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F. I. D. F.
AMMUNITION.

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER

R.R.



FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

C.O. Ref: DEF 88/113/02.

SAVINGRAM

CIRCULAR 1183/52.

10th December, 1952.

INSPECTION OF AMMUNITION

In view of a report from GHQ Singapore earlier this year of an accident involving a Grenade Hand No. 36 M in which an Asian member of the Federation of Malaya Police was killed, HQ Ammunition Organisation R.A.O.C. have kindly offered to furnish periodically inspection instructions which may be of assistance in helping to minimise the risk of similar accidents occurring, together with information regarding restrictions on the use of certain ammunition which may from time to time, by reason of experience and/or investigation become necessary.

2. I feel that it is essential that suitable arrangements should, if not already in force, be made for the inspection of ammunition supplied not only for use by any local forces but also that for the use of the Colonial Police Service and, in order to keep the supply of instructions to the minimum, I should be glad if you would let me know as soon as possible what types of ammunition are maintained in your territory.

3. This circular has been addressed to all Colonies and Protectorates etc. It has not been sent to the Regional Organisations. It has been sent to the High Commissioner, Federation of Malaya under cover of a separate despatch.

SECEP.

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12 PSL } All enclosed
3 PSL
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Reply 2

Has
Draft reply at G.C. o.f.c. P

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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9 am as amended
14/11

15/11

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 17.1.53 Time: 1115 Received: Time:

No 18. RESTRICTED. Your Circular Savingram 1183/52.

Inspection of Ammunition.

Only serviceable ammunition held is .303. Quantity
6", 4", 12 pounder and 3 pounder held but has been condemned
and arrangements have been made for visiting warships to
dump.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT'S DEPUTY

see 6

Cypher. 2446
SS

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BW to R.V. Ammunition
of fresh holdings of
6" w. ammo.
BW. 11/1/53



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H.M.S. ST. AUSTELL BAY,

at Port Stanley.

15th March, 1954.

Dear Campbell,

its copy

Reference your letter concerning .303 ammunition, the Admiralty has withdrawn all .303 ammunition from the Navy of prior date to 1943 for age reasons.

2. While I have no ballistic expert onboard, I personally would advise you that prior 1943 ammunition of this calibre is perfectly safe but for operations is unreliable and occasional duds or puff shots may be experienced.

3. I would suggest that for normal range practices and training the old ammunition should be used, but that as a reserve for operations, should this be required, a reserve of say 10,000 rounds of new ammunition should be obtained.

Yours sincerely,

Basil Ward
COMMANDER-IN-COMMAND.

BVF

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Pa on file - to also
from Comms. War is in
23/8 4

Adjutant
Q. M.

303 Ammunition

3. Commander Ward states (and will let us have it in writing) that our old stocks of 303 ammunition are quite safe to use on the range but the Service recall ammunition 10 years old owing to the possibility of inaccuracy & duds.

2) It seems to me that we should carry on with our stocks and lay in a stock of modern ammunition (10,000 or 5,000 rds?) for possible operational purposes.

If e.g. we got some 1954 issue we could perhaps trade it annually with the Navy for the latest stuff thereby harming none & incurring no expense.

3) Is there any way we could get our basic stock free or cheap?

4) Please let me have your views.

23/8



Adjutant

3-4 for your views, etc.

Q
12/3.

U.C. F.I.D.F.

- x | I feel sure that we can build up a stock of say 10,000 rounds of .303. ammo, by exchanging our old stock with H.M. ships as they arrive from time to time.
- y | The only other way we could possibly get fresh Ammo, is through Crown Agents, and this would involve heavy expense.

AWOL
Adj. F.I.D.F.
29/3

hee

I like x but am doubtful if all ships will play - we can but try. I think Adj. has arranged a swap with St Austell!

If we fail to build up our reserves of recently manufactured ammo. to 10,000 in a reasonable time, we shall have to resort to

Y.

Q
2/4

Adj.
By every 6 months
we will see how
we get on.

Q
2/4

BU 31/9/54
H.

and spoke
Adjutant

CONFIDENTIAL DEF 175/169/01

Saving

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 16 June, 1954.

No. 88 **Saving**

CONFIDENTIAL



2 Your telegram No. 18 of the 17th January, 1953.

Ammunition.

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I enclose a copy of a semi-official letter from the Admiralty about the danger of handling certain ammunition said to have been supplied during the last fifteen years. In view of your telegram under reference and the correspondence about arrangements for the dumping by a visiting warship of condemned ammunition for the coastal defence guns, I assume that there are no stocks remaining of the ammunition to which the Admiralty refer.

SECEP.

Reply at 9

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W/ASO. 50/54

Military Branch,
Admiralty,
S.W.1.



13th May, 1954.

Dear Mr. Holdershaw,

Admiralty records indicate that British OF 12 pdr. 12 cwt. HE shell and OF 3" 20 cwt. HE Fixed Ammunition have been supplied to the Falkland Islands and to Mauritius R.N.V.R. during the last fifteen years and it is therefore possible that some of this ammunition may still remain in their stocks.

2. This ammunition may be fitted with No. 11 gaines and it has recently been found that these gaines can develop internal copper azide corrosion even although remaining in apparently good external condition. The presence of copper azide entails some risk of over sensitivity to shock and it is therefore recommended that any ammunition containing No. 11 gaines should not be subjected to any unnecessary handling. Any essential movement or handling should be carried out with care.

3. I should be grateful therefore, if you would ask the Governor of the Falkland Islands and the C.O. of the Mauritius R.N.V.R. whether stocks of the ammunition still remain, and warn them of the potential danger in handling.

4. The method of replacing these gaines is still under consideration, and I will write to you again when a decision has been reached on the best remedial methods.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) H. Moss.

S. D. Holdershaw Esq.,
Defence and General Department,
Colonial Office,
The Church House,
Great Smith Street, S.W.1.

was 3" - 3 pdr yet.

H. B. S.

7. 3" should read 3-pdr?

Off type of amm. referred to following is,
or has been, held:

12-pdr - 12-cal.

Projectiles Lyddite fuzed No. 45 P. 369

" No 12 F. Nil

3-pdr Fixed

MCIV Base fuzed Nil

Noe fuzed 31

col 8/7

F. I. ref: 0838/J.

C. O. ref: DEF 175/169/01.

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

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

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 9th July, 1954.

No. 125. SAVING. COLONY. CONFIDENTIAL.

6 Your Saving Telegram No. 88 of 16th June, 1954. Ammunition.

I confirm that there are no stocks of the ammunition to which the Admiralty refer now held here.

GOVERNOR.

W. H. K. R. B. S.

BUS 2/18

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				24.2.55

To

COMMANDING OFFICER HMS SUPERB

HOA/C

FOR FLEET GUNNERY OFFICER BEGINS GLAD TO KNOW IF YOU COULD SUPPLY
 DEFENCE FORCE ON REPAYMENT WITH UP TO 500 ROUNDS POINT 38 REVOLVER
 AMMUNITION STOP MASTER PHILOMEL COULD ACCEPT DELIVERY ON MY BEHALF
 STOP ENDS.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

CONFIRMATORY COPY PHONED TO R/T OPERATOR AT 1025/24th.

Time

CC/SH

450 words supplied

Rec 7.3.55

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Wt. P2809 5/61

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

Psy

10.3.64

To

etat ADMINOFF ZBH

SGA/c

No. 78. Most grateful if you could ask Commanding Officer Protector on our behalf if he can supply up to 50 rounds blank ammunition complete with brass cartridge for our 3 pdr saluting gun stop Insufficient stocks exist here to carry out necessary saluting programme this winter stop If available shipment could be made to Stanley by Shackleton April

Secretary

HLB/LH

See 12

BU 15 3 64

DECODE.

No. 92

TELEGRAM.

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From..... Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To..... Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 11th March, 19 64 Time : 1230

Received : 11th March, 19 64 Time : 1200

11
No. 95. Your telegram No. 78. Re 50 rounds blank ammunition from Protector. ZBH radio not in direct contact with Protector as Protector stated before leaving South Georgia that he would pass all communications through VPC Stanley. Do you wish me to hold your telegram and ask C.O. on arrival South Georgia about 26th March?

PL:TB
(Intld) H.L.B.

Reply at 17.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Wt. P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			12.3.64
To				
	etat CO PROTECTOR			HOA/c

Would be most grateful if you could let us have up to 50 rounds blank ammunition complete for our 3 pdr saluting gun stop Insufficient stocks exist here to carry out necessary saluting programme this winter stop If available they could be left at Georgia for onward carriage to Stanley by Shackleton April

Colonial Secretary

HLB/LH

See 18.3.64

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Wt. P2809 5/61

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

Psy

16.3.64

To

etat CO PROTECTOR

HOA/c

14 Yourtel 14th most grateful your assistance stop Two boxes sufficient

Colonial Secretary

HLB/LH

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Wt. P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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Psy

17.3.64

To

etat ADMINOFF ZBH

SGA/c

12 No. 92. Yourtel 95 Protector leaving 48 rounds ammunition for April
Shackleton

Secretary

FH/LH

See 11/4/64

DECODE.

No. 216.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 24th March, 19 64. Time : 1135

Received : 24th March, 19 64. Time :

17

No. 126. Your telegram No. 92. CO Protector confirms will land two boxes saluting ammunition.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH
(Intld.) HLB

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Re. copy to Adiantant

✓ H.

W.L.
26.3.64
26.3.64

NAVAL ARMAMENT STORES

VOUCHER FORM—*Inside Sheet*

Sheet No. _____

Ship or Station

HMS Protector

Issue Voucher No. _____

Receipt Voucher No. _____

Ledger Number and Folio	Description of Stores, Date of Order, etc.	Stamp or Pattern Number	Total Quantity	For use at Depots only		
				S.	R.	U.
	<i>2 boxes of 3 lbs Ammunition for Snubbing Gun in Stanley, Falkland Islands</i>		<i>42 rounds</i>			

Issued

[Signature] *Maunt RN*

24th March 1957

Received

This is a covering note: NO RECEIPT REQUIRED.

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(Signature and Rank.)

(Date)

[Signature]
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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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PI676 P4416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
	Stanley			24.5.66
To	otat CROWN LONDON S.W.2		HDA/c	

No 148 Please telegraph quotations for following ammunition for shipment
 100 Protector sixty thousand rounds point 303 ball five thousand rounds
 point 303 blank five thousand rounds point 38 revolver

Secretary

Reply 22

Time

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Copy sent to Adjutant FIDE

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown London S.W.1

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 27th May, 19 66 Time : 1139

Received : 27th May, 19 66 Time :

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Your telegram No 142 New ammo pounds per thousand 303
(7Z) 32-14-0 blanks (25Z) 26 38 revolver (2Z) 27-16-0
all delivered to meet Protector

Crown

P/L : ER
Intl. H.L.B.

Copy Sent to Adjutant A.D.F.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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P1676 P4416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
	Stanley			30.5.66
To	etat CROWN LONDON S.W.1			EOA/c

22 No 153 Yourtel 27th Ammunition stop quotations are for new repeat
new stocks stop Grateful prices seven/eight year old stocks

Secretary

Time BR

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FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

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Defence Force H.Q.
31st May, 1966.

The Honourable,
The Acting Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Dear Sir,


21-22 Further to our conversation of yesterday regarding Crown Agent's reply to telegram 142, and to the estimate of annual expenditure of ammunition for training already submitted, I have now discussed with Captain Martin R.W. and 2nd/Lt. Summers the high cost of ammunition replacement. We agree our requirements for shipment by Protector on her next outward voyage will be 21,000 .303" ball, 1,000 .38" revolver, 1,000 .303" blank. The unforeseen high cost of this order will mean that item 11, Head IX Military, of the 1966/67 Estimates will be exceeded by some £340. The order has been cut to a minimum as we are relying on the reasonable assumption that the very old stock of .303" ammo which we have in hand dated 1941 will cater for the main part of training.

While the policy of giving basic training to camp personnel is maintained we will require to use at least 25,000 per year. It would also appear that our stocks of ammo at present held in Stanley and the Camps as 'first line' reserve is not sufficiently reliable for this purpose because of age and thus should be replaced at an early date. All supplies are being checked as the present Royal Marines Training Teams visit each Farm but the indication is that at least 50,000 rounds, but probably more, will need to be ordered next year at a present day cost of £32. 14. 0d per thousand f.o.b. London.

The Defence Force also requires more weapons such as the 2" Mortar, the 3.5" Rocket Launcher, and Grenades. At present we are training with those of the R.M. Detachment. A small stock of H.E. Grenades are also necessary for use in an emergency.

I am supported by Captain Martin in the opinion that an official liaison with the Royal Navy - i.e. affiliation with the Royal Marines - may well prove most beneficial to our small Force with it's problems in obtaining and maintaining fighting equipment. Protector already keeps us supplied in blank cartridges, free of charge, for our saluting guns and to be placed on the Royal Marines official mailing list could well be to our advantage. If this cannot be arranged it would appear that the overheads in maintaining our present emergency system will be very high indeed, especially if .303" ammo goes out and we have no option but to replace all our .303" weapons.

Yours sincerely,


Capt.
ADJUTANT.

Cs. We discussed with Adjutant on 15 June and first step is a telegram to Colonial Office which you already have in draft.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL EXPENDITURE OF AMMUNITION FOR TRAINING.

1. Stanley Contingent.

Number of members	50
Rounds per man	250
Total expenditure per year	12,500 rounds.

(N.B. This figure is calculated to include the annual range course and also the amount of ammunition used on an annual camp.)

2. Farm ranks.

Number of members	150 (approx)
Rounds per man	100
Total Expenditure per year	15,000 rounds.

(N.B. This figure is to include the Bren guns on each station.)

3. The total expenditure of ammunition in any one year will therefore come to 27,500 rounds if the training is to continue at the present rate. This figure may be over the actual amount used but it would be wise to allow for the above expenditure if supplies are not to run out in a few years time.

4. In addition to the above figures there should be an operational 'first line' scale kept ready for immediate use. This should be to the same scale as above, ie another 27,500 rounds. This ammunition should become the training ammunition each year while the new supply is kept as the 'first line'.

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MEMORANDUM

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

21st June, 1966.

To: The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

From: The Adjutant, F.I.D.F.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:-

ANNUAL .303" AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE.

I refer to my letter of the 31st May, and to our discussion with His Excellency The Governor on the 15th June.

I have reviewed with Capt. Martin and 2nd/Lt. Summers, F.I.D.F. annual expenditure of .303" ball ammo for training purposes and we will require a total of 26,000 rounds allocated as follows:-

12,000 rounds to cater for the training of all active members of the Defence Force in Stanley, including L.M.G., annual camp, and the annual musketry classification.

14,000 rounds for basic training in Rifle and L.M.G on the Farms. This latter is based on 130 Rifles @ 100 rounds each and 9 L.M.G's also @ 100 each.

R. D. Goss Capt.
ADJUTANT.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY ^{OF DEFENCE} FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

Despatched: 23/6/66 Time: a.m. Received Time

CONFIDENTIAL

No.83. For Sugg.

Hitherto Defence Force has relied for .303 ammunition on 1940 stocks left here at end of war. These stocks now need replenishing but I am concerned to find that Crown Agents cost is nearly £35 a thousand.

2. Since United Kingdom is no longer supporting a platoon here, can help please be given in the form of free ammunition replenishment? Following by Protector would be most acceptable:-

26,000 .303 ball
1,000 .38 revolver
1,000 .303 blank

CYPHER "E": EB

Reply 27

B.U.
26/7/66

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 8/7/66

Time: 1210

Received: 9/7/66 Time

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 89.

26
Guard 83. Following from Sugg.

We have approached MOD who regret they have no stocks either .303 ball or blank or .38 revolver ammunition which they could supply free of charge. Crown Agents therefore appear only source of supply. They are trying to get old ammunition at reasonable price and have written to you.

CYPHER "E": EB

CS. 27
"17
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Rec 26/7/66 (26)

C.S. 11/17 27a

Copy of manuscript letter written by H.E. just before the bag closed on 11/7/66.

Government House,
Stanley,
11th July 1966

Thank you for your confidential telegram of 8th July about ammunition which came in on Saturday. This is just to acknowledge receipt and to say that we look forward to hearing from the Crown Agents by the next mail. I'm sorry that the Ministry of Defence cannot help. I should have thought that they had masses of the stuff lying idle in old magazines. S.F.C. certainly won't like it if we have to pay at the prices originally quoted. Next time you see Thompson I would be glad if you would put him in the picture.

Sgd. C.H.

A. St.J. Sugg Esq., C.M.G.,
Colonial Office.

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TELEGRAM.

From Crown London S.W.1

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 13th July, 19 66 Time : 1418

Received : 13th July, 19 66 Time :

NOT RECEIVED

22

Our letter 15th June Prices ammunition Naval stocks considerably higher than new production as quoted our telegram 27th May. Can obtain 303 ball at least ten year vintage from commercial source at ten pounds thousand but cannot guarantee condition. Please cable instructions

Crown

See 29 - 30

P/L : ER
Intld. H.L.B.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
	Stanley			15.7.66
To	etat CRO IN LONDON DEL			HOA/c

No 200 ²⁸ Yourtel 13th awaiting receipt; letter 15th June expected 22nd July

Secretary

Reply 30

Time

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TELEGRAM.

From Crown London S.W.1

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 18th July, 19 66 Time : 1346

Received : 18th July, 19 66 Time : 1130

29 Your telegram No 200 ours 15th June merely acknowledgment.
Earliest instructions essential due limited stowage on Protector

Crown

P/L : ER
Intld. H.L.B.

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P1676 P4416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
	Stanley			21.7.66
To	etat CROWN LONDON SW1			HQA/c

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 No 202 Yoursel 18th Ammunition have asked John Bound Superintendent Posts
 on leave in UK to contact you

Secretary

Time TR

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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P1677 P4416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Stanley			21.7.66

To

etat EKE Board 9 HILGROVE ROAD LONDON NW6

HOA/c

Crown Agents offering Ammunition at least ten year vintage ten pounds
thousand condition not guaranteed stop Grateful investigate if possible
examine and comment suitability Defence Force practice purposes and
Club use

Secretary

ER

Time

Rec 25/7/66
(mail)

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TELEGRAM.

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From Crown London S.W.1

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 22nd July, 19 66 Time : 1745

Received : 23rd July, 19 66 Time : 0900

22 31 Your telegram No 202 result Bounds visit quotation obtained National rifle Association 303 ball approximately thirteen pounds thousand 1955 vintage. Propose order accordingly and balance imi as per our telegram 27th May. Bound agrees. Please cable approval

Crown

P/L : ER
Intld. H.L.B.

Reply at 34

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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P1676 416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Stanley			27.7.66
To	etat CROWN LONDON SW1			Hoa/c

33 No. 210 Yourtel 22nd ammunition stop ship forty thousand 303
 ball ex National Rifle Association five thousand 303 new stock
 one thousand 38 revolver one thousand 303 blank

Secretary

13,000 303 RIDE
 27,000 303 Rifle Club

Time FA

Reply 36

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TELEGRAM.

From Crown London S.W.1

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 28th July, 19 66 Time : 1318

Received : 28th July, 19 66 Time : 0900

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Grateful reply our telegram 22nd 303 Ammunition etc

Crown

crossed - reply is at 34

P/L : ER

Bu 15/8/66 (..

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TELEGRAM.

From Crown London S.W.1

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 12th August, 19 66 Time : 1658

Received : 13th August, 19 66 Time :

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Your telegram No 210 Possibility storage on Protector not available. If not we propose arrange shipment via vessel A.E.S. if possible sailing 10th September

Crown

P/L : ER
Intld. H.L.B.

Reply 37

WA
12/8/66

Y.E. CA 12/8

Re 36. In a letter from John Bacon
I learn that National Rifle Association would
not sell to Govt, but that the deal was
put through by CAA explaining that it
was required for the applicant's rifle club
in F.I. Does the difficulty over
shipment by Postesta come from this?
limited storage as Postesta was reported as (30)
no purchase of the ammo, probably does not
come into it.

L.G.
15.8.66

DECODE.

CS

LA 16/8

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 16/8/66

Time: p.m.

Received:

Time:

RESTRICTED

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For Sugg. Grateful inform Sandford that Crown Agents say Protector possibly unable bring 47,000 rounds small arms ammunition. Sincerely hope Protector can oblige. Grateful you inform Crown Agents Sandford's reply.

CYFHER "E": BB

The second telegram is for action in
Secretary's place
LA 16/8

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
	Stanley			17.8.66

To

ctat CRANE LONDON SW1

IDA/c

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No 257 Yourtel 12th Amendment making personal approach Protector
therefore please do not commit to AES yet

Secretary

Reply + 0

B.U. ~~2/2/66~~ ~~SEA~~
18/10/66

Time ER

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From..... Crown London S.W.1.

To..... Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 13th September, 19 66 Time : 1648

Received : 13th September, 19 66 Time : 1130

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Your telegram No 237 Navy have now confirmed shipment on Protector formal advices will follow. Your covering Indent now awaiting

Crown

I/287/66 despatched 3/10/66.

JA

P/L : ER
Intld. H.L.B.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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P1676 P4416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
	Stanley			14.9.66
To	etat GOVERNOR BARKER			HBM/c

From report Protector will bring ammunition

Officer Administering Government

Time RR

0838/J

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16th September

66.

To: The Adjutant,
From: Acting Colonial Secretary,

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

STANLEY.

Ammunition Supplies.

The Crown Agents have reported that H.M.S. Protector will bring the ammunition supplies recently ordered.

(Sgd.) L. Gleadell

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY

TB

~~RM 27/1/66~~

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THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER SHOULD BE
QUOTED IN COMMUNICATIONS.

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S89/FALK IS. 6/25479/1
6/25479/2

Telegrams: "Crown, Sutton"
Telephone: London MELville 3311
Telex No: 261786



CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

SHIPPING DEPARTMENT,

ST. NICHOLAS HOUSE,

ST. NICHOLAS ROAD,

SUTTON,

SURREY.

10th October, 1966

Dear Sir,

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Indent: Col. Secs. Telegram 210
dated 27.7.66

It is wished to refer to the above indent concerning ammunition and cartridges and to inform you that arrangements have been made for this material to be shipped in H.M.S. PROTECTOR which is expected to sail shortly.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. P. Shipp".

for the Crown Agents

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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INVOICE

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AMMUNITION SALES DEPARTMENT

(P.O. Box 216,) KYNOCHE WORKS, WITTON, BIRMINGHAM, 6, ENGLAND.

INVOICEE The Crown Agents for Overseas Governments and Administrations, 4, Millbank, LONDON. S.W.1.	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN UNITED KINGDOM	COUNTRY OF DESTINATION FALKLAND ISLANDS.
	SHIPPING MARKS AND NUMBERS Regn 25479 SECRETARY PORT STANLEY CFA Nos. IMZ7359-7365 Gross Wt.	
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF GOODS C A R T R I D G E S	ANTHY: TEL210 of 27.7.66.	
SHIPPED PER H.M.S. PROTECTOR³		

C.D. 6 No.	IMPORT LICENCE No.	INVOICE No. M58/613
CUSTOMER'S REFERENCE AND DATE G6D Falk. IS. 6/25479/2 dated 15.8.66.	OUR ORDER No. Z5925	INVOICE DATE 7th OCTOBER, 1966.

ITEM OR PACKAGE No.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	SELLING PRICE TO PURCHASER			
			Per	£	s.	d.
2	.303" Mk 7z cartridges In cartons of 50 and 5 metal lined wood cases of 1000 each.	5,000	1000s £32/14/-	163	10	0
3	.303" BLANK LMK5z Cartridges In cartons of 10 and 1 metal lined wood case.	1,000	£26/-/-	26	0	0
4	.380" Mk2z Revolver Cartridges In cartons of 50 and 1 metal lined wood case.	1,000	£27/16/-	27	16	0
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PAYMENT: MONTHLY ACCOUNT.

Bankers: Lloyds Bank Limited,
Colmore Row,
Birmingham.

We certify that these goods are of British Origin.

E. G. Commander

FOR IMPERIAL METAL INDUSTRIES (KYNOCHE) LIMITED.

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GOSPORT.

ITEM	GROSS WT.	NET WT.	MEASUREMENTS.
2	Ø 0.2.20	Ø 0.2.10	20" x 13" x 7" x 5 CASES.
3	Ø 0.1.17	Ø 0.1.7	20" x 13" x 7" x 1 CASE.
4	Ø 0.1.17	Ø 0.1.7	14" x 10" x 7" x 1 CASE.

PACKING SPECIFICATION

PRELIMINARY SHIPPING ADVICE

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The Crown Agents have to report that the following shipment is expected:—

Reference :

SUPPLIER :

S/GGD/FALK. IS. 6/25479/1.

Messrs. National Rifle Association,
Bisley Camp,
Brookwood, Woking, Surrey.

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11th October 6

CAS/FI/1/66.

Indent No. Col. Sec. Tel. 210. of
Special A/C 27.7.66.
249000
Dept. Colonial Secretary,
Consignee Officer Administering
The Government.

MARK :—

REQN. 25479.

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SECRETARY.
PORT STANLEY.

*Nos.

Gross Weight

Ind. Tel. 210 of 27.7.66.

*M.V.S.S. H.M.S. PROTECTOR
c/o S.A.S.C., R.N.A.D., PRIDDY HARD, GOSPORT, by the 12th OCTOBER
to the order of MESSRS.*

The latest date is for loading. The sailing date is normally some days later and in some instances may be up to 14 days after the loading date, according to the destination and the loading programme of the shipping company concerned.

The particulars given in the schedule below were those furnished by the above mentioned contractor, when forwarding instructions were issued, and are not necessarily accurate.

VALUE £	*Nos.	Description of Packages	CONTENTS	Gross Weight				MEASUREMENTS			CUBE
				Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lb.	Length	Breadth	Depth	
£465	4703- 4771.	69 boxes Metal	.303 Ball Ammn.	2	4	-	26	1/6	-/11	-/11	69)
IS/19.											

*The Bill of Lading and Invoice will be despatched as soon as possible.
It should be understood, however, that shipment is not yet confirmed.*

Note to Contractor :—

confirming telephone instructions

PRELIMINARY SHIPPING ADVICE

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The Crown Agents have to report that the following shipment is expected:—

Reference:

S/ 9/PALM IS. 6/25479/2

SUPPLIER:

Imperial Metal Industries
Ltd.,
Sales Service Dept.,
P.O. Box 216, Kynock Works,
Witton, BIRMINGHAM 6.

7th October,

6.

GM/PI 2369/57.

Indent No. Col. Sec. Tel. 210
of 27/7/66
Special A/C 249000
Dept. Colonial Sec.
Consignee O.A.G.

MARK:—
REQN. 25479

SECRETARY
PORT STANLEY.

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*Nos.

Gross Weight

Ind. Tel. 210 of 27/7/66

M.V./S.S.

H.M.S. PROTECTOR

c/o S.A.B.O., R.N.A.D., BRIDGET HARD, GOSPOY, by the 12th October

to the order of Messrs. **ROYAL CROWN AGENTS**

The latest date is for loading. The sailing date is normally some days later and in some instances may be up to 14 days after the loading date, according to the destination and the loading programme of the shipping company concerned.

The particulars given in the schedule below were those furnished by the above mentioned contractor, when forwarding instructions were issued, and are not necessarily accurate.

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VALUE £	*Nos.	Description of Packages	CONTENTS	Gross Weight				MEASUREMENTS			CUBE
				Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lb.	Length	Breadth	Depth	
3217	IM2 7559/ 7365	7 Cases	Rifle	-	4	-	22	1/8	1/1	-/7	
			Revolver & Blank Cartridges	-	3	2	8				
			(6)					1/8	1/1	-/7	
			(1)					1/2	-/10	-/7	

The Bill of Lading and Invoice will be despatched as soon as possible.
It should be understood, however, that shipment is not yet confirmed.

Note to Contractor:—

Confirmation of telephone instructions.

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ADVICE OF AMENDMENT ORDER PLACED

No.

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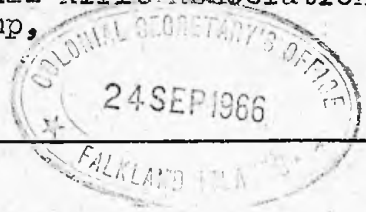
6D / FALK IS 6/25479/1
All letters to be addressed to the CROWN AGENTS this reference being quoted

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THE CROWN AGENTS
for Oversea Governments and Administrations.

Authority
Tel. 210 of
27.7.66.
A/c

The National Rifle Association,
Bisley Camp,
Brookwood,
Woking,
Surrey.



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

Telegrams "Crown, London-S.W.1."
Telephone Abbey 7730
Telex No. 24209

Dept. Col. Sec.

For the attention of Mr. Scott.

Date 26th August 1966

Dear Sirs,

We would like to refer to the above order placed with you on the 15th August, and to confirm the recent telephone conversation with Mr. Scott that the requirement is to be kept as near as possible to the original quantity of 40,000 rounds, and that we therefore require the quantity on the order to be amended to 69 boxes of 576 rounds each, giving a quantity of 39,744 rounds which at £6 15s.0d. per box equals £465.15s. 0d. f.o.b.

Yours faithfully,

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For the Crown Agents.

SGE/SU/MC.

Copy for:-

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Special notes to Principal:—

0838/J

21st March,

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Dear Sir,

Issue of 3 PDR blank ammunition
Your letter P.D.A.(N) 7c/3 of 2nd December, 1966, refers

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The ammunition in question has now been returned to HMS Protector. A copy of the relevant receipt note is attached.

No question of payment now appears to exist.

Yours faithfully,

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COLONIAL SECRETARY

Principal Director of Accounts (Naval),
Ministry of Defence,
Warminster Road,
Bath,
SOMERSET.

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AIR MAIL

PRINCIPAL DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS (NAVAL)
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Warminster Road, BATH, Somerset

Telephone: Bath ~~6955~~, ext. 5151
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Please address reply to
PRINCIPAL DIRECTOR OF
ACCOUNTS (NAVAL)
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
BATH, SOMERSET

9th November 1967

and quote: PDA(N)7C/C/4/LC2354/67

Your reference: 0838/J



Dear Sir,

ISSUE OF 3 PDR BLANK AMMUNITION RETURNED TO HMS PROTECTOR

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With reference to your letter of 21st March 1967,
a credit of £211 5s. 10d. has now been agreed by the
Armament Directorate of the Ministry of Defence. Their
credit vouchers (in duplicate) are attached hereto.
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There is a balance of £96 10s. 5d. due to the
Ministry of Defence made up as follows:-

Departmental Expenses	£89 6s. 9d.
and Examination costs to confirm state of stores returned	£7 3s. 8d.

Your cheque in settlement of this amount would be
appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

P. M. Preen

The Colonial Secretary
Colonial Secretary's Office
Stanley
FALKLAND ISLANDS
S. ATLANTIC

15th, January, 1963.

We trespass on your goodwill again!

Ever since Falkland Islands time began, or, at least, as far back as we can trace, the Royal Navy has supplied us with blank ammunition with which we return their many salutes of guns.

Suddenly, last year, out of the blue, the Principal Director of Accounts (Naval) sent us a bill for £307. 16. 3d. in respect of 96 rounds of blanks handed to us in 1966. We could not afford to pay it and returned the ammunition unused.

Now we have received a letter (copy attached) ⁴⁶⁵stinging us £96. 10. 5d. for handling charges presumably between our local dockside and H.M.S. Protector.

Considering we were never advised that a historical "arrangement" had come to an end we feel somewhat disinclined to pay.

H.E. tells me you have a contact in N.O.D. (Navy) and wonders whether you can get them to drop it.

We raise precious few charges of any kind for our very many services to the Navy and we consider it only equitable that this arrangement should, within reason, be maintained.

It may be that future issues of blank ammunition are not within reason.

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(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

A. St.J. Sugg, Esq., C.M.G.,
c/o Commonwealth Office.

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12 June 1968

As I think you know, there was an arrangement with H.M.S. Protector, dating back over a number of years, whereby the Falklands obtained saluting ammunition from the Royal Navy. The empty shell cases were returned to Protector at the end of each season and everyone was quite happy.

This however was in the good old days of the Admiralty, before MOD appeared on the scene. More recently, things have become a bit sticky and Bence-Trower found himself unable to provide us with any ammunition last season. As a result we now have 9 rounds left; seven of these will be used to welcome you on your arrival in Endurance in November and two will be needed for the 2-minute silence on Remembrance Day.

You will have seen from a copy of my address to Legislative Council, sent you in the last mail, that the Colony anticipates a very substantial deficit in the coming financial year. Saluting ammunition at its present cost is really regarded by many people as something of a luxury.

It would however be a pity if we had to abandon these occasional manifestations of loyalty and courtesy. I wonder whether you think you will be able to help us out in the coming season? Our annual requirements are 44, made up of 21 rounds for the Queen's birthday, seven for the annual arrival of Protector/Endurance, two for Remembrance Sunday and 14 to allow for two other visits by H.M. Ships in a year.

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Captain P.W. Buchanan, R.N.,
H.M.S. Endurance,
B.F.P.O. Ships.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE
24 JUL 1968
FALKLAND ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH OFFICE,
CURTIS GREEN BUILDING,
S.W.1.

June, 1968

Dear Jimmy ⁴⁶⁷

You wrote to me on the 15 January (0838/J) about the Navy rather rudely claiming payment for handling charges in respect of blank ammunition.

2. The Navy say that they have not been able to trace any record of the "historical arrangement" mentioned in your letter but that "pending further enquiries" they are not proposing to press the claim for the £96.10.5d. and that they are instructing their Accounts Department about this.

[Handwritten signature]
(A. St. J. Sugg)

W.H. Thompson, Esq., C.B.E.,
Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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Ag. c. T.

Re. see

[Handwritten initials]
c.s.
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