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No. 29

WAR/WW1/1#34

Governor

(SUBJECT).

1916

18th Decr.

Previous Papers.

Enemy raider -
Description of and instructions
C.I/16. regarding

(MINUTES).

H.S. / To see.

Letter to Principal Light Keeper 18.12.16.

H.S. / To see.

H.S.'s minute has, I take it, been
sent direct to the other officers concerned.

See 57.
18.12.16

C.S.
18.12.16.

Subsequent Papers.

18th December, 16

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has received notice to the effect that an enemy raider is at large in the Atlantic Ocean.

2. The vessel is quite new and is unlike any German ship of any line. Her length is 350 feet and her breadth 45 feet. She has two rakish masts, one funnel which is short and broad, straight bows, very fast looking, her speed being probably up to 20 knots, and is reported to be painted black. The raider carries one 6 inch gun amidships on the platform on the fore-deck before the bridge; this gun can be trained on either bow. She also carries two 4.7 guns mounted forward, two aft, and one on the poop. She has also two 3 inch guns, one mounted forward and the other aft, and a machine gun on the bridge. She has two torpedo tubes forward and two aft on deck; these are partly concealed.

3. I am to instruct you to communicate immediately the description of the above vessel to the Assistant Mr John Pearce, Lightkeepers and to direct them to keep a careful look-Principal Keeper, out, and to report at once to the Officer Commanding Cape Pembroke the Volunteers at Headquarters the moment a vessel is Lighthouse. sighted, giving as far as possible such description of her as they may be able to make out.

4. This communication must be regarded by the

Assistant Lightkeepers as strictly confidential.

Kindly instruct them accordingly.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. A. G.
Colonial Secretary.

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To
Honourable Colonial Secretary,
Honourable Treasurer and Detaining Officer,
Officer Commanding F.I. Volunteers *Force*,
Harbour Master.

I have received information to the effect that an enemy raider is now at large in the Atlantic.

The vessel is quite new, and unlike any German ship of any line. Her length is 350 feet and breadth 45 feet. She has two rakish masts, one funnel, which is broad and short, straight bows, very fast looking, probably her speed up to 20 knots, and reported to be painted black.

The raider carries one 6 inch gun amidships on platform on foredeck before the bridge, the gun can be trained on either bow. She also carries two 4.7 guns mounted forward, two aft, and one on the poop. Also two 3 inch guns, 1 mounted forward and the other aft, and a machine gun on the bridge. She also has two torpedo tubes forward and two aft on deck which are partly concealed.

The Colonial Secretary will inform the Chief Lighthouse Keeper of above and instruct him to communicate the description of the raider to the Asst. Lighthouse Keepers and direct them to keep a careful lookout, and report immediately to the Officer Commanding Volunteers at Head Quarters the moment a vessel is sighted, giving as far as possible, from time to time such description of her as they may be able to make out.

I have already instructed the Harbour Master to keep the launch "Penguin", when not in use, under banked fires.

Douglas James
Governor.

18th Decr., 1916.