

## PRISONERS OF WAR

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Serial No	Date of entry in register	Surname	Christian names	Nationality & birth place	Residence	Trade or occupation	Whether married & no of children	How long resident in this country	Whether destitute	Why detained
1	15 Dec 1914	BUSE	Frans	German (Stettin)	Stanley	Outdoor foreman	Married 9 children	24 years	No	German reservist
2	"	REDDERMANN	Herman	German (Stettin)	Stanley	Butcher	No	10 years	No	German reservist
3	"	SILBERMANN	Walter	German (Dresden)	Darwin	Shepherd	No	10 ½ mths	No	Military age
4	28 Dec	STEFAN	Jensco	Austrain (Sussack)	Ss Impoco Stanley Harbour	Seaman	No	15 days	No	Military age
5	"	LORENZ	Gustav	German (Tilsit)	Ss Impoco Stanley Harbour	Cook	No	15 days	No	Military age
6	10 Jan	PETERSEN	Frederick William	German (Hamburg)	Douglas Station	Storekeeper	Yes, no children	24 ½ years	No	Not detained
7	"	WERKMEISTER	Carl Richard William	German (Hemal)	Salvador	Navy	No	15 years	No	Reservist
8	"	SPARMER	Johann	German (Mainz)	Salvador	Sailor	No	22 years	No	Reservist

There is a sheet 2 also containing six prisoners who were on board a captured vessel and were shipped out soon after.

Pg 194 records that Walter SILBERMANN, Karl WERKMEISTER and Walter SPARMER were embarked on HMS *Otranto* 4 February 1915 for shipment to England, along with the six crew from the captured vessel above.

In 1916 the Governor reported to the Secretary of State that he did not consider it necessary to intern any of the 6 enemy subjects in the Islands or in any way interfere with present arrangements respecting them.

### Franz BUSE:

**Franz BUSE** was born in Stetin, Prussia. Franz was employed by the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in the North Arm area from 3 October 1891 to 7 October 1892 on a monthly wage of £5-0-0. Franz shipped on board the *Allen Gardiner* as crew from Keppel Island to Tekeenica Bay in October 1894. [FIM Oct 1894] When he married Lilian WILLIAMS in February 1896 he was listed as a "mariner and German subject". At the outbreak of World War I Franz was working as the foreman labourer for the Falkland Islands Company Limited. The governor had Franz arrested as a prisoner of war and he and others were sent to Camp. [FIC/D12: pg 717] Franz was classed an enemy alien during WWI and had to report to headquarters every second day. He was released from this at the end of the war but was still forbidden to leave Stanley without permission. Franz requested permission to leave the Falkland Islands 1 March 1920 for Punta Arenas on board the *Antarctica* and this was granted 2 March 1920. In his letter he pointed out that he had been a prisoner of war and out of work for over five years and wished to get away to try to make provision for his family. His wife and seven youngest children departed for Punta Arenas 21 October 1920, leaving the two eldest behind in Stanley. On 16 September 1916 he was recorded as owning a small house and land in Stanley originally purchased for £108. Franz died Monday 13 July 1936 in Magallanes. [Penguin 16 July 1936] Lilian died 26 November 1946, age 73, and was buried 28 November 1946 in Grave N1333. [Obituary FI Weekly News 28 Nov 1946]

*A number of descendants of Franz BUSE still live in the Falkland Islands.*

**Hermann REDDEMANN:**

Hermann REDDEMANN worked a very small casings business in Stanley and the first mention found to date for him was his arrival from Valparaiso on the *Orita* 1 March 1905 (*he may have been coming from Punta Arenas and was picked up en route*). He was in partnership with Alex MARTIN in 1908 and it appears that he may have had some connection with Messrs Brinkman & Co of Hamburg. During the War his business ceased and as he was unable to gain any employment due to his nationality he received a small weekly allowance for the Government to keep him from starvation. On 16 September 1916 he was recorded as owning a small building about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from the centre of Stanley valued at £6 which was deemed not worth selling due to its situation. As an enemy alien he had to gain permission to leave the Falkland Islands. He was not allowed to leave in 1920 due to there being a claim from Estate L Williams for £200 owed by him. He appears to have left the Falkland Islands 20 October 1921 for Punta Arenas on board the *Orita*.

**Frederick William "Willy" PETERSEN**

A German by birth, was shipwrecked off the Falkland Islands (*to date no record of the ship*). He stayed and married Grace MILLER 17 April 1894. The same year he was recorded as being one of the crew of the *Hadassah*. During WWI he was working on Douglas Station. Frederick, age 74, a seaman of Portway, Shirehampton, Bristol died there 14 December 1934 and was buried at sea near Lundy Island in fulfilment of his dying wish. [Penguin 2 Feb 1935]

**Other Germans under suspicion:**

**Johan Bernard LUCHTENBORG:**

Johan was born in Germany circa 1865. Came to the Falkland Islands circa 1891. A sealing licence was granted to Johan LUCHTENBORG and Hugh GRANT 16 March 1893 but this was cancelled by the Governor 27 June 1893 under instructions from the S of S. Johan LUCHTENBORN alias JOHNSON was blacklisted for 12 months from 25 April 1893. Johan LUCHTENBORG leased Sea Lion Island from the FIC about 1905. Johan was married to Henriette Josephine ORRIERE, a French woman, 17 January 1914. On 16 September 1916 he was recorded as owning a shepherd's hut and 720 sheep on Sea Lion Island, which was leased from the FIC. He died 11 January 1919, age 54, from throat cancer and was buried in Grave Ei834.

**Karl Christian "Charles" WESELL:**

Born 11 April 1858 in Hamburg and came to the Falkland Islands circa 1891. On 16 September 1916 he was recorded as owning a shepherds hut and 629 sheep on Passage Island and adjacent small islands, which he leased from the Government. He was allowed to carry on with his livelihood as long as he confined himself to the Passage Islands unless going to Chartres for supplies. Charles was found dead at Spring Point 1 April 1928.