

**CONFIDENTIAL.**No. *C 7**Harbour master*SUBJECT. *Guns*

1912

*June*

Previous Paper.

*Ammunition for 12 pdr.  
gun at Jasin*

## MINUTES.

*G.S. submitted.*

2. The Harbour master and Chief Constable reported this to me verbally yesterday. There are a number of cases in the magazine but on examination none of them were found to contain charges although all appearance intact with primers.

3. The Chief Constable suggests that it is possible that the cordite charges were withdrawn and the cordite destroyed after the war.

4. It may be difficult business to get a fresh supply as passenger steamers will not I think carry explosives, but there is no danger with cordite in this form.

5. Having as a warning with us means of blowing it up has its objections.

*lagu* *11/11/12*

Subsequent Paper.

P.S. I should add that the gun is described in the Confidential Return as 8 cut. but Captain Hockley assures me that it is 12 cut. and so marked.

TTTT 29/6

H.C.S. This is very unprecise.  
Will you please order charges + tubes by telegram.

SM.

29/6/22

Harbour Master

Referred with ref to

CA. for early report please

TTTT 17/7/22

The Hon. Col. Secretary

I beg to report that the answers to the queries of the Crown Agents, in their telegram of the 14th July are:-

Service charges.

13 $\frac{3}{4}$  ozs

Percussion Tubes.

Colin Esdailey

Harbour Master

20/7/22

Y<sup>4</sup>. Submitted for information

TTTT 21 July 22

SM.  
22 July 1922

A. L.

Presumably you can fill the  
cartridge cases. I propose replying  
that projectiles are not required  
but that the charges should be  
shipped by steamer of 21<sup>st</sup> August  
without fail. For early reply

~~TTTTT~~ 21/8/22

The Hon. Col. Secretary.

Cartridge cases are in the Magazine  
and can be filled as suggested.

Projectiles are not required there  
are a number in the magazine and 30 are at the  
present at the Elephant Jason Island.

Colin Eitocally

Harbour Master

21/7/22

Harbour Master

Will you please take  
delivery of the charges etc. shown  
in Shipping Advice enclosed

~~TTTTT~~ 21/8/22

The Hon. Col. Secretary.

4 Cps. as per Shipping Advice have  
been landed ex<sup>o</sup> "Maudie" and have  
been placed in the Magazine.

Colin E. Hockley  
Harbour Master.  
7/11/22

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Yrs.

Submitted

1 copy of the Cordite regulations  
will be sent to Harbour Master and  
one to the Chief Constable who  
will carry out the work as required

J.M. 15/11/22  
15 Nov 22

C.S.O. No. C 7/22.

● Inside Minute Paper.

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Freight account dated 19th January 1923 (11a)

*Confidential*

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

C.S. No.....

MINUTE PAPER.

Departmental Number.

From The Harbour Master.....

Date..... 28th, June, 1922.....

To..... The Hon. Col. Secretary.....

SUBJECT.

Ammunition for the Jason Is. Guard, 12 pdr 12 cwt.

Reference  
Numbers.

Sir,

I beg to report that in October last, a 12pdr 12cwt Field gun, which had , after the battle of Coronel, been landed from the H.M.S. "Glasgow", and was in the charge of the F.I. Volunteers, was taken over by myself in connection with the protection of the Fur Seal Rookeries and landed on the Elephant Jason Island.

Ammunition was drawn, 3 cases containing 16 charges in each case, from the Magazine.

Ammunition boxes were opened and contents then appeared to be in order.

I regret to state, however, that upon the gun being tried at the Jason Is the brass cylinders which contain the charge were found to be empty.

It would appear that the charges had been with - drawn, but, Adapters and lid were in place, the lid not being easily removed.

If the charges only are procured, these could be placed in the cylinders now in the magazine and thereby possibly save expense.

MINUTE PAPER.

Departmental Number.

From.....

Date.....

To.....

SUBJECT.

Reference  
Numbers. }

I would, therefore, respectfully suggest that the following be ordered by telegram.

30 charges 12 pdr 12 cwt.

40 tubes, Vent Sealing.

Pending the arrival of this ammunition, charges of black grain pebble powder will be made up to serve as a means of warning to those intending to land etc at the Jason Is.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient, servant,

*Colin Stockley*

Harbour Master

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TELEGRAM.

From : Colonial Secretary

To : Crown Agents.

Dispatched : 29th June, 1922 Time. 3pm.

Received : 19 Time.

CROWN

LONDON

REPRURICAT SCUMDIEN FOLLOWING AGRATICA HULLABALLOO

WEDGHWSTU CHARGES ALSO WEDLOFFEN TUBES VENT SEALING.

CHOPHOUSE/

Meaning

Request you will be good enough to arrange to ship with the utmost despatch following ammunition for 12 pounder Q. F. 12 cwt. thirty charges also forty tubes vent sealing

Colonial Secretary



TELEGRAM.

From : Crown Agents

To : Colonial Secretary

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Dispatched : 14th July, 19 22 Time. 8.35am  
Received : 15th July 19 22 Time. 12.55pm

SECRETARY

PORT STANLEY

UNGLADED (? UNGLAZED) AGRATICA STREPTIVATE BLANK  
OR SERVICE SACKFULL ALSO TOOTHLESS IS TUB (? TUBE)  
ELECTRIC OR PERCUSSION  
CROWN

Meaning.

With reference to your telegram of the 30th June,  
12 pounder Q. F. whether blank or service should be sent  
also weight of is tube electric or percussion.

Crown Agents for the Colonies.

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TELEGRAM.

*From :* Colonial Secretary

*To :* Crown Agents

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*Dispatched :* 21st July 19 22 *Time.* 10.30am

*Received :* 19 *Time.*

CROWN

LONDON

UNHELMING CHARGES SERVICE WEIGHT WEDGESMUT WEANLINGS  
OUNCES PARMELIA SILVERGOD STANDING INKSTAND REDEVINE  
CANEBRAKE CORDITE

SECRETARY

Meaning.

With reference to your telegram of the 14th July, charges service weight thirteen and three-quarter ounces percussion tubes Stop Standing instructions requested relative to care of cordite.

(5)

TELEGRAM.

*From :* The Crown Agents for the Colonies

*To :* The Colonial Secretary

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*Dispatched :* 17th August, 1922 *Time.* 5.40pm

*Received :* 21st August, 1922 *Time.* 10. am

SECRETARY

PORTSTANLEY

UNHINDER ADMIRALTY SLUGGARD RESCITOTE AGRATICA SUGUENOT

(? HUBUENOT) CANORITA WEDGESMUT WEANLINGS OUNCES SILVERGOD

REPUTELESS PRECOGNITA

CROWN

Meaning.

With reference to your telegram of the 21st July, Admiralty suggest that you require 12 pounder Q.F. 8 cwt., cordite cartridges 13  $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces. Do you require them with or without projectiles.

crown Agents for the Colonies.

Confidential

TELEGRAM.

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From : The Colonial Secretary

To : The Crown Agents for the Colonies

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Dispatched : 22nd August, 19 22 Time. 10.0 am  
Received : 19 Time.

CROWN

LONDON

UNIATE PRECOGNITA REREDOS SILVERGOD CHARGES NOT  
CARTRIDGES SEABASKET FABULIZOR SIDAPEST DROWSILY  
SAIL ARACHNIDES

SECRETARY

Meaning.

With reference to your telegram of the 17th August,  
projectiles not required. Charges not cartridges should  
be shipped without fail by steamer due to sail 31st August.

**ORIGINAL SHIPPING ADVICE.**

The Crown Agents for the Colonies have to report the undermentioned shipment:—

" P. 2. 1578/2 " (This reference and the date of this letter  
B/L should be quoted in all communications.)

Colony Falkland Islands  
 Indent No. C.S.Telegram of 29/6/22  
 Dept. -- Special A/c (if any) --  
 Steamer Maudi  
 From Cardiff  
 To Falkland Is.  
 Consigned to The O.A.G.  
 Date of shipment 3-4/10/22

*The documents enclosed will enable the consignee to obtain possession of and to check the goods. Complete documents shewing the total cost of this consignment will be sent with the duplicate advice.*

*Attention is drawn to the desirability of weighing packages immediately landed, particularly if there be any reason to suspect pilferage or any shortage. Information as to weight is of service when urging claims.*

NUMBERS OF PACKAGES.	DESCRIPTION OF STORES.	REMARKS.
	4 Cases Cordite Charges &c.	

ENCLOSURES.	Packing Particulars.	£	s.	d.
Bill of lading				
Invoice:—				
R.N.A. Depot		Will follow.		

The Colonial Secretary,  
 FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Date 28/9/22 IT

Office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies,  
 1. Millbank, London, S W 1

ADVICE OF ORDERS PLACED.

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Falkland Is. 1578/2

The above reference should be quoted in all communications respecting this demand.

Service ---

Col. Sec's. telegram

Indent No. of 29.6.22.

Address for packages:—

Req. No.  
1578

C ↑ A



O.A.G.,  
Stanley,

Falkland Is.

(Insert here nature of contents.)



Item No.	Quantity required.	ARTICLES DEMANDED.
		<u>AMMUNITION 12 pdr. 8-cwt.</u>
30		Service charges (not cartridges) 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ -oz. Cordite.
40		Tubes V.S. Percussion small.

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Date:— 26th August, 1922. Cost (as estimated only):— £

Suppliers:— The Director of Armament Supply,  
Admiralty,  
S.W.1.

OFFICE OF THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,  
4, MILLBANK,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies present their compliments and beg to state that the above goods have been ordered in pursuance of the indent quoted. Shipment will be effected as early as possible.

To:— The Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands.

S/FALKLAND ISLANDS 1578/2.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS IN CONNECTION  
WITH THIS SUBJECT MUST BEAR THE  
ABOVE REFERENCE CONSPICUOUSLY  
AS A HEADING & MUST BE ADDRESSED  
TO THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES  
SHIPPING OFFICE, ~~13, GREAT ST. HELENS,~~ E. O.  
130, Leadenhall Street,

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THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES  
SHIPPING OFFICE,

130, LEADENHALL STREET,  
~~13, GREAT ST. HELENS,~~

TELEGRAMS:  
FREELAND, LED, LONDON.  
TELEPHONE Nos: 2573 AVENUE.  
6792

LONDON, 29th September 22.  
E. C. 3.

R E C E I V E D from THE CROWN  
AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES for shipment by the  
S.S. "MAUDIE" sailing from CARDIFF on the  
*7th October 1922* for delivery to THE  
OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT, STANLEY,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

M A R K:-

Reqn. 1578.	O. H. M. S.
	O. A. G.
	S T A N L E Y
C A	F A L K L A N D I S L A N D S

- 1 case Igniters metal GROUP I, DIVN. 1b.  
1/2 x 0/11 x 0/11.
- 1 " Adapters metal MARK VI. (Non explosive)  
0/7 1/2 x 0/7 1/2 x 0/5.
- 1 " Charges, cordite GROUP I, DIVN. 1a.  
1/10 1/4 x 1/1 1/4 x 0/9 1/2
- 1 " Tubes, V. S. PERCUSSION, GROUP II. DIVN. 1a.  
1/5 x 0/10 c 0/5.

*C. P. Christman*  
MASTER.....

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116 G.  
Falkland Is. 1578.



ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES  
THE ABOVE REFERENCE AND THE  
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

TELEGRAMS. "CROWN, LONDON"  
TELEPHONE. 7730 VICTORIA



4, MILLBANK,  
WESTMINSTER,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.

28th September 1922.

Sir,

With reference to our telegram dated the 30th August regarding the supply of 30 service charges and 40 V.S. Percussion Tubes for 12 pdr. 8 cwt. Gun, I have the honour to state that shipment has now been arranged by the S.S. "Maudie" which is due to sail from Cardiff about the 5th October.

25.9.22.

A copy of a confidential letter received from the Admiralty, and three copies of the Naval Cordite Regulations, are enclosed under sealed cover.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

for Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands.

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JAB.



G/Falkland Is.1576/2.

Copy of Letter from The Admiralty to The Crown

Agents for the Colonies No.G.13144/22 dated the

25th September 1932.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

With reference to your letter of 14th instant, G/Falkland Is.1576/2, I have to forward herewith for your confidential information three copies of the Naval Cordite Regulations as requested.

The cordite contained in the 30 charges now being issued is next due for test in April 1934 under paragraph (c) of Article 66 of the Regulations above referred to.

