

C. S.

NAVAL & MILITARY.

(Naval)

(Admiralty)

19 46

No. 221/46.

SUBJECT.

C. in C. America & W. I. Station.

19 46

3rd August

Previous Paper.

H. M. SHIPS COMPRISING AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION.

VISITS TO STANLEY

MINUTES.

1. Letter from C. in C. America and West Indies Station of 3.8.46.
2. " " " " " " " " " " 18.10.46
3. Copy of Telegram from C. in C. Am. S. to N.O.C. of 22.8.46
4. Letter from C. in C. America & West Indies Station of 22.9.46

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Let N.O.C. see this file, etc.

(6)

H.O. ifc
to see, pl

D. J. R. S.

19.11.46

(7)

Seen. Thank you.

H. J. R. S.

Subsequent Paper.

Letter from C. in C. America & West Indies Station of 28. 10. 46.

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Letter from C. in C. America & West Indies Station of 8. 11. 46.

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W.

(9)

The Sports Meeting is 24-27 ~ 28 Feb.
inclusive. I think it most desirable for the
Cin C's visit to coincide if possible, &
not just overlap.
Lance W. wish to ask him by telegram to
adjust programme by slight delay if he
can, so as to give workers a chance
of coming to see him - his office - etc.
- if meeting here ashore?

2. His full name & style is:- Sir William
George Tennant, K.C.B. C.B.E. M.V.O. h.c.
Admiral. W. via probably wish to reply in
our handwriting to (9)?

W.S.

3.12.46

11.

Letter (Air Mail) H'gram within.

W.S. 3/11

Tel. to C in C., A & West Indies S. of 4. 12. 46.
Tel from C in C., A & West Indies S. of 5. 12. 46.
No 262. from S. of S. of 13. 12. 46.

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13.14.

C. in C., A. & W. S. Station of 18. 11. 46

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from No 1 of 23. 1. 47.

sports Hms Sheffield

17-19

ship to Stanley

20-21

W.O/c to Hms "Sheffield" of 27. 1. 47.

22.

23. D.O. letter to Mrs. Clifford of 29. 1. 47

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RM. 6/2/47

N.O.T.C. is asking 'Sheppard' to arrange for P.T. instructors to give me a refresher course.

A.Bh
31.1.47

25 Copy of letter 311640 from C.A.W.I. to N.O.T.C.

26

J.E.

R 22 answers R 18 after the Chief (at part of R 23) has discussed.

2. As to dinner parties etc., J.E. wishes to telegraph to the C.A.W.I. to give him a list of dates. The N.O.T.C. tells me the Admiral says he intends to give 1 dinner party, or 1 lunch party; - there will also be an Officers' cocktail party. At 26 A I have roughed out possibilities.

26

Telex 0321160 from C.A.W.I. to N.O.T.C.
(Copy to J.E. & J.E.)

27

J.E.

R 26 came in while I was dealing with the matter. I have since explained to J.E. I now submit a revised R 26.

2. G.E. will probably wish to decide
guests for Cinc's dinner-party & lunch.
party? N.O.I.C. I can cope with guests
for cocktail party.

3. Details as to Cinc's dining
with C.S. about etc. I spoke to G.E.
may await his arrival?

4. Telm. ltr for com.

A.B.
4.2.47

OS

28

We spoke will reply as directed in telegram
below.

inc. 4/2

Telegram to C. in C. A.W. 1 of 5. 2. 47 29

Copy of telm. 031359 from C in C. A.W. 1. to N.O.I.C. 30

" " " 041602 " N.O.I.C. to C in C. A.W. 1. 31

Telegram from H.M.S. Sheffield of 6.2.47 32

33

WE.

(32) is satisfactory. If the Admiral
calls on G.E. I doubt if he will come to
him. for him to go off again & come back
to B.H. to die. This might be solved
by his bringing a change of clothes?
G.E. calls her when he calls A.M.
Thursday.

2. Personel staff (says N.O.C.)
is Captain Fawkes (Flag Captain)
Commander (S) (Secretary)
Lt. Com: (Flag Lieut.)

• no mention was made in letter
to N.O.C. listing them, of P.M.O.
or Fleet Engineer.

3. Names etc. are on the
prints. I have sent to the
bookshop (for 'W.N.'). I will
get them as soon as I can. But
the 1st. see (32) now, I think.

4. I suggest Admin's lunch
party Friday (day of the 1st. Dec.).

5. (26) gives a basic idea of
arrangements, since slightly modified.
The Rugby for three weeks will be
a Sat. the Association on Sunday.

A.B.L.
7.2.47

34

HCS

Taken: —

Dinner at GH 19th

" on Sheffield 20th

lunch party " " 21st (Admiral comes along after)

Dance at G.H. evg. "

Cocktail party at Sheffield 22nd ϕ

(quiet dinner at GH after - party will probably finish late)

Clear day for bird-watching 23rd

(There will presumably be a church parade in the morning?)

Small cocktail party at GH. evening 23rd

A } Second dinner party at GH. evening 24th

2. With our domestic situation I find it easier to
give 2 dinner parties which will also enable me to
have ~~more~~ guests from both Sheffield & Leeds. Can I have
a small roll of officers returned fairly soon?

M.C. 8/2/47

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You might care to give a supper party
that evening?

List of Officers serving in H.M.S. "Sheffield" of 1.1.47. 35

Memo. from H. K. the Governor of 9.2.47. 36.

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M.C.

34 - (36)

I submit a draft letter for comm.

A.H.E.
15/2/47

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Issue as amended: second dinner party GH.

is 24th - see A above - not 23rd.

M.C. 15/2/47

A requested slip?
the pen. A.H.E.
19-

- 39 Tel to C in C A.W.I station of 10.2.47. (C/M NO.1.C.)
 40 War Record of H.M.S. 'Sheffield'.
 41 Particulars of Capt. G. B. H. Fawkes, C.B.E., R.N.
 42 " " Vice-Admiral Sir W. G. Tennant.
 43 Telegram to H.O. /c from C in C, A.W.I. of 11.2.47

44

J.E.

(43) answers (39). Things are now crystallising.

2. (40) - (42) has been to be: but I prefer key shd. be used in broadcast next Sunday.

3. S 3 of (43) J.E. may wish to discuss with N.O.I.C.?

4. I attach to (44a) a revised programme.

A.B.L.
12.2.47

P.S.

J.E. asked about H.M.S. 'Spencer'. (14) is our last word. He has received mails for 1947 now - shd. in telegraph say S.T. 43 not received? (He of course telegraph acknowledged his mails saying ship an outstanding, as a matter of course).
 A.B.L.

45

Comments

War memorial site still to be cleared? I wonder where C in C wants me to take salute. Have we anyone here who can make wreaths? I must try & fix an N.O. (an additional AOC for this occasion).

X Saving Tel. this mail; it cannot be as urgent as all that? C in C. shd. be able to enlighten us.

ACS

Issue SIT has per. Nam send
file to hi: line p.c. in 44 §2. I
want it back in 24 hours with the
following info:—

(a) Can O's Ag. Dept. clear mt.
of F.I. Bate homicide? If not, who
will?

(b) Can Clarke make wreaths (1
perman s.).

ABE
13.2

Saving Tel. No. 13 to S. of S. of 13.2.47. 47.

Mr. Rice

48.

As per L. b. S's 46 (para 1), pl.

H. b. S's

49

JB
pl. S.
13/2/47

(40) & (42) have been b'cast &

Mr. Rice holds 41 & will b'cast this weekend.

2. P. W.D. are arranging to clear Memorial Site.

3. Clarke can make wreaths - are wreaths to
be ordered, pl.?

JB
14/2

50

HE.

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Re. no 46 - 49.

break

HE will instruct his Clerk
to make one for his C.?

Bay

will be available to him
HE. M to the 'Sheppard'.

Memorial is being done.

2. N.O.C. Ch. Wadgate will
discuss salute question: the
parade generally.

ABH
14.2

MC

15/2.

52

HE.

Resubmitted, in view of HE's
meeting the C.C.C.

2. On return I will deal
with Wreath & Parade.

ABH
15.2

MC 20/11

✓
Yes, it is not
till Monday however & NOIC had
better find out what C.M.C
wants.
✓
✓

A.C.S.

P. ask Mr. Clarke to make one suitable wreath for Monday am. Then when he gets early.

A.B.S.

21.2

A.B.S.

54.

1. Clarke will prepare wreath acc.
2. File returned as directed, p.

A.B.S.

21.2

J.E.

1. has not included in his file - number of metric signals in harbour.

2. J.E. may wish to send a post. by signal to. morn, Tuesday: to thank the Res x ladies. for arranging the Can. team.

3. If appd. I intend to open a new sub. head 'Entertainment of U.S.M. Ships' to cover incidental expenses.

A.B.S.

24.2

56.

I have only just seen this

1. Signals have been exchanged.
2. Team.
3. Appd.
4. There have been one or two most unfortunate incidents in connection with the visit wh. reflect little credit on Stanley. Mc 25/2.

57. Minute from His Excellency of 25. 2. 47.
58. Public Notice of 21. 2. 47.
59. Minute from Supt. of Education of 24. 2. 47.
60. D.O. letter to Mrs. Greaves of 25. 2. 47.
61. Telegram from Mr. Scott New Island of 25. 2. 47
62. Telegram from S. Miller Esq. Roy Cove of 23. 2. 47
63. Telegram to H. M. S. Sheffield of 24. 2. 47.
64. Telegram from C in C. A. W. I. of 25. 2. 47
65. Telegram to C in C. A. W. I. of 25. 2. 47.

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I am forgetting (64) & (65). I am afraid (57) has been overlooked too - since it is rather passive now - I will (if I.E. agrees) note for 'Common Colours'.

2 Levin Coats In the count, only
5 can look, & we may not have
been shown. I have explained to GE.
what is being done to trace them.

67.

me 12/11

ABE
12.3.47

Gazette and Pw
 29/3
 ABE
 12/3

68. Gazette Notice of 13. 3. 47.
69. Saving Tel. No. 43 from S. of S. of 18. 11. 46.
70. " " " " " " " " " " 2. 1. 47.
- 71 Letter from Home Secy. British Red Cross Soc. F. I. of 8th. 4. 47

~~WBS~~
12/3

72
A.C. (71).

Re. put up a suitable letter of
thanks & congratulation in the result
(I have not enclosed (60)) I say that
A.T. has been asked to pay.

ABE
11.4

Letter to Hon. Treasurer, Red Cross Society, F.I. Branch 73.
of 11.4.47.

copy of letter from Adm Tennant of 28.2.47 74

letter from W. M. Consul, M.V. of 13.3.47. 75.

Letter from Sir W. Tennant, of 6.6.47. 76

77
H.E.

(76) was asked the local experience
her, it was because we sensibly cut our
costs and to our cloth, - we were happy to
fulfill it with the women whose ideas were
not grandiose.

ABE
11.7

78

The 'sunrise' was almost certainly the Consul at Pernam -

he boldly asked a great deal to me about the cost of living and
entertaining while I was there and for me to ask me to
lunch!

me. 11/vii

PA ABE
11.7

- 79 Copy of tel from H.M.S. Snipe to N.O./C of 29.12.47
 80 " " " " " " " " from C. C. A.W.I. of 29.12.47.
 81 " " " " " " " " N.O./C - 30.12.47
 82 " " " " " " " " to N.O./C - 30.12.47.
 83 Letter from Sir W. Tennant of 1.12.47.

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P.S.

HE wants his fee to send a letter to S/S. You have 'Snipe' (C.C.I.S.) letter requiring the vice reg. have 10 days in about?

2. Re. R.I.V. papers of letter for F.I.S. 'Political' for: perhaps 'Argentine branch'?

DBL
3.1

85

P.S.

I am not sure that C.C./A.W.I. has an cypher - please check up on this but do not delay transmission to S & S. C.C. can be informed separately (and more briefly) at need.

Note that (83 B) requires ^{air. mail} ~~air. mail~~ acknowledgment

M.C. $\frac{3}{1-4F}$

C.S.

86

Paragraphs 1-2 of (86) to C. in. C. through M.C.

M.C. $\frac{3}{1}$

Copy of telegram from B. B. B. to NOIC. 87

88

YE

(87)

spk. / submit info here. to
M.V. for exam.

lib
S.1

✓

mc 5/

Issue l'gram at over 91
mc 6

Telegram No 7 to S. of S of 6. 1. 48 91

copy of tel from NOIC to C in C AWI. of 6. 1. 48 92

" " " " " " " " 6. 1. 48 93

" " " " C in C AWI. to NOIC of 7. 1. 48 94

95

YE

(94) with (92). The endurance estimate
is at (93) • is not YE's!

2. Now await 'Snipe'!

lib

Telegram to C in C AWI (through NOIC) of 10. 1. 48. 96

97

YE

is informing C in C AWI. as

in (96) § 4!

lib
12/1

Have done mc 12
PA lib
12/1

99

PA ~~WBE~~
1311

Telegram to C in C. A.W.I. of 12. 1. 48

CLOSED see 0625
(visit of HM Ships)

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*I showed him to No. 1. C.
She had not seen the
wife before. Do you
reply?*

ADMIRALTY HOUSE,
BERMUDA.

3rd August, 1946

AWI No. 2.

*WBC
23.9.46*



Sir,

I have the honour to enclose for Your Excellency's information, and the confidential information of such other Government Officers as you deem necessary, a list of His Majesty's Ships which will form the reconstituted America and West Indies Squadron, the names of the Commanding Officers, the numbers of officers and men in the ships' companies and the principal dimensions of these vessels.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant

James C. Christie

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

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

See Red 4

Reply at 2

ENCLOSURE TO AWI. No.2 dated 3rd AUGUST, 1946

H.M.S. "SHEFFIELD"

Captain K.G. HARNNESS, D.S.O., R.N.

Officers 44

Men 688

Full load displacement 12190 tons

Length 591' 6"

Beam 61' 8"

Mean draught 24' 7"

H.M.S. "KENYA"

Captain L.A. BOSWELL, D.S.O., R.N.

Officers 43

Men 578

Full load displacement 10960 tons

Length 555' 6"

Beam 62' 0"

Mean draught 24' 5"

H.M.S. "SPARROW"

and

H.M.S. "SNIPE"

Commander J.M. VILLIERS, O.B.E., R.N.

Each ship Officers 5

Men 120 approx.

Full load displacement 1880 tons

Length 299' 6"

Beam 38' 6"

Draught 11' 2"

H.M.S. "PADSTOW BAY"
and

H.M.S. "FORLOCK BAY"

Acting Lieut. Cmdr. N.R.F. RODNEY, R.N.

Lieutenant D.L. DAVENPORT, R.N.

Each ship Officers 5

Men 130

Full load displacement 2400 tons

Length 307' 0"

Beam 38' 7"

Draught 12' 9"

See Read 4

18th October, 1946.

Sir,

Recd 1.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter AWI No. 2 of the 3rd of August, 1946, enclosing a list of His Majesty's Ships which will form the reconstituted America and West Indies Squadron, the names of the Commanding Officers, the numbers of officers and men in the ships' companies and the principal dimensions of these vessels.

2. I need scarcely assure you that the people of the Falkland Islands would welcome with great pleasure a visit from yourself and the America and West Indies Squadron: and that we shall do our utmost to make your stay here, to which we all look forward, as agreeable as we can.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

Acting Governor.

The Commander-in-Chief,
America and West Indies Station,
Admiralty House,
BERMUDA.

WH.

NAVAL MESSAGE.

Revised
December, 1935.

S 320b.

For use in
Signal
Department
only*For information*

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Originators Instructions :
(Indication of Priority,
Intercept Group, etc.)

Codress/Plaindress

No. of
Groups :

TO :

SOUTH ATLANTIC CENTRAL.

H.O.I.C. FALLENDAIS.

(R) ADMIRALTY.

FROM :

C in C.

A.M.I.

Write
Across

The Flag of Vice Admiral Sir William Tennant K.C.B.

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C.B.E., M.V.O. will be hoisted in Sheffield at 0800 October 23rd.

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The Flag of Vice Admiral Sir Irvine Glennie will be

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struck at Admiralty House Bermuda at Sunset October 23rd.

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= 2214.15z OCTOBER.

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P/L Code or Cypher

Time of
Receipt Despatch

Operator

P.O.O.W.

Date

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ADMIRALTY HOUSE,
BERMUDA.

22nd September, 1946.



MP
ABC
5.11

AWI. No.2.

Sir,

Recd 1

I have the honour to refer to my despatch
AWI. No.2. of 3rd August, 1946 and to state that the
Commanding Officer of H.M.S. "Sparrow" will be Commander
J.R.M. Longden, O.D.E., R.N.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

James Llewellyn

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

His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
Bermuda Islands.

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ADMIRALTY HOUSE,
BERMUDA.

28th October, 1946.

A.W.I. No. 8.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I have today relieved Vice-Admiral Sir Irvine Glennie, K.C.B., as Commander-in-Chief, America & West Indies Station.

I hope that opportunities will occur for me to visit you during my period of command.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

William Tennant

Vice-Admiral

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

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(9)

ADMIRALTY HOUSE,
BERMUDA.

Nov 8th

My dear Governor

The programme of my
South American cruise - the Sheffield
will shortly be coming to you -

We are due to arrive ^{with you} on 19th Feb
until 25th. - I should be very pleased
to entertain as much as you think
fit & I very much hope that
you will come aboard to lunch
& dinner shortly after we arrive.

I hope in the programme it
will be possible to leave a few
laps in order to see something
Reply at 12.

of your bird life. I am a keen
ornithologist but not above taking
a shot - you too!!

I should be grateful if you
would let me know if there
is anything we can bring
you or any other points over
which we can help -

Yours sincerely

William Tennant.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

(12)

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

4.12.46.

To

Commander in Chief America and West Indies Station,
BERMUDA.Red 9

Your ~~personal~~ letter 8th November stop Delighted prospect your visit and hope you will stay as my guest at Government House for so long as may be convenient to you stop Annual Sports Meeting when farmers outlying districts come in to Stanley will be held from 24th to 27th or 28th February inclusive stop Am sure it would be greatly appreciated if your programme could be ~~adjusted~~ extended or adjusted to include this period.

Time

Reply at Red 13 CLIFFORD.

DECODE.

No. 059.

TELEGRAM.

13

From Commander in Chief America and West Indies Station.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : December 5th 19 46 *Time :* 15.24

Received : December 8th 19 46 *Time :*

Red 12

Your telegram very many thanks in order to keep to programme I am sorry it will be necessary to sail p.m. 25th but hope to see something of sports on 24th or 25th.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF A.W.I.

P/L.

DECODE.

(14) (15)

TELEGRAM.

No. S 78

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: December 13th 19 46 *Time:* 11.45.

Received: December 14th 19 46 *Time:* 09.30.

69. No. 262. Confidential. My telegram No. 43 Saving. Winter Cruise of Ships of American and West Indies Station will now commence on December 31st 1946 not on January 1st 1947. Other dates not affected.

Details of programme for H.M.S. "Sparrow" follows by saving telegram please telegraph your formal concurrence.

G.T.C.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

(INTld) M.C.

See 47, 69a & 70.

DRM.

Early
ABC
16.2

See Savingsgram No 43 Not received 12/2/47.

22/1/46

ADMIRALTY HOUSE,
BERMUDA.

18th November, 1946.

A.W.I.No.688/2

Sir,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that, with your permission, I will visit you in H.M.S. "Sheffield" from Wednesday, 19th February to Tuesday, 25th February, 1947.

*I look forward to meeting you & entertaining you aboard
As a keen ornithologist I should like to see as much as possible of the birds
of the Islands -* A copy of the complete winter cruise programme of myself in H.M.S. "Sheffield" is attached for information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

*MP
BB
21/2*

William Tennant.

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

His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

HCS
*We can show him some Penguins
if they're still about but they'll be a bit wilder once
the young ones are off their hands?*

(15a)

ADMIRALTY HOUSE,
BERMUDA,
15th November, 1946.

A.W.I. No. 688/2

Memorandum.

The following programme for the winter cruise of the Commander-in-Chief, America & West Indies Station in H.M.S. "Sheffield" is promulgated for information.

2. This programme is liable to alteration in the event of unforeseen circumstances and is subject, in the case of foreign ports, to the approval of the foreign governments concerned.

3. The visits in this programme will be of an informal nature and it is hoped that local officials and residents will not feel themselves called upon to incur undue expense by entertaining. For the same reason any entertainment given by me or by the Commanding Officer or Officers or Ship's Company will be on a small scale.

4. No acknowledgement of this programme is expected, unless the authority concerned has some special information to communicate.

William Tennant
Vice-Admiral,
Commander-in-Chief,
America & West Indies Station.

The Commander-in-Chief in H.M.S. "Sheffield"

Place.	Arrive.	Leave.
Bermuda	—	Wed., 1st Jan.
Kingston, Jamaica	Sat., 4th Jan.	Mon., 6th Jan.
Colon, Canal Zone	Wed., 8th Jan.	Wed., 8th Jan.
Balboa, Canal Zone	Wed., 8th Jan.	Fri., 10th Jan.
Callao, Peru	Tues., 14th Jan.	Sun., 19th Jan.
Antofagasta, Chile	Wed., 22nd Jan.	Sat., 25th Jan.
Valparaiso, Chile	Mon., 27th Jan.	Sun., 2nd Feb.
Talcahuano, Chile	Mon., 3rd Feb.	Thurs., 6th Feb.
Puerto Montt, Chile	Sat., 8th Feb.	Tues., 11th Feb.
Punta Arenas, Chile	Fri., 14th Feb.	Mon., 17th Feb.
Falkland Islands	Wed., 19th Feb.	Tues., 25th Feb.
Montevideo, Uruguay	Fri., 28th Feb.	Fri., 7th Mch.
Buenos Aires, Argentine	Fri., 7th Mch.	Wed., 12th Mch.
Santos, Brazil	Sat., 15th Mch.	Wed., 19th Mch.
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Thurs., 20th Mch.	Tues., 25th Mch.
Pernambuco, Brazil	Fri., 28th Mch.	Tues., 1st Apl.
Trinidad	Mon., 7th Apl.	Fri., 11th Apl.
Bermuda	Tues., 15th Apl.	—

Notes.—(i) Vice-Admiral Sir William George Tennant, K.C.B., C.B.E., M.V.O. flies his flag in H.M.S. "Sheffield", which is commanded by Captain G. B. H. Fawkes, C.B.E., R.N.

(ii) Particulars of H.M.S. "Sheffield" :—

Displacement—12,000 tons. Length—591 ft. 6 ins. Draught—21 ft. 7 ins.
Complement—45 officers, 700 men.

DISTRIBUTION

Admiralty.
Governor of Bermuda.
Governor of Jamaica.
Governor of Trinidad.
Governor of Falkland Islands.
British Ambassador, Washington.
British Ambassador, Peru.
British Ambassador, Chile.
British Ambassador, Uruguay.
British Ambassador, Argentine.
British Ambassador, Brazil.
British Minister, Panama.
Consul General, Valparaiso.
Consul, Colon, Canal Zone.
Consul, Antofagasta, Chile.
Consul, Punta Arenas, Chile.
Consul, Santos, Brazil.
Consul, Pernambuco, Brazil.
Vice-Consul, Callao, Peru.
Naval Attaché, Washington.
Naval Attaché, Rio de Janeiro.
Naval Attaché, Buenos Aires.
Naval Attaché, Bogota.
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British Admiralty Delegation, Washington.
Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa.
Officer Commanding Troops, Bermuda.
Officer Commanding Troops, Jamaica.
Officer Commanding Troops, Trinidad.
H.M. Ships and Establishments, America & West Indies Station.
Chief of Naval Operations, Washington.

221/56

From N. O. I. C.

For information, the following signals have been passed.

N.O.I.C. F.I. from SHEFFIELD

Would like to hold preliminary and final bouts of boxing tournament in Falkland Islands. Would grill hall boxing ring be available for this on afternoon of Friday 21st and evening of Monday 24th.

221729

SHEFFIELD from N.O.I.C. F.I.

Your 221729. This is arranged. Hall can hold maximum of 300 spectators.

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[Handwritten signature]

19 WED.

AM

PM

Evening 17.

20 Thurs.

Children Party

Dance to ship
by Train

21 Fri

Boxing - Dice
H.C.C.

Dance

22 Sat.

Football

Dance

23 Sun

Football

Grand Party?

24 Mon

Boxing &
Dice H.C.C.

25 Tues

27 to

10/1/44.

ICOLS	Governor	RSDIH	reports
SKOEL	accept responsibility for	JUWRU	labour
FZAOE	electric power	AVYUV	not available
IRUFL	in	CECIN	but
OYTAH	principle	VATCO	suggests
PFOKA	provided	NYBIG	me
WENZ0	three	GXATU	Factory
HSEAN	Admiralty	SFOIN	erection
KRAUL	150	CNYCO	by
JSUEY	K.W.	EITAF	Contract
CEGCI	machines	NEOSP	no objection to
ALISE	already	IREGS	importation of
IRRTJ	one	XOBXA	Chinese labour
AUDOT	at	JUWRU	labour
USZTH	Stanley Labour	HKIMO	for
ASAFI	and	GXATU	factory
LEICV	made	SFOIN	erection
AVYIA	available	NYEFE	only
ANCBU	and	CNYCO	by
XEUOM	two	EITAF	Contract
MULUM	400	XUKYT	using
JSUEY	K.W.	VZIVJ	Temporary
NYAGT	on which	ADINW	accommodation
EDBOO	Grown	PIWAE	put up
AJLIX	agents	CNYCO	by
TOOEK	hope to secure	ESMWE	Contractor
OAEFF	option	NXESU	on
ASAFI	and	UMSBU	site
TUFSY	located	XEUOM	Two
XEUOM	Two stop ^{stop}	MYHPI	no
INISZE	Houses	NEODN	objection
ICMAB	Government	IREGS	importation
SKOEL	accept responsibility	LTUEI	marriage
IRUFL	in	FEREX	debt
OYTAH	principle	GAIXUN	persons
ANCBU	and	ASVYB	is
BUARK	both	JUWRU	labour probably named
IDOMJ	immediate	HKIMO	for
ANCBU	and	NYTKU	operating
MYAHU	future	GXATU	factory
USSCI	staff requirements	HVYUW	from
SIGBE	can be requirements	XNOJE	United Kingdom
CRIRI	can be	ODOAT	or other
LYUVJ	met	APHAO	approved
WITVI	three	USERF	Source
ICOLS	Governor		

N. O. 1. C. from S H E F F I E L D

Ships company intend to give children's party during forthcoming visit. If weather unsuitable to hold party on board request use of hall ashore.

As prizes are to be bought at Valparaiso request you will state by signal.

- A. Number of children between ages 5 and 13 inclusive, quoting sexes separately likely to attend.
- B. Suitable day for party to be held. This depends on the availability of hall and other items on programme for visit.
- C. Approximate numbers of parents likely to attend. Please keep numbers of latter down.

261400.

See 22

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Navy and program

1907 c. 1. 6000

Seneca

Perquimans

Catawba

Shoshone

Foothills

Catawba

See the Hae is for

Cherokee City

From Commander H.D.S. Marshall. R.N.



VISIT OF WARSHIP TO PORT STANLEY.

The Commander-in-Chief of the America and West Indies Station has announced that he will be visiting Port Stanley in his flagship, H.M.S. Sheffield from 19th. to 25th. February.

He is Vice-Admiral Sir William George Tennant K.C.B., C.B.E., M.V.O., while ~~V/L~~ the Captain of the Sheffield is Captain K. G. Harkness, D.S.C., R.N.

H.M.S. Sheffield is a Town class cruiser, similar to the Birmingham which called here during the War. Of 12,000 tons displacement, she is 591 ft. long, 61 ft. beam and draws 21½ ft. Her main armament was originally twelve 6-inch guns in four triple turrets, but now the third turret has been removed leaving nine 6-inch guns. Then there are four pairs of 4-in. A.A. guns and a number of smaller size. She has six 21-in Torpedo tubes three in a mounting each side.

Completed in 1937, her engines were designed to give 75,000 h.p., driving her at 32 knots. A speed of 32 knots is equivalent to 36 miles an hour on land. I suppose the many owners of motor-cycles in Stanley have been able to find a stretch of road where they can

speed up to 36 m.p.h.: I have found it difficult in a jeep. But they might reflect next time they do, that twelve thousand tons of steel, guns and machinery, can be driven through the water at the same speed.

In appearance the Sheffield is very similar to the Uganda, except that whereas the latter had upright masts and funnels, the Sheffield's are raked, which improve her looks greatly, at least in my opinion.

Her complement is 44 officers and 688 men. Of course not all of them can come ashore at once. I expect though that they will be given such a welcome here that only those who are obliged to remain on board on duty will not come ashore whenever they can.

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Codress/Plaindress

No. of
Groups :

TO :

SHEFFIELD 18

FROM :

NOIC FALKLANDS

Write
Across

Your 261400. Childrens party. (a) 110 boys 120 girls of school age. (b) Thursday 5

afternoon. (c) Nil parents, about a dozen teachers. 10

2. Provisional social programme for ships company. Thursday evening dance given 15

to ship by Colony. Saturday and Sunday afternoons football. Friday and Saturday 20

evenings dances will be arranged unless your ship's company would care to give 25

one. Also would you wish to arrange a concert party or cinema ashore on Sunday 30

evening ? 35

3. Shooting match can be arranged for Saturday or Sunday afternoon if wanted. 40

4. There will be a free canteen daily ashore for ship's company in Church Hall. 45

See Red 18.

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Operator

P.O.O.W.

D₂

29th January, 1947.

Dear Mrs. Clifford,

As I believe you know, an informal meeting of a small Committee has been held to consider arrangements to be made for the entertainment of the Ship's company of H.M.S. "Sheffield" next month. So far, only very preliminary discussions have taken place, and it would be much appreciated by the Committee if you would accept an invitation to take the Chairmanship of the Committee before we go any further with our plans.

Yours Sincerely,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS.

to: Mrs

N.O.T.C.

Captain Duncan Watson

Ch. Lodge

to: Colonel

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TO:

N.O.I.C. PALKLA MDS

FROM:

C. in C. A.W.I

Write
Across

Unclassified. Personal. Would it be possible for me to go 5

for two four or three six hours to a remote part of the 10

islands and see a ll possible of the islands. 15

2. Am prepared to rough it under any conditions. 20

3. I hope to give a lunch party, dinner party and a combined 25

officers cocktail party and I would not want to miss them. 30

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P.O.O.W.

Date

Your 271637 January. Propose programme should now read as follows:

Wednesday 19th. P.M. Arrive.

Thursday 20th. A.M. Official calls. 1430 to 1700 ships company entertain 230 children and 12 teachers. 2000 Dinner party by C IN C A.W.I. for Governor and 11 other guests. P.M. Dance for ships company by Colony.

Friday 21st. 1430 to 1730 Ship open to visitors. 1630 Football for two ships teams. P.M. Dance in Drill Hall. See para 3.

Saturday 22nd. P.M. Shooting team to practise. Football match with local side 1800 to 2000 ship open to visitors invited by ships company. Cocktail party by Cin C A.W.I. Flag Captain and officers for 100 guests. P.M. Small show by ships concert party in Drill Hall.

xx Sunday 23rd. 1300. Lunch by Cin C A.W.I. for 12 guests. P.M. Shooting match Rugby match Officers versus Ships Company. Cinema show in Drill Hall by H.M.S. Sheffield.

Monday 24th. 2030 to 2300 Boxing tournament in Drill Hall.

Tuesday 25th. P.M. Sail for Montevideo.

2. Request you will issue invitations for my lunch and dinner parties and for the cocktail party.

3. Request you will signal times at which dances, concert parties and cinema show should begin. The ships company of H.M.S. Sheffield wish to share expences of dance on Friday evening to assist in decoration and work innvolved and in any case will provide the ROYAL MARINE Band. Is there any cricket.

x ~~Sunday 23rd~~ Cocktail Party at Govt. House for all officers who
xx Sunday 23rd have not either dined, or attended dance on 21st.

032116Q Feb.

See 29 + 36, 39

Wed. 19th

P.M. Arrive.

? Ask C.I.C. whether he can't arrive
in time to pay call on Y.E. & David
in evening?

Thurs. 20th

Y.E. calls on C.I.C.
Rest as in (26).

Fri. 21st

As in (26).

? David & G.H.? [But it would
clash with ~~David's~~ Tom ~~David's~~ David if
haric bus went] *

Sat. 22nd

As in (26)

Sun. 23

- -

Mon. 24

- -

Tues. 25

P.M. Sairé for M.V.

* However, his application to the police
rights as well?

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Commander in Chief America and West Indies Station.

Despatched : February 5th 19 47 Time : 11.30

Received : 19 Time :

Personal. I was about to send you a signal when Naval Officer-in-Charge showed me your 032116Q February. Had hoped your ETA would permit exchange calls 19th and for you and your staff to dine with us that night. My wife and I would have been pleased to dine with you Thursday 20th and we again hoped you would come ashore and stay Government House 21st for remainder visit but if you prefer remain aboard we would of course understand. We had further proposed dance for 20 Officers either Friday 21st or Saturday 22nd. Had thought to give you Sunday clear for visit Penguin rookeries. Remainder programme could be fitted in. Grateful early reply.

P/L

GOVERNOR.

LJH.

Reply at 32

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TO:

N.O.I.C. F.I.

FROM:

SHEFFIELD

Write
Across

Your 311616. Are these qualified Naval P and R. T. Instructors? 5

2. Have you received DPT 05. Letter PRT/SCH 80 of 21st. Nov. 10

1946. and enclosures or new physical training tables? 15

3. F.R.O. is prepared to give lectures to instructors on two 20

forenoons if drill hall can be available. 25

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Reply at 31

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FROM:

SHEFFIELD

M.O.I.C. F.I..

Write
Across30
Your 03159. Para.1. No. Two civilians who are doing very good 5

work teaching the Boys Brigade. Para.2. No. Para.3. Hall is 10

available. Offer much appreciated. 15

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P.O.O.W.

Date

Write across	GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS	from	SHEFFIELD	55
	<i>Red 29</i>			60
	Your telegram of 5th. February received. Commander in Chief			65
	is away from the ship for the next four days.			70
	2. E.T.A. Port Stanley 1600 19th. If you are agreeable to			75
	calls so late in the day I am sure he would be glad to accept			80
	your kind invitation for himself and staff to dinner on that			85
	evening.			90
	3. He hopes that you and your wife will still dine with			95
	him aboard on the night of 20th. February.			100
	4. I am sure he will also be glad to stay at Government			105
	House from the 21st. until the end of the visit.			110
	5. Suggest dance for 20 officers be on Friday 21st. as they			115
	will not be attending the ship's company dance.			120
	6. In order to clear Sunday it would be convenient to C in C			125
	<i>on Monday 24th</i> if this lunch party took place either on Friday 21st/as is			130
	most suitable to your arrangements			135
	061250			140
	<i>See 39</i>			145
	<i>* Subsequent communication N.O.I.C.</i>			150
	<i>WBL</i> <i>7/2</i>			

LIST OF OFFICERS SERVING IN H.M.S. SHEFFIELD

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RANK	NAME	DUTY	SENIORITY
Vice-Admiral	Sir William G. Tennant K.C.B., C.B.E., M.V.O.	C-in-C., A. & W. I.	27. 7. 45
A Commander (S)	R. M. Garside	Admiral's Secretary	1. 12. 43 (as Lt. Cdr(S))
Lieut.-Cdr.	A. Gray, D.S.O.	Flag Lieut. & Fleet Communications Officer	16. 12. 44
Captain	G. B. H. Fawkes, C.B.E.	Flag Captain & Chief of Staff	31. 12. 42
Commander (S)	E. Hagglehurst, C.B.E.	Fleet Supply Officer	30. 6. 35
Commander (E)	E. R. Humphry	Fleet Engineer Officer	30. 6. 42
Commander	Earl Cairns	Executive Officer	31. 12. 43
Lieut.-Cdr.	W. H. Farrington	Staff Officer (Intelligence)	16. 1. 37
Lieut.-Cdr.	P. M. Whatley	Fleet Navigating Officer & 1st Lieut	1. 6. 42
Lieut.-Cdr.	R. A. Haig, D.S.C.		1. 12. 42
Surg. Lieut.-Cdr.	R. T. May	Fleet Medical Officer	16. 1. 43
Inst. Lieut.-Cdr.	W. H. Watts, O.B.E.	Fleet Met. Officer & Fleet Education Officer	28. 4. 43
Lieut.-Cdr.	J. J. E. Farnol, D.S.C.	Fleet Gunnery Officer	1. 9. 43
Lieut.-Cdr.	D. B. G. Dumas	Staff Officer (Operations)	27. 9. 44
Lieut.-Cdr.	T. E. Taylor, M.B.E.	Fleet P.T. & W. Officer	29. 11. 44
Lieut.-Cdr. (L)	E. L. McKibben	Electrical Officer	1. 7. 45
Ty. A/ Lt.-Cdr. R.N.V.R.	G. Pawley, D.S.C.	Spanish Interpreter	9. 12. 39 (as Lieut)
Major, R.M.	E. A. Brown	Fleet Royal Marine Officer	1. 1. 46
Chaplain	Rev. M. E. McCormick		29. 1. 41
Lieut. (E)	G. N. Fletcher	Senior Engineer	16. 8. 40
Lieut.	D. L. Davenport		16. 10. 40
Lieut.	M. Beeching		24. 9. 41
Lieut.	B. E. Bulbeck	Fleet Torpedo Officer	16. 10. 41
Lieut. (S)	J. P. Mollett	Asst. Secretary to C-in-C.	1. 7. 42
Inst. Lieut.	W. G. Jones		20. 5. 43
Lieut. (S)	P. W. Pearson-Jones	Deputy Supply Officer	1. 7. 43
Lieut (E)	D. S. E. Row		1. 11. 43
Lieut (E)	J. A. Green		1. 1. 44
Lieut (E)	W. L. Rapson		3. 7. 44
A/Lt. R.N.V.R.	W. W. V. Parrish		1. 8. 44
Lieut (E)	M. Roberson		1. 10. 44
Surg. Lt. (D) R.N.V.R.	D. H. Aitken	Dental Officer	27. 4. 45
Lieut. (S)	M. W. Morris	Captain's Secretary	1. 1. 46
Lieut. (S)	N. R. Graesser	Secretary to C.O.S.	1. 9. 46
A/Lt. (Sp). R.N.V.R.	A. L. Phipps-Jones	Fleet Radar Officer	4. 11. 46 (as A/Lt)
Sub. Lieut.	R. C. Prescott		16. 7. 45
Ty. A/S/Lt. (E) R.N.V.R.	D. G. M. Roberts		12. 6. 46
Ty. A/S/Lt. (E) R.N.V.R.	G. W. Redwood		
Sub. Lieut. R.N.V.R.	M. Barnes	Supply Duties	
Ty A/S/Lt. R.N.V.R.	D. B. Dixon		7. 12. 46
Lieut. R.M.	A. H. Prebble		15. 4. 45
Cd. Gunner	D. Turner		1. 4. 44
Cd. Gunner	G. H. Burnett		1. 10. 46
A/Cd. Ord Officer	H. Bywater		18. 6. 45
A/Cd. Shpt.	W. J. Rogers		1. 10. 45
A/Cd. Sig Bosm.	L. A. Wolfe		25. 12. 45
Gunner	L. F. A. Hore		23. 4. 44
Ty. Gunner (T)	F. H. Haswell		5. 5. 45
Wt. Tel.	W. P. Edney		10. 7. 43
Wt. Mech.	H. Ward		18. 6. 45
Wt. Elect.	C. J. Bridle		1. 1. 44
Midshipman (S)	K. G. R. Hallam		1. 9. 45
Midshipman	A. B. Lambert		1. 5. 46
" " "	B. R. Longworth		"
" " "	G. A. Simpson		"
" " "	R. D. Robinson		"
" " "	I. S. Sandeman		"
" " "	R. W. Graham-Clarke		"
" " "	B. A. N. Buckley		"
Ty. Elect. Mid. R.N.V.R.	R. T. Blower		31. 7. 46

1st January, 1947.

CS.
NOIC has a copy furnished.
Harker has been relieved.
Gunnery

Address.

HCS

Please add ^(if not done already) to Sheffield

Programme :- Cocktail Party at

Council House 1830 or 23rd Feb

all officers who have not either

dined, or attended dance on 21st.

mc. 9/2.

DECODE.

Naval Officer-in-Charge for information.

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TELEGRAM.

To ~~From~~ Commander in Chief America & West Indies Station.

From To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: February 10th 19 47 Time: 17.00

Received: 19 Time:

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26 Sheffield's 061250. In view W.T.A. suggest your call be paid p.m. 19th and you remain to dinner bringing change clothes. Glad if y our Flag Captain, Commander of Sheffield and Flag Lieutenant would also dine I repay call in morning thereafter on lines of your 0321160 dining with you evening 20th. Your lunch party 21st after which you stay Government House. Dance Government House that evening. Officers cocktail pa rty on board 22nd possibly followed by supper party Colonial Secretary. 23rd clear for you for bird-watching but you may wish to have church parade for ship's company morning. Cocktail party Government House 1830 for a Officers who have neither dined or attended dance. Second dinner party Government House 24th Admiral's Secretary Fleet Engineer, Fleet S urgeon and Fleet R.M.O.

2. Naval Officer-in-Charge will signal times of dances etc., and issue invitations for parties on board.

GOVERNOR.

P/L.

PS 40.
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War Record of H.M.S. Sheffield

H.M.S. Sheffield is a cruiser of the "Southampton" class. She was built on the River Tyne by Messrs. Vickers-Armstrong and was launched by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent on 23rd July, 1936. A description of the ship is given in the "Sheffield Booklet".

During the war H.M.S. Sheffield had more than average opportunity to engage the enemy and earned more battle honours than other ships of her class.

When the Germans invaded Norway in April, 1940, H.M.S. Sheffield put detachments of Royal Marines ashore at Namsos to secure the harbour and road bridges in preparation for the larger British military force which landed two days later.

The ship next came prominently into the news in 1941 when she was in company with H.M. Ships Renown, Malaya, Ark Royal and light naval forces of the famous Force H. On February 9th, the warships steamed towards the port of Genoa to open a concentrated bombardment of military targets. More than 300 tons of shells were fired, causing great damage and confusion in electrical works, power stations and warehouses. Harbour works were also smashed and many fires raged when the ships retired.

In May of the same year, H.M.S. Sheffield took part in the long pursuit and final destruction of the German battleship Bismark. The ship was detached by Admiral Sir James Somerville, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., flying his flag in H.M.S. Renown, with orders to contact and shadow the Bismark. Late on the afternoon of May 26th, after aircraft from the aircraft carrier Ark Royal had sighted the enemy, H.M.S. Sheffield made contact and twenty minutes later a striking force of naval aircraft from H.M.S. Ark Royal launched a torpedo attack. The Bismark sank at 1101 on the morning of May 27th.

When serving in the Mediterranean in September, 1943, H.M.S. Sheffield took part in the naval bombardment of Salerno during the operations in southern Italy.

Three months later, on December 26th, 1943, H.M.S. Sheffield was in the Cruiser Squadron which first engaged the German battle cruiser Scharnhorst. The Squadron, which was under the command of Vice-Admiral R. L. Burnett (now Admiral Sir Robert Burnett, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O.) in H.M.S. Belfast, was escorting a convoy in a position south-east of Bear Island, when in the half light of an Arctic dawn Scharnhorst was sighted proceeding at 28 knots in the direction of the convoy.

The convoy was diverted to the northward and the cruisers opened fire, causing the Scharnhorst to take evasive action and proceed at maximum speed to the north-east.

Several hours later H.M.S. Sheffield and the other ships in her Squadron engaged the Scharnhorst and forced her to the south, and eventually to flee at speed to the nearest refuge on the Norwegian coast. H.M.S. Sheffield continued to shadow the Scharnhorst throughout the afternoon, reporting her position to the battleship H.M.S. Duke of York, which was moving up from the south-west to intercept. H.M.S. Duke of York took up the fight and closed in after darkness.

During the war H.M.S. Sheffield also took part in an important action against a vastly superior enemy force which attempted to attack an important Russian-bound convoy.

For security reasons, the names of British ships involved were not published at the time, but H.M.S. Sheffield's part in this operation is now fully acknowledged.

Admiral Burnett, then Rear-Admiral Home Fleet Destroyers, flying his flag in H.M.S. Sheffield commanded the outer screen of the convoy, consisting of H.M.S. Sheffield and another 6-inch gun cruiser, H.M.S. Jamaica, and supporting destroyers under the command of Captain R. St. V. Sherbrook, V.C., D.S.O., R.N., in H.M.S. Onslow.

H.M.S. Onslow reported an enemy force of one pocket battleship, one cruiser and six destroyers approaching the convoy.

H.M.S. Sheffield and Jamaica altered course and proceeded at maximum speed. Meanwhile, the destroyers fearlessly went in to attack the powerful enemy force and successfully prevented them from making any attack on the convoy.

The arrival of H.M.S. Sheffield and H.M.S. Jamaica took the enemy completely by surprise, for H.M.S. Sheffield fired four salvos at the pocket battleship before her fire was returned. Hits were seen almost at once, and the enemy appeared to alter course under cover of smoke.

Poor visibility and adverse weather conditions made it difficult for the cruisers to maintain continuous contact with the German ships, but in the half light H.M.S. Sheffield suddenly sighted an enemy destroyer on the port bow.

She immediately altered fire to this target, hitting with the first salvo and continuing to hit. Within a few minutes the destroyer was seen to be in a helpless, sinking condition and the Germans later admitted the loss of this destroyer.

H.M.S. Jamaica too had sighted and engaged another destroyer, which immediately turned away and made off at high speed, being lost to view in the poor light.

The two cruisers then took up the chase of the heavier enemy units believed to be the Lutzow and Hipper. They maintained contact for several hours until it was established beyond all doubt that the enemy had had enough and were retiring at high speed towards their base.

H.M.S. Sheffield and H.M.S. Jamaica then returned to cover the convoy which continued without loss or damage to its destination.

On one occasion H.M.S. Sheffield encountered terrific storms during a passage through Northern waters, which lasted for three days. At times the wind reached hurricane force of more than 65 knots—about 75 m.p.h.

The seas became exceptionally heavy and confused, many of the waves reaching to a height of more than 50 feet. Driving spray formed a curtain which reduced visibility to less than a cable (200 yards). So great was the wind pressure on the cruiser's hull and upper works that she hove to with engines running at the minimum speed to give steerage way. During this time a heavy sea stove in the starboard whaler and hurled an accommodation ladder from its sea stowage to the quarterdeck.

Further seas submerged the forward gun turret and swept overboard a section of the roof. Depth charges, smoke floats and Carley rafts were washed overboard. After three days, the storms abated with surprising rapidity, and H.M.S. Sheffield was able to set a course for port.

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Captain G. B. H. Fawkes, C.B.E., R.N.

Captain G. B. H. Fawkes was appointed in command of H.M.S. Sheffield and as Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief, America & West Indies Station, in December, 1946.

Captain Fawkes who was born in 1903 joined the Royal Naval College, Osborne, in 1917, Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, in 1918, and after a period in the training battleships Temeraire and Thunderer went in 1921 as a Midshipman in H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth then flagship of Admiral Sir Charles Madden (Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet).

Promoted Sub-Lieutenant in 1924, he then specialised in submarines being appointed to H.M. Submarine M.3 (carrying a 12-inch gun) in 1925.

He was promoted to Lieutenant on 31st December, 1925, and with the exception of a year in H.M.S. Torrid (destroyer) in 1928, served continuously in submarines until 1933, having been appointed in command of H.M. Submarine H.50 in 1932.

In 1933 Lieutenant Fawkes graduated at the Royal Naval Staff College, Greenwich, being promoted to Lieutenant-Commander on 31st December, 1933. Lieutenant-Commander Fawkes was then appointed as Staff Officer, Operations (2) to the Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet, in H.M.S. Nelson (Admiral the Earl of Cork and Orrery) and visited the West Indies in this ship in the Spring of 1934. In 1935 Lieutenant-Commander Fawkes was appointed in command of H.M. Submarine Otus on the China Station and in June, 1938, having been promoted Commander was appointed Staff Officer, Operations, to Admiral (S/M's).

At the end of 1940 Commander Fawkes was appointed in command of the 8th Submarine Flotilla at Gibraltar until July, 1941, when as a member of the British Military Mission to the U.S.S.R. he served as Acting Captain with the Russian Black Sea Fleet based at Sebastopol in the Crimea. When the Crimea fell, Captain Fawkes returned to England and served for three months as Chief Staff Officer to Admiral (S/M's) Rear-Admiral Sir Max K. Horton before joining H.M.S. Maidstone in July, 1942, as Captain 8th Submarine Flotilla. The 8th Submarine Flotilla which was responsible for the secret landing of U.S. General Mark Clark in North Africa and the evacuation of the French General Giraud from the South of France, operated in the Mediterranean and later from Ceylon.

Captain Fawkes was confirmed in the rank of Captain in December, 1942 and in May, 1944, was appointed as Chief of Staff to Admiral (S/M's) where he served till June, 1946.

Decorations

C.B.E. September, 1943, for distinguished services in operations which led to the clearance of the enemy from North Africa.

Legion of Honour and Croix de Guerre. For service with French submarines in the Mediterranean.

1st January 1947.

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Vice-Admiral Sir William George Tennant

K.C.B., C.B.E., M.V.O.

Vice-Admiral Sir William Tennant relieved Vice-Admiral Sir Irvine Glennie as Commander-in-Chief, America & West Indies Station in October, 1946, and is flying his flag in H.M.S. Sheffield. He is 57 years of age and entered the Navy as a Midshipman in 1906.

At the beginning of the late war he served as Chief Staff Officer to the First Sea Lord, in the rank of Captain. He was sent from Admiralty to be Senior Naval Officer, Dunkirk, and to organise the naval evacuation under the late Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsey, K.C.B., K.B.E., M.V.O. (then Flag Officer-in-Charge, Dover). He crossed the Channel and was among the last to leave France. For his services in this operation he was awarded the C.B.

After Dunkirk, Captain Tennant took Command of H.M.S. Repulse and he was in this battleship when she was sunk by the Japanese in the Pacific in December, 1941.

On promotion to Rear-Admiral in February, 1942, he became Rear-Admiral Commanding the Fourth Cruiser Squadron, and while in this command he was appointed Second-in-Command, Eastern Fleet in January, 1943.

He returned to the European theatre in 1944, and in connection with the invasion of Normandy planned operations Mulberry and Pluto, the names given to the construction of the artificial harbours and shelters, and the force supplying fuel to the Armies, respectively. For his distinguished services in these operations, he was awarded the C.B.E.

In October of that year Rear-Admiral Tennant became Flag Officer Levant and Eastern Mediterranean and he was promoted Vice-Admiral in July 1945. He was created a Knight Commander of the Bath in December, 1945, for outstanding services in the war in Europe.

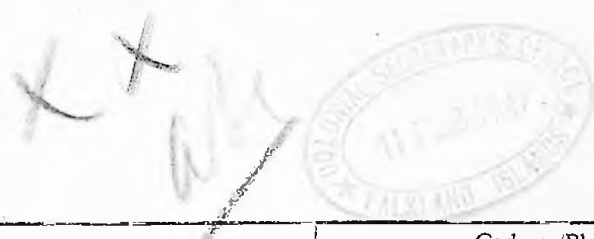
He has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander, by the President of the U.S.A. for Services in the Mediterranean to the Allied Cause.

1st January 1947.

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TO :

N.O.I.C. FAIRLANDS.

FROM :

C IN C. A.W.I.

Write
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Unclassified. For Governor from C -in- C. A.W.I.

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Your 102000. Agree to call p.m. 19th. I accept with much pleasure your kind

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invitation to dine that evening in company with officers mentioned.

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2. Confirm and agree with other engagements in your 102000 and in Sheffields

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062150 except for Church parade on Sunday morning as church is now voluntary

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in the Royal Navy.

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3. Suggest instead a parade be staged a.m. Monday 24th wherein Guard of Honour

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march to Cenotaph. Would appreciate if you would take the salute on return.

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4. My secretary, Commander (E), F.M.O., and Fleet Royal Marine Officer accept

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with pleasure your kind invitation to dinner pm. 21th.

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DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
WEDNESDAY 19th			<div>44A</div> <p>1600 "Sheffield" arrives C.inC. calls on H.E. 2000 G.H. Dinner party - C.inC. Flag Captain, Commander of "Sheffield", Flag Lieut.</p>
THURSDAY 20th	<p>H.E. calls on C.in C.</p> <p><i>N.O.I.C. will provide barge kindly? As Vice-Admiral of the Falklands Dependencies this would be more appropriate than the boat.</i></p>	<p>1430 to 1700 ships Company enter- tain 250 children and 12 teachers</p>	<p>2000 Dinner party by C.inC. for Governor and 11 other guests. Dance for ships Company by Colony.</p>
FRIDAY 21st		<p>C.inC's lunch party C.inC. to stay G.H.</p> <p>1430 to 1730 ship open to visitors</p> <p>1630 Football for two ships teams.</p>	<p>Dance at G.H.</p> <p>Dance in Drill Hall <i>Gymnasium</i></p>

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SATURDAY 22nd		Shooting team to practise Rugby football match Officers versus Ships Company.	1800 to 2000 ship open to visitors invited by ships Comman Cocktail party by C.inC. Flag Captain and Officers for 100 guests. Small show by ship's concert party in Drill Hall.
SUNDAY 23rd	Free for bird watching	Shooting match, Association football with local side.	Cinema show in Drill Hall (?) by "Sheffield". Cocktail party at G.H. ^{Su} (36)
MONDAY 24th	Parade to Cenotaph ^{see} (43)		2000 Dinner party at G.H. Secretary, Commander(E), F.M.O., R.M.O. F.S.O., 2030 to 2300 Boxing Tournament in Drill Hall. (Cancelled.)
TUESDAY 25th		SAIL FOR MONTEVIDEO.	

SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 15th February, 1947.

No. ~~14~~ SAVING. *Red 14.*

Your telegram No. 262. Winter Oracles of ships of America and West Indies Station.

Your telegram No. 43 *Saving* and your later telegram regarding H.M.S. "Sparrow" not yet received.

GOVME.

See 69 & 70.

10 Ross Road,
Stanley.
13.2.47

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Dear Mr Mathews,

In addition to the permits I
already have for 3 lbs of tea and 25 lbs of sugar,
I would like permits for 50 lbs of flour, 35 lbs
of sugar and 5 lbs of tea. Flour and sugar are
needed urgently to give to people for making cakes
etc for the Canteen.

Yours sincerely,

W.B. Mercer

CA.

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ABE
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W.B.

The necessary permit
was granted this a.m.
D.M.B. 14/2/47
c/a

WCS

Routledge's correspondent may wish to send a report on the naval wish but will doubtless avoid mention of the most discreditable theft of naval raincoats during a dance given by the Sheffield. Has Sergeant Nowis been able to locate any of them?

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In return for the hospitality extended to them at the Colony Dance last night the Ship's Company of H.M.S. Sheffield are giving a dance at the Gymnasium ~~at 8-12 p.m.~~ *from 8-12 p.m.* this evening, in view of the limited accommodation only 100 members of the Ship's Company will be present and they will not be able to entertain as many as they would like. It is hoped however, that as many ladies as possible, escorted or otherwise will ~~be interested~~ attend.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
STANLEY.
21st February, 1947.

No.

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

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MINUTE.

24th. February, 19 47.

To Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

From Supt. of Education.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I should like to place on record my great appreciation of the excellent party given to the school children on board H. M. S. Sheffield on Thursday. The men - all volunteers, I understand - spared no pains to give the children a good time. Besides showing the children round the ship, they provided a splendid tea, a great variety of enjoyable games, chocolate for all the children and magnificent presents for many. It really was a first-class party, that the children will remember for many years.

H. L. Baker,
Supt. of Education.

*I wrote personally to Captain Farber.
presume S.E. did so also?*

*ABE
25.2*

25th February, 1947

Dear Mrs. Creamer,

The Governor has asked me to write and thank you, Mrs. Mercer and all the other ladies who worked so hard and so successfully in the Canteen during the visit of H.M.S. Sheffield. I need not tell you how much your labours and the generous gifts in kind which you received to help with refreshments, were appreciated by the ship's company: and I am to ask you to convey to all concerned an expression of His Excellency's high appreciation of all that was done.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

J. D. Creamer, O.B.E.,
Chairman,
Red Cross Society,
STANLEY.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 22

From Scott New Island

To Colonial Secretary

Despatched : February 25th 19 47 *Time :* 09.15

Received : February 26th 19 47 *Time :* 09.30

Please convey thanks of all on New Island to H.M.S. Sheffield
for concert broadcast which was enjoyed by us all.

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VP.

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DECODE.

No. 152.

TELEGRAM.

From S. Miller, Esq.,

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : February 23rd 19 47 Time : 07.30

Received : February 24th 19 47 Time : 09.30

Please convey our thanks to concert party for a grand show.
Reception was good we only lack television.

MILLER.

P/L

Sheffield

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Memorandum for Roy Case
Lm Fehlauns by: _____

Phone Moral Vienna Signals

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DECODE.TELEGRAM.*From* The Colonial Secretary.*To* H.M.S. Sheffield.*Despatched:* February 24th 19 47 *Time:* 1224*Received:* 19 *Time:*

Following from Roy Cove station West Falklands begins:-

Please convey our thanks to concert party for a grand show.

Reception was good we only lack television. Ends.

MILLER.

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H. E. GOVERNOR

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Groups :

TO:

FROM :

Write Across

Goodbye and good luck to you all and
thank you and all those who made our stay
so very enjoyable. It has been particularly
nice to be in British Territory again
and among British people. We look
forward to seeing you all again.

Reply at 65

See 68

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FALKLANDS 350/46 C M C AWI =

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TO :

FROM :

C. M. C. AWI

H. E. Governor

Write
Across

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Thank you for your kind message
your visit has given us great pleasure
to us all and I wish you God
speed in the name of the people of
the Falklands

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Date

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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,

13th March, 1947.

The following messages exchanged between the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station, and His Excellency the Governor are published for public information:-

64. From the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station
to His Excellency the Governor.

Goodbye and good luck to you all, and thank you and all those who made our stay so very enjoyable. It has been particularly nice to be in British Territory again and among British people. We look forward to seeing you all again.

65. From His Excellency the Governor
to the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station.

Thank you for your kind message. Your visit has given very great pleasure to us all and I wish you God-speed in the name of the people of the Falklands.

By Command,

A. B. L. M.

Colonial Secretary

M. P. No. 221/46

VP.

Saving.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of..... FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date..... 15 November., 1946.

N..... 43 Saving.

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I enclose for your information a copy of the Winter Cruise programme which has been approved for His Majesty's Ships of the America and West Indies Station. An additional itinerary remains to be settled for H.M.S. "SPARROW".

Possibility of including visit to British Guiana is being taken up with the Admiralty.

It is intended to follow usual saluting procedure, as laid down in King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, Volume I, Articles 36 to 92. Should be glad to learn whether you agree.

SECEP.

He. ack

WINTER CRUISE

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF in H.M.S. SHEPHERD.

Cruising at 15 knots for passages over 1000',
otherwise at 14 knots.

	Place	Arrive	Stay	Leave	Passage	Remarks
	Bermuda	-	-	Wed. 1st Jan	4 d.	Fuel
	Jamaica	Sat. 4th Jan.	2 d.	Mon. 6th Jan.	2 d.	Embark Staff Officer (Int.)
D	Colon	Wed. 8th Jan.	Nil.	Wed. 8th Jan.	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	
D	Balboa	Wed. 8th Jan.	2 d.	Fri. 10th Jan.	$3\frac{1}{2}$ d.	
D	Callao	Tue. 14th Jan.	6 d.	Sun. 19th Jan.	$2\frac{1}{2}$ d.	Fuel
D	Antafogasta	Wed. 22nd Jan.	3 d.	Sat. 25th Jan.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ d.	
D	Valparaiso	Mon. 27th Jan.	6 d.	Sun. 2nd Feb.	1 d.	Fuel
D	Talcahuano	Mon. 3rd Feb.	3 d.	Thur. 6th Feb.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ d.	
D	Puerto Montt	Sat. 8th Feb.	3 d.	Tue. 11th Feb.	$3\frac{1}{2}$ d.	
D	Punta Arenas	Fri. 14th Feb.	3 d.	Mon. 17th Feb.	2 d.	
	Falkland Is.	Wed. 19th Feb.	5 d.	Tue. 25th Feb.	3 d.	Fuel
D	Montevideo	Fri. 28th Feb.	7 d.	Fri. 7th Mch.	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	
D	Buenos Aires	Fri. 7th Mch.	5 d.	Wed. 12th Mch.	3 d.	
D	Santos	Sat. 15th Mch.	4 d.	Wed. 19th Mch.	1 d.	
D	Rio de Janeiro	Thur. 20th Mar.	5 d.	Tue. 25th Mch.	3 d.	Fuel.
D	Pernambuco	Fri. 28th Mar.	4 d.	Tue. 1st Apl.	6 d.	
	Trinidad	Mon. 7th Apl.	4 d.	Fri. 11th Apl.	4 d.	Fuel
	Bermuda	Tues. 15th Apl.				

WINTER CRUISE

H. M. S. KENYA.

Cruising at 14 knots.

	Place	Arrive	Stay	Leave	Passage	Remarks
	Bermuda	-	-	Wed. 1st Jan.	4 d.	Fuel sufficient to reach Kingston.
	Kingston (Jamaica)	Sat. 4th Jan.	4 d.	Wed. 8th Jan.	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	Fuel
	Montego Bay	Wed. 8th Jan.	4 d.	Sun. 12th Jan.	2 d.	
	Belize (Br. Honduras)	Tue. 14th Jan.	4 d.	Sat. 18th Jan.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ d.	
B	Havana	Mon. 20th Jan.	5 d.	Sat. 25th Jan.	2 d.	
B	Guantanamo	Mon. 27th Jan.	$2\frac{1}{2}$ d.	Wed. 29th Jan.	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	Fuel
A	Port aux Prince (Haiti)	Thur. 30th Jan.	$3\frac{1}{2}$ d.	Sun. 2nd Feb.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ d.	
B	Trujillo (Dominican Republic)	Tue. 4th Feb.	3 d.	Fri. 7th Feb.	$\frac{3}{4}$ d.	
D	San Juan	Sat. 8th Feb.	3 d.	Tue. 11th Feb.	1 d.	
	Martinique	Wed. 12th Feb.	3 d.	Sat. 15th Feb.	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	
	Grenada	Mon. 17th Feb.	4 d.	Fri. 21st Feb.	$\frac{1}{4}$ d.	
	Trinidad	Fr. 21st Feb.	5 d.	Wed. 26th Feb.	5 d.	Fuel
D	Ceara (Brazil)	Mon. 3rd Mch.	3 d.	Thur. 6th Mch.	2 d.	
D	Salvador (Brazil)	Sat. 8th Mch.	4 d.	Wed. 12th Mch.	$4\frac{1}{2}$ d.	Fuel
D	Para. (Brazil)	Mon. 17th Mch.	4 d.	Fr. 21st Mch.	4 d.	
	Trinidad	Tue. 25th Mch.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ d.	Wed. 26th Mch.	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	Fuel
	Barbados	Thur. 27th Mch.	6 d.	Wed. 2nd Apl.	1 d.	
	St. Lucia	Thurs. 3rd Apl.	4 d.	Mon. 7th Apl.	1 d.	
	Antigua	Tues. 8th Apl.	4 d.	Sat. 12th Apl.	3 d.	
	Bermuda	Tues. 15th Apl.				

Dock and self-refit.

WINTER CRUISE.

H.M.S. SNIPE

Cruising at 12 knots.

	Place	Arrive	Stay	Leave	Passage	Remarks
	Bermuda	-	-	Wed. 1st Jan.	4 d.	Fuel to reach Tolara.
	Kingston (Jamaica)	Sat. 4th Jan.	2 d.	Mon. 6th Jan.	2 d.	
D	Colon	Wed. 8th Jan.	Nil	Wed. 8th Jan.	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	
D	Balboa	Wed. 8th Jan.	2 d.	Fri. 10th Jan.	$2\frac{1}{2}$ d.	
D	Talara	Mon. 13th Jan.	3 d.	Thur. 16th Jan.	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	Fuel
B	Guayaquil	Fri. 17th Jan.	5 d.	Wed. 22nd Jan.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ d.	
A	Buenaventura	Fri. 24th Jan.	4 d.	Tue. 28th Jan.	2 d.	
A	Punta Arenas (Costa Rica)	Thur. 30th Jan.	4 d.	Mon. 3rd Feb.	1 d.	
A	Corinto (Nicaragua)	Tue. 4th Feb.	4 d.	Sat. 8th Feb.	4 d.	
B	Manzanillo (Mexico)	Wed. 12th Feb.	5 d.	Sun. 16th Feb.	$4\frac{1}{2}$ d.	Fuel
B	San Pedro, U.S.A.	Fri. 21st Feb.	5 d.	Wed. 26th Feb.	1 d.	
D	Monterey, U.S.A.	Thur. 27th Feb.	4 d.	Mon. 3rd Mch.	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	
D	San Francisco	Tue. 4th Mch.	6 d.	Tue. 11th Mch.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ d.	
D	San Diego, U.S.A.	Wed. 12th Mch.	6 d.	Tue. 18th Mch.	6 d.	Fuel and dry provision.
B	Salina Cruz (Mexico)	Mon. 24th Mch.	3 d.	Thur. 27th Mch.	1 d.	
A	San Jose (Guatemala)	Fri. 28th Mch.	3 d.	Mon. 31st Mch.	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	
DD.	Acajutle (Salvador)	Tue. 1st Apl.	4 d.	Sat. 5th Apl.	3 d.	
D	Balboa, C.Z.	Tue. 8th Apl.	Nil.	Tue. 8th Apl.	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	
D	Cristobal, C.Z.	Tue. 8th Apl.	4 d.	Sat. 12th Apl.	2 d.	Fuel to reach Jamaica.
	Jamaica	Mon. 14th Apl.	3 d.	Thurs. 17th Apl.	4 d.	Fuel.
	Bermuda	Mon. 21st Apl.				

WINTER CRUISE

H.M.S. PADSTOW BAY.

Cruising at 12 knots.

Place	Arrive	Stay	Leave	Passage	Remarks
Bermuda	-	-	Wed. 1st Jan.	4 d.	Fuel to reach Jamaica.
Kingston (Jamaica)	Sat. 4th Jan.	2 d.	Mon. 6th Jan.	3 d.	Fuel
Antigua	Thur. 9th Jan.				10 days in Leeward Is. and 4 days at Antigua.
Antigua			Thur. 23rd Jan.	1½ d.	
Tobago	Sat. 25th Jan.	2 d.	Mon. 27th Jan.	½ d.	
Trinidad	Tue. 28th Jan.	7 d.	Tue. 4th Feb.	½ d.	Fuel
Grenada	Tue. 4th Feb.				10 days in Windward Is. and 4 days at Grenada.
Grenada			Tue. 18th Feb.	4 d.	with Governor
Bermuda	Sat. 22nd Feb.	5 wks.	Sat. 29th Mch.	3 d.	Refit and fuel.
D St. Thomas (U.S. Virgin Is.)	Tue. 1st Apl.	3 d.	Fri. 4th Apl.	½ d.	
Guadeloupe	Sat. 5th Apl.	3 d.	Tue. 8th Apl.	¼ d.	
Marie Galante	Tue. 8th Apl.	2 d.	Thur. 10th Apl.	½ d.	
B St. Eustatius	Fri. 11th Apl.	3 d.	Mon. 14th Apl.	½ d.	
St. Bartholomew	Tue. 15th Apl.	3 d.	Fri. 18th Apl.	3 d.	
Bermuda	Mon. 21st Apl.				

WINTER CRUISE

H.M.S. PORLOCK BAY

Cruising at 12 knots.

Place	Arrive	Stay	Leave	Passage	Remarks
Bermuda	-	-	Wed. 1st Jan	4 d.	Fuel to reach Jamaica.
Kingston (Jamaica)	Sat. 4th Jan.	21 d.) Fuel.) As required) by His) Excellency) the Governor) of Jamaica) for 14 days.) otherwise) at Kingston.
			Sat. 25th Jan.	4½ d.)	
B Vera Cruz	Thur. 30th Jan.	6 d.	Wed. 5th Feb.	¾ d.	
B Tampico	Thur. 6th Feb.	4 d.	Mon. 10th Feb.	1½ d.	
D Galveston	Wed. 12th Feb.	5 d.	Mon. 17th Feb.	1 d.	
D Mobile	Tue. 18th Feb.	7 d.	Tue. 25th Feb.	2 d.	
D Key West	Thur. 27th Feb.	4 d.	Mon. 3rd Mch.	1½ d.	Fuel to reach Bermuda.
Nassau	Wed. 5th Mch.	5 d.	Mon. 10th Mch.	2 d.	
Bermuda	Wed. 12th Mch.				

Refit.

Saving.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Date 2 JAN 1947

N 1 Saving.

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14. My telegram No. 262.

Winter cruise of ships of America and
West Indies Station.

Programme for H.M.S. "SPARROW", which has
now been approved by Admiralty, does not
include visit to your territory.

SECR.

mc *abc*



Stanley.

Falkland Islands.

8th April 1947.

Dear Sir,

71/21

I have the honour to submit accounts concerning the running of the bantew during the visit of H. M. S. Sheffield.

Expenses were reduced by £3.. 18.. 0 by the sale of surplus goods.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,
Madge Biggs.

Hon. Treas. B.R.C.S. Falkland Is. Branch.

Reply at 73.

The Honourable.

The Colonial Secretary.
Stanley.

M.S.

May it be passed p.
debiting "Entertainment
to H. Ships"

Yes. Let me see the
file. And pl. doing
minute at present
W.B. 8.4

8/6/47

Canteen Accounts.

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Payments.

			£	s.	d.
28/2/47.	Mrs. D. Goodwin.	bakes etc.	8..	13..	0
" "	Mrs. W. Browning.	" "	5..	0..	0
" "	Mrs W. Hills.	Sausage rolls & cake	6..	0..	0
3/3/47.	Falkland L. Co Ltd.	Groceries etc.	1..	3..	9
4/3/47.	Estate L. Williams	" "	1..	8..	11
4/3/47.	Treasurer. L. L. Council.	Hire of Parish Hall.	5..	0..	0
11/3/47.	A. V. Summers.	Bread.			7. 0
	Hardy's Kelper Store	Tea.	1..	5..	4
			28..	18..	0

Receipts:

28/2/47.	Mrs. G. Bowles	Surplus goods bought.	7. 6.		
" "	Mrs. Myles.	" "	5.. 0		
1/3/47.	Mrs. Mercer.	" "	2.. 7. 4		
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8/4/47.	Mrs. H. Bonnet	" "	5. 2		
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		Debit balance		£25 ..	0.. 0

Mudge Biggs.

Hon. Treasurer. R.R.C.S.
Falkland La Brane

17th April, 47.

Madam,

11. I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 8th of April, 1947, and to congratulate you and all concerned on the efficient and successful manner in which the Janteen was run during the visit of H.M.S. "Sheffield".

2. I am to add that a voucher in the sum of £25 (which sum you have kindly paid) has been passed to the Treasury for payment to you at your convenience.

I am,
Madam,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) A. B. MATHEWS
Colonial Secretary.

Miss. M. Biggs,
Hon. Treasurer,
British Red Cross Society,
Falkland Islands Branch,

Copy.

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H.M.S. "SHEFFIELD".

*Original filed in 28th February, 1947.
P/363 "H.E.S. P/12"*

My dear Clifford

On leaving Falklands I should like to say again how grateful I am for all that you and your wife did for us all during our short visit.

It was very good of you to entertain all the officers at Government House. The Dance and Cocktail Party in particular were greatly enjoyed, and gave us a welcome opportunity of meeting the local residents.

I speak for everybody on board when I say we should have liked to have stayed longer in Falklands: despite the smallness of the port, no town could have given us a bigger welcome than did Port Stanley.

Thank you again for all you did on our behalf, and my very best wishes to you both.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) William Tennant.

Vice-Admiral.

G. Miles Clifford, Esq., C.M.G., O.B.E.,
His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
Government House,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
(Consular Section),
MONTEVIDEO.

13th March 1947.



Sir,

At the request of the Fleet Medical Officer, H.M.S. "Sheffield", I am forwarding the attached documents for transmission to the Colonial Government Hospital, Port Stanley.

H.M.S. "Sheffield" requests me to settle the appropriate fees on behalf of the Colonial Government Hospital and I will therefore do so when the bill is received.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the Acting Consul.

Acting Consul.

Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands.

ABC
Enclones
to person
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ADMIRALTY HOUSE,

BERMUDA,

6th June, 1947.

A.W.I. No. 687

Memorandum

Sir,

x | I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I have received a letter from the Naval Attaché, Brazil, concerning the visit of one of my cruisers and quoting the report of the local Consul. This report, while saying what a success the visit was and how much it was appreciated ended by talking of "the appalling cost of living in his port" and says finally of the British residents that "it will be realised that such a visit will make a hole in their budget which will take months of drastic economy to remedy".

This I need hardly explain is the very last effect that I wish my ships to produce.

The station extends from Pole to Pole and there may recently have been in some ports, where the White Ensign had not been seen for 7 or 8 years, extra impetus to entertaining. In the case of Trinidad and Jamaica, frequent visits will be made and to most other ports visits of a routine nature will now take place annually and biennially. While ships will do some small degree of entertaining onboard as part of their duty and their pleasure, they will not wish to be given any lavish entertainment ashore beyond the means of the local communities.

I shall be very grateful if you will report direct to me with the least possible delay any case which arises in the future of a visit of a ship of my squadron being a financial burden to the inhabitants of a port they visit.

I have the honour to be Your Excellency's
Obedient Servant,

William Tennant

Vice-Admiral,

Commander-in-Chief,

America & West Indies Station.

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Governor of Bahamas

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

C IN C A.W.I. (R) N.O.I.C. FALKLAND ISLANDS

FROM:

"SNIPE"

6th. January being public holiday in Montevideo fuelling and provisioning may not be completed until 7th. January.

~~2. As passage to Falklands takes three and a half days at economical speed~~
propose leaving Montevideo P.M. 7th. January and arriving Port Stanley A.M. 11th.
January in order to conserve fuel. Your 101435 refers.

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Reply at 10:30
28/12

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

"SNIPE" (R) N.O.I.C. FALKLAND ISLANDS

FROM:

C IN C A.W.I.

Approved your 290913P subject to concurrence of Governor Falklands.

2. N.O.I.C. Falklands pass this and "Snipe" 290913P to Governor Falklands.

Reply at 811Z

292029Z December

Mr. ABC
30.12

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

C in C A.W.I. (R) SNIPER

FROM:

F.O.I.C. FALKLANDS

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YOUR 2020Z and Snipe's 200913P. Governor concurs.

301002P.

December

M. Allen
30.12

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Codress/Plaindress

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TO :

H.O.I.C. PALM LAND ISLANDS

FROM :

"SNIPE"

Write
Across

E.T.A. Port Stanley 0630 local time Sunday 11th. January. Intend anchoring in

5

position 073 degrees Government House Flag staff 7 cables.

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2. Request seven hundred pounds in one pound notes and fifty pounds in ten shilling
notes be supplied on arrival.

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3. Request following be supplied A.M. Monday 12th. Mutton 300 lbs. sausages

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200 lbs. Bread 120 lbs. and thereafter 120 lbs. daily.

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4. Please inform me when it will be convenient for me to call on H.M. the
Governor.

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301315 P December

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Capt. Alandge ADC will return the call at noon

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in uniform

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Office of Commander-in-Chief,
America & West Indies,
1st December, 1947.



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Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a copy of the cruise programme of H.M.S. "Snipe", which has been approved by Their Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

It is requested that you will confirm that the visits to territories under Your Excellency's jurisdiction will be convenient.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's Obedient Servant,

William Tennant

Vice-Admiral.

His Excellency The Governor
and Commander-in-Chief,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.



83.1
ADMIRALTY HOUSE,
BERMUDA,
15th December, 1947.

Amendment No. 1 to A.W.I. No. 660/3 of 1st December, 1947

Cruise Programme of H.M.S. "Snipe"

Note (ii). *Amend* length to read "299 feet 6 inches".

For "9 officers" read "8 officers".

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ADMIRALTY HOUSE,
BERMUDA,
1st December, 1947.



A.W.I. No. 660/3
Memorandum.

The following programme for the winter cruise of H.M.S. "Snipe" is promulgated for information.

2. This programme is liable to alteration in the event of unforeseen circumstances and is subject to the approval of the governments concerned.

3. The visits in this programme will be of an informal nature and it is hoped that local officials and residents will not feel themselves called upon to incur undue expense by entertaining.

4. It is requested that receipt of this programme may be acknowledged by "AIR MAIL".

William Tennant
Vice-Admiral,
Commander-in-Chief,
America & West Indies Station.

H.M.S. "Snipe"

Arrive	Place	Leave
—	Bermuda	Sat., 13th Dec.
Thurs., 18th Dec.	Trinidad	Sat., 20th Dec.
Mon., 5th Jan.	Montevideo	Wed., 7th Jan.
Sat., 10th Jan.	Falkland Islands	Sun., 15th Feb.
Thurs., 19th Feb.	Montevideo	Thurs., 26th Feb.
Mon., 1st March	Rio de Janeiro	Mon., 8th March
Thurs., 18th March	Port of Spain, Trinidad	Tues., 23rd March
Thurs., 25th March	St. John, Antigua	Mon., 29th March
Mon., 29th March	Basseterre, St. Kitts	Tues., 30th March
Tues., 6th April	Bermuda	—

Notes.—(i) H.M.S. "Snipe" is commanded by Commander J. G. Forbes, R.N.

(ii) Particulars of H.M.S. "Snipe" :—

Displacement—2,000 tons. Length—230 ft. Draught—11 ft.

Complement—9 officers, 160 men.

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IMPORTANT

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

N.O.I.C. FALKLANDS

FROM:

SNIFE

Your 311436 para 6. As I understand that fuel at present in Falklands is unfit
for use my endurance will be limited to about 10 days steaming at 12 knots until
~~arrival of Cold Reagon. Please inform Governor accordingly.~~

= 311920 Z

Y/E

is aware of this, I believe? I
can refer to N.O.I.C. who has
telegraphed i.c.w. his instructions.

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IMPORTANT

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

H M S "SUTTON"

FROM:

FOIC FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Your 311920. Governor wishes to know your maximum endurance at economical speed

as he wishes to be down South approx. three weeks and weather conditions may

greatly extend this. Owing to urgency of situation can you fuel at Montevideo ~~sufficient~~

~~sufficient for trip down and back approx fifteen days before Cold Banger arrives.~~

9 Said
15 days
for first
trip inc.

021046 P January

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This is urgent as now
I have 5 Hs and being
sorted by YE. *[Signature]*
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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 3.1.48 ~~Revised~~ Time: 1855 Received: Time:

IMMEDIATE.

No. 3. H.M.S. "Snipe". Commander vessel named to whom N.O.I.C. had signalled warning him that I intended proceed South a.m. 12th January replies that on arrival he will have only sufficient fuel for 10 days steaming at 12 knots and that oil available here unfit for his use. He proposes to re-fuel from Gold Ranger due here 28th January.

2. As 10 days allows no margin for ice conditions or bad weather either or both of which must be anticipated at this season it is obviously impracticable man Bases A and G within that period and I have signalled "Snipe" through N.O.I.C. requesting her refuel at Montevideo if possible enabling me to proceed as previously arranged.

3. In present circumstances you will agree that it is most undesirable to postpone my programme and that latter must include several visits to Deception Island. You may therefore wish support proposal in my paragraph 2 to Admiralty.

4. I am informing C. in C./AWI.

GOVERNOR.

CYPHER.
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NAVAL MESSAGE.

Revised
December, 1935.

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TO:

NAVYELL FALKLANDS

FROM:

MONTEVIDEO

Write
Across

Grateful if you could transmit following urgently to "Snipe" begins. 5

Your letter 17th. December fuelling and provisioning are being arranged. 10

Also soccer match and dance both for Tuesday. Can you also put up cricket eleven grateful early reply. 15

2. Tuesday is Uruguayan public holiday and therefore not (R) Not suitable for entertainment by you but Ambassador who will give small reception for Officers on Monday evening would be glad if you and three (R) three other officers would lunch with him on Tuesday at race course. 20 25 30

3. First (R) first visit is important from publicity point of view. We are therefore arranging for press visit to ship shortly after arrival and trust that you will see no objection. 35 40

4. Naval Attache and I will meet you on arrival and arrange further details. 45
All looking forward to having you here.

Consul Montevideo. 50

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

C IN C A.W.I.

FROM:

NOIC FALKLAND ISLANDS

For Information. Following has been sent to Secretary of State from Governor
Falkland Islands. Begins:

H.M.S. "Snipe". Commander vessel named to whom N.O.I.C. had signalled warning
him that I intended proceed South a.m. 12th. January replies that on arrival he will
have only sufficient fuel for 10 days steaming at 12 knots and that oil available here
unfit for his use. He proposes to re-fuel from Gold Ranger due here 26th. January.

2. As 10 days allows no margin for ice conditions or bad weather either or both
of which must be anticipated at this season it is obviously impracticable man Bases
A and C within that period and I have signalled "Snipe" through N.O.I.C. requesting
her refuel at Montevideo if possible enabling me to proceed as previously arranged. Ends.

051401 P January

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TO: ADMIRALTY (R) C.S. BERMUDA N.O.I.C. FALKLAND ISLANDS

FROM:
C IN C A.W.I.

A.M. 061558 November and my 131545 November. As a result of A.M. 014937 not to all addresses following programme for Gold Ranger is proposed.

2. Gold Ranger has developed a defective stern gland and must be docked. Intend doing this from 17th. to 23rd. December. Then read in three columns.

Arrive	Place	Depart
-----	Bermuda	1st. January
5th. January	Trinidad	15th. January
28th. January	Falklands	31st. January
21st. February	Trinidad	23rd. February
28th. February	Bermuda	-----

3. Gold Ranger is due for re-fit and must be taken in hand on return from fuelling A. and W.I. Squadron in Leeward Islands at end of March.

4. Gold Ranger would then be available to do a further trip to Falklands at end of May.

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IMPORTANT

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

N.O.I.C. FALKLAND ISLANDS

FROM:

H.M.S. "SNIPER".

Maximum endurance 18 days in calm weather at $11\frac{1}{2}$ (R) $11\frac{1}{2}$ knots but heavy weather reduces this. Your 021046.

2. My 311920. Am fuelling to capacity in Montevideo but allowance must be made for raising steam in harbour for distilling and bad weather. Under these conditions fuel consumption is about half seagoing consumption.

041233PQ January

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 6.1.48 Time: 1715 Received: Time:

IMMEDIATE

No. 7. H.M.S. "Snipe". Further to my telegram No. 3. 86

Commander vessel named after fueling to capacity at Montevideo leaves there with maximum endurance 18 days in calm weather at $11\frac{1}{2}$ repeat $11\frac{1}{2}$ knots which will be reduced by heavy weather and additional allowance must be made for raising steam in harbour for distilling in bad weather i.e. On arrival Stanley will have only 14 days fuel in hand.

2. It will thus be appreciated that margin for first stage programme is very narrow. I suggest therefore and request that you will support with Admiralty that tanker "Gold Ranger" due Stanley 28th be detained here till mid-February leaving in company "Snipe". She could then join me at Deception should we have encountered bad weather and be running short of fuel, and will also be available to refuel "Snipe" for second stage my tour and again on return prior to departure. This will require some slight modification "Gold Ranger's" programme as detailed in C. in C.'s signal 041601 December to Admiralty.

3. Other considerations apart it would be politically most embarrassing had we to be taken into tow by Argentine or Chilian vessel.

4. I have informed C. in C. A.W.I. personally through N.O.I.C.

CYPHER
HS

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TO:

C IN C A.W.I.

FROM:

NOIC FALKLAND ISLANDS

Following for Tennant from Clifford. Snipe after refuelling to capacity at Montevideo arrives here 12th. January with maximum 14 days endurance at $11\frac{1}{2}$ (R) $11\frac{1}{2}$ knots in calm weather which cannot of course be guaranteed and my first task of manning two vacant Antarctic Bases cannot be completed in less than 11 days under favourable circumstances.

2. I must be back at Stanley to meet JOHN WISCOM (R.T.D.S. vessel) on 26th. January leaving again for South Georgia end month.

3. In view dangerously narrow margin and extreme political embarrassment if Snipe ran out of fuel and had to be taken in tow by Argentine or Chilian vessel I would be most grateful if Gold Ranger could remain in Falklands area till 15th. February, leaving in company with Snipe. She could then, if things go wrong, join me at DECEPTION and re-fuel Snipe there and would in any event be able to re-fuel her at Stanley on my return from Deception if all has gone well, and again at the end of my second trip. Ends Governor.

See 93

061554

Reply at 94

M.A.B.

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TO:

C IN C A.W.I.

FROM:

MOIC FALKLAND ISLANDS

97 My 061554. Add, I have informed Secretary of State and asked him to take
matter up with Admiralty.

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TO:

N.O.I.C. FALKLAND ISLANDS (R) ADMIRALTY

FROM:

C IN C A.W.I.

For Governor.

92 Your 061554 which is being passed to Admiralty. Request you will review this after arrival H.M.S. "Snipe". Estimate of endurance in your paragraph 1 appears conservative. 2. Anticipate Gold Ranger will arrive Falkland Islands between 26th. and 28th. January. Therefore H.M.S. "Snipe" will fuel to capacity before leaving to comply with your paragraph 2, H.M.S. "Snipe" will then have 5,300 miles endurance at 12 knots. 3. It is not desired to delay Gold Ranger at Falkland Islands owing to her many commitments. 4. Request you will inform me of your intended programme for H.M.S. "Snipe".

Reply AB

072210Z January

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Commander in Chief A.W.I. (Through N.O.i/c)

Despatched : January 10th 19 48 Time : 12.15.

Received : 19 .. Time :

IMPORTANT.

94 Secret. Your 072210z January. Same paragraph numbers.

1. Will certainly do so. Estimate was however based on information given by H.M.S. Snipe and on experience my last trip when lay hove-to on three occasions for up to 20 hours at a time.

3. Understood.

4. Programme upset by Cabinet decision just notified and will inform you of revised proposals as soon as these can be worked out.

THROUGH CYPHER OFFICE.

GOVERNOR.

10 12 15

LJH.

(Drafted by H.E.)

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Commander in Chief A.W.I. (through M.O.i/c..)

Despatched : January 12th 19 48 *Time :*

Received : 19 .. *Time :*

In view altered circumstances I propose to release H.M.S. Snipe on or about date originally proposed (15th February) and do not now seek retention of Gold Ranger.

2. I leave tomorrow.

GOVERNOR.

NAVAL CYPHER.

I.J.H.