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19 41.

No.

S/20/41 (A)

Secretary of State.

SUBJECT.

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SUGGESTED GARRISON.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

- 1. Telegram from S. of S. No. 139. Most Secret, of 24/12/41.
- 2. " to " " 156 " " " 28/12/41.
- 3. " from " " 9 " " " 12/1/42.
- 4. " " " " 10 " " " 15/1/42.
- 5-6. " to " " 6 " " " 16/1/42.
- 7. " " " " 10 " " " 17/1/42.
- 8. " from " " 54 " " " 11/4/42.
- 9. " " C. in C. S. A. " " " 11/4/42.
- 10. Ex. " to S. of S. No. 94 " " " 13/5/42.
- 11. " from " " 40 " " " 4/5/42.
- 12. " " " " 41 " " " "
- 13. Telegram " " " 97 " " " 28/5/42.
- 14. Telegram addressed to N.O. etc. by S. S. T. O. Freetown "
- 15. Telegram to S. of S. No. 112 Most Secret of 3/6/42.
- 16. " from " No. 102 " " " 6/6/42.
- 17. " " Col. Sykes of 11/7/42.
- 18. " to N.O. etc. from S. S. T. O. Freetown of 19/6/42.
- 19. Memo. from " of 24/6/42.
- 20-25. Address by N.O. the Governor of 1/7/42.
- 26. Minute to N.O. etc. of 1/7/42.

Subsequent Paper.

Minutes from Commander, G.L. Force of 8 Feb 43. 28.

(29)
I submit red (28) pt. In view of our own labour difficulties it seems most unlikely that existing establishments can be reduced in the manner suggested.

Admiral
9/2/43.

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I have seen O.C. 7. Force. & in regard the idea is impracticable here.

Admiral 9/2/43

Messages to "Highland Pioneer" of 3. 2. 44. 31.
Message from O/C, Falkland Island Force of 3. 2. 44. 32.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 27th December, 19 41 *Time:* 1645.

Received: 27th December, 19 41 *Time:* 2345.

IMPORTANT.

No. 139. Most Secret. Chiefs of Staff have been considering the position of the Falkland Islands Defences in the light of the Far Eastern War. It is thought in view of probable activity by Japanese raiders in the Southern Atlantic attempts might be made to capture the Falkland Islands and destroy the fuelling and other facilities; and that Japanese might then try to cause further embarrassment by offering the Islands to the Argentine. Chiefs of Staff have accordingly telegraphed Chiefs of Staff in Washington suggesting in view of United States principles of hemisphere defence and of the interest of United States Government defenceless alternative route to the Pacific Ocean, they might be prepared to send some reinforcements to the Colony. The mission is being invited to take the matter up with United States authorities.

You will be kept informed of further developments.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 28th December, 19 41 Time: ..

Received: 19 Time:

EXTRACTS FROM TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY OF STATE
BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR. (Original filed in S/20/41)

IMPORTANT.

Recd

No. 156. Most Secret. Your telegram No. 139 Most Secret noted.

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Suggest that if you agree and American Troops are sent here all ...
these requirements could come direct from United States.
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TELEGRAM.

No. 157.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 12th January, 19 42. *Time* : 23.00

Received : 14th January, 19 42. *Time* : *SD*

Red No. 9. Most Secret. With reference to my telegram No. 139 matter is now being taken up on rather different basis. It is felt if the United States Government are asked to send reinforcements they might suggest the Argentine should be associated with any United States Troops which might be sent. This would be in accordance with the United States policy of inviting South American Governments to be associated in any measures which they may undertake in the Southern Hemisphere but it would obviously be open to grave political objections in the case of the Falkland Islands.

Joint Staff Mission are accordingly being asked in the first instance to discuss with Canadian Authorities the possibility of Canadian Troops being made available. It is considered that as a rough estimate 2 Battalions would be required but that even 1 Battalion with a few Field guns would help. If Canadian Troops cannot be provided and it becomes necessary to ask the United States for reinforcements it would be made clear to the United States Government that we should find it very difficult to agree to any scheme for the present regarding the Argentine Government.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.D.C.O.

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No. 201.

TELEGRAM.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 15th January, 19 42 *Time* : 0021.

Received : 15th January, 19 42 *Time* 0030.

No. 10. Most Secret. With reference to my telegram No. 9 in order that all factors affecting reinforcement of East Falkland garrison may be weighed administrative appreciation is necessary. Basis should be provision for a force based in Stanley.

On assuming that hutment camp would be necessary please telegraph the outline of the plan for construction in the shortest practicable time of the camp for approximately (1) 500 (2) 1000 (3) 1500 men stating in particular (a) extent to which labour would have to be imported (b) nature of materials required and suggested source of supply (c) whether adequate water supply is available (d) most convenient source for extra supplies of food etcetera necessary and adequate shipping available.

No repeat no decision has yet been made as to whether reinforcements are to be sent.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

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From

To

Despatched : 19 Time :

Received : Page 2. 19 Time :

due to necessity of lighterage.

If possible a pioneer company should be sent preferably in advance with self-contained furniture, crockery, central heating, etc., as nothing is available locally except in infinitesimal quantities and in view of distance and lack of communication provision should be made for breakage.

Boot and clothing repairs should also be provided for including leather and other materials. In short the detachment should be as completely self-contained as possible not forgetting transport, indoor and outdoor games and necessary gear, gramophone and records, wireless sets either battery or for 220 volts A.C.mains, and even mailbags.

Most important would be stationery of every sort including typewriters. Printing here is only done by hand, there being no machinery nor sufficient paper or ink moreover only two men are available.

Presumably telephones and accessories including wire together with necessary posts will be brought.

Exc: to S/20/41 (D) { Electric power can be provided for lighting but cable, wiring, bulbs, etc., would be needed.

The detachment should bring all money required. Suggest that Canadian dollar and cents should be made legal tender in conjunction with sterling and a fixed rate of exchange between the Falkland Islands pound and dollar established. Bearing in mind that 25 cents and one shilling are generally interchangeable the rate might locally have to be fixed at \$5 for £1 Falkland Islands, if that is possible.

See S/20/41 (H) { As there is practically nothing here to spend money on one can assume that most of the pay would be saved either in regimental accountant's office or in savings bank therefore no more than four full months' pay plus payment for outside labour need be provided for in dollars but silver is of paramount importance and £10,000 at least in varying denominations would be needed, which might be obtained from Trinidad. Copper up to £500 also would be required.

In connection with money and accounts safes should also be brought as well as sufficient number of forms and books.

Arrangements can be made for detention barracks in the hulk "Fennia".

Exc: to S/20/41 (C) { Hospital arrangements have also been considered. Presumably the camp would have its own Doctor and staff and if occasion arose patients could be handed over to the civil hospital here it being understood that the patient once there is entirely under the control of the civil doctor.

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TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched: 16th January, 19 42. Time: 3.14.
Received: 19 Time:

Handwritten notes: "Time: 3.14.", "Route:", and a circled number "344" with a checkmark.

No. 6. Most Secret. Your telegrams No. 9 and No. 10 Most Secret.

(a) Sites for camps are being surveyed close to Stanley bearing in mind water and sewerage. There is no apparent difficulty.

Most important problem is that of heating which will have either to be coal or fuel oil. Latter is procurable from naval stocks if Admiralty agree and would arrange continuous supply whereas coal would all have to be imported nearest point being from Punta Arenas where question of export permits arises as well as that of shipping. It would be useless to cut peat at this time of the year as it cannot dry and the earliest cutting date would be October to get it ready for use in March 1943. During construction of camp billeting in Stanley could be arranged up to 1500. This question is being investigated and details being prepared for execution without delay, but it could only be a temporary measure. Water, heating and sewage would be available for the temporary purpose.

Possible solution of camp construction is that part of Jamaica "Gibraltar Evacuees Camp might be dismantled in toto and re-built here.

Local labour not available sufficiently to erect camps of either types within reasonable time. Considered opinion is that more than twelve months required for even the smallest.

Therefore labour must be imported and suggestion of pioneer corps would solve this in the easiest way.

Extracted to S/20/41/16 Red (1) (b) Materials required must include absolutely everything for the buildings themselves, windows, drainage, pipes, fittings sanitary and heating, etc. If the Jamaica suggestion is adopted probably most requirements would be found there if not the only possible source of obtaining necessary supplies is from Canada as Uruguay is comparatively non-productive in semi and fully manufactured materials. Standard mass produced or one designed sectional huts are considered essential.

Ex. to (E) 6 vide M.P. 10/16 (c) We can supply water but require piping and other necessaries, quantity required now being ascertained.

(d) Fresh vegetables for 1943 may possibly be obtained locally if seed is available which must come either from United Kingdom or United States of America or Canada but no crop can be guaranteed. For 1942 we shall have to rely on Uruguay and/or Chile, arranging through Admiralty agents here.

All fresh fruit has to be imported with same source of supply.

Other foodstuffs including milk, flour, tea, sugar, tobacco, etc., should be available through Admiralty agents or, as suggested by the local Naval Officer in Charge, naval stores regular supply might be extended to cover these new Military needs, the Base Accountant Officer and Quartermaster co-operating.

Potatoes are in a separate category and one must envisage complete reliance on imports from South America whilst locally we shall do our best. Meat presents no difficulty.

(e) Shipping. This is in the hands of the Falkland Islands Company who are the Admiralty agents and their manager is satisfied his present available transport can handle the new situation apart from the original shipments of stores and materials, 24 hour working at rate of 600 tons per diem slowness

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~~XXXXXX~~TO. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

~~XX~~ FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 17th January, 19 42. Time :

Received : ... ~~Redst~~ ⁵⁷⁶ ... 19 Time :

No. 10. Most Secret. With reference to my telegram No. 6 Most Secret suggestion of advance despatch of pioneer company. Please refer to my telegram Secret No. 153 and my unnumbered telegram of December 29th. If pioneer company can be sent as advised by Officer Commanding Troops with concurrence of Rear Admiral South America Division that this should be an immediate step taken with the minimum delay and that company should be equipped not only for preparation of camps but for defensive fighting bringing with them the Bren Gun carriers and other necessary equipment as indicated in my above quoted telegrams. This small force would have a most important and stimulating effect on morale enabling us to put up a stouter resistance and give us a better chance of successful defence if an attack took place sooner than is at present envisaged possible.

I. D. C. O.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 11th April, 1942. Time: 09.35.

Received: 19 Time:

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No. 57. Most Secret. With reference to my Telegram No. 9 Canadian Troops are not available and it has been decided not to ask United States Troops. Possibility of sending British Battalion to the Falkland Islands now being further considered.

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TO:

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FROM:

Lamb S. A

North Port Stanley 6th

Garrison of Falkland Is. is shortly to be embarked

and advance party of 250 is expected to leave United Kingdom
about 22nd May and arrive Falkland Is. about end June.

(2) Remainder garrison will arrive Port Stanley about end June and
Falkland Is. about 20th July.

(3) On arrival main portion the Officer Commanding Troops will be
base Commander and you are to co-operate with him in all
land defence matters placing yourself under his orders in event
of active operations.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 13th May, 19 42 Time: 2000

Received: 19 Time:

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No. 94. Most Secret. and as regards seeds
these should if possible be from Scottish Firms.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 50.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 4th May, 19 42 Time : 0840

Received : 4th May, 19 42 Time :

No. 70. Most Secret. With reference to my telegram No.

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1. It has been decided to send one British Infantry Battalion with certain ancillary troops and aircraft detachment to the Falkland Islands. Total strength around 1500 certainly not more than 2000. First part consisting of advance party approximately 250 all ranks including 150 constructional engineers will arrive beginning of July. Ship will contain all materials for building hutted camp and certain amount of necessary equipment and supplies for main force which will arrive in the 2nd half of July.

2. Estimate that Camp may not be completed by time of arrival of main body in which case temporary accommodation may be required. Understand from your telegram No. 6 that this would be available up to 1500 men.

3. Officer Commanding Troops Falkland Islands is being appointed with the rank of Colonel and small staff. Local forces will come under his command. They will be sailing with advance party.

4. Everything is being taken with the force to provide its maintenance. Ordnance workshop and Hospital with sufficient beds to cover estimated needs of garrison will be constructed. Reserve supplies and rations will be sent sufficient to cover most of the straightforward maintenance arrangements. On completion of the Camp a proportion of constructional engineers will be brought back to the United Kingdom leaving only a small R. E. detachment.

5. Coast Defence detachment will be despatched at a later date.

6. Separate telegram will be sent regarding currency and other detailed arrangements any further information required in addition to that supplied in your telegram No. 80.

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No. 51.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 4th May, 19 42 *Time* :

Received : 4th May, 19 42 *Time* : 14 5⁻2

Immediate

No. 71. Most Secret. Please regard my telegram No. 70
as for your personal information only at present.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 28th May, 19 42 *Time:* 1450

Received: 28th May, 19 42. *Time:*

No. 97. MOST SECRET. With reference to your Telegram No. 96
Hounds not repeat not with first party which is now en route and
as stated in my telegram No. 70 is expected to arrive at the
beginning of July.

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TO:

NOIC F.I. (R) SSTS Freetown

FROM:
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Sea Transport store ship STRATEGIST, speed 12 knots, sailed U.K. 22nd May for F.I.

with 174 tons ammunition, 165 tons petrol, 604 tons coal, 2999 tons stores, 10 guns

and trailers, and 27 vehicles. Full particulars of cargo follow. Also 22 Officers

and 270 other ranks military.

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HOIC F.I. (R) 3570 Freetown

FROM:

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 3rd June, 19 42 *Time* : 1500

Received : ... 19 ... *Time* : ...

No. 112. MOST SECRET. With reference to your Most Secret telegram No. 71 there will be no communication outward from this Colony until after events foreshadowed in your telegram No. 97 Most Secret. Owing to shortage of labour am anxious to proceed immediately with final preparations so as to avoid any unnecessary delay. Please telegraph approval of my informing Defence Committee and as much publication as I deem necessary.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 31.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 6th June, 19 42 *Time* : 1205

Received : 6th June, 19 42 *Time* :

IMMEDIATE.

No. 102. MOST SECRET. With reference to your Telegram No. 112 you should not repeat not in any circumstances disclose more than that you have been asked to prepare for possible arrival of a military contingent and this information should be withheld from all but the minimum repeat minimum number of persons. There should be no general publication whatever and no indication of expected date of arrival should be given to anyone. I fully realize administrative difficulties which these restrictions will involve in regard to advance preparations. They are however considered necessary in order to eliminate any risk however remote of a leak which might jeopardize the safety of the personnel.

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:
RAW 117

*Message received from Colonel HINDS
 11/11/40 11:00 AM. The message
 was received by the intercept
 group at 11:00 AM. It is
 a message of approximately
 14 lines. Report it possible
 to decipher the message.*

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO: 10/14/44 11/10/44 R.V.

FROM:

Director of Sea Transport
Sea Transport Office, Freetown
Reference Director of Sea Transport's 2318 28th
S-26783157 sailed Freetown 17th E.T. of Falkland
Islands 4th July. Fuel taken 750 tons
board 1800 tons cargo
embarked Freetown

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19 JUN 1942
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H.S. Baker

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TELEGRAM.

No. 263.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 24th June, 19 42 Time: 1614

Received: 25th June, 19 42. Time:

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No. 111. MOST SECRET. With reference to my telegram No. 102.

- Advanced party to a 5516 122 "Strategist 2049 ?
- Personnel embarked as follows. Read (a) Reported, (b) Officers, (c) Warrant Officers, (d) Sergeants, (e) Other Ranks.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Warrant Officers.</u>	<u>Sergeants.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
727 ? General Construction Company.	4	1	2	147
As between Headquarters	5	1	3	4
Signals	-	-	1	5
Royal Army Service Corps	3	-	4	32
Royal Army Ordnance Corps Depot and Workshop	2	2	3	8
11th West Yorks	6	-	1	3
359 ?	1	-	2	2
1st Field Hospital	1	-	1	1
Royal Army Service Corps (Expeditionary Force Institution)	-	1	-	1
Total in ship	Officers 22.		Other Ranks 225.	

- Stores and vehicles loaded as under.

Ambulances 2 Utilities 4 Vans 6 Lorry 3 ton G.S.6
 30 cwt. G.S. 3 Winch 1 Scammells 2 Trailers 4
 Tractor 1 Tippers 3 ton 2 Trailers 3 ton 2 Fire Pump 1
 Petrol Roller 1, G 1 set comprising Trailer 3 Motor Cycles.

- Guns 40 millimetre 6. 3.7 inch. Static and spares 4 (57 tons)
 M.G. and rifles 6 tons. Ammunition in rounds 3 inch Mortar
 6051 4000 2 inch 7,000 Q.F.40 Millimetre H.E. 2,000
 Ammonal 2000 16 lbs gun cotton slab 4,000 4 inch Primers
 1980 Fuze Safety Carriers 20 feet Detonators No. 27 1,000
 No. 33 600 Matches Fuze 124 Primacord 5,000 feet
 Ignitors Safety Fuze Percussion 100 Total ammunition 50 tons.
 Ordnance 219 tons including 100 and 0767 ? tons.
 Accommodation for stores. 8 on Engineers' stores 1850 tons,
 including 640 tons Nissen 204 tons 247 5969 Hutting
 30 tons Store Shed 438 tons Cement 28 tons Decauville
 Track 134 tons Tanks and Piping. Supplies 366 tons
 including 24 tons composite rations. M.T. Spirit 228 tons
 Gas Oil 93 tons. Coal and Coke 673 tons. M.T. Royal Army
 Service Corps 5 tons. Demolition Devices 5 tons. For
 Field Hospital medical stores 12 tons G 1098 ? equipment
 10 tons. Naval Army Air Force Institute Authenticated 35 tons.

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Mail 25 1 ton. One 20 ton Derrick 5 tons cargo handling gear 5 tons to assist ships discharge. 2 packages P.O. Stores marked 4769 and 5459 shipped in error may be disposed of locally. Index 1946/81,6 cases marked Eastern are demolition stores referred to in my telegram No. 61 and mail despatch April 21st.

Naval General Stores 69 tons Armament 145 tons Victualling 2 tons. Total 3825 tons plus 38 tons 6 mobile guns 4 motor cycles. Ship can handle all lifts.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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From information received, it is consid-
-ered possible that the main body of troops may be
in S.S. ESMERANCE BAY, a passenger vessel of 15 knots
and gross tonnage of 14,204 tons, belonging to the
Aberdeen and Commonwealth, Lines, Ltd.

BRITISH NAVAL
27 JUN 1942
FALKLANDS

Alfred. West

Payr. Lt. RNR.

SECRET

BILLETING: Part 1.

ACCOMMODATION TO BE FURNISHED BY KEEPER OF VICTUALLING HOUSE.

A keeper of a victualling house on whom any officer, soldier or horse is billeted -

- (1) Shall furnish the officer and soldier with lodging and attendance: and
- (2) Shall, if required by the soldier, furnish him for every day of the march, and for not more than two days, if the soldier is halted at an intermediate place on the march for more than two days, and on the day of arrival at the place of final destination, with breakfast, hot dinner, and supper on each day, such meals to consist of such quantities of food and drink as may from time to time be fixed by His Majesty's Regulations, not exceeding -
 - (a) For breakfast, five ounces of bread, one pint of tea, with milk and sugar, four ounces of bacon;
 - (b) For hot dinner, twelve ounces of meat previous to being dressed, six ounces of bread, eight ounces of potatoes, or other vegetables;
 - (c) For supper, five ounces of bread, one pint of tea with milk and sugar, two ounces of cheese; and
- (3) When a soldier is not so entitled to be furnished with "a meal", shall furnish the soldier with candles, vinegar, and salt, and allow him to use the fire, and the necessary utensils for dressing and eating his meat; and
- (4) Shall furnish stable room and ten pounds of oats, twelve pounds of hay, and eight pounds of straw on every day for each horse.

For the purposes of this part of this Schedule the expression "furnished with lodging" shall include the provision of a separate bed for each officer and soldier.

Accommodation to be provided.

Prices to be paid.

Lodging and attendance for a soldier where meals furnished.

Tenpence a night for the first soldier and eightpence a night for each additional soldier. Ninepence each.

Breakfast as specified in Part I of the Second Schedule to the Army Act.

Dinner as so specified

One shilling and twopence.

Tea as so specified

Threepence each.

Supper as so specified

Fivepence each.

Where no meals furnished, lodging and attendance, and the means and the necessary utensils for the preparation and cooking of his food.

Tenpence a night for the first soldier and eightpence a night for each additional soldier.

Stable room and ten pounds of oats, twelve pounds of hay, and eight pounds of straw a day for each horse.

Two shillings and threepence a day.

Proper stabling without forage for each horse.

Sixpence a day.

Lodging and attendance for an officer

Three shillings a night for the first officer and two shillings a night for each additional officer.

Note - An officer shall pay for his food.

2. The following rates for officers and soldiers where accommodation of a more limited character than that specified in the Schedule subjoined to paragraph one is provided, and for horses where proper stabling is not provided, are hereby fixed as shown in the subjoined Schedule:-

Accommodation to be provided.

Prices to be paid.

Soldiers - lodging (with bed and attendance) when no meals and no cooking facilities are required.

Sixpence a night for each soldier.

Officers and soldiers - unfurnished accommodation in occupied premises.

Twopence a night for each officer or soldier.

Officers and soldiers - unfurnished accommodation in otherwise unoccupied premises.

One penny a night for each officer or soldier.

Horses - accommodation in buildings where proper stabling is not provided.

Threepence a day for each horse.

Extract from "The Army Billeting in Emergency Regulations 1940" dated May 3rd, 1940.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

It has for long been common knowledge that our garrison here is to be strengthened and although I have strict orders to divulge no details, I can make known to you that within a very short time a first contingent is expected.

Plans have been made to accommodate these men in billets and I understand that this arrangement has been so far a voluntary one. That is excellent. But of course you will understand that when the full strength arrives there will be so great a call on billets that voluntary offers could not possibly suffice. However the inconvenience and overcrowding will not be of long duration, as the object of the first contingent is to erect the camp or camps for housing the whole of the re-inforcing garrison.

The notice given you will be very short. I am sorry that it cannot be longer, but the lives of the in-coming men are ~~and~~ at stake and as long as they are at sea date and time cannot be divulged. You must I think realise this yourselves; but I will tell you this to illustrate how valuable news can and has leaked out from here in the most innocent and unexpected manner.

Some months ago when the Admiral was here he visited Sapper Hill and was overheard to say something about the power of our new ammunition. That remark was repeated over the wireless telephone to Mount Lowe and was heard in Buenos Aires where it was immediately published. That illustrates how closely watched we are, not only by our sympathisers but by our enemies in South America.

I should like to explain a little what billeting really means. It is not quite like lodging; for it is at bottom compulsory and arises out of military necessity. The men have to be accommodated and that is all there is to it. But we, Englishmen, have always hated this particular form of compulsion with the result that under the various Army Acts most stringent rules and regulations have been drawn up to safeguard as much as possible the rights of the civilian population.

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As you can imagine there are scores of difficulties that are certain to arise, which can all, with care and patience be settled. For this reason there has been set up by me a committee called the Billetting Appeal Board. It consists of

- Chairman: Dr. J. E. Hamilton
- Miss M. Carey
- Mrs. A. Hewing
- Revd. G. K. Lowe
- Revd. H. Drum
- Revd. W. F. McMan.

There will be published by the Chairman the method and form for registering complaints and for hearing appeals. These details will be decided as soon as contact has been made with the personnel of the incoming troops and their requirements made known.

The Board of course will be guided by its knowledge of the fact that the billeting has got to be done and that it is only of a very temporary nature. And to save a lot of trouble I would advise no one to approach the Board or its members except on matters of fact and not supposition.

I have been reliably informed that most of you are anxious to do all you can in the way of hospitality to these boys, for that is what most of them will be, who come to this somewhat isolated spot to defend you and your homes, to help hold this country for the Empire. Thanks. But they will not expect much.

At home as I have said billeting is strictly controlled and to give you an idea of what the Military Authorities expect the following is a schedule of requirements

- (a) for breakfast, five ounces of bread, one pint of tea, with milk and sugar, four ounces of bacon;
- (b) For hot dinner, twelve ounces of meat previous to being dressed, six ounces of bread, eight ounces of potatoes, or other vegetables;
- (c) For supper, five ounces of bread, one pint of tea with milk and sugar, two ounces of cheese.

That is a soldier's dietary. Rather small I think when compared with the usual meals of one of us here. Of course substitutes are allowed but just ponder over 5 1/2 lbs of meat undressed per man for a week. How many Falkland Islanders would be content/

content with that ? Or for that matter 1½ lbs of bacon or a substitute as a whole week's supply of meat at breakfast ? You will see there is no mention of eggs or cakes or jam or puddings or pies or any other of the fancier foods to which you are accustomed and the deprivation of which you would consider a real hardship.

Again the Army prices at home indicate the attitude the authorities take. Mark that I have said at home and not here, for this will have to be a matter to be adjusted after contact has been made and requirements known.

Lodging and attendance for a soldier where meals furnished.	Twopence a night for the first soldier and eightpence a night for each additional soldier.
Breakfast as specified in Part I of the Second Schedule to the Army Act	Ninepence each.
Dinner as so specified	One shilling and twopence.
Tes as so specified	Three pence each.
Supper as so specified	Fivepence each.
Where no meals furnished, lodging and attendance, and the means and the necessary utensils for the preparation and cooking of his food	Twopence a night for the first soldier and eightpence a night for each additional soldier.
Soldiers - lodging (with bed and attendance) when no meals and no cooking facilities are required	Sixpence a night for each soldier.
Officers and soldiers - unfurnished accommodation in occupied premises.	Twopence a night for each officer or soldier.
Officers and soldiers - unfurnished accommodation in otherwise unoccupied premises	One penny a night for each officer or soldier.

Hipling, I am afraid, has in his rightfully popular works given a very false impression of our British Army, and from remarks passed amongst you that have come to my ears it would seem that many of you have a most unfortunate idea of the character of our soldiers.

These men today represent the entire manhood of Great Britain. Some are the sons of the rich, some of the poor, peers sons as well as those of the peasant are in the ranks together. There

is no distinction of class. They are just soldiers, defenders of the right, ~~defenders~~ ^{defenders} if you will; all are imbued with only one thought, one spirit - the service of humanity. They are as decent and as clean-living as ourselves. The sole difference is that the vast majority are very young, full of their youthful strength - boys like your own children, with mothers and fathers such as you - very lonely, far indeed from their homes, deprived of all the little joys and happiness^{es} of their own towns and villages, probably hurt that they have been taken from the centre of the fray. A little kindness and patience will help them; it is certain that they will repay it.

Reverse the picture and see your own sons, taken into this mad maelstrom of war, far away from their homeland. How much you as parents would appreciate hospitality and kindness shown to them.

Your reputation for these is great; and I know your reputation will be preserved. But do not spoil them by over generosity. Remember they are here to fight if need be - fight for you as well as for the Empire. Therefore when peace comes and they return home, let them carry away a firm love and respect for the Falkland Islands as I trust they will leave behind them a memory of clean decent Englishmen whom you will have learned to love.

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MOST SECRET

From His Excellency the Governor

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to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

Referring to our conversation the other day in connection with leakage of news about the incoming troops, I believe you agreed that private telegrams should be held up.

In view of my broadcast this evening I think this had better be put into effect right away & should therefore like your assistance to carry out the following:

"Owing to war exigencies there will be a very serious delay in the transmission of all private telegraphic messages. This delay is naturally regrettable but quite unavoidable & may last for some time. But every effort will be made to cause a little inconvenience to the public as possible."
"Lponner."

In reality this means a complete standstill on such a sending, after the usual censorship, that only yourself, G.C. Troops or myself could exercise.

Please let me have a copy of this minute with your remarks.

Albanic 1/11/42

Y.E. Concur. G.C. Troops & myself have arranged that all private telegrams will be passed into my office after censorship, for transmission to WIT station.

Albanic 1.7.42

Y. Our Excellency.

Portion between quotes above has been extracted & will be broadcast tomorrow. G.C. Troops 1.7.42

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SECRET

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

2.1.1.1.2. (2) NOIC F.I.

FROM:

C-in-C SA

Your 10.5 113.

About 5th August.

09550/17.

H.B. Refers to the arrival date of ASSISTANCE BAY at Falkland Islands.

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The Director General
 Medical Services,
 The War Office, LONDON.

I have the honour to submit my Report on the progress of No 1 Field Hospital for the last six months of 1945.

GENERAL

The Hospital has functioned adequately during the period July to December 1945. There has been little of interest to report and the health of the Force has remained at its previous high standard. An epidemic of infective coryza in the town of Stanley was dealt with by isolation of the Force in the Camp area and very few cases occurred, all of which were of a mild nature.

The analysis below is indicative of the health of the Force.

JULY

1.35 % of the Force reported sick - disposal as under :-

M & D	36.43
A	27.74
B	21.15
C	15.00

45 men were admitted to Hospital.
 (13 = influenza contacts - for isolation.
 21 = coryza)

AUGUST

1.36 % of the Force reported sick - disposal as under :-

M & D	49.65
A	25.90
B	21.00
C	12.45

29 men were admitted to Hospital.
 (12 = coryza.)

SEPTEMBER

1.02 % of the Force reported sick - disposal as under :-

M & D	44.96
A	34.00
B	15.21
C	6.83

9 men were admitted to Hospital.

OCTOBER

1.01 % of the Force reported sick - disposal as under :-

M & D	44
A	31
B	16
C	9

25 men were admitted to Hospital.

NOVEMBER

1.36 % of the Force reported sick - disposal as under :-

M & D	36.30
A	29.30
B	26.60
C	10.80

17 men were admitted to Hospital.

DECEMBER

1.64 % of the Force reported sick - disposal as under :-

M & D	34.60
A	25.56
B	25.52
C	13.94

17 men were admitted to Hospital.

The following remained in Hospital on 31 December 1945 :-

- Appendicitis - 1 ; Acute rheumatic fever - 1 ; Tonsillitis - 1 ;
- Fractured leg - 1 ; Multiple injuries - 1 ; Myalgia - 1 .
- Fractured base of skull - 1 ; Pharyngitis - 1 .

Representative numbers of each unit were instructed in first aid as laid down in War Office Publication "First Aid for Fighting Men", the courses being run in the Hospital precincts, and this proved of value for such minor injuries as occur during field exercises.

For such minor defects as flat foot, weak ankles, etc., a series of remedial exercises were carried out with considerable benefit to those recommended for such treatment.

Notification was received on the mail arriving here 9 Jan 45 - reference no. WH 10001 1204/3, (AMM) dated 27 Oct 43 that reliefs have been posted to this unit for Major Duval, Surgical Specialist who returned to U.S., March 43 and for Major Whittaker, Medical Specialist. I understand that these postings have been cancelled.

Captain Stone has remained at Harwin as Medical Officer to the Colony but will be withdrawn within the next ten days to prepare for embarkation.

GENERAL

During this period the dental inspection of the Force was completed and men detailed to attend for treatment in order of urgency. Practically all major conservative and prosthetic cases have been completed and the general dental fitness of the Force is now at a much higher standard than it was on arrival here.

In conclusion, I would bring forward the following points of interest -

In view of my experience during my 15 months stay on the Falkland Islands and supported by Dr. Stansard, the Senior Medical Officer, I consider the climate to be healthy, except for those suffering from any form of chest complaint, and that bacterial growth would appear to be inhibited. An occasional mild epidemic of diarrhoea has been noticed, but no definite organism has been isolated. The cause might be attributed to the consumption of pond water.

The acute exanthemata are almost unknown and few cases that have arisen appear to lack contagious properties. Skin parasites again have caused no anxiety and are disposed of rapidly. Here again the climate together with immediate disinfection, are probably the factors of value.

Five cases of gonorrhoea have reported: two of these were Army and three Navy, all of which were contracted outside the Islands.

I consider the morale of the Force has remained satisfactory throughout and their behaviour towards the inhabitants excellent at all times. The latter have expressed frequently their regret at the departure of the Force.

I trust that this report and a prediction of the present situation will meet with your approval.

I have the Honour to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Imorson Lewis

Major R.A.M.C.,
Commanding No 1 Field Hospital
&
Senior Medical Officer, Falkland Islands Force.

Port Stanley.
Jan 14.
1945.

Subject:- War Establishments- Formations.

SECRET.

Ref:122/CR/Z/154/1.

The Hon.,
The Colonial Secretary.

The War Office have requested, in view of the general shortage of man power, that I should consider the possibility of reducing existing establishments by :-

- (a) employment of local civilians as clerks, batmen etc., to replace military personnel.
- (b) As alternative or addition to (a) enlistment of local personnel to fill appointments in War Establishments thereby relieving U.K., personnel.

I should be grateful for His Excellency's views on this subject.

Stanley,
8.2.43.
WHH/RCS.

W. H. H.
Colonel,
Commander, Falkland Islands Fce.

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SHIP'S ADJUTANT,
HIGHLAND MONARCH.

Grateful if delivery of following four signals to addressees could be delayed until anchor is weighed.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

OFFICER COMMANDING,
FALKLAND ISLANDS FORCE.

On the occasion of your departure from the Falkland Islands I should be glad if you would accept for yourself and convey to the troops under your Command the very grateful thanks of the Government and people of the Colony for the protection you have given us as well as for your many kindnesses. The thoughts and prayers of two thousand friends will be yours during the glorious adventures which lie before you and for long thereafter.

GOVERNOR.

COLONEL HYNES,

Now that you are leaving us to play your part in the final victories of the war I should like you to know how very much your friendship and co-operation has meant to me and to my Government during the past eighteen months. God be with you wherever the fortunes of war may take you.

GOVERNOR.

OFFICER COMMANDING,
NORWEGIAN DETACHMENT.

As soldiers of your King you have helped to guard us, your kindred, in time of peril; as ambassadors of Norway you have drawn even closer the ties of friendship between our two peoples. Thank you and may God preserve you in the speedy deliverance of your country.

GOVERNOR.

CAPTAIN HILLS,
HIGHLAND MONARCH.

not official

Good luck and God bless. I wish we had been able to see more of each other but better luck next time.

CARDINALL, GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From O.C., Falkland Islands Force.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 3rd February, 19 44. *Time* :

Received : 3rd February, 19 44. *Time* : 1600.

Thanks to you and all the people of the Falkland Islands for making our stay with you such a happy one. The kindness and hospitality we have received will never be forgotten. All good fortune be yours.

O.C., Falkland Islands Force.

The Director General,
Medical Services,
The War Office, LONDON.

Sir,

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GENERAL.

The Hospital has functioned adequately during the period July to December 1943. There has been little of interest to report and the health of the Force has remained at its previous high standard. An epidemic of infective coryza in the town of Stanley was dealt with by isolation of the Force in the Camp area and very few cases occurred, all of which were of a mild nature.

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1.58 % of the Force reported sick - disposal as under :-

M & D	36.15 %
A	27.74 %
B	21.13 %
C	15.00 %

45 men were admitted to Hospital.
(15 = influenza contacts - for isolation.
21 = coryza.)

AUGUST

1.36 % of the Force reported sick - disposal as under :-

M & D	40.65 %
A	25.90 %
B	21.00 %
C	12.45 %

29 men were admitted to Hospital.
(12 = coryza.)

SEPTEMBER

1.02 % of the Force reported sick - disposal as under :-

M & D	44.56 %
A	34.80 %
B	15.21 %
C	5.43 %

9 men were admitted to Hospital.

OCTOBER

1.04 % of the Force reported sick - disposal as under :-

M & D	44 %
A	31 %
B	16 %
C	9 %

25 men were admitted to Hospital.

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M & D	35.30 %
A	29.30 %
B	26.60 %
C	10.80 %

17 men were admitted to Hospital.

DECEMBER

1.64 % of the Force reported sick - disposal as under :-

M & D	34.68 %
A	25.56 %
B	25.82 %
C	13.94 %

17 men were admitted to Hospital.

The following remained in Hospital on 31 December 1943 :-

Appendicitis - 1 : Seborrhoeic Dermatitis - 1 : Tonsillitis - 1 :
Fractured leg - 1 : Multiple injuries - 1 : Myalgia - 1.

R.N. Fractured base of skull - 1 : Phimosi - 1.

Representative members of each unit were instructed in First Aid as laid down in War Office Publication "First Aid for Fighting Men", the courses being run in the Hospital precincts, and this proved of value for such minor injuries as occur during Field Exercises.

For such minor defects as flat foot, weak ankles, etc., a series of Remedial Exercises were carried out with considerable benefit to those recommended for such treatment.

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REPORT.

During this period the Dental Inspection of the Force was completed and men detailed to attend for treatment in order of urgency. Practically all major conservative and prosthetic cases have been completed and the general dental fitness of the Force is now at a much higher standard than it was on arrival here.

In conclusion I would bring forward the following points of interest -

In view of my experience during my 13 months stay on the Falkland Islands and supported by Mr Minnerd, the Senior Medical Officer, I consider the climate to be healthy, except for those suffering from any form of chest complaint, and that bacterial growth would appear to be inhibited. An occasional mild epidemic of diarrhoea has been noticed, but no definite organism has been isolated. The cause might be attributed to the consumption of sea water.

It is also considered certain that there exists a deficiency of calcium both in the water on the soil of the Falkland Islands and I recommend that adequate supplies be forwarded for consumption by the relieving Force 332.

The acute exanthemata are almost unknown and few cases that have arisen appear to lack contagious properties. Skin parasites appear to have caused no anxiety and are disposed of rapidly. Here again the climate together with immediate disinfection, are probably the factors of virus.

Five cases of gonorrhoea have been reported: two of these were army and three navy, all of which were contracted outside the Islands.

I consider the morale of the Force has remained satisfactory throughout and their behaviour towards the inhabitants excellent at all times. The latter have expressed frequently their regret at the departure of the Force.

I trust that this report and appreciation of the present situation will meet with your approval.

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Your Obedient Servant,

Morrison Lewis
Major R.A.M.C.

Commanding No 1 Field Hospital

Senior Medical Officer, Falkland Islands Force.

Port Stanley.

Jan 44.

GH/MS.

DISCIPLINARY POWERS OF
FORCE COMMANDER, FORCE 122.

The troops under your command will be on active service within the meaning of Section 189 of the Army Act. Normally, trials should take place by Field General Courts Martial for which no Court Martial Warrant is required. A copy of Circular Memorandum on Field General Courts Martial for use in the United Kingdom ("The Green Book") is attached for your information and guidance in the preparation of local orders dealing with such matters.

Action is being taken to obtain a full power General Court Martial under His Majesty's Sign Manual. The Warrant will be addressed to:-

"The Officer not below the rank of field officer for the time being Commanding Troops in the Falkland Islands".

and will be transmitted to you when signed. A copy of the pamphlet "Notes on Procedure, etc., in connection with trials by Court Martial, 1941" is also attached for your information and guidance in the event of its becoming necessary for you to convene a General Court Martial.

You should make such temporary arrangements as may be practicable locally for the execution of sentences passed by the Courts Martial.

You are competent to act as superior military authority for the purpose of sentences under Section 57A of the Army Act.

14th May, 1942.

DIRECTIVE TO COLONEL W.H. HYNES,
OFFICER COMMANDING TROOPS, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

1. You are appointed Officer Commanding Troops, Falkland Islands. Under instructions which will be issued separately you will move there with the advanced party of your force. Your force is known by the code name of Force 122.
2. The probable scale of attack on the Falkland Islands is assessed at attack by -
 - (a) A raiding force of one cruiser and two armed merchant cruisers, carrying a landing force of some 600 - 800 men;
 - (b) A small number of aircraft for reconnaissance and low scale bombing attack, carried by the force detailed at (a).
- At present a Japanese attempt to capture the islands is improbable and a raid to destroy local facilities possible but unlikely. However, if the Japanese succeed in establishing bases further to the eastward in the Pacific Ocean, the scale and likelihood of attack may appreciably increase.
3. Your object is to make such defensive arrangements on land as you consider possible and desirable -
 - (a) To deny the use of the Falkland Islands to the enemy;
 - (b) To defend the naval base of Port Stanley, particularly the oil fuel and naval store reserves and the wireless station, against enemy attack.
4. The Forces at your disposal are:-

Force 122,
The Falkland Islands Defence Force (see Appendix 'A', para. 3),
The Norwegian Detachment, South Georgia.
5. O.C. Norwegian Detachment, South Georgia, is also O.C. Troops, South Georgia, and is under your command for all purposes. A copy of his directive, with Appendix, is at Appendix 'B'.
6. The Falkland Island Defence Force will come under your command for all purposes.
7. Information about the islands and their dependencies is at Appendix 'A', and a short appreciation on their defence at Appendix 'C'.

The Governor, the Falkland Islands, will give you every facility and assistance reasonably necessary for the accommodation of His Majesty's Forces and for the necessary defensive arrangements.

You must, however, bear in mind that the inhabitants of the islands are a very small self-contained community,

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whose life is quite isolated from the rest of the world. You should do your utmost to cultivate friendly relations with the local authorities and inhabitants, and impress upon all ranks of your force the necessity for tact and friendliness in all their dealings with the islanders, whose way of life will be profoundly disturbed by the arrival of the garrison.

8. The naval officer in charge, Fort Stanley, has been instructed to co-operate with you in all matters of land defence, and, in the event of active land operations, place himself under your orders.
9. The Governor, the Falkland Islands, is the single and supreme authority responsible to, and representative of, His Majesty. He is entitled to your obedience, aid, and assistance; but, although bearing the title of Commander-in-Chief, he is not invested with the command of His Majesty's Regular Forces in the Colony. He is therefore not entitled to take the immediate direction of any military or air operations.
10. You will communicate on all matters direct with the War Office. You will use for this purpose War Office ciphers detailed at Appendix 'D'. These ciphers are at present in the possession of the Governor, from whom you will take over their custody on arrival in the islands.
11. A directive containing your administrative instructions is being prepared and will be issued separately.
12. At Appendix 'E' are set out your disciplinary powers as Force Commander, Force 122.

(Signed) J. N. Kennedy

Director of Military Operations and Plans

The War Office.
16th May, 1942.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. GENERAL

The Falkland Islands, with their dependencies, are a Crown Colony, the Government of which is administered by a Governor, aided by an Executive and a Legislative Council. The largest dependency, South Georgia, is administered by a magistrate in charge, who is responsible to the Governor of the Falkland Islands.

2. GEOGRAPHICAL

(a) The Falkland Islands group consists of two main islands, East Falkland and West Falkland, each of about two thousand square miles. The coastline is low, rocky, and very indented with sounds and bays, which form good harbours for light craft. Landing places are restricted by the great quantity of kelp seaweed round the coasts. The hinterland consists of large tracts of treeless moorland interspersed with bogs. There are many outcrops of rock and boulders and ridges of rocky hills, some over one thousand feet.

(b) The annual range of temperature is approximately 40° Fahrenheit in January, and 27° Fahrenheit in July. Snow averages 55 days in a year, and falls every month except January. There are strong winds, often of gale force.

(c) The total population is about two thousand. Of these, one thousand two hundred live in Stanley.

(d) There are no roads except in the immediate vicinity of Stanley. Movement across country is difficult and can best be accomplished on horseback and, in certain areas, by track vehicles if the driver has local knowledge. In general, movement over long distances is quickest by sea.

(e) Everything required for defence measures must be imported. Existing accommodation is limited to temporary billeting for about 1,500 in the Stanley area. Permanent accommodation and a regular supply line will therefore be required for the maintenance of the garrison.

3. MILITARY

(a) Air Raid Reporting System

No R.D.F. Coast watching system improvised from local resources.

(b) Aerodrome Facilities

Nil.

(c) A.A. Gun Defences

Nil.

(d) Naval Defences

A dummy boom and two improvised hydrophones for detecting submarines approaching the Port Stanley area.

/(e) Coast Defences ...

(e) Coast Defences

2 Naval 6"; 1 Naval 4"; 2 12-pdrs; and 2 3-pdrs; mounted to provide cover over the sea approaches to Port Stanley.

(f) Land Defences

There is a volunteer force, the Falkland Islands Defence Force, raised from the local inhabitants; the strength is 14 officers and 439 other ranks, of whom 75 are mobilized. There is also a detachment of this force in South Georgia, strength reported at 1 officer, 62 other ranks, although this detachment may now be smaller. There is in addition the Norwegian detachment of 1 officer and 13 other ranks in South Georgia.

In the Falkland Islands, in addition to providing a mobile force, the Falkland Islands Defence Force man the coast defences. In South Georgia, the Defence Force and Norwegian Detachment man the coast defences and will also, if need be, put into operation a denial scheme at the two principal settlements.

14th May, 1942.

DIRECTIVE TO 2ND. LIEST. JOHANNES ORDERUD, OFFICER
 COMMANDING NORWEGIAN DETACHMENT, SOUTH GEORGIA,
 (FALKLAND ISLANDS) (to be supplemented by OFFICER
 COMMANDING TROOPS, FALKLAND ISLANDS on the arrival
 of the detachment in South Georgia).

INFORMATION.

1. CIVIL ADMINISTRATION - SOUTH GEORGIA.

SOUTH GEORGIA is a dependency of the FALKLAND ISLANDS with a magistrate in charge, responsible to the Governor of the FALKLAND ISLANDS for the administration of the Island. The magistrate lives at GRUYTVIKEN.

2. TOMOGRAPHY - CLIMATE AND COMMUNICATIONS, SOUTH GEORGIA.

(a) The island of SOUTH GEORGIA lies about 800 miles south east of the FALKLAND ISLANDS. It is a mass of high mountains covered with deep snow, while the valleys between them are filled with glaciers which in many cases reach the sea. The coastal fringe is free from snow in the summer. The two principal whaling stations are at LEITH HARBOUR and GRUYTVIKEN.

(b) The climate is antarctic.

(c) Communications :-

(i) Communications between SOUTH GEORGIA and the FALKLAND ISLANDS is by steamship which normally makes two journeys each year.

(ii) Two wireless stations are maintained by the Government.

One at STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS and
 One at GRUYTVIKEN, SOUTH GEORGIA.

(iii) Communication between LEITH HARBOUR and GRUYTVIKEN is by boat and sledge.

3. DEFENCE OF SOUTH GEORGIA.

The object of the defences of SOUTH GEORGIA is to protect the whaling industries and wireless station in the island against enemy raiding vessels and raiding parties.

4. SCALE OF ATTACK ON SOUTH GEORGIA.

(a) Bombardment from an enemy raiding vessel.

(b) Raiding parties of between 25 and 50 men.

5. OBJECT OF POSSIBLE ATTACK ON SOUTH GEORGIA.

(a) Destruction of whaling station at LEITH HARBOUR and

(b) Destruction of whaling and wireless station at GRUYTVIKEN.

/6. DEFENCES...

6. DEFENCES OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND SOUTH GEORGIA.

(a) The present military forces of the FALKLAND ISLANDS and SOUTH GEORGIA are local volunteers under the command of Officer Commanding Troops, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

(b) Distribution of the local forces is :-

(A) Falkland Islands.

Strength - 14 officers and 439 other ranks of which 75 other ranks are permanently employed.

(B) South Georgia.

(i) Fixed Defences.

4" Naval	1	(at LEITH HARBOUR)
4" Naval	1	(at GRITVIKEN)

(ii) Strength.

52 other ranks of which 15 are permanently employed. These volunteers are under the command of Thos. Laurensen, (Norwegian), 2nd Mate of the Floating Factory ship. They find the crew for the gun at LEITH HARBOUR.

(iii) The gun at GRITVIKEN has been manned during the present whaling season by local whalers.

(iv) Ammunition is provided under arrangements of Officer Commanding Troops, FALKLAND ISLANDS. Supplies are provided locally.

7. TASK.

(a) You will proceed to SOUTH GEORGIA with your detachment in accordance with special instructions which will be issued to you and will take over the duties of manning the 4" gun at GRITVIKEN.

(b) You will report your arrival in SOUTH GEORGIA by W/T to O.C. Troops, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

(c) You will be in command of and be responsible to O.C. FALKLAND ISLANDS for the SOUTH GEORGIA defences

(d) You will be under command of O.C. FALKLAND ISLANDS who will be responsible for the issue of any further orders to you and who will arrange for your administration.

8. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) ACCOMMODATION.

Accommodation will be provided at GRITVIKEN by the local authorities.

(b) SUPPLIES.

(i) Your Norwegian Detachment has been issued with emergency rations for twelve months. Normally the detachment will be supplied by the local Government, but you will turn over emergency rations with local supplies so as to retain emergency supplies for one year's warranty.

/ (ii) You will...

(ii) You will arrange that each man in your detachment consume daily :-

One Ascorbic acid tablet and
1/2 oz. of Benax.

(iii) No store or canteen is available but purchases of tobacco, cigarettes and chocolate can be made on the island.

(e) DISCIPLINE

See paragraph 5 of Appendix 'A'.

(d) MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS - NORWEGIAN DETACHMENT, SOUTH GEORGIA

Medical services will be provided by the local authorities.

(e) PAY

Arrangements for the provision of cash for the payment of your Norwegian detachment will be made by the Magistrate, CRIVIKEN.

(f) AMMUNITION

(i) The following S.A.A. has been issued to your Norwegian detachment which includes 12 months reserves.

.303	17,550
.38	732

S.A.A. for the Volunteers in SOUTH GEORGIA is provided under arrangements by G.C.Troops FALKLAND ISLANDS.

(ii) G.P. ammunition is provided under arrangements of G.C.Troops FALKLAND ISLANDS.

(SGD.) J.W.KENNEDY.

Director of Military Operations and Plans.

30th September, 1941. For Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

APPENDIX 'A' to Directive G.C. Norwegian Detachment SOUTH GEORGIA, dated 30th September, 1941.

This Memorandum has been approved by the Norwegian Government.

Memorandum of general conditions governing supply of a detachment of volunteers from the Norwegian Military Forces for service in the Falkland Islands including South Georgia.

1. The Norwegian Government undertake to despatch a detachment of volunteers from the Norwegian military forces in the United Kingdom for military service in South Georgia - consisting of

- 1 Officer
- 1 Sergeant
- 3 N.C.O's.
- 9 Other Ranks (including Cook)

/s. The.....

2. The Norwegian Government will bear the cost of all pay and allowances (which will be at normal Norwegian rates of pay and allowances). Further the Norwegian Government will repay to the United Kingdom Government a sum representing the amount which this personnel would have cost by way of maintenance if they had remained in the United Kingdom (excepting daily rations, which will be provided and paid for by the Falkland Islands Government).
3. The United Kingdom Government will be responsible for bearing the cost of passage of these men to GRUVIKEN and back and also cost of maintenance from the date when they leave this country. Maintenance will include any special items of equipment which will be necessary.
4. The Norwegian Government undertake to bear the cost of any non-effective benefits arising in respect of these men, including any compensation or pensions granted to any of these men or their dependents, arising either from enemy action or accident.

5. Discipline

By the Allied Forces (Application of Acts to Colonies, &c.) (No.1) Order, 1941 (Statutory Rule and Order No.153 of 1941) the appropriate provisions of the Allied Forces Act concerning the Allied Forces in the United Kingdom have been made applicable, with adaptations and modifications to Colonies including the Falkland Islands and its dependencies.

Such provisions empower the Norwegian Military Courts and Authorities to exercise within the territories in relation to members of the Norwegian Military Forces in matters concerning discipline and internal administration all such powers as are conferred upon them by the law of Norway.

If any offence of murder, manslaughter or rape is alleged to have been committed by a member of this force the case shall be tried only by a civil court of the territory.

In the event of a Norwegian Service Court passing a sentence of death on a member of the Norwegian Force the sentence will not be carried out until the appropriate British Authority in the United Kingdom has signified concurrence but will be reported by the Norwegian Commander to the Officer Commanding (British) Troops Falkland Islands under whose command the forces are operating, who will report the circumstances through the Governor and the Colonial Office, to the War Office, London.

Allied Forces (Application of Acts to Colonies, &c.) (No.1) Order 1940 (S.R. & O. 1518/1940) contains other provisions in respect to discipline and internal administration of allied forces and other matters, as applied with adaptations and modifications by the Allied Forces (Application of Acts to Colonies, &c.) (No.1) Order, 1941 (S.R. & O. No.153/1941).

6. Operational Control.

The detachment of the Norwegian military forces whilst in the Falkland Islands or in any of its dependencies shall for the purpose of defence be under the operational control and direction of the Officer Commanding (British) Troops, Falkland Islands.

GENERAL APPRECIATION1. Considerations affecting the Defence.

(a) Owing to the shape and nature of the Islands very large forces would be required to ensure that the enemy could not land at any point. The Port Stanley area contains the facilities which are essential to our operations and must be preserved and denied to the enemy.

(b) Adequate local defences - land, sea and air - are therefore necessary for the Port Stanley area.

(c) The Port Stanley district might be threatened by landings in the immediate vicinity. Mobile forces will, therefore, be necessary to repel such attempted landings.

(d) Landings at places on the Island remote from Port Stanley are unlikely to be capable of development into a direct threat to the Port Stanley area. Such footholds, however, would be extremely valuable to the enemy for the purposes of refuelling and revictualling centres for Axis submarines and raiders. It is unlikely that such footholds could be developed sufficiently to provide permanent base facilities for enemy naval forces.

(e) Owing to the topographical conditions on the Island it is unlikely that a small Allied garrison in the Port Stanley area could do more than watch and harass a serious enemy landing in any force at a distant point in the island. Such landings could best be dealt with by reinforcements despatched by sea from Allied bases in the Western Hemisphere. It is to be noted, however, that naval forces would take two to three weeks to arrive from the time information had been received of an enemy raid on the Islands.

2. General Plan of Defence.

(a) Having regard to the considerations outlined in the previous paragraphs, it is considered that the principles governing the defence of the Islands should be as follows:-

- (i) Local garrisons in the Port Stanley area to preserve the vital points therein from damage by land, sea or air attack; and to deny those facilities to the enemy.
- (ii) Mobile land striking forces, capable of counter attacking enemy raiding parties landed in the immediate vicinity of Port Stanley and of dealing with minor landings elsewhere.
- (iii) Adequate air raid warning facilities covering the seaward approaches to the Port Stanley area.
- (iv) Coast watching which should, as far as possible, be developed from local resources.
- (v) Air reconnaissance of all seaward approaches to the Islands to give warning of enemy movements in the vicinity.

4th. May 1942.

WAR OFFICE CIPHERS - FALKLAND ISLANDS

The following ciphers were despatched to the Falkland Islands under cover of letter M.I.1b 32/Codes/208, dated 25th September, 1941:-

One copy each of -

War Cipher (W) (Copy No. 860).
Military Ciphering Instructions (Copy No. 600).
General Re-ciphering Tables.

Two copies each of -

One-time Re-ciphering Table, War Office "IN",
Nos. 105, 106.
One-time Re-ciphering Table, War Office "OUT",
Nos. 107, 108.

The Governor of the Falkland Islands acknowledged these ciphers to the Colonial Office in his telegram, No. 155, of 23rd December, 1941.

The ciphers are at present in the possession of the Governor.

14th May, 1942.