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C.S.

Commander-in-Chief  
AMERICA AND W.I. STN.

SUBJECT.

1933

16<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Previous Paper.

SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION. A. AND W.I. STATION.

H.M.'S CRUISERS "EXETER" AND "YORK"

## MINUTES.

①

Letter from Commander-in-Chief. America and West Indies Station. 16/10/33.

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Letter from Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station. 16/10/33.

*Submitted**? Publish in "Penguin"**C. J. Lee  
14/12/33**Hon. Col. Lee.**Yes please, but only  
the one which deals with call  
of H.M.S. "Exeter"**McH**4. XII. 33.*

Subsequent Paper.

*Editor "Penguin"**To see A.C.'s minute above and  
Publish notice accordingly.**Hon. Col. Lee**C. J. Lee*

Hon. Col. Sec.

The Programme of H.M.S. Exeter  
published in "Penguin" 15. 12. 33  
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used several times  
then be affixed acro  
W. & S. Ltd.

P.A.  
15/12/33.

Letter from Commodore, H.M.S. "Exeter" 31/1/34 (3)

J.E. Submitted.

MCH  
17. II. 34

Hon. C.S.

Will you kindly take appropriate action?

A tactical exercise might be arranged in  
addition.

Just.

19. 2. 34.

Spoke Hon. L. W. H. Young regarding  
Ship's requirement of 550 tons oil  
fuel during her visit. Mr. Young  
stated that he would make  
necessary arrangements.

Mr. Young kindly gave permission  
for officers to shoot over Sparrow  
Cove.

Suggested that Shooting party from Ship  
should be accompanied by two local  
persons who were thoroughly conversant  
with the method of "driving" the  
birds at Sparrow Cove. Lieut. Stewart  
and Captain Watson would be most suitable.



Spoke to the Very Revd the Dean regarding Church Parade on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 1934. The Dean stated that he would make arrangements for seating re in the Cathedral.

Instructed Lieut. Allan, Asst I.I. Defence Force to arrange for members to attend Church parade at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Arrangements also made for the attendance of Sea Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies and Girl Guides

Spoke Lieut. Allan regarding Defence Force organizing customary Dance in honour of visit of Ship. It was arranged that Dance should be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 1934, commencing 9 p.m. Informed Lieut. Allan that owing to leave mourning, H.E. the Governor would be unable to attend.

Instructed Lieut. Allan to make preparations for a tactical exercise with H.M.S. "Escoter" to be held probably on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

Football Secretary spoken. Committee meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

to arrange match with ship.

Arranged with Mr L. B. White of  
P. W. Dept: to make all arrangements  
with leave of Concert Party on board  
"Essex" regarding Ship's Concert suggested  
to be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 1934,  
also to arrange and manage all  
seating, issue of tickets re.

Telegram to Commodore, Exeter, 22/2/34 4.

" to " " 22/2/34 5.

" from " " 22/2/34 6.

Letter from H.C. the Ag. Exeter, 22/2/34 7.

Children's party on board on  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb at 3 p.m.

Notice published in "Penguin".

Chief Constable instructed to arrange  
for supervision of children going on  
board "Penguin" to prevent overcrowding  
and risk of accidents.

Ship's Company giving Dance on  
2<sup>nd</sup> March. Notice published in  
"Penguin"

P. A.  
MCH  
28.2.34

Telegram from H. M. S. Exeter, 22/2/34 8.

Telegram from H. M. S. Exeter, 23/2/34 9.

P. A.  
28/2/34

10. Telegram from Commodore, Exeter, 3/3/34  
 11. " to " " 6/3/34

P.A.  
 7/3/34

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J.R.

Submitted for information.

MCH  
 by C.S.  
 7.6.34

C.S.  
 Hn. ~~S.H.O.~~

~~to me~~

See: Hn S.H.O. to

see.

me

6.6.34.

/Hon. P.H.O.

To you accordingly.

MCH  
 by C.S.  
 7.6.34

Hon. Col. Secy.

Thank you.

J. Inner Moor.

7.6.34

P.A.  
MCH  
 8.6.34.

Letter from B.M.C. America & W.D. Str. 28/8/34 (15-16)

Yr. Submitted for information. Date  
of visit of H.M.S. "Essex"  
may be published in Penguin?

MCH  
by C.S.  
8.8.34.  
Signed  
11.8.34.

Editor Penguin

You may publish usual  
notice regarding dates of forthcoming  
visit of H.M.S. "Essex" (incl. 15)

MCH  
by C.S.  
15.8.34.

Hon C.S.

The approximate programme of H.M.S. Essex  
published according to Ref 15 in 15.8.34 Penguin.

H Thomas  
Pineapple

Telegram from Warship "Essex" of 5.8.34. 17.

admiral, Defence force,

Will you please say whether  
the Defence force have the targets referred  
to and if so whether they could be  
loaned to "Essex"?

A.D. J  
for Lt  
6/8/34

Hon, Col, Sect

With the exception of, Steel Plates falling, the other targets required in accordance with S.A.T, Volume IV of 1931 appendix I pages 60 to 64 are not used by the Defence Force.

If required, I shall be very pleased to make arrangements to have the targets made for the Exeter.

W. M. Allen Capt.  
Adjutant F.I.D.F.  
8/10/34

Yf.  
Submitted.

I would suggest that we endeavour to meet the wishes of H.M.S. "Exeter".

Capt. Allen has spoken to me regarding this matter and the targets could be made at a cost not exceeding £2. which amount might be charged to Defence Force funds.

Draft telegram in reply submitted for approval.

A. J. G. Gt.  
8/10/34

Hon. Col. Sec.

I agree.

2. Targets may be constructed and cost charged as suggested.

3. Telegram approved.

MCH  
ay. Gov  
8. X. 34.



Telegram to Warship Barker of 8. X. 34. 18.

Adjutant, Defence Force.

No note for necessary  
action please.

C. J. J. S.  
9/10/34

Hon Col Sec.

Will thank you:- the targets will be  
made and charged accordingly to Defence Force Rules

Wm. Allen, Capt. & Adj.  
16/9/34

P.A.  
10/10/34

Telegram from Warship Barker of 15. X. 34. 19.

Y/K.

Submitted with draft letter to  
Manager, I. S. Coy.

I understand from the I. S. Coy.  
that the telegram refers to a  
letter written by them to the  
Commodore.

C. J. J. S.  
16/10/34

Hon. Col. Sec.

Thank you. Draft approved.

MCH

16. X. 34.

Letter to F. S. H. P. L. of 18. X. 34. 20.

P.A.  
19/10/34



21.

Telegram from Warship Exeter of 9th November, 1934.

W. Red 21 submitted  
? Publish in "Penguin"

C.I. Pres.  
for 12/11/34

Hon. Col. Sec.

Sec. Yes, please publish it  
in "Penguin".

Kindly also inform Harbour  
Master as "Penguin" will be  
required on Sunday morning  
the 18<sup>th</sup> inst.

MCH  
12. XI. 34.

Harbour Master,

to note.

C.I. Pres.  
for 13/11/34

Hon. C.S.

Thank you

Harbour Master

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XI-34

Sold.  
C.I. Pres.

Telegram from Commodore H.M.S.  
Exeter of 15/11/34.

22.

J/C.

Submitted with draft telegram to  
Commodore.

I have ascertained from the S. Islay  
that the "Lantaro" will arrive on the 21<sup>st</sup>.  
but they are unable to state the date of  
her departure from Stanley. They  
estimate, however, that she will remain  
here two days.

Telegram of welcome also submitted.

Hon. Col. Sec.

C. J. J. C. S.  
6/11/34.

Thank you. Telegrams  
may go.

MCH

16. XI. 34.

Telegram to Commodore, Exeter of 16/11/34. 24.

" " " " " 16/11/34. 25.

" from " " " 17/11/34. 26.

" to " " " 17/11/34. 27.

" from " " " 17/11/34. 28.

~~17/11/34~~

J/C.

Reas. 24-28 submitted for  
information.

C. J. J. C. S.  
20/11/34.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Thank you - seen.

MCH

20. XI. 34.

P.A.  
20/11/34

29.30.

Minutes from H.E. the Ag Governor, 23/11/34.

JW.  
I have spoken with Capt. Allan in regard to this matter and I submit draft letter to the Commodore.

C. J. J. Es.  
23/11/34

Hon. Col. Sec.

Thank you, approved.

MCH

25. XI. 34

(31) Letter to Commodore A.C. Evans of 24/11/34.

JW.  
Letter submitted for signature.

C. J. J. Es.  
24/11/34

Hon. Col. Sec.

Thank you, signed and

Sent.

MCH

24. XI. 34.

(32) Letter from Commodore, H.M.S. "Exeter" 23/11/34.

(33)

24/11/34

Minutes from Adjutant, S.F.D. 23/11/34. 34-35.  
Letter to Commodore A.E. Evans of 26/11/34. (36)

Wb.

Letter submitted for signature  
The S.F.D. will arrange to have  
the car at Govt. Jetty at the appointed  
hours.

A.J.  
for S.  
26/11/34.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Thank you.

MCH

21. XI. 34.

P.A

27/11/34

Letter from Commodore, H.M.S. "Exeter" 27/11/34. (37)

Telegram to Mr. J. Robertson of 28/11/34. (38)

Letter to Commodore, H.M.S. "Exeter" of 28/11/34. (39)

Wb.

Letter submitted for favour of  
Your Excellency's signature.

A.J.  
for S.  
28/11/34.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Thank you signed.

MCH



- (40) Letter from Commodore A.E. Evans of 24/11/34.  
 (41) Telegram from Mr. C. Robertson, 29/11/34.

Y/E.

Red 41 submitted.

A.J.G.  
 for  
 29/11/34

Hon. Col. Sec.

Thank you. I personally  
 conveyed the message to the  
 Commodore.

MCH

30. XI. 34.

P.H.  
 30/11/34

- 42 Telegram to H.E. the Governor of 30/11/34.  
 43 Telegram to Commodore, H.M.S. "Exeter" 1/12/34.

Editor "Penguin"

Will you please publish nos  
 42 & 43 in Penguin.

A.J.G.  
 for  
 3/12/34

P.A.  
 3/12/34

Hon Col. Sec.

nos 42 & 43 published 4/12/34

W. Thomas  
 PO

Copy of letter addressed to Commodore A.C. Evans  
by H.C. The Ag. Governor of 24/11/34. 44-45.

P.A.  
11/12/34

Telegram to Commodore, H.M.S. "Exeter" of 3/1/35. (46)

J. 7/1/35.  
C. 3/1/35

Telegram from Commodore, H.M.S. "Exeter" 4/1/35. (47)

Col. Purness informed of contents  
of Red 47.

P.A.  
7/1/35

Yk. We have had no information  
regarding probable visits of H.M.  
ships this year.

Red 44 deals with the  
first conveyance in the colony of  
letters by air.

MCH  
19. 2. 35

15/2/35

1. H.  
20/2/35

Despatch from Commander-in-  
chief, S.W.F. 15/5/35

(48-9)

C.S.O. No. 270/33

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 7

Submitted for information.  
The forthcoming visits of H.M.  
Ships "Geste" and "Agass" have  
already been notified in the  
"Penguin".

mcH  
CS.  
6.8.35

Yes. Ack. formally pl.  
I will write privately to the  
Admiral later on about the  
delay in notifying me

7/8/35

(50) Despatch to Com. C. America &  
West Indies, 8/8/35

1/8

Despatch Submitted.

mcH  
CS.  
8.8.35

9/8/35

By 17/9/35

Telegram from H.M.S. "Exeter", of 21/8/35. (51).

Telegram to H.M.S. "Exeter", of 26/8/35. (52)

*mch*  
26.8.35

Telegram from H.M.S. "Exeter" of 28/8/35. (53)

I. Is. Coy. informed.

P.A.  
*mch*  
30.8.35

Telegram from H.M.S. "Exeter" of 30/8/35. (54)

H.L. the Governor informed  
also the I. Is. Coy. Ltd and  
the Harbour Master.

*mch*  
C.S.  
31.8.35

Telegram from S.M.S. Exeter of 3/9/35. 55.

H.L. the Governor informed.

The I. Is. Coy. informed  
Harbour Master and S.M.O.  
informed.

*mch*  
C.S.  
3.9.35

P.A.  
3/9/35

Telegram from H.M. Charge d'affaires of 11/9/35 (56).



C.S.O. No. 270/33.

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 8

y/k.

Red. (50) Submitted with draft  
reply.

C. S. O.  
for C.S.  
19/9/35

19/9

(59) Telegram to H. H. Charge d'Affaires of 19/9/35.

P.A.  
19/9/35

56. Telegram to Commander-in-Chief, America & West Indies Station, 25/9/35

Col. Postmaster

To note red 58.

mch  
cs.  
25.9.35

Don Col. Secy.

Noted. Thank you.

C. S. O.  
for C.S.  
25/9/35

Telegram from Commander-in-Chief, America & West Indies 24/35. (59)

Col. Postmaster informed.

mch  
es.

10.9.35

p. a.

mch

Letter from C. in C. America & West Indies 26/35 (60)

V.

Submitted.

mch  
es.

4. XI. 35

Despatch to C. in C. America & West Indies Station, of 5/10/35. (61)

V.

Letter Submitted.

mch  
es.

6. XI. 35

In letter a i draft P.

OK

THH 7/15/36

Letter to the C. in C. America & West Indies Station 15/36 (62)

V.E.

Letter to Sir. M. R. Best submitted for signature.

es.  
15/11/36

THH 20/11/36

P.A.  
20/11/36.

(63) Letter from Sir M.R. Best 17/7/36

B. J. 26/10/36 for  
further action  
J.S. 7/11/36

Y.E.

I should be pleased to know if Y.E. wishes to  
address Admiral Sir M.R. Best further?

J.S.  
27/11/36

Yes thank please and at  
the same time ask for a ship  
in Convocation week

Y.E.

~~ttttt~~ 27/11/36  
Orap submitted for approval.

J.S.  
3/11/36

Thanking  
~~ttttt~~ 4/11/36

(64)

Message to Com. C. America & West Indies Station, 5/11/36

Y.E.

Desp. submitted.

J.S.  
6/11/36

P. B.  
7/11/36

(65)

Telegram from Com. C. America & West Indies Station, 26.11.36.

Y.E.

as the despatch referred to in red (68) has not yet been received I submit a draft telegram for the C in C. Bermuda for approval.

Recd  
27/11/36

From information since received it is unlikely that Ajax will be here till the end of the month H. V. let. : : pl.

WMS 21/11

H. 9/12/36.  
C. 27/11/36.

Letter from C in C. Bermuda <sup>24/</sup>9/36 (667)

Telegram No. 55 to Mag. South Georgia of 7.12.36. (68)

~~82 23/11/36~~  
~~84 24/11/36~~  
~~85 25/11/36~~

Minute from H. E. the Governor of 12.12.36.  
Telegram to C in C, Bermuda of 12.12.36.  
— — — No. 57 to Mag. South Georgia of 12.12.36.

(69)

(70)

(71)

← bl. 30/12/36.  
C. 22/12/36.



(52) Telegram from ~~Director~~ Captain, H.M.S. "Ajax" of 21.12.36.

Yk.

Red 72 submitted.  
The Island Is. Co. have been  
informed regarding oil fuel  
required.

WCH  
CT

24.12.36

It is news that the  
Commander has hoisted his  
flag in the Ajax

WCH 24/24/36

Penguin informed.

P.H.  
29/12/36.

- 73-74. Letter from Commander-in-Chief, America & West Indies Station 5/1/36.  
75. Minute from H. C. to Hon. Sec. of 29.12.36.  
76. Telegram to S. of S. No. 93. of 29.12.36.  
77. Telegram from Captain, H.M.S. "Ajax" of 29.12.36.

P.H.  
30/12/36.

Telegram from S. & S. No. 138 of 31.12.36. (78)

— to Mag. S. G. No. 2 of 2.1.37. (79)

A.C.S.

Please see in future that all telegrams are passed to me immediately on receipt. The delay in communicating red 78 to H.E. has caused H.E. inconvenience.

MCH

cd.

4.1.37.

I. Submitted. I have to express regret that red 79 was not submitted earlier but I was not aware until this morning that the message had been received.

MCH

cd.

4.1.37.

4/1/37

MCH

H.C.S.,

I regret that I should have caused His Excellency any inconvenience in connection with the submission of the telegram referred to.

2. It is the practice to pass all telegrams to you as soon as they have been dealt with and this will be adhered to. Red 78 was received on New Year's Day and decoded by me. The telegram was dealt with and placed in my dip on Saturday morning but as you are aware I was absent from the Secretariat the whole of the morning on a Board of Survey at the Treasury. Instructions will be issued to hand all telegrams to you in the event of my absence from the Office.

Is it your wish that telegrams received on Public Holidays and Week-ends should be delivered at your residence after being decoded please ?

*C.S.*  
A. C. S.  
4.1.37.

R.C.S.

Thank you. I explained to H.R. the reason of the delay.

2. Yes - telegrams received on Public Holidays should be delivered at my residence.

*mch*  
*CS.*  
5.1.37

(80) Telegram No. 3 from Maj. S.G. of 5.1.37.

*H.*

Programme submitted.

2. I am not clear whether Major Stewart and Stensford will stay on shore? If so, Mr. Barlow should be told?

*mch*  
*CS.*

Major Stewart w. Stensford board into other arrangements are made. No action.  
Will you please let me have two copies of

(PO) today

6/1/36

Sent to *H.R.*  
*mch*  
6.1.37.

PA  
6/1/37

Letter to Capt. C. S. Thompson of 4/34.  
" from " " " 5/134.

(81)  
(82)

Hon. Secs.

To note. The amount will  
be payable to the Paymaster  
on return of A.P.S. "A.P.S.". You  
will then be informed of the  
amount.

2. The expenses are to  
be charged against Department.  
A new item will be required?

MCH  
C.S.  
9.1.37.

Hon Secs.

Notes. We have English notes  
available.

2. It is suggested that the expenditure  
be charged to I Decs. 15. Travelling & Subsistence.

for Col. Fues  
9.1.37

Hon. Col. Secs.

Thank you.

2. Yes, this should meet the case.

MCH  
C.S.  
11.1.37

Hon Secs.

noted thank you.

for Col. Fues  
12.1.37

Telegram from H.C. the Governor of 11/34.

(83)

H.C.'s wishes carried out.

MCH  
C.S.  
12.1.37

B.F. 19.1.37  
MCH. 14.1.37



84. Telegram from H.E. The Governor, H.M.S. "Ajax" of 17.1.37.

Miss Hemmicks - Heaton informed  
that "Ajax" would probably be  
delayed in returning here.

McH

17.1.37.

Hs. Co. also informed in regard  
to oil supply due to be made  
to "Ajax" today.

McH

18.1.37.

85. Telegram from H.M.S. "Ajax" of 19.1.37.

86.

87. Letter to Manager, F. Is. Co. of 19.1.37.

Harbours Master informed  
and asked to have S.L. "Penguin"  
in readiness.

Miss Hemmicks - Heaton informed.  
Notice re cancellation of "At Home"  
published in "Penguin".

Postmaster informed re mail.

McH

et.

19.1.37.

P.A.

(89)  
(90)

Letter to Capt. C. S. Thompson, of 20/1/37.  
Letter to Comd. C. America &  
West Indies Station, 20/1/37.

It is understood from the Treasury  
to-day that all accounts in connection  
with His Excellency's voyage to South  
Georgia have been paid.

J.D.  
C. acc.  
21/1/37.

P.A.  
21/1/37.

Minutes from H.C. the Governor 21/1/37.  
Telegram to Capt. H.M.S. "Ajax" 21/1/37.

(91)

(92)

P.A.  
22/1/37.

Telegram from Captain H.M.S. "Ajax" of 22/1/37. (93)

Jr. Submitted.  
McH  
23.1.37.

This night for is Reopen

ttttt 23/1/36

Despatch to S of S. no: 161 of 25/1/37. (94-97)

Jr. Submitted.  
McH  
25.1.37

With an additional per capita plan

ttttt 25/1/37

P.A.  
28/1/37

(98-100)

Minutes from Hon. Col. Treasurer of 12/34.  
meH

Rea (98) withdrawn and filed  
with vouchers.

P.A.  
10/2/37

(101)

Letter from C.F.C. America & W.P.S. Station  
of 18/1/37.

1. Submitted.

meH  
C.F.

17. 3. 37

that 17/3

PA.  
meH

(102-104)

Notes on visit to South Georgia  
of A.B.S. "Ajax"

P.A.  
20/3/37

S of S despatch no. 44 of 20/3/37

(105)

P. A.

MCH  
C.S.

29. 4. 37.

For despatch - i draft pl

Atttt 14/5-

Despatch to C. M. C. America Station of 17/5/37. (106)

Y.R.

Despatch Submitted.

MCH  
C.S.

19. 5. 37.

Do you consider that this would  
be generally welcome and advantageous?  
I ask this after observing the extremely  
crowded state of the Town Hall at the  
recent festivities. The addition of a  
Ship Company might prove too much

Atttt 17/5/37

Y.R.

I consider this would be generally  
welcome and advantageous and I  
recommend the despatch should go.

2. Not so many persons come  
from the Camp for the Xmas Shows.  
We have had a warship here before  
at Xmas time and although  
the dances were crowded the



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people enjoyed them better.

WCH

17.5.57.

Despatch signed by H.L. the Governor.

WCH

PA  
18/5/57.

*Postal address:—*

*The British Naval Commander-in-Chief,  
America & West Indies Station,  
c/o H.B.M. Consul-General,  
New York.*

*Telegraphic address:—*

*NAVYCOM, BERMUDA.*



*Admiralty House,  
Bermuda.  
16th October, 1933.*

A.W.I. No. 36.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for your Excellency's information a copy of the approximate programme of the forthcoming cruises of H.M. Ships "*Exeter*" & "*York*."

2. The proposed visits to foreign ports which are included in this programme are subject to the approval of the foreign governments concerned, who have been notified.

3. It is proposed that these visits should be of an informal nature and it is hoped that the local officials and residents will not feel themselves called upon to incur expense by entertaining.

For the same reason any entertainment offered by H.M. Ships will be on quite a small scale.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

R. P. E. E. DRAX,

*Vice-Admiral,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
America and West Indies Station.*

His Excellency  
The Governor of the Falkland Islands.

Admiralty House,  
Bermuda,  
16th October, 1933.

A.W.I. No. 36/1/20.  
MEMORANDUM.

The following approximate programmes of the forthcoming cruises of H.M. Ships "Exeter" & "York" are communicated for the information of all concerned.

2. The programmes are subject, in the case of visits to foreign ports, to the approval of the foreign governments concerned.

R. P. E. E. DRAX,  
*Vice-Admiral,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
America and West Indies Station.*

### Commodore, South America, in H.M.S. "Exeter."

Place.	Arrive.	Leave.
United Kingdom		Mon., 13th Nov.
Gibraltar	Fri., 17th Nov.	Thur., 7th Dec.
Santos, Brazil	Fri., 22nd Dec.	Tues., 26th Dec.
Mar del Plata, Argentina	Fri., 29th Dec.	Wed., 3rd Jan.
Montevideo, Uruguay	Thur., 4th Jan.	Fri., 5th Jan.
Punta del Este, Uruguay	Fri., 5th Jan.	Tues., 30th Jan.
Montevideo, Uruguay	Tues., 30th Jan.	Wed., 7th Feb.
Buenos Aires, Argentina	Thur., 8th Feb.	Fri., 16th Feb.
La Plata, Argentina	Fri., 16th Feb.	Mon., 19th Feb.
Falkland Islands	Fri., 23rd Feb.	Sat., 3rd Mch.
Punta Arenas, Chile	Mon., 5th Mch.	Fri., 9th Mch.
Talcahuano, Chile	Thur., 15th Mch.	Tues., 20th Mch.
Valparaiso, Chile	Wed., 21st Mch.	Wed., 4th Apl.
Antofagasta, Chile	Fri., 6th Apl.	Wed., 11th Apl.
Iquique, Chile	Thur., 12th Apl.	Wed., 18th Apl.
Callao, Peru	Fri., 20th Apl.	Mon., 30th Apl.
Balboa, C.Z.	Sat., 5th May	

### H.M.S. "York."

Place.	Arrive	Leave.
United Kingdom		Mon., 15th Jan.
Gibraltar	Sat., 20th Jan.	Mon., 12th Feb.
St. Vincent, C.V.I.	Sat., 17th Feb.	Mon., 19th Feb.
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Wed., 28th Feb.	Fri., 9th Mch.
Bahia, Brazil	Mon., 12th Mch.	Tues., 13th Mch.
Ceara, Brazil	Fri., 16th Mch.	Wed., 21st Mch.
Para, Brazil	Fri., 23rd Mch.	Wed., 28th Mch.
Georgetown, Demerara	Sat., 31st Mch.	Fri., 6th Apl.
Trinidad, B.W.I.	Sat., 7th Apl.	Mon., 16th Apl.
La Guaira, Venezuela	Tues., 17th Apl.	Mon., 23rd Apl.
Santa Marta, Colombia	Wed., 25th Apl.	Mon., 30th Apl.
Cartagena, Colombia	Tues., 1st May	Sat., 5th May

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British Minister, Montevideo.  
British Minister, Caracas, Venezuela.  
British Minister, Bogota, Colombia.  
British Minister, Lima, Peru.  
Consul-General, New York.  
Consul-General, Rio de Janeiro.  
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Consul-General, Valparaiso, Chile.  
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Consul, Bahia, Brazil.  
Consul, Antofagasta, Chile.  
Consul, Punta Arenas, Chile.  
Consul, Lima, Peru.  
Vice-Consul, La Plata, Argentina.  
Vice-Consul, St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands.  
Vice-Consul, Ceara, Brazil.  
Vice-Consul, Para, Brazil.  
Vice-Consul, La Guaira, Venezuela.  
Vice-Consul, Cartagena, Colombia.  
Vice-Consul, Santa Marta, Colombia.  
Vice-Consul, Iquique, Chile.  
Vice-Consul, Talcahuano, Chile.  
Vice-Consul, Callao, Chile.  
Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Fleet.  
Rear-Admiral, Gibraltar.  
Chief of the Naval Staff of Canada, Ottawa, Canada.  
Naval Attaché, Washington.  
Naval Attaché, Buenos Aires.  
Fleet Wireless Officer, R.C.N.  
Brigade Major, Bermuda Command.  
Officer Commanding Detachment, Northumberland Fusiliers, Bermuda.  
N.A.A.F.I., Headquarters, London.  
Area Manager, N.A.A.F.I., Hamilton, Bermuda.  
H.M. Ships & Establishments, America & West Indies Station.

Postal address:—

*The British Naval Commander-in-Chief,  
America & West Indies Station,  
c/o H.B.M. Consul-General,  
New York.*

Telegraphic address:—

NATYCOM, BERMUDA.



A.W.I. No. 36/1/21.

*Admiralty House,  
Bermuda.*

16th October, 1933.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that H.M. Ships "*Durban*" & "*Dauntless*" (Cruisers, approximately 5,000 tons) of the South America Division of the America & West Indies Station, are to be relieved by H.M. Ships "*Exeter*" & "*York*" respectively (Cruisers, approximately 8,000 tons, 8" guns).

"*Exeter*" is due to relieve "*Durban*" in November, 1933, and will fly the broad pendant of Commodore A. E. Evans, O.B.E.

"*York*" will relieve "*Dauntless*" in February, 1934.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

R. P. E. E. DRAX,

*Vice-Admiral,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
America and West Indies Station.*

His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief  
of the Falkland Islands,

Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.



DUPLICATE.

H.M.S. "EXETER"

at Montevideo.

31st January, 1934.

No. 310/181

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I propose to visit Port Stanley in H.M.S. "EXETER" from 23rd February to 3rd March next. I should like to call on your Excellency as soon as possible after my arrival, the time of which I will communicate later.

2.- As I shall be a newcomer to the Falkland Islands, I think it would be more simple to discuss arrangements when we meet. Generally speaking, I hope that the visit will be treated informally. I would like to give a dinner party for about 12 of the principal residents, and possibly a luncheon party as well.

3.- I propose that the ship should be open to visitors on Saturday, 24th February, Sunday, 25th February, and Wednesday, 28th February. Cameras are not permitted on board.

4.- The Ship's concert party is prepared to perform in a Hall on shore, and the Royal Marine Band is available to play in the daytime at a suitable space in the Town or in the evening at dances.

5.- Weather permitting, I should like to land a party of Officers and men to attend church in the Cathedral on Sunday, 25th February.

6.- The ship will require 550 tons of oil fuel during the visit. I am bringing a range of books for you and two cases of books.

7.- Some of my Officers would very much appreciate it if any shooting could be arranged.

8.- I propose to get into touch with you W/T while on passage to Port Stanley.

I have the honour to be

your Excellency's

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# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

M.P. 270/33.

## SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				22/2/34
To				
COMMODORE				
H.M.S. "HESTER"				

IN THE NAME OF THE COLONY AND OF MYSELF I BID YOU YOUR  
OFFICERS AND SHIP'S COMPANY A WARM WELCOME TO STANLEY AND  
TRUST THAT YOU WILL ALL ENJOY YOUR STAY AMONGST US.

ELLIS ACTING GOVERNOR.

Time

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## SENT.

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To	COMMODORE			
	H.M.S. "EXETER"			

ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN HAND GENERALLY TO CARRY OUT SUGGESTIONS  
CONTAINED IN YOUR LETTER OF 31st JANUARY STOP CAN YOU SAY  
AT ABOUT WHAT HOUR I AM TO EXPECT YOUR CALL.

ACTING GOVERNOR.

Time

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TELEGRAM.

*From* Commodore, H.M.S. "Exeter".

*To* His Excellency the Acting Governor.

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*Despatched:* 22nd February, 19 34. *Time:* 00.30.

*Received:* 22nd February, 19 34. *Time:* 10.45.

Thank you for your kind message of welcome. We all  
look forward with great pleasure to our arrival.

Commodore Exeter.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE.  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

(7.)

Mrs. C. S.

I telephoned the following  
telegram to the W / 7 Station  
at 6.40 22. 2. 34. for

despatch  
Commodore  
Exeter

10.00 Saturday will be  
quite convenient for your call x

Yours  
22. 2. 34.  
I hope you will dine with  
me at 20.00 the same  
evening tomorrow.



Own River

Saturday

Colony River

Monday

Our River

Wednesday

Lowest

Thursday

Field Day

Wednesday

Wine Shop

Thursday

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From MARSHIP "EXETER"

To ACTING GOVERNOR. STANLEY.

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*Despatched :* 23rd February 19 34. *Time :* 17.52

*Received :* 23rd February 19 34 *Time :* 10.00

Am being delayed by dense fog our time of arrival is uncertain  
but cannot be before 1000 to-morrow Friday at the earliest  
propose if you concur calling on you at 1000 on Saturday.

Exeter.

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TELEGRAM.

From WARSHIP "EXETER"

To GOVERNOR. FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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*Despatched :* 23rd February, 19 34. *Time :* 08.55

*Received :* 23rd February, 19 34. *Time :* 11.00

Expect to arrive Stanley 1450 zone plus three to-day Friday

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

## RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
1	Exeter	61	1725	3/3/34

To

H.E. the Governor Falkland Islands.

Commodore officers and men of Exeter beg to thank your Excellency and all in Port Stanley for a very happy first visit to that most important outpost of the empire stop They look forward with eager anticipation to further visits and in the meantime wish you and all under your administration continued success and increased prosperity.

*M.*  
*Submitted*  
*WCH*  
*5. 3. 34*

*The C.S. A very nice*  
*message : reply hereafter.*  
*Please publish in "Penguin".*  
*JMS*

*6. 3. 34.*

Time

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

## SENT.

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6/5/34.

To

COMMODORE

EXETER

Red 10. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR VERY KIND MESSAGE. THE WARMEST OF  
WELCOMES AWAITS YOU WHENEVER YOU COME TO THIS LITTLE BIT OF  
THE OLD COUNTRY.

GOVERNOR.

Time



COPY.

No. 86.

BUENOS AIRES,

March 6th, 1934.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 337 (A 7435/8/51) of October 17th last, I have the honour to inform you that His Majesty's Ships "Norfolk" and "Exeter" arrived at Buenos Aires on February 7th and remained until February 14th, when they left for Mar del Plata. His Majesty's Ship "Exeter" left the latter port for the Falkland Islands and Chile on February 20th, whilst the Flagship "Norfolk" remained until the 24th when she sailed for Rio de Janeiro.

2. The visits were, I consider, successful in spite of the fact that the Ships' stay at Buenos Aires unfortunately coincided with the Carnival holidays and that four out of the seven days spent here were accordingly festival days. This made it difficult to draw up a programme as most of the Argentine officials and society, as well as a great number of the British colony, were away from town. The entertainments were, therefore, on a smaller scale than usual but were nevertheless successful and appreciated. As this was the first visit of both the Commander-in-Chief and Commodore Evans, I gave a dinner party of twenty in order that they should meet the Minister of Marine and other highly placed Argentine Naval Officers. The subsequent visit to Mar del Plata was perhaps more successful inasmuch as it was possible to introduce the Admiral and his Officers to many Argentines with the result

The Right Hon.  
Sir John Simon, G.C.S.I., K.C.V.O.,  
etc., etc., etc.,

result that a considerable amount of mutual entertaining took place. I myself was at Mar del Plata for a part of the visit but my thanks for most of the local arrangements are due to Mr. Graham, Divisional Engineer of the Southern Railway for the Mar del Plata area, who spared himself no trouble in order to make the visit a success.

3. Some difficulty was experienced on the departure of the "Exeter" for Port Stanley in obtaining a Bill of Health, as the local Naval Authorities at first refused to issue this document on the grounds that the Falklands were Argentine territory. The matter was, however, satisfactorily settled, and I have since arranged with His Majesty's Consul-General that in future, when His Majesty's Ships clear from Argentine ports for the Falklands and Chile, no mention shall be made of the former.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd.) J.H. LECHE.

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Postal address:—

*The British Naval Commander-in-Chief,  
America & West Indies Station,  
c/o H.B.M. Consul-General,  
New York.*

Telegraphic address:—

NATYCOM, BERMUDA.

*Admiralty House,  
Bermuda.*

28th May, 1934.

A.W.I. No. 36/1/22.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for your Excellency's information a copy of the approximate programme of the forthcoming cruises of H.M. Ships "Ereter" & "York."

2. The proposed visits to foreign ports which are included in this programme are subject to the approval of the foreign governments concerned, who have been notified.

3. It is proposed that these visits should be of an informal nature and it is hoped that the local officials and residents will not feel themselves called upon to incur expense by entertaining.

For the same reason any entertainment offered by H.M. Ships will be on quite a small scale.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant.

R. P. E. E. DRAX,

*Vice-Admiral.*

*Commander-in-Chief,*

*America and West Indies Station.*

The Acting Governor of  
The Falkland Islands,  
Government House,  
Port Stanley.

Admiralty House,  
Bermuda,  
28th May, 1934.

A.W.I. No. 36/1/22.  
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R. P. E. E. DRAX,  
*Vice-Admiral,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
America and West Indies Station.*

### Commodore, South America, in "EXETER."

Place.	Arrive.	Leave.
Bermuda	—	Thurs. 28th June.
Barbados	Mon. 2nd July	Mon. 9th July.
Trinidad	Tues. 10th July	Wed. 11th July.
Pará, Brazil	Mon. 16th July	Sat. 21st July.
Pernambuco, Brazil	Wed. 25th July	Thurs. 2nd Aug.
Rio de Janeiro, } Ilha Grande, } Brazil	Mon. 6th Aug.	Sun. 9th Sept.
Montevideo, Uruguay	Wed. 12th Sept.	Fri. 28th Sept.
Punta del Este, Uruguay	Fri. 28th Sept.	Mon. 15th Oct.
Buenos Aires, Argentina	Tues. 16th Oct.	Wed. 7th Nov.
Puerto Belgrano, Argentina	Fri. 9th Nov.	Fri. 16th Nov.
Falkland Islands	Mon. 19th Nov.	Sat. 1st Dec.
Punta Arenas, Chile	Mon. 3rd Dec.	Fri. 7th Dec.
Puerto Montt, Chile	Thurs. 13th Dec.	Tues. 18th Dec.
Valparaiso, Chile	Fri. 21st Dec.	Mon. 14th Jan. '35.

Subsequently visiting the West Coast ports and arriving at Bermuda about  
29th March, 1935.

### H.M.S. "YORK."

Place.	Arrive.	Leave.
Bermuda	—	Wed. 20th June.
Balboa, C.Z.	Tues. 26th June	Wed. 27th June.
St. Elena, Ecuador	Fri. 29th June	Thurs. 5th July.
Talara, Peru.	Fri. 6th July	Thurs. 12th July.
Chimbote, Peru	Fri. 13th July	Thurs. 19th July.
Callao, Peru	Fri. 20th July	Fri. 3rd Aug.
Iquique, Chile	Mon. 6th Aug.	Mon. 13th Aug.
Antofagasta, Chile	Tues. 14th Aug.	Tues. 21st Aug.
Talcahuano, Chile	Fri. 24th Aug.	Sat. 1st Sept.
Juan Fernandez, Chile	Sun. 2nd Sept.	Thurs. 6th Sept.
Valparaiso, Chile	Fri. 7th Sept.	Mon. 24th Sept.
Balboa, C.Z.	Tues. 2nd Oct.	Sat. 6th Oct.
Jamaica	Mon. 8th Oct.	Thurs. 11th Oct.
Bermuda	Mon. 15th Oct.	

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Governor, British Guiana.  
Ambassador, Washington.  
Ambassador, Buenos Aires.  
Ambassador, Rio de Janeiro.  
Ambassador, Santiago, Chile.  
British Minister, Montevideo.  
British Minister, Panama.  
British Minister, Lima, Peru.  
Charge d'Affaires, Quito, Ecuador.  
Consul-General, New York.  
Consul-General, Buenos Aires.  
Consul-General, Rio de Janeiro.  
Consul-General, Valparaiso, Chile.  
Consul, Pernambuco, Brazil.  
Consul, Pará, Brazil.  
Consul, Punta Arenas, Chile.  
Consul, Antofagasta, Chile.  
Vice-Consul, Valdivia, Chile.  
Vice-Consul, Callao, Peru.  
Vice-Consul, Iquique, Chile.  
Vice-Consul, Talcahuano, Chile.  
Vice-Consul, Trujillo, Peru.  
Vice-Consul, Paita, Peru.  
Chief of the Naval Staff of Canada, Ottawa, Canada.  
Naval Attaché, Washington.  
Naval Attaché, Buenos Aires.  
Fleet Wireless Officer, R.C.N.  
Brigade Major, Bermuda Command.  
O.C. Detachment, 1st Manchester Regiment, Bermuda.  
O.C. Troops, Jamaica.  
Superintendent, Meteorological Station, Bermuda.  
N.A.A.F.I., Headquarters, London.  
Area Manager, N.A.A.F.I., Hamilton, Bermuda.  
H.M. Ships & Establishments, America & West Indies Station.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* Warship Exeter.

*To* H.E.The Governor. Stanley.

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*Despatched:* 5th October, 19<sup>34</sup> *Time:* 1140

*Received:* 6th October, 19 34 *Time:* 1100

Request information please if defence force have targets  
for Lewis gun firings in accordance with small arms  
training volume four 1931 appendix 1 pages 60 to 64 which  
could be loaned during Exeters stay at Falkland Islands.



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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

## SENT.

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To

Warship "Exeter"

Your telegram of 5th October with exception of falling Steel Plates targets are not used by Defence Force but arrangements will be made to have them constructed and placed at disposal of Exeter during visit.

GOVERNOR.

Time

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TELEGRAM.

*From* Warship "Exeter."

*To* H. E. The Governor.

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*Despatched:* 15th October, 19 34 *Time:* 1500

*Received:* 16th October, 19 34 *Time:* 1100

Your letter dated 19th September fuel required on Monday 19th November approximately 1200 tons suggest lighter o c 82 be docked immediately after fueling

EXETER.

270/33.

18th October, 34.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to forward to you a copy of a telegram which has been received by His Excellency from H.M.S. "Exeter".

2. I am to add that the telegram has apparently been addressed to His Excellency in error.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

for Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd.,  
STANLEY.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* Commodore Commanding South American Division  
American and West Indies Squadron

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched:* 9. 11. 34 19 *Time* :0940

*Received:* 11. 11. 34. 19 *Time* :1100

H. M. S. Exeter now expects to arrive Port Stanley a.m.

Sunday November 18th.

Commodore Commanding South American Division  
American and West Indies Squadron.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* Commodore. Warship Exeter.

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched:* 15th November, 1934 *Time:* 22.22

*Received:* 15th November, 1934 *Time:* 10.30

Request date of next sailing of "Lafonia" for Monte  
Video and destination and date of sailing of "Lautaro"

COMMODORE

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# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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16/11/34

To

COMMODORE  
WARSHIP EXETER.

In the name of the Colony and myself bid you all a very cordial welcome. We are delighted at prospect of your return on Sunday and trust that you will thoroughly enjoy your stay.

Graigie-Halkett  
Acting Governor.

Telephoned to W/T Station 1800. 16/11/34.

Time



# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

## SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				16/II/34
<i>To</i>				
COMMODORE WARSHIP EXETER.				

Your telegram of 15th November Lafonia sails for Montevideo 24th November. Lautaro due Stanley about 21st November date of departure uncertain but probably 23rd with destination Magallanes.

GOVERNOR.

*Time*

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TELEGRAM.

*From* The Commodore Exeter.

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched* : 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1934 *Time* : 0928.

*Received* : 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1934 *Time* : 1800.

Expect to arrive at 1000 tomorrow Sunday Ship will be open to visitors from 1400 to 1830 if you concur propose to defer paying my official call until 1030 Monday.

COMMODORE EXETER.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Commodore, Exeter.

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Despatched: 17th November, 1934 Time: 1900

Received: ... 19 ... Time: ...

Thank you for your telegrams I concur in proposal  
to defer paying your official call until 10.30 on  
Monday.

GOVERNOR.

Telephoned. 1900. 17/11/34.

TELEGRAM.

*From* The Commodore, Exeter.

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched:* 17th November, 19 34 *Time:* 0928.

*Received:* 17th November, 19 34 *Time:* 1800

Thank you for your hearty welcome we have for long look  
forward with pleasure to revisiting your imperial outpost.

COMMODORE EXETER.

H.M.S. "EXETER"

at port Stanley.

22nd November, 1954.

510/819.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to request that permission may be granted for firing practices with a 3.7" Howitzer to be carried out on Tuesday, 27th November between 3.0 p.m. and 4.0 p.m. and also for the aircraft to carry out two bombing practices at the same target at the same time.

2.- The firing would take place from a position on the eastern slopes of Sapper Hill at a target to be placed close to the shore by Horse Point.

I should be glad if a warning could be published to the effect that the area round Horse Point should be avoided.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,



Commodore.

His Excellency,  
The Acting Governor,  
Port Stanley.

For early action

Hon. Col. Sec.

Please see Captain Allan  
about this and if it is alright  
please have reply prepared to  
Commodore.

Better publish in "Penguin"  
re danger zone and also on  
Broadcast.

I think there is another  
letter we should soon get off to the  
Commodore re the fund foundation.

hch

21. XI. 54.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

24th November, 1934.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

C.S. 270/33.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 510/919 of the 22nd of November, 1934, requesting permission for firing practices with a 3.7" Howitzer to be carried out on Tuesday, the 27th of November, between 2.0 p.m. and 4.0 p.m. and also for the aircraft to carry out two bombing practices at the same target and at the same time.

2. I would add that there is no objection to such practices being carried out provided that precautions are taken to prevent animals or any persons on Stanley Common from entering the danger zone. In this connection I have to suggest that six Ratings be detailed from H.M.S. "Exeter" for the purpose.

3. Notices have been published warning the general public that the area, i.e., Horse Point, in which the firing and bombing will take place should be avoided.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. CRAIGIE-MALKETT.

Commodore A. E. Evans, O.B.E., R.N.,  
H.M.S. "Exeter",  
at STANLEY.

H.M.S. "EXETER"

at port Stanley.

23rd November, 1954.

No. 310/920

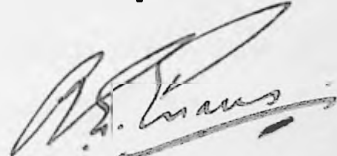
Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that in accordance with Admiralty instructions H.M.S. "EXETER" will be dressed overall at 0800 on Thursday, 29th November.

A Royal Salute will be fired at noon, and weather permitting, the ship will be illuminated from 2100 till 2300.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,



Commodore.

His Excellency  
The Acting Governor,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

*For further and  
acknowledgement  
please. MCH*

H.M.S. "EXETER"

at Port Stanley.

24th November, 1934.

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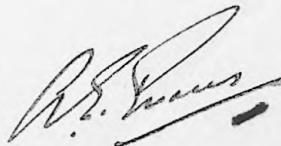
Your Excellency,

I have the honour to request that permission may be given for my wireless Officer to visit the Falkland Islands W/T Station on Tuesday, 27th November.

If you have no objection I should be glad if transport could be arranged leaving the Pier at 10 a.m.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,



Commodore.

His Excellency  
The Acting Governor,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Kindly inform Mr. H.

My permission is granted,

and that Mr. H.

will be arranged.

W. H.

26, XI 54

GOVERNMENT NOTICE  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REQUESTED TO AVOID  
GOING IN THE VICINITY OF "HORSE POINT" BETWEEN THE  
HOURS OF 2.P.M. AND 4.P.M. ON THE AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY  
27TH NOVEMBER, AS H.M.S. EXETER IS TO CARRY OUT A  
BOMBARDMENT.

A TARGET WILL BE ERECTED NEAR HORSE POINT WHICH,  
IN ADDITION TO BEING FIRED AT BY A 3.7" HOWITZER, FROM  
SAPPER HILL, WILL ALSO BE BOMBED FROM THE AIR BY  
SEAPLANES.

No.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

MINUTE.

23RD NOVEMBER

19 54

From The Adjutant.

To

F.I. Defence Force  
Stanley

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Submitted: Copy of the letter to be published in the " Penguin " on Saturday 24th and Monday 26th November, also I have placed a copy in the Gazette Board and handed one to Mr.G.Butcher for Broadcasting on both nights.

*Wm. C. L. L.* Captain.  
Adjutant. F.I. Defence Force

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

26th November, 1934.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

C.S. 273/33.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 310 (b)/922 of the 24th of November, 1934, and to inform you that permission is granted for your Wireless Officer to visit the Falkland Islands Radio Station on Tuesday the 27th of November.

2. I have to add that transport will be arranged as requested, leaving the pier at 10.0 a.m.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

McH

Commodore A. E. Evans, O.B.E., R.N.,  
H.M.S. "Exeter",  
at STANLEY.



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H.M.S. "EXETER"

at port Stanley.

27th November, 1934.

No. 310/923

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that I propose to sail from port Stanley in H.M.S. "EXETER" at 0600 on Friday, 30th November.

My intention is to anchor in Port Stephens p.m. on 30th and to proceed thence for Magallanes at 0700 on Sunday, 2nd December.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,



Commodore.

His Excellency,  
The Acting Governor,  
Port Stanley.

Hon. Col. Sec.

In acknowledgement please.

Inform Postmasters in  
case there are any <sup>mails</sup>  
and the managers <sup>Pt. Stephens</sup>  
should be informed by  
Rader. met

28. XI. 54

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

## SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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28.11.34.

To

ROBERTSON  
PORT STEPHENS.

H.M.S. "EXETER" WILL ANCHOR IN PORT STEPHENS P.M.  
ON FRIDAY AND DEPART ON SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER.

SECRETARY.

Time

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

28th November, 1934.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

C.S. 270/33.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of  
and to thank you for your letter No. 510/923 of the  
27th of November, 1934, informing me of the movements  
of H.M.S. "Exeter" from Friday the 30th of November  
to Sunday the 2nd of December, 1934.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. CRAIGIE-MALKETT.

re A. E. Evans, O.B.E., R.N.,  
H.M.S. "Exeter",  
at STANLEY.

H.M.S. "EXETER"

at port Stanley.

27th November, 1934.

No. 310/919

Your Excellency,

With reference to my letter No.310/919 dated 22nd November, I have the honour to inform you that as the weather is unsuitable for howitzer firing and live bomb practice today, 27th November, I propose to postpone these practices until the same time tomorrow, Wednesday, 28th November.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,



Commodore.

His Excellency  
The Acting Governor,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

*M. J. Flew*  
Please have notice  
prepared. *MCH*

(H1)

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

## RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To

Colonial Secretary  
Stanley

Please convey my compliments to Commodore Evans and will be  
pleased to see him on arrival at Port Stephens

Robertson.

Time

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* Commodore A. E. Evans, O.B.E., R.N.,

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched :* 50th November, 19 54 *Time :* 0700

*Received :* 50th November, 19 54 *Time :* 1030

On behalf of myself and our officers and men under my command I beg to convey to Your Excellency and to Mrs. Craigie-Halkett and to all in Stanley the warmest thanks for the welcome which we received on arrival and for the thoughtful hospitality and entertainment which we have so much enjoyed with our own country men stop We wish you all every success and prosperity.

Commodore Eketer.

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

## SENT.

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

1/12/54.

To

COMMODORE

H.M.S. "ENTER".

ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, WIFE, AND THE COLONY I THANK YOU ALL  
MOST WARMLY FOR YOUR VERY KIND MESSAGE STOP WE SHALL ALL LOOK  
FORWARD TO YOUR EARLY RETURN TO THE COLONY STOP GOOD LUCK AND  
GOD-SPEED.

GOVERNOR.

(In confirmation of message telephoned at 2645 on 30/11/54)

Time



His Excellency

M.Craigie-Halkett Esq. O.B.E.

Government House.

Stanley.

26th Novr. 1934.

Your Excellency,

On this special occasion of a visit by the Seaplanes of H.M.S. "Exeter" to this Station and Port San Carlos, we take this opportunity of sending you greetings from this Station which will probably be one of the first letters to be carried by air in the Falklands.

Episodes such as these make us feel that the time is not far hence when we shall be in very much closer communication with the outside world, and we wish to thank the Commodore for allowing the Seaplanes to pay us this visit, which will indeed be a "Red letter" day for the whole Station.

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servants

*Geo. Bonner*

*For and on behalf of*

MESSRS. GEORGE BONNER

*J. H. Bonner* Manager.

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*Copy*

Government House,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.  
27th November 1934.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward for your information the accompanying copy of a letter signed by Mr. George Bonner, O.B.E., and Mr. J.F. Bonner regarding the recent visit to San Carlos of Seaplanes of H.M.S. "Exeter".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

*W. C. H.*  
Acting Governor.

COMMODORE A.E. EVANS, O.B.E. R.N.

H.M.S. "EXETER"

STANLEY.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				3/1/35.
To	COMMODORE			
	H.M.S. EXETER			

Two bags mail have been received for H.M.S. Exeter. Grateful to be informed of destination to which you wish them despatched.

GOVERNOR.

Time

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* Commodore, H.M.S. "Exeter".

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched :* 4th January, 19 35 *Time :* 1330.

*Received :* 5th January, 19 35 *Time :* 1100.

Please despatch bags c/o Fleet Distributing Officer  
Bermuda.

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Recd 5/8/31

Postal address:—

*The British Naval Commander-in-Chief,  
America & West Indies Station,  
c/o H.B.M. Consul-General,  
New York.*

Telegraphic address:—

*NAVYCOM, BERMUDA.*

*Admiralty House,  
Bermuda.  
15th May, 1935.*

A.W.I. No. 36/1/24.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for your Excellency's information a copy of the approximate programme of the forthcoming cruises of H.M. Ships "*Exeter*" and "*Ajax*."

2. The proposed visits to foreign ports which are included in this programme are subject to the approval of the foreign governments concerned, who are being notified.

3. It is proposed that these visits shall be of an informal nature and it is hoped that local officials and residents will not feel themselves called upon to incur expense by entertaining. For the same reason, any entertainment arranged by H.M. Ships will be on quite a small scale.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your Excellency's obedient servant,

MATTHEW BEST,  
*Vice-Admiral,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
America and West Indies Station.*

His Excellency  
Herbert Henniker-Heaton, CMG.  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief  
of the Falkland Islands.

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Admiralty House,  
Bermuda.  
15th May, 1935.

A.W.I. No. 36/1/24.  
MEMORANDUM.

The following approximate programmes of the forthcoming cruises of H.M. Ships "Exeter" and "Ajax" in 1935 are communicated for the information of all concerned.

MATTHEW BEST,  
*Vice-Admiral,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
America and West Indies Station.*

**Commodore, South America, in H.M.S. "Exeter."**

Place.	Arrive.	Leave.
Bermuda	—	Mon., 1st July
Colon	Sat., 6th July	Tues., 9th July
Galapagos	Fri., 12th July	Mon., 15th July
La Libertad	Wed., 17th July	Wed., 24th July
Lobitos	Thurs., 25th July	Tues., 30th July
Huacho	Thurs., 1st Aug.	Mon., 5th Aug.
Callao	Mon., 5th Aug.	Thurs., 8th Aug.
Arica	Sat., 10th Aug.	Thurs., 15th Aug.
Tocopilla	Fri., 16th Aug.	Tues., 20th Aug.
Valparaiso	Fri., 23rd Aug.	Fri., 30th Aug.
Juan Fernandez	Sat., 31st Aug.	Mon., 2nd Sept.
Magallanes	Sat., 7th Sept.	Thurs., 12th Sept.
Falkland Islands	Sat., 14th Sept.	Sat., 28th Sept.
Bahia Blanca	Tues., 1st Oct.	Mon., 7th Oct.
Buenos Aires	Wed., 9th Oct.	Mon., 21st Oct.
Punta del Este	Tues., 22nd Oct.	Tues., 12th Nov.
Montevideo	Tues., 12th Nov.	Fri., 22nd Nov.
Santos	Mon., 25th Nov.	Tues., 3rd Dec.
Rio de Janeiro	Wed., 4th Dec.	Mon., 16th Dec.
Bahia	Thurs., 19th Dec.	Mon., 23rd Dec.
Pernambuco	Tues., 24th Dec.	Thurs., 2nd Jan., 1936
Trinidad (Port of Spain)	Thurs., 9th Jan., 1936	—

**H.M.S. "Ajax."**

Place.	Arrive.	Leave.
Gibraltar	—	Mon., 22nd July
Trinidad	Sat., 3rd Aug.	Mon., 12th Aug.
La Guaira, Venezuela	Tues., 13th Aug.	Tues., 20th Aug.
Grenada	Wed., 21st Aug.	Sun., 25th Aug.
St. Lucia	Mon., 26th Aug.	Fri., 30th Aug.
Barbados	Fri., 30th Aug.	Thurs., 5th Sept.
Rio de Janeiro	Tues., 17th Sept.	Sat., 28th Sept.
Ilha Grande	Sat., 28th Sept.	Sat., 5th Oct.
Buenos Aires	Wed., 9th Oct.	Mon., 21st Oct.
Punta del Este	Tues., 22nd Oct.	Thurs., 14th Nov.
Mar del Plata	Fri., 15th Nov.	Wed., 20th Nov.
Comodoro Rivadavia	Fri., 22nd Nov.	Tues., 26th Nov.
Falkland Islands	Thurs., 28th Nov.	Tues., 10th Dec.
Magallanes	Thurs., 12th Dec.	Wed., 18th Dec.
Puerto Montt	Mon., 23rd Dec.	—

[P.T.O.]

DISTRIBUTION :—

Admiralty.  
Governor, Bermuda.  
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Governor, Trinidad.  
Governor, Windward Islands.  
Governor, Barbados.  
Ambassador, Washington.  
Ambassador, Santiago.  
Ambassador, Buenos Aires.  
Ambassador, Rio de Janeiro.  
British Minister, Panama.  
British Minister, Lima.  
British Minister, Guatemala City.  
British Minister, Montevideo.  
British Minister, Caracas.  
Chargé d'Affaires, Quito.  
Chargé d'Affaires, San Salvador.  
Administrator, St. Lucia.  
Consul-General, New York.  
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Consul, Panama.  
Consul, Antofagasta.  
Consul, Santos.  
Consul, Bahia.  
Consul, Pernambuco.  
Consul, Caracas.  
Vice-Consul, Colon.  
Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.  
Commander-in-Chief, Africa.  
Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.  
Rear-Admiral Commanding, 3rd Cruiser Squadron.  
Rear-Admiral, Gibraltar.  
Naval Attaché, Washington.  
Naval Attaché, Buenos Aires.  
Chief of the Naval Staff, Ottawa.  
Commander-in-Charge, Halifax, N.S.  
Commander-in-Charge, Esquimalt, B.C.  
H.M.C.S. "Saguenay."  
H.M.C.S. "Skeena."  
H.M.C.S. "Champlain."  
H.M.C.S. "Vancouver."  
Fleet Wireless Officer, R.C.N.  
O.C. Detachment, 1st Bn. Manchester Regiment, Bermuda.  
Brigade Major, Bermuda Command.  
Superintendent, Meteorological Station, Bermuda.  
N.A.A.F.I. Headquarters, London.  
Area Manager, N.A.A.F.I., Hamilton, Bermuda.  
H.M. Ships & Establishments, America & West Indies Station.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO. 270/33.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

8th August, 1935.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter A.W.I. No. 36/1/24 of the 15th May, 1935, transmitting for my information a copy of the approximate programme of the forthcoming cruises of His Majesty's Ships "Exeter" and "Ajax".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

VICE-ADMIRAL THE HONOURABLE

SIR M.R. BEST, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O.,

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,

AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION.



DECODE.

(SI)

TELEGRAM.

*From* H.M.S. "EXETER",

*To* COLONIAL SECRETARY,

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*Despatched:* 21st August, 19 35. *Time:* 0300.

*Received:* 25rd August, 19 35. *Time:* 1115.

Please inform me at your earliest convenience if oil fuel lighter will be seaworthy and available to deliver oil fuel alongside between September 15th and September 27th. Approximately 1000 tons will be required.

Exeter, H.M.S.

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TELEGRAM.

From COLONIAL SECRETARY, \_\_\_\_\_

To COMMANDER, H.M.S. "EXETER". \_\_\_\_\_

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Despatched: 26th August, 19 55. Time: ...

Received: ... .. 19 ... Time: ...

Your telegram 21st August, oil fuel, reply is in the affirmative.

Colonial Secretary.

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TELEGRAM.

From H.M.S. "EXETER",

To COLONIAL SECRETARY,

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Despatched : 28th August, 19 35. Time : 11.00.

Received : 30th August, 19 35. Time : 1015.

My. 0300 of August, 21st. It is not now proposed to take in oil fuel at Falkland Islands.

Exeter, H.M.S.

Red 51

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From H.M.S. "EXETER",

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched : 30th August, 19 35. Time : 11.10

Received : 31st August, 19 35. Time : 10.45.

Cancel the previous messages expect to arrive Port Stanley  
p.m. Tuesday September 3rd. Require 1000 tons of oil fuel  
on arrival.

Exeter, H.M.S.

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TELEGRAM.

From H.M.S. "EXETER",

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched: 3rd September, 19 35. Time: 0715.

Received: " " 19 " Time: 1045.

Expect to arrive 1400. <sup>x</sup> Oil fuel alongside then.

Exeter, H.M.S.

x. Ho. Coy informed.  
me H

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TELEGRAM.

*From* HIS MAJESTY'S CHARGE D'AFFAIRES,  
BUENOS AIRES.

*To* COMMODORE, H.M.S. "EXETER".

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*Despatched :* 17th September, 19 35. *Time :* 1855.

*Received :* 18th September, 19 35. *Time :* 1130.

Following for Commodore H.M.S. "Exeter".

Your despatch 10th August visit approved by Argentine  
Government.

H.M. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* H.E. THE GOVERNOR,

*To* HIS MAJESTY'S CHARGE D'AFFAIRES,  
BUENOS AIRES.

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*Despatched:* 19th September, 19 55. *Time:* ...

*Received:* ... 19 ... *Time:* ...

Your telegram 17th September, H.M.S. Exeter sailed from  
Stanley 5th September,

Governor.

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TELEGRAM.

From H.E. THE GOVERNOR,  
THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,  
To AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION,  
BERMUDA.

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Despatched: 25th September, 19 35. Time: ...

Received: ... 19 ... Time: ...

Seventeen bags parcel and letter mails have been received  
for H.M.S. Exeter. Please advise as to their disposal.

Governor.



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TELEGRAM.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,  
*From* AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION,  
-A. BERMUDA.  
*To* H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

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*Despatched :* 26th September, 19 55. *Time :* 2155.

*Received :* 28th September, 19 55. *Time :* 1050.

Please re-direct mails H.M.S. Exeter to General Post Office,  
London.

Commander-in-Chief,  
America and West Indies.

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*Postal address :—  
The British Naval Commander-in-Chief,  
America & West Indies Station,  
c/o H.B.M. Consul-General,  
New York.*

*Telegraphic address :—  
NAVYCOM, BERMUDA.*

H.M.S. "YORK",  
at Philadelphia.

AWI.No.36/1/24.

26th September 1935.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that on account of unavoidable circumstances it has been necessary to cancel the cruise programmes of H.M. Ships "EXETER" and "AJAX" which were promulgated in my memorandum AWI.No.36/1/24 dated 15th May 1935.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

*Mauburn Bog*

Vice Admiral.

His Excellency Herbert Henniker-Heaton, CMG.  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief  
of the Falkland Islands.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

5th November, 1935.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 270/33.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter AWI. No. 36/1/24 of the 26th of September, 1935, informing me that on account of unavoidable circumstances it has been necessary to cancel the cruise programmes of H. M. Ships "Exeter" and "Ajax" referred to in your letter A.W.I. No. 36/1/24 of the 15th of May, 1935.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

VICE-ADMIRAL THE HONOURABLE  
SIR M. R. BEST, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O.,  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,  
AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION.

FAULKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 270/35.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

15th May, 1936.

Sir,

I write to express the hope that His Majesty's Ships of the South America Division of the America and West Indies Station will visit this Colony in the spring and summer of 1936/1937.

2. I wish to visit the Dependency of South Georgia during the whaling season and would appreciate highly a passage in one of His Majesty's Ships if it is in any way possible for the cruise programme to be so arranged.

3. If you could visit the Colony and Dependency personally it would afford the greatest pleasure to myself and the residents.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) H. HENNIKER-NEATON

VICE-ADMIRAL THE HONOURABLE  
SIR M. R. BEST, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O.,  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,  
AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION.

Postal address :—  
The British Naval Commander-in-Chief,  
America & West Indies Station,  
c/o H.B.M. Consul-General,  
New York.

Telegraphic address :—  
NAVYCOM, BERMUDA.

17th July 1936.

AWI.No.36/1/2.

Sir,

*Res br*  
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter No. 270/33 of 15th May 1936 and to inform you that visits to the Falkland Islands by H.M. Ships "Exeter" and "Ajax" are being included in programmes at present under consideration. It is probable that these visits will occur in December 1936 or January 1937.

It is hoped to make arrangements for one of these ships to convey Your Excellency to South Georgia during the period mentioned.

2. I much regret that I shall be unable to visit the Falkland Islands in my flagship owing to the short time which I shall have at my disposal for the cruise on the East Coast of South America.

3. I will inform Your Excellency of definite dates and proposals for your visit to South Georgia when cruise programmes have been approved by the Admiralty.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

*Max Humber*

Admiral.

His Excellency  
Herbert Henniker-Heaton, C.M.G.,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief  
of the Falkland Islands,  
Government House,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

5th November, 1936.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 270/32.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter AWI. No. 36/1/2 of the 17th of July, 1936, and to express my great appreciation at the inclusion of this Colony in the programme of visits of H. M. Ships "Exeter" and "Ajax" arranged for next December or January.

2. I would be particularly obliged if you could find it possible to appoint one of His Majesty's ships in your command to visit the Colony for the Coronation celebrations in May, 1937.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

[Sd.] H. HENNIKER HEATON

VICE-ADMIRAL THE HONOURABLE  
SIR M. R. BEST, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O.,  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,  
AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

Commander-in-Chief,  
*From* America and West Indies Station,  
BERMUDA.  
*To* His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched :* 26th November, 19 36. *Time :* 1715.

*Received :* 27th November, 19 36. *Time :* 1015.

My despatch 24th September dates of visit of H.M.S. "Ajax"  
are confirmed.

Commander-in-Chief.

Postal address:—  
The British Naval Commander-in-Chief,  
America & West Indies Station,  
c/o H.B.M. Consul-General,  
New York.  
Telegraphic address—  
NAVYCOM, BERMUDA.

AWI.No.36/4.

24th September 1936.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to A.W.I. No. 36/1/2 of 17th July 1936 and to inform Your Excellency that the following proposed programme for H.M.S. "Ajax" is being forwarded to the Admiralty :-

<u>Place.</u>		<u>Arrive.</u>		<u>Leave.</u>
Falkland Islands.	Wed.	30 Dec. '36.	Fri.	8 Jan. '37.
South Georgia.	Mon.	11 Jan. '37.	Sat.	16 Jan. '37.
Falkland Islands.	Tues.	19 Jan. '37.	Thurs.	21 Jan. '37.

2. The cruise to South Georgia has been included to enable Your Excellency to visit the Island.

3. These proposals are subject to Admiralty approval and a further communication will be sent when this has been received.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

*Mauburn Beaz*

Admiral.

His Excellency  
Herbert Henniker-Heaton, C.M.G.,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief  
of the Falkland Islands,  
Government House,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

(Copies to Commodore, South America, and  
Commanding Officer, H.M.S. "Ajax").



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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 7th December, 19 36. Time : ...

Received : ... .. 19 ... Time : ...

No. 55. His Excellency will visit South Georgia in  
H.M.S. "Ajax". In accordance with present arrangements  
His Excellency will remain in Dependency from 11th to  
16th January. Please prepare provisional programme.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To ~~Commander-in-Chief~~  
~~America and West Indies Station,~~  
BERMUDA.

Despatched: 12th December, 19 36. Time :...

Received: ... .. 19 ... Time :...

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Your letter of 24th September am much obliged to you  
for arrangements for "Ajax" visit South Georgia.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

**TELEGRAM.**

*From* Colonial Secretary,

*To* Magistrate, South Georgia.

*Despatched* : 12th December, 19 36. *Time* : ...

*Received* : ... 19 ... *Time* : ...

*Red 68*

No. 57. My telegram No. 55 as at present arranged His Excellency will stay with you while at South Georgia and you will be granted an entertaining allowance of £20. The Governor will be accompanied by his Aide-de-Camp Lieutenant Fleuret.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Captain, , H.M.S. "Ajax",

To His Excellency the Governor.

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Despatched: 21st December, 19 36. Time: 0747.

Received: 25rd December, 19 36. Time: 2030.

Expect to arrive Port Stanley 1000 Wednesday December 30th.

Request that 1000 tons of oil fuel may be supplied on arrival.

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Postal address:—

*The British Naval Commander-in-Chief,  
America & West Indies Station,  
c/o H.B.M. Consul-General,  
New York.*

Telegraphic address:—

*NAVYCOM, BERMUDA.*

*Admiralty House,  
Bermuda.*

5th November, 1936.

A.W.I. No. 36/1/27.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for Your Excellency's information a copy of the approximate programmes of the forthcoming cruises of the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station, in H.M.S. "*York*" and of H.M.S. "*Ajax*."

2. The proposed visits to foreign ports which are included in these programmes are subject to the approval of the foreign governments concerned, who are being notified.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,



MATTHEW BEST,  
*Admiral,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
America and West Indies Station.*

His Excellency  
Herbert Henniker-Heaton, CMG.  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief  
of the Falkland Islands.

(43)  
Admiralty House,  
Bermuda.  
5th November, 1936.

A.W.J. No. 36/1/27.  
MEMORANDUM.

The following approximate programmes of the forthcoming cruises of the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station, in H.M.S. "York" and of H.M.S. "Ajax" are communicated for the information of all concerned.

2. The programmes are subject, in the case of visits to foreign ports, to the approval of the foreign governments concerned.

3. The visits in these programmes will be of an informal nature and it is hoped that local officials and residents will not feel themselves called upon to incur expense by entertaining. For the same reason any entertainment arranged by H.M. Ships will be on quite a small scale.

MATTHEW BEST,  
*Admiral,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
America and West Indies Station.*

### Commander-in-Chief in H.M.S. "York."

Place.	Arrive.	Leave.
Bermuda	—	Sat., 26th Dec.
Trinidad (Port of Spain and Pointe-à-Pierre)	Thurs., 31st Dec.	Mon., 4th Jan.
Pernambuco	Mon., 11th Jan.	Thurs., 14th Jan.
Santos	Mon., 18th Jan.	Fri., 22nd Jan.
Buenos Aires	Mon., 25th Jan.	Mon., 1st Feb.
Mar del Plata	Tues., 2nd Feb.	Mon., 8th Feb.
Montevideo	Tues., 9th Feb.	Mon., 15th Feb.
Rio de Janeiro	Thurs., 18th Feb.	Fri., 26th Feb.
Georgetown, Br. Guiana	Sat., 6th March	Sun., 7th March.
Barbados	Tues., 9th March	—

### H.M.S. "Ajax."

Magallanes	Mon., 21st Dec.	Mon., 28th Dec.
Falkland Islands	Wed., 30th Dec.	Fri., 8th Jan.
South Georgia	Mon., 11th Jan.	Sat., 16th Jan.
Falkland Islands	Tues., 19th Jan.	Thurs., 21st Jan.
Buenos Aires	Mon., 25th Jan.	Mon., 1st Feb.
Mar del Plata	Tues., 2nd Feb.	Mon., 8th Feb.
Montevideo	Tues., 9th Feb.	Mon., 15th Feb.
Rio de Janeiro	Thurs., 18th Feb.	Wed., 24th Feb.
Ceará	Mon., 1st March	Wed., 3rd March.
Barbados	Tues., 9th March	—

[P.T.O.]

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Admiralty.  
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Governor, Trinidad.  
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Consul, Pernambuco.  
Consul, Santos.  
Consul, Montevideo.  
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H.M.C.S. "Saguenay."  
H.M.C.S. "Skeena."  
H.M.C.S. "Champlain."  
H.M.C.S. "Vancouver."  
Fleet Wireless Officer, R.C.N.  
O.C. Detachment, 1st Bn. Sherwood Foresters, Bermuda.  
Brigade Major, Bermuda Command.  
Superintendent, Meteorological Station, Bermuda.  
N.A.A.F.I. Headquarters, London.  
Area Manager, N.A.A.F.I., Hamilton, Bermuda.  
H.M. Ships & Establishments, America & West Indies Station.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* His Excellency the Governor.....

*To* Secretary of State for the Colonies

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*Despatched:* 29th December, 19 36. *Time:* ...

*Received:* ... .. 19 ... *Time:* ...

No. 93. At my request Commander-in-Chief Atlantic Station has arranged for H.M.S. "Ajax" to convey me on visit to South Georgia leaving Stanley 8th January returning 19th January. I seek your sanction under Colonial Regulation No. 15 to payment of entertainment expenses from Dependencies Funds on scale laid down in Colonial Regulation No. 17.

GOVERNOR.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Captain H.M.S. "Ajax",

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched:* 29th December, 19 36. *Time:* 2000.

*Received:* 30th December, 19 36. *Time:* 1030.

Expect to arrive 0930.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Secretary of State for the Colonies,

*To* His Excellency the Governor,

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*Despatched:* 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1936. *Time:* 1858.

*Received:* 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1937. *Time:* 1030.

No. 138. Your telegram No. 93 visit to South Georgia  
payment approved.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Colonial Secretary,

*To* Magistrate, South Georgia.

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*Despatched:* 2nd January, 19 37. *Time:* ...

*Received:* ... .. 19 ... *Time:* ...

No. 2. Please send your programme for His Excellency's visit by wireless for approval as early as possible. His Excellency proposes to visit Leith Harbour as well as Grytviken.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia,  
To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 5th January, 19 37. Time: 2330.

Received: 6th January, 19 37. Time: 1130.

Red 79.  
No. 3. Your telegram No. 2 submitted following programme  
for His Excellency's approval

Day of arrival receive Government staff and whaling  
Managers. Second day leave Government jetty 10.30 a.m.  
to visit Shackletons grave and tour Pesca Station; lunch  
with Manager and return to residence for dinner. Third  
day leave for tour of Leith at 8.30 a.m. lunch with  
Manager and return via Stromness and Husvik if time  
permits. Fourth day reindeer hunt. Fifth day visit  
local seal reserve. Tours for Ships' Officers and  
men can be arranged on arrival of H.M.S. "Ajax".

MAGISTRATE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

4th January, 1937.

No. 270/33.

Sir,

I have the honour formally to request that you will be good enough to provide passage in H.M.S. "Ajax" for myself and my Aide-de-Camp to South Georgia on the visit of the vessel to that place and the return journey.

2. I anticipate that I will be staying ashore with the Magistrate while the ship is at the headquarters of the Dependency.

3. I request also the courtesy of a passage for Major Stewart Commanding the Falkland Islands Defence Force if that can conveniently be given with Ward Room accommodation and I would like to take a valet with me.

4. In accordance with the Regulations on the subject allowances will be paid at the usual rate for myself and my staff to the paymaster together with messing accounts for (Major Stewart and) my valet, if you will kindly grant them passages.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Captain C. S. Thomson,  
H.M.S. "Ajax",  
at STANLEY.

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H.M.S. "AJAX",  
at Port Stanley.

5th January 1937

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 4th January 1937 and to inform you that it will give me great pleasure to make arrangements as requested for the accommodation of yourself, your Aide-de-Camp, your valet and Major Stewart for passage to South Georgia and return.

2.- I note that you anticipate staying on shore while the ship is at the Headquarters of the Dependency.

3.- I also note that allowances will be paid to the Paymaster at the rate laid down in the Regulations. The charge for Major Stewart will be at the rate of 5/- per diem plus any wine or extra bills he may incur.

To be paid in  
conclusion of voyage  
in English money  
M.H.H.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

C A P T A I N .  
Royal Navy.

H.E. The Governor and Commander-in-Chief,  
Falkland Islands.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* His Excellency the Governor, at South Georgia.

*To* Governor's Deputy, Stanley.

*Despatched:* 11th January, 19 37. *Time:* 2200.

*Received:* 12th January, 19 37 *Time:* 1100.

Arrived after stormy passage all well please inform  
daughters.

GOVERNOR.

Done at 11.15 a.m.  
MCH  
12.1.37.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* His Excellency the Governor, H.M.S. "Ajax",  
*To* Governor's Deputy, Stanley.

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*Despatched :* 17th January, 19 57. *Time :* ...  
*Received :* 18th January, 19 37. *Time :* 1100.

Proceeding King George Island to assist search missing  
party from "Discovery II".

GOVERNOR.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* H.M.S. "Ajax",

*To* Governor's Deputy at Stanley.

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*Despatched:* 19th January, 19 37. *Time:* 1100. GMT.

*Received:* 19th January, 19 37. *Time:* 1100.

Missing party from Discovery recovered all well. Returning to Port Stanley expect to arrive about 1200 Wednesday 20th.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From H.M.S. "Ajax",

To Colonial Secretary.

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Despatched: 19th January, 19 37. Time: 1009.

Received: 19th January, 19 37. Time: 1150.

Expect to arrive Port Stanley 0900 tomorrow Wednesday.  
Request oil lighter may be lying off anchorage by that  
time and that a second complete cargo may be supplied with  
as little delay as possible. Ajax will sail for Buenos  
Aires at 1700 Thursday 21st or as soon after as second cargo  
is embarked. Regret it will be necessary to cancel. At Home,  
arranged for Wednesday.

270/53.

19th January,

37.

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm the message from the H.M.S. "Ajax" which I communicated to you by telephone this morning and which reads as follows :-

"Expect to arrive at Port Stanley 0900  
"tomorrow Wednesday request oil lighter may  
"be lying off anchorage by that time and that  
"a second complete cargo may be supplied with  
"as little delay as possible."

2. I have to request that you will cause action to be taken accordingly.

3. I have to add that H.M.S. "Ajax" will sail for Buenos Aires at 1700 on Thursday the 21st instant, or as soon after as the second cargo is embarked.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*men*

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,  
STANLEY.

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

## RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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5/19	H.M.S. "Ajax"			19.1.37
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To

Governor's Deputy	Stanley.
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PLEASE HAVE PENGUIN ALONGSIDE AJAX ON ARRIVAL TOMORROW  
WEDNESDAY FOR MY DISEMBARKATION

Governor.

*Instructed Harbour Master  
at 7 p.m. next  
19.1.37*

Time

FAULKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 270/33.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

20th January, 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to thank you for the arrangements made for my accommodation and that of my staff in the recent visit to South Georgia.

2. I appreciate very greatly the consideration and courtesy shown by yourself and all on board and consider it a great privilege to have travelled in a ship with so fine a personnel.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER HEATON

Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

CAPTAIN C. S. THOMSON,  
H.M.S. "AJAX",  
at PORT STANLEY.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

20th January, 1937.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 270/33.

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm my telegram of the 12th of December thanking you for having been good enough to provide H.M.S. "Ajax" to take me to South Georgia, from which Dependency I have returned this morning.

2. I would bring to your notice the excellent impression created in the minds of the people of the Falkland Islands and South Georgia by the visit of the "Ajax". It surpassed anything I have known in many years' service in this and other Colonies.

3. I would further thank you for the efficient manner in which the 6 inch gun forming part of the Stanley defences has been mounted by personnel from H.M.S. "Ajax".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

ADMIRAL THE HONOURABLE

SIR M. R. TEST, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O.,

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,

AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION,

H.M.S. "YORK".

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# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

## SENT.

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

21/1/37.

To

CAPTAIN  
"AJAX".

FAREWELL FROM STANLEY ALL OUR BEST WISHES GO WITH YOU.

GOVERNOR.

Time

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Captain, H.M.S. "Ajax",

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 22nd January, 19 37. Time: 2025.

Received: 23rd January, 19 37. Time: 1100.

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Very many thanks for your kind signal we will always  
remember our visit with pleasure.

CAPTAIN.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

25th January, 1937.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 16.

Sir,

I have the honour to make the following report on my visit on board H.M.S. "Ajax" this month to South Georgia and the South Shetlands.

2. The "Ajax" left Stanley on the 8th and arrived at King Edward Cove, South Georgia on the 11th. A considerable number of icebergs were passed within the last 350 miles of the journey. The danger from them is far less than is apprehended and with precautions the waters present no undue danger to His Majesty's ships.

3. I laid a wreath on Sir Ernest Shackleton's grave, which is well cared for in the Argentina de Pesca cemetery, on the 12th instant. On that and the following days I visited and inspected the factories at Grytviken and Leith Harbour, the unused factories at Husvik and Stromness and the seal reserve. I also spent one day at a reindeer shoot.

4. The weather had been almost continuously bad up to my arrival and though whales were numerous far out, they were not coming near enough to the island to be of the best economic advantage. However uniformly fine weather prevailed during the week and encouraging reports were received of the closer approach of whales. The factories appeared to be very efficiently managed and the most made of the material. I was particularly

interested/

2 RIGHT HONOURABLE  
W. G. ORMSBY GORE, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

interested in the production of guano which should be available at a low rate for grassland improvement in the Falklands. The Agricultural Adviser is being given full particulars.

5. Mr. Hansen who has been managing at Leith Harbour for more than 25 years has no apprehension regarding the prospect of whales being wiped out in South Georgia waters. He considers also that the great increase in the number of seals and reindeer will ensure the prosperity of the island. I am not aware of the use to which the latter can be put but the numbers have increased to about 3,000. The very extensive natural pastures of the highly prized tussock grass should be sufficient to support several hundred thousand. They have also increased in size and are I am informed larger than those in Norway.

6. I found the Government staff in South Georgia more contented than I had anticipated and in good health. The services of the office of Clerk to the Magistrate could be dispensed with. The present holder Mr. Nelson Jones is very efficient but is dissatisfied with his prospects. I have no vacancies in the Colony and have requested earnestly in my despatch No. 134 of the 20th of August, 1935, that promotion should be found for him elsewhere.

7. Early in the morning of the 17th of January while on the return from South Georgia instructions were received from the Naval Commander-in-Chief on the station for the "Ajax" to proceed to the South Shetlands to assist in the search for the missing party from the "Discovery II".

I had not been prepared to ask at once for this diversion involving as it did 1,000 miles additional steaming and the risks to H.M.S. "Ajax" of ice and almost uncharted waters, when a search of a few hours only had been made, but it was a great relief when the orders were received. I had meanwhile telegraphed to the Magistrate, South Georgia, to ascertain which factories and catchers were available for assistance and to the Commander of the "Discovery II" enquiring whether there was any action I could take to help him. H.M.S. "Ajax" steaming at 26 knots arrived at Esther Harbour at 9 a.m. on the 18th, the R.Y. "Penola" appearing shortly afterwards. The coasts were searched by boats during the day and at about 6.30 p.m. the "Discovery II" found the survey party. I telegraphed to you as soon as it was established that they had survived and were in good health. The "Ajax" departed immediately and reached Stanley in 36 hours.

6. I would ask that the thanks of this Government may be conveyed to the Admiralty for the generous and immediate response to the call for assistance from the Commander of the "Discovery II". I would also take this opportunity of paying a tribute to the Captain, officers and ship's company of H.M.S. "Ajax". I have never known a warship to evoke goodwill to so marked an extent on brief visits. They entered fully into the life of the ports of Stanley and Grytviken. The friendship and admiration of the Norwegian whalers in

South/

South Georgia was particularly marked.

9. I beg to bring to notice that the only matches supplied to H.M.S. "Ajax" and I presume other warships by the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute are of Swedish manufacture. It is I submit objectionable and detrimental to British trade that only conspicuously foreign inferior matches are available on board His Majesty's Ships. Apart from the direct loss of trade the impression created in the minds of numerous British and foreign visitors is deplorable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

(Sd.) H. HENRIKER-HEATON

No. \_\_\_\_\_

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

MINUTE.

(100)

5th February 19 37.

~~FROM~~ To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

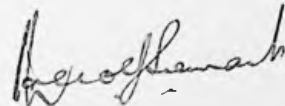
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

~~To~~ From

COLONIAL TREASURER,

STANLEY.

I have the honour to attach a copy of a voucher which was paid to the Paymaster Commander of H. M. S. "Ajax" in accordance with the instructions which I received from His Excellency the Governor whilst on board the ship.



Treasurer.

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Postal address:—

*The British Naval Commander-in-Chief,  
America & West Indies Station,  
c/o H.B.M. Consul-General,  
New York.*

Telegraphic address:—

NAVYCOM, BERMUDA.

18th January, 1937.

AWI. No. 36/1/2.

Sir,

*Red 64*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Letter No. 270/32 of 5th November, 1936. I regret, however, that it will not be practicable for a ship of the America and West Indies Squadron to visit the Falkland Islands for the Coronation celebrations, owing to the fleet practices at Bermuda in May, 1937.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

*Maulmberg*

Admiral.  
Commander-in-Chief.

His Excellency Herbert Henniker-Heaton, C.M.G.,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief  
of the Falkland Islands,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.



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VISIT OF H.M.S. "AJAX" TO SOUTH GEORGIA.

*HC! please file this with future visit 27/3*

Friday, 8th January. His Excellency and party embarked at Government Jetty at 1.15 p.m. and boarded H.M.S. "Ajax" to proceed to South Georgia.

A message had previously been received from the Murrel House that the Sea Plane belonging to H.M.S. "Ajax" had made a forced landing in Berkeley Sound owing to engine trouble and that the Pilot had walked to the Murrel House leaving the W/T Operator with the Plane. A motor lorry was despatched from Stanley to meet the Pilot and the ship sailed for Berkeley sound at 2.30 p.m. The Plane was located on a small <sup>sand</sup>/beach near "Strike Off" Point. A whaler and motor boat were lowered from "Ajax" and proceeded to the scene. The Plane was found to have suffered no material damage and was eventually towed off to the ship and taken on board.

A course was then set for South Georgia at about 4 p.m. An easterly wind with a heavy sea was encountered and visibility was poor.

Saturday 9th. Easterly wind continued with little or no improvement in visibility.

Sunday 10th. Weather very cold and squally; sea rough. Numerous icebergs were observed in the vicinity of Shag Rocks which were passed about 2.30 p.m.

Monday 11th. Sea and wind abated. Visibility better. South Georgia was reached at 11.50 a.m.

His Excellency was met by the Magistrate, all Government officials and the Manager of Pesca and his wife.

Tuesday 12th. His Excellency accompanied by the Magistrate and staff the Captain and officers of H.M.S. "Ajax", and Major the Honourable M. J. Stewart visited Sir Ernest Shackleton's grave where a wreath was laid by the Governor.

The party then proceeded to inspect the Water Dam which supplies the electric power at the Pesca Station.

The Station where whaling was in full progress was also inspected and the party then sat down to an excellent lunch provided by Mr. Abrahamsen.

During the afternoon His Excellency and Major Stewart inspected all Government quarters dining in the evening with the Manager of the Argentina de Pesca.

Parties/

Parties from the ship left in Catchers whale hunting.

Wednesday 13th. His Excellency and party left Grytviken at 9 a.m. by the whale catcher "Semla" kindly placed at his disposal by Mr. Hansen the Manager of the South Georgia Company and inspected the three Stations, at Husvik, Stromness and Leith Harbours. The Stations at Husvik and Stromness were not in operation but both were in an excellent state of preservation, whaling operations were in full swing at Leith Harbour. Lunch was kindly provided at Leith by Mr. Hansen after which His Excellency saw the Falkland Islands labourers employed by Messrs Salvesen and Leith.

Dinner was then kindly provided by Mr. Hansen and the party left Leith for Grytviken at 7.30 p.m. visiting the Rocky Penguin Rookery en route.

Football match "Ajax" v Pesca 1 - 1

Thursday 14th. A Reindeer Hunt in Cumberland Bay organized by Mr. Abrahamsen was thoroughly enjoyed though the bag was rather disappointing only 4 deer being taken. Large numbers of Reindeer were observed during the hunt.

Friday 15th. During the morning His Excellency accompanied by Major Stewart visited Pesca Station and saw the Falkland Islands labourers engaged in whaling work on that station.

In the afternoon His Excellency, the Captain of "Ajax" and Major Stewart made an inspection of the Seal Reserve returning at 5 p.m. The whole party embarked from Grytviken Jetty at 7 p.m. and dined on board "Ajax" at the invitation of the Captain.

Football "Ajax" v Pesca 1 - 2.

Saturday 16th. "Ajax" sailed from South Georgia at 5 a.m. in fine weather. On Saturday evening a message was received from Discovery at South Shetlands and asking for II stating that 6 men belonging to the expedition were missing/any assistance which could be given. At 1 a.m. on Sunday "Ajax" was ordered to proceed with despatch to the scene. Course was altered for South Shetlands and speed increased to 23 knots.

Esther Harbour, South Shetlands, was reached at 9 a.m. on Monday, where the Discovery and Penola were met. The search was proceeded with immediately and about 6 p.m. a signal was received from Discovery that the missing men had been seen. "Ajax" returned to Discovery at 20 knots to render such assistance as might be found necessary. The men, however, were found to be in perfect health and were taken on board Discovery by their own boat.



"Ajax" sailed from South Shetlands at 10 p.m. at a speed of  
18 knots - fine weather.

Tuesday 19th. Fine weather.

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28/1/37



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FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO. 44.

Downing Street,

20 March, 1937.

Sir,

*Red 97*  
*HN*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.16 of the 25th of January, and to convey to you my appreciation of the report with which you have furnished me on your recent visit on board H.M.S. "Ajax" to South Georgia and the South Shetlands.

2. As regards paragraph 6 of your despatch, in which you refer to Mr. Nelson Jones, the Clerk to the Magistrate at South Georgia, I would invite your attention to my telegram No.16 of the 10th of February and subsequent correspondence regarding Mr. Jones' transfer to the Gold Coast.

3. The remarks made in paragraph 8 of your despatch are being communicated to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and the comment in paragraph 9 of your despatch about the supply of foreign matches to H.M.S. "Ajax" is being brought to Their Lordships' notice semi-officially.

4. A copy of your despatch, omitting paragraphs 6 and 9, has also been forwarded to the Secretary to the "Discovery" Committee for the information of the Committee.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient  
humble servant,

GOVERNOR  
H. HENNIKER-HEATON, ESQ., K.C.M.G.,  
&c., &c., &c.

(Signed) W. ORMSBY GORE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

17th May, 1937.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 270/33.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that it would be greatly appreciated by myself and local residents if the programme for the spring cruise of His Majesty's ships of the South American Squadron could provide for a visit of a warship at Christmas time.

2. Local celebrations of the Christmas season have for many years taken the form of sports and dances which might form a welcome interlude in the visits of His Majesty's vessels to neighbouring foreign ports. I enclose the programme for 1936 for your information. I have no doubt that provision would be made for the participation of the personnel of any visiting warships if opportunity occurred.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(sgd) *Herbert Keaton*

GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

THE BRITISH NAVAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,  
AMERICA & WEST INDIES STATION,  
BERMUDA.