come into direct contact with children in their line of work/'regulated activity' e.g. working in the Mount Pleasant Complex Medical and Dental Centre<sup>3</sup> or who are willing to volunteer for extra curricular activities which give unsupervised access to children must be CRB/DBS checked and are to deploy with their certificate.

## Pre-Deployment Training

12. The following training must be carried out:

a. **Individual Pre-deployment Training.** All personnel must complete CCS (RAF) or MATTs (Army and RN) within 6 months prior to deployment in order to remain in date for the duration of their tour. Unit HR admin staff should be consulted in the first instance regarding the arrangements for individual PDT, and personnel are to bring the appropriate signed paperwork to BFSAI proving completion. In respect of single Service arrangements, training advice and guidance may be sought from the following sources:

(1) **Army Individual Augmentees (IA):** Personnel consult their Unit HR Admin Staff, whether deploying or assigned into a Continuity Post/Tour.

(2) **RN Career Managers.** Naval Career Managers provide information on training required for all Navy IAs.

(i) **NMT104 - 5.56 course** (Navy IAs only). This 2 week course is to be completed by Navy IAs.

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<sup>3</sup> Including Battle field Ambulance (BFA) drivers.

(3) **RAF.** Personnel are to deploy iaw the A1 Prep Instruction. Unit HR Admin Staff should be consulted, whether deploying or assigned into a Continuity Post/Tour.

b. **Weapon Training.** All personnel are to complete the following before arriving in Theatre and bring proof with them:

(1) **Weapon Handling Test (WHT).** Personnel are to be in-date for their Weapon Handling Test (WHT) for the duration of their detachment or tour; confirmation of passing a WHT, on the L85 A2 weapon, is to be recorded on JPA and Recorded on the Operational Data Recording (ODR) and MATTs for Army only. The WHT is valid for 6 months and must be valid for the duration of the tour. Individuals who are deploying to Continuity Posts will be re-tested at 6 monthly intervals in Theatre.

(2) **Annual Combat Marksmanship Test (ACMT).** Personnel deploying to BFSAI must complete the relevant single Service ACMT shoot no more that 6 months prior to deployment. For RAF personnel, the CCS currency covers this requirement.

(3) **Pistol.** If individuals require the use of a pistol, the appropriate WHT is to be completed and recorded on JPA.

13. **Unit Security Officers.** Personnel should consult the Job Specification document relevant to their position in BFSAI; all personnel with an in-Theatre Unit or Branch Security Officer secondary role are to complete the Unit Security Officer course at either DISC Chicksands or MoD Southwick Park prior to deployment.

## Clothing and Equipment

14. **Clothing.** On notification of a deployment, personnel are to report immediately to their Unit Clothing Stores (main bases only for RN). Unit Clothing Stores will check the individual's requirements on his/her Assignment Order against the latest version of Theatre specific kitting lists and issue the relevant items to the individual, including cold weather clothing. RAF personnel (except Police and RAF Regt) are wear blue rank braid/slides with PCS CU and CS95 whilst in theatre.

The Army scaling can be found by entering 'Exercise Clothing' on the Army Team Site on the Defence Intranet link, under the ECW FIRIC Clothing Supplement within the Material Support page; the RN and RAF should consult their sS prep instructions and JSP 886. A suggested kit list for non-military clothing is at **Annex D**.

15. **Cold Weather Clothing.** The Falkland Islands has been designated a C2<sup>4</sup> climate. All individuals posted during the austral winter months (May – Oct) are to deploy with a full scaling of cold weather clothing appropriate to their duties. Soldiers serving as part of, or attached to, the Falkland Islands Roulement Infantry Company (FIRIC) are entitled to cold weather boots and socks for service in the austral summer months (Nov – Apr). There are no stocks of cold weather clothing available for issue in Theatre.

16. **Weapons.** Allocation of weapons:

a. Only personnel deployed with the Falkland Islands Roulement Infantry Company (FIRIC) are to bring their personal weapons into Theatre. Weapons are to be carried in weapon holdalls or hessian wrapped for carriage on the Air Bridge. Bayonets must not be carried in hand luggage.

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<sup>4</sup> JSP 886 A C2 climate is defined as "Colder areas which include northern Norway, the prairie provinces of Canada, Tibet and much of Russia"

b. All other personnel will be allocated a personal weapon on handover/takeover (HO/TO) of the Line Serial Number (LSN) to their establishment.

c. All ammunition will be issued in Theatre.

17. **Enhanced Combat Body Armour (ECBA).** ECBA will be issued in Theatre when required.

18. **Kevlar Helmet.** Personnel are to be issued with a Kevlar Helmet (Mk 6, 6A or 7), issued in accordance with Theatre specific kitting lists, and bring it to Theatre. No Para Helmets are to be deployed unless for specific parachuting usage.

19. **Respirator GSR<sup>5</sup>.** All personnel are to bring their personal issue respirator, stored in a PLCE haversack, to Theatre with 2 sealed canisters, in their hold luggage. All personnel are to have an in date Respirator Test System (RTS) / Advanced Respirator Test System (ARTS) certificate/printout in their possession.

20. **Combat Equipment Marching Order (CEMO).** Army personnel are to deploy with CEMO (sleeping system, webbing and bergan). RAF and RN personnel will have these issued in Theatre.

### Medical and Dental

21. **Joint Medical Employment Standards (JMES).** Comprehensive guidance on the Medical/Dental care arrangements and JMES for personnel deploying to the Falkland Islands can be found 2013 DIN 01-137. Personnel with a JMES lower than A2/4 L2 M1/6 E1 Medically Limited Deployability (MLD) will not be permitted to serve in BFSAI without the express written permission of the BFSAI Senior Medical Officer (SMO). Downgraded personnel are to undergo appropriate medical inspection prior to deploying. This inspection is to comprise:

a. Review of the individual's medical needs by a Service Medical Officer.

b. Consultation between the inspecting medical officer and the SMO BFSAI.

c. HQ BFSAI SMO's agreement that the individual's proposed employment is consistent with their Employment Standard. Agreement is to be staffed by the individual's current management chain using BFSAI Form, J1-PER-24 Medical Downgraded Personnel<sup>6</sup> on the BFSAI Intranet.

22. **Pregnancy.** Female personnel who are concerned that there is any possibility that they may be pregnant are to seek medical advice prior to deployment. Medical facilities for the purpose of pregnancy in BFSAI are both limited and, at times, inaccessible; a number of factors may need to be discussed prior to enabling any pregnant servicewoman to serve in BFSAI, though these will be examined comprehensively through a formalised risk assessment process.

### 23. Individual Medical Issues

a. **Vaccinations.** All personnel should be in date vaccinations iaw JSP 950 Leaflet 7-1-1, note the requirement for Yellow Fever vaccination to travel on the Airbridge. On notification of deployment, individuals are to confirm with Unit Medical Centres to ensure they

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<sup>5</sup> To be used in case of fire fighting duties.

<sup>6</sup> Available on the Service Intranet: <http://www.mountpleasant.flk.cis.r.mil.uk/Areas/Op/hqbfesai/j1/j1medops.asp?>

will be in date for all vaccinations for the duration of their deployment and that they meet any specific guidance issued for deployment to BFSAI.

b. **Spectacles.** Spectacle wearers are recommended to deploy with a spare set of spectacles due to the difficulty of obtaining supplies in Theatre. Personnel who wear contact lenses are advised to take sufficient contact lenses (if disposable). Personnel who wear spectacles are to be in possession of respirators fitted with corrective lenses to the correct prescription.

c. **Routine Medication.** Personnel who require routine medication are to take sufficient quantity for the duration of their deployment. This includes the oral contraceptive.

d. **Sun cream.** Exposure to UV rays in the Falkland Islands is particularly dangerous due to its location in relation to a thinning of the ozone layer. Every precaution should be taken to avoid being burned by the sun and adequate factor of suncream should be brought and worn.

24. **Dental.** All personnel are to be dentally fit in accordance with extant DDS policy prior to deployment and are to be in-date for periodic dental inspections for the duration of their deployment to BFSAI. Personnel must deploy with a minimum of a NATO Cat 1/0, unless prior agreement is sought from the Falkland Island Dental Officer (FIDO).

## **Discipline**

25. **Disciplinary action.** Whilst deployed to BFSAI, service personnel will be subject to the Armed Forces Act 2006 (AFA 06). If accompanied, this may include dependants; Service Personnel should therefore check the status of their family on arrival and be prepared to inform them of any additional disciplinary constraints placed upon them under AFA 06.

26. **Op PLUNDER.** Op PLUNDER is the generic title given to the search of vehicles, equipment, containers and baggage returning from operational theatres. Personnel should be aware that their luggage and unaccompanied baggage may be searched for unauthorised 'souvenirs'.

27. **Importation of Illegal Items.** It is an offence to import any of the following items into the Falkland Islands, without the appropriate import licence and certificate of health prior to leaving the country of export:

- a. Bulbs and seeds (except seeds purchased from a reputable British Seed Company).
- b. Animals and animal fodder.
- c. Birds.
- d. Eggs and meat (except processed or boned meats).

## **Travelling to BFSAI including Falkland Islands and Ascension Island Base**

28. **Latest Time Arrival (LTA).** Personnel will be given an LTA date; this is the latest date that they must be at the location to which they are assigned. In order to ensure that individuals are in post on time and to facilitate an appropriate HO/TO, personnel may find themselves departing the UK up to 5 days prior to their LTA due to flight schedules or cancellation of flights.

29. **Flights.** All personnel are to fly from RAF Brize Norton (BZZ) to Mount Pleasant Airfield (MPA) via the Ascension Islands (ASI); personnel should therefore be prepared for an overnight

stop or diversion and hand carry overnight kit; personnel are entitled to carry one piece of hand luggage weighing no more than 9 kg. Flight durations are as follows:

- a. UK to ASI - 8½ hours.
- b. ASI to MPA - 7½ hours.

All personnel assigned to BFSAI on a CP/CT are to contact the Global Removals and Family Services at Abbey Wood as soon as Assignment Orders are issued to arrange flights for the whole family. The process for flight bookings for personnel on shorter tours to BFSAI is as follows:

- a. **RAF.** Flights to BFSAI are to be booked through DPRC via home unit PSF 3 weeks prior to the LTA date, quoting the JPA PID and LTA only in their booking request. Once flight details are confirmed, personnel are to ensure that the Chief Clerk, [BFSAI-FLK-FISU-PSF-ChfClk@mod.uk](mailto:BFSAI-FLK-FISU-PSF-ChfClk@mod.uk) of the Falkland Island Support Unit (FISU) is informed and the requisite arrivals procedures can therefore be planned.
- b. **ARMY.** Flights to BFSAI are to be booked through unit HR admin staff, or through RTMC in the case of IAs. Once flight details are confirmed, personnel are to ensure that the Chief Clerk, [BFSAI-FLK-FISU-ChfClk@mod.uk](mailto:BFSAI-FLK-FISU-ChfClk@mod.uk) of the FISU is informed and the requisite arrivals procedures can therefore be planned.
- c. **RN.** Flights to BFSAI are to be booked through the overseas travel desk in HMS Nelson UPO. Once flight details are confirmed, personnel are to ensure that the Chief Clerk, [BFSAI-FLK-FISU-PSF-ChfClk@mod.uk](mailto:BFSAI-FLK-FISU-PSF-ChfClk@mod.uk) of the FISU is informed and the requisite arrivals procedures can therefore be planned.

30. **Journey Details.** Personnel deploying to BFSAI are to travel in clean and appropriate civilian clothing; if in doubt, guidance can be sought on the Brize Norton website (listed at **Annex A** and available on the Internet).

31. **Checking departure.** To obtain accurate information on flight departure, contact the Brize Norton Information desk on 95461 Ext 6050/5861 (Mil) or 01993-896050/895861 (Civil).

32. **Missing flights.** Should you be unable to make a flight from the UK, you should immediately contact your unit admin staff. In the event that you are delayed en-route to check-in, you should call the RAF Brize Norton terminal direct on 95461 6050 or 01993 896050.

33. **Baggage allowances.** Baggage allowances are as follows:

a. **Hold Baggage Allowance.** HR Admin Staffs and Travel Centres are to refer to JSP 800 (Defence Movements and Transportation Regulations) for full details. As a quick reference, as at 01 Apr 13, personnel are entitled to the following:

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| (1) Service Personnel, serving 4-6 months in Theatre   | - | 54 kg |
| (2) Service Personnel, between 1 & 4 months in Theatre | - | 45 kg |
| (3) Service Personnel, staying < 1 month in Theatre    | - | 27 kg |
| (4) Service Personnel serving on a CP/CT               | - | 54 kg |
| (5) Dependants<br>Spouse                               | - | 45 kg |



Children (Accompanied)	-	27 kg
Children (Unaccompanied)	-	36 kg
Infants (<2 yrs old)	-	20 kg

b. **Hand Baggage Allowance.** In addition all personnel are entitled to 9 kgs hand baggage allowance.

c. **Unaccompanied Baggage Allowance.** Personnel deployed or assigned for tours of 6 months or more are entitled to take 50kgs of unaccompanied baggage (MFO or “comfort box”) to and from Theatre. This will be sent through unit supply staffs; unaccompanied baggage will move by surface travel and could take up to 14 weeks. Personnel should bear this lead time in mind when planning to send their unaccompanied baggage to BFSAI and, once deployment has been confirmed, may consider sending items well in advance of their LTA.

d. Personnel assigned into a Continuity Post/Tour are to check with Agility Logistics at <https://grms.agilitylogistics.com/> to the amount of furniture/goods they are entitled to take into Th; All SFA is fully furnished including white goods but, due to a lack of space there is a no ability to remove Service furniture from SFA for storage elsewhere. Consequently, all SFA is charged at the Part Furnished Rate.

## General Administration

34. **Reporting for Duty.** On arrival in BFSAI move and track reporting will be carried out by the deployed ops unit HR staffs within 24 hours of movement in accordance with current JPA instructions. All personnel are to attend an arrivals’ brief within 10 days of arrival and are to book a place on the MPC Military Skills Training course through their Section MST co-ordinator within 2 days of arrival.

35. **Obtaining Cash.** There are no ATMs on the Falkland Islands; therefore options for obtaining cash are limited. Service Personnel may cash cheques or withdraw cash using a chip and pin card from the Public Cashier in FISU HQ; in accordance with JSP 891 personnel are allowed 4 transactions per month up to a value of £250 per transaction. Service Personnel on continuity tours may withdraw up to £500 per transaction. Service Personnel may withdraw cash using a chip and pin card from the BFPO in accordance with JSP 891 limits as stated; this is not available for some Santander accounts. In addition the NAAFI shop (subject to a minimum spend) offer a cash back facility of up to £50 and the Officers’ Mess and WO & Senior Ranks’ Mess provide a cheque encashment service of up to £50. Service Personnel are advised to inform their bank that their card will be used in the Falkland Islands prior to arrival in Theatre to prevent the card being declined.

36. **Writing of a Will.** HQ BFSAI endorses the strong recommendation of the MoD that Service Personnel make a will. Details on single Service arrangements, as well as a comprehensive explanation of the process, storage and relevant JPA action to be completed can be found in DIN 2010DIN01-178 (see **Annex A**).

37. **Compassionate Card and Returning Home.** Personnel are to ensure they receive at least 2 x JPA P001 (Compassionate Card) from Unit HR Admin staff and pass them on to their Next of Kin, Emergency Contact and any other friends and family that they deem necessary. If circumstances should arise, while a serving person is overseas, which make it necessary for his or her family to apply for their return on compassionate grounds, the family should contact the JCCC on 01452 519951. The phone line is manned 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Compassionate leave with free travel will normally only be authorised for the bereavement/serious illness of parents, legal guardians, spouses, long-term partners or children; however, each emergency will be assessed on its particular circumstances.

38. **Appraisal Reports.** Appraisal Reports/Insert Slips will be produced in accordance with JSP 757; individuals deploying to BFSAI should ensure that they confirm their appraisal type, duration and reporting chain with their losing unit prior to departure and their unit in BFSAI on arrival.

39. **Return to the UK - OPLOC.** Once individual augmentees have returned to the UK, they are to contact their units immediately and before proceeding on any POL to inform them that they have returned; in order that overseas allowances and other administrative processes can be actioned.

## Leave

40. **Individual Leave Allowance.** Personnel serving on Continuity Posts of at least 12 months are to submit requests for authorised absence to their CO via JPA in the normal manner. Such leave, when authorised, is deducted from individual leave entitlement. There are strict constraints within units and branches of when certain posts are allowed to be off-Island. These must be factored in to any leave request and such constraints may restrict proposed leave destinations.

41. **Post Operational Deployment Leave (POL).** POL is authorised for personnel completing tours of more than one month but, less than 12 months; the entitlement is calculated as one working day of POL for each 9 calendar days served in Theatre and is not applicable for SP assigned on a CP/CT.

42. **Rest and Recuperation (R&R).** The aim of R&R is to provide Service personnel, who have been mentally and physically challenged by continuous service, usually in an operational area, time to rest out of line and 'recharge their batteries' in order to sustain operational effectiveness. R&R is granted iaw JSP 760 (Regulations for Leave and Other Types of Absence) and BFSAI Order J1 Per 06 – Leave, Authorised Absence and Warrants and is summarised within **Annex E**. R&R is not deducted from individual leave entitlement but is to be taken at a time, location and duration as determined by CBFSAI. Individuals entitled to R&R will be in receipt of the DWP(O) package and not in receipt of LOA for serving in the Falkland Islands or serving on a CT or CP. To minimise travel time when proceeding on R&R, BFSAI personnel who are permanently based in Cyprus have the option of being can be booked onto the UK - HERRICK trooper (subject to availability) going via Cyprus for R&R flights. The HERRICK trooper has greater frequency than the Tue and Sat Cyprus trooper.

## Welfare Package

43. **Welfare Package.** There are 2 main types of deployment to BFSAI, which in turn affect which allowance/welfare an individual is entitled to:

- a. Assignments that are 5 weeks to 6 months in duration.
- b. Continuity Posts/Tours which are 12 – 24 months in duration.

A breakdown of the Falkland Islands Allowance/Welfare Package can be found at **Annex E**:

44. **Welfare Travel for Families Left Behind.** As part of the DWP(O) package there are a number of welfare concessions for travel that are granted for the families of Service personnel serving on 6 month unaccompanied tours in FI . Further information may be sought from the Losing Unit/Parent Unit HR chain. Service Personnel should ensure that their spouse understands their entitlements before they depart for BFSAI.

45. **Welfare in the Falkland Islands.** There are numerous facilities at MPC and at Hillside. There is a well stocked library that lends books, DVDs, CDs and magazines to Service Personnel, as well as an Internet facility, several cafes, a cinema and bowling alley.

46. **Places of Worship.** There is an all-denomination Church as well as a Multi-Faith Prayer Room at MPC and various Denominations are represented in Stanley. A Padre is located in the Falklands for welfare purposes and spiritual guidance.

47. **Welfare Points of Contact.** Individuals are to check with their HR staffs for details on the welfare packages available to them. See welfare links in references. The Confidential Support Line (CSL) is operated by SSAFA-FH on behalf of the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force and is independent of the Chain of Command. The line is open from 1030-2230hrs (UK local time) 365 days a year and can be contacted by phone: 0044 (0)1980 630854 and CSL will phone back or via [www.ssafa.org.uk](http://www.ssafa.org.uk). There is a Padre (Ext 3209) and SSAFA Social Worker (Ext 3331) located at MPC at the Church, next to the OASIS café and in the Welfare Hub respectively, they may be contacted to provide face to face support. The Welfare team also includes OC Personal Management Squadron (OC PMS) on Ext 6426, OC Personal Services Flight (OC PSF) on Ext 6641 and the PSF Chief Clerk on Ext 6790 who are all located in Falkland Islands Support Unit (FISU) HQ (opposite the Air Terminal). During silent hours and at weekends (from 1200 Sat) welfare support and advice can be sought from the Duty Compassionate Officer, who can be contacted via the JOC watch keepers (Ext 4252).

## Education and Recreation

48. **Joint Education Centre.** Education is provided on the Falkland Islands by the Joint Education Centre (JEC). The aim of the JEC is to provide access and management of those learning and training development activities necessary to meet the Services' requirements and the individual's need for personal development. It provides an extensive range of services which are listed on the BFSAI net (see **Annex A**). As well as standard learning packages, the JEC also runs AT packages and Battlefield tours.

49. **Sports and Physical Training.** There is an extensive list of sports and physical activities that take place. In MPC (Falkland Islands) there is a well equipped gym, 33m swimming pool, squash courts, indoor climbing wall, playing fields and a sauna.

50. **Facilities.** There are limited shopping facilities at MPC, including a small NAAFI where basic food items and toiletries can be purchased. Stanley offers a wider (but still relatively limited) range of goods though it is roughly 1 hour's drive from MPC and is sometimes inaccessible in winter.

## Post

51. **BFPO Address.** The address format should be:

Number Rank Name/Job title  
Sub-unit  
BFPO 655  
HA4 6DQ / BF1 6DU

BFPO and Royal Mail have worked together to introduce a UK 'shadow' postcode database for all BFPO addresses – the Falkland Islands shadow postcode is BF1 6DU . This should improve SP access to a range of online services including buying goods online and making it easier to access Government online services, this and assist Credit Reference agencies with their assessments and Armed Forces personnel serving overseas.

52. **Parcels.** Whilst BFPO and Air Movements do their utmost to ensure that all mail is received

in the shortest possible time, personnel are to be aware that parcels of excessive weight (> 2 kg) may have to be transported as military freight on either the monthly air freighter or by sea. This can result in parcels taking between 6-8 weeks to arrive in Theatre. BFPO and Royal Mail have worked together to introduce a UK 'shadow' postcode database for all BFPO addresses – the Falkland Islands shadow postcode is BF1 6DU . This should improve SP access to a range of online services including buying goods online and making it easier to access Government online services, this and assist Credit Reference agencies with their assessments and Armed Forces personnel serving overseas.

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RAF. A1 Ops: Preparatory Instructions: The Falkland Islands

<http://defenceintranet.diif.r.mil.uk/Organisations/Orgs/RAF/Organisations/Orgs/A1Ops/Pages/PreDepprepinst.aspx>

(NB this link is only available on the Defence Intranet)

### General

RAF Personnel: A1 Ops Website:

<http://defenceintranet.diif.r.mil.uk/Organisations/Orgs/RAF/Organisations/Orgs/A1Ops/Pages/Homepage.aspx>

(NB this link is only available on the Defence Intranet)

Falkland Island Government [http://www.falklands.gov.fk/Useful\\_Links.html](http://www.falklands.gov.fk/Useful_Links.html)

Combat Stress (Charity) <http://www.combatstress.org.uk/>

SSAFA [www.ssafa.org.uk](http://www.ssafa.org.uk) .

JSP 440 – Defence Manual of Security – available on Defence Intranet

Army SAI info <http://www.army.mod.uk/operations-deployments/22731.aspx>

Army Welfare Service: <http://www.army.mod.uk/soldierwelfare/supportagencies/aws/index.htm>

OCE, Reserves Training and Mobilisation Centre, Chetwynd Barracks, Chilwell, Nottingham, NG9 5HQ. Tel: 94451 2511 or 2446

RAF Community Website <http://www.raf.mod.uk/community/>

The Demands of Deployment (RAF):

[http://www.rafcom.co.uk/information/pdf/demands\\_deployment.pdf](http://www.rafcom.co.uk/information/pdf/demands_deployment.pdf)

Return and Reunion (RAF) [http://www.rafcom.co.uk/family\\_sep/pdf/Return\\_Reunion.pdf](http://www.rafcom.co.uk/family_sep/pdf/Return_Reunion.pdf)

## USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PERSONNEL SERVING IN CONTINUITY POSTS

### Documentation

1. **Passport.** A full passport valid for the duration of the deployment plus 6 months is required by every member of the family.

2. **ID Cards.** Spouses of military personnel and dependents who are 14 years or older will need to obtain an ID card on arrival from the Police Ft; children over 10 have the option of obtaining an ID Card as this is required to make purchases from the NAAFI . All personnel will require an ID card to shop and ID cards are to be carried at all times.

### Medical

3. **Medical Facilities.** Although there are medical facilities in the Falkland Islands they are basic and all family members who intend to accompany the Service Person are to undergo a medical by their individual GP before deploying. However, there are certain conditions that cannot be managed safely in the Falklands and the Senior Medical Officer will make the final decision. The SMO can be contacted [BFSAI-FLK-FISU-Medcen-SMO@mod.uk](mailto:BFSAI-FLK-FISU-Medcen-SMO@mod.uk) should GPs completing the family pre-screening paperwork have any questions.

4. **Pre-Deployment/Employment Medical Screening.** Personnel should contact the Global Removals and Family Services as soon as possible; contact details are available from unit admin offices. All service personnel and dependants must have been deemed fit before their arrival in the Falkland Islands. Their GP must be made aware of the lack of secondary care facilities available; it is recommended personnel provide a copy of DIN 01-137 when they visit their GP to assist. Medical facilities are much more limited in the Falkland Islands and return to the UK for medical treatment is costly and time consuming. There are certain medical conditions that may be unsuitable to treat in the Falkland Islands due to the remoteness and lack of normal hospital specialities. Consideration for medical support for children with special needs should be made involving the schools and medical facilities prior to arriving; furthermore, there is no paediatric service within the islands. Guidance may be sought by contacting the SO2 J1 Med at HQ BFSAI or Med Regional Medical Centre (RMC). Civilians need to de-register with their GP in the UK so as their NHS notes can be called forward by the RMC; this will ensure that care and treatment is not duplicated. The forwarding address for Civilian GPs to send such documentation is: Practice Manager, Medical Centre, BFSAI, BFPO 655, HA4 6DQ.

5. **Vaccinations.** Families are required to obtain a Yellow Fever vaccination and international Certificate of Vaccination 10 days prior to departure which may be required in the event of the aircraft diverting via South America. In considering the vaccination, families/dependants should refer to NHS guidelines: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Yellow-fever/Pages/Prevention.aspx>. A country may refuse entry to you, impose quarantine or levy a fine without production of a valid certificate. Receipts should be kept in order to claim back any costs incurred.

6. **Dispensary and Prescriptions** –If you are taking any form of medication, please ensure you bring sufficient amounts (at least 3 months supply) with you and inform the Dispensary on your arrival of your medication needs; this will ensure that the medication can be ordered in time, if not routinely kept in stock. Re-supply of routine items can take several weeks if arriving by ship. A limited supply of over-the-counter medicines can be bought locally. Any patients requiring repeat prescriptions are to deliver their repeat prescription request at the dispensary and allow 24 hours before collection. Repeat prescriptions issued by a UK GP are not valid; you will need to book an

appointment with an MO in the RMC in order to be issued with a valid prescription for the first issue.

7. **Secondary Care** – Secondary care is provided by the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital (KEMH), some 35 miles (1 hour) from MPC in Stanley via a relatively poor quality road; sometimes the road is restricted/closed due to weather conditions. It is a 28-bedded facility and the staff comprise of a number of GPs a Consultant General Surgeon and Consultant Anaesthetist. There are 2 high dependency/intensive care beds. The pathology facilities are basic and some tests are sent back to the UK for analysis, resulting in a 6-8 week lead time for results to be available on island. Radiology is limited to basic plain film x-ray and ultrasound examinations. There are no permanent surgical or medical specialist consultants, therefore secondary care referrals need to be seen in the UK; this will require an aeromedical evacuation flight.

8. **Opticians** – There is no Optician in Stanley. You are advised to see an Optician prior to travel and bring a copy of a recent prescription and at least one pair of spectacles and sufficient contact lenses.

9. **Pregnancy and Ante Natal Services** – Ladies who fall pregnant whilst in the Falklands need to be aware that the medical provision is not of the standard expected in the UK and the hospital may not be able to deal with a complicated pregnancy.

10. The management of every pregnancy will be considered on an individual basis depending on the family circumstances. However, all pregnant ladies permitted to remain in theatre will be advised to return to the UK prior to week 36 at the latest but preferably by week 34, of the pregnancy to give birth. Those ladies who elect to stay full term should be aware that Falkland Islands regulations require all pregnant ladies to be located in Stanley from 36 weeks, as delivery elsewhere is not available due to access to a midwife, doctor and medical assistance not being readily available. In addition, in case of complications requiring Aeromedical Evacuation to the UK, those who elect to stay in the Falkland Islands beyond 36 weeks must have their own medical insurance in place to cover these costs.

11. Anyone who falls pregnant will be fully apprised of the risks and level of available medical care and wherever possible, the decision will lie with the individual about how to proceed to full term. There may be occasions where the Service interest will take precedence and the Commander has the ultimate responsibility of balancing the needs of the family and the needs of the Service.

12. KEMH can provide antenatal services. They offer baseline routine observation and screening samples as well as ultrasound scanning. KEMH have a reciprocal health agreement with the UK and a woman can be referred to a unit of her choice if it is appropriate for her care on return to the UK. Further details can be found at: [http://www.falklands.gov.fk/Health\\_Services.html](http://www.falklands.gov.fk/Health_Services.html)

13. **Dental.** Dependants are entitled to dental treatment. Emergency treatment for the relief of pain is provided as well as routine treatment, you will be charged at current National Health Service rates. Normal NHS exemptions from treatment costs apply – these include pregnant and nursing mothers (12 months from date of baby's delivery).

## **Education**

### **14. Schooling for Children:**

a. **Nurseries.** Parents should be aware that there are no nursery facilities at Mount Pleasant for under2s. From 2 years, children can attend the Early Years Unit at Mount Pleasant School. There are private nurseries in Stanley, although these nurseries are not subject to the same assurance and inspections of nurseries in the UK.



- b. **Primary School for Ages 5 to 11.** A small Primary School is established at Mount Pleasant, which has a Head teacher and 3 class teachers. The school is part of Service Children's Education Authority, which is a Government Agency, which has schools worldwide, supporting the children of service personnel and entitled attached civilians. Children start school in the September after their fourth birthday.
- c. **Secondary School for Ages 11 to 16.** There is a secondary school in Stanley, which provides education for up to 16 year olds studying GCSEs. A boarding house is provided for all children from outside Stanley and because of the distance from Mount Pleasant, children from the Unit have to board, Monday to Friday. There is no provision for post 16 education available in the Falklands.
- d. **Special Educational Needs (SEN).** There is little or no provision for SEN, including no specialist Speech and Language support. Personnel whose children require support are to contact the Children's Education Advice Service prior to coming to Theatre.

## CHILDCARE

15. **There is no provision of childcare facilities at BFSAI; postings can mean a high operational tempo, regular exercise programme and out of hours call-out. Service personnel are to ensure that, prior to arrival at BFSAI, they have arrangements in place to care for any accompanying children who are under the age of 16 for all or part of their tour, and who might otherwise be left without care because of the duties of their parent(s).**

16. Service personnel in such circumstances may already employ or consider employing a carer to live-in with them to meet that need. There are Falkland Island Government immigration rules that must be met prior to arrival in the Falkland Islands and personnel should contact the Falkland Islands Customs and Immigration Department in the first instance to discuss the requirements. A work permit will be required and only issued in line with immigration rules and regulations; One such requirement is a medical examination. Personnel must be mindful that all associated costs of employing a live-in carer, including medical/dental provision, insurance, and air fares must be met by the service person. Pax Pol may in exceptional cases authorise the Nanny to qualify to travel at the indulgence rate, applications should be made through BFSAI ACOS J4. Moreover, personnel employed by a service person to provide childcare in respect of this policy have no entitlement to access military welfare facilities in their own right.

17. BFSAI will accommodate the needs of the Service family where possible, but should an individual be unable to carry out their duties because of a failure to provide adequate childcare their position may become untenable. In such circumstances, personnel may be returned to their Parent Unit or reassigned. Please seek advice from [BFSAI-FLK-FISU-GDFit-OC@mod.uk](mailto:BFSAI-FLK-FISU-GDFit-OC@mod.uk) prior to arrival.

## Driving

18. **Driving Licence** – If you are here for more than a year then you will need to apply for a FI Driving Licence, the cost can be claimed back on JPA for Service Personnel only. You will need to show both portions of your current UK licence but there is no requirement to take a test. If you get caught speeding here, they will endorse your UK licence if you don't have a Falkland Islands one. Speeding fines can be severe with fines of £400+ being the norm.

19. **Falkland Island Driving Conditions.** The roads within the Falklands can best be described as primitive, in comparison with UK roads, with the majority of roads across East Falkland being made up of a loose gravel type road surface. At anytime of year, the Stanley Road has areas with severe potholes and ruts and most roads have extremely deep drainage ditches on either side. High winds pose a particular hazard to drivers at anytime of the year and during the winter the road conditions can be particularly treacherous. The weather conditions are constantly monitored and the roads are reduced to either Restricted or Closed if it is deemed unsafe. Although the MoD has



no direct control over civilian vehicles it is advised that they should take great care when the road is Restricted and should not travel at all if the road is Closed.

20. **Roads and Tracks.** The total land area of all the islands and islets is approx 4,700 square miles (slightly smaller than Northern Ireland). There are 248 miles (398 km) of roads and recognised tracks in the FI but no traffic lights. Whilst there are ongoing road developments to expand and improve the current road network, the following factors remain extant:

a. The maximum speed limit in the FI is 40 Mph (64 Kph). The maximum speed limit in MPC is 30 Mph (48 Kph). The maximum speed limit whilst driving in Stanley is 25 Mph (40 Kph).

b. There are few metalled stretches of road apart from those in and around Stanley and within Mount Pleasant Complex (MPC). The roads leading away from MPC are made from crushed rock with large ditches on either side. This surface although regularly regraded, becomes badly potholed and rutted from vehicle wear. Potholes and changes in road surface, especially at the many cattle grids, can cause momentary loss of steering and severe jolts to your passengers, especially those in the rear of the vehicle.

c. The changeable weather conditions have a significant effect on the road surfaces. Drivers need to be aware that these surfaces when wet become very slippery, similar to driving on ice. The majority of the roads pass over private land and have minimal maintenance. During inclement weather (any time of the year), tracks can become difficult to negotiate, with an increasing chance of bogging in or skidding.

d. Dust can also seriously reduce your vision, particularly when driving in convoy, or cause irritation to eyes and throats. When wet, the surface material becomes very slippery causing conditions similar to icy roads.

21. **High Winds.** The weather is extremely unpredictable – all four seasons can be experienced in a day. The wind can gust so strongly that it can blow a vehicle over or off the road. The MPC-Stanley and Mare Harbour Roads may be restricted for high-sided vehicles (i.e. other than Land Rover variants) or closed completely. If you encounter strong winds, try and face the vehicle into the wind and wait. If the vehicle is still affected, stop facing into the wind and wait for the hazard to pass.

22. **Family Transport and Private Vehicles.** MPC covers a large area, and with no public transport, the distance from SFA to such places as the Medical Centre, NAAFI Families Shop or School may make travel on foot difficult. MPC is 37 miles from Stanley, the Islands' capital and the only 'major' settlement; the journey normally takes about an hour, but considerably longer in bad weather. It is therefore advisable for families to have their own transport for travel both on and off base. While the MPC roads are surfaced to UK standard, off base where they exist at all, you will find them un-metalled, rough and invariably badly marked with potholes. Consequently, a Land Rover or other robust 4 wheel-drive vehicle is the most suitable form of transport. Currently diesel is the only fuel available from MPC although unleaded is available in Stanley.

23. There are a number of methods of acquiring a vehicle; you may be able to buy from your predecessor or if this is not possible, it is advisable to ask the families officer or someone already at MPC to look out for any vehicles coming up for sale. There are regularly vehicles for sale in the local press *The Penguin News*. Prices vary but a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Japanese 4x4 in good condition with 100k on the clock often cost around £2000 to £3000.

24. The alternative is to buy in the UK and ship down. For details on Indulgence of private motor vehicles by sea, contact DHL Global Forwarding (UK) Limited on (0)2380 663711. You should bring with you proof of no claims and, if bringing your own vehicle, you will need all of your vehicle documents. Due to the ruggedness of the roads here it is unwise to bring any vehicle that is not robust enough to withstand local conditions.

25. **Car Documentation.** Car Insurance is purchased locally (available through the Falkland Islands Company – UK Cheques accepted) they can be contacted on 00500 27600 or [fic@horizon.co.uk](mailto:fic@horizon.co.uk). Road tax (currently £104 per year), transfer of vehicle ownership (currently £40.50) and FI number plates (£20) for vehicles imported from the UK are all purchased via the Police Station in Stanley contactable on 0500 0028100 or at [Licensing@police.gov.fk](mailto:Licensing@police.gov.fk) (again UK cheques accepted).

26. **Advance of Pay.** Personnel proceeding on one-year accompanied tours are entitled to an advance of pay up to 4 months net pay, which is repayable over a period of up to 12 months. This can be arranged through your Personnel Administration Office before you leave for the Falklands (Reference: JSP 754 Chapter 2, Para 02.0505).

## **Sport Facilities**

27. **Use of Sports Facilities by Dependants.** Dependants are encouraged to use BFSAI physical training and recreational facilities. If primary duties allow, PEd staff will assist dependants using the facilities. Dependants of 16 years of age or older may use the facilities when they are not in use by Service personnel; dependants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. However, due to the terms and conditions of the gymnasium insurance policy dependants under the age of 18 are not permitted to use the CV, resistance-strength training machines or free weights.

28. **Personal Accident Insurance to Use the Sports Facilities at MPC** – Changes to the MOD policy on civilian use of sports facilities, including dependants, place conditions on civilians using them. Although all civilians will be allowed access to the sports facilities, there is a requirement that individuals using them must have their own third party liability and personal accident insurance. A corporate third party liability insurance to cover all civilians has been obtained by BFSAI. However, there remains the issue of personal accident insurance, which should be obtained before using the sports facilities. If individuals continue to use the facilities without personal accident insurance, they do so at their own risk. If you have any queries /questions regarding this policy, please contact: J8 Policy and Personnel on Ext: 6845.

## **Accommodation**

29. **Allocation of SFA.** The Families Officer/OC GD Flt contactable on MPC ext 3318 or by e mail at [BFSAI-FLK-FISU-GDFlt-OC@mod.uk](mailto:BFSAI-FLK-FISU-GDFlt-OC@mod.uk) is responsible for the management and allocation of all SFA at MPC. Accompanied personnel will receive Full LOA and, if accommodated in SFA, will have to pay for rent, utilities and a Contribution In Lieu Of Council Tax (CILOCT). **The allocation policy at MPC is based on family size and availability rather than rank because of the lack of available housing;** the exception being the Stn Execs who have designated housing. The Families Officer should be the first point of contact for requests for further information regarding any family move or housing issues.

## **Pets**

30. Personnel allocated SFA are entitled to bring pets into Th, which are transported at the owner's expense on the Falkland Islands Resupply Ship (FIRS). The latest regulations, application form and prices can be obtained from the Families Officer/OC GD Flt on MPC 3318 or by e mail at [BFSAI-FLK-FISU-GDFlt-OC@mod.uk](mailto:BFSAI-FLK-FISU-GDFlt-OC@mod.uk).

## **Families Pre-Arrival Pack**

31. A Families guide pre-arrival guide has been produced and can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/british-forces-overseas-falkland-islands-and-ascension-island> and the A1 Ops website. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Families Officer by email at [BFSAI-FLK-FISU-GDFlt-OC@mod.uk](mailto:BFSAI-FLK-FISU-GDFlt-OC@mod.uk).

### DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED TO DEPLOY TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

The documents below are required to be held by all personnel deployed to the Falkland Islands

Ser.	Document	Remarks
<b>Travel Documentation</b>		
1	<b>10-year passport</b>	Valid for the duration of the deployment plus 6 months.
<b>Medical and Dental Documents</b>		
2	<b>Certificate of Medical and Dental Preparation</b>	Retained by Unit HR
3	<b>DMICP/EMIS print out</b>	All individuals are required to deploy with the latest printout. IHRs from parent DENTAL and MEDICAL CENTRES must be pushed to MPC'.
4	<b>FMed 23</b>	Those who have been authorised to deploy with a lower medical employment category should bring a supporting FMed 23 (within the FMed 965/Med 4).
5	<b>CRB Certificate/Disclosures and Barring Service (DBS) Certificate</b>	<b>Medical Staff only:</b> All personnel deploying to work in the MPA Medical and Dental Centre including Battle Field Ambulance (BFA) drivers are to be CRB checked and are to deploy with their certificate.  Personnel who are willing to volunteers for 'extra curricular' Clubs/Activities Will require this documentation
<b>Force Protection Documentation</b>		
9	<b>Identity Discs</b>	Blood Groups – Units are to ensure that blood groups are checked against identity disks, written records, FMed 4 and FMed 965 to ensure correctness.
10	<b>F7192 - Green CCS/Weapon Card (RAF Only)</b>	Issued on completion of CCS.
11	<b>Weapon Handling Certificate (RN and Army)</b>	RN should arrive in theatre with a recording on JPA and Army should be recorded on the Operational Data Recording (ODR) or MATTS.
12	<b>JSP 398 Card A/B - Rules of Engagement</b>	Issued by Training Wings / Force Protection Sections.
13	<b>F Ident 189 – Geneva Convention Card</b>	Obtained from Unit HR Staffs.
14	<b>Respirator Test System Certificate</b>	Respirator Test System (RTS) / Advanced Respirator Test System (ARTS) certificate/printout in their possession.
<b>Driving Licence</b>		
15	<b>UK driving licence (If new style, take D740 counterpart also)</b>	Valid and In-Date. All personnel deploying to the Falkland Islands who will have access to vehicles must deploy with a valid UK driving licence (both parts).
16	<b>FMT 600</b>	F/MT 600 annotated with LandRover qualification and highway code test (UK). All drivers are to be qualified <b>General Service Module 1</b> of the Defence GS

		Driver Package – JPA Code 10366, to include the cross country element.
<b>Trade Specific Documentation</b>		
17	<b>MHE Operators Certificate</b>	Forklift drivers only.
18	<b>F7117 / 7118</b>	Electrical/Weapons tradesmen only, issued by section.
19	<b>F4820/4820B</b>	Technical tradesmen only issued by section.
20	<b>Flying Log Book</b>	Aircrew only.
21	<b>F Ident 106/107/108</b>	Trade/Branch appropriate.
22	<b>F Ident 107</b>	All personnel working in a medical capacity, clinical or non-clinical, are to wear regulation armbands showing the Geneva Convention Emblem and carry F Ident 106,107 and 108 as required.
23	<b>SLP Qualified</b>	All deploying Service Police to be q'd on SLP (WHT and live fire), in addition to the existing L85A2 requirement.
<b>Miscellaneous Documentation</b>		
24	<b>Copy of Security Clearance (SC)</b>	All personnel before commencement of an assignment of any duration are to ensure that their SC is current. All personnel are to deploy with a copy of their SC. This can be obtained from the individual's competencies on JPA. If personnel are deploying to joint or multi-national organizations only official SCs are permitted. Unit HR staffs will provide guidance on how to obtain these documents. A copy of the JPA competencies will suffice unless the Assignment Order (AO) specifies otherwise. If it has lapsed, then it is the individual's responsibility to immediately contact the sS Police staff, for advice on what remedial action can be taken.
25	<b>JPA Competency print</b>	Record of last Fitness Test.
26	<b>JPA P001</b>	Personnel are to ensure they receive two JPA P001s (Compassionate Card) from Unit HR and pass them on to their family.
27	<b>Cheque Book and Debit Card</b>	Personnel have the facility to either obtain Cash back from the BFPO or NAAFI and can cash a cheque in Accts Flt.
28	<b>DII accreditation</b>	All new joiners must present DII qualifications to the iHub prior to being issued their DII (F) logon details. The minimum requirement will be for personnel to carry out / prove accreditation of "Stand User V5" training module.

## **RECOMMENDED PACKING LIST FOR NON MILITARY ITEMS**

1. Below is a suggested packing list for the Falkland Islands. It is recommended that you contact the person you are replacing before travelling to ensure that you do not bring duplicate items that are already in your accommodation.
2. The weather in the Falkland Islands is not as bad as some people would believe, but it is fast-moving, changes suddenly and so you must bring appropriate clothing with you for all eventualities. Although the Falkland Islands are the same latitude south as London is north, it is important to remember that there is no Gulf Stream such as we have in the UK to warm the Islands. So when the wind direction comes from the South, snow showers are possible at any time of year.
3. A warm northerly wind in the summer can give temperatures exceeding 20°C in some areas. There is on average more sunshine and less rain in the FI than most places in the UK. It is considerably windier, and this is the main weather factor. The winds are often strong and, combined with low temperatures, results in a significant wind chill factor. The average winter temperature is approximately 6°C. However, combined with a 30 knot mean wind speed, it can produce temperatures feeling closer to 0°C. Warm and waterproof clothing should be to hand all through the year to protect from sudden changes in the weather. This is especially important for the mountain sites and other high ground, where wind speeds can gust up to 70 or 80 knots. Low cloud and hill fog can affect high ground at anytime of the year.
4. In the Falklands winter (Jun-Sep), the weather can make it difficult to get outside. Sleet and snow is common but rarely lies very deep or for very long as the weather systems move quickly through. Movement within the domestic complex is through long concrete corridors, which are not heated so can be cold. The accommodation and working areas are warm.
5. The wind during the Falklands summer is generally stronger than in the winter, which provides a notable chill factor despite strong sunshine. As a result, sunburn is a frequent occurrence, so all personnel are advised to bring sun protection – sun block, hat, long sleeved layered clothing. Even with cloudy skies, the sun is very strong. The ozone layer is very thin in this part of the Southern hemisphere, and occasionally non-existent. Personnel are advised to wear sun block and a hat for outdoor activities anytime of the year, however short that duration. You will have to take a sleeping bag on journeys outside of MPA such that if the weather causes the roads to close, you have means to stay at your destination location.
6. The following list applies to all military and civilian personnel:
  - Fleece
  - Goretex/waterproof jacket
  - Warm trousers
  - Sturdy Shoes or walking boots
  - Jumpers/Sweatshirts
  - Waterproof Trousers
  - Dressing Gown/Slippers
  - Gloves/hats/scarf
  - Indoor clothing for down-time
  - Flip-Flops (for showers)
  - Walking socks
  - Smart outfit of trousers, shirts and tie or dress/skirt and blouse

- Thermal underwear
- Sports kit and Swimwear (Note: one-piece swimwear for females only may be worn in pools, no bikinis), goggles
- Some summer clothing (it can be warm and may be required for stop overs in Ascension Island)
- Shoes
- Toiletries and existing prescribed medicines (enough for whole tour)
- Sunglasses and suntan lotion (high protection factor)
- Prescription glasses and/or contact lenses plus solutions

7. **Military Uniform and Civilian Mixed Dress.** Because of the FI climate and the limited baggage allowance, issue clothing may be mixed with civilian dress for outdoor excursions. This is an exception to the normal Service rule.

8. **Officers.** All Officers are to bring a Jacket and Tie or Lounge Suit (or female equivalent) and Mess Kit or Black Tie (there are black tie functions for which Mess Kit may be worn). Dress in the Joint Officers' Mess is routinely a collared shirt and trousers. In addition, officers of the rank Lt Col and above are required to bring their Service Parade Dress with gloves and medals.

9. **WOs & Sgts.** All SNCOs should bring with them a jacket, long sleeved shirt and tie as well as smart trousers (females should bring equivalent clothing) suitable for formal functions.

FALKLAND ISLANDS ALLOWANCE MATRIX

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
ALLOWANCE	SINGLE	MARRIED	MARRIED ACCOMP	SINGLE	MARRIED UNACCOM	MARRIED UNACCOMP /SINGLE <sup>7</sup>	MARRIED UNACCOM/ SINGLE QUARTER
ASSIGNMENT	SHORT TOUR	SHORT TOUR	CP/CT	CP/CT	CP/CT	CP/CT	CP/CT
LOCATION	ACCOM	ACCOM	SFA	ACCOM	ACCOM	QUARTER BY COMD APPT	QUARTER MESS ANNEX
FIELD CONDITIONS	FIELD CONDITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH JSP 754 09.0224						
LOA			YES				
LSA	YES	YES	If a serving couple, the 5S will also receive LSA in lieu of single rate LOA iaw JSP 752	YES JSP 752 05.0111	YES JSP 752 05.0111	YES JSP 752 05.0111	YES JSP 752 05.0111
LSA – LEVEL 1 (VOL UNACCOM)					JSP 552 05.0117 Does Not Apply	JSP 752 05.0117 Does Not Apply	JSP 752 05.0117 Does Not Apply
LSA EXTENDED TOUR LENGTH	4 Mths No 6 Mths No 9 Mths Yes 12 Mths Yes JSP 752 05.0124	4 Mths No 6 Mths No 9 Mths Yes 12 Mths Yes JSP 752 05.0124		4 Mths No 6 Mths No 9 Mths Yes 12 Mths Yes JSP 752 05.0124	4 Mths No 6 Mths No 9 Mths Yes 12 Mths Yes JSP 752 05.0124	4 Mths No 6 Mths No 9 Mths Yes 12 Mths Yes JSP 752 05.0124	4 Mths No 6 Mths No 9 Mths Yes 12 Mths Yes JSP 752 05.0124
ACCOM AND CILOCT CHARGE			YES Rebate applied				
FOOD CHARGE			Pay for food in Mess				
DWP (O) <sup>8</sup>	YES 20110413_BFSAI_J1_04_04 dated 13 Apr 11	YES 20110413_BFSAI_J1_04_04 dated 13 Apr 11	YES	YES 20110413_BFSAI_J1_04_04 dated 13 Apr 11	YES 20110413_BFSAI_J1_04_04 dated 13 Apr 11	YES 20110413_BFSAI_J1_04_04 dated 13 Apr 11	YES 20110413_BFSAI_J1_04_04 dated 13 Apr 11
GYH (O) <sup>9</sup>			YES 1 per 12 months	YES 1 per 12 months	YES 1 per 12 months	YES 1 per 12 months	YES 1 per 12 months
LOCAL WARRANT			1 WARRANT ASCENSION or CHILE	1 WARRANT ASCENSION or CHILE	1 WARRANT ASCENSION or CHILE	1 WARRANT ASCENSION or CHILE	1 WARRANT ASCENSION or CHILE
RELOCATIONS LEAVE			YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
R&R	YES (>6 mths)	YES (>6 mths)					
PODL	YES	YES					
CEA			YES	AS PER INVOL SEP RULES	AS PER INVOL SEP RULES	AS PER INVOL SEP RULES	AS PER INVOL SEP RULES
UK Council Tax Rebate <sup>10</sup>	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

<sup>7</sup> BFSAI FI Housing Policy states that Unacc CT SP and single SP who are entitled to occupy SFA by virtue of their post are treated as if they are in Mess Annexes and receive the same DWP(O) package as those living in the Accommodation Block. (COLUMN H)

<sup>8</sup> JSP 770 2.2.03 LOA is a non-taxable allowance paid to Regular and Reserve Service personnel in certain locations overseas. It is a measure of the amount by which average essential expenditure on day-to-day living in the overseas station differs from that in the UK, taking account of local lifestyle. LOA is not intended to meet the very different needs of Service personnel on operations or exercises. As a rule and in circumstances that meet the above criteria, the DWP(O) will provide deployment welfare support and LOA will not

<sup>9</sup> A case for the uplift of additional flights for those in BFSAI will not be looked at favourable by HOCS. Unaccom SP are granted the LSA in line with para 05.0111

<sup>10</sup> Rebate can be applied for if you are paying Council tax in the UK.