

C.S.

SECRET

DEF/GUN/2#1

1932

No.

5/4/32.

SUBJECT.

19 39

FIXED ARTILLERY DEFENCES OF STANLEY

Previous Paper.

~~8/2/31~~
5/4/32.
8/2/29

Part II

Continuation of 5/4/32.
MINUTES.

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)

H.C.B.
Telegram to S of S of 11. 10. 39
" from " of 2. 11. 39
" to " of 5. 11. 39
" from " of 15. 11. 39

H.C.B.

I propose to reply to (4) in

following sense:

~~Additional light to be provided~~ Sufferer will 6 in.
Extreme range of gun is 11,400 yards and it is
forty years old. It is not therefore
proposed to move it.

Ask O.L. plan if he concurs

11/4/32

Subsequent Paper.

M. Defence Force.

Please see H.E.'s minute
overleaf. Do you concur please.

MCH
CS
16. XI. 39.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

I most definitely agree with H.E.'s suggestion
that Sapper Hill should not be moved.

Woc. St.
17. XI. 39.

Yh.

Submitted.

MCH
CS
17. XI. 39.

Please put up my reply 6(6)
sent down today and the pass
to O.C. for his proposals for moving
the gun. I am inclined to think
that we should requisition Mr. Pole Evans'
tractor. Capt. Weir has seen what
it can do. It will also be useful
for clearing an area for planting
in vicinity of Mr. Two

~~Woc. St.~~ 29/4/39

C.S.O. No. S/27/59

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 1

Tele: N^o 124 to S. of S. of 28. XI. 59

M. Defence Force.

Referred please.

MCH
cl.

29. XI. 59.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

The Excellency minute noted: At the moment we are putting up the 12 pdr: & I have respectfully asked that proposals called for be left until (1.) I can give it the time necessary & (2). we know the gun is coming.

M. D.C. D.F. 1. XII. 59.

M.

Submitted.

MCH
cl.

1. XII. 59.

No objection

~~tttt~~ 4/12

M. Defence Force.

In note and return.

MCH
cl.

1. XII. 59.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Now. Thank you.

7/4

File returned.

MCH
CS

5. XII. 39.

Please see and register telegrams

from ⑦

~~11/11~~ 11/3/40

Telegram Secret No 139 from S. of S. 8.

" " No 20 " 9.

" " No 34 " J. H. the Governor. 10

S. of S. Secret despatch of 22/12/39. 11.

7/4

Submitted.

MCH
CS

13. 3. 40

~~11/11~~ 11/3/40

W. v. 17. (11) can you say
whether the Army Council has ^{ever} con-
tributed anything to the cost of the
Falkland Island Defences by not
£716.15.4 in 1924, per (121) in 5/4/32 part I
and £1305 in 1935

~~11/11~~ 16/3/40

C.S.O. No.....5/4/32

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 2....

Y.H.

Nothing beyond the sums
mentioned by Y.H.

MCH
16.5.40

Please have enclosed draft
typed though not in final
form

12-14. ~~ttttt~~ 2/4/40
Despatch to S. S. Secret of 6/4/40
Y.E.

ttttt
4/11/40

For pairing

ttttt 5/4/40
Y.E. For signature ttttt 8/11/40

ttttt 9/4/40

Ex
9/10/40

15. Minute from C. C. Defence Force. 29/4/40.

S. of S. telegram, no. 50 of 16/5/40.

A.C.S.

Draft despatch in reply to (16) referring clearly to contents of (10).

16.

AD 18/5/40

Secret despatch to S. of S. of 21/5/40.

17.

Y.E.

A despatch submitted for signature if approved. It is worded in an endeavour to make perfectly clear your attitude & wish.

AD 22/5/40

My sole object was to get the principle established that H.M.G. or War Office cannot disown liability for the defence of the Colony by saying flatly that no part of any ^{necessary} expenditure will be met by them.

I wish to send a telegram expressing gratitude for the supply of the gun and asking that necessary equipment be sent with it and that as much return as possible be given of date of despatch. Will you please ascertain fr. the Military Dept. what equipment will be required

~~AD~~ 28/5/40

O. C. Defence Force

For necessary action please.

A.S.J.
A. J. Fox.
25/5/40.

Hon. Colonial Secretary,

The equipment required will in addition to all spares and "sidearms" be complete cage or similar gun base with all necessary reinforcing metal and cement as supplied for 4" at Leith Harbour. Further detail cannot be given until such time as type of gun and mounting is known.

I would submit that the gun be provided with the following ammunition suited to the mark of gun supplied.

200 rnds A.P. Fused Shell.

200 full charges.

50 rounds practice shot.

50 rounds full charge cordite.

300 V.S. percussion tubes (to suit gun).

25 star shell 6".

25 star shell charges.

The above amounts are based on present complements and should be available as I understand this type of gun has not been much in use during present war so far. I attach particular importance to the Star Shell and *would* even make heavy cuts in other types in order to secure these.

It is hoped that in view of the work intended to be done by the gun and the initial loss of range owing to its position that a Mk XII Gun on P 13 two star mounting should be asked for as the range of this weapon is almost 20,000 yards as against 11,300 for a Mk VII Gun.

W. L. G. O'DF
27. V. 40

Y.E.

Draft telegram submitted for coding, please

AD 28/1/40

THU 29/1

Telegram to S. of S. no. 61 of 28/2/40. 18

S. of S. Telegram no. 60 of 6/6/40. 19

O.S. Def. 7.

Please see (19) AD 8/11/40

Itinerary Colonel Denton

Dear Thank you

W. O. C. F.

11. VI. 40.

Letter from the War Office, 10/2/40. 20.

B.V. on arrival of mail for forms - say 9. VII. 40 AD 2/VI/40

H.C.S.

Nothing further was received by mail.

C. I. J. 19/7/40

A.C.S.

Return the receipt form. It is for 15 letters attached to (20).

AD 22 VII/40

Returned with
note of omission
of part.

C. I. J. 27/7/40

S. of S. Secret despatch of 24/5/40. 21-22.


" " 19/6/40. 23.

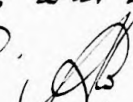
Y.E. As requested. AD 16/VIII/40


H.C.S.

I am relieved to note
Ann (21) and its outcome that
the attitude adopted in (16) has
been abandoned.

Please put up letter in
reply to (20) saying that the
anti-sight-forms were with
dispatch enclosed in the letter.

 16/8/40

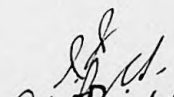
Y.E. This was done by a note on the receipt
for (20).  19/8/40

 20/8

24. Telegram from Under Secretary for war, 28/8/40.

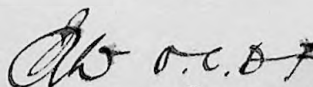
O.C. Defence Force,

for necessary action please.


C. 29/8/40.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

The Excellency yesterday asked me
to put up draft reply to rd (20). Draft herewith
accordingly please.

 O.C.D.F.
30. VIII. 40

Y/E.

Could attached draft telegram be
despatched please.:

W. H. L.
30/8/40.

As above

~~ttttt~~ 2/9/40

Telegram to Under S. ofs. for war, 2/9/40. 25.
Minute from O.C. Defence Force, 4/9/40. 26-30.

Y.E. No doubt you will like to discuss this (26-30) with G.C. Sec. 7.
at your weekly interview on 12/11/40 *W. H. L.* 10/11/40.

The weakest point in the defence
is undoubtedly planes for diving back
a landing force. As far as I am
able to judge the proposals of the
O.C. would if carried through thoroughly
very materially improve the position.
Strenuous field exercises will be
necessary in the spring. The whole
of the striking force will however
require to be called up for a continuous
period of several weeks for training
if they are to be of material military
value.

O.C. to proceed except
that we must not ask for
any ornaments for the 11th
as the war is not worth it.

~~ttttt~~ 13/9/40

D.C. Defunct.

No note for necessary action.

C. J. F. C.
12/9/40.Honourable Colonial Secretary.

His Excellency's Commission is now placed.

I have passed with provisional filing a detail paper with in order to be ready to commence work on the 1.1.41. *W. J. C.* 16.12.40

P.A.

- 31-32 Letter to R.A., S.A.D., of 22/1/41.
 33. Minute from H.E. the Governor, 22/1/41
 34. " " " " " "

See 31 & Copy withdrawn for handing to
D.A.S. & Co. *W. J. C.* 25.1.41

35. Telegram No. 14 to S. of S. of 25.1.41.
 36. S. of S. telegram no. 13 of 27/1/41.

Y/E.
May the telegram be despatched in
I.D.C.O. file.C. J. F. C.
29/1/41

37. Telegram No. 16 to S. of S. of 29.1.41.
 38. S. of S. telegram, no. 17 of 4/2/41.
 39. Telegram to S. of S. no. 19 of 10/2/41.
 40. S. of S. telegram, no. 29 of 26/2/41

Note of conclusions arrived at by Staff Officers, H.M.S. Cumberland 3/3/41. 41.

Telegram No. 33 to S. of S. of 3/3/41. 42-43.

O.C. Sefunc Force.

Honorable Colonial Secretary.

to see.

Seen. Thank you.

C. J. S.
3/3/41

C.S. Redf.

7. 11. 41.

Unnumbered Telegram from S. of S. of 6/3/41. 45.

" " to S. of S. " 7/3/41. 46.

S. of S. Telegram No. 39 of 30/3/41. 47.

O.C. Troops.

to see Red 47 and for your remarks please.

C. J. S.
31/3/41

Honorable Colonial Secretary

Noted. In view of the decision of the War Office the only alternative to having a 6" gun is to bring Daphn Hill gun to the region E. of MOUNT LOW and move CANOPUS gun to a position near the present site but from which it will be able to assist in covering PORT WILLIAM. At present it is envisaged. Can W.O. be asked please to forward 2 copies of Standard Range Tables and 4 copies of Range Tables for execution. I presume the ammunition being forwarded is 6" AP 6 CRH.

C.D. 4
O.C. Troops. 2. 4. 41

Y/S.
Submitted with draft telegram. Could it be despatched from S. of S. in I.D.C.O. please if approved?

C. J. S.
2/4/41

C. Sec.

Sent as attached.

Interested in a short questionnaire seeking information to enable a fuller view to be taken of O.C. Troops' activities before which you might embody in a minute to him

AD 3/4/41

48. Telegram to S. of S. No. 41 of 3/4/41.
 49. Minute to O.C. Troops, 3/4/41.
 50-51 Minute from O.C. Troops, 7/4/41.

Y/E.

Reas 50-51 submitted.

C. J. P.
7/4/41

8/14/41

52. Minute from H. O.C., of 16/6/41.
 53. Minute to H. O.C., of 21/6/41.
 54. Telegram No. A.A. 5B from Troopers, London of 20/6/41.

Y/E.
 Could attached telegram be despatched
 please in T.D. V. (14)

✓ C. J. P.
8/7/41

55. Telegram to Under S. of S. for War. of 8/7/41.
 56. Telegram from Under S. of S. of 21/7/41.
 57. " S. of S. No. 82 of 22/7/41.

O.C. Troops.

to note.

C. J. P.
23/7/41

Hon Col Sec

Notes: Can enquiries be made
 as to a range finder being
 included? If there is any choice
 in this matter I would venture
 to ask for a P.F.

C. J. P.
O.C. Troops.
23.7.41

Y/E.

may telegram be despatched please in I.D.C.O.
in sense of O.C. troops minutes?

C. J. S.
for C.S.
24/7/41
Yes
25/7/41

Telegram No. 97 to S. of S. of 25. 7. 41.

58.

Communication Sheet from Naval Store Officer 23/5/41. 59-64.
O.C. troops,

to note Res 59-64.

C. J. S.
for C.S.
23/8/41

Hon Col Sec
Noted
C.D. to GC troops
26. 8. 41

Telegram No. 102 from Secretary of State of 9/9/41. 65.

Telegram unnumbered to S. of S. of 10/9/41 66.

GC troops.

to note.

C. J. S.
for C.S.
13/9/41

Hon Col Sec

Noted

C.D. to
GC troops
13. 9. 41

Telegram No. 94418 from Under S. of S. of War of 8/10/41. 67.

Y/E.

Red 67 submitted. O.C. troops to see on his
return. The references are, I think, to telegrams
addressed to military attaché, B.A.

Pl. AD 9/11/41

C. J. S.
for C.S.
9/10/41

Telegram No. 94417 from Under S. of S. for War of 8. 19. 41.

68.

Y/E.,

Red 68 submitted. Here again I think the references are to telegrams
exchanged between War Office, R.A.S.A.D. and Military Attaché, B.A., In (3)
I suppose "these Islands" refer to the Falkland Islands, though the telegram
might be read to mean any islands even the British Isles.

A. I. F.
for C.S.
9. 10. 41.

They all overlook the obvious raid from S.A. -
(cf. Jameson Raid 1896). However we never have. Let
O/C Troops see on his return. He knows my views.

A. W. C.
9. 10. 41.

69. Telegram from Admiralty to Commander in Chief, S.A.,
8. 10. 41.

oc. troops.

to see.

*pk.
G. for
13/10/41.*

70. Telegram No. 08810 from Military Attaché of 13/10/41.

O.C. Troops to see all this from (58)

71. Telegram No. 115 from S. of S. of 15.10.41.

Hon Pd. Sec

Telegrams noted. The situation will
become intensely grave from the moment
Japan enters the war. Also from that
moment the Falklands must become
important to the British + American
plans. If only these islands could
become an "important" training
ground for troops in transit. The
land + defence question would be
immediately solved. This point
has already been discussed with H.A.
+ although the suggestion from the
and may have little effect at home
I feel certain that the chances of
its coming about are not remote.
One may only hope that it may
not be too late

*Important to S. of S. of 22/10/41
G. for
13/10/41*

*C.D. G.
Col
G.C. Troops.
20. 2. 41*

off.

Submitted.

*C. for
20/10/41*

Telegram from Under S. of S. for War of 10/11/41. 72.

O.C. Troops

Referred to you please for necessary information.

C. J. P. C.
11/11/41.

Y/M.

May the attached telegram be despatched in I.D.V. (15) please.

C. J. P. C.
11/11/41.

Telegram from Under S. of S. for War of 11/11/41.

73.

Telegram No. 127 from S. of S. of 21. 11. 41.

74.

Copy of Telegram to Director of Ammunition Supply of

75.

letter from Naval Officer-in-Charge of 27. 11. 41.

76.

77.

Minute from O.C. Troops of 2. 12. 41.

77A-78.

Minute to Naval Officer-in-Charge of 3. 12. 41.

79.

Y/M.

Rees. 77A-78 submitted for information.

C. J. P. C.
11/12/41.

Why the discussion? especially in paper

C. J. P. C.
11/12/41.

Telegram from Under S. of S. of 9. 12. 41.

80.

O.C. Troops

Red 80 referred to you please. f n a.

C. J. P. C.
11/12/41.

Y/E. Draft telegram submitted for despatch if approved.

C. J. Field.
12/12/41.

81. Telegram to Under S. of S. for War of 12/12/41.

82. Letter to Naval Officer-in-Charge of 15. 12. 41.

83. Telegram from Under S. of S. for War of 31/1/42.

Y/E. Since Red 73 was despatched the Range Under R. have been received.

C. J. Field.
21/2/42. ✓

84. Telegram from Under S. of S. for War of 16/2/42

OC Troops.

Red 84 referred to you.

C. J. Field.
17/2/42.

How Col See

Noted. Not applicable to F.I. at present

C. J. Field Col
20. 2. 42. OC Troops.

85. Letter from Naval Officer-in-Ch. of 21/2/42.

86. Telegram from Under S. of S. for War of 25/2/42

Telegram No. 35³⁸ to G/c. S. Georgia of 10/3/42. 87.

copy of letter from Ann. Supply Officer, Simonstown, 18/11/41 88.

Telegram No. 45 from G/c S. Geo. of 12/3/42. 89.

Telegram No. 37⁴⁰ to G/c. S. Geo. of 13/3/42. 90.

opinion from Magistrate South Georgia of 22/4/42. 91.

O/C. F.I.D.F.

Go note please

S.W.A.
forces

29/4/42.

Informable Colonial Secretary. Noted. Thank you & Q.M. office informed.

On for Troops.

1. 1. 42

Minute from O.C.A.S. of 30/8/42.

92-95

" " O/C. F.I.D.F. of 10/9/42.

96.

(97)

H.C.S.

Reds 92-95 refer to special 6-inch ammunition sent out for the F.I.D.F. At the time of its receipt there was some doubt as to whether or not it belonged to the Defence Force, and it was taken over by Naval authorities and stored in the Naval Magazine. Subsequently 216 rounds were issued to the Defence Force, and it is the balance of 184 rounds which O.C.A.S. refers to.

2. Until suitable accommodation as outlined in red (96) is available, the Defence Force cannot take delivery of this balance, and in accordance with para: 2 of (96) I submit a draft Minute to O.C.A.S.

S.W.A.
A/A.C.S.
10/9/42.

(98)

O.C.
F.I.D.F.

Are the magazines at the batteries & the main

F.I.D.F. magazine ^{all} so full that there 184

rounds ^{cartridges} cannot possibly be stored? I

wish to cooperate with the N.O. 1/2. as much as we possibly can.

10/9
10/9

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

I regret to say that the magazines at the batteries & the Canache magazine are all completely full, & we had a few shells in the Colonial magazine, which has now gone to S.H.B. The following details make the situation clear I feel.

Recognised storage accommodation for charges.	Mag. S.H.B. C.H.B.
	250 50 50

Actually stored now	470 140 140
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Force Commander wishes storage eventually at each gun to be provided to take 500 charges.

W.S. O.C. F.I.D.F.
11. IX. 42

100. Letter to O.I.C., armament supply of 14. 9. 42.
101. Memo: from Capt. Molton, of 24/9/42.
(102)

A.C.S.

O.C. F.I.D.F. to produce the figures please

K.B.

26/9

O.C. F.I.D.F.

(103)

To you accordingly please with ref: to red (101).

W.S. O.C. F.I.D.F.
28/9/42

(104)

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

The figures asked for are.

- (1) 1939-1942 inclusive: £7632
- (2) 1943 estimated £1800.

W.S. O.C. F.I.D.F.
29. IX. 42

105. Minute to Headquarters, F.I.D.F., of 29. 9. 42.

Y/E.,

To see (106). In view of the possibility of moving the present gun from Sapper Hill to Canopus, O.C., Force has now agreed to postpone the raising of the existing gun at Canopus for which Y.E. gave authority in open M.P. 109/32 attached, at a cost of £65 in the current year. (The Magazine at Canopus is almost finished and if the Sapper Hill gun is moved a second Magazine will have to be built.)

2. I agree with the O.C., F.I.D.F., that in the circumstances we must provide the telephone exchange at Sapper Hill and I recommend that O.C., F.I.D.F., be given authority to proceed, expenditure not to exceed £100 of which £65 must be offset by savings on the Canopus gun project. Special Warrant to be applied for later. Executive Engineer has checked his estimates of £100.

3. As regards the much bigger project of moving the gun and undertaking major works at Sapper Hill next year, I informed O.C., Force that there must be a limit to our liabilities in regard to defence. When we offered to pay for our defences in 1939 we had no idea that a garrison would be coming and that heavy extra expenditure of this kind would result. He quite agreed and thought the time had come when we should stabilize our liabilities by handing over all our defence expenditure to the Imperial Government and making a definite annual contribution. This would involve all kinds of complications in regard to the pay and control of the Defence Force and it might be preferable for the War Office to pay in future for all defence works undertaken by Government at the request of the Military. Whatever the answer may be I think we should try to get the question settled now before things go too far.

4. Meanwhile will Y.E. approve as in para: 2 above?

18.
Colonial Secretary.
12th October, 1942.

(108)

It seems to me that this fort cannot be expected to pay for any defence works erected for the orders of the O.C. Troops. He will carry them out in any case, without reference to me, since they will be essential in his opinion to the defence of the Colony for which he is responsible.

2. If my interpretation of the position is correct, para 3⁽¹⁰⁶⁾ does not concern either you or myself & I fail to see where the "moral responsibility" in para 2 of (106) arises.

14/11/42

Minute to O.C. F.I.D.F. of 16/10/42.

Minute from O.C., F.I.D.F., of 30.12.42.

(109)
(110)

(11)

G.F.

This building was ordered for in August but postponed till 1943 with the agreement of O.C. Troops. I think we should wait until the Estimates have been approved.

KB
8/1

(112)

40.
H.F. Ford

We have to wait in any case unless the matter is of extreme urgency. However we are not likely to have confirmation of the E. M. L. Dept. By the way did we send the telegram announcing the Leg. Co's arrival to the Admirals?

9/1/43

113. Minute to O.C., F.I.D.F., of 9.1.43.

114. Memo: from H.O. etc. of 19/1/44.

115. Memo: from O.C. F.I.D.F. of 20/3/44.

(116)

O.C.
F.I.D.F.

1. For arrangements for financing defence see (107) & (108) & (9), (11), (12) on 10/9/42 h/w.

2. Ref. ammunition see para 3 of (52) on 1/8/42.

3. How much of the material in (15B) is in replacement of material expended up to July 1943. i.e. what was the shortage at that date? Similarly how much of the present consignment is replacement & how much is extra?

KB
21.3.44

(117)

Humata Colonial Sentang.

From references given in 1. & 2. of 116 it would appear that (1) G.O. decide without reference what we need & (2) they should bear the cost.

I cannot answer the first question in para 3. as no establishment has ever been laid down for the 6" guns.

(117 Cont.)

The following facts will however I hope let you see the General Situation.

Of the Consignment on red 115B. 30 rounds of practice shot, 60 half charges & 30 percussion tubes have been expended during approximately the last six months. The consignment just arrived is a repeat order of 115B plus necessary charges & 240 rounds of anti personnel H.E. shell, which I understand is used for firing at land targets. Hitherto only anti-ship shell have been carried.

C.S. O.C. 1. 1. 44.
25. 11. 44.

(118)

Statement of Ammunition stocks & expenditure.

(119).

Your Excellency,

To see from 11 and 115b. The ^{principles} ~~papers~~ which now govern the ^{cost} ~~case~~ of the Colony's defences are set out in 9 and 11 in M.P. 109/42 attached. We are prepared to pay the ^{amounting} ~~amounting~~ charges on the Defence Force on the standards existing in October, 1942. Should the War Office consider that any raising of this standard is desirable, they pay. During the 12 months ending July, 1943, we expended 21 six inch shells and I consider that the limit of our liability for the consignment of ammunition (115b) which they delivered in July, 1943 should be this amount, being replacement of ammunition expended. If the War Office, as seems to have happened, think that our stocks here are insufficient it is up to them to pay for the extra.

2. A further and far more expensive consignment including the new six inch gun barrels has just been received. We have had no account for this yet but again I think our liability is limited to replacement of ammunition expended during the period July to December.

3. If Y.E. agrees with the above I will inform O.C. Troops accordingly.

(120)

O.C. 122

Ref. to S. & S. + so from

11/10/44

KB.

6. 4. 44.

Secret Despatch to S. of S. of 3. 5. 44.

121.

Minute to O/C, Force 132 of 3. 5. 44.

122.

Minute from Lt. J. H. Bennet of 24. 8. 44.

123.

" to Staff Captain, F.I.F. of 25. 8. 44.

124.

" from O.C. F.I.F. of 5/10/44.

125.

O.C.

(126)

2.1.44

Pt. see (121). How much of this consignment is (a) in replacement of charges expended & (b) extra to normal stocks?

KB
10/10/44

(127)

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

The Fin Comander informs me that "These stons are not expendable & are included for instructional purposes in connection with the 4" B.L. Guns we are expecting for Mount Long. They cannot be used except with a "Loading Teacher" & we neither have nor expect one of these".

I think this is a typical case of the Government having stons 'wished on' them.

W.S. O.C. F.I.D.F.

12. 2. 44.

128. Minute to O/C, Force 132 of 13. 10. 44.

129. Minute from Staff Captain, F.I.F., of 2. 12. 44.

(130)

Staff Capt. informed that we have not yet been advised.

KB
5/12/44

B. 4.

10/1/45

131. Letter from Brown Agents of 13. 11. 44.

132. S. of S. Secret Sec. Lel. No. 19 of 16/11/44.

133. Minute to Staff Captain, F.I.F., of 6. 1. 45.

O/C., F.I.D.F., (134)

Please see 132.

Can you provide an explanation asked for in paragraph 2.? I believe there is some method of returning the worn out barrels and getting quite a large credit for them. I should be glad for any information you can give me on this and of the practice liability which has been incurred in respect of these barrels.

KB
6th January, 1944.

Y/E.,

(136).

The a/c at 115 B was only for practice shot and therefore your despatch at (121) referred only to these. In addition 20 22 live anti-ship shells were used but we have not had any replacements for these and they have not therefore been mentioned. We can explain this.

2. It is true that the S. of S. despatch at (22) refers to another gun, but if you will read (114) and (123) on S/4/32 Pt. I, I think you will agree that we cannot dispute our liability for normal maintenance. We can, however, argue on the grounds that new ~~barrels~~ ^{barrels} are hardly normal maintenance, we did not ask for the replacements and that they are no improvement. 137.

3. We could also point out that we do not know the amount involved and ask whether the old barrels can be returned and a credit obtained.

4. Do you think it is worthwhile?

DB.
20th February, 1945.

(138)
Pl. submit draft saw. ltr.

DB. 23/ii/45

Saving Telegram Secret to S. of S. of 8. 3. 45. 139.

Telegram No. 75 Secret to S. of S. of 12. 3. 45 140.

Memo: from O/C. R.A.O.C. of 23/3/45. 141.

Minute to O/C., Force 132, of 26. 3. 45. 142.

~ to O/C., F.I.D.F., of 27. 3. 45. 143.

~ from ~ ~ ~ 10. 4. 45. 144.

Minute to O/C., F.I.F., of 11. 4. 45. 145.

Telegram No 158 from S. of S. of 22. 5. 45. 146.

(147).

Y.E.
I think "way" in line 2. means that we are to tell her to ship them. It will be expensive. In fact the whole idea of sending them here seems rather ridiculous. The shells etc & ammunition are here already. The mounting barrels are at her. I suppose we carry on & change her office?

(148)

DB. 29/5/45
In a m. we write to Argentinian Govt in
incase responsibility. *DB.* 29/5/45

149. Letter from Manager, Jackland Ss. Co of 2.10.45
B.L.

(150)

O.C.

7.10.45

to note

KB

17.10.45

(151)

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Noud with colonisation & agul.

O.C. F.I.D.F.
16.11.45.P.O.
11/11/46

~~152. Letter from same Agents of 21.9.45~~

152 S.F.S. Secret M Gram No. 21 of 20.7.46.

(153)

O.C. F.I.D.F.

to note red (153) pl.

O.C. F.I.D.F.

28.9.46.

(154)

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Noud with Official design.

O.C. F.I.D.F.
28.11.46

~~155 Secret letter from same office of 24.11.47~~

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See 0113 of same file

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TELEGRAM. SENT.

No 96

From His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands,

To The Secretary of State, London.

Despatched: 11th October 19 39 Time:

Received: 19 Time:

Important Most Secret.

1. Existing situation in respect of defences of Stanley is that an armed enemy vessel could enter outer harbour anchor and shell wireless station, tanks, and town at leisure while blanketed from or outside range of fixed defences.
2. Without adequate artillery defence Stanley is dependent on man power to resist invasion of landing parties. See my telegram 83 of 17th September bearing on this.
3. Local defence committee regards position with much concern minimum immediate requirement is ammunition for 12 Pounder guns. See my telegram 73 of 5th September and enclosure to your secret despatch of 23rd August.
4. Defence Committee would be grateful for early consideration of possibility of provision of a four or six inch gun with range of at least 14,000 yards to be sited on Mount Low. No lesser measure could render defences secure.

Governor.

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TELEGRAM.

(2)

No. 14

From The Secretary of State, London.

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 2nd November 19 39 Time: 17.38.

Received: 3rd November 19 39 Time: 00.10.

No. 91. Secret. Your telegram Secret. Question raised has been considered by Overseas Defence Committee.

2. While it is agreed that a gun to cover Berkeley Sound is desirable in principle, you will appreciate that having regard to demands from other places requiring protection, provision of a gun (at any rate for some considerable time) thereon is at present very difficult, although position is being explored by War Office.

3. Suggestion has been made that in these circumstances (and particularly if it is confirmed that no six-inch gun can be provided for a considerable period) solution of difficulty would be in moving present gun from Canopus Hut back again to Low Hill. You will remember however that decision to remove gun from Low was taken largely because Low Hill gun was considered to be too far inland for effective defence of Stanley and moreover remote for efficient maintenance and manning it would therefore be a source of anxiety to the Defence Force in time of war (see for example paragraphs 3 and 4 Report from Commander-in-Chief America and West Indies Station to Admiralty of April 7th, 1931, and letter from Acting Governor of February 28th, 1931). Should however be grateful for your views on the above suggestion. If you support suggestion to dealing with gun can it be undertaken by personnel available locally?

Secretary of State.

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TELEGRAM. SENT.

From His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands,

To The Secretary of State, London.

Despatched: 8th November 19 39 *Time:* 00.00.

Received: 19 *Time:*

No. 115 Secret. Your telegram No. 91 Secret.

1. The gun for Mount Low is required primarily to protect Port William and the direct approaches to Stanley. The protection of Berkeley Sound is a secondary matter.

2. Local Defence Committee and all the recent Naval opinion as far as I am aware is unanimous in considering that the Sapper Hill gun and not that at Mount Low should have been moved to Canopus.

3. (1) The Mount Low site is two miles nearer than Sapper Hill to the line of approach of a hostile vessel to Port William.

(2) The Defence Committee is satisfied that no difficulties exist in maintaining and manning a gun at Mount Low.

(3) No special anxiety exists concerning the defence of the gun, natural rock defences at the site are formidable and the approach is over open country.

4. A 12-pounder gun is being established at Mount Low temporarily.

5. It will still be possible for vessels to shell the oil tanks by direct fire from any distance outside 15,000 yards without coming within range of gun defences.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 156

From The Secretary of State, London.

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 15th November 19 39 *Time* : 14.26.

Received : 19 *Time* :

No. 95 Secret. Your telegram No. 115 Secret.

As I understand it you now recommend that if an additional 4 or 6-inch gun cannot be supplied ~~to~~ Sapper Hill gun should be moved to Low Hill. Please telegraph and state whether the work of moving and mounting the gun could be undertaken by personnel available locally (see last sentence of my telegram No. 91) and if so how long it would take. The question of money may then be referred to the Overseas Defence Committee.

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TELEGRAM. SENT

No.119.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State

Despatched : 18th November, 19 39. Time : 1425.

Received : 19 Time : ...

No.119 Secret. Your telegram 95 Secret.

Sap pers Hill 6-inch gun should not be moved. Its extreme range is 11400 yards and it is forty years old.

Governor.

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No. 99 From London.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State.

To H.E.The Governor Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 26th November 19 39 *Time:* 1218

Received: 26th November 19 39 *Time:* 0930

No. 99 Secret.

Your Telegram No 119.

The Overseas Defence Committee will consider whether, having regard to the demand from elsewhere, a six-inch gun can be provided for Mount Low. Please/ telegraph whether if the gun is provided the mounting could be undertaken by the personnel available locally.

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TELEGRAM.

No.124 .
SENT.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State.

Despatched: 28th November, 19 39. *Time:* 1955.

Received: 19 *Time:*

No.124. Your telegram No.99 Secret.

Six inch gun could be mounted by personnel available
locally.

Governor.

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TELEGRAM. SENT.

From His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands,

To Secretary of State, London.

Despatched: 23rd December 19 39 Time: 01.43.

Received: 19 Time:

No. 139 Secret Your telegram No. 119 Secret. I agree if person selected is an artillery officer. I consider this advisable as Stanley is dependent on fixed gun defences.

There are at present two batteries and a third 6-inch gun is to be installed at Mount Low. We rely on two officers with local training except that one has been through a few weeks course at Eastney.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 35 *From* Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands,

Despatched: 4th March 19 40 *Time:* 14.21.

Received: 19 *Time:*

No. 20 Secret With reference to your telegram No. 139 Secret 25th Dec. 1939. Question of the incidence of the cost of new six-inch gun is under consideration. I assume no allowance has been made for this in the figure £7,400 for armaments ordered but not supplied which is given in your telegram No. 21 Secret. I am inclined to offer a sum not exceeding £1,500 from the Falkland Islands Funds towards the cost of this gun, the balance to be found from United Kingdom funds. Do you concur if so please telegraph.

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TELEGRAM. SENT.

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From His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands,

To Secretary of State, London,

Despatched : 11th March 19 40 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

No. 34 Secret Your telegram No. 20 Secret. If a new 6-inch gun is supplied the cost of munitions and maintenance would be a Falkland Islands commitment but no contribution can be made to capital cost. I have reached the limit of our resources for defence expenditure and can do no more without imposing additional taxation. As you are aware I have mounted and manned 12 pounder gun on Mount Low and this must serve in lieu of a 6-inch gun though the latter would afford substantially better security.

I.D.C.C.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SECRET.



Downing Street,

22 December, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my secret telegram No. 105 of the 6th December concerning the supply of armament stores by the War Office, and to inform you that my attention has been drawn to the decision conveyed in my predecessor's secret despatch of the 7th December, 1934, to the effect that the payment by Army Funds in respect of installation of defences at Port Stanley was to be regarded as a final and complete discharge of all liability for expenditure of any kind incurred on defences in the Falkland Islands, either at that date or in the future.

2. I have no doubt that you will have been aware that this condition holds for stores which it is necessary for the Falkland Islands to obtain during the present war, but as it has been specifically brought to my notice, I considered that it would be advisable to inform you to that effect.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Sd) MALCOLM MACDONALD

GOVERNOR,

SIR HERBERT HENNIKER HEATON, K.C.M.G.,

etc., etc., etc.,

Red 23
w.p. 9/12/39

Red 122-123
w.p. 5/4/32
Part I

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SECRET.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

6th April, 1940.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Secret despatch of the 22nd of December, 1939, in which you draw attention to the decision of the Army Council taken in 1934 respecting the incidence of cost of the defences of the Falkland Islands.

2. It had not occurred to me that the supply, to which you refer, of armament stores by the War Office would be a free issue to the Colony, but since my attention has been drawn to the terms of your predecessor's Secret despatch of the 7th of December 1934, I venture to submit my observations thereon.

3. The members of the Local Defence Committee, including Commodore Lane-Poole, R.N., recorded the following opinion at a meeting held on the 11th of February, 1933 :

"After free discussion it was agreed unanimously that in time of war the need for the defence of Stanley was purely an Imperial need. Its value in the oil tanks for refuelling naval vessels and the harbour for use as a contraband control base and as a refuge port for merchant shipping. The defence of Stanley was to be regarded, therefore, essentially as an Imperial liability, the Colon being prepared always to assist within the means of its resources, which resources, however, not be overstrained."

4. The conclusion reached by the Overseer Committee on this point was communicated to the Islands Government in your predecessor's Secret of the 6th of April, 1934; paragraph 2 (c) ran follows :-

"That having in mind the previously expressed willingness of the Colony to shoulder its own defence responsibilities, and in view of the fact that in the opinion of the Committee, the costs submitted could be substantially reduced, no sufficient case has been made out for the suggestion that the defence of Port Stanley should now become an Imperial responsibility."

5. Where or when the Colony accepted the whole responsibility for its own defences is as much a mystery to me as why some reduction in the costs of a particular work should affect the main issue. However, the decision of the Oversea Defence Committee was presumably helpful to the Army Council in enabling it to decide in 1934 that the conditional grant of a sum not exceeding £1,305 "should be regarded as a final and complete discharge of all liability of any kind incurred on defences in the Falkland Islands", past, present and future.

6. The Colony has nothing of its own to defend except prestige and no material property of other than negligible value that can be removed or is worth destroying. On the other hand it is by reason of its strategical position becoming of steadily increasing importance as a naval base. To the oil tanks and wireless station have been or are being added a large store ship, tankers, ammunition magazines and valuable stores for His Majesty's ships. The defences are entirely manned and maintained by the local defence force including the provision of guards over naval property, at the cost of the colonists.

7. As you are aware from previous correspondence the estimated expenditure for military defence from the outbreak of war to the end of the current year will amount to £12. 10s. 0d, per head of a small agricultural community with no manufactures and no industries except the production of wool.

9. You will, I conceive appreciate that I am making the present representations solely with a view to safe-guarding the future. I have been alarmed by the statement in the second paragraph of your despatch that the condition laid down by the Army Council holds for defence stores necessitated by the present war. I would prefer to refund the £1,305 rather than that the Colony should be considered to remain an assenting party to any such bargain. The amount falls short even of the cost of maintaining guards over Admiralty property in Stanley Harbour.

Sir,

Excerpt from Notes of points discussed by His
Excellency the Governor and the Executive Engineer
on Monday, 29th April, 1940.

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DEFENCE FORCE. The question of moving the gun at
Canopus to be given careful consideration having in
mind that it is no longer thought to be indefensible
for a gun to be on the sky-line.
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TELEGRAM.

No. 116 From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 16th May 19 40 Time: 09.35.

Received: 19 Time:

Rea (10) No. 50 Secret with reference to your telegram No. 34 It has been decided in the circumstances that capital cost may be borne by British Army Funds on the understanding that annual cost of ammunition and maintenance of gun will be borne by the Colonial Government.

I.D.C.O.

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TELEGRAM. SENT.

From ~~Secretary of State, London,~~
His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.
To ~~Secretary of State, London,~~

Despatched: 28th May 19 40 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

No.61 Your telegram No.50 Secret. Colony very grateful for free supply~~of~~ of the gun. The following necessary equipment is needed:- 200 rounds A.P. fused shell, 250 full charges, 50 rounds practice shot, 300 V.S. percussion tubes to suit gun, 25 star shell 6", 25 star shell charges. O.C. Defence Force attaches particular importance to star shells. It is hoped gun will have at least 20,000 yards range. In addition to all spares and sidearms complete cage or gun base with all necessary reinforcing metal and cement will be required. Please give me as much notice as possible of date of despatch.

I.D.C.O.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 6th June,

19 40. *Time* : ...

Received : 6th June,

19 40. *Time* : ...

No. 60 Secret your telegram No. 61 in view of military situation here regret it is now impossible to release six inch gun or ammunition for Falkland Islands.

I am very sorry but I am sure you will realize that immediate requirements in France and this country must have priority.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Red 18

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Tel. No.—Whitehall 9400.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:—
The Under-Secretary of State,
The War Office,
London, S.W. 1
and the following number quoted.



THE WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

70/Guns/1129.(A.A.1.b.)

SECRET

20
10th May 1940

Sir,

Auto Sight Data - Mount Low.

I am directed to refer to the proposed installation of a B.L. 6-inch equipment at MOUNT LOW and to request that the attached auto sight forms may be completed as early as possible.

I am to add that height to pedestal base may be given if trunnion heights are not available.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

R. Langford.

for. Director of Anti-Aircraft & Coast Defence.

His Excellency.
The Governor & General Officer Commanding in Chief,
Falkland Islands.

Note:

The forms referred to were not attached to the letter.

G. S. S.
1/6/40.

Downing Street,

(2)

047/3/40.

29th March, 1940.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary MacDonald to refer to your letter No. 078/142(F.l.) of the 5th January regarding the cost of the provision of a six-inch gun for the Falkland Islands, to be sited on Mount Low.

2. The correspondence to which your letter refers includes a letter from the War Office (No.078/130(M.O.2.) of the 3rd October, 1934. In this letter the Army Council stated that they were prepared to provide a sum not exceeding £1,305 for the defences of Port Stanley, on the condition, inter alia, that the payment of this sum should be "regarded as a final and complete discharge of all liability for expenditure of any kind incurred on defences in the Falkland Islands, either now or in the future". This condition was, however, materially modified in subsequent correspondence, and since 1934 Port Stanley has been declared a Category Port.

3. The Secretary of State is not aware what sums are involved by the provision of a six-inch gun for the Falkland Islands. But he has given consideration in consultation with the Governor to the question of the extent to which the Colony is in a position to provide further sums towards the cost of its local defences. The Army Council will appreciate that since the war the defence expenditure for which the Colonial Government has made itself responsible has very heavily increased. According to current estimates, the total amount which the Colony will have found from its own resources for defence purposes by the end of 1940 will be about £40,300. Of this sum £19,000 represents recurrent expenditure which will have to be provided annually as long as the war continues. This sum of £19,000 is equal to about 30% of the Colony's total revenue.

4. In order to provide these funds fresh taxation has been imposed. But it is estimated that the additional revenue derived from the new taxes will be insufficient to balance the budget, and that the Colony will

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

WAR OFFICE.

will be compelled to begin this year to draw upon its reserves.

5. In all the circumstances, the Secretary of State feels that the Government of the Falkland Islands is not in a position to find any further substantial sums for defence purposes, and that this small Colony, with a population of only about 2,300 people, is already making as large a contribution towards the cost of its local defences as can be expected. Indeed the latest telegram from the Governor on this subject implies that unless the Falkland Islands Government is relieved of any share of the capital cost of the new gun (as opposed to the cost of ammunition and maintenance which the Colonial Government will bear) the twelve pounder gun on Mount Low must in his view serve in lieu of a six-inch gun. In the circumstances Mr. MacDonald trusts that the Army Council will be prepared to accept the capital cost of the gun as a charge upon War Office Votes.

I am, etc.,
(Sgd.) W.J. Bigg.

ALKLAND ISLANDS

SECRET

Downing Street,

24th May, 1940.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my telegram No.50 of the 16th of May concerning the provision of a six-inch gun to be sited on Mount Low and to transmit to you, for your information, a copy of a letter which was addressed to the War Office on the 28th of March suggesting that if the cost of ammunition and maintenance charges is borne on Colonial funds the capital cost of the gun should form a charge against War Office Votes.

2. I have now learnt from the War Office that approval has been given to the provision of the gun at the expense of Army Funds. The issue will be on the usual terms of "long loan" and is subject to the condition that the Colonial Government will bear the cost of maintenance and of practice ammunition.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Signed) LLOYD

Red (16)

29. 3. 40.

GOVERNMENT

SIR ROBERT HENNIKER HEATON, K.C.M.G.,

ac., ac., ac.



FALKLAND ISLANDS.
SECRET.

Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
June, 1940.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your secret despatch of the 6th April regarding the incidence of cost of the defences of the Falkland Islands.

Red (14)



2. I note from paragraph 9 of your despatch that your representations to the effect that the Colony should not be precluded from assistance from Imperial Funds were made solely with a view to safe-guarding the future. The point has already been raised with the War Office, and as you will be aware from correspondence ending in my secret telegram No. 60 of the 6th June, the Army Council, having considered on its merits the question of providing an additional six-inch gun, agreed that it should be issued to the Colony on long loan.

Red (19)

3. In present circumstances I am reluctant to raise the question of principle with the War Office again, but your observations, with which I have much sympathy, will be borne in mind in any future negotiations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Signed) LLOYD

GOVERNOR

SIR HERBERT HENNIKER HEATON, K.C.M.G.,

etc., etc., etc.

DECODE.

No 455

TELEGRAM.

From.....Under Secretary of State for War.

To.....H. E. the Governor

Despatched :

19

Time :

Received :

28th August

19 40

Time :

14.45

80303 28/8

State briefly system of communications ~~of~~ existing coast defences giving methods type and quantity of equipment installed or available e.g. if buried cable used and what signal instruments.

I.D.

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TELEGRAM.

To..... UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR

Received : 19 Time :

Your 80303 28/8. All gun positions and outposts interconnected with Public Telephone in Stanley. All overhead wires. Two gun positions have wireless telephones. All have either Aldis or Lucas lamps and flags. Difficulty charging batteries allows only minimum essential practice for training signallers. Heliographs would be helpful.

The five gun positions are separated from each other by surface transit of approximately 30 minutes.

I.D.

No.
(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

9th. September 1940 19

From Officer Commanding
Defence Force.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

M O S T S E C R E T.

*See
Appendix*
I have the honour to transmit herewith fair copy of the Head IV. - Military Estimates as discussed on Friday last. May I direct your attention to the amendment under sub-head 17 ? The additional sum for the Revised Estimate 1940 is an account just received from the Crown Agents for the passages of the B.A. Contingent, which account was, I believe, a completely unanticipated liability from everyone's point of view, and will I assume have to be the subject of an application for a Special Warrant.

May I request that either in forwarding the Estimates to His Excellency or beforehand, the following notes which apply to sub-heads 12 and 18 particularly, may be submitted.

My arrival in Stanley was only a very short time before the 1940 Estimates were prepared, with the result that the present Estimates are the first in which I have had an opportunity of making any extensive proposals for the fixed defences of the Colony, and I have had to be content in the interim with minor essentials to avoid making application for still further Special Warrants than has already been the case. The delay has not been without its advantages however, as it has enabled me to give nearly a years close study to the problem and whatever else the proposals that I now submit ^{may be, they} are not the result of hasty decisions.

After most carefully weighing the various possible forms of attack with each changing phase of the campaign and making changes in dispositions to meet each change I have been fully confident that other than an attack in heavy numbers supported by a major naval assault we could have every reasonable hope of a successful outcome of any operation. In my opinion Stanley, which is

looked on as the key of the Colony, cannot become completely impregnable, ~~or~~ hope to prevent long range bombardment until we have a new type of, and additional guns for the heavy batteries, with an increase in the number of guns and lighter calibre. This millennium is most unlikely; as if ~~it~~^{that} is assumed for one moment, the Imperial Government could supply anything and everything for which the Colony asked, local finances could hardly bear the strain and we most definitely could not find the personnel in officers or men to man the new defences, unless all other life here was to be brought to a standstill.

The Headquarters Company of the Force has during the past year grown in strength and improved tremendously in efficiency. The impossibility of outdoor training during winter months has naturally retarded its progress in its most important branch- field training - this will commence in earnest at the end of the present month, and the men with ~~their~~ keenness will quickly become comparatively highly trained. Even so the total number of this force together with lack of officers, absence of N.C.O's with previous experience, and the untried ability of the men to stand shell fire ~~would~~^{be against} prevent their use in any tactical work. The defence of the Colony is the only exception I have found where the general policy that "attack is the best form of defence" is ~~not~~ justified. The wonderful natural cover, the inherent good marksmanship of those born in the Colony are such important factors that they more than outweigh other considerations in making the defence defensive rather than offensive. Once this fact is admitted the next question is how to make ^{the} most and best use of the resources available. An arbitrary line of troops across the line of advance with a few scouts in front has so far been the broad scheme, but this is open to serious objections, some of which have already been proved during exercises. They are chiefly:-

- (1) Difficulty of communication and control along the line, any movement being easily seen.
- (2) The siting of the line would have to be hurriedly done and in all probability would through lack of experienced N.C.O's and officers be badly sited in parts with dead ground etc:

- (3) The difficulty of keeping up and distributing forward supplies of ammunition.
- (4) The difficulty of efficient communication between the forward troops and Battle Head Quarters. (Aldis lamps are not available and flags are far too prominent).
- (5) Possibly the most important objection, infiltration of enemy through the line or even a break in the line with no defensive system organised in depth.
- (6) The difficulty of ration supply in a prolonged action.

In order to overcome these difficulties in the most part if not entirely, I have submitted that the sum of £2000 be embodied under subhead 18 and have asked for provision to be made to purchase 12 Bren Guns instead of 4 under subhead 12. If the expenditure is approved it is intended with the concurrence of His Excellency to execute the fixed defences hereafter mentioned.

With the strengthening of the gun defences in Port William any possible landing therein while at the moment most unlikely, will, with the arrival of the D.E.L.S at Cape Pembroke become almost impossible, but even so the Northern Shore is impracticable with the Murrell River to cross in approaching Stanley and on the South shore all attacks must eventually develop across the "bottle neck" at the S.E. corner of the Canache. For practical defensive purposes therefore against hostile infantry one need only consider the coast line from Surf Bay to Narrow Point in Port Harriet, i.e. the area bounded by the red line on the enclosed map. There is one other point of approach i.e. from Strike off Point to the wireless station.

The fixed defences of this area proposed are machine gun nests and rifle posts arranged in echelon in depth, with proper siting for cross and all round fire, overhead cover, and barbed wire surrounds. The greatest care must be taken in concealing such posts both from land, sea and air. The proposed defended zones are shown on the attached map in green shading. The area shown is approximately in position only. Careful reconnaissance and siting will be needed to select the best possible sites. Each emplacement would be filled with a S.A.A. reserve, water and iron rations, and would be inspected once a week. Each emplacement would be clearly numbered and the Head Quarters Company could be ordered to man whichever

posts most suited the actual eventual landing.

In front of the defended zone a series of Observation Posts is proposed. Large enough to hold two men, they would be fitted with a fixed signalling apparatus. In connection with this I have designed a suitable type of thing and a specimen is now being made with a view to experiments being carried out as to its actual possibilities. By this means immediate reports on enemy movements could be sent to either Battle Hqs. or gun positions. The relative positions of the O.P.s are shown on the map by blue crosses.

With the adoption of fixed defended positions the present few automatic small arm weapons possessed by the Force becomes still more obvious. There are at this time held by the Force, five machine guns and eight Lewis Guns. These are distributed as follows. One machine gun at each of the outposts at Navy Point, Wireless Guard, Sapper Hill and Canopus and one with the Headquarters Company. Two Lewis Guns (on twin mounting) at Sapper Hill, two at Canopus, two with Headquarters Company and two in reserve, for one of the last two there being no spares. Assuming that two Lewis Guns are to be left in Stanley for Anti-aircraft work it leaves one machine gun and two Lewis guns for the defended zone. For this reason the estimate submitted suggest that twelve new Bren Guns be supplied instead of the four originally intended. If the Imperial ^{Government} are not able to supply Bren Guns for some considerable time to come, it is suggested that Lewis guns be asked for instead. It is true that their rate of fire is less but being in fixed defences their weight is not such a disadvantage as it would be in a mobile force and as this type of gun is becoming obsolete in the U.K. they might be obtainable free of any cost to the Colony.

With the adoption of the scheme outlined above, I can with every confidence say that nothing short of a landing in very great numbers fully supported by powerful naval units could hope to do more than get a few yards from their point of landing.

Rush Woodgate

Major.
Officer Commanding Defence Force.

Self/ma.



PORT STANLEY AND DISTRICT

SCALE THREE INCHES TO 2500 YARDS
TRACED FROM ADMIRALTY CHART 1610 BETWEEN YORK POINT
AND KIDNEY ISLANDS REMAINING ENLARGED FROM OTHER CHARTS.

NOTE: THIS MAP IS A CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT AND IS NOT TO BE SHOWN TO CIVILIANS
IT SHOULD AND MUST BE DESTROYED TO AVOID ITS CAPTURE AND ITS LOSS REVEALING.

Secret

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22nd January, 1941.

My dear Admiral,

I send this note on leaving, with an expression of my great regret that it has been impossible for us to meet here.

There are questions of defence, more or less pressing, which cannot be well dealt with by correspondence. I am glad to know that Hawkins shares my views on our deficiencies and he is I understand putting a report up to you.

It is as well that you should be given a full appreciation of the position as we see it and I write now to supplement the information which must be available to you from the papers handed on to you by your predecessor.

It is typical and explicable that we should not yet have received defence stores asked for urgently on the 5th September 1939. The Colonial Office has done what it can, but neither the War Office nor the Admiralty have ever accepted responsibility for our defences or military supplies. We have to rest content with having been told that the stores were shipped to Trinidad in the early part of 1940.

Our most serious deficiency lies in the lack of one good modern 6" gun to cover the approaches to Port William and the bombardment area.

On the 11th October, 1939, I informed the Secretary of State for the Colonies that our artillery defences were inadequate and that no lesser measure

could render them secure than the provision of a 4" or 6" gun with a range of at least 14000 yards. I had in mind the existing 40 years old guns with a range of 11300 yards. One of them cannot get within half a mile of the harbour entrance. They have not been fired often and are still accurate within their range. In view of what we have learnt since of the armament of raiders we now want something to cover at least 20000 yards.

By May of last year the War Office had finally agreed to let us have a 6" gun. We agreed to mount, man and maintain it entirely from our own resources. I got a polite message in June saying that we would understand that nothing could be done in the supply of guns or ammunition at that crisis. This we appreciated and you will understand our great reluctance to press for anything since, having regard to the paramount requirements of home defence.

There is little I can add beyond saying that I still consider that the defence of the Colony will be insecure pending the provision of at least one good modern gun.

Yours H.
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From H. E.

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H. E. C.

Will you please see
that letter of which
copies are attached is
given to Captain Hawkins
for the Admiral.

Captain Hawkins
might see a copy

~~THH~~ 22/1

From His Excellency the Governor

to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

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As you are aware I have for long been dissatisfied with our protection from long range bombardment. I spoke to the late R.A.S.F.D. about the matter and told him that in the absence of any device for putting up a smoke screen we had arranged to light fires with diddle dee some pitch etc. This would be amateurish and I think inadequate.

We found on inspecting the Camber stores with the Captain of the Queen of Bermuda that there are some 40 smoke floats there which could be lighted on sea or land.

I am strongly of opinion that we should get hold of at least 10 of them six for the Banache and two each at the Wireless Station and Navy Point. One I think might be lighted for demonstration purposes, and one when Queen of Bermuda comes in as she may ^{possibly soon} ~~probably~~ do. She

could be asked to approach in daylight
at the bearing 280° to 310° from 15
miles.

All this will of course be a
matter for you and O.C. D.F. but
I do not think that it would be
right to lose any time before
putting it into effect.

~~W.H.H.~~ 22/1/41

N.O.I.C. would I take it agree to
the understanding that the photos
were properly cared for and would be
available for the Navy if not
used.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands,

To Secretary of State.

Despatched: 25th January 19 Time:

Received: 19 Time:

No.14 Secret reference your ~~11/11/11~~ telegram of June 6th 1940.

May I be ~~11/11/11~~ informed whether it is now possible to supply the gun and ammunition for Mount Low.

Twelve Bren guns including the four asked for in my telegram No.45 of 3rd July 1939 and No.119 1940 vide your telegram No.46 are urgently required.

Reports of activities of heavily armed raider in South Atlantic have given ground for concern.

I.D.C.O.

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TELEGRAM.

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From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 27th January, 1941. *Time :* 2205.

Received : 28th January, 1941. *Time :* 1200.

Red (35) No. 13 Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 14 six inch gun and Brens. Am considering in consultation with service departments and will telegraph further as soon as possible. Meanwhile what is present strength of Defence Force. Are you satisfied that they can operate 20 machine guns (8 in service plus 12 requested).

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.D.C.O.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

37.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 29th January, 1941. *Time:* ...

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

Red 36

No. 16. With reference to your telegram No. 13 Secret Strength and distribution Defence Force. Headquarters 13 Manning Guns and Outposts 71 Striking Force 87. The additional Machine guns are required for perimeter of concealed and protected machine gun positions to be occupied by striking force personnel of which will operate the guns.

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 4th February, 1941. Time : 1302.

Received : 5th February, 1941. Time : 1030.

No. 17 Secret.

Red 37
1. Your telegram No. 16 Bren Guns. Three Lewis Guns and mountings are being released early leaving 9 for further consideration out of total still desired.

2. Please telegraph how many mountings (a) single (b) twin are required as under (new paragraph) (one) for eight Lewis Guns already in service (new paragraph) (two) for three mentioned in first paragraph of this telegram (new paragraph) (three) for remaining 9 if and when released.

3. Request for 6 inch Gun has been carefully examined but in view of the shortage of coast defence equipment and considering other places many of which possess no guns conclusion has been reluctantly reached that additional gun for Falkland Islands cannot be spared. I fully appreciate your anxiety but service departments consider present scale of defence should be sufficient to deter armed merchant cruisers. Experience shows such vessels generally avoid defended ports owing to disproportionate vagaries which they run if damaged far from base. Though heavily armed they are not heavily protected.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.D.C.O.

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TELEGRAM.

39

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 10th February, 1941. *Time:* ...

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

Ref 38

No. 19. Your telegram No. 17 Secret no mountings are required for Lewis Guns already in service. Single mountings required for three and remaining nine mentioned in paragraph 1 of your telegram under reference.

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 26th February, 19 41. *Time :* 2250.

Received : 27th February, 19 41. *Time :* 1030.

Red 39
No. 29. Secret With reference to your telegram No. 19 Machine Guns. My attention has been drawn to the request by the Lighthouse Keeper at Cape Pembroke for arms and ammunition. Understand Naval Officer-in-Charge and Officer Commanding Defence Force support the application.

I consider all guns in the Colony should be at the disposal of the Officer Commanding the Defence Force for allocation where he thinks most necessary. One or more guns might be sited so as to afford protection to the Lighthouse. Officer Commanding the Defence Force may consider on defence grounds one of the existing eight guns should be so sited with temporary mounting for A.A. purposes.

Presume proposed allocation of the twelve guns on order covers protection of the Lighthouse. Please confirm.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.D.

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C-in-C., S.A. ()
repeated Admiralty ()

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After consultation with the Governor of the Falkland Islands and a careful study of all defences my anxiety for the security of the only base for the South America Division is considerably increased. With the number of enemy raiders known to be at large the possibility of attack cannot be ignored. Any enemy ship equipped with aircraft or guns ranging over 16000 yards could destroy the facilities of the base with complete immunity from present defences and I am not satisfied that a surprise hostile landing in the defence area could be repelled with any degree of certainty.

I consider the minimum additional defence requirements to provide sufficient deterrent against attack are

(a) Either one six-inch gun ranging at least 18000 yards or an obsolescent ship with guns of equivalent effective range. Latter solution preferable as being quicker and could provide barrack accommodation, workshops and A/A defence.

(b) Immediate provision of the twelve Bren guns already requested, this being augmented by a platoon of Bren carriers when available.

(c) To render these minimum requirements fully effective aircraft are required. It is suggested that two open sea type flying boats would provide necessary reconnaissance, some striking power and defence against minor air operations. Necessary slipway can be constructed locally.

The possibility of the extension of the war and the consequent fuller use of the Falkland Islands base further emphasises the necessity for the earliest provision of these extra defences.

(42)

Apart from the loss of base facilities I am of the opinion that a successful attack on the Falkland Islands would have a disastrous effect on our prestige in South America.

Telegram on similar lines is being sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Governor of the Falkland Islands.

N.B. I asked the R.A. to ask for a copy of this to be sent to S. of S. & he agreed.
V.D. 4/11/41

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 3rd March, 1941. Time : ...

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

Red 38.
No. 33. Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 17 Secret I have had the opportunity to confer with Rear Admiral, South America Division, and his staff. The unanimous opinion is that the defences of Stanley are inadequate against attack by sea, land or air. Bombardment of our tanks and wireless station by even a raider with modern 5.9" gun could not be answered. The importance of Port Stanley as a naval base is a question not for me to decide but in view of the above opinion I must emphasize if the base is to be defended the urgent need for increased defences and would point out that the present 6" guns were already obsolete in 1916 when they were set up and have a range of only 11,400 yards against the 18,000 yards of a modern 5.9".

I am advised that the minimum requirements are :-

(a) Artillery. Either one modern 6" gun capable of firing not less than 18,000 yards, or

A warship, otherwise unserviceable, such as H.M.S. Canopus in the War 1914-18.

The latter is undoubtedly preferable as having the following advantages :

- (a) accommodation
- (b) workshops
- (c) A.A. defence
- (d) extra personnel, including artisans.

and would possibly be readily available.

Red 35.
(b) The Colony is without defence against any landing in West Falkland or on the greater part of East Falkland but the defence scheme forsee only the naval base around Port Stanley. I am advised that the Bren guns asked for in my telegram No. 14 Secret are absolutely essential but in order to make the position really satisfactory it is considered that one platoon of Bren carriers involving 31 ranks including one officer should be provided.

Finally I am advised that to enable these minimum requirements to be effective, aircraft are required. The following scale is suggested :-

2 open sea type reconnaissance flying boats.

These aircraft will provide

- (a) reconnaissance
- (b) additional striking power against hostile landings.
- (c) a measure of defence against enemy air operations.

Red 38.
In view of the shortage of coast defence equipment mentioned in your telegram No. 17 it might be arranged to bring from Cape Town one of their recently discarded guns. As regards aircraft hangar and slipway could be constructed by Public Works Department and if necessary use might be made of Buenos Aires contingent again for the Bren carriers.

Immediately on arrival of Allderidge (your telegram No. 24) his advice will be sought but I feel it essential that your attention should be drawn immediately to the gravity of the situation in regard to the considered inadequacy of the defences of this base.

A copy of this telegram I have given the Rear Admiral, S.A.D.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 6th March,

19 41. *Time* : 1730.

Received : 7th March,

19 41. *Time* : 1030.

Important.

Unnumbered. Your telegram No. 33 Please check and repeat from
"and if necessary" to "carriers" at the end of paragraph 2.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 7th March, 19 41. *Time:* ...

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

Unnumbered. Your telegram unnumbered 6th March in reference to my telegram Secret No. 33 beginning "and if necessary use might be made of Buenos Aires contingent again for the Bren carriers" end of paragraph 2.

2. This refers to volunteers from that centre who came over at the beginning of hostilities and were returned after the Battle of the Plate.

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 30th March, 1941. *Time :* 0010.

Received : 31st March, 1941. *Time :* 1030.

No. 39. Secret. Your telegram No. 33 has been considered in consultation by Port Defence Committee. Range of 6 inch guns can be increased to 15000 yards by use of special ammunition. 200 rounds being shipped first opportunity This greatly reduces risk of effective bombardment and conclusion has been reached that there is no necessity to rescind decision recorded in my telegram No. 17.

War Office will supply nine further Lewis guns in addition to the three now awaiting shipment, (one or two) complete your requirements. It is hoped to ship these with naval ammunition referred to above.

It is agreed that Defences would be improved by supplying some aircraft for reconnaissance but regret these cannot at present be released in view of urgent demand for aircraft at other important places.

Admiralty have informed Commander -in-Chief South America Division.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.D.C.O.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 3rd April, 19 41. *Time:* ..

Received: ... 19 *Time:*

No. 41. Secret. Your telegram No. 39 request that War Office be asked to forward immediately 2 copies of Standard Range Tables and 4 copies of Corrected Range Tables for the special ammunition mentioned.

2. O.C. Troops urgently requires following :-

- (a) 1 copy Handbook of 6 inch Mk. VII Gun on C.D. Mountings;
- (b) 12 copies each; Coast Defence Drill for 6 inch Mk. VII and XIX Guns; 12 Pdr. Q.F. Coast Defence; Coast Defence Companion or similar book;
- (c) 50 copies of Practice Reports and 500 copies B.C's correction forms (8212 and 8213) obtainable from Coast Defence School of Gunnery.

3. Grateful if S.A.A. referred to in my telegram No. 119 be supplied simultaneously with guns.

GOVERNOR.

SECRET.

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No. S/4/32.

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

MINUTE.

4th April, 19 41.

From The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To Officer Commanding Troops,

STANLEY.

With reference to your Minute of the 2nd of April, 1941, in M.P. S/4/32, I am directed by the Governor and Commander-in-Chief to request that you will be so good as to furnish the following information to enable a fuller view to be taken of the suggestions put forward by you regarding the moving of the two 6" Guns:

1. How is it proposed to do these changes ?
2. How long will it take for either movement ?
3. What would be the cost ? (transport, foundations. etc.,)
4. What provision will be made as to a look-out at Sapper Hill ?
5. How many extra men will be required if the look-out is to be kept ?
6. What would be the cost of new quarters, magazines, etc., consequent on the proposed changes?
7. What is the position as to fuel ?
8. Who will Command at the new position ?

(Sgd) A. L. FARRER

for Colonial Secretary.

No.
(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

7th April, 19 41.

From The Officer Commanding
Troops,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Yours S/4/32 of 4th April, 1941, to hand.

My Minute of the 2nd instant in M.P. S/4/32 ventured only a suggestion for the placing and ultimate control of the two 6" guns at Sapper Hill and Canopus in order to bring the general scheme of Defence of the Port Stanley area into line with accepted principles of Coastal Defence, a report upon which I am in the process of preparing, even if such report merely serves to lay down in clear ^{perspective} ~~proportion~~ the hard facts of the virtues and shortcomings of the existing scheme of Defence. I have not had sufficient opportunity at the moment of writing to complete that report - for instance I have not been to Mount Low at all - The fact that H.M. Government in London will not send out a modern 6" gun forces the hand of anyone responsible for the preparation of a Scheme for defending the Stanley area and I have merely surmised the answer without going into details at the moment.

The various existing conditions of shortage in man power, accommodation, fuel, materials and finance are appreciated as they have been indicated in detail to me by His Excellency.

My feeling is that I cannot give a reasonable and useful answer to the questionnaire "in toto" without experiencing a full comprehension of the complete scheme, and this I have not yet achieved. The question of co-ordination between the Coastal Defences and the Royal Navy in such matters as P.W.S.S. has not been touched upon nor has the working of the Examination Service. These two points must be settled before any question of the movement of guns is considered - except of course the close or inner defences - comprising the 3 pdr. and the 12 pdrs.

I am quite prepared to give some verbal answers to the questionnaire and would be grateful if the written answers may be deferred for a short time until I can answer them clearly and in detail.

Sapper/

Sapper Hill is too valuable as a look-out post to be discontinued as such.

C. Donald: *unintelligible*

Col.
Officer Commanding Troops.

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO HARBOUR DEFENCES.

FROM ... THE NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE, STANLEY.

DATE ... 16th June 1941. No: U. 1/13.

TO ... THE HONOURABLE COLONIAL SECRETARY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

It is requested that I may be kept informed of all impending changes etc. in the Harbour defences.

2. I understand that the Examination Battery which was originally at Arrow Point, has now been placed at Charles Point; confirmation of this is requested. Also I believe that the Hydrophone, which was in position off Arrow Point, has been lifted and placed elsewhere, but have no definite knowledge that this is so, nor of its new position (ie True Bearing and Distance from any given Point).

3. The placing, lifting and positioning of these Hydrophones has always been the responsibility of the Navy and it is not understood why this alteration was carried out without any previous reference to me. O.C. Troops had already discussed the position of the hydrophone with me and it was decided that there was no need to alter its position.

4. Information as to its present position is very necessary in order to avoid the possibility of ships letting go an anchor on top of it.

5. All alterations and additions to the Harbour Defences have to be reported to The Rear Admiral Commanding South America Division in my monthly report, as already stated in my letter U. 1/13 dated 25th April to O.C. Troops.

R. N. Marks

COMMANDER, R.N.
(Naval Officer in Charge).

BILL OF LADING FOR * NAVAL STORES.

* Here insert "Naval" (which includes Machinery, Gun Mountings, and all other articles purchased out of Vote 8), "Victualling," "Medical," "Works," "Naval Ordnance," or "Stationery."

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Mr. *Beaton*

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to *The Governor, Falkland Islands*

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In Witness whereof the Master of the said Ship hath affirmed to

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Lading all of this tenor and date, one of which Bills being accomplished the others to stand void. Payment to be made at *London*.

For a voyage from any port in Great Britain or Northern Ireland.

This Bill shall have effect subject to the provisions of the Rules relating to Bills of Lading scheduled to and as applied by the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 1924.

For any voyage other than the above.

~~This Bill shall have effect subject to the provisions of the Rules relating to Bills of Lading scheduled to the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 1924, as if that Act applied to the present voyage.~~

N.B.—Strike out whichever of the two preceding clauses is inapplicable.

Dated at *London* the *18th* day of *June* 194 *1*.

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<i>Recd 22/7/41</i> <i>For: The Governor, Falkland Islands.</i>								
If the ship is not owned by or chartered by demise to the Company or Line by whom this Bill of Lading is issued (as may be the case notwithstanding anything that appears to the contrary) this Bill of Lading shall take effect only as a contract with the owner or demise charterer as the case may be as principal made through the agency of the said Company or Line who act as agents only and shall be under no personal liability whatsoever in respect thereof								
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Naval Store Officer, Midland Area,
Sta. 112/35 R.N. Store Depot, Stafford.

Shipping Officer.

Sumatran P.
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NAVAL MESSAGE.

Revised
December, 1935.

S. 1320b.

For use in
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MINUTE.

18th June, 19 41.

S E C R E T.

From The Officer Commanding

Troops,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Naval Officer-in-Charge,

STANLEY.

Your No. U. 1/13 of 16th June, 1941.

Alterations and additions to Harbour Defences.

Your memo as above has been passed to me by the Honourable Colonial Secretary as I must assume responsibility for all actions of the Defence Force.

It is quite true that two 12 pdr. guns have been moved, one from Mount Low and one from Arrow Point to a position 400^x North of Charles Point for the purpose of ultimately forming an Examination Battery on modern lines and to more effectively cover the entrance to and area beyond Port William. I had hoped to report this battery in complete working order to you at an early date but delay has been unavoidable. As soon as means of communication are satisfactory I will furnish you with details.

The Hydrophone was unfortunately moved in error. I gave orders, after a discussion with yourself to connect hydrophone up from Arrow Point to Charles Point meaning only a lengthening of the cable. As there was not sufficient cable to do this and as the old cable was badly in need of repair through chafing my instructions were interpreted to mean the movement of the hydrophone to a position that would give the best and immediate results from the amount of cable available. This action in usurping a Naval responsibility is regretted.

The present position of the hydrophone is :-

From Charles Point Battery	119°	True Bearing.
" Ordnance "	060°	" "
" Canopus Hut	021°	" "

This gives a point 700^x from, and on a true bearing of 119° from the centre of Charles Point Battery.

A lays 14" projector signalling lamp is being installed at Sapper Hill for the purpose of challenging vessels approaching the harbour from the/

and
the South West/for communication with vessels in the harbour.
It should be completed this week.

I do not think that any further work has been done on the
Defences of which you are not aware and I will keep you informed
of any future operations.

CSH

Col.
Officer Commanding Troops,
Falkland Islands.

No.

S/L/52.

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

S E C R E T.

MINUTE.

21st June, 19 44. (53)

From Colonial Secretary,

To The Naval Officer-in-Charge,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

With reference to your Memo. No. U. 1/13 of the 16th of June, 1941, on the subject of the alterations and additions to Harbour Defences, I am directed to inform you that a copy of your communication has been passed to the Officer Commanding, Troops, and it is understood that the position in this regard has now been clarified.


for Colonial Secretary.

For use in
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London

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TO:

FROM:

TROOPERS

AA 53. Liddle. Dunning loaders for CA
batteries march equipments.

Report number and type of loaders in
possession and required. If manufacture possible
locally report if plans required.

Addressed Gibraltar Malta Middle East Singapore
MILWESTAF Colombo

TROOPERS

Book or Table to be used for

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Date.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Under Secretary of State for War.

Despatched : 8th July 19 Time : ..

Received : 19 Time :

Your telegram 74548 26th June one in possession B.L. 6" Mark VII 6684 dated 1904 with non rotating iron breech block. Old and becoming unusable no lock or slide box and misfire drill impossible. One modern 6" Coast Defence type Dummy Loader with steel breechblock, lock and slide box required with six dummy shell and cartridges also one 12 Pdr dummy loader with necessary drill ammunition, primers and extractor. Manufacture locally impossible. Colony cannot however bear cost of these loaders.

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TELEGRAM.

From Under Secretary of State for War,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 21st July, 19 41. Time: 1345.

Received: 22nd July, 19 41. Time: 1030.

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1 case Heliographs 5 inch measuring 3 feet loaded
Charlbury transshipping at Montevideo. Agreed.

TROOPERS.

I.D.C. (14)

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 22nd July, 1941. *Time:* 2114.

Received: 23rd July, 1941. *Time:* 1030.

No. 82. Secret. Admiralty have instructed the Commander-in-Chief South Atlantic to send you one four inch gun and mounting complete with the necessary spares and tools and 200 rounds of ammunition. Gun is intended for Mount Low in order better to cover Berkeley Sound against landing raid.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.D.C.O.

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TELEGRAM.

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From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 25th July, 19 41. Time: ...

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

Redst.

No. 97. Your telegram No. 82 Secret request that Range
Finder may be included. Officer Commanding Troops
suggests P.F. if possible. Presume all these on loan.

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.

From. A.G.M.O. COVENTRY.

To. THE GOVERNOR.....
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

(60)

Herewith D. 134 Vouchers for... GUN MOUNTING GEAR recently

issued to you. Will you please sign for receipt. Original and Duplicate
should be returned to this office, and Triplicate retained for your records.

Signed & returned 22/10/44.

R. B. Bunn
ADMIRALTY GUN MOUNTING OVERSEER,
ORDNANCE WORKS,
A.G.M.O. COVENTRY. COVENTRY.

1. 136.
PACKING NOTE.

No. of Package 370 Stores, &c., sent from Admiralty Yard

To Admiralty Reg. number of demand

†Ship or Service Admiralty Date and Number of Authority to send 6-11-41

†Officer Admiralty

Pattern No.	Description	Denom.	Quantity	Dimensions of Package, tonnage measurement & weight.
	<u>For 6 P.M. M.Y.</u>			
	<u>Range Beals M.Y.</u>	<u>No 2</u>		<u>Case ①</u>
	<u>2000/2725</u>			<u>390</u>
	<u>Defence Beals</u>	<u>No 2</u>		<u>23</u>
	<u>M.Y. 2000/2725.</u>			<u>1-1 x 1-1 x 2 1/2</u>
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	<u>URGENT.</u>			
	<u>Despatched 26/5.</u>			

Packed by AGMO. †Carriage payable by Admiralty vote or
 Checked by Holliman. Mode of Conveyance* Shipment.
 For use of Reported. Signature and rank R. H. Curzon
 Shipper. Date sent 6/4 of Officer sending

The contents of the package should be checked with the particulars given above. **ADmiralty GUN MOUNTING OVERBOARD**
 differences at once reported to the consignor. This form should be retained. **ORDNANCE WORKS**

* Full consideration should be given to all the circumstances before despatching goods by **COVERED** the most economical method.
 † To be struck out where not applicable. **COVERED**
 D.—71.
 S.—136.

COMMUNICATION SHEET.

SECRET

(64)

From: Naval Store Officer, Midland Area, R.N. Store Depot, Stafford.
 Date: 23rd May, 1941. Ref.No: II/FS
 To: The Governor, Falkland Islands

The undermentioned stores were despatched to
Falkland Isles. in s.s. "Randaley"
 due to sail about 3/6/41.

Will you please endorse and return the attached Bill of Lading on receipt of this consignment.

<u>Package No.</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>No of Packages.</u>
ETJ/C 390	—	Range Deals	1 case.

W.M.S. Gentice
NAVAL STORE OFFICER

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 123.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 9th September, 19 41. *Time :* 23.58

Received : 12th September, 19 41 *Time :* 10.30.

No. 102. Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 97 regret not possible to provide a position finder.

2. Arrangements have however been made for despatch of nine foot F.Q. 2 range finder together with the following associated stores and five control instruments.

Please read following in 2 columns.

Description.

Number.

Dessicator

1

Dumaresq

1

Range clock

1

Cells

16 connections

14 connections

4 battery boxes

2 receptacles

2 (last 5 items comprise two complete batteries for illuminating range finder).

3. Terms (excluded) still under consideration by the Admiralty.
Will inform you as soon as possible.

Secretary of State.

I.D.C.O.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 94.

From Under Secretary of State for War

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 8th October, 19 41. *Time :* ...

Received : 9th October, 19 41. *Time :* ...

94418 8/10 My 87437 1/9 and 87921 30/9 firstly.

Repeat your 06221 of 21/8 to (a) Officer Commanding Troops Falkland Islands (b) RASAD, Commander in Chief South Atlantic.

Secondly.

Reference to paragraph No. 6 of your 06221 of 21/8. It is not proposed to increase defences of the Falkland Islands with the exception of (a) despatching at an early date of Norwegian detachment 1 officer and 13 other ranks for South Georgia defences. (b) replacement of 3 6" guns at Port Stanley by 2 6" 45 degrees long range guns and 1 6" naval gun.

Thirdly.

Owing to urgent commitment elsewhere the allocation of 6" 45 degrees guns may not be completed for some time. Addressed to Military Attache Buenos Aires repeated Falkland Islands.

I.D.V. (15).

Troopers.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 95. From Under Secretary of State for War.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 8th October, 19 41. Time 1601.

Received: 9th October, 19 41. Time 10.30.

Recd 67. 5/4/32.

94417 8/10 My 94418 of 8/10 M.O.4.

Firstly.

Text of War Office 87437 of September 1st and 87921 30th September your 06221 cypher August 21st and War Office 86390 cypher (M.O.4) dated August 26th. Conclusions of service departments regarding Japanese action are as follows.

1. Any attack would take the form of a raid to destroy local facilities.

(2) Type and strength of raid can only be conjecture but strength is unlikely to exceed 800 men.

(3) Japanese action against these Islands is unlikely in view of distances involved and because result would not benefit Japan directly.

(4) Any Japanese action would always certainly provoke a strong asverse reaction on the part of Americas with which Japan would have to reckon. Telegraph instructions 4963.

Secondly.

War Office 87921 of September 3rd and 3rd paragraph of 86390 of August 26th are not of interest to you now.

Thirdly.

This cable and War Office 94418 of October 8th have been sent to you for your information. Keep the Governor informed.

Addressed Falkland Islands repeated to Military Attache Buenos Aires.

I.D.V. (15)

Troopers.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From ADMIRALTY

To COMMANDER IN CHIEF S.A. (R) R.A.S.A.D.

Despatched : 8TH OCTOBER, 19 41. Time : ...

Received : 9TH OCTOBER, 19 41. Time :

(a) As a result of Buenos Aires Military Attache's 062/21 dated 21st August, which is being repeated to you, the Defence of the Falkland Islands has again received careful consideration since despatch of my 2040A/10/8.

(b) The possibility of Japanese action against the Falkland Islands in the event of Japan entering the war was examined by service departments whose agreed conclusions are :- 1. Any attack would take the form of a raid to destroy local facilities. 2. Type and strength of raid can only be conjectured, but unlikely to exceed 800. 3. Japanese action against these islands is unlikely in view of the distance involved and because results would not benefit Japan directly. 4. Any Japanese action would almost certainly provoke a strong reaction on part of Americans with which Japan would have to reckon.

(c) In view of the unlikelihood of attack mentioned above, War Office do not propose to increase land defences of Falkland Islands. A Norwegian detachment consisting of one Officer and 13 other ranks are soon being sent from the United Kingdom to South Georgia.

(d) The Governor of the Falkland Islands and Military Attache at Buenos Aires have been informed accordingly.

(e) The need for the improvement of the defences is constantly kept in mind and the scale of defences for Stanley now approved is 2 6-inch/045 long range guns and 1 6-inch Naval gun, instead of 3 6-inch shorter range guns hitherto approved. Owing to more urgent commitments elsewhere it is not expected allocation of 6-inch 045⁰ guns to complete this scale will be made for some time.

2006A/7/10.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 159. From MILITARY ATTACHE

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 13th October, 19 41. Time: 1520.

Received: 14th October, 19 41. Time: 1030.

08810 Following for Officer Commanding Troops following is text of my telegram No. 62 August 21st addressed to the War Office which I am now instructed to repeat to you. Begins. Secret and urgent.

(1) Since writing my M 41 July 5th I have urgently reviewed the Falkland Islands situation with the Rear Admiral Commanding South American Division and seen his signal No. 1342 March 5th to Admiralty his report No. 0312 A/12 to the Commander in Chief South Atlantic, and the Governors telegram of March 3rd to the Secretary of State for Colonies.

(2) My Ambassador entirely concurs with the Rear Admirals appreciation of the political importance of defending the Islands.

(3) In the event of war with the Japanese the bait offered by Port Stanley as at present defended appears so tempting as to invite a destructive raid and a general conservative estimate of the forces of the enemy would be practicable for Japan thus to employ makes it that the indication of the measures hitherto contemplated scheme on a scale altogether inadequate to the interests involved bearing in mind not improbable absence of major naval unit.

(4) The Admirals recommendations are clearly stated minimum and deal with Naval armaments. He enquired from me regarding the possibility of sending a band of volunteers from here.

(5) It will not be easy to comply efficiently with the Governors modest request transmitted in the Foreign Office telegram No. 0556 August 18th to this Embassy for a volunteer reinforcement of 5 officers and 30 other ranks and I request authority to utilize reserve officers resident here if required. Such a unit can at best be only makeshift composed of untrained and undisciplined men who will have to live under conditions calling for the best of discipline and without adequate instructors.

(6) I most strongly recommend that land defence of naval base of Port Stanley be given most serious and immediate attention. The Air Arm is outside my province but as an absolute minimum a good infantry garrison battalion less 1 company, on a special establishment to include anti-aircraft and anti tank weapons Bren guns appear to be indispensable to stiffen local force for the defence of Port Stanley by land, to provide a mobile force able to deal with isolated landings on East Falkland, and to find a detachment in South Georgia. ^{for semi Arctic conditions} would be required and could possibly be supplied from here. Interior of the country is impassable by caterpillars.

(7) Very early reply is requested to enable us to proceed or defer compliance with the Governors request for reinforcements.

(8) Addressed to D M 1 repeated Admiralty at the request of Naval Attache.

I.D.V. (15)

Military Attache.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 15th Octoberm 1941. *Time :* 0755.

Received : 15th October, 19 41. *Time :* 1030.

No. 115. Your telegram No. 41 understand from the War Office that all books and forms have now been despatched.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

C.O.I.

Red H8

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 103. *From* UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 10th November, 19 41. *Time :* 0940.

Received : 11th November, 19 41. *Time :* 1030.

50791 8/11 A A 4. Reference to Colonial Office telegram No. 82..

Forward exact site of 4 inch gun giving ^{area.} ~~area~~ of fire. State date by which gun will be ready for action.

Do you consider 12 pounder now on Mount Low can be re sited in a more advantageous site

Troopers.

I.D.V. (15).

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Under Secretary of State for War.

Despatched: 11th November, 19 41. Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

Res. 72

Your No. 50791 8/11 AA4 site of 4" gun Signal Hill; position True Bearings from Admiralty chart 1614 as follows:- from Mengeary Light 284° 30' ; from Cape Pembroke Light 312° ; from Arrow Point bench mark 334° ; seaborne visibility 300° to 205° Mag. uninterrupted. Gun ready for action on 3rd November. Rangefinder not received. 12Pdr. gun from Mount Low moved and re-sited at Charles Point with 12Pdr. from Arrow Point as Examination Battery on 30th May.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 251.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 21st November, 19 41. *Time :* 18.30.

Received : 22nd November, 19 41. *Time :* 10.30.

No. 127. Secret. With reference to my telegram No. 102 4 inch gun with fire control, spare equipment and 200 rounds of ammunition. All items issued on long loan but cost of maintenance and of practice ammunition to be borne by the Colony.

I.D.C.O.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

NAVAL MESSAGE.

Revised (75)
December, 1935.

S. 131

For use in
Signal
Department
only

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

Codress/Plaindress

No. of
Groups :

TO:

Director of Armament Supply (H) R.A.F.A.B.

FROM:

Palkland Island

Write
Across

Admiralty Issue Orders Nos. L. 1049 and L. 1051 dated 12.4.41.

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Request information stores intended for Naval Service and not

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(H) not for local defences. Pending reply 200 rounds allocated

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to Colonial Government.

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I. HUSTLER

23rd November 1941

OFFICE IN CHARGE OF ARMAMENT SUPPLY

30

(400 cartridges 3.1.5" 20 lbs 2 oz 12 lbs 2 400 shells 3.1.5"

35

S.P.F.O. ex Mandalay received at P.I. in Saltavia

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45

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System

P/L Code or Cypher

Time of

Receipt

Despatch

Operator

P.O.O.W.

Date

(76.)

Office of,
The Naval Officer in Charge,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

27th November 1941.

No: T. 1/10.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary,
The Falkland Islands.

SUPPLY OF 6-inch AMMUNITION FOR LOCAL DEFENCES.

In accordance with orders issued to me by the Rear Admiral Commanding South America Division I have given instructions to commence loading the above ammunition into an Admiralty lighter. This will be completed in 48 hours.

2. In view of the extreme importance attached by the Rear Admiral Commanding South America Division to this supply, it is requested that the necessary arrangements for its removal to the Government magazines may be expedited and that I may be informed as soon as the guns have been supplied in order to report to the Rear Admiral Commanding South America Division by signal.

R B Marki

COMMANDER, R.N.
(Naval Officer in Charge)

Copy to :-
The Officer in Charge of Armament Supply,
The Falkland Islands.

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Office of,
The Naval Officer in Charge,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

27th November 1941.

No: U. 1/13.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary,
The Falkland Islands.

DEFENCES OF PORT WILLIAM.

It is requested that the Officer Commanding Troops be asked to forward to me a full report substantiating his statement to the Rear Admiral Commanding South America Division on board H.M.S. BIRMINGHAM on 25th November that a boom is necessary between the Tussac Islands and the Mainland; also, explaining what he implied by his emphatic assertion that 'this could be done'.

2. As he had failed to inform me of his intention of bringing this matter up at this luncheon party, I was not in any position to inform the Rear Admiral usefully during the time available.

3. Having been instructed to forward a report on this matter, I would like to include his remarks with it and a copy in quintuplicate is requested.

4. From a previous discussion with the Officer Commanding Troops, I understood that his reason was that no gun was able to cover this approach and as either remedy must depend on the supply of material and man power for erection and maintenance, of which none is available locally, it would appear that the gun would be the better solution.



COMMANDER, R.N.
(Naval Officer in Charge)

MINUTE.

No. S/L/32.

3rd December, 19 41.

~~From~~ To

~~To~~ From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Officer Commanding Troops,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Falkland Islands.

Red 77. On the 25th and on the occasion of the luncheon on board H.M.S. Birmingham I handed to the Gunnery Officer one of the ^{59 pages} ~~charts~~ charts of the outer defences as promised and this showed the gun positions, gun arcs of fire and other data. A general technical discussion arose during which I remarked that I presumed that the question of booms had been mentioned. There was neither affirmation or denial and I was asked my opinion. I personally had no intention of drawing the Admiral into the discussion and felt only at the time that a talk with his staff on various points was all that was necessary as no decision could be reached without going into details which were not available. Had I intended, before the luncheon party took place, to bring up the question of booms, I would most certainly have informed the Naval Officer-in-Charge as I had already discussed it with him unofficially in his office some time previously and agreed to his suggestion, if a boom should be provided, of Arrow Point - Work Point as better than my own as an alternative. I have been under the impression all along that the Naval Officer-in-Charge was going to bring this point up himself and took it for granted that this had been done during this visit.

If I became emphatic it was only because I believed I was right in the light of certain circumstances and until the 4" gun could be released by other armament to cover the channel West Tussac - South Mainland.

A separate statement of my views is attached and I would be glad if you could let the Naval Officer-in-Charge have five copies as requested.

C. Donald Cunningham

Col.
O/C Troops,
Falkland Islands.

Notes by G.C. Troops, Falkland Islands.

Circumstances in the past have been such as to make it very difficult to pre-arrange any suitable and sound seaward Defence Scheme for the Port William Fortress Area which includes Berkley Sound on the North and Port Harriet to the South. Guns have been loaned or borrowed entirely from Naval sources and placed to best advantage at the moment of delivery only to be moved and re-arranged on the unheralded arrival of some other or more suitable piece. Until quite recently it has not been possible to visualise co-relation of guns that could be regarded as permanent and even now there is considerable uncertainty as to the date when we shall receive the two 6" guns promised and necessary to produce an answer to the question, "Is the Defence Scheme sound?" Such lack of definition holds up completion of many sidelines such as permanent communication, housing for gun detachments, fuelling (Peat which has to be cut and stacked to dry), placing of searchlights, permanent fortress survey points, positioning of Range Finder, R.C. and signalling posts, etc., and even perhaps P.W.S.S.

The deliniation of the coast and harbour is such as to produce many 'snags' and positions apparently perfect on the Chart or Map are neutralised more often than not by some island or other or a rock formation that renders that position unsuitable, particularly in placing searchlights.

In an area such as Port William which must be defended in order to protect anchorages and Stanley Harbour and its contents from sea attack there should be

1. A long range outer defence
2. A sound inner close range defence to cover the examination anchorage and cope with M.T.Bs., etc., plus a reasonable searchlight organization.
3. A North and South Defence Scheme to cover Berkley Sound and Port Harriet against landing party carriers or bombardment vessels.

The present gun situation and layout is known and there is no necessity to re detail it here.

The above somewhat lengthy statement is merely to define a reason for an argument in favour of a boom.

The present shortage of suitable guns, bad siting of Canopus, and unfortunate delay in the erection of the two searchlights have produced many blind spots and glaringly vulnerable points, viz.,

1. Sapper Hill gun with the new ammunition will only just reach 1,500 yards beyond Pembroke Lighthouse.
2. From Canopus most of Port William is "dead water" owing to the unsuitable sighting of the gun.
3. The two tussock islands blind the 12 pdr. or Examination Battery at Charles Point to a serious extent so far as the channel between the tussock islands and the mainland South is concerned.
4. The 3 pdr. Battery at Ordnance Point cannot cover that channel as it has not the range. This approach is deep but it is not necessary for shipping and can be dangerous from the point of view of an enemy fast boat raiding attack

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particularly at night. Sapper Hill can cover most of it but could only be used by day and even then not against small fast vessels as the range and time of flight are too long.

5. It is difficult to keep the hydrophones in order owing to cables being dragged and to chafing of cables on the rocky beaches and underwater rocks. (It is submitted that a 'dead' hydrophone can constitute a 'blind spot'.)

Under such circumstances it would appear that booms which should be part and parcel of any port defence scheme unless the most modern gunnery defence weapons are available may fill a gap in the present Defence arrangements and two points have been suggested.

1. between West Tussac Island and South mainland.
Cano 79. 50. 70 to Cano 78. 70. 80.
2. between Arrow Point North and York Point South
Exam 41. 50. 20 to Cano 49. 60. 80.

Note. References are to the squared chart.

Advantages of 1 are :- The channel is narrow and unnecessary for wartime shipping: No 'gate' required.

Disadvantages :- Strongish tide race and chance of inaccessibility in bad weather for supervision and maintenance.

Advantages of 2 are :- The closing of the whole of Port William West of Arrow Point - York Point. It can be easily defended by the guns at Charles Point and Ordnance Point. It can be illuminated by the searchlights at these two Batteries as necessary.

Disadvantages :- Length of boom and anchoring of same and cost and difficulties of maintaining a 'gate' in the boom.

If and when the two 6" 45° guns arrive, the 4" gun can be transferred from Signal Hill (Exam 24. 20. 35) and placed at Ordnance Point to cover the channel made by the Tussac Islands and the mainland South. In such case this outer boom could drop out of the picture. At present however, the channel is inadequately covered.

Neither of these two suggestions create an engineering impossibility, vide, Number and even more difficult places in the last war. I favour No. 2 Scheme as the better of the two but it is infinitely more costly.

The question of material could be solved by taking timber from the many hulks in and around Port William and Stanley Harbour, and using some of the numerous and useless empty oil drums that abound.

The Labour shortage for this work, if labour has to be found from Stanley, is fully appreciated as is also the cost. It is submitted that if the position of the Stanley area and its contents of war material are such as to make its Defence vital then a boom at one point or the other is necessary and labour and material for its building must be provided, if not, then the question can only become a point raised in a technical sense and in the hope of not having overlooked an important point.

I am not/

I am not in a position to prognosticate the fortunes of these islands in the distant or even near war future. I may only live with my appreciation of their present difficulties.

C. D. Davis

Colonel,
O.C. Troops,
Falkland Islands.

No. 6/4/52.

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

MINUTE.

3rd December, 1941.

From

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Naval Officer-in-Charge,

STANLEY.

With reference to your minute No. U 1/13 of the 27th of November, 1941, I am directed to transmit a copy of a communication which has been received from the Officer Commanding Troops on the subject of the Defences of Port William.


for Colonial Secretary.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 119. *From* UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 9th December, 19 41. *Time :* 06.15

Received : 9th December, 19 41. *Time :* 10.30.

56574 8/12 C A I B.

Intention is that all naval equipments in coast artillery manned by army personnel should be provided with shields.

Report~~s~~ as follows : (a) number of equipments requiring shields - location type and mark of mounting to be stated. Care to be taken that the batteries of mountings are reported correctly.

(b) Can manufacture be made locally if design drawings are provided.

I.D.V.(15).

TROOPERS.

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TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR.

Despatched : 12th December, 19 41. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Red 80
Your telegram 56574 8/12 C A I B. (a) Stanley. Sapper Hill 1 Naval B.L. 6" Mark VII Gun P. III Naval mounting; Canopus 1 Naval B.L. 6" Mark VII Gun P.III. Naval mounting; Signal Hill 1 Naval 4" IV Gun PIX. Naval mounting; Charles Point 2 Naval Q.F. 12 Pdr. Mark I Guns P.I. Star Naval mounting; Ordnance Point 2 Naval Q.F. 3 Pdr. Mark I Guns P. Naval mounting. South Georgia. 2 Naval B.L. 4" Mark IX Guns C.P. Mark I. Naval mounting.

(b) No.

GOVERNOR.

I.D.V. (15).

No. 8/1/32.

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

MINUTE.

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15th December, 19 41.

From

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Naval Officer-in-Charge,

STANLEY.

Red 76
With reference to your communication No. T. 1/10 of the 27th of November, 1941, I am directed to inform you that both six inch guns have now been supplied with the ammunition referred to and a test carried out from each gun.

C. S.
for Colonial Secretary.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 409. *From* OF STATE
UNDER SECRETARY/OF WAR
To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 31st January, 19 42. *Time :* 0546.

Received : 1st February, 19 42. *Time :* 1030.

UKC 9540/31 Nine foot B and S Rangefinder range clock and Dumaresq (from Troopers to the Falkland Islands 67727 repeat 67727 AA4 dated January 30th *Red 73.* your unnumbered cypher dated November 10th) despatched late August by the Admiralty for use with 4". Confirmation of above has been received.

I.D.V.(20).

TROOPERS.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 212.

From UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 16th February, 19 42. Time : 0850.

Received : 17th February, 19 42. Time : 1030.

UKC 6211/16.

Provision of constructed overhead cover for (From War Office to Commands concerned No. 70933 repeat 70933 AA4 15th February) coast artillery governing factors (a) degree of protection possible (b) limitation to areas of fire acceptable. Intensity of guns take first priority of all cases. In complete protection instructions accepted rather than reduction of essential areas of fire. Balance between factors (a) and (b) must be left to the local Commanders. Royal Artillery responsible for stating definite requirements extreme limits of arc for each gun including beach and landwards role where applicable. Royal engineers will design cover giving the maximum protection possible without prejudice to the Royal Artillery requirements. Technical instructions for the Royal Engineers regarding construction follow.

I.D.V. (20).

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SECRET.

Office of,
The Naval Officer in Charge,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,

21st February, 1942.

No: U. 1/13.

His Excellency, The Governor,
The Falkland Islands.
The Officer Commanding Troops,
The Falkland Islands.
(Copy to:- The Harbour Master,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.)



NET DEFENCES - 'NARROWS'.

In view of the difficulties of working this net due to fouling by Kelp and lack of sufficient man-power for operating the only machinery available, it has been decided to remove it as from today, Saturday 21st February, 1942.

2. An alternative type of net is under consideration.

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COMMANDER, R.N.
(Naval Officer in Charge)

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 402.

From UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 28th February, 19 42. *Time :* 1140.

Received : 1st March, 19 42. *Time :* 1030.

UKC 8988/28. Where overhead cover is required the following is advisable (War Office) addressed to Commands concerned 73412 F W 3 dated February 27th.)

Red 84. Reference to 70933 A A 4 4308 hours 42 last paragraph). Six inches of reinforced concrete or 2½ inches plastic armour supported domain of and rears bid main supporting beams to rear of breech. To provide blast vents and aid ventilation cotton small gap between cover and apportion of the walls. Latter to be blast and splinter proof preferably reinforced concrete. If brickwork must be proved. Where existing OHC rests on bricks s or walls advisable to provide independent support on steel stanchions. Front edge of OHC to be the minimum of 6 feet to landward of the muzzle of any bearing.

I.D.V.(20).

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DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From + COLONIAL SECRETARY.

To OFFICER IN CHARGE SOUTH GEORGIA.

Despatched : 10th March, 19 42. *Time* :

Received : 19 *Time* :

No. 38. Secret. Request you will endeavour to have made in South Georgia and forwarded by first opportunity 1 No. iron foundation ring of following dimensions 40" O.D. x 28" bore x 1" thick to have 20 No. $1\frac{1}{8}$ " Dia. holes 34" P.C.D.; also 20 No. 1" dia. bolts 34" P.C.D. 19 No. of which should be 36" long and 1 No. 38" long; 60 No. Nuts to fit bolts. Cost should be charged to Head XXI item 1 Defence Works.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

18th November 1941

M.017744/41

SECRET

Sir,

With reference to semi-official letter No.13047/3/41 of the 29th July from Mr. Poynton to Major Tollenache, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you that arrangements are in hand for the despatch of one 4" gun with fire control spare equipment and 200 rounds to the Falkland Islands.

2. It is proposed that all these items be issued on long loan but that the cost of maintenance and of practice ammunition should be borne by the Falkland Islands Government.

3. I am to invite the concurrence of the Secretary of State for the Colonies in these proposals.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(signed)

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.

Copies to :- The Deputy Armament Supply Officer, Simonstown.
The Officer-in-Charge, Armament Supply,
Falkland Islands.

For ~~in~~
Cypher or
Coding Office
only.

Originators Instructions:
(Indication of Priority,
AIDAC, NOTWT
For Exercise).

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:

2 BN 71

No 45 Secret

Red 57 *3446*

Yours m. 30 secret make request

confirmation 1 and 1/8" diameter hole in

foundation ring and 20 number 1" diameter bolts

Also request latest date that work should be

ready for delivery

Book or Table to be used for

Initials of Cypherer
or Coder.Time of Receipt in
Cypher or Coding
Office.

Date.

Cyphering or Coding.

Recyphering or Recoding.

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TELEGRAM.

From COLONIAL SECRETARY.

To OFFICER IN CHARGE SOUTH GEORGIA.

Despatched : 13th March, 19 42. *Time :*

Received : 19 *Time :*

Red 89.

No. 40. Your telegram No. 45 Secret 1½" diameter holes and 20 No. 1" diameter bolts confirmed. Delivery date April 10th.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

MEMO.

S.G. No. 0/21/31.

C.S. No.....

22nd April, 1942.

From :-

To :-

THE MAGISTRATE,

The Honourable,

South Georgia.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley.

Red 87.

With reference to your telegram, No. 38, Secret, I have the honour to inform you that the Foundation Ring ordered in your telegram under reference is being forwarded to Stanley by this voyage of the s.s. "Fitzroy".

2. The cost amounting to £17. 7. 4 has been debited to Head XXI. sub³head 1.

G. J. G. G.
Magistrate.

CONFIDENTIAL

c/o Naval Officer in Charge,
Port Stanley,
Falkland IslandsDirector of Armament Supply,
Admiralty,
BATH

30th August 1942

Issue of B.L. 6" 28lb 2oz 12 dr cartridges
and shell to Falkland Islands Government

400 cartridges B.L. 6" 28 lbs 2 oz 12 dr and corresponding shells B.L. 6" C.P.B.C. XXIB and XXVB were received at this depot in October 1941 after transhipment from MANDALAY at Capetown (Admiralty signal 1755/14.6.41 refers).

2. Since Admiralty Issue Orders L/1649 and /1651 dated 12.4.41 had been sent to O.C.A.S. Falkland Islands for information, it was presumed that these stores were intended for Naval Service. They were therefore merged into depot stocks. A voucher for the shell was received from Priddy's Hard in August 1941 and for the cartridges from Upnor in December 1941.

3. In accordance with the instructions of the Rear Admiral Commanding South America Division, 200 rounds were issued to the Colonial Government for local defences, and the question of whether the whole consignment was intended for this service was raised (vide copies of my signals 1520/23.11.41 and 1347/23.5.42)

4. Since further stocks of this ammunition have now been received, the balance of the original 400 rounds has been allocated to the Falkland Islands Government. A statement is attached showing disposal of this ammunition.

5. Submitted for information and covering approval.

OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ARMAMENT SUPPLY

Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands

Ref No F.O.65

Referred for information.

2. The 134 rounds referred to in para 4 above are at present stored in R.W. Armament Depot at the Canache. It is requested that I may be informed when these stores can be collected.

Falkland Islands
30.8.42

OFFICER IN CHARGE OF ARMAMENT SUPPLY

OC. F.I.D.F.

*Referred to you, pl.
J.A.C.S.
31/8/42.*

Item	Original receipt	Issued to F.I.Govt.		Now appropriated for F.I.Govt.
		4.12.41	3.1.42	
Cartridges B.L. 6" 28 lbs 2 oz 12 drs	400	200	16	184
Shells B.L. 6"				
C.P.B.C. Mk XXIB	126	126	-	-
C.P.B.C. Mk XXVB	274	74	16	184

S. 1320b.

NAVAL MESSAGE.

Revised
December, 1935.For use in
Signal
Department
only

Copy for F.O.65/30.8.42

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

Codress/Plaindress

No. of
Groups:

TO:

Director of Armament Supply
(R) R.A.S.A.D.

FROM:

O.C.A.A.S.
Falkland IslandsWrite
Across

Admiralty Issue Orders Nos. L/1649 and 1651 dated 12.4.41.

5

Request information stores intended for Naval Service and

10

not (R) not for local defences. Pending reply 200 rounds

15

allocated to Colonial Government.

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1520z/23.11.41

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System

P/L Code or Cypher

Time of
Receipt Despatch

Operator

P.O.O.W.

Date

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No. of
Groups:

TO:

Director of Armament Supply

FROM:

O.C.A.S.
Falkland IslandsWrite
Across

My 1520z/23rd November 1941 re 6" 28 lb 2 oz 12 dr charges and
shell. Can reply be given yet.

1347z/23.5.42

System

P/L Code or Cypher

Time of Receipt	Despatch
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Operator

P.O.O.W.

Date

96

The Honorable
The Colonial Secretary.

I have delayed replying to the attached as delivery cannot be accepted until funds are available to build the new or enlarge the existing magazine. This question is still in abeyance, although the blocks (unallocated stores etc) & all materials except cement & all necessary excavation by military labour has been completed at Canopus. At Saffers Hill the proposal was to use the present sleeping house (which is concrete built) as the magazine when the new hut was built.

I Subint O. C. A. S. has told that the stores will be collected as soon as possible.

W. O. F. I. D. F.

10.12.22

Copy to O.C., F.I.D.F., for information.

8/14/52.

(100)

CONFIDENTIAL.

14th September,

42.

Sir,

Red 95.

With reference to your P.O. 65 of the 30th August, the ammunition in question will be very welcome and much appreciated by the Falkland Islands Defence Force, but I am afraid I must ask your indulgence for a time as regards storage accommodation.

2. All available magazines are at present filled with F.I.D.F. and Garrison ammunition to two and three times their normal capacity and there is no room left at all for the storage of these extra rounds. Plans are under active consideration for the extension of magazine accommodation and as soon as more space is available you will be advised.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

The Officer-in-Charge,
Armament Supply,
c/o Naval Officer-in-Charge,
STANLEY.

Subject

Ref:122/CR/Z/160.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary.

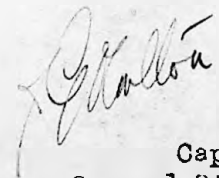
1. The following telegram has been received from the War Office (F.W.3.):—

" Following information required each coast artillery Battery since 1939 (Troopers to Falkland Islands etc)

(1.) Total cost installation and accommodation where complete. (2) Total estimated cost each approved installation and accommodation where incomplete or not started. "

2. Reference the above telegram , will you please forward to this HQ, details as required for onward transmission to War Office.

Stanley.
24.9.42.
RCS.


Captain.
General Staff.
Falkland Islands Force.

No. S/11/32.

MINUTE.

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

29th September, 19 42.

From

To Headquarters,

The Colonial Secretary

Falkland Islands Force,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

Red 101
With reference to your 122/GR/Z/160 of the 24th of September, 1942, the following are the details required for transmission to the War Office
Cost of installation of Coast Defence Batteries.

(1) 1939-1942 inclusive £7632

(2) 1943, estimated £1800.

Colonial Secretary.

106A
Subject: Coast Defence Artillery.

S E C R E T .

122/CR/Z/160.


TO: O.C.,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

1. Information has been received from War Office that a 3 gun coast defence battery will in all probability be despatched early 1943 to augment the existing coast defences.
2. At present it is intended that two of the new guns will be installed at SAPPER HILL in place of the existing 6" gun and that a F.C.P. for controlling the whole of the Fixed Defences of **STANLEY** will be sited on SAPPER HILL.
5. An entirely new layout of the position on SAPPER HILL will have to be constructed when the new battery arrives to allow for a larger F.C.P. and accommodation for two gun detachments and F.C.P. staff.

In view of this, it would appear to be uneconomical to make temporary alterations to the existing accommodation as at present intended more especially as it is understood that this work cannot be put in hand before January 1943.

4. The Force Commander considers that the present communication system from F.C.P. to batteries is woefully inefficient even as an interim measure and now that direct military lines have been laid from F.C.P. to all batteries he considers that it is essential that accommodation be constructed to house the telephone exchange at F.C.P. without which the improved communication system cannot be put into operation.
5. Will you therefore please say how you propose arranging accommodation for the telephone exchange at F.C.P. as the Force Commander wishes this put in hand at once.

Stanley,
7/10/42.
HWB.


Captain,
General Staff,
Falkland Islands Force.

106

MINUTE.

No. _____

9th October, 1942 .

From Officer Commanding,

To The Hon. Col. Secretary,

~~THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,~~
Falkland Islands Defence Force.
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

With reference to the attached Minute, I heartily endorse the suggestion in the second paragraph of 3, although the provision must be left in the 1943 Estimates as the hut will still be required but on another site.

2. For the past twelve months every effort has been made to improve our inter-battery communications, but lack of materials have prevented this. The R.C. Signals have now put up a circuit quite independent of the Civil Exchange, and I feel there is a moral responsibility on our part to put up the exchange, but equally, I feel, our liability should end there.

3. I submit, therefore, that South Lookout Hut be moved to Sapper Hill for use as Telephone Exchange and our own Fire Commander's Office. The E. E. informs me that this proposal which will cost £100, in addition to other advantages, would be cheaper than building a new Telephone Exchange, but no funds are available. Military labour will be used as far as possible, and the provision of the necessary carpenters and handyman will not I understand delay the work on W/T masts.

4. I suggest Head of Charge should be M.W.E. Defence Works.



Lieut. Colonel,
Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

*Estimate cost £100.
Head of charge. XX
No funds available*

MINUTE.

No. S/4/32

16th October, 1942.

From

To Officer Commanding

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Falkland Islands Defence Force

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

SECRET.

With reference to your minute of 9th October His Excellency has approved the transfer of the South Look-out hut to Sapper Hill for use as a telephone exchange and F.I.D.F. Fire Commander's Office.

It is understood that in view of the proposal to move the 6 inch gun from Sapper Hill to Canopus the raising of the existing gun at the latter Battery can be postponed until 1943. In these circumstances I am to convey authority for the expenditure of a maximum of £100 on the transfer of the hut of which £65 will be offset by savings at Canopus.

A Special Warrant should be applied for when the actual cost is known.

STANLEY

Colonial Secretary.

M I N U T E.


30th December, 1942.

FROM: Officer Commanding,
F.I.D.F.

TO: The Hon. Col. Secretary,
Stanley.

I have the honour to request that the construction of the new living accommodation at Ordnance Point may be proceeded with immediately after the New Year. Money has been allowed for this in the Estimates, and I am assured by Force Headquarters that there is no possibility of this Battery being moved, although the actual type of guns there may be changed. I have spoken to the Executive Engineer and he informs me that he can make labour available and materials can also be obtained.

The present accommodation at Ordnance Point, in addition to being inadequate, provides no comfort, and the Medical Officer considers the buildings, as at present, undesirable. There is no accommodation for the Officer-in-Charge, who has to have his quarters, at night time, at Canopus Battery; a situation I am anxious to avoid at the first opportunity.


Lieut.-Colonel,
Officer Commanding,
F.I.D.F.

No. 9/11/32

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

MINUTE.

113-

9th January, 19 43.

From

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Officer Commanding,

Falkland Islands Defence Force

STANLEY.

S E C R E T.

Red no. With reference to your minute of the 30th December, I am to say that unless circumstances meanwhile arise which make the construction of new quarters at Ordnance Point a matter of extreme urgency, the work must await the approval of the Estimates by the Secretary of State.

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.



114

Office of
The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
Falklands.

19th January, 1944.

No. F 3.

The Honorable Colonial Secretary.
The Harbour Master.

HYDROPHONE CABLES

Ref 52
I have to inform you that owing to the laying of hydrophone cables in Port William no ship should drop anchor on a line running from :-

- (a) Beatrice's Cove to a position 194° true
6 cables Mengeary Point
- (b) Rabbit Cove to a position 500 yards due
south of Charles Point.

(2) Posts have been erected in line ashore indicating line of bearing of the cables.

*Noted: ARS. 4. Master & Acty. Coll. of Customs.
24.1.44*

R B Martin

Commander, R.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge

SUBJECT

AMMUNITION

ORD/AMN/1 Z

SECRET

To O.C.

Falkland Island Defence Force
Stanley

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the consignment of ammunition ex S.S. "Empire Galahad" transhipped at Montevideo to S.S. "Fitzroy" and delivery at Port Stanley accepted by you on 5th July '43.

As no vouchers were prepared at this office the ammunition was never priced, and accordingly a statement is attached hereto for favour of your attention. The original of the statement is intended for your files, and the duplicate, after it has been receipted by the paymaster, will serve as a voucher for your accounts.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G.H. Summerton
O.O. Falklands

Lt. RAOC

Copy and statement in triplicate to Paymaster.

DEF 71

COST OF AMMUNITION SUPPLIED BY PACO TO THE FALKLAND ISLAND DEFENCE FORCE

JULY 1943

115⁸

200 Shot Practice B.L.6" Gun Mk 1V AQ N (Naval)	each	£1.3.4	£ 233. 6. 8
200 Grummets 6" Double Mk 1V (No. SB 0982)	each	8 ¹ / ₂ d	7. 1. 8
240 ¹ / ₂ Charges Ctges B.L.6" Gun Mk.1 Foil 11 lb.2 ozs			
(No. SA 0070)	each	£1.15.-	420. -. -
120 Cylinders Ctge No.34 Mk 111 (No. SB 0758)	each	17.6	105. -. -
with Millboard disc.			
120 Cases Wood packing skeleton (No. SB 0694)	each	5.9	34.10. -
200 Tubes Vent Perc. .4" Mk XI (No. QA 2331)	each	1.3	12.10. -
20 Boxes Tube Vent .4" Mk 11 (No. QB 0594)	each	9	15. -
2 Cases Packing Tubes Vent .4" T 7 Mk 1A			
(No. QB 0860)	each	6.-	12. -

plus 10% Departmental expenses

£813.15. 4
81. 7. 6

plus 15% Freight

£895. 2.10
134. 5. 5

£ 1,029 .8 .3

Copy to Paymaster

Subject: AMMUNITION ACCOUNT.

S E C R E T.

Hon. Col. Secretary,
Stanley.

*See red (52)
4/8/42*

I enclose an account and covering voucher that has been received from the O.O. As far as I can ascertain this is the first consignment of armament stores that was ordered by Force 122 on our behalf but not at our request. That is, it has not in this case already been paid for by the C.A. A further and more costly consignment may possibly be on the next "Fitzroy" and also two 6-inch gun barrels.

*See minutes
at (101) (108)
herein*

I would be grateful if you will say whether any arrangement was made with Force 122 as to whose liability it is to meet the cost of these items, the essential need for which is to my mind doubtful.

Sub-head XXI (7) Arms and Ammunition allows for £200 expenditure in 1944.

STANLEY.
20 Mar 44.

Arthur Goodall
Lieutenant-Colonel,
Officer Commanding,
F. I. D. F.

[illegible]

(121)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

3rd May, 1944.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

S E C R E T.

Sir,

Red 115b.

I have the honour to forward, for your information, a copy of an account which I have received from the Ordnance Officer, Force 132 for Coastal Artillery Ammunition delivered here in July, 1943.

See 109/42

2. In October, 1942, I caused a minute, a copy of which I enclose, to be addressed to the Officer Commanding Force 123 establishing a principle that the defence expenditure to be met thenceforward by this Government should be limited to the maintenance charges to which we were committed at that date, and that any expenditure over and above this level which the War Office might consider desirable should be paid by them. This principle was agreed to and has been followed ever since.

3. It appears that the ammunition referred to in the enclosed account was sent out by the War Office without consulting this Government. During the twelve months prior to July, 1943, only 21 six inch shells had been expended on exercises and in my opinion this Government should not be asked to pay for more than a similar number in replacement together with an appropriate number of charges, etc. If the War Office, as seems

to/

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

O. F. C. STANLEY, F.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

to have happened, considered that our reserves of ammunition were insufficient they were of course at liberty to increase them but, in accordance with the principle referred to above, they should do so at their expense and not ours.

4. I understand that a further and much larger consignment of ammunition has recently arrived including two reconditioned barrels for the six inch guns. This Government will no doubt be asked to pay even though the expenditure of ammunition in the interval has been small and although I have not been consulted either about the ammunition or the gun barrels.

5. In the circumstances I should be grateful if you would approach the Secretary of State for War and suggest that this and subsequent charges should be reduced purely to replacements of ammunition expended.

6. I have informed the Officer Commanding Force 132 of my action in the matter.

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

(Sgd.) A. W. CARDINALL

Copy to O.C., F.I.D.F., for information.
MINUTE.

No. 122

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

From The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To Officer Commanding,

Force 132,

STANLEY.

3rd May, 1944.

Red 121

With reference to the Ordnance Officer's undated minute, No. CRO/AM/12 to the Officer Commanding, Falkland Islands Defence Force, regarding the cost of ammunition for the batteries, I enclose, for your information, a copy of a despatch which His Excellency has addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

SubjectIssue of Gun Ammunition to the F.I.D.F.

To The Colonial Secretary
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.



123

Red 115A

I beg to refer to my Ord/St/12 addressed to the O.C. Falkland Island Defence Force at the end of March '44 enclosing a statement of the cost of ammunition supplied during July '43, amounting to £1,029.3.3. Some time later I was informed by the Force Commander that the matter was being referred to the Colonial Office in London.

Since then further issues of ammunition on my Vouchers I 00278 and I 00761 have been effected. May I please be advised whether any direction from the Colonial Office has yet been received.

RACC Depot
Stanley

Falkland Islands

24th August '44

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R.A.O.C.' or similar, written over a large, loopy flourish.

Lt R.A.O.C.

No. 8/14/32.

MINUTE.

(124)

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

From

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

25th August, 19 44.

To The Staff Captain,

Force 132,

STANLEY.

Red 123.

I have received a minute from Lieut. Bonnetton (Ord/st/72 of the 24th August) enquiring whether any reply has yet come from the Colonial Office to His Excellency's despatch regarding payment for ammunition, a copy of which I sent to the Force Commander on the 3rd day. No reply has yet been received.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

125-a

Subject Drill Ammunition

To O.C.

Falkland Island Defence Force
Port Stanley

We beg to refer to our Issue Voucher No I. 00501 dated 23rd May '44 covering the issue of certain Drill Ammunition received from the United Kingdom. The prices of these items have now been received from the Ministry of Supply and we therefore enclose a statement of the amount due.

Please effect payment in the usual way to the Force Paymaster at Headquarters of this Force, and obtain his receipt on your copy of the statement.

RAOC Depot

Stanley

3rd October '44

[Signature]
Lt RAOC

Copy to Force Paymaster with three copies of statement which please deal with as follows :-

After payment return one copy to this Office suitably endorsed.
Retain the other two to support your accounts.

Ord/ST/7Z

COST OF DRILL AMMUNITION SUPPLIED TO FALKLAND ISLAND DEFENCE FORCE
on 23rd May 1944

Ctges Drill A.P.L. B.L 4" Mk.1	SB 2138	12 at 18/6d	£ 11. 2/-
Shot Practice B.L. 4" Mk V	NIV	12 at 10/6d	6. 6/-
Cases Wood Packing for Projectiles	NIV	3 at 4/2	12/6
Cases Wood Packing	NIV	2 at 9/4	18/8
Tubes Vent Perc.Drill .5" Mk.11	QB 4327	20 at 1/9d	1.15/-
Boxes Tubes Vent .5" Mk 11	QB 0601	2 at 1/-	2/-
			<u>£20.16/2</u>
plus 10% Departmental Expenses			2. 1/7
			<u>£22.17/9</u>
plus 15% Freight			3. 8/8
			<u>£26. 6/5</u>

RAOC Depot
 Port Stanley
 Falkland Islands
 3 Oct. '44

No.

MINUTE.

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

5th October, 19 44. 125

From Officer Commanding,

F.I.D.F.,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Hon. Col. Secretary,

STANLEY,

Falkland Islands.

I attach communication, received from the Ordnance Officer, demanding payment for ammunition, delivered to this Force. I have acknowledged this to him and informed him that it has been referred to you, as the whole question of payment for ammunition is being discussed between the Colonial Office and War Office.

Clush. Lordat

Lieutenant-Colonel,
Officer Commanding,
F.I.D.F.

No. 3/4/32.

MINUTE.

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

From Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

13th October, 19 44.

To Officer Commanding,

Force 132,

STANLEY.

S E C R E T.

Red 125

With reference to our telephone conversation of this morning and to minute Ord/St/72 of 3rd October from the Ordnance Officer to the Officer Commanding, Falkland Islands Defence Force, the four inch Drill Ammunition supplied on the 23rd May last was not ordered by this Government and is intended for guns which were also not ordered by us and have not yet been received. I understand further that the Drill Ammunition is of no use without a Loading Teacher. As far as is known no Loading Teacher is expected. In view of His Excellency's despatch of 3rd May to the Secretary of State, a copy of which was sent to you on that date, I would venture to suggest that the question of the liability for these charges might be referred to the War Office.

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

Copy of W.O.Cable referred to in letter 132/CR/2/50/1 dated 2.12.44.

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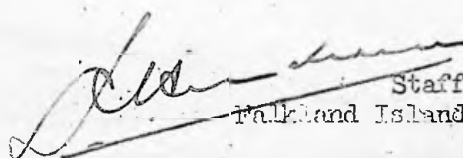
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RESTRICTED. 96767 M.G.O. F. 25th Nov. My 80587 29th SEPT and your letter 132/CR/2/54/1 6th APRIL and 21st JULY. PARA 1. You probably aware decision that F.I8s. Government shall only be charged cost maintaining equipments including barrel replacements and valve rounds practice ammunition actually expended. PARA. 2.This decision rules out necessity pricing (a) Operational equipments (b) equipment ammunition and (c) practice ammunition which has been made to full W.O. scale as laid down in A.C.I. 1044/44. PARA.3. Request submit records with dates and issue vouchers in duplicate items properly chargeable against Colony for repayment action here.

To:- The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

With reference to the attached copy of W.O. Cable will you please inform me the Colonial Office point of view as soon as possible.

2.12.44.
STANLEY.

 Capt.
Staff Captain.
Falkland Islands Force.

P/G.O. Falk. 1

Communications to be addressed
to The Crown Agents for the
Colonies, 4, Millbank, London,
S.W.1, and the above refer-
ence quoted.



4, MILLBANK,

LONDON S.W.1.

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN SOWEST LONDON."
OVERSEAS: "CROWN LONDON."
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730.

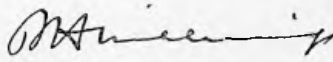
13th November, 1944.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that
we have received a claim from the Admiralty
the supporting vouchers to which are
... enclosed, for the sums of £42 -s. 1d. and
£201 9s. -d. in respect of Cases and boxes
returned and Diesel Oil supplied by the
Admiralty.

We shall be glad to learn whether we
may pay the claim from Falkland Islands
funds.

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


for CROWN AGENTS.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

JL

101 -12/44

Copy filed in M.P. 135/41. 35/41.

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En. 15

NAVAL ARMAMENT, TORPEDO, & MINING STORES ACCOUNTS.

REPAYMENT VOUCHER FORM—(Outside Sheet).

Date of Reporting _____

Mode of Conveyance _____

Issue Voucher { No. _____
Date _____Cash Voucher or
O. 87a No. _____Receipt Voucher { No. 53
Date 20-12-1930

† To be filled in by Receiving Officer.

Issued by The Government at Falkland Islands
to O.C.A. Falkland Islands the following articles.

Admiralty Authority _____ Date _____

Depôt
ISSUE ORDER

No. _____ Date _____

Admiralty
A.S. CLAIMNo. 6040
19/3/1931Ledger
Folio

Description of Stores

Quantity

S

R

Per

Rate

Amount

£

s.

d.

Cartridges Q.T. 12 Pdr 12 lb
complete with adapted
and metal igniter -
cases fixed110ea.75/- 8/6/9
less 1/1017176X Bands Cartridge Q.T. 12 Pdr C. 3011ea.2.16.63116X Bands Lifting11ea.438X Riven Lifting Spring110set1.8184501-A.F.O. H-809/140Less cost of repair on items marked X8-11

Total or Forward ... £

4

Issued _____ 19

Received W. Bull O.C.A. 20-12- 19

(Signature and Rank).

(Date).

Sheets _____

Sta. 23/29.

Sta. 10/30.

11-14

087a.

Enclosure No

AD

Quarter ended 31st March

1944

A.S.Claim

Admiralty

8th April

19:14.44

~~Charges against:- Falkland Islands~~

Authority:- A.F.O. 4809/40.

Supplies: Voucher No.
Date

Falkland

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20.12.42

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Sgt. W. H. EDWARDS

DIRECTOR OF ARMAINT

Customer's
Countersignature_____

8th January,

45.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter P/G.O. Falk. 18. of the 13th of November, 1944, I have the honour to inform you that the Admiralty claim for £204. 9s. 0d. in respect of Diesel Oil supplied to this Government on the 10th of February and 24th of June, 1943, may be paid and debited in the General Account of this Colony.

2. The sum of £42. -. 1d. in respect of cartridge cases and boxes taken over from this Government by the Admiralty should likewise be credited in the General Account.

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

K. D. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,
4, Millbank, Westminster,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Saving.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Date. 16th November, 1944.

No. 19 Saving.



SECRET.

Your secret despatch of 3rd May.

Incidence of cost of coastal artillery ammunition, etc.

War Office and Treasury agree that liability of Falkland Islands Government be limited to the cost of 6-inch practice ammunition actually expended.

2. In this connection War Office have commented that the expenditure of only 21 shells on exercises for two guns during 12 months is much less than the full scale of practice ammunition which is considered necessary to maintain efficient gun crews, i.e. 100 rounds per gun each year as laid down in A.C.I. 1044 of 1944. I should, therefore, be grateful if you would explain why such a small number of shells was expended in practice during the 12 months prior to July, 1943.

3. With regard to the two new 6-inch gun barrels, the cost must, I consider, be accepted as a maintenance charge to be met by the Falkland Islands Government in accordance with the arrangement made in 1940 which was conveyed to you by secret despatch of 24th of May, 1940.

4. Two new 4-inch naval guns, with equipment ammunition and practice ammunition, have recently been shipped to the Falkland Islands, but it has since been decided that they are not to be installed and will be re-allocated.

SECEP.

No. S/4/32.

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

MINUTE.

6th January, 1944. 133

From The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Staff Captain,
Falkland Islands Force,
STANLEY.

S E C R E T.

Red 129
With reference to your 132/CR/Z/50/1 of the 2nd December, 1944,
I forward for your information a copy of a Saving Telegram which has now
been received from the Secretary of State regarding the cost of ammunition
etc., for the coastal artillery.

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

Hon. Col. Sec.,

Ref: Secretary of State's Saving telegram No. 19 of the 16th November, 1944 (red 132 in M.P. 3/4/32) I have the honour to report as follows :-

3. Re: para 3. As will be seen from red (116) the actual expenditure of 6" ammunition over the period June 1942 to July 1945 was 31 practice shot and 23 live shell, a total of 48 rounds instead of 31 as stated in red (131). The reason for this small expenditure of ammunition over this period was (a) our total holdings of practice shot were insufficient to warrant a larger expenditure, and (b) the expenditure of 23 live shell for practice was as much as could justifiably be used from stocks on hand. Further, on the arrival in the Colony in July 1942 of the new Officer Commanding Troops, Battery practice could only be carried out on his order to do so. Throughout the expenditure of ammunition has been guided by two factors, (1) the maintenance of a standard of efficiency by full calibre practices and (3) the financial question of replacements. The receipt of A.C.I. 1044 of 1944 about the middle of 1944 was the first intimation received that a definite allocation of practice ammunition had been laid down for all guns.

5. In regard to para: 3 of the Saving telegram under reference, I would emphasise that the provision of the two new (?) 6-inch gun barrels was not suggested by this Government. The former barrels were apparently condemned on the authority of Force 133 which did not possess the necessary instruments for measuring the wear of the barrels. I am advised that the barrels now fitted are, from a visual standpoint, inferior to those they replaced, especially No. 1330, and in performance there is no perceptible difference. I would point out that S. of S. Secret despatch of the 24th May, 1940, referred to an arrangement for the maintenance of a new 6-inch gun to be sited at Mount Low, and bore no relation to the maintenance of guns already in the Colony. Actually this gun was never supplied. In any case I do not consider the provision of these barrels can rightly be termed "maintenance". "Replacement" would appear to be the correct interpretation in this case, and as stated in the first part of this para: unnecessary.

4. I regret I have been unable to obtain any information regarding the return of worn-out gun barrels although I believe that such can be returned for relining. The R.A.O.C. does not possess up-to-date information regarding the cost of barrels.

R. Greenhill

Major.

O/C. Falk. Is. Defence Force.
15/1/45.

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Subject: 6-inch Practice Ammunition Expenditure and 6-inch Gun
Barrel Replacements.

Officer Commanding,
F. I. D. F.

I have the honour to furnish the following report as directed in your memo as follows.

2. The stocks of 6-inch Practice Ammunition were inadequate and a further 50 Practice Shot and Cartridges were ordered and awaiting receipt when I took over duties as Fire Commander in May, 1942. Due to the constant changes in battery personnel, including Battery Commanders, I considered it necessary to afford, in such measure as was possible, for these details to carry out full calibre practices. However the stocks did not permit using Practice Shot and I considered it justifiable to use up a relatively small, but sufficient, amount of Service Ammunition, i.e. from the older stocks of A.P. Shell and Cartridges at raft targets. This step I would have hesitated to have taken if it were not for the above-mentioned reasons as I then considered our stocks of 6-inch Service Ammunition inadequate if one considers the transport difficulties of replacements from the United Kingdom to the Falkland Islands.

3. However, two practices each from both single 6-inch gun batteries were carried out, one of which was a night practice as I considered it essential. The ammunition used being Service. The Practice Ammunition as ordered in February, 1941, did not arrive until November, 1942. From that date work was in progress involving other batteries and provisionally a shift for the 6-inch. Early 1943 it was decided to move Sapper Hill gun to Canopus and to raise the existing gun at Canopus. This task I hardly need stress was carried out without much material assistance and involving placing foundations for gun holdfasts in 18-feet of peat. I beg to make this apparent due to the seemingly long time taken. After each gun and holdfast was completed test rounds, 1 normal and 2 supercharges, were fired and both guns installed by the middle of 1943.

4. After a very necessary and somewhat intensified short period of training (many changes having taken place in personnel) a number of practices were carried out involving about 100 rounds expenditure in 6 separate practices by the end of 1943.

5. Continuing on the question of Practice Ammunition I wish to state that the residue of 21 Practice Shot was reserved for "bring to" rounds in this battery's role as Supporting Battery to Charles Point (Examination Battery). This 12-pdr. (12-cwt.) two gun battery is minus 50 cartridges on an order placed for 50 full rounds Practice Ammunition; this matter was reported and I assume we are not likely to get them now with the introduction of Land Service type Cartridges and Practice Shot that we have now at present.

6. With reference to A.C.I. 1044 of 1944 I was totally unaware of its existence until to-day when it was produced; prior to this I have made repeatedly unsuccessful attempts to determine the allocation of Practice Ammunition for all guns. No commitment would ever be made and I was guided by two factors on the question of expenditure of this ammunition namely (1) to maintain a standard of efficiency by Full Calibre Practices, and (2) by the financial and replacement question.

7. Had the stock of 6-inch Service Ammunition been even less
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during the period in question I would have waited for the ordered supply of Practice Ammunition and consequently no rounds would have been fired in the period, except for testing new holdfasts. As an alternative measure I have repeatedly asked for 3-pdr. Practice and Sub-calibre full rounds (160 full rounds) for use with the two 3-pdr. sub-calibre guns mated to the existing 6-inch gun bodies, but have not received any.

8. My present instructions with regard to the future policy of the 6-inch gun battery has been passed to me in no uncertain manner, which amounts virtually to the disbanding of this battery as an active unit, in so much as the few spare details now in civilian employment can only be paraded once a month for one hour which is to be for inspection and Infantry Drill. There remains at Canopus now 3 Officers, 1 Sergeant, 3 Corporals and 1 Gunner, with an additional 1 Corporal and 4 Gunners at present forming the R.N. Magazine Guard. In this connection I do strongly recommend the reformation of this battery and facilities for training purposes, forthwith.

9. On the question of the 6-inch B.L. gun bodies I submit the following detailed facts, which are to the best of my belief, true statements.

Liability. I have not, and to the best of my belief no other person connected with the F.I.D.F., ever made any suggestion that may have led up to the reason for the existing barrels being replaced.

Cause. The reason why they have been replaced cannot be determined locally and there are not, or ever have been, any instruments for measuring wear, or has there been any visual condemnation of the replaced gun bodies.

Performance. During a full calibre full charge practice at a range of approximately 7,000 yards the last 5 salvoes of a 10-rounds shoot produced 5 actual hits, the remaining 5 fell within a spread of 50 yards; this was at a Patt. VII sub-calibre target in tow, proving I submit the accuracy and consistency of the former gun bodies.

Reconditioned Gun Bodies. Are definitely, from the visual standpoint, inferior as to the bore of each and especially No. 1230, as per Memo. of Inspection, and in performance there is no perceptible difference from these and those they have replaced.

10. In conclusion I beg to submit that the War Office Memo. suggests that an explanation is required for the reason of a trend towards a loss of efficiency, due to the comparative lack of essential firing practices. This I consider is definitely an alternative step towards a suggestion of a lack in discharging of responsibilities on the part of the person concerned, the Fire Commander. Whereas I have always taken every advantage to maintain efficiency, sometimes with many obstacles such as, in this case, a lack of practice ammunition due to the non-arrival of ordered supplies and, in fact, have taken such steps in order to keep up a standard as to broach ~~what~~ I consider our most valuable stocks of Service Ammunition.

C. Sheppard.

Captain,
Fire Commander,
F.I.D.F.

STANLEY.
12 Jan 45.

Subject: RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF LAND SERVICE TYPE AMMUNITION. (137c)

The Adjutant,
F.I.D.F.

For 6-inch B.L. Guns:

<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	<u>Ammunition.</u>	<u>Received.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
Practice Shot mark XVI A.Q.		200	6 Jul 43	
		200	22 Mar 44	400✓
Cartridges, Cordite h/c. 11 lbs. 2 ozs.		240	6 Jul 43	
		240	22 Mar 44	480✓
<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	<u>Ammunition.</u>	<u>Expended.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
Practice Shot mark XVI A.Q.		10	7 Sep 43	
		34	6 Oct 43	
		40	19 Oct 43	
		20	19 Dec 43	
		2	21 Jan 44	
		10	5 Jun 44	
		32	20 Jun 44	
		14	18 Sep 44	
		20	8 Oct 44	182
Cartridges, Cordite h/c. 11 lbs. 2 ozs.		20	7 Sep 43	
		40	19 Dec 43	
		20	5 Jun 44	
		32	20 Jun 44	112

For 12-pdr. (12-cwt) Q.F. Guns:

<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	<u>Ammunition.</u>	<u>Received.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
Practice Shot		240	14 Jul 44	240✓
Cartridges, 2 lbs. 10 ozs. 5 drms.		240	14 Jul 44	240
<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	<u>Ammunition.</u>	<u>Expended.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
Practice Shot		20	31 Aug 44	
		40	8 Oct 44	
		10	7 Jan 45	70
Cartridges, 2 lbs. 10 ozs. 5 drms.		10	31 Aug 44	10

For Bofors Q.F. 40 mm A/A Guns:

<u>*RECEIPTS.</u>	<u>Ammunition.</u>	<u>Received.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
In Full Rounds, H.E.		2,689	21 Jan 44	2,689
<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	<u>Ammunition.</u>	<u>Expended.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
		44	25 Jan 44	
		12	6 Apr 44	
		33	10 Jun 44	
		32	8 Jul 44	
		32	2 Sep 44	153

Headquarters.
6 Feb 45.

O. Sheppard
Captain,
Fire Commander,
F.I.D.F.

To:- War Office,
H. G. F. (R).

Referring to my cable F.1871 of 6th February 1945 I now append a statement of practice ammunition expended which is chargeable to the Colonial Government. Will you please arrange for payment in London.

It has not been possible to send copies of issue vouchers because, owing to lack of storage and transport facilities, all W.D. shipments of ammunition were handed over complete to the F.I.D.F. on arrival here. Thus the only vouchers available are for complete consignments and the Colonial Government will not pay in advance.

With regard to Bofors ammunition I would point out that the F.I.D.F. took over two 40 MM guns on the departure of Force 122 at the request of the Commander and I consider it would be unfair to charge them with ammunition expended on this voluntary, part-time task.

You will notice discrepancies between shot and cartridges for both 6" and 12 pdr. guns. This is accounted for by the use of old naval cartridges issued many years ago.

9th Feb 45.
STANLEY.

J. M. M. M. M.
Lt. Col.
Commander, Falkland Islands Force.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE - PRACTICE AMMUNITION.

<u>For 6-inch D.L. Guns:</u>	<u>Expended.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
Practice Shot Mark XVI A.Q.	10	7. 9. 43	
	34	6.10. 43	
	40	19.10. 43	
	20	19.12. 43	
	2	21. 1. 44	
	10	5. 6. 44	
	32	20. 6. 44	
	14	18. 9. 44	
	20	8.10. 44	182.
Cartridges, Cordite h/o. 11 lbs. 2 ozs.	20	7. 9. 43	
	40	19.12.43	
	20	5. 6. 44	
	32	20. 6. 44	112.
<u>For 12-pdr. (12-cwt) Q.F. Guns:</u>			
Practice Shot	20	31. 8. 44	
	40	8.10. 44	
	10	7. 1. 45	70.
Cartridges, 2 lbs. 10 ozs. 5 drms.	10	31. 8. 44	10.
<u>For Bofors Q.F. 40 mm A/A Guns:</u>			
Ammunition.	44	25. 1. 44	
	12	6. 4. 44	
	33	10. 6. 44	
	32	8. 7. 44	
	32	2. 9. 44	153.

By to:- O.C. F.I.D.F.

S A V I N G T E L E G R A M .

From the Officer Administering the Government
of the Falkland Islands.

To the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 8th March, 1945.

S E C R E T .

Red 132

Your Saving Telegram, Secret, No. 19 of 16th November, 1944.

Incidence of cost of coastal artillery.

Red 121
2. Your paragraph 2. My despatch of 3rd May referred only to quantity of ammunition replaced by War Office. In addition 22 anti-ship shells were fired making a total of 43 rounds expended during the period in question. Stocks of ammunition did not at that time justify greater expenditure and practices were, after July 1942, under the control of the Officer Commanding Force 122. Further supplies were received in July 1943, and the scale of practices was considerably increased. During the twelve months September 1943, to August, 1944, inclusive 148 rounds were fired by the two six-inch guns. A.C. 1. 1044 of 1944 was not received until the middle of 1944.

A further 34 rounds were fired in September and early October, when the receipt of your Secret telegram, No. 97 of the 5th October, authorising the

the gradual reduction of the Defence Force brought the training programme to an end.

3. With regard to the two new 6-inch gun barrels, the Secret despatch of the 24th May, 1940, mentioned by you did not refer to these guns but to a new gun which was, in fact, never received. This government has always accepted responsibility for the normal maintenance of the existing guns, but the replacement of barrels can hardly be regarded as normal maintenance. I feel certain that the Officer Commanding Force 122 must have shared this view and assumed that the Imperial Government would pay or he would not have incurred the heavy expenditure involved without either consulting or informing me. I am also advised that the replaced barrels were dated December, 1902, and January, 1903, while these now issued are dated January, 1901, and June 1902, respectively. I enclose an extract from a report by the Fire Commander which indicates that the replacements are no more serviceable than the others.

4. I have no information as to the liability which has been incurred by the replacement and it would appear to have served no useful purpose.

5. In all the circumstances I should be grateful if you would take the matter up again with the War Office and at the same time enquire whether the old barrels should be returned to the United Kingdom.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

M.P. S/4/32.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 12th March, 19 45. Time :

Received : 19 ... Time :

Rec 132

No. 75. SECRET. Your savingram Secret No. 19 of 16th November, 1944, paragraph 4.

2. Understand these two articles mentioned are still in Montevideo awaiting disposal presumably incurring considerable storage charges. Suggest responsible authority be advised.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

Subject Coastal Artillery Guns and Ammunition

To The Colonial Secretary
The Secretariat
Port Stanley



Sir,

On the 11th January last I was advised by the Force Commander that it had been agreed between the War Office and the Treasury that the liability of the Falklands Government be limited to

1. The cost of practice ammunition actually expended and
2. The cost of the 6 inch Gun Barrels etc.

On that date I had a conversation with Capt. Aldridge from which I understood that there was still a query with regard to the Gun Barrels. May I please be informed whether this query has now been settled so that the War Office instructions to supply them with agreed vouchers covering Weapons and ammunition chargeable against the Falklands Government may be carried out.

In view of the quantity of practice ammunition supplied by the War Office and still held by the Coastal Batteries may I be informed what action you propose taking in connection with future practice expenditure repayments.

RAOC Depot
Stanley
23rd March '45

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. H. Munton".

Lt RAOC

No. S/4/32.

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

MINUTE.

142.

26th March, 19 45.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To Officer Commanding,

Force 132,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

S E C R E T.

Recd 141
Recd 139
With reference to minute Ord/Amn/12 from the Ordnance Officer of the 23rd March, regarding ammunition for the Coastal Artillery, I enclose for your information a copy of a Secret Saving Telegram the Governor has recently addressed to the Secretary of State on the subject of gun barrels.

2. I shall write to you again regarding practice ammunition in the last paragraph of the minute under reference as soon as I have consulted the Officer Commanding, Falkland Islands Defence Force.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

No. S/4/32.

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

MINUTE.

27th March, 19 45.

From The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To Officer Commanding,

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

STANLEY.

Red 141
I forward for your information a copy of a minute from the Ordnance Officer and should be grateful if you would enable me to reply to his last paragraph.

X G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

No.

SECRET.MINUTE.

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

10th April, 1945.

To

From The Officer Commanding,

The Honourable

F. Is. Defence Force,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The Colonial Secretary.

With reference to your Minute No. 5/1/32 of the 27th of March, 1945, I have the honour to inform you that there has been no expenditure of 3-inch W.D. ammunition since that reported to the War Office by the Officer Commanding, Falkland Islands Force on the 9th February, 1945 (ref: red (15) in M.P. 3/4/32).

2. The following statement relates to the ammunition supplied by the W.D. :-

	<u>Received.</u>	<u>Expended.</u>	<u>Balance.</u>
6" Anti-personnel shell	240	NIL	240
6" Practice Shot	400	132	268 ✓
Cordite, 1-Charges	900	112	788 ✓

3. So far as can be foreseen, there will be no further expenditure of W/D. ammunition as we hold ample stocks of Naval type ammunition to meet all likely demands for practice purposes. If, however, it is found necessary to use W/D. stocks, such expenditure can be reported to the War Office through the Colonial Office and repayment effected through the Crown Agents.

R. Greenfield

Major.

Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

No. 281/32

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

MINUTE.

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11th April, 1945.

From The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Force,
STANLEY.

Red 142.
Red 144 Further to my minute of the 26th March regarding a petition for the Coastal Artillery, I enclose a copy of a minute I have received from the Officer Commanding, Falkland Islands Defence Force. I agree with the suggestion made in his last sentence.

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

Copy to O/C., F.I.D.F., for inf.

DECODE.TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 22nd May, 19 45. Time : 1255.

Received : 23rd May, 19 45. Time : 1030.

Recd 140

No. 158. SECRET. Your telegram No. 75. War Office state
2 four inch naval equipments may be forwarded from Montevideo
to Falkland Islands. Question whether they are to be emplaced
or kept in store still under discussion.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

C.O. IN & OUT. J.A. 535.

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Stanley.

2nd October 1945.

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Sir,

TWO 4" GUNS per s.s. "TIGRE" to
MONTEVIDEO, October, 1944.

With reference to a letter received from the Adjutant of the F.I. Defence Force (Capt. Aldridge) dated 6th February last advising us of the circumstances in which the 10 packages comprising the above guns had been stopped in transit at Montevideo, we have today received a telegram from Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon reading as follows:-

"HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO SHIP GUNS TO YOURS
"FIRST AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY".

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to the Manager.

Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Ack. 3/10/45.

Saving.

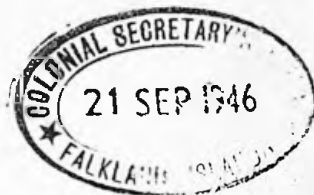
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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Date 20 July, 1946.

No. 21 Saving.



SECRET

Red 139.
Your telegram Saving Secret of 8th March, 1945

Incidence of cost of coastal artillery.

The expenditure of \$5,850 in respect of two 6-inch gun barrels has now been met by His Majesty's Government.

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