

BRITISH FORCES CYPRUS CONVENING ORDER

BY

1. A Board of Inquiry composed as under is to assemble at HQ BFC, at a date and time to be confirmed but no later than 2135 hrs on Monday 19 Mar 07 to investigate the circumstances leading up to the deaths of E8412723 Cpl Greenough of CSSU Akrotiri (DOB 140170), and his dependant children and

President:

Members:

Board Member - TBC

Specialist Advisors:

Such other specialists to be detailed by HQ BFC

- 2. The Inquiry is to investigate all the circumstances and record all evidence relevant to the incident that occurred at 15 Anne's Close, RAF Akrotiri on 17 Mar 07.
- 3. Evidence is to be taken on oath, by solemn affirmation or by other appropriate means in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Act 1955 Board of Inquiry (RAF) Rules 1956, Rule 13 and any documentary evidence produced by a witness suitably qualified: such documentary evidence is to be attached as an Annex to the proceedings.
- 4. If during the Inquiry it becomes apparent to the President that any person may be affected by the findings of the Inquiry; that person is to be given the opportunity to be present or to be represented in accordance with the provisions of the Air Force Act 1955 and Queen's Regulations Sections 135(4).
- 5. If it appears to the Board at any time during the Inquiry that any person may have committed an offence against military law, including a civil offence contrary to the Air Force Act 1955, Army Act 1955, or Naval Discipline Act 1957, which has not already been dealt with, the President is to adjourn the proceedings and seek legal advice from
- The Board is to investigate all the circumstances and record all evidence relevant to the Inquiry, save that the Board is not to attribute blame, negligence or recommend disciplinary action.

- 7. The Board is to investigate, report and express an opinion, where appropriate, on the following matters:
 - a. Establish the details of the incident at 15 Anne's Close, RAF Akrotiri on 17 Mar 07.
 - b. Investigate the medical cause of the deaths.
 - c. Investigate the implementation of command responsibilities including obligations of "duty of care". (The Board must confine itself to factual evidence relating to procedures).
 - d. Establish the level of training, relevant competencies and qualifications of the individual(s) involved in the incident.
 - e. Examine what orders and instructions were issued and whether they were complied with including Health and Safety at Work and Environmental Protection implications.
 - f. Determine the cause of the incident and examine contributory factors.
 - g. Investigate arrangements in force to safeguard equipment etc.
 - h. Investigate and comment on any fatigue implications of an individuals activities in the previous 3 days.
 - i. Ascertain whether service personnel were on duty at the time of their employment.
 - j. Determine the state of serviceability of any equipment involved.
 - k. Determine what service kit was deficient or defective.
 - I. Assess Health and Safety at Work and Environmental Protection.
 - m. Investigate specialist requirements under single Service regulations.
 - n. Ascertain value of loss / damage to Service and / or extent (and if readily available, the value) of loss / damage to civilian property.
 - o. Make recommendations.
- 8. The Inquiry is to record what action if any has been or will be taken.
- The Board is to give reasons for all its Opinions and Findings.
- 10. The Board should take advantage of any investigations that have already been carried out into this matter.
- 11. Any Military witnesses the Board may wish to attend are to be ordered to attend and bring with them all material relevant to the Inquiry.
- 12. The Board shall call for such further witnesses and take such evidence, as the President deems appropriate.

- 13. No members of the press or public will be permitted to attend any part of the Inquiry unless otherwise directed by the President, having first consulted the Convening Officer and HQ STC.
- 14. The Board is also to investigate and report on any other associated issues deemed appropriate by the President.

ADMINISTRATION

for CBF

- 15. DCSA CCU is to allocate an appropriate dedicated office with IT for the Board for the duration of the Inquiry and a typist as and when required.
- 16. DCSA CCU is to provide all stationery support for the Board. The Board is also to be provided with the following:
 - a. Manual of Military Law Part 1 (Volumes A and B).
 - b. Queen's Regulations.
 - c. Bible (or other religious text as required).
 - d. Tape recording equipment (if required).
- 17. The Inquiry is the Board's priority task and takes precedence over any other duties.

