

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Governor's Office.

No.

192/16

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From

SUBJECT.

~~Secretary of State for the~~

~~Admiralty~~

Admiralty.

H.M. S. Avoca

Orders for

No.

Date

Telegram

20th May, 1916.

Colonial Secretary's
Record No.

MINUTES.

Letter to Captain H.M.S. Avoca.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 192/16.

Government House, Stanley.

20th May, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to convey
to you the following telegram received by me this day
from the Admiralty, London.

"For His Majesty's Ship Avoca
"after leaving Stanley Port proceed
"to Sechura Bay. 11.50
Admiralty"

I have the honour to be,.

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Douglas Young

Governor.

To

THE SENIOR NAVAL

OFFICER IN COMMAND,

H. M. S. AVOCA.

(cypher)
By Cable.

Admiralty to Governor, Falkland Islands.

Dated 20th Recd. 20th May, 1916.

After leaving Stanley proceed to Sechura Bay
Admiralty.

(Cypher) Governor to Admiralty, London.
By Cable. Sent 20th May, 1916.

Your message 20th May has been received but is not
understood.

Correction received at 5.27 p.m. 20th May, 1916.

For H. M. S. Avoca after leaving Stanley Port
proceed to Sechura Bay.

(Cypher)

Govt. Wireless.

I. Y. to Governor.

Received 12.45 p.m. 25th May, 1916.

My position noon G. M. T. Latitude 47.14 South longitude
57.3 West. Expect to arrive Stanley Port tomorrow Friday.
Have one officer and five ratings for Falkland Islands
W/T Station.

Governor to I. Y.

Sent 3. 15 p.m. 25th May, 1916.

Do you want coal if so how much and will you take it on
arrival Governor.

Governor to I. Y.

Sent 3. 40 p.m. 25th May, 1916.

Telegram received from Admiralty 20th May after departure
from Stanley Port you are to proceed to Sechura Bay. Governor.

I. Y. to Governor.

Received 7 p.m. 25th May, 1916.

Will require about two thousand five hundred tons of coal
please warn British Transport to be ready come alongside
Saturday morning. Also require daily supply of water if
available.

(Cypher)

By Govt. Wireless.

I. Y. to Governor.

Received 26th May, 1916.

Expect to arrive Stanley Port at 11 a.m. ships time

British Transport should come alongside to-night if possible

(CYPHER)

By Cable.

Governor to Admiralty and British Consul, Montevideo.

Sent 26th May, 1916.

H.M.S. Avoca arrived 26th May

Governor

(Cypher)

Navy Wireless.

Governor to K. R.

Sent 26th May, 1916.

H. M. S. Avoca arrived 26th May Governor

192/16
Confidential

H.M.S. "AVOCA",

MAY 26TH. 1916.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you for your confidential information, that H.M.Ship under my command, left English Bank, River Plate, at 9 p.m. on Monday, 22nd. inst., H.M.Ships "GLASGOW" and "Macedonia" and the collier "King David" No.468, were then present at English Bank or in the vicinity.

My instructions were to proceed from thence to the Falkland Islands to deliver the Officer and Ratings (1 W/Telegraphist, 4 stokers & 1 E.R.A.) for the W/T Station, and to complete with coal and as much water as is available.

I have also to take stores in H.M.S. "Avoca" from the collier "British Transport" for H.M. Ships stationed in the Pacific, and to despatch certain stores for H.M.S. "Glasgow" in the collier "Gibralter"

At present I have the following stores, ratings etc. for H.M.Ships stationed in the Pacific:

<u>Ratings.</u>	<u>Stores.</u>	<u>Secret Documents.</u>
<u>H.M.S. "OTRANTO"</u>		
1 S.B.R. 1 Lc.Sgt.R.M.L.I.	NIL.	Copy of Cypher "Q" with Private Signal Instructions.
<u>H.M.S. "LANCASTER"</u>		
Nil.	Naval 1 Ton. Clothing 1 Ton.	Do. Do.
<u>H.M.S. "NEWCASTLE"</u>		
Nil	Nil	Do. Do.

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H.M.S. "ORBITA"

2 Signalmen,	Naval 1 Ton.	Copy of Cypher "Q"
1 C.P.O.	Ordnance 1 Ton.	With Private Signal
5 Seamen.		Instructions.
1 Cp 1.R.M.L.I.		
12 Privates. R.M.L.I.		

H.M.S. "RAINBOW"


Nil.

Do.

I have also been instructed by the Commodore to enquire into and report upon various matters in connection with the W/T Station.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's Obedient Servant,



CAPTAIN. R.N.

(CYPHER)

Recd. by Govt. Wireless.

Monte Video to Paita British Government, Governor Port Stanley.

Received 28th May, 1916.

Following are the arrangements for coaling for Avoca begins
you are to endeavour to get into communication with H.M.S.
Otranto on the port side way up between Magellan Straits
and Valparaíso and are to coal from her collier at Vallenar
in latitude and longitude 45 19 South 74 33 West you are to
proceed then to Sechura Bay in latitude and longitude 55 5
South 81 west and are not to coal in a neutral port. Report
your movements to me from Valparaíso addressing your message
care of British Consul Callao H.M.S. Lancaster 3nds 27th May.

Captain C. Hardy R.N. H.M.S. Avoca informed me that he
had received and had acknowledged this message.

(Cypher)

By Cable.

H.M.S. Otranto to Governor.

Dated 29th May Recd. 29th May, 1916.

Please inform me whether Avoca has left Falkland Islands
and if so when. Reply should be returned to British Consul
General Valparaiso H.M.S. Otranto 29th May.

Governor to British Consul General Valparaiso.

Sent 29th May, 1916.

For H.M.S. Otranto Avoca at Stanley Port leave probably
3rd June.

Office copy.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 192/16.

Government House, Stanley.

30th May, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose
to you herewith a copy of a telegram
received by me to-day from the H.M.S.
Otranto.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Douglas Young
Governor.

CAPTAIN CHARLES HARDY, R.N.

H.M.S. AVOCA.

(Cypher)

By Cable.

H.M.S.Otranto to Governor.

Recd. from Valparaiso on 30th May, 1916.

Please direct Avoca to meet me at rendezvous 30 miles South West true from South point of Huamblin Island in Latitude 45 17 South Longitude 75 38 West on 9th June if possible and to remain in that vicinity until I get into touch with her. Please telegraph to Vice Consul at Coronel before 7th June informing me probable date of arrival rendezvous H.M.S.Otranto 30th May.

H.M.S."AVOCA",

May 31st. 1916.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.192/16 of the 30th.Inst. enclosing copy of a cablegram from Valparaiso.

I should be obliged if you would cable the Consul General at Valparaiso requesting him to pass the following message to H.M.S."OTRANTO" :

Begins : 35733 - 30649 - 13926 - 997065. Ends.

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's Obedient Servant,


CAPTAIN. R.N.

HIS EXCELLENCY,
THE GOVERNOR,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

(Cypher)

By Cable.

Governor to British Consul Montevideo and Admiralty, London.

Sent 4th June, 1916.

4th June Avoca left to-day for Pacific

Governor.

(Cypher)

British Consul Monte Video to Governor.

Dated 5th June Received 5th June, 1916.

Please inform Avoca no communication by telegraph
to Punta Arenas telegraph cable has broken down.

(Cypher)

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Cable.

H.M.S.Otranto to Governor.

Received 7th June, 1916.

Has Avoca left Falkland Islands if so on what date.
What is her service call sign. Please reply by
return to Vice Consul Coronel. Did you receive my
message of 30th May giving rendezvous for Avoca
H.M.S.Otranto 7th June.

Governor to British Minister, Coronel.

Please send following cypher telegram to Otranto
begins 7th June Avoca left Falkland Islands for Punta
Arenas on 4th June. Call sign I. Y. Sent this morning
to British Minister Valparaiso following for you
begins 35733 30649 13926 097065 ends

Governor.

(Cypher)

By Cable.

Governor to British Minister Valparaiso.

Sent 7th June, 1916.

Please send following cypher telegram to Otranto
begins 35733 30649 13926 097065

Governor.