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SUBJECT :

FIXED ARTILLERY DEFENCES OF STANLEY.

CONNECTED FILES.

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Same Title

Taking Over by the Colonial Government of the Two Six Inch Naval Guns.



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SECRET

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

57/Coast Artillery/255(RA3)

24th December, 1946.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that the Chiefs of Staff have approved, for the purposes of planning, the reinauguration of the system, which lapsed during the war, whereby ports and bases at Home and Abroad were categorised according to their importance and vulnerability. Definitions of the categories are given in Annex I to this letter.

The Defence of Forces Committee have reviewed the coast artillery now required in the light of the categories allotted bases and ports, and have approved the amendment now appearing under the heading "Proposed for retention" in Annex II.

Owing to the low rate of weapon production and the stringency in finance and labour, the scales of coast artillery defence which were advanced as a basis for discussion in War Office letter 79/General/3448(107) of 8 July 1945, are, even when adjusted to embrace the subsequent categorisation of ports and bases, unlikely to be implemented for some considerable time.

The scales now proposed, therefore, constitute an interim defence pending the installation of more modern weapons, and I am to request that you inform the War Office by 30th January, 1947, of your views on these scales, before they are placed before the Chiefs of Staff for final approval.

In conclusion, I am to state that neither this letter nor the details given in Annex II constitute authority to proceed with any work service connected with any of the weapons it is proposed to retain, to instal or to dispose of, since authority for such work cannot be given until the Work Service Estimates for 1947 - 48 are approved.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Handwritten signature

See 7

Replies at 8.

/ Addressees overleaf.

The Commander-in-Chief,
Middle East Land Forces.
The Commander-in-Chief,
South East Asia Land Forces.
The General Officers Commanding-in-Chief,
Eastern, Northern, Scottish, Southern and Western Commands.
The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief,
East Africa.
The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief,
West Africa.
The General Officer Commanding,
Northern Ireland District.
The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief,
India.
His Excellency, the Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
Gibraltar.
The Officer Commanding Troops,
Bermud.
The Commander,
South Caribbean Area.
His Excellency, The Governor,
Falkland Islands.

Copy to :-

The General Officer Commanding,
Ceylon.

SECRET

CATEGORIES OF DEFENDED PORTS

Category A

Adequate defences to be kept at the naval base or port in peacetime, either installed or held in store; peacetime garrison readily available, to be large enough to man a proportion of the gun defence system. All defences to be rendered fully operational within the stated period of notice.

Category B

Preparations to be made at the base or port in peace to enable defences, appropriate to its importance in war, to be installed easily and quickly. Defences to be stored or installed at the base or port in peacetime or so located that they can most quickly and economically be brought forward and installed. Defences to be rendered fully operational within the stated period of notice.

Category C

Ports at which it will be impossible or unnecessary to install or store defences in peacetime, but for which defence schemes should be prepared to meet probable wartime uses. A pool of appropriate mobile defences to be held in peacetime at the nearest convenient base or port.

Note :- The period of notice, within which defences are to be rendered fully operational, will be laid down by the Chiefs of Staff for various areas in accordance with the general situation and the reinforcement rate likely to be achieved.

SECRETSOUTH ATLANTIC ISLANDS

Port or Base by Category				Battery	Emplacement			Remarks
A	B	C	Nil		a	b	c	
					Installed or in Store with Emplacements Prepared	Proposed for Retention as the Interim Defence	Recommended for Disposal	
			South Georgia	Leith Harbour Grytviken	1 - 4"(N) 1 - 4"(N)		1 - 4"(N) 1 - 4"(N)	
	Falkland Islands			Genopus Hut Signal Hill Charles Point Ordnance Point Tussac Point	2 - 6"(N) 2 - 4"(N) 2 - 12-prs 1 - 4"(QF) 2 - 3-prs	2 - 6"(N) 2 - 12-prs	2 - 4"(N) 1 - 4"(QF) 2 - 3-prs	

OC F.I.D.F.

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Can you enable HE to reply by
his mail? The D. has been
sadly delayed in mail.

Alie
19.3.47

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

- 1 The alarming thing about the recommendations in Annex II is that they are quite dependent to the ideas C-in-C Lord Louis had on the matter.
- 2 I agree column (a) in Annex II as correct.
- 3 Col: (b) represents the actual present position of armaments in situ.
- 4 As to Col: (c) why we should dispose of two new guns which are the most up-to-date armament we have (I refer to the 2-4" (N) ^{concrete} which have not yet been mounted although bases have been placed, seems I cannot think. But a more serious point arises, & that is if there is to be no battery at Mount Low (Signal Hill is an obsolete phrase) we have no cover for Berkeley Sound & certain blind spots between the lighthouses. This point was brought out again & again by the Force Commander 122 & these two guns were ordered especially for this task.
- 5 The Ordnance Point 4" Q.F. (originally at Mount Low) was installed as a defence for the area between the Tussac Islands & the Cape Pembroke Peninsula which is blind from both Mount Low & Canopus, & should to my mind be retained included in Col. b, especially as it is linked with a Searchlight at Ordnance Point.

W.O.E. F.I.D.F.
19.11.47.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Governor's Deputy.....

To War Office London.....

Despatched : March 25th 19 47 Time : 15.30

Received : 19 ... Time :

Secret. Your secret despatch of 24th December 1946 received last mail 5th March. Comments follow by air mail due United Kingdom early April.

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

G.T.C.

0113.

26th March,

47.

SECRET.

Sir,

1. I have the honour, in the absence of the Governor on tour, to refer to your secret letter of the 24th of December, 1946, regarding the categorisation of ports and bases, and to confirm my telegram of the 25th of March, 1947, which read:-

"Secret. Your secret despatch of 24th December, 1946, received last mail 5th March. Comments follow by air mail due United Kingdom early April.

Governor's Deputy."

2. The ^{Commanding,} ~~officer in charge~~, Falkland Islands Defence Force, reports as follows:-

"I agree column (a) on annex II as correct.

Col: (b) represents the actual present position of armaments and sites.

As to col: (c) why should we dispose of two new guns which are the most up-to-date armament we have (I refer to the 2 - 4" (N) and which have not yet been mounted although concrete bases have been placed, I cannot think. But a more serious point arises, and that is if there is to be no battery at Mount Low (Signal Hill is an obsolete phrase) we have no cover for Berkeley Sound at certain blind spots between the lighthouses. This point was brought out again and again by the Force Commander 122 and these new guns were ordered especially for this task.

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3. I am in general agreement with Lieutenant Colonel Woodgate's remarks, and would add that the recommendations in Annex II of your letter appear to differ from those which it is understood the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station is likely to make to the Admiralty as a result of his recent visit to the Falkland Islands.

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

(Sgd.) A. B. MATTHEWS

Governor's Deputy

The Secretary to the Army Council,
The War Office,
Whitehall,

VP. LONDON, S.W. 1.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Governor's Deputy.

To War Office London

Despatched: March 29th 19 47 Time: 12.30

Received: 19 ... Time:

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Secret. My secret despatch of 26th March 1947 in mail categorisation of ports paragraph 2 references to columns (a) (b) (c) are to three columns locally so designated under "Armament" of Annex II.

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

G. T. C.

LJH.

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

To see S. 9 pl.

2. Before 9a. 50, even if no death-
ments in 0'09 below, 1 shd. ltr
to discuss this with H.E.

A.B.L.

9. 4. 47

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

S & 9 seem thank you. In order to avoid
confusion in the minds of the W.O. Staff & not as a
disincentive for redundancy could O.I.C. in S be corrected
to O.C. please.

May I assume that His Excellency will
send for me when this file is placed before him.

O.W. O.C. F.I.D.B.
9. 11. 47.

Comms by 3/4
10/11/47

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SECRET.

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The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands presents his compliments to the Secretary to the Army Council and with reference to his Secret letter No. 0113 of 26th March would be grateful if paragraph 2 could be amended to read "The Officer Commanding, Falkland Islands Defence Force

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.
17th April, 1947.

DEM.

Ans for 10 apr
'Lepnie' sails.
Rel. 13. 1947
CB
18/1



Whitehall 9400 Extra 313.

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

SECRET

57/Coast Artillery/235(RA1).

19th July, 1947.

Sir,

1. I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that the Chiefs of Staff have examined the Interim Scales of Coast Artillery Defence proposed in War Office letter 57/Coast Artillery/235(RA3) of 24th December, 1946, and amended where necessary as a result of the subsequent exchange of views.

2. Whilst it has been decided that the proposals should be reviewed in the near future, the Chiefs of Staff have stated that it may be assumed that the Scales as now proposed shall not be exceeded.

3. In these circumstances I am to say that, although the proposed Interim Scales may not yet be taken as final, the decision allows of the disposal of any existing equipments that are surplus to the proposed scales.

4. At Annex to this letter are listed :

- (a) the batteries proposed as the Interim Scale of Coast Artillery Defence and which are subject to further review.
- (b) the batteries which are surplus to the proposed Interim Scale and which may be disposed of.

Instructions concerning the disposal of surplus equipments will be forwarded you in due course.

5. In conclusion, I am to state that nothing in this letter or the Annex to it is to be construed as approval to the undertaking of new work services.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

/ Addressees overleaf.

The Commander-in-Chief,
Middle East Land Forces.

The General Officers Commanding-in-Chief,
Eastern, Northern, Scottish, Southern and Western Commands.

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief,
West Africa.

The General Officer Commanding,
Northern Ireland District.

His Excellency, The Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
Gibraltar.

The Officer Commanding Troops,
Bermuda.

The Commander,
South Caribbean Area.

His Excellency the Governor,
Falkland Islands.

Copy to :

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief,
East Africa.

The General Officer Commanding Troops,
Malta.

PROPOSED INTERIM SCALES OF COAST ARTILLERY

SOUTH ATLANTIC ISLANDS

Port or Base by Category			Battery	Armament
A	B	C		
	Falkland Islands		Canopus Hut	2 - 6" (N)
			Mount Low	2 - 4" (N)
			Charles Point	2 - 12-prs
			Ordnance Point	1 - 4" (QF)

EXISTING COAST ARTILLERY SURPLUS TO THE

PROPOSED INTERIM SCALES

<u>Port or Base</u>	<u>Battery</u>	<u>Armament</u>
South Georgia	Leith Harbour	1 - 4" (N)
" " " "	Grytvikon	1 - 4" (N)
Falkland Islands	Tussac Point	2 - 3-prs

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Royal Naval Armament Depot,
Simonstown,
23rd May, 1950.

S.T.1/10/50.

His Excellency,
The Governor,
The Falkland Islands.



Sir,

Stores on Loan.

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It is requested that the attached forms O.44
in respect of stores issued on loan from this Department
may be completed, one copy being returned to this office
as soon as possible.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Handwritten initials]

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten notes: "acc" and "11/57"]

NAVAL ARMAMENT SUPPLY OFFICER.

[Handwritten initials]

Reply at 22.

NAVAL ARMAMENT, TORPEDO, AND MINING STORES, LOAN ACCOUNT.

From N.A.S.O., Simonstown.To His Excellency, The Governor, The Falkland Islands.

Hereunder is a list of Admiralty (Vote 9) stores held on loan from this Department, and it is requested that you will be good enough to certify that the quantities shewn as in your possession on 31st March last are correct.

If any of the stores shewn are no longer required, will you please indicate same in your reply and arrange for them to be returned to this Department as soon as practicable.

W. H. ...
NAVAL ARMAMENT SUPPLY OFFICER.

Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/ 49	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/ 50
	O.Q.F. 4" Mk.4-5-5* A5-5* & 12:-				
	Bearings Ball No.3	1	-	-	1
	" " No.4	1	-	-	1
	Bushes Firing Hole	1	-	-	1
	Latch retaining B.M. Lever	1	-	-	1
	Latches retaining firing mech- anism case.	1	-	-	1
	Lever recocking	1	-	-	1
	Pins axis recocking lever	1	-	-	1
	Pins axis trigger sear part 1	1	-	-	1
	Pins firing Mk.2	1	-	-	1
	Pinions rack	1	-	-	1
	Sleeve recocking lever	1	-	-	1
	Spring actuating B.B.	1	-	-	1
	Springs catch retaining firing mech. case.	1	-	-	1

continue overleaf if necessary.

Certified that the stores detailed hereon were in ^{my}our possession on 31st March last, and

*are still required for the service for which supplied.

*the items ticked will be returned on _____

* Strike out as necessary.

W. H. ...
Date. *23rd May 1950.*

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Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/ 49	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/ 50
	Springs crank buffer	1	-	-	1
	Springs extractor plunger	1	-	-	1
	Springs firing mech. case retaining latch.	1	-	-	1
	Springs pinion catch	1	-	-	1
	O.Q.F. 4" Mk.4 & 12				
	Bracket stop breech block	1	-	-	1
	Lever extractor lower	1	-	-	1
	" " upper	1	-	-	1
	Strikers Mk.2.	1	-	-	1
	O.Q.F. 4" Body Mk.4.				
	Reg.No.1672.	1	-	-	1
	Mechanism	1	-	-	1
	Covers Clinometer plane Mk.1	1	-	-	1
	Bolt actuating Breech Mech.	1	-	-	1
	Blocks Breech	1	-	-	1
	Case firing mechanism Mk.2	1	-	-	1
	Cranks	1	-	-	1
	Levers B.M.	1	-	-	1
	Levers cocking	1	-	-	1
	Lever firing	1	-	-	1
	Lever firing intermediate	1	-	-	1
	Lever recocking intermediate	1	-	-	1
	Pins axis Mk.2 trigger sear				
	Part 2	1	-	-	1
	Plunger Mk.2 trigger sear	1	-	-	1
	Shaft firing	1	-	-	1
	Shaft recocking	1	-	-	1
	Trigger sear Part 1	1	-	-	1

No..... Date.....

NAVAL ARMAMENT, TORPEDO, AND MINING STORES, LOAN ACCOUNT.

From

To

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Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/49.	Since supplied .	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/ 50.
	O.Q.F. 4" Mk.4 contd.				
	Trigger sear Part 2	1	-	-	1
	Adaptor gauge striker eccen- tricity & testing blow of striker 4" V.T.	1	-	-	1
	Case adaptor gauge Q.F. 4" Mk.12	1	-	-	1
	Gauge striker protrusion No.16 Mk.1	1	-	-	1
	Gauge striker eccentricity 4"				
	Vent Tube	1	-	-	1
	Wrenches B.M. No.98	1	-	-	1
	Gauge testing blow of striker Coppers	100	-	-	100
	Gauge testing blow of striker 4" V.T.	1	-	-	1

continue overleaf if necessary.

Certified that the stores detailed hereon were in ^{my}our possession on 31st March last, and

*are still required for the service for which supplied.

*the items ticked ✓ will be returned on.....

* Strike out as necessary.

Date.....

Q. M. F.I.D.F.

A.

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Will you please confirm that these stores are held by the defense force.

Yes

B.

Yes

Confirmed, pl.

J.
Dm.
3/1/50

9th August 50.

Sir,

17-20.

I am directed to return herewith, duly completed,
form 044 in respect of stores issued on loan to the
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Naval Armament Supply Officer,
Royal Naval Armament Depot,
Simonstown.

10/11/50
10/11/50

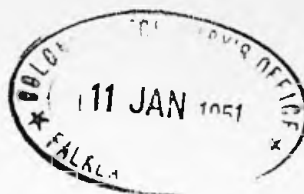
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WHitchhall 9400 Ext: 313

The War Office,
Whitchhall,
London, S.W.1.

57/Coast Artillery/284(RA1)



16th December, 1950

Sir,

Subject: The Use of Radar in Coast Artillery

1. I am commanded by the Army Council to refer you to War Office Letter 57/Coast Artillery/284(MO5) of 20th October 1950, giving the future roles of Coast Artillery and to say that the extent to which radar can be employed in these roles has been under consideration.

2. It is accepted in principle that radar is required for all three roles on a general basis of:-

One Tactical Control (TC) Radar per port

One Fire Control (FC) Radar per battery

Where a Naval Harbour Defence Radar is to be installed in a port it may be possible to dispense with the Tactical Control Radar.

3. I am however to say that, in view of the many competing claims on industry and on technical manpower, it will not be possible to replace or supplement the existing radar resources of Coast Artillery for some time to come.

4. Serviceable radar equipment at present available will therefore be retained in use, and will in due course be re-allocated on a priority basis in accordance with the future Final Scales of Coast Artillery Defence.

Operators will continue to be provided from the current Coast Artillery manpower allotment and be trained by Coast Artillery. Facilities for maintenance and repair will be limited to those at present available, together with such as can be afforded by Command Workshops.

5. In conclusion I am to say that the provision of additional radar for Coast Artillery, together with associated technical manpower, will be the subject of periodical review.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

G. Lambert

The Commander-in-Chief,
Middle East Land Forces.

The Commander-in-Chief,
Far East Land Forces.

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief,
West Africa.

The General Officers Commanding-in-Chief,
Eastern, Northern Scottish, Southern,
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Gibraltar.

The Commander, Caribbean Area.

The Officer Commanding Troops, Bermuda.

His Excellency, The Governor, Falkland Islands.

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Copy to :

The General Officer Commanding,
East Africa.
The Officer Commanding Troops,
Malta.
The Commandant,
Coast Artillery School.

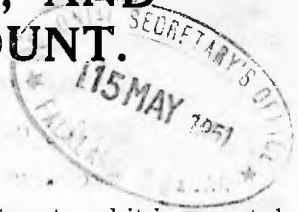
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Burton
 NAVAL ARMAMENT SUPPLY OFFICER.

Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/
5 MAY 1951	O.Q.F. 4" Mk. 4-5-5-45 - 5x				
	and 12:-				
	Bearings Ball No. 3	1	-	-	1
	" " No. 4	1	-	-	1
	Bushes Firing Hole	1	-	-	1
	Latch retaining BM lever	1	-	-	1
	Latches retaining firing mechanism case	1	-	-	1
	Lever recocking	1	-	-	1
	Pins axis recocking lever	1	-	-	1
	Pins axis trigger sear Part 1	1	-	-	1
	Pins firing Mk. 2	1	-	-	1
	Pinions Rack	1	-	-	1
	Sleeve recocking lever	1	-	-	1

continue overleaf if necessary.

Certified that the stores detailed hereon were in my possession on 31st March last, and

our *are still required for the service for which supplied.

*the items ticked ✓ will be returned on _____

* Strike out as necessary.

W. H. Clavin
 Date 15 May 1951

Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/ 50	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/ 51
	Spring actuating BB.	1	-	-	1
	Spring catch retaining firing mech. case.	1	-	-	1
	Spring crank buffer	1	-	-	1
	Spring extractor plunger	1	-	-	1
	Spring firing mech. case retaining latch	1	-	-	1
	Springs pinion catch	1	-	-	1
	O.Q.F. 4" Mk.4 & 12 Bracket stop breech block	1	-	-	1
	Lever extractor lower	1	-	-	1
	" " upper	1	-	-	1
	Strikers Mk.2	1	-	-	1
	OQF 4" Body Mk.4 Reg. No.1672	1	-	-	1
	Mechanism	1	-	-	1
	Covers Clinometer plane Mk.1	1	-	-	1
	Bolt actuating breech mech.	1	-	-	1
	Blocks Breech	1	-	-	1
	Case firing Mech. Mk.2	1	-	-	1
	Cranks	1	-	-	1
	Lever BM	1	-	-	1
	Levers cocking	1	-	-	1
	Lever firing	1	-	-	1
	OQF 4" Mk.4:- Lever firing intermediate	1	-	-	1
	Lever recocking intermediate	1	-	-	1
	Pins axis Mk.2 Trigger sear Part 2	1	-	-	1

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Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/50	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/51
	Plunger Mk.2 Trigger sear	1	-	-	1
	Shaft firing	1	-	-	1
	" recocking	1	-	-	1
	Trigger sear Part 1	1	-	-	1
	" " Part 2 adapter				
	gauge striker eccentricity				
	and testing blow of striker				
	4" VT	1	-	-	1
	Case adaptor gauge OF 4" Mk.12	1	-	-	1
	Gauge striker protrusion No.16				
	Mk.1	1	-	-	1
	Gauge striker eccentricity 4"				
	Vent Tube	1	-	-	1
	Wrenches BM No.98	1	-	-	1

continue overleaf if necessary.

Certified that the stores detailed hereon were in my possession on 31st March last, and

*are still required for the service for which supplied.

*the items ticked will be returned on

* Strike out as necessary.

W. R. ...
Date 15th May 1951.

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Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/50	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/51
	Gauge testing blow of striker coppers	100	-	-	100
	Gauge testing blow of striker 4" V.T.	1	-	-	1
	Side Arms etc.:				
	Bandoliers Vent Tube No.2	2	-	-	2
	Ejectors Projectile QF 4" Mk.4	1	-	-	1
	Heads cleaner Plasaba No.13 Mk.1	1	-	-	1
	Lanyards firing No.9 without loops	1	-	-	1
	Spindle Head cleaner BL/or QF 4.7" Mk.2	1	-	-	1
	Stoves Ends No.38	1	-	-	1
	Stove intermediate BL/QF 4" No.3	1	-	-	1
	Boxes Ctgs. 4" Mk.4 C.222	34	-	-	34
	Boxes Projectile 4" P.13	67	-	-	67
	Ctgs. QF fld. (Sep.) 4" Mk.4				
	5lbs. 2ozs. 2drms. Cord. SC103 Mk.2 Foil Primer No.9	200	-	-	200
	Shells BL/QF Hy. HE Mk.7 fld. & fuze 45P Mks.8 & 2	200	-	-	200
	Boxes Ctgs. 4" Mk.4 C.222	34	-	-	34
	<i>Office</i> <i>Inv as at (23) pl</i> <i>22/5/51</i>				

30th May,

51.

Sir,

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I am directed to return herewith, duly completed,
Form 04/4 in respect of stores issued on loan to the
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Naval Armament Supply Officer,
Royal Naval Armament Depot,
SIMONSTOWN.

Raymer
11/6/51

NAVAL ARMAMENT SUPPLY OFFICER,
ROYAL NAVAL ARMAMENT DEPOT,
SIMONSTOWN.

Ref.—S.T. 1/10/51.

Date 10th July, 1951.

Telephone 96401, Ext. 404—Enquiries.

His Excellency,
The Governor,
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.



See 29

Sir,
The receipted copy of O.44 No.7/51 dated 16th April, 1951, Naval Armament, Torpedo and Mining Stores, Loan Account, has not been received in this office.

It is requested that its return may be expedited in order to clear the Loan Account Statement for 1951.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant.

114 SEP 1951

[Handwritten Signature]

NAVAL ARMAMENT SUPPLY OFFICER.

Crossed see (29)

I think we should so inform N.A.S.O. by 3pm. just in case it has gone astray, in which case he will no doubt send another. *[Handwritten Signature]*

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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The Colonial Secretary of the Falkland Islands presents his compliments to the Naval Armament Supply Officer, Simonstown and with reference to the latter's letter S.T. 1/10/51, of the 10th of July, 1951, is directed by the Governor to say that the receipted copy of O.44 No. 7/51 dated the ~~16th~~ April, 1951, was returned under cover of a letter (Ref. 0113) dated the 30th May, 1951.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley.
29th September, 1951.

P!

G1/Falkland Is. 5879.

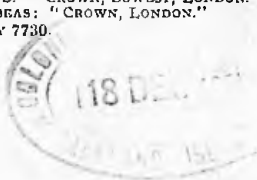
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Communications to be addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, 4, Millbank, London, S.W.1, and the above reference quoted.



4, MILLBANK,
LONDON S.W.1

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



23 NOV 1951

Sir,

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We have the honour to enclose a copy of a letter which we have received from the Admiralty, and to enquire whether your Government wishes to take advantage of this offer.

We have the honour to be,
Sir
Your obedient servants,

S. Reynolds

for the Crown Agents.

Reply at 34

The Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands.

see 35

DM

JS

18 DEC 1951
FALKLAND ISLANDS
33.

COPY OF LETTER FROM THE ADMIRALTY TO THE CROWN AGENTS FOR COLONIES.

The Admiralty,
London, S.W.1.

6th November, 1951.

Quoting M/PR.26526/51.

Gentlemen,

I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that a quantity of .4" electric and percussion vent tubes, similar to ones previously supplied to the Falkland Islands and Nigeria, are surplus to Royal Navy requirements.

2. I am to request that these countries may be asked whether they would like to purchase any of the surplus equipment at the prices shown below. The prices quoted include packages, but exclude transport and handling costs. The quantities available are shown in brackets.

Tubes vent .4" electric (218,450) - £6 per 100.
Tubes vent .4" percussion (187,480) - £5 per 100.

3. The offer will remain open for one month from the date of this letter.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

(signed) ?

Reply at 34

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

*Please reply to
no thank you
10/11*

31st December, 51.

Gentlemen,

32.

I am directed to refer to your letter G1/Falkland Islands 5879 dated the 16th of November, 1951, regarding a quantity of .4" electric and percussion vent tubes which the Admiralty have for disposal and to say that this Government does not wish to take advantage of this offer.

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) L.W. Aldridge

FOR COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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

[Handwritten signature]
31/1/52

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

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



-7 FEB 1952

Sir,

312

With reference to our letter dated the 16th November, we have to enquire whether you wish to take advantage of the Electric and Percussion vent tubes offered by the Admiralty.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,

for the Crown Agents.

See 344

The Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands.

AMW

JS

NAVAL ARMAMENT, TORPEDO, AND MINING STORES, LOAN ACCOUNT.

From H.A.S.O. Simon's Town.

To His Excellency, The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Hereunder is a list of Admiralty (Vote 9) stores held on loan from this Department, and it is requested that you will be good enough to certify that the quantities shewn as in your possession on 31st March last are correct.

If any of the stores shewn are no longer required, will you please indicate same in your reply and arrange for them to be returned to this Department as soon as practicable.

Sgd. A. M. INGHAM.

Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/51	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/52
	U.S.P. 4" mk 4-2-28 4-5				
	and 12"				
	Bearings Ball No 3	1	-	-	1
	" " " 4	1	-	-	1
	Escape Firing Hole	1	-	-	1
	Wrench retaining lining mechanism case	1	-	-	1
	Wrench retaining BR lever	1	-	-	1
	Lever recocking	1	-	-	1
	Wing axis recocking lever	1	-	-	1
	Wing axis trigger seat part 1	1	-	-	1
	Wing firing mk 2	1	-	-	1
	Wing Rack	1	-	-	1
	Sleeve recocking lever	1	-	-	1

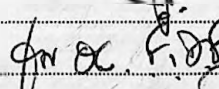
continue overleaf if necessary.

Certified that the stores detailed hereon were in my possession on 31st March last, and our

*are still required for the service for which supplied.

*the items ticked will be returned on.....

* Strike out as necessary.


 Date 10th July 1952

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Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/ 51	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/ 52
	Spring actuating BM	1	-	-	1
	Spring catch retaining firing mech case	1	-	-	1
	Spring crank buffer	1	-	-	1
	Spring extractor plunger	1	-	-	1
	Spring firing mech. case retaining latch	1	-	-	1
	Spring union water	1	-	-	1
	O.R.P. 4" mk 1/2 bracket stop breech block	1	-	-	1
	Lever extractor lower	1	-	-	1
	Lever extractor upper	1	-	-	1
	Strikers mk 2	1	-	-	1
	O.R.P. 4" Body mk 4 Reg No. 1672	1	-	-	1
	Mechanism	1	-	-	1
	Covera Clinometer plane mk 1	1	-	-	1
	Bolt actuating breech mech.	1	-	-	1
	Blocks breech	1	-	-	1
	Case firing mech. mk 2	1	-	-	1
	Cranks	1	-	-	1
	Lever BM	1	-	-	1
	Levers cocking	1	-	-	1
	Lever firing	1	-	-	1
	O.R.P. 4" mk 4:- Lever Firing intermediate	1	-	-	1

NAVAL ARMAMENT, TORPEDO, AND MINING STORES, LOAN ACCOUNT.

From H.A.S.O. Simon's Loan.

To His Excellency, The Governor, Falkland Islands.

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If any of the stores shewn are no longer required, will you please indicate same in your reply and arrange for them to be returned to this Department as soon as practicable.

Sgd. A. M. INGHAM.

NAVAL ARMAMENT STORES BY DEPARTMENT

Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/51	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/52
	lever recocking intermediate	1	-	-	1
	pins axle mk 2 trigger	1	-	-	1
	bear part 2	1	-	-	1
	Plunger mk 2 trigger bear	1	-	-	1
	shaft firing	1	-	-	1
	" recocking	1	-	-	1
	Trigger bear part 1	1	-	-	1
	" " " 2	1	-	-	1
	adaptor gauge striker eccentricity and testing	1	-	-	1
	Case adaptor gauge of 1"	1	-	-	1
	mk 72	1	-	-	1
	Gauge striker eccentricity	1	-	-	1
	vent tube	1	-	-	1
	Frenches BM No 98	1	-	-	1

continue overleaf if necessary.

Certified that the stores detailed hereon were in ^{my}our possession on 31st March last, and

*are still required for the service for which supplied.

*the items ticked will be returned on

* Strike out as necessary.

for R. F. D. F.

Date 10th July 1952

39.

Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/51	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/52
	Gauge testing bloc of striker coppers	100	-	-	100
	Gauge testing bloc of striker 4" V.T.	1	-	-	1
	Bandoliers Vent Tube No 2	2	-	-	2
	jectors Projectile 4" mk 2	1	-	-	1
	Heads cleaner Blasaba No 15 mk 1	1	-	-	1
	Lanvards firing No 9 without loops	1	-	-	1
	Spindle head Cleaner BL/OP 4.7" mk 2	1	-	-	1
	Stoves Ends No 38	1	-	-	1
	Stove Intermediate BL/OP 4" No 3	1	-	-	1
	Boxes Cigs 4" mk 4 220	34	-	-	34
	Boxes Projectile 4" P.11	67	-	-	67
	Cigs OP fld (Sep) 4" mk 4x 5lbs 2035 2drms Cord SC103 mk 2 foil Primer No 9	200	-	-	200
	Shells BL/OP Ny HM mk 7 and fused 45p mks 8 and 2	200	-	-	200
	Gauge striker protrusion No.16 Mk.1.	1	-	-	1

11th July, 52.

Sir,

36-39.
I am directed to return herewith, duly completed,
form 044 in respect of stores issued on loan to the
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. E. Briscoe

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Naval Armament Supply Officer,
Royal Naval Armament Depot,
Simonstown.

12-7

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EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM HON. COL. SEC. TO COMMANDING OFFICER, U.M.S. ST. ABSTELL BAY of the 6th of August, 1952.

(Original filed in 9289 - Ammunition, F.I.D.F.)

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4. On this subject it would also be very much appreciated if your company officer could in due course furnish a report on the serviceability of the guns themselves, and, if possible, fire some of them.

It will then be possible to decide for which ones ammunition replacements should be ordered.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

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From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 30.8.52 Time : Received : 31.8.52 Time : 1000

TOP SECRET.

p.4

No. 98. TOP SECRET. Your telegram No. 35 TOP SECRET
paragraph 1 (a). Coast Defence Guns.

Question of disposal of these guns has ~~been~~ recently been considered by Chiefs of Staff Committee who have decided as guns would act as a slight deterrent Argentinians, it would be unwise to dispose of them at present.

Goods /

At request of Committee Admiralty have instructed C. in C. America and West Indies to arrange servicing of guns when ship/s make visit Islands.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

CYPHER E.
JB.

Y. S.

To see.
C.P. Seen. We will also want some ammo for them! I like the idea of the Navy servicing them - they can also visit with FIVE in the case of them.
199 B.V. when St Andrew Bay returns.
2/9/52

4 OCT 1971

CS

Attached draft
to come for which
there is, I think,
a more appropriate file.

CS

13th September, 52.

Secret

Sir,

Coast Defence Guns.

I am directed to refer to your recent discussion with His Honour on this subject and to append an extract from a telegram recently received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies:-

"Question of disposal of these guns has recently been considered by Chiefs of Staff Committee who have decided as guns would act as a slight deterrent Argentinians, it would be unwise to dispose of them at present.

At request of Committee Admiralty have instructed Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies, to arrange servicing of guns when ship/s make visit Islands".

2. The following is a list of the guns and their whereabouts:-

Canopus	2	6-inch B.L. Guns
Ordnance Point	1	4-inch Q.F.
Charles Point	2	12 pdr. 12 cwt. Q.F.
Naval Camber Store	2	4-inch B.L. Guns
Stanley	8	Bofor Guns
"	2	3 pdr. Hotchkiss Guns.

3. It would be very much appreciated if the inspection or servicing of the guns could be undertaken as soon as possible, in order that fresh supplies of ammunition can be ordered for them since all the existing ammunition is unserviceable.

4. It would also be appreciated if you could advise on the number of rounds and the quantity and type of spare parts which should be held here.

5. A number of conflicting reports about the serviceability of these various guns have been received in the past but no proper testing appears to have taken place and it is not thought that the information would be of very much use to you.

6. It is difficult to assess accurately at this stage the part which these guns would play in the

40e

Colony's Defence Scheme until the final draft of the Scheme has been approved but as regular servicing by visiting ships will now take place it would appear desirable that a section of the Falkland Islands Defence Force should be trained as guns' crews.

7. Any further details about these guns can be obtained from Mr. J. Bond I am, at the Secretariat.

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. W. Triscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.

SECRET

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40F

H.M.S. St. Austell Bay,
at Port Stanley.

18th September, 1952.

No. G1/0260.

The Honourable The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley.

COAST DEFENCE GUNS.

With reference to your No. 0109/J dated 13th September, I have not yet received any instructions on this subject from the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station.

2. I enclose a draft signal which is I hope self explanatory, and request that it may be returned to me with your comments.

at b.c.

Laming
(CAIRNS)
CAPTAIN.

Y.H. will direct reply?

22/9.

SECRET

*of ... with my ...
+ any comments ...
may have. 22/9*

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Yes

6-7 the only comment I can offer is
that we appear to be asking too much
of a small ship & will have to accept
their recommendations

J.S.G.

J.H.

Minute at 7.
Letter is at p. 4.

J.S.G.
26/9

CS Return it & say that we have no
comments & will await outcome of
events.

26/9

DRAFT.

COPY.

NAVAL MESSAGE.

8
40H

SECRET.

To: C. IN C. A.W.I.

From: CAPTAIN F 7

INFO. GOVERNOR F.I.

Governor informs me that as result of Chiefs of Staff Decision visiting warships are to be made responsible for servicing fixed defences guns at Port Stanley.

2. Naval advice is also sought on ammunition demands.

3. Inspection carried out by frigates during 1952 shows that guns are in reasonable state of preservation. Consider limited staff in frigates can do ~~more~~ no more than this until an Ordnance officer has

- (a) Inspected guns and magazines.
- (b) Recommended which guns can be made serviceable.
- (c) Drawn up schedule of work for future visits, and listed spare parts required.
- (d) Advised on ammunition demands.

4. Propose that para 3 above be carried out when flagship next visits Port Stanley.

5. There is doubt as to availability in U.K. of

- (a) Super charged cordite believed necessary for six inch guns because of restricted elevation.
- (b) Ammunition for four inch breech loading guns now dismantled in local store.

6. Governor concurs.

SECRET.

0109/J

9409

27th September, 52.

To: The Commanding Officer,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

H.M.S. St. Austell Bay,

at Stanley.

Coast Defence Guns.

8

With reference to your Memorandum No. G1/0260 of the 18th September, 1952, I am directed to return your draft and say that His Honour has no comments to offer and will await the outcome.

(SGD) J. E. BRISCOE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

H.

*ACS these pp. can be merged
amalgamated with other correspondence
on coast guns & file can be abolished.*

Off. Secy
20/9
PAJ

P.S.

441
~~380~~

Supers have I gather inspected our pens — have we a report yet?

432
444

See 42.

2) K.I.V. that we are also expecting advice from them on what ~~and~~ fresh ammunition we should now order & in what quantity.

Ⓞ
24/2

H.S.

No report has been need.

2. Draft letter to Supers att. x.c.p.

Ⓞ
24/2.

0113

Off. Genl. have a file contain "Bourse de France Gene" in which the ...

0625/IV

LR
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

27th February, 53.

Sir,

327.
0625/IV
I am directed to refer to paragraph 3 of your Memorandum A.W.F. No. 522/661/9 of the 1st of November, 1952, and to say that it is understood that your Ordnance Staff have inspected the Coast defence guns in the Colony.

2. A report as to the serviceability of the guns and advice on what fresh ammunition, if any, and in what quantity should be ordered, would be very much appreciated.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J.E. Briscoe

Reply at 43.

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Commodore,
H.M.S. Superb.

SECRET

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
America and West Indies Station
H.M.S. SUPERB,
at Falkland Islands.

28th February, 1953.

A.W.I.No.0409A.

Sir,

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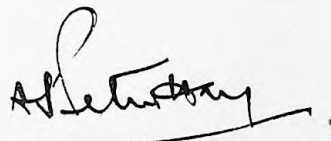
44.

With reference to your letter 0625/IV of 27th February, 1953, a copy of Admiralty Letter M.02713/51 of 18th December, 1952, is forwarded herewith for your information. The guns have now been examined by the Ordnance Staff of H.M.S. SUPERB and the necessary painting carried out.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



COMMANDER(S).
Secretary to the
Commander-in-Chief.

Reply at 45.

The Acting Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

SECRET

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M.02715/51

18th December,

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The Commander-in-Chief,
America and West Indies.

With reference to your submission No.A.W.I.508/0409A of the 23th October, 1952, I am to inform you that Their Lordships have considered your recommendation to provide ammunition for the guns in the Falkland Islands but are unable to support it for the following reasons:-

- (a) The continued presence of the guns is regarded as politically desirable, but there is no intention of establishing gun crews or magazine storage for ammunition, without both of which ammunition would be of little value.
- (b) The Governor has reported his preference for the presence of a frigate as deterrent rather than for reinforcements ashore.
- (c) The Chiefs of Staff, in instructing that the existing ammunition should be removed, were aware that no replacements were available for the 6" ammunition.

2. With regard to the second sentence of paragraph 1 of your letter it is not deemed necessary to carry out an elaborate servicing of the guns in view of their limited role. External painting sufficient to preserve the structure will be adequate.

BY COMMAND OF THEIR LORDSHIPS.

(Sgt) G. B. REWELL

MM/ALP/COB.11

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2 JAN 1953

0409 A

SECRET

SECRET

0113

17th March, 53.

Sir,

43

I am directed to refer to your letter A.W.I. No. 0409A of the 28th of February, 1953, and to observe that the information contained in the enclosure thereto does not appear to be very satisfactory from the point of view of the Colony's defence.

2. The political desirability of the guns without ammunition seems of doubtful value as any potential enemy would have little difficulty in obtaining an appreciation of the situation.

3. Though the presence of a frigate is certainly preferable to reinforcements ashore it would still seem prudent to supplement the warship with coastal guns.

4. Though no replacements for the 6" ammunition is available, it might be possible to obtain ammunition for the smaller calibre guns.

5. Even though it is not intended to establish service gun crews ashore, it should be possible to form a coastal battery section of the Falkland Islands Defence Force who might be trained by experts from visiting warships and who would be available to man the guns either themselves or under naval or military supervision in time of war.

6. So in order that the matter may be pursued further it would be very much appreciated if you could advise on the following points:-

- (a) which of the existing guns are serviceable or could readily be made serviceable.
- (b) for which of the serviceable guns can ammunition be obtained.
- (c) what is a reasonable quantity of such ammunition which should be held in order to make resistance effective.
- (d) what improvements to our magazine stowage facilities would be required to store this ammunition.
- (e) would it be possible for visiting warships to train local gun crews:

60. 21/3/53

Reply 21/3/53

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Acting Colonial Secy

The Secretary
To the Commander-in-Chief,
H. M. S. SUPERB.

24th March,

53.

Sir,

I am directed to enquire whether a quantity (say 1 cwt.) of cotton waste could be made available to Government on a repayment basis.

2. The waste is required for maintenance purposes of the Coast Defence guns.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J.E. Briscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Commodore,
H.M.S. SUPERB.

SECRET

47

Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
America and West Indies Station.
H.M.S. SUPERB,
at Falkland Islands.

21st March, 1953.

A.W.I.No.0409A.

Sir,

45 I am directed to refer to paragraph 6 of your letter No.0113 of 17th March, 1953, and to inform you as follows:-

- (a) (i) From a visual inspection it would appear that all the mountings are probably serviceable, though the amount of corrosion that has taken place, particularly on holding-down bolts, in recoil and recuperator systems, is not easy to assess, without major stripping work.
Various parts, such as training handwheels, sights etc. are not on the mountings.
- (ii) The state of the gun bores is not known. An assessment of their condition could be made from the Gun memoranda and by unplugging and cleaning out the bores. The breech mechanisms have not been sighted. If they have been properly stored away it is probable that they are in a serviceable condition.
- (b) (i) It is understood that ammunition is not available for the 6" guns.
- (ii) It is not known whether any of the requisite 4" and 12 pounder ammunition could be made available, but it is considered doubtful as the weapons are obsolete.
- (c) 100 rounds per gun is suggested.
- (d) The magazines have not been inspected. Probably some form of dehydrator would be desirable for each magazine.
- (e) A drill could be devised for these obsolete weapons, and any Petty Officer (G.I.) could train local guns crews, if he could be made available.

2. It is regretted that the task of carrying out major stripping and inspection is at present beyond the resources of H.M.S. SUPERB's Ordnance Staff.

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SECRET

SECRET

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(Page 2 of A.W.I.No.0409A of 21st March, 1953)

3. In view of the decision contained in Admiralty Letter M/02713/51 dated 18th December, 1952, which was presumably made with the approval of the Colonial Office, it is suggested that should you wish to pursue this matter you should do so through the Colonial Office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

[Handwritten signature]

COMMANDER (S).
Secretary to the
Commander-in-Chief.

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

G.H.

p. 17 v.i.

I discussed this matter with the Ordnance Officer and I gathered that no opinion on the serviceability of the guns could be ~~made~~ given as this can only be given by a duly authorised Inspector, and experts such as this are not taken to see

[Handwritten signature]
24/3

C.P. Pte Bo. with disposal of Unserviceable Ammo file.

0289

2) I also wish to know the number types & localities of guns we have (including spare barrels.)

0625/IV

3) I also want ~~to~~ the file leading up to our request for cruises to search our guns.

SECRET

*Att. p.u. the files a ~~copy~~ 30/3
repts. where necessary 21/3.*

A. C. S.

H.H's memo. at 48 in ~~8289~~⁰¹¹³, p1.

Para1. 0289 attached

2. 2 6" at Canopus with separate sub-calibre barrels (3-pdr)
(2 spare barrels - condemned by Army during war)
 - 1 4" at Ordnance Pt.
 - 1 4" (naval) stored at Camber
 - 2 12-pdrs. at Charles Pt.
 - 2 3-pdrs. Saluting
3. 43 - 47 in 0289
327 in 0625/IV
42 - 44 in 0113

WY
31.3.53

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

2nd April, 1953.

Copy of 0289

Storage of Ammunition FIDE

SECRET.

Sir,

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I have the honour to refer to your Secret letters 57/Coast Artillery/235 (RA3) of the 24th of December, 1946, and 57/Coast Artillery/235 (RA1) of the 19th of July, 1947, and my Secret letter No. 0113 of the 26th of March, 1947, on the subject of Coast Defence Artillery in the Falkland Islands.

2. During the last year, as a result of correspondence between the Colonial Office and the Admiralty, the existing ammunition for all the Colony's coastal guns has been inspected, condemned and dumped at sea.

3. As a result of further correspondence the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station, advised me that his Ordnance Staff would service the guns when the Flagship next visited the Colony and it was my intention to take the opportunity of seeking their advice also on the quantity of ammunition which should be held for the different guns.

4. During the Flagship's recent visit, however, the guns were merely examined and painted, and copies of the correspondence exchanged at the time are enclosed as Appendices A, B and C.

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(44)

5. The information contained in the enclosure to Appendix A had not previously been communicated to me and I would be very grateful if I could receive a firm ruling on the future of this coastal artillery.

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

See 55

(Sgd) Colin Campbell

Officer Administering
the Government.

Reply at 56

The Secretary to the Army Council,
The War Office,
Whitehall,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Bw. 15/6/53

NAVAL ARMAMENT, TORPEDO, AND MINING STORES, LOAN ACCOUNT.

From N.A.S.O., SimonstownTo His Excellency, The Governor, Falkland Islands

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NAVAL ARMAMENT SUPPLY *Officer.*

Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/52	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/53
	O.C.F. 4" Mk. Mk.4-5-5x A5-5x				
	and 12:-				
	Bearings Ball No.3	1	-	-	1
	Bearings Ball No.4	1	-	-	1
	Bushes Fire Hole	1	-	-	1
	Latch retaining firing mechanism case	1	-	-	1
	Latch retaining BM lever	1	-	-	1
	Lever recocking	1	-	-	1
	Pins axis recocking Lever	1	-	-	1
	Pins axis trigger sear Part 1	1	-	-	1
	Pins firing Mk.2	1	-	-	1
	Pinions Rack	1	-	-	1
	Sleeve recocking lever	1	-	-	1

(continue overleaf if necessary.)

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* are still required for the service for which supplied.

* the items ticked ✓ are no longer required.

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* Strike out as necessary.

Sta. 10254/45.

Date 13/8/53

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NAVAL ARMAMENT SUPPLY Officer.

Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/52	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/53
	Lever recocking intermediate	1	-	-	1
	Pin axis Mk.2 Trigger sear Part 2	1	-	-	1
	Plunger Mk.2 Trigger sear	1	-	-	1
	Shaft firing	1	-	-	1
	Shaft recocking	1	-	-	1
	Trigger sear Part 1	1	-	-	1
	Trigger sear Part 2	1	-	-	1
	Adaptor gauge striker eccentricity and testing blow of				
	striker .4" Vt.	1	-	-	1
	Case adaptor gauge C.F.4" Mk.12	1	-	-	1
	Gauge striker eccentricity .4"				
	vent tube	1	-	-	1
	Wrenches B1 No.93	1	-	-	1

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Sta. 10254/45.

Date

13/5/53.

Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/52	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/53
	Gauge testing blow of striker-coppers.	100	-	-	100
	Gauge testing blow of striker 4" V.T.	1	-	-	1
	side case cap.				
	bandoliers Vene Tube No.2	2	-	-	2
	colours Projectiles				
	4" Mk.4	1	-	-	1
	Head cleaner Plasma No.13 Mk.1	1	-	-	1
	lanterns firing No.9 without loops.	1	-	-	1
	Spindle head cleaner BL/ or S.S. 4.7" Mk.2	1	-	-	1
	Staves ends No.38	1	-	-	1
	Stave Intermediate BL/OF 4" No.3	1	-	-	1
	Boxes Ctgs. 4" Mk.4 C.222	34	-	-	34
	Boxes Projectiles 4" P.13	67	-	-	67
	Ctgs OF fld.(Sep) 4" Mk.4				
	5 lbs 2 ozs 2 drms. Cord.				
	Sc.103 Mk.2 foil Primer No.9	200	-	-	200
	Shells BL/OF Hy. HE Mk.7				
	fld & fuzed 15F Mk.8 & 2	200	-	-	200
	Gauge striker protrusion No.16 Mk.1.	1	-	-	1

BU (49) 15.6.53



TEL. NO. WEI 9400

EXTN 735

Further correspondence on this subject should be addressed to:
The Under-Secretary of State (MO 5)

SECRET

THE WAR OFFICE,
LONDON,

Please quote in any reply :

S.W.1.

57/CA/235 (MO 5)

June, 1953.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to refer to your letter FI 0113 dated 2nd April, 1953, and to say that the Chiefs of Staff considered that as the coast defence guns in the Falkland Islands would act as a slight deterrent to the Argentinians, it would be unwise to dispose of them at present. They invited the Admiralty to arrange for their servicing.

I am to inform you that there is no prospect of these particular guns being manned by Army personnel in the future. All the equipments are of naval origin, and it is understood that ammunition for certain of them is not now available.

I am to request that if you consider that the guns no longer serve any useful purpose, the question of their disposal should be taken up with the Admiralty.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

The Officer Administering the Government,
Government House,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

SECRET

to on record

X Have we anything from Census Bureau
or Capt. Jervis?

Q
28/7

ACS

X above. No ^{records} but pl. see report
from H.M.S. "Superb" at 47 hours.

Q
29/7

~~ACS~~ Reverse - pl. see Superb (47)

Q
31.7

Y.H.

The question of our Coast Artillery was very obscure and I endeavoured to clarify the position at (49) - which is answered at (56).

2) Unfortunately we still are not in a position to say if these guns are of any real use as the cruiser did not give them a proper inspection & servicing - she only painted them.

3) Para 3 of (40)^b led me to believe that they would, in fact, be properly serviced.

Yes.

4) As we will not get a competent Ordnance Officer here till the next cruiser arrives I suggest we leave the matter as it is.

All ammunition has been pronounced unserviceable & dumped & ammunition for the G^o is no longer manufactured.

Agree

5) There seems no point in ordering ammunition for the other guns in view of a) of (44) & their doubtful condition state of serviceability.

31/7

There is also the question of manning.

the -viii

By 30/7

NAVAL ARMAMENT, TORPEDO, AND MINING STORES, LOAN ACCOUNT.

From R.A.S.O., R.N. Armament Depot, Singapore.

To His Excellency, The Governor, Falkland Islands.

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J. T. DEVEREUX

Naval Armament Supply Officer.

Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/54	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/54
	O.O.F. 41. 12. 1-57 AS-57 & 12:				
	Bearings ball No. 1	1	-	-	1
	Bearings ball No. 4	1	-	-	1
	Latches five hole	1	-	-	1
	Latch retaining firing mechanism case	1	-	-	1
	Latch retaining BI lever	1	-	-	1
	Lever recocking	1	-	-	1
	Pin axis recocking lever	1	-	-	1
	Pin axis trigger gear Part 1	1	-	-	1
	Pin firing No. 2	1	-	-	1
	Pinions rack	1	-	-	1
	Sleeve recocking lever	1	-	-	1
	Spring retaining BI	1	-	-	1

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Whittle
for O.S.F.I.D.F.
Date 12/5/54

57 Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/53	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/53
	Spring catch retaining firing				
	Mechanism case	1	-	-	1
	Spring crank buffer	1	-	-	1
	Spring extractor plunger	1	-	-	1
	Spring firing Mechanism				
	case retaining latch	1	-	-	1
	Spring pinion catch	1	-	-	1
	O.C.F. 2" Mk. A and 12				
	bracket stop breech block	1	-	-	1
	Lever extractor lower	1	-	-	1
	Lever extractor upper	1	-	-	1
	Stallage Mk. 2	1	-	-	1
	O.C.F. 2" body Mk. A -				
	Reg. No. 1572	1	-	-	1
	Mechanism	1	-	-	1
	Covers clinometer plate Mk. 1	1	-	-	1
	Bolt actuating breech Mech.	1	-	-	1
	Blocks breech	1	-	-	1
	Case firing Mech. Mk. 2	1	-	-	1
	Cranks	1	-	-	1
	Lever B.M.	1	-	-	1
	Lever cocking	1	-	-	1
	Lever firing	1	-	-	1
	O.C.F. 2" Mk. 4:				
	Lever firing intermediate	1	-	-	1

NAVAL ARMAMENT, TORPEDO, AND MINING STORES, LOAN ACCOUNT.

SHEET 2.

From R.A.S.O., R.N. Armament Depot, Simonstown.

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Officer.

Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/54	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/54
	Levon repeating intermediate	1	-	-	1
	Line Axis Mk. 2 Trigger gear	1	-	-	1
	Shaft fixing (Part 2)	1	-	-	1
	Shaft repeating	1	-	-	1
	Trigger gear Part 1	1	-	-	1
	Trigger gear Part 2	1	-	-	1
	Adaptor gauge striker eccentricity and testing blow of				
	striker .4" VI	1	-	-	1
	Case adaptor gauge of 4" Mk. 12	1	-	-	1
	Gauge striker eccentricity				
	.43 vent tube	1	-	-	1
	Wrenches III No. 28	1	-	-	1
	PLUNGER MK 2 TRIGGER.	1	-	-	1
	SEAR.				

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(Sgd) W. Hurtle for O.C. 3.9.D.

Leger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/55	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/56
	Gauge testing bloc of striker-corners	100	-	-	100
	Gauge testing bloc of striker 4" V.F. Side Arms etc.	1	-	-	1
	Bandoliers Vent Tube No.2	2	-	-	2
	Diectors Projectile				
	O.P. 4" Mk.1	1	-	-	1
	Heads cleaner Pieraba No.15 Mk.1	1	-	-	1
	Lanyards firing No.9 without loops	1	-	-	1
	Spindle head cleaner M. of O.P. 4.7" Mk.2	1	-	-	1
	Staves No. 10	1	-	-	1
	Stave intermediate M/P 4" No.3	1	-	-	1
	Boxes Staps. 4" Mk.1 C.222	54	-	-	54
	Boxes Projectile 4" E.15	67	-	-	67
	Staps. O.P. 61d. (sem) 4" Mk.15				
	5 lbs 2 oz 2 Staps. Cord.				
	Sp.103 Mk.2 foil Primer No.9	200	-	-	200
	Shells M/OF Br. M Mk.7				
	Fla 4 fused 15p Mk.3 A.2	200	-	-	200
	Gauge striking protrusion No.16 Mk.1	1	-	-	1
/					

Original filed in 217/32 - Taking over by 62
Govt. of 2 6" Naval Guns.

Copy filed in 0113 - Fixed Coast Defences of Stanley.

SECRET

17th August, 1954.

Dear Martell,

147 in 217/32
Further to my letter No. 217/32 of the 3rd of August, 1954, and to our recent conversation, it is confirmed that Mr. Thompson will arrange to inspect guns and ancillary equipment with Captain O'Sullivan, Falkland Islands Defence Force:-

The guns in question are:-

- | | | |
|------------------------|---|----------------------|
| (a) Canopus | 2 | 6 inch S.L. guns |
| (b) Ordnance Point | 1 | 4 inch Q.P. |
| (c) Charles Point | 2 | 12 pdr. 12 cwt. Q.P. |
| (d) Naval Gunner Store | 2 | 4 inch S.L. guns. |

It seems probable that (a) (b) and (c) belong to the Colony but I am told that (d) are naval stores and were never handed over to us. Incidentally I believe they are lying in the open at the Gunner.

The ancillary equipment consists of:-

- | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| (a) Snake Hill | 2 | 3 pdr. sub-calibre guns. |
| | 1 | Range-finder. |
| (b) F.I.C. Warehouse | 2 | Range-finders. |
| (c) Gunner | 1 or 2 | Range-finders. |

Again it seems probable that (a) and (b) are Colony stores and (c) Naval Stores.

There is also an ancient 12 pdr. Field Gun belonging to Government which is at present lying near the Falkland Islands Company's Warehouse.

We have been advised by the Army Council that it would be unwise to dispose of these guns at present but if we are convinced that they no longer serve any useful purpose we should take up the question of disposal with the Admiralty as all the equipment is of Naval origin. In the meantime

the/

The Commanding Officer,
H.M.S. Bigbury Bay.

cc/vp

Reply at 64-67

the Army Council were inviting the Admiralty to arrange for their servicing.

As H.M.S. Superb when she was lost here did not give the guns a proper inspection and servicing and only painted them we are not in a position to judge if they serve any useful purpose and they have therefore been retained in situ.

As regards ammunition, all live shell has been declared unserviceable and has been dumped and the Admiralty would not approve the provision of replacements, particularly as no 6" ammunition is now available.

As we agreed the best course of action appears to be:-

- (a) Leave the guns in situ.
- (b) Ascertain if the equipment is unserviceable. If it is then steps should be taken to dispose of it. If not, suitable storage arrangements should be made.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

*For 25/15
BU 6/9*

H.B.S.

Inspection in para 1. - Capt. O'Sullivan has this in hand pt.?

I don't know - *ht 6/9/54* pre ash lum.

Capt. O.S. is arranging

ht 8/9.

*BU 8/9/54
BU 13/9*



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With the Compliments of

The Commanding Officer,

H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY.

But

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Office of the Captain(F),
Seventh Frigate Squadron,
H.M.S. HURWY WAY,
at Port Stanley,
New Zealand Islands.

24th September, 1954.

No: O/RS/17.

THE OCCUPATION OF CHILEAN, ARGENTINA AND WEST INDIAN SECTIONS.

INSPECTION OF GUNS AND AUXILIARY
EQUIPMENT - NEW ZEALAND ISLANDS

- Enclosures:
- (a) The Captain(F), Seventh Frigate Squadron,
H.M.S. HURWY WAY's Report on the Visual
Inspection of Guns and Auxiliary Equipment.
 - (b) The Colonial Secretary's F.I. Ref: 247/52
dated 3rd August, 1954.
 - (c) The Colonial Secretary's F.I. Ref: 247/52
dated 17th August, 1954.

Submitted:

A visual inspection of the Coastal Defence Equipment has been carried out in accordance with paragraph 1 of Enclosure(c).

2. The existing equipment is obsolete and instructions as to its disposal are requested in accordance with Enclosure (c).

H. C. MARTELL
(H.C. MARTELL)
CAPTAIN, R.N.

To the Colonial Secretary, Port Stanley

SECRET

(Enclosure (a) to the Captain (P), Seventh Frigate Squadron, H.M.S. HIGHWAY BAY'S
No: 9/CS/42 dated 24th September, 1951).

REPORT ON THE VISUAL INSPECTION OF GUNS AND AUXILIARY

HAIPHONG.

Caster.

Mountings. Two 4" M1 Mountings P M. 12¹ are at present in the warehouse. They are both very rusty; both are damaged slightly. They are of an obsolescent pattern, but it is considered that they could be made serviceable. There are no sighting arrangements (telescopes) with the mountings.

Barrels. Two 4" M1 VI Barrels are lying in the open at the Caster. They are rusty externally but are well greased and plugged. They are considered to be serviceable but as they are of obsolescent pattern, it is thought unlikely that suitable ammunition would be available.

Breach Mechanisms. Three in number Breach Mechanisms are at the Caster, boxed. They are under a rough shelter; but their box lids have been broken open and left. At present they are in good condition but will obviously rapidly deteriorate.

4" Spares. There is one box of 4" Spares in the warehouse. The box is open. The contents are in good condition. Some of the Spares, Pistols, Ejectors, etc., are of the type used with 4" Guns today.

Rangefinder. There are two Rangefinders at the Caster.

- (1) Barr and Stroud FT 29 2 Metre No. 9938. Ad. Patt. No. 4055 is in new condition. Unfortunately it is not covered or boxed but lying inside the warehouse unprotected - its pedestal in new condition is in an opened box.
- (2) Barr and Stroud FT 29 Ft. No. 1151 AP 1246. This Rangefinder has been completely stripped of all its parts except the case itself. There is a pedestal for it, but it is in pieces on the floor of the warehouse.

F.I.C. Warehouse (Stanley).

Contains two Rangefinders. Both boxed and in good condition.

Barr and Stroud FT 29 Ft. No. 1266
Barr and Stroud FT 29 Ft. No. 2291

Pedestals for these are at Ordnance Point and Saigon and require attention.

On the green outside F.I.C. Warehouse is a 12 Pdr. 8 Cwt. Field Gun. This is in pieces. It is obsolete but of the type used in United Kingdom for the Royal Tournament. It is considered that it should be taken back to the United Kingdom for this purpose.

Charles Point.

There are two 12 Pdr. 12 Cwt. M1 12¹ Guns at Charles Point. This is an obsolete Mark. The Guns themselves appear to be serviceable but it is thought that ammunition might not be available to fit them.

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(Enclosure (a) to the Captain(P), Seventh Frigate Squadron, H.M.S. SICHERY BAY's
No: O/G/12 dated 24th September, 1954)

Page 2.

Canopus.

Two 6" BL Wire MK VII Guns on P MK III and MK IV Mountings and two spare barrels.

These are obsolete and again it is thought unlikely that ammunition would be available for them.

Snake Hill.

Rangefinder - Barr and Stroud No 2 12" Base 2096. In good condition; boxed.

Guns - Two 3 Pdr. Sub. Calibre MK Ist. These Guns are considered to be serviceable for use with the 6" Guns at Canopus. It is thought that ammunition would be available for them.

Ordnance Point.

One 4" QF Gun MK IV on a P MK IX Mounting. Though in apparently serviceable condition this Gun is obsolete as regards the Naval service.

Summary.

Guns.

With the possible exception of the two 3 Pdr. Sub Calibres at Snake Hill, all the Guns are of obsolescent types for which ammunition, spares, Range Tables, etc., are thought unlikely to be available.

Rangefinders.

Except for the one which has been stripped at the Gunner, the Rangefinders are, in the absence of radar, likely to be of use. Their mountings require attention. It is not known whether these types of rangefinders are in fact still to be found in service with any of the Services.

PLA
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SECRET

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Royal Naval Armament Depot,
Simonstown.

4 August, 1954.

S.T. 1/10/54.

His Excellency,
The Governor,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Stores on Loan to Falkland Islands.

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Forms O.44 dated 21st April, 1954 covering stores held on loan by you are returned herewith in order that the second sheet may be signed.

200 Shell and 200 Cartridges for the 4" Mark 4 Gun have been deleted from the form as confirmation has been received that these items were found to be overage and disposed of by dumping by H.M.S. "SNIPE" in February, 1953.

JVI/JL.

NAVAL ARMAMENT SUPPLY OFFICER.

Forms returned under c.s.

VP. 28/10/54.

M^r. H.

We hold items shown on 2nd sheet?

WV 21/10

Spoke Armament

pa file pl + send forms.

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Record

Re suggestion that 12 Pdr. Field Gun
might be useful for Naval tatoos in
U.K. - HMS SUPERB was approached by
HCS but showed no interest.

(Intld)J.B.
25/2.

DRAFT.

69A

SECRET. Original filed in FIDS/97/279.
Complete copy filed in 0625/III.

Record of discussions held at Government House on 24th February, 1955, between His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station.

Also present:-

- The Honourable the Colonial Secretary
- Secretary, F.I.D.S.
- Master, R.N.S. "John Biscoe"
- Commodore. 2nd in Command
- Admiral's Secretary
- Commanding Officer, R.N.S. Vervan Bay
- Staff Officer (Operations)
- Staff Officer (Information)
- Fleet Royal Marines Officer
- Fleet Engineer Officer
- Fleet Electrical Officer
- Fleet Communications Officer

For item 1 -
only

1. General

The proceedings were opened by the C. in C. calling on staff officers to report the results of their inspections in Stanley and the following points were noted:-

(a) W/T Station

Since in time of war the Navy would take over and operate the Government W/T Station, the Naval W/T Station would not be put into operation. The Admiralty would despatch to and store in Stanley a reserve of cabling which would be required to set up a remote control receiving station.

(b) Coastal Defence Guns

While it was still Admiralty policy to retain the coastal defence guns in situ, the Navy would continue to paint and preserve them.

(c) Marine Barracks

As Government was unable to undertake the repair and maintenance of these barracks the Admiralty agents would have to be asked to arrange for the work to be done by private contract.

2. General Policy in the Antarctic.

H.M. referred to his proposed five year plan and stated that there were indications that H.M.'s future policy would be based on that plan. The C. in C. enquired as to the policy to be adopted towards the Argentines and H.M. stated that he had been waiting five months for a reply from the Colonial Office to a request for a directive on this subject.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 12.3.55.

Time: 0400

Received: 14.3.55. Time: 0900

TOP SECRET.

No. 32 Colony.

My Top Secret Telegram 98 of 1952. Coast Defence Guns.

40B

Admiralty understand in addition to guns actually mounted there are in store at Camber 2 4" B.L. Guns both rusty and some ancillary equipment which is obsolete. These would appear to serve no useful purpose and subject to your views and War Office concurrence, Admiralty are proposing to take up with Chiefs of Staff the question of their disposal.

It is still considered politically inadvisable to remove guns which are mounted and these, plus presence of Royal Marines at Port Stanley, Admiralty consider should provide a reasonable deterrent.

Grateful your views.

AcS. ^{Bof.} Para 1 *1 is correct?

16/3

See 71

MCS.

Bonaco - Gunnery Officer 'Super' has a note of them - intend to inspect

Cypher 'E': FC.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

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From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 19.3.55 Time: 0940 Received: Time:

TOP SECRET.

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No 56. Your telegram No 32. Coast Defence Guns.

Paragraph 1. I agree. Do you also wish my views on paragraph 2?

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY

Reply 72

Res. 331/3
19.3

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 26.3.55

Time : 1700

Received : 27.3.55

Time : 0845

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TOP SECRET No 38. Your telegram No 56. Coast Defence Guns.

Views on paragraph 2 of my telegram No 32 not repeat not required at present juncture.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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NAVAL ARMAMENT, TORPEDO & MINING STORES LOAN ACCOUNT

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From NAVAL ARMAMENT STORES OFFICE, WASHINGTON

To THE COMMANDER, THE BRITISH COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON

Hereunder is a list of Admiralty (Vote 9) stores recorded as held on loan by you from this Department, and it is requested that you will be good enough to complete the certificate below.

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J. T. DEVEREUX

Officer.

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	Boat No. 3	1	-	-	1	
	Boat No. 4	1	-	-	1	
	Hooks firing	1	-	-	1	
	Latch retaining D. lever	1	-	-	1	
	Latch retaining firing	1	-	-	1	
	Mechanism	1	-	-	1	
	Lever	1	-	-	1	
	Pin axis retaining lever	1	-	-	1	
	Pin axis trigger gear	1	-	-	1	
	Pin firing No. 2	1	-	-	1	
	Pinions	1	-	-	1	
	Lever retaining lever	1	-	-	1	
	Spring actuating D.L.	1	-	-	1	

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PLEASE RETAIN

W. Little for O.C.F.I.D.F.

Date 31/3/55

Sta. 10128/52.

Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/ 55	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/ 55
74	Spring catch retaining firing				
	Mech. case.	1	-	-	1
	Spring crank buffer	1	-	-	1
	Spring extractor plunger	1	-	-	1 Sp
	Spring firing mech. case				
	retaining latch	1	-	-	1
	Springs pinion catch	1	-	-	1
	G.A.F. 4" Mk. 4 & 12:-				
	Bracket stop breach block	1	-	-	1
	Lever extractor lower	1	-	-	1
	Lever extractor upper	1	-	-	1
	Strikings Mk.2	1	-	-	1
	G.A.F. 4" Body Mk.4 Mag.				
	No. 1672	1	-	-	1
	Mechanism	1	-	-	1
	Cover of Clinometer plane Mk.1	1	-	-	1
	Bolt actuating breach Mech.	1	-	-	1
	Blocks Breach	1	-	-	1
	Case Firing Mechanism Mk.2	1	-	-	1
	Grants	1	-	-	1
	Lever E.M.	1	-	-	1
	Lever Cocking	1	-	-	1
	Lever Firing	1	-	-	1
	G. .P. 4" Mk.4 :-				
	Lever firing intermediate	1	-	-	1
	Lever cocking intermediate	1	-	-	1
	Pin axis Mk.2 Trigger gear				
	Part 2	1	-	-	1

NAVAL ARMAMENT, TORPEDO & MINING STORES LOAN ACCOUNT

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From NAVAL ARMAMENT STORES OFFICER, SIMONSTOWN.

To HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR, FALKLANDS ISLANDS.

Hereunder is a list of Admiralty (Vote 9) stores recorded as held on loan by you from this Department, and it is requested that you will be good enough to complete the certificate below.

Stores no longer required should not be returned to this Department pending receipt of consigning instructions.

T. DEVEREUX
NAVAL ARMAMENT STORES OFFICER Officer.

Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/52	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/55	Remarks
	Plunger Mk.2 Trigger sear	1	-	-	1	
	Shaft Wiring	1	-	-	1	
	Shaft recocking	1	-	-	1	
	Trigger sear Part 1	1	-	-	1	
	Trigger sear Part 2.	1	-	-	1	
	Adapton gauge striker eccentricity and testing blow of striker .4" VT.	1	-	-	1	
	Case adaptor gauge O.F.4"1.12	1	-	-	1	
	Gauge striker Extrusion No.15 Mk.1	1	-	-	1	
	Gauge striker eccentricity .4" Vent Tubc.	1	-	-	1	
	Wrenches B.M. No.98	1	-	-	1	
	Gauge testing blow of striker					
	Coppers	100	-	-	100	(continue overleaf if necessary)

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W. Little for OCP/DJF

Date 30/5/55

Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/54	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/55	Remarks
76	Gauge Testing blow of					
	Striker .4" V.T.	1	-	-	1	
	Side Arms etc.:-					
	Bandoliers Vent Tube No.2	2	-	-	2	
	Ejectors Projectile C.P.4 Mk.4.	1	-	-	1	
	Heads Cleaner Piasaba No.1317.1.	1	-	-	1	
	Longards firing No.9					
	without loops	1	-	-	1	
	Spindle Head Cleaner BI/or					
	DE. 4.7" Mk.2	1	-	-	1	
	Stave Ends No.38	1	-	-	1	
	Stave Intermediate BI/or					
	4" No.3	1	-	-	1	
	Boxes Gages. 4" Mk.4 G.222	34	-	-	34	
	Boxes Projectile 4" P.13	67	-	-	67	

Check the stores as stores returned
 & take usual action forms as G.C.

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To Acting Colonial Secretary

Date: April 3rd.

From: Gunnery Officer, H.M.S. Protector.



GUNNERY EQUIPMENT IN FALKLAND ISLANDS.

The following equipment has been brought on board for dumping at sea in accordance with orders from C-in-C. America and West Indies.

- 2. From Cambu Warehouse
 - (i) Two rangefinders (2 metre and 9' 00".)
 - (ii) 1 box of 4" spares.

- 3. From F.I.D.F. Headquarters.
 - (i). 4 Range and deflection setting discs for 4".
 - (ii) 4 6" breach threads.
 - (iii) 4 springing-out rods and pins for 6".

- 4. From Sapper Hill hut.
 - (i) 3 Rangefinders (12", 12' and 9').
 - (ii) 2 6" submarine panels.

- 5. Remaining equipment in F.I.D.F. H.Q. is going to be disposed of or dumped by Lt. Jones, F.I.D.F.

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786. (i) The following equipment has been brought aboard
in passage to U.K. and subsequent disposal by
Admiralty.

(ii) 12 pdr 8wt complete from green outside
F.I.C. warehouse at end of public jetty.

(iii) Linen belonging to above from Sappai Hill hut



Lieutenant R.S.

3.4.56.

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NAVAL ARMAMENT, TORPEDO & MINING STORES LOAN ACCOUNT

From NAVAL ARMAMENT SUPPLY OFFICER, SIMONS TOWN

To HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR, PALKAUD ISLANDS.

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Naval Armament Supply Officer.

Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/55	Since supplied	Since returned	S.N. 1/10. Remaining in hand 31/3/56	Remarks
	O.C.P. 4 th Mk. 4-5-5 th -45-5 th & 12:					
	Bearings Ball No. 3	1	-	-	1	
	Bearings Ball No. 4	1	-	-	1	
	Bushes Firing Hole	1	-	-	1	
	Latch retaining B.M. Lever	1	-	-	1	
	Latch retaining firing mechanism case	1	-	-	1	
	Lever recocking	1	-	-	1	
	Pins axis recocking lever	1	-	-	1	
	Pins axis trigger sear Part 1	1	-	-	1	
	Pins firing Mk. 2	1	-	-	1	
	Pinions Rack	1	-	-	1	
	Sleeve recocking lever	1	-	-	1	
	Spring actuating B.P.	1	-	-	1	

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W. Jones, Lieutenant F.I.

Date 19-7-56.

Sta. 10128/52.

Ledger No. and Folio	Description of Stores	In hand on 31/3/55	Since supplied	Since returned	Remaining in hand 31/3/56	Remarks
	Spring catch retaining firing mechanism case	1	-	-	1	
	Spring crank buffer	1	-	-	1	
	Spring extractor plunger	1	-	-	1	
	Spring firing mech. case retaining latch	1	-	-	1	
	Springs pinion catch	1	-	-	1	
	C.C.F. 4" Mk.4 and 12:					
	Bracket stop breech block	1	-	-	1	
	Lever extractor lower	1	-	-	1	
	Lever extractor upper	1	-	-	1	
	Strikers Mk.2	1	-	-	1	
	C.C.F. 4" Body Mk.4 Reg. No.1672	1	-	-	1	
	Mechanism	1	-	-	1	
	Covers Clinometer plane Mk.1	1	-	-	1	
	Bolt actuating Breech Mech.	1	-	-	1	
	Blocks Breech	1	-	-	1	
	Case Firing Mechanism Mk.2	1	-	-	1	
	Cranks	1	-	-	1	
	Lever B.M.	1	-	-	1	
	Lever Cocking	1	-	-	1	
	Lever Firing	1	-	-	1	
	C.C.F. 4" Mk.4:					
	Lever firing intermediate	1	-	-	1	
	Lever recocking intermediate	1	-	-	1	
	Pins axis Mk.2 Trigger Sear Part 2	1	-	-	1	

NAVAL ARMAMENT, TORPEDO & MINING STORES LOAN ACCOUNT

From NAVAL ARMAMENT SUPPLY OFFICER, SINGAPORE

To HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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Naval Armament Supply Officer.

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	Plunger No. 2 Trigger gear	1	-	-	1	
	Shaft Pining	1	-	-	1	
	Shaft recocking	1	-	-	1	
	Trigger Gear Part 1	1	-	-	1	
	Trigger Gear Part 2	1	-	-	1	
	Adaptor Gauge Striker eccentricity and testing blow of Striker .4" Vr.	1	-	-	1	
	Case adaptor gauge OF 4" Mc.12	1	-	-	1	
	Gauge striker protrusion					
	No.16 Mc.1	1	-	-	1	
	Gauge striker eccentricity .4"					
	Vent Tube	1	-	-	1	
	Wrenches S.M. No. 93	1	-	-	1	
	Gauge testing blow of striker	100	-	-	100	
	Coppers					

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W. Jones, Adjutant R.I.A.F.

Date 19-7-56



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R.N. Armament Depot,
SIMONSTOWN.

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S September, 1956.

His Excellency,
The Governor,
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Loan Account

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It will be appreciated if the attached copy of Simonstown Form 044 No.S.T.2/56 forwarded to you on 21st April, 1956 may be receipted and returned to this office at an early date.

W. Walker

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NAVAL ARMAMENT SUPPLY OFFICER

Adj. Prof.

Forms Despatched under c.s.

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5/10/56.*

Adjutant, F.I.D.F.

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All stones on lists S.T. 2/56 have
been disposed of by the Quarry Offices,
H.M.S. "Protector" 29-3-56.

W. J. S. Adjutant,
F. I. D. F.
5/10/56.

See note on S3. Forward despatched
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