

0838/B.

**C.S.O.**  
**SECRET**

DEF/GUN/2#4

SUBJECT:

F. A. D. F.

Equipment.

EXTRACTED FROM 172/46 (Military Camps in Stanley)

From 76.

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X We shall have to make application for loan of guns to F.I.D.F. O.C./F.I.D.F.  
to submit details.

(Intld) M.C. 6.1.49

From 77.

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

X above pl.

(Intld) R. W. 7.1.49

From 79.

This does not concern O.C./F.I.D.F.

(Intld) M.C. 8.1.49

From 80.

A.C.S.

C.C./F.I.D.F. says you can give details.

(Intld) R. W. 15.1.49

DECODE.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 28.1.49 Time: 1735 Received: 29.1.49 Time: 1000

*78-172/44*  
No 18. Secret Your telegram No 7. Military Fixed Assets.

No. 1

I am not certain whether you consider advisable ~~the~~ complete removal Artillery equipment. I learn from War Office that it consists 8 Bofors guns (40 millimetæ) 3 3.7 AA Guns 2 Predictors 2 Range-finders 4 Searchlights projectors and spares. Was this material included in list of Artillery in paragraph 4 of your telegram to Lloyd of April 26th, 1948 which you regard as obsolete? If this material is obsolete there is obviously no objection to its removal: but if material is still of value it would be inadvisable to remove it while proposals for improving artillery protection of Falkland Islands are still under consideration.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

CYPHER  
MMCA.

*Maja Mudge. We have already sought permission to keep 4?*

*CS. We spoke.*

*Me 31/*

*Above can await return of Col. Butler. I think. Reply at 3*

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 11/3/49

Time:

Received:

Time:

No 95 SECRET

*No copy*  
*X*  
2 Your telegram No 18 Secret. Military fixed assets. Equipment referred to was not included in list of artillery mentioned in paragraph 4 of Governor's telegram to Lloyd of April 26th. 1948. The most that Local Defence Force is capable of using is 4 repeat 4 Bofors guns and it is requested that War Office be asked to transfer these guns free of cost to the Defence Force. The remaining guns and equipment consisting of 2 Bofors guns, 3 3.7 A.A. guns, 2 Predictors, 2 Rangefinders, 4 Search-light Projectors and spares could then be shipped to U.K. if so desired.

Cypher  
KSPB

Governor's Deputy

*A.C.S.*  
*Should we ask whether W. wish 'X' above to be shipped in Losada, pl. as continued storage is likely to be difficult in the offices not too distant future.*  
*25.11.49*

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 27.4.49      Time: 1600      Received: .....      Time: .....

No. 138. Reply urgently required. Secret. My telegram

3 No. 95. Secret. Military fixed assets.

Opportunity arises this weekend to ship remaining guns and equipment on P.S.N. Company's vessel "Losada" returning U.K. direct.

2. Grateful you ascertain wishes of War Office.

GOVERNOR

CYIPHER  
MMCA.

BU 2/5/49  
2/5/49  
2/5/49

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT

To ~~TO~~ FROM  
GOVERNOR ~~TO~~ SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 29.4.49

Time: 2315

Received: 30.4.49 Time: 1000

IMMEDIATE

No. 99. Secret. Your telegram No. 95. Secret. and Your  
Telegram No. 158 Secret.  
Military Fixed Assets.

War Office approve transfer of 4 (or 6 if considered  
necessary) by 40 millimetre guns to Local Defence Force on  
understanding that no responsibility is held for bringing guns  
up to date or forwarding extra equipment.

2. Remaining guns and equipment should be shipped in  
"Losada" and consigned Commanding Officer R.S.D. Royal  
Dockyard Woolwich S.E. 18.

SECRETARY OF STATE

CYPHER  
NMCA.

CC/FIDF

EE

Urgently

6 pd. faster to our conveniences.

A. not consignee.

Kh.

2/4.

H.Aq.C.S.

1. Informed shipping manager F.I.C. - he said he was not certain whether the boat would / could take his extra cargo but that he would be going aboard p.m. today.
2. Meantime p.w.d. men refused to work the weekend (but as all the crates & cases have to be marked before dispatch and in view of (1) Monday morning will probably be earlier enough -

Eff.

30. April 49.

B. 2.

As you informed me the boat would not take the guns and would take the provisions etc on deck only, this proposed to send the latter on the Bridge. The guns can await another opportunity.

Kh.  
2/4.

H.Aq.C.S.

notes

Eff.

should be soon

Y.E.

A

Handwritten note: This is all we can do at present.

B.

Handwritten initials: K.H. 5/11.

Issue a ... make a change ... on getting the guns for ... packed smacked.

Handwritten initials: M.C. 5/11

C

SAVING TELEGRAM TO SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

copy in 172/46 - military camp

6th May, 1949.

D

SECRET COLONY.

Your telegram No. 99 Secret. Military Fixed Assets.

I have to inform you that the "Losada" would not ship the remaining guns and would only take the predictors, projectors and rangefinders as deck cargo.

2. I therefore propose to ship such of the latter equipment as is possible free of charge on motor survey vessel "John Bischo" leaving here early June and arriving at Southampton about the end of July.

3. Please convey my appreciation to the War Office for the transfer of 4 Bischo guns and spares.

GOVERNOR.

E.

Handwritten note: to note B and D. f.n a pl. 10/5/49

F.

H.A.G.C.S.

noted 12.5.49.

Handwritten signature and date: 12/5/49



TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: June 23rd/49 Time: 1500P Received:..... Time: .....

No 194. Secret. My Secret Telegram Saving No 9 Colony. Military equipment shipped "John Biscoe" due arrive Southampton towards end July. Grateful War Office be informed.

O.A.G.

CYPHER  
W.R.

PA  
K.H.  
24/6

that, in any refer-  
ence to this minute  
the above Number  
and the date may  
be quoted.)

23rd June, 19

From Officer Commanding,

F. I. D. F.  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

12

I attach a Memo. received from the Chairman, Army Disposals Board, relative to Bren Carriers and spares which have been reserved for the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

2. The carriers and spares were taken over on His Excellency's instructions with a view to strengthening the defences of the Colony, and as in the case of the Bofor Guns I suggest that the Secretary of State be asked to approach the Ministry of Supply with a view to the transfer of this equipment to the Defence Force free of charge.

*W. R. R. R.*

Lt.-Col.

Officer Commanding,  
F. Is. Defence Force.

*PL*

MEMORANDUM.

12

18th June, 19 49.

To. o/c. F.I.D.F.

Stanley.

From. Executive Engineer.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

The value of the Bren Carriers and spares reserved by you for the use of the Falkland Islands Defence Force is £1804. 2. 2.

In order that Ministry of Supply Accounts may be closed at the earliest possible date will you please inform me if actual cash is to be paid or if the transaction will be voucher.

Further there are a number of items appertaining to the heliograph and also a training switch gear set, which in the event of the F.I.D.F. not requiring will be dispatched to England.

Accordingly I should be grateful if you would inform me if you require these items!

*C. I. Bunting*

Chairman, Disposals Board,  
Executive Engineer.

10.

44.

11. The letter which should have been sent some time ago is submitted.

2. I am not at all happy about it. The value, which I consider must be made to stand was after the 1st of Feb. from granting permission. I would have preferred that the value of the carcasses and skins which Feb. will require be the subject of the application and that the remaining skins be held separately for sale to farmers thus giving the application a reasonable hope of success. O'Leary however wishes the present plan.

3. Another difficulty will arise on accounting for these skins in the 1st of Feb. at the end of ~~the~~<sup>next</sup> month when the camp winds up and there is no storekeeper in Feb.  
K.W. 28/6.

TELETYPE UNIT

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: July 1st/49 Time: 1500Z Received: ..... Time: .....

No 200 Secret. Your telegram No 99 Secret. Military Equipment.

2. Five Bren Carriers together with all remaining spares, total value £1804.2.2. reserved for Falkland Islands Defence Force. Grateful if Ministry of Supply could be approached with view to transfer of this equipment free of cost. A number of local farmers who have purchased Carriers will require spares from time to time. Cash received for these would of course be credited to Ministry of Supply.

O.A.G.

Cypher  
W.R.

FU  
80/7  
Kli  
306

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				12.9.49.

CROWN LONDON

*N.O. etc*

FOLLOWING FOR ELLIOTT GRATEFUL YOU OBTAIN FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR DEFENCE FORCE (a) COST BOPORS 40 mm AMMUNITION (b) COULD LATTER BE PURCHASED FROM ADMIRALTY AND TRANSPORTED BY HM SHIP THIS YEAR (c) COST NEW OFFICERS BLUE SERVICE DRESS INCLUDING CAP AND SAM BROWNE BELT STOP PARAGRAPH 2 PLEASE OBTAIN FOR ME FOLLOWING SET MINIATURES 1939/45 STAR AFRICA STAR DEFENCE MEDAL WAR MEDAL AND NORWEGIAN LIBERATION MEDAL STOP LATTER PLAIN BLUE RIBBON BRONZE MEDAL INSCRIBED ALT FOR NORGE

BUTLER

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From ELLIOT.

To THE SECRETARY OF FIDS.

Despatched : 30.9.49. 19.... Time : 1655.

Received : 1.10.49. 19.... Time : 0900.

14  
X  
Your telegram September 12th. Refers ammunition very difficult  
obtain cost unknown (B) no and no ship detailed Falklands (C)  
service dress cap belt £35 approximately.

2. Are miniatures still required.

ELLIOT.

2i/c F.I.D.F.

For your information. We must try to obtain ammunition

P/L.  
S.S.

from H.M. Ships.

(Intld) K.P.B. 3/10.

L. W. A.

I think I am right in saying that any correspondence on the ownership of the guns here will be the secret files in your office. As far as I can gather from Mr. Harries and what I know of recent years, of the origin of the guns, the story is as follows :-

CANOPUS 2 - 6" Guns. Brought here by the Navy during the 1914/18 war per H.M.S. "Lancaster". 1917? Barrels replaced by the Army during the 1939/45 war.

MOUNT LOW 2 - 4" Guns. Order placed by the Army during the 1939/45 war. If I remember rightly the guns did not arrive until after the war and on arrival were placed in store at the Camber at War Office expense.

CHARLES PT. 2 - 12 Pounder Guns. Said to be of Naval origin and brought here between the two wars?

ORDNANCE PT. 1 - 4" Gun. Brought here by the Navy during the 1939/45 war per H.M.S. "Baltavia" from South Africa.

The above may assist you in tracing the correspondence if required.

19.1.50.



Whitehall 9000  
Extension 4037

CONFIDENTIAL.

I am informed by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that the question of responsibility for the condition and storage of the ammunition for the naval guns in the Falkland Islands has recently been under consideration in the Admiralty.

At the Admiralty meeting in 1947, the Chiefs of Staff approved the retention of the following guns in the Falkland Islands as an interim measure pending a final review of these scales when the financial state of the Armed Forces has been decided.

CAMPUS MOUNT	2-1/2" Naval
EMERY LHM	2-1/2" Naval
CHARLES MOUNT	2-1/2" pounders
BRANDER MOUNT	2-1/2" (A.F.)

The gun is described in G.P.O. (G.S.) (47) 32 as "Test Gun No. 1" and is the only one of its type in the world. It is understood that the replacement of all these guns by a smaller number of modern guns is likely to be reviewed at some future date but no decision is expected for some time.

A recent report it appears that the condition of the guns is not good although the storage facilities are good. It is also noted that the dispatch of replacement parts for the guns in South Georgia, Admiralty Letter W/5077/49, is being sent to the Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office, for his consideration.

It would appear that the Navy's only interest in this matter was the supply of ammunition for these naval guns. My Lords therefore see no reason why the Admiralty should remain responsible for the condition and storage of this ammunition, which it is considered should be the responsibility of either the War Office or the Falkland Island Defence Force. Advice regarding storage and inspections could be given as necessary.

I am to request your remarks on this proposal. A copy of this letter has been sent to the Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) Nigel J. Abernombie

Under Secretary of State,  
War Office,  
S.W.1.

FE/JAW/C.B.11.

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

can you furnish the information  
s called for at (20)

D.H. Ford  
20/12/49

B.

Spoke A.C.S. & explained this would entail trip  
to Camber to check Nos. on 2 4" guns imported  
by the Army & not taken over by F.I.D.F.

Owing other commitments journey to Camber not  
possible until early New Year.

22/12/49.

C.

H.C.S.

A. & B. above.

I have today been over to the Camber and am now in a position  
to supply particulars of distinguishing marks and numbers of the guns  
as requested in para. 3 of (19) :

CANOPUS HUT

2 - 6" Guns. B.L. 6" Mk. VII Nos. 1735  
and 1230.

MOUNT LOW

2 - 4" Guns. In Naval Store at Camber.  
Nos. &c. on brass plate of mounting =  
4" B.L. P II ADmy. Nos. 108 and 115.  
Nos. &c. on wooden breech plug of barrels  
= 4" Mk. VII Nos. 753 and 791.

CHARLES POINT

2 - 12 Pounder Guns. Ord. Q.F. 12 pdr.  
12 cwt. Mk. I. Nos. 251 RGF and  
804 EOC.

ORDNANCE POINT

1 - 4" Gun. Ord. Q.F. 4" Mk. IV  
No. 1672 VSM.

The question of ownership is obscure as there appears to be no  
correspondence on the subject in this Department.

Q.M.  
19.1.50

SAVING TELEGRAM

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

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 25th January, 1950.

No. 23. SAVING. COLONY. CONFIDENTIAL

19 Your Confidential Saving Telegram No. 137 of the 2nd of November, 1949. Naval guns in the Falkland Islands.

Particulars as follows:-

CAMPUS HUI

2 - 6" Naval guns B.L. 6" MK.VII Nos. 1735 & 1230. (Barrels replaced by Imperial Garrison during 1939/45 war - ownership not known).

MOUNT LOW.

2 - 4" guns ordered by Imperial Garrison during 1939/45 War but were not received in Colony until after war. (Ownership not known). Guns are at present stored at Naval Camber. Particulars as follows:- Nos. &c. on brass plate of mounting = 4" B.L. P II Army. Nos. 108 and 115. Nos. &c. on wooden breech plug of barrels = 4" MK. VII. Nos. 753 and 791.

CHARLES POINT

2 - 12 Pounder guns, Naval pattern. 1 owned by Admiralty and the other by Falkland Islands Government. Particulars as follows:- Ord. Q.F. 12 pdr. 12 cwt. Mk I. Nos. 251 RGF and 304 MCC.

CRENANCE POINT

1 - 4" gun owned by Admiralty, and brought to Colony from South Africa by Royal Navy during 1939/45 war. Particulars as follows:- Ord. Q.F. 4" MK. IV No. 1672 VSM.

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 25.1.50.

Time 2200.

Received : 26.1.50. Time 0900

17  
No 10. Your telegram No 307 of December 1st 1949 Military Equipment  
It is not possible for 5 Bren Carriers free of cost but I understand  
that a token sum of £50 each being paid to Ministry of Supply  
and if so may Crown Agents be authorized to make over this sum  
from Falkland Islands fund?

SECRETARY OF STATE.

GTC.  
SS

*See 28*

It is requested that in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

To 2nd in Command,  
F. I. Defence Force,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

23rd January, 19 50.

From The Quartermaster,


F. I. Defence Force,

STANLEY.

SUBJECT:- Maintenance of Bofors Guns.

I have the honour to report that I have inspected the seven Bofors Guns at the R.A. Camp, as instructed, and found them to be in a fair state of preservation. They are, however, in a hut which has had the double doors at either end removed and several sheets of corrugated iron are also missing from the walls and roof; there is evidence of the guns and covers having been tampered with and in the circumstances I recommend that the hut be repaired as soon as possible.

2. Should it be decided to have the hut repaired, I should be grateful to learn whether the cost should be borne by the Military Dept. i.e. Head IX, Subhead 8. Maintenance of Equipment, or if it is to be regarded as a P.W.D. commitment.

  
Quartermaster,  
Falkland Islands Defence Force

P.T.O.

ACS

A

Re Mrs. report submitted, pl

A.B.G.  
24/1/50

2/6 and/or A.C.S.

B

Grateful for your view on para 2 overleaf.

A.B.G.  
24/1/50

ACS

C

The hat in question belongs to the M.F.S. and the Bifors were placed in it owing to the fact that no better place was available.

The sum of £100 is provided under the military estimates for maintenance of equipment, and although it was not the intention to meet the cost of building repairs from this provision, if the charge is made against military, and I think it should be then to subhead is the most appropriate unless the Public works could be persuaded that the repairs are a free charge to head XV s/pl 4.

A.B.G.  
24/1/50

D

A.C.S.

I agree. Ask E.E. for an estimate please.

We can't have these sums left in the open.

E.E. pl. 28/

25 JAN 1950

34

H.C.S.

A.

With reference to 25 D, before I can submit a decent estimate I should wish to know.

1. Will the guns be left at the R.A camp?
2. Will the eight guns remain here or is it the intention to ship 4 home - perhaps Mr. John Biscoe?
3. If the guns remain in the R.A camp will provision have to remain to remove them elsewhere or will they remain static and be used only for training purposes?

EJH

31 Jan 1950.

A.C.S.

B

Can you answer any of EE's queries above?

3 FEB 1950

H.C.S.

C.

In view of 15<sup>x</sup> I regret that I am unable to say what O/C. F.I.D.F. intends.

*[Signature]*  
#fep/50

D.

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

For your observations on (23), (24) to (26) pt. In regard to (23) no funds are available, and the telegram does not mention the £1800 worth of spares quoted at page 13. As to (26)<sup>a</sup> if ammo cannot be obtained, should we hold on to any of these guns?

*[Signature]*  
#fep/50

H.C.S.

I have spoken to H.F. regarding 23 to 26 and he agrees

- (a) That in view of cost and state of repair of the carriers and lack of certain essential spares they should not be retained.

by the Defence Force

- (b) The cost of 40mm ammunition and the difficulty of bringing it to the Colony also the lack of a trained instructor on the Bofors gun makes it unwise to maintain these weapons.
- 2 If M of S are interested in the return of this equipment it might be worthwhile sending part or all home on "John Biscoe" Otherwise I suggest they should be disposed of locally -

6/3

A.C.S.

- (a) How many Bren Carriers have we got, including the 5 in line at p. 13?
- (b) How many Bofors have we got?

P.

7 MAR 1950

M.C.S.

- (a) Only the 5 referred to at page 13 remain.
- (b) Eight Bofors are stored at the RFA Camps.

A.W. Gads  
7/2/50

Y.E.

Ref Col. Butler's minute 26-27. May I say that I heartily agree and that the sooner we get rid of the stuff the better. Draft saving to S/S at cover, in reply to p. 23, s.f.c.

P.

10 MAR 1950

Offici.

Issue as telegram. (S.F.C.)

P.  
12/3/50



DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

IMPORTANT.

Despatched: 13. 3. 50 Time: 12.15 Received:.....Time:.....

No. 48. Your telegram <sup>20</sup> No. 10. Military Equipment.

In view of condition of the 5 Bren Carriers and lack of certain essential spares I do not consider that they are worth purchasing for Defence Force. Also in view of cost of ammunition and lack of trained instructor I consider that eight Bofors guns now held are of no use to Defence Force. In any case they are obsolete.

2. Presume that in circumstances there would be no objection to disposal by sale of carriers and parts.

3. Bofors guns could be shipped home in "John Biscoe and I should be glad if immediate agreement could be sought from Ministry of Supply with this proposal. Alternatively grateful for instructions regarding disposal and responsibility for storage.

G. T. C.

LWH

GOVERNOR.

See 29

REC. 15/4/50  
3/13/50

DECODE.

No. 2.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 1. 5. 50 Time: 09.55 Received: 2. 5. 50 Time: 09.30.

No. 58. Your telegram No. 80. Military Equipment.

No repeat no objection to proposed sale of Bren Carriers and parts. This was always intention of Ministry of Supply.

2. The sale must of course be subject to a reserve price of say at least £5 or more if possible for each carrier since under Treasury ruling that a token payment must be made.

3. Am still awaiting reply from War Office regarding disposal of Bofors guns.

G. T. C.  
LJH

Reply at 33.

SECRETARY OF STATE

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

WASHINGTON

5:00.

Guns.

should

already

would be grateful

teful learn

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Col. Butler.

1.30 p.m. I will ask E.E. to arrange for sale.



3 MAY 1950

W.B. 4/5

E.E.

1.30. Would you please arrange for the disposal of these  
Bren Gun Carriers as indicated.

2) This will empty the garage at the Army Camp... I think  
we could use the materials & should make an offer to the  
War Office via S/S? What bid would you recommend?



4 MAY 1950

H.E.S.

- noted to an taking action - may Col Butler be asked to render
1. Keys of spares shed to me pl.
  2. \$100 for the garage (though I think I estimated its worth at \$200 in another  
file to L.B. 4-5-50.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 17. 11. 50 Time: 14.05 Received: 18. 11. 50 Time: 09.00.

33 No. 186. Your telegram No. 114 Saving Colony. Bofors Guns.

War Office agree that all guns complete with spares etc should be back loaded to United Kingdom.

X | 2. Grateful confirmation that 4 (repeat 4) guns have already been sent. War Office cannot trace their receipt and would be grateful to have particulars transit exact address etc. Also grateful learn when second batch may be expected.

3. Delay in this matter much regretted.

Reply at 37

G. T. C.  
LJI.

pps (Intld) M.R.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

ACS

p. 3 refers to 6 potors + 3 3.7. guns. Page 24  
speaks of 7 potors, and page 28 speaks of 8.  
Please let me have a note of how many  
potors + how many 3.7.s we actually  
have, and how many (if any) have already  
been sent back to U.K.

potors sent in  
customs slip  
at Kit camp?

18/11/50.

E.C.  
Will you please supply the information requested  
by ACS about.

A.K. Jones  
17/11/50

H.E.S.

- There are seven No Bofors in the RA camp  
and one .. .. . Custom Shed
1. Total eight
  2. There are 4 No 3.7 mountings turntables and bases, gun proper  
and 9 No 3.7 barrels
  3. With the exception of the Bofors gun which is in  
the Custom shed all of this equipment is in  
a very bad state of maintenance
  4. No guns have been sent back to U.K.

*[Signature]* 20 Nov. 1950.

J.E.

1.34, with subsequent minutes. Reply that  
no Bofors guns have so far been sent home  
to U.K., eight are now held, & will be  
shipped home probably next June?

They are only taking up good storage space.

*[Initials]*

21/11/50

Accey. Where did they get hold of

X as reserve forms?

*[Signature]* 21/11

ACS

Action as indicated fl

*[Initials]*

23/11/50

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 25. 11. 50 Time: 10.00 Received:..... Time:.....

34 No. 266. Your telegram No. 186. Bofors Guns.

No Bofors Guns have so far been sent home to United Kingdom;  
eight are held and will be shipped first opportunity probably  
next June.

*See 143 in 172/46*

GOVERNOR.

G. T. C.  
LJH.

*action being taken  
in 172/46.*

*BU. 172/46/52*  
*BU. 172/46*  
*PA. 172/46*  
*23/11/52*



46.

I own a .45 service revolver  
as I apparently have to tote one  
in most places in Kenya & .45's are  
rather heavy. I want to exchange  
it for a .38 owned by the Defense Force.

The Force normally stocks .45's & has  
ammunition for them, but the .38's  
were obtained haphazardly from  
the Army & we hold no ammunition.

The exchange is therefore convenient  
to both parties but as I am  
at present Commandant I ~~must~~ am  
seeking ~~the~~ covering approval since  
I am personally interested in the deal.

8/2

Approved  
MRA 10/2

ACS I think this should  
be paid. Perhaps permission  
can be given after further  
consideration. Pd. O. 2/3.

All communications to be addressed to the Crown Agents, the above reference and the date of this letter being quoted.

THE CROWN AGENTS,  
FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS,

4 MILLBANK,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

17th May, 1956

Letter { No.  
Date 4/4/56

Indent { No.  
Date

Department :—

Sir,

I am directed to append a report in connection with the indent or other communication referred to hereon.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*D. C. B.*

Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands

*Handwritten notes and stamps:*  
21/12/56  
18/11/56  
4-6-56

ITEM No.	SUBJECT	REMARKS
	Walkie-Talkies for Defence Force.	A request has been received from Mr. A. G. Denton-Tompson to put on order two re-conditioned ex-Army Walkie-Talkies for the use of the Falkland Islands' Defence Force. Action is being taken in accordance with Mr. Denton-Tompson's request, but it would be appreciated if you would now formally authorize the expenditure involved.
		<i>reply at 41</i>
		CB/KB
		<i>Copy passed to Adjutant F.I.D.F.</i>
		<i>vm. 18/11/56.</i>

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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PSY ETAT

20.7.56

To

CROWN LONDON

H.O. A/C

39 YOUR LETTER T/EM1/FALKLAND ISLANDS 7175 OF 17TH MAY 1956 STOP  
R/T SETS STOP EXPENDITURE APPROVED STOP PLEASE FORWARD EARLIEST  
OPPORTUNITY AS THEY WILL BE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH ROYAL VISIT.

SECRETARY

Bill 20/9/56

Time ADT/IR

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Communications to be addressed to  
THE CROWN AGENTS  
OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS  
the following reference and the date  
of this letter being quoted.



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

T/EMI/Falkland Islands 7175

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



11th June, 1956

Sir,

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I am directed to refer to this office letter dated 17th May, 1956, in which you were informed that at the request of Mr. A.G. Denton-Thompson, orders were being placed for two reconditioned ex-Army Walkie Talkies for the use of the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

2. Subsequent enquiries have shown that the choice in this matter lies between two equipments, the wireless set 38 and the wireless set 46, and the difference between the two are such that a choice cannot easily be made at this office without fuller knowledge of the purpose for which required.

3. Wireless Set 38 has a total weight of 12½ lbs. including batteries and is contained in one or two pouches which are carried on the front of the operator. The range in open country using a 4 ft. rod aerial is described as two miles during the daytime, with perhaps half this distance after dark. The set provides speech communication only and is continuously tunable, i.e. it does not have crystal control. The microphone is of the throat operated type.

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See this

4. Wireless set 46 is of a much heavier type, the total weight to be carried being about 25 lbs, the equipment being carried in a harness on the operator's chest and the battery in a similar harness on his back. The set is waterproof in operation. The range using a 7 ft. 6 in. aerial is stated to be ten miles over flat country during daytime and half this distance at night. The operating frequency is crystal controlled. In addition, to operation on radio telephony, (throat microphone), the set can be used for M.C.W. on which its range is normally slightly better than on telephony.

5. On both the sets described above one battery gives an operating life of approximately ten hours in continuous use and a much longer period on intermittent use.

6. In brief, the choice lies between the heavy set with the long range and the lightweight set with the short range, and your comments on this point are felt necessary before an order is placed. If the 46 is required the price complete with batteries is £14 each with crystals extra at approximately £4 per frequency. The frequencies should be specified by you and should be within any one of the following ranges:-

- 3.6 - 4.3 Mc/s
- 5.0 - 6.0 "
- 6.4 - 7.6 "
- 7.9 - 9.1 "

The frequency range of the 38 is 7.3 - 8.9 mc/s no crystals being necessary. The price complete is £12 10. 0. each. It is recommended that at least six batteries are ordered in either case.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

The Colonial Secretary,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Reply at 44

7/11.

The Adjutant, Mr. Morrison discussed the contents of 42 with Mr. Reine of the Posts and Tels (Ex Spt. Signals F. I. D. F.) and we formed the opinion that the Force's requirements are two 38 and two 46 sets.

The 38's for section inter-platoon working, and the 46's for longer range i.e. between advance H.Q. and Force H.Q.

In good conditions, and in our type of country, Mr. Reine assured us that both sets are capable of a greater range than that stipulated.

In order that the 38 & 46 sets could be used together, 4 crystals should be ordered for each of the 46's which would come within the frequency range of the 38, which is from 7.3 - 8.9 mc/s.

Mr. Reine recommended crystals for the following frequencies - 7.5 mc/s 8.0 mc/s 8.4 mc/s and 8.8 mc/s.

Full servicing Instructions should be requested for each set.

V. T. King  
8/8/56.

DECODE.

No. 15.

TELEGRAM.

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From Crown Agents

To Colonial Secretary

Despatched: 23rd July, 19 56 Time: 1200

Received: 24th July, 19 56 Time: 0945

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Reference T/EM17/Falkland Islands/7175 please telegraph  
reply Crown letter 11th June stating type wireless set and  
frequencies. Matter in abeyance pending instructions.

CROWN

P/L:IR

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	ROYAL			13.8.56
To CROWN LONDON			HCA/C	

42. YOUR LETTER T/EM/FALKLAND ISLANDS 7475 OF 17TH MAY 1956 STOP  
 PLEASE SEND TWO R/T SETS 30 WITH TWELVE BATTERIES AND TWO R/T SETS  
 46 WITH TWELVE BATTERIES STOP FOUR CRYSTALS FOR EACH SET 46 FOR  
 FREQUENCIES 7.5 STOP 8.0 STOP 8.4 STOP 8.8 mc/s STOP FULL SERVICING  
 INSTRUCTIONS REQUIRED STOP PLEASE FORWARD EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY AS  
 REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH ROYAL VISIT.

Time VTK/IR

SECRETARY

See 45

600 27/9/56  
Mack

Falkland Islands 7175.

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Crown Agents, the above reference  
the date of this letter being quoted.

THE CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS.

4 MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.

13th July, 1956.

Letter { No.  
Date 4/4/56.

Indent { No.  
Date

Department :—

Sir,

I am directed to append a report in connection with the  
indent or other communication referred to hereon.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. E. Burt*

Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands.

ITEM No.	SUBJECT	REMARKS
Walkie-Talkies for Defence Force.	392 42 42	Further to this Office letters dated May 17th and June 11th, you are reminded that formal authority is still awaited for the purchase of these two sets, also that purchase is in abeyance pending your decision on the points raised in this Office letter of June 11th.
		<i>Reply sent at 44</i>

CB/EE.

*20/27/9/5  
m/and*



W/ EM7/Palkland Islands 7475/1

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Col. Sec. Ltr.  
or Authority dated 4.4.56.  
A/c.

Messrs. P.C.A. Radio,  
The Arches,  
Cambridge Grove,  
W.6.

8 SEP

Order Dated

Dept.

To:—

THE CROWN AGENTS  
for the Colonies, Governments, and Administrations,  
4, MILLBANK, LONDON, S.W.1.  
GENTLEMEN.

URGENT

13 AUG 1956

We accept this order placed for and on behalf of **Government of Falkland Islands** and agree to supply, on the terms stipulated in **Wireless Sets** specified below, in accordance with the Crown Agents' General Conditions of Contract dated March, 1951, and, where applicable, Special Conditions of Contract dated March, 1951.

Delivery Date as required

Signature

Address Beavor Lane,

Dated this 20th day of August 1956

Hammersmith, London W. 6.

This order is subject to inspection by **Chief Inspecting Engineer** before despatch.

REQN. NO.	ITEM	DEPT.	DATE DUE	ACTION DUE													
				JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
7475/1	P.C.A. Radio																

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES ORDERED	ESTIMATED COST	RATE	AMOUNT
(a)	2	Wireless Sets No.38 complete with all equipment necessary for operation(except batteries) including 4 ft. and 12ft. aeriols.		£11	22 - -
(b)	2	Wireless Set No.46 complete with all equipment necessary for operation(except batteries) including Type B aeriols. Each set is to be provided with crystals for operation on 7.5, 8.0, 8.4 and 8.8 megacycles.		£20/10	41 - -
<p>All the above sets to be provided with full operating and servicing instructions. Confirms verbal order Burton/Mrs.Bennett August 14th.</p> <p>The sets are required in connection with the visit of H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh and must arrive in Port Stanley in early December. They should receive inspection priority.</p> <p>Cost of articles specified on continuation sheet (if any)</p>					

If economy can be effected by so doing, firm should quote for despatch by Parcel Post, sub-divided if necessary. Firms may offer delivery at ports other than Liverpool or London if by so doing they can deliver f.o.b. more cheaply. For delivery f.o.b. London price must include port rates.

DISCOUNTS AND TRADE ALLOWANCES

NET AMOUNT PAYABLE (including all charges) on receipt of  
 Bills of Lading for the goods delivered f.o.b.  
 P.O. Cert. of Posting by post to

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POSTAL ADDRESS

Reqn. 7475

The Commanding Officer,  
C ↑ A Defence Force,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

Ind. No.  
Col. Sec. Ltr. dd. 4.4.56.

SHIPPING MARK

Reqn. 7475

C ↑ A DEFENCE FORCE  
PORT STANLEY.

No.

Gross Weight

Ind. No.  
Col. Sec. Ltr. dd. 4.4.56.

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**ADVICE OF ORDER PLACED**

~~XXXXXXXX~~ Col. Sec. ltr.  
or Authority dated 4.4.56.

Messrs. Berac (St. Britain)  
Ltd.,

Hercules Place,  
Holloway,  
E. 7.

Order Dated: 25 AUG 1951



Debt  
Tax

**THE CROWN AGENTS**  
The Crown Agents for the Colonies and Overseas Territories  
1, MILBANK, LONDON, S.W.1

We accept this order placed for and on behalf of Government of Falkland Islands

and agree to supply, on the terms specified in the order, the articles specified below, in accordance with the Crown Agents' General Conditions of Contract dated March, 1951, and, where applicable, Special Conditions of Contract dated March, 1951.

Signature

Address

Dated this 1st day of August 1951

This order is subject to inspection by **No Inspection.**

before despatch.

ITEM NO.	FROM	DEST.	DATE DUE	ACTION DUE													
				JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
7175/3	Berac (St. Britain) Ltd.																

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES ORDERED	ESTIMATED COST	RATE	AMOUNT
(d)	12	Batteries Dry HT/LT 150/3 volts No.1 for Wireless Set No.38. <i>w/ 2730</i>	19/-	each	£11 8 0
		The sets are required in connection with the visit of H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh and must arrive in Port Stanley in early December.			
CB/ZF		Cost of articles specified on continuation sheet (if any)			

If economy can be effected by so doing, you should quote for despatch by Parcel Post, sub-divided if necessary. Terms may offer delivery at ports other than Liverpool or London if by so doing they can deliver to be more cheaply. For delivery to London price must include post rates.

DISCOUNTS AND TRADE ALLOWANCES *2 1/2%*  
NET AMOUNT PAYABLE (including all charges) on receipt of Bills of Lading for the goods delivered *£*  
B.O. Cost of Posting by post *PLUS FOB* *£*

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**POSTAL ADDRESS**

Reqn. 7175  
The Commanding Officer,  
C ↑ A Defence Force,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.  
Ind. No. Col. Sec. ltr. dd. 4.4.56.

**SHIPPING MARK CHARGES**

Reqn. 7175  
C ↑ A DEFENCE FORCE  
No. PORT STANLEY.  
Gross Weight  
Ind. No. Col. Sec. ltr. dd. 4.4.56.

*Mail from 4/6*

W / 7175/2 Falkland Islands 7175/2

EST/T 7194 B

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Col. Sec. Ltr. dated 4.4.56.  
 or Authority  
 A/c.  
 Dept.  
 To:

Messrs. General Electric Co.  
 Magnet House,  
 Kingsway,  
 W.C.2.

Order Dated: 15 AUG 1956

URGENT



THE CROWN AGENTS  
 for the Government and Administration  
 4, MILLBANK, LONDON, S.W.1.  
 GENTLEMEN.

We accept this order placed for and on behalf of Government of Falkland Islands

and agree to supply, on the terms stipulated in the General Conditions of Contract dated March, 1951, and, where applicable, Special Conditions of Contract dated March, 1951.

Signature: H E Coanody  
 Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 1956.

Delivery Date: 3 weeks  
 Address: THE GENERAL ELECTRIC CO. LTD.  
 MAGNET HOUSE,  
 KINGSWAY, W.C.2.

This order is subject to inspection by No Inspection

before despatch.

REQN. NO.	FIRM	DEPT.	DATE DUE	ACTION DUE													
				JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
7175/2	General Electric																

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES ORDERED	ESTIMATED COST	RATE	AMOUNT		
					£	s	d
(c)	12	Batteries Dry, HT/LT, 163/3 volts No.1 for Wireless Set No.46 at -  Confirms verbal order Burton/Kerwood August, 15th.  The sets are required in connection with the visit of H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh and must arrive in Port Stanley in early December.  the batteries	2 each	8 1/2	24	8	0
Cost of articles specified on continuation sheet (if any):					24	8	0

If economy can be effected by so doing, firm should quote for despatch by Parcel Post, sub-divided if necessary. Firms may offer delivery at ports other than Liverpool or London if by so doing they can deliver to b. more cheaply. For delivery to b. London price must include port rates.

DISCOUNTS AND TRADE ALLOWANCES 2% for cash monthly  
 NET AMOUNT PAYABLE (including all charges) receipt of  
 Bills of Lading for the goods delivered to b. UK Port  
 P.O. Cert. of Posting by post to

24	8	0
12	2	
23	15	10

POSTAL ADDRESS

Reqn. 7175	The Commanding Officer, Defence Force, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.
C ↑ A	
Ind. No. Col. Sec. Ltr. dd. 4.4.56.	

SHIPPING MARK

Reqn. 7175	DEFENCE FORCE PORT STANLEY,
C ↑ A	
No.	
Gross Weight	
Ind. No. Col. Sec. Ltr. dd. 4.4.56.	

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

6 / LM7. Falkland Islands 7175/1

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                  { Oversea : Crown, London.  
Telephone :    ABBay 7730.

Authy:- Col. Sec. lr. dd. 4.4.56  
~~to be sent~~ and tel. dd. 4.8.56.

Special A/c (if any)  
Dept.

*The Crown Agents transmit below a copy of a letter regarding a contract of which details have already been forwarded under the reference shown.*

The Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands.

033512

14th September, 1956

Gentlemen,

I am directed to refer to your letter K/SB/6/652 of 24th August, from which it is noted that the price for item (b) of the above order was incorrectly stated by you. The price for Wireless Sets No.46 has now been amended to £28.10. 0d. each, and the total contract value to ~~£75. 0. 0d.~~ f.o.b. U.K.Port.

179-0-c

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient ser

Messrs. P.C.A. Radio,  
Beavor Lane,  
LONDON, W.6.

/LW.

The Crown Agents furnish below the latest information available regarding the progress of the order mentioned.

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Crown Agents' reference S/ EMI Falkland Islands 7.75/2 (To be quoted on all correspondence.)

Indent No. Col. sec. ltr of 4.4.56 Department ---

Previous correspondence + rpl. of 14.8.56. dated ---

Item Nos.		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shipment is expected by the S.S. .... sailing about .....
12 Bahama Dog HT/LT 164's vols No 1.	2	The material <sup>is reported ready.</sup> <del>has passed inspection.</del> Shipment will be arranged by the earliest opportunity.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Delivery (subject to satisfactory inspection) is expected in .....
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The contractors have been unable to maintain the <sup>original</sup> / <sub>revised</sub> delivery date. A further report will be sent as soon as definite information is available.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The contractors report that they do not expect to <sup>commence</sup> / <sub>complete</sub> delivery until .....
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The delay is due to .....

The Colonial Secretary,  
 Port Stanley.  
 Falkland Islands.

4, Millbank  
 London, S.W.1

Date 15.9.56.