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No. S/20/41 (P)

Secretary of State.

SUBJECT.

19 41.

PROPOSED GARRISON.

Shipping &c.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

- ① S of S tel No. 69 of 29/4/42.
- ②-③ Notes by E. S. & Manager. F.I.C.
- ④ Telegram to S. of S. No. 80 Secret, of 1/5/42.
- 5-6 " from " " III Most Secret of 24/6/42.
- 7-8 Minutes to N.O. etc of 24/6/42.
- 9 S of S. tel. No. 114 Most Secret of 29/6/42.
- Telegram to N.O. etc from H. of. S.T. 24/6/42.

Subsequent Paper.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 29th April, 19 42 *Time:* 1928

Received: 30th April, 19 42 *Time:* 1030

Extract from Telegram addressed to His Excellency the Governor by the Secretary of State, the original of which may be found filed at Red (1) in M.P. S/20/41 (G).

Important. No. 69.

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2. Following information also required (a) Estimate (?) rate of discharge for mixed stores in deadweight tons.
- (b) Number of lighters available stating capacity and of jetties stating length and depth alongside.
 - (c) Crainage facilities.
 - (d) Other available means of handling heavy lifts.
 - (e) Stacking area in the vicinity of the jetties.
 - (f) Would the Falkland Islands Company or any other body be capable of providing skilled stevedores supervision for unloading military stores or would the military transportation personnel be required.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Stanley House,

Port Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

21st April, 1942.

Dear Governor,

Referring to our conversation on Monday concerning "Corinthiacos", it may be of interest and of some use to you if I send you some notes on the matter of discharge of cargoes in the Port.

Our normal rate of discharge into lighters under favourable conditions is about 10 tons per hour per gang. This will vary according to the class of cargo being handled. The daily rate for one gang may be considered at 100 tons per day of 10 hours. Normally we have 6 lighters available of an average capacity of 110 tons each. We could therefore discharge up to 660 tons in one day given an ample ^{labour} supply. It has been done. But with say 1320 tons to discharge, this would take 5 days owing to the necessity of discharging lighters on shore. This would make the discharging rate 264 tons per day only 4 gangs could be economically worked. Any more would be superfluous owing to being restricted by shore facilities. If discharging lighters to hulk as well as shore installations the rate would be stepped up to 330 tons per day using 6 gangs - but only up to this maximum of 1320 tons; by this time normal shore storage capacity would be filled.

When it comes to "Corinthiacos" however, the picture is somewhat different, (a) the vessel had 3600 to discharge only 600 tons of which could have been accommodated under cover on shore. (b) the nature of the cargo, mostly wet salted hides. This class of cargo required special care in stowage, and the rate per gang would be much reduced. Given an adequate labour supply (one shift) it would have taken 20 days to discharge this cargo; that is at the rate of 180 tons per day. Under the circumstances prevailing restricted stowage facilities for such a cargo, number and quality of labour available, and the numerous calls upon our labour to attend to H.M. Craft, e.g., coaling of Roydur, Afterglow and Philomel, watering of Philomel and Baltavia and other services including discharge and loading of our own vessels, we could not have maintained an average rate of discharge of more than 120 tons per day. The man-power is not available in war-time for coping with such jobs unexpectedly in the manner which could be expected in a regular port. In an emergency, yes, we can handle a case such as "Corinthiacos" but not expeditiously under present conditions.

Given the men and the same facilities - we could have discharged such a cargo in ten days working 2 shifts; 7 days working 3 shifts. But two shifts would have required 140 men, 3 shifts 180 men.

My figure of 120 tons per day is based on 48 men.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. D.W. Roberts.

P.S. We discharged "Canonesa" in May 1940 with 750 tons general cargo in 3½ days and discharged and loaded Fitzroy with some 500 tons at the same time.

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Notes for reply to S. of S. telegram No. 69.

1. (a) Unlimited quantities of good building sand 3 miles out. Government lorries too old to withstand strain continuous heavy work and short petrol stocks.
 - (b & c) Local stone when crushed makes magnificent aggregate and suitable road metal. No brushwood or sleepers for track roads. Local ~~binding~~ *binding* material not good.
 - (d) No local brick: price of coal prevents making: Experiments produced soft red rubbers. No local stocks.
 - (e) Small stocks picks and shovels. Portable stone crusher. Small concrete mixer. 3 ton Diesel roller.
 - (f) Stone crushing plant with grader 3" to dust. All machinery, except roller, being old and no spares liable break down abnormal extra work.
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2. (a) Normally just over 250 tons a day if labour is available and assuming loading into lighters and unloading ashore.
 - (b, c & d) Normally six lighters of about 110 tons each. Dockyard Jetty 12' 0" mean S.L.W. Derrick one ton. Public Jetty 14' 0". No crane. Company's East Jetty 9' 0". Derrick for 2 ton lift. Camber 17' 0" outside. Crane inside 5 tons. Admiralty Magazine 9' 0". Crane 5 tons. Last two have no road access from Stanley, former opposite side of harbour, latter two miles away.
 - (e) Almost negligible.
 - (f) F.I.C. would provide men if available. Next six months all spare labour engaged on urgent Admiralty work. Local shortage man power would make employment Military transportation personnel highly desirable and essential if rapid unloading is to be guaranteed.

Your Excellency,

Notes above as requested. N. O/S

*Sent to D.N. 1. Admiralty by last mail full
a exhaustive report on loading unloading matters
etc. Major S. of S. be referred to this.*

W.S. a/c Troops.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 1st May, 19 42 Time: ...

Received: 19 Time:

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2. (a) approximately 250 tons per diem;

(b) (c) and (d) normally six lighters about 110 tons each; dock-yard jetty 12' 0" mean SLW derrick one ton; public jetty 14' 0" no crane; Falkland Islands Company's East Jetty 9' 0" derrick for 2 ton lift;

(e) within 200 yards ample but close to jetties negligible;

(f) supervision by skilled men for unloading can repeat can be supplied but labour can not repeat not be guaranteed available.

3. In connection with the above a report is in the mail addressed Director of Naval Intelligence London No. D 1/1 of March 30 from Naval Officer in Charge here containing comprehensive details on all points raised in your questionnaire.

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No. 263.

TELEGRAM.

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:

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. S on Engineers' stores 1850 tons,
 including 640 tons Nissen 204 tons 24? 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.

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Naval Officer-in-Charge.

The following details of the cargo in s.s. have now been received. You have kindly agreed to superintend or watch over the unshipment and I should be grateful if you would do what is possible by way of preparation.

A. VEHICLES :-

- (i) 2 Ambulances
- (ii) 4 Utilities
- (iii) 6 Vans
- (iv) 6 3-ton G.S. Lorries
- (v) 3 30-cwt " "
- (vi) 1 Winch
- (vii) 2 Scammells
- (viii) 4 Trailers
- (ix) 1 Tractor
- (x) 2 3-ton Tippers
- (xi) 2 3-ton Trailers
- (xii) 1 Fire-pump
- (xiii) 1 G-1 Petrol Roller
- (xiv) 1 ? Trailer
- (xv) 3 Motor Cycles.

B. GUNS :-

- 6 40 m.m.
- 4 3.7 (static & spares) (57 tons)
- M.G. and rifles (6 tons)

C. AMMUNITION :-

- 4000 3 inch Mortar
- 7000 2 inch Q.F.
- 2000 H.E. 40 m.m.
- 2000 Ammonal
- 4000 16 lb. gun cotton slab
- 1900 4 inch primers
- 20 ft. fuse safety carriers
- 1000 Detonators No. 27
- 600 " " 33
- 124 Matches, fuse
- 5000 ft. primer cord
- 100 Ignitors, safety fuse percussion.

TOTAL 50 tons.

D. ORDNANCE :-

- Nissen 640 tons
- Hutting 204 "
- Store Shed 30 "
- Cement 438 "
- Decauville 28 "
- Tanks & Piping 134 "
- Supplies 366 " (incl: Composite Rations 24)
- M.T. Spirit 228 "
- Gas Oil 93 "
- Coal and Coke 673 "
- M.T. RASC 5 "
- Demolition Devices 5 "
- F. Hospital stores 12 "
- G. Equipment 10 "
- N A A F I 35 "
- Mail 1 "
- 1 Derrick 20 ton 5 "
- Cargo handling gear 5 "

E. SHIPPED IN ERROR :-

2 cases marked P.O. Stores 4769 and 5459 to be disposed of locally.

F. SOUTH GEORGIA STORES :-

6 cases 1946/81 marked Eastern.

G. NAVAL STORES :-

- (a) General 69 tons
- (b) Ammonal 145 tons
- (c) Victualling 2 tons

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No. 328.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 29th June, 19 42 Time : 0835

Received : 29th June, 19 42 Time : 0900

No. 114. MOST SECRET. My telegram No. 111 Ship due
approximately July 3rd.

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TO:

1010 P.T.

FROM:

D. of S.F.

should leave with sufficient in bunkers to reach South America

with safe margin. surplus bunkers, estimated 400/500 tons

should, if practicable be discharged to Army stock Falkland Islands. Report action.

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BRITISH NAVAL BASE
29 JUN 1942
FALKLANDS

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TELEGRAM.

From BRITISH ARMY STAFF. WASHINGTON.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR. FALKLAND ISLANDS.

<i>Despatched :</i>	3rd. March	19 43.	<i>Time :</i>	22.16.
<i>Received :</i>	4th. March	19 43.	<i>Time :</i>	...

S.S. OGNA for Montevideo.

First (Ogna Montevideo repeated War Office Q M 9 (a) Commander in Chief Falkland Islands from British Army Staff Washington Q N A -9486-M March 3rd. time of origin 1400 Q Stores in). Falkland Islands Co. Ltd. Port Stanley. 2 packages parts for caterpillar tractors 463 pounds (S P L Y - R E - 420). Second. Navy Army Air Force Institute. 2268 cases beer 142 tons. 300 cases whiskey 5 tons. 300 cases Gin 5 tons. 54 cases (540 M) 15 cases (300 M) cigarettes 2 tons. 296 cases confectionery 12 tons.

British Army Staff Washington.

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