

C. S.

NAVAL & MILITARY.
(Imperial Forces 132 & 122)
No. 172/46.

19 46

Secretary of State.

SUBJECT.

1946

INFORMATION REGARDING MILITARY CAMPS IN STANLEY.

17th September

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

SEE INSIDE.

Subsequent Paper.

1. Telegram from S. of S. No. 184 of 17/9/46.

(2)

(copy EE file)

E. S.,

For your observations on ved (1), please.

*dhf.*For C.S.
18/9/46.*(3)*Honourable Colonial Secretary.

All references are to the Geog. Sec. Gen. Staff Map 4466

1. All huts are of the Nissen type and mainly 16ft. wide, with both wood and concrete floors and both lined and unlined. General condition is poor. Corrugated iron rusting badly and no hut really watertight.
2. Infantry lines all huts demolished except H.Q. ~~now~~ this in use by owner of land following reversion of W.D. lease.
3. R.A.S.C. Lines about 28 huts remain, six including one 24ft. type still contain small quantities of stores. ~~Sixteen~~ Garrison Theatre (Cinema) in fairly sound condition recently re-roofed and in use as gun park and also spare for Bren Gun Carriers and Radar spares.
4. R.A.O.C./R.E.M.E. Lines 44 huts all in use as store sheds but gradually emptying as stores are sold. Garage and workshop on west side of west road into lines in good condition and steel framed. Officers Mess between Garrison Theatre and these workshops comprises two 16ft. Nissens joined together
5. Remainder of camp about 12 usable huts and Force Hqrs. All others demolished. Force Hqrs. front facade only in good condition.
6. The original cost of the camp is not known.
7. Estimated depreciation value 75%.
8. Disposal value is information that you have I believe.
9. See 3, 4, 5 above. as to present occupier. *(Main camp)*
10. A large number of buildings have been removed after sale to private individuals ~~on W.D. authority~~ to dispose of any buildings possible. Standard price is based on per 6ft. bay of 16ft. nissen and is 25/- for unlined hut with concrete floor, 35/- for ~~unlined~~ hut with concrete floor and 50/- for lined hut with wooden floor. *50/-*
11. Falkland Islands Company.
12. Area of site is information you have. *30 acres.* Distance from town one and one half miles.

All the above refers to Main (or Falkland) Camp.

13. The Stanley camp has virtually been demolished and is all 16ft. Nissens huts some used for the storage of gun parts. About half the area belongs to the Crown the other half is on a five year lease to Mr. Davis. The Camp adjoins the town.

14. The hutments on the Camber, on the other side of the Harbour from the town are in a worse condition than others. They are all 16ft. Nissen type. They are on land owned by the Admiralty. No water supply or electricity is available and the site can only be approached by water.

E.W.

Executive Engineer.

19.11.46.

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A.S.

Early please :-

- (i) (3) D. §§ 7 - 10 agree?
- (ii) § 8 What is it?
- (iii) A definite reply to (5) last question.
- (iv) (3) § 10 Can we get the W.D. authority?
- (v) (1) § 8 What are the names of Stanley Camp & Camber site?

A.S.

19.9.46

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I have spoken to E.E. re. issue the letter in date below G.T.C. copy to E.E. &.

A.S.

19.9.46

Tel No. 291 to S of S of 23.9.46 (copy EE & i)

Tel No. 207 from S. of S of 12.10.46 (8)

S.S.

Will you please furnish information requested at (7).

A.S.
15/10/46

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(9)

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Replying to (7)

No electric power exists at either camp. Main camp engine destroyed by fire & supply then run from 22 kw. Searchlight engine ^{located with the plant at} Stanley Camp & Camber taken over by Admiralty. F.I.D.F. have two 22 kw. diesel searchlight engines now no longer needed - one at Charles Point & one at Ordnance Point.

Original pipes only partially remain & supply tank removed. 3" gravity main conducting town supply along south side main camp still in existence.

Water pump & tower still in existence at Stanley Camp but tank is in sorry state. Water supply at Camber dismantled.

Pump at W/T Sta. still in existence.

A.W. E.
15.x.46.

10. Tel No 327 to S. of S. of 17.10.46
P. N. H. 1/10

11. Tel No 222 from S. of S. of 28.10.46.

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E.L.

(11)

I should be obliged if you would enable me to send a 'telegraphic summary'.

A.H.
25.x.46

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Re. teleg. 'You (11) re understood. Please check report: en clav.

A.H.
30.x.46

Unnumbered Tel to S. of S. of 30. 10. 46.

14.

B.M. 11/11/46

Unnr. Tel from S. of S. of 1. 11. 46.

15.

(16)

Knownable Colonial Security.

1. Ref: (11) 12, 13. & (15).

2. Authority for Sales :-

(a) Various S/S telegrams in 54/43 Part I & II up to 22. 11. 45 (Ref. 37 in Part II.)

(b) S. of S. telegram to His Excellency in reply to Govt. telegram (no. 44 in 54/43 II) no (50) on Part II. Giving full power for disposal.

3.

All proceeds have been paid into "Deposits - Ministry of Supply." ~~But~~ Even a summary of telegrams would be too long to be practical. Submitted that S. of S. be referred to Quarterly Statement sent to C.A. ^{which} gives fullest details. ~~After~~ Quarter ending September '46 was sent last mail & should not be with C.A.

A.S. R.

4. 11. 46.

Recs 13¹⁴ & 13¹⁶ in 75/46 my minute dated 23. Aug. 1946 under "Advices of advances made" may refer.

Tel No. 348 to S. of S. of 7. 11. 46

17.

Tel No 236 from S. of S. of 16. 11. 46

18.

10/11/46

k/s. (19)

For every report on (18), pl.

J.B.
for C.S.
18. 11. 46.

(20)

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Ref. (18).

As far as I can trace no authority was given for demolishing & selling the huts; but the Govt. merely came on when the Army left off. Force 132 demolished & sold virtually all huts that were not required for their use as barracks or stores the policy being to clear the site a.s.a.p. with a view to its return to the owners.

Mr. Lees, who took the "handover", left the day after the Garrison. He had no verbal or written instructions, but unless it had been understood that the policy of clearing the site was to be continued I cannot believe Mr. Stills would have continued selling while he was in charge up to the time of my return.

I think it very probable that the W.D. gave the authority to the Commander Force 132.

C.W. F.

B. 20.46.

21. Telegram No. 359 to S of S of 20. 11. 46.

22. Savingram No. 104 from S. of S. of 19. 11. 47.

23

EE

In the person his file.

2. (22) Please enclose reply to the
Duffes, with cap. reference to x n
the back of (22 A7).

C. S. Bunting
29.11

Honourable Colonial Secretary. 24

1. May I have a list of all W.D. property please

C. S. Bunting 5.1.48.

Chairman
Disposals Board

Can you assist in this
matter, pl?

[Signature]
4/1

26.

H.C.S.

I have spoken to Mr. Bunting and discover that the following information is what is required by him :-

Fixed assets.

- Nissen Huts at : (a) The Main Camp to the west of the town.
- (b) In the R.A. Camp on Callaghan Rd.
- (c) 1 hut at the Naval Oil Depot.

[Signature]
Ch. D. B. 9.1.48.

27.

[Signature]
H/W. pl.
[Signature]
10/1

H.C.S.

28.

Record.

Recalled from P. W. D. on 5. 4.48 in accordance with H. C. S's instructions contained in circular memo. of 19.3.48 (filed in 119/36).

[Signature]
5. 4.48.

29

EE

Re. supply reply to 23 of June very
earliest convenient. This file has been
formally delayed.

[Signature]
6.4

30

H.C.S.

1. The inventories are being sold by the Disposals Board
2. Apart from these there are no fixed assets to my knowledge

[Signature] 15/4/48.

31 *Savingram No. 24* ~~10~~ *Soft of 20. 2. + 8*

32.

*Chairman
Disposals Board*

*Will you please supplement
your 26 by giving Nos. + approx. present value*

*H. Jones.
29/4/48*

33.

H.C.S.

At prevailing local sale value the huts unsold are as follows pl:-

Main Camp.

<u>In use by:</u>	<u>Nissen Huts.</u>		£
	<u>No.</u>	<u>Value.</u>				
P.I.D.S.	3	£ 49				
P.W.D.	10	97				
D.Force.	2	20				
Camp use -	36	<u>463</u>	£ 629

R.A. Camp.

Camp use.	3	<u>38</u>	38
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Camber.

Camp use.	1	<u>14</u>	14
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Main Camp.

≠ Cinema Hall.	1	£				
≠ Garage lge.	1	£	£

2. Regarding buildings marked ≠ I should be grateful if P.W.D. could be asked to survey pl as there is a large quantity of Corrugated Iron etc involved the value of which must be considerable.

3. The above details do not include the following buildings controlled by the Admiralty and to whose ownership I am not clear:-

Cemetery 6 Huts. *10. 20 46*
Oil Depot 10 " *20 200*

H.C.S.
Cn. D. B.
1.5.48.

34

Etc. Would you please advise as to the approximate value of the Cinema and Garage at the Main Camp.

*H. Jones.
4/5/48.*

H.C.S.

36

In Situ the cinema £600 approximately
Garage £200 ..

If the buildings are to be removed then the value decreases considerably.

Ch. D. B. 22/5/48.

V. 20/5/48

37

Chairman, D.B.

Will you please vet attached draft telegram S/T.

Ch. D. B. 26/5/48

38.

H.C.S.

I agree with draft as written pl.

With reference to the reverse of 22a. All huts could be easily disposed of to the Public but are at present held on your instructions. I suggest that if this instruction is to hold good, a note might be added to the draft telegram to that effect?

Ch. D. B. 26/5/48

Savingram No. 75 to S. of S. of 26.5.48 39.

Telegram No. 243 to S. of S. of 28.5.48 40.

Savingram 44 from S. of S. of 29.4.48. 41.

42

H.C.S.

Attached herewith pl. is a re-type of the draft S/T to S. of S. which now includes a reference to the Cinema Hall.

Ch. D. B. 28.7.48.

Handwritten notes and stamps on the right margin, including "198" and "21/7".

43

E.F.

x a draft letter. Do we require
the cinema house if the idea of using
steel girders for the Power Station falls
down?

2. Early pt.

L
4.8

H.C.S.

44

I advise holding on to the cinema irrespective of
whether or not it is used for the power house. However I
sincerely hope it will be used for this latter purpose as
it is ideal

E.F. 3/8/48.

45

J.P.

L
5.8

46 Sawingham No. 126 to B. of S of 5.8.48

~~Handwritten scribbles~~

47 Telegram from Crown Agents of 12.8.48

48 Telegram to Crown Agents of 16.8.48.

~~Handwritten scribbles~~

49 memo. from Ch. Disposal Board of 25.9.48

Ch. D. Board

B on (49) ?

B.
25.9

408

A nominal figure of £200 (two hundred pounds) is suggested pl.

B.M.P.
Ch. P. 1/9/5

J.E.

(49) - 51

I don't think we can, ~ shells, & ~

(49) § 3. Agree to £200?

53

28.9

Agree - say that the building is useless where it is and the labour of dismantling and re-erecting elsewhere would be considerable and the cost excessive. Then offer £200 as it stands.

M.C. 28 IX

I don't see (S/T)

28.9

Draft herewith pl
B.
29.9.

J.E.

For comm. re. S.D. we say that we only want it for the steel work or will be w.o. them up their heads is that?

As amended - if we ^{insist} said that we intended to utilize it as a Power House they would I think be disposed to open their mouths

Telegram No. 154 to C. of S. of 30.9.48

58

59

Chambers D.B.

(58) 7:

4.7

60.

H.C.S.

noted th. you.

B.M.P.
6/8/48

PAL
70

Telegram No 323 from S. of S. of 13.11.48 61

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Chambers D.B.

For your observations on (C) p. 1

B.M.P.
14/11/48

63.

H.C.S.

Submitted herewith please is a draft S/Gram to the Secretary of State, together with lists of certain stores which the Disposals Board have been unable to sell. Details of estimated freight etc etc are also given.

2. The subject of re-instatement is dealt with in 94/42(attached) para (6) of 8A. If carried out in the manner stated, it will prove extremely costly to the War Department. In view of the fact that the huts are occupied by Army equipment and to a large extent by P.W.D. and F.I.D.S. stores, I feel at a loss to make an intelligent suggestion for dealing with reinstatement at this stage. I have mentioned in the draft that the War Office might take the matter up on Mr. Young's return to the United Kingdom?.

3. Suggested alternative accomodation for the guns, searchlights, etc would be either the Oil Depot or the ammunition magazine at the east of the harbour. The latter would be the cheaper.

4. Vouchers crediting the Falkland Islands Company with rent for the periods 1/4 - 31/12/47 and 1/1 - 31/12/48 @ £138 p.a., will be prepared and passed to the Treasury this month.

5. As the position of the ammunition magazine is mentioned, should the telegram be marked 'Secret'. pl?

B.M.P.
Ch.D.B.

14.12.48.

YE

(61) - 63

Ch. D.B. I have done my best with D.B. where (by S/T ~~was~~ ^{must} suffice?) it covers.

65

16.12

1. But the Cinema Hall has disappeared. Didnt we make an offer of £200 ^{thru} was it not accepted?

R-15: Are none of these of use to us or FIDS?

19.

37

40

Pavelone wants a sum - as is there a large amount wanting affair?

2. There certainly seems to be an incredible quantity of junk of which we could never hope to dispose.

3. Issue, subject to 1 above.

me. 16/12

66

YE

Civens Re. see (58). No offer has been accepted. I have added - some price

2. x/ none as of any use, says to Bisp. But is use by again. When S/T has issued.

67

16.12

me. 16/12

y

Lavingham No. 200 to S of S of 17. 12. 48 68

69

Ch. D.B.

X in 55 for further effort, re. for
action - of (63) by
21.12

70.

H.C.S.

(X) noted thank you.

2. The E. E. has asked that the sum of £200 for the purchase of the Cinema Hall be divided between subheads - Construction of Hanger (£250) and New Power House (£150), both new sub-heads under XXI. PUBLIC WORKS. The necessary Adjustments have been prepared and passed accordingly please.

Burb
Ch. D.B.
22/12/48.

PAH
24.12

Telegram No 367 from S of S of 25.12.48 71

Non Agts 72.

I believe that of F.I.D.F in consultation with HQ is contemplating taking over certain of the guns for the F.I.D.F. Otherwise arrangements can no doubt be made for transport to petty?

Edwards
31/12/48

E.A. 73.

(71) Can we remove guns etc from camp to dock?
Would you kindly examine and report.

HA.E.S.

74.

Kis.
3/12.

Guns can be moved to dock

Effs 4/Jan 149.

Y.B. 75.

(71) The reply submitted pl.

Kis.
4/1.

Issue. Inc 6
7/12

76.

Are they not aware that Cinema has been taken over. (We shall have to make application for loan of guns to R.I.D.F. O.C./FIDF to submit details. MC 6/1.49) (1.)

77.

O.C. FIDF.

X at 76 pt. (2)

Kh.
7/1.

Tel No 7 to S of S of 7.1.49 78

79.

This does not concern O.C./FIDF. (3)

It was taken over by EE from Controller of Supplies?

MC 8/1.49

Ref.

80

O.C./FIDF says you can give details. (4)

Kh.
B/1

Tel No. 18 from S of S of 28.1.49 81

Tel. No. 95 to S of S of 11.3.49 82

Tel No. 99 to S of S of 29.4.49 83

Saving telegram No. 9 to S of S of 6.5.49 - 83.

Blk 5/3/49
12/1/49

Delivered to main to 0838/B FIDF Equipment
(1)(2)(3)(4)

Having Telegram No. 135 from S. of S. of 28. 10. 49

85

E.C.

86

85 - for your report. pc

L. J. G. S.
22/11/49

H.C.S.

87

1. After repeated efforts to sell these remain the following messen huts most of which are unlined and with concrete floors. Thus it is extremely unlikely they will be sold and good use is being made of them to stone p.w.d. stores.

Falkland Camp	
Stanley Camp	3
Harbour Camp	4
Stanley Foreshore.	6
2. The cinema has been dismantled and the corrugated iron used on the hangar & the steel roof trusses ^{& windows} on the power house.
3. Regarding the reinstatement liability, now that the MoF has no assets other than the messen huts themselves this Government can hardly expect the MoF to continue to pay rent on the main camp. (i.e. Falkland Camp to West of Stanley). P.W.D., E&T Dept F.I.D.F and F.I.D.S all have stores remaining in this camp but within a much smaller area than the area of the original camp. Thus I consider the MoF should cease to pay rent to the F.I.C. as from the end of 1949 when this Government should commence to pay for the small area remaining. If this is agreed the F.I.C. should be asked what rent they require for the small area still used by us. The F.I.C. may then ask for reinstatement of the property - for instance the breaking-up and removal of the concrete bases.

4. The garage is now being used to house
the brown carriers of the F. I. D. F.

By 12. XII. 49.

E. E.

~~Thank you. We are at present negotiating with the F.I.C. with a view to arranging an exchange of the land leased to the War Office for Lot 57, the other side of the harbour, so with luck the question of rent will not arise.~~

~~What about the garage? Is it still being used by F.I.D.F.?~~

~~1.1.50.~~

Y. E.

At p.85 the S/S asks for details of the disposal of the remaining Nissen Huts, Cinema

89

E. E.

Thank you. Can you give me a note of the total number of Nissen huts sold and the price realised? The Cinema we paid £200 for, I think.

2. We are at present negotiating with the F.I.C. with a view to arranging an exchange of the land leased to the army for Lot 57 on the other side of the harbour. If this goes through the question of rent will not arise. On the other hand the question of reinstatement claim would interest us more closely. We might at a pinch have to offer to set off the value of the Garage and the remaining Nissen Huts against any reinstatement claim. For this purpose can you give an estimate for the value of the Garage and huts, and the approximate cost of reinstating the land.

90

H.C.S.

From the time records were kept by the Disposals Board (Feb. 1946).

1.1.50. 84 huts have been sold and realised £954 " 4" 9.
There are sixteen huts left now most of which are unbricked - maximum worth is £64.
The garage (used by the Defence force) is worth £300 (three hundred) in situ (See 39 in this file)
The cost to reinstate the land is to remove all concrete bases and roadways etc would be at least £1500

Eff 6. Jan. 1950.

Saving Telegram No. 12 to S. of S. of 18. 1. 50 91

B.V. 1/4/50.

Saving Telegram No. 21 from S. of S. of 28. 2. 50. 92

93

E.E. p. 92. Any comments.



23 MAR 1950

H.C.S.


94

1. The cinema has been dismantled and the material re-used on the new power house and custom aircraft hangar.
2. The material we have used has been worth more than £200 to us - 58 - this file offered this figure.

B.H. 23. 3. 50.

ACS

~~Pl draft reply, saving, as in E.E.'s minute above (Don't mention his price 2!)~~


23 MAR 1950

95 Saving Telegram No. 47. to S. of S. of 24/3/50

96. Telegram No. 64 from Secretary of State of 12. 5. 50.

B.V.
~~30/4/50~~
15/5/50

E. E.

Please see 96, with reference to 91 and minutes at 89-90. Is the £954 odd on deposit with the Treasury here? You minuted in other papers recently that the garage was worth £100, I think.

2. With regard to the figure of £1,500 for re-instatement of the land, assuming that our proposed exchange with the F.I.C. goes through, would you be in a position to say how that figure was made up? The wording of para 3 on 96 is rather odd and suggests to me that the War Office expect their liability to be more.



15.5.50.

H. C. S.

1. All sales are made on behalf of the Ministry of Supply NOT War office
2. All money received by Disposal Board is paid into Treasury after which I'm not certain what the procedure is.
3. I hardly think that 91 in this file could be taken as constituting an offer.
4. It is extremely difficult to say how the "at least £1500" was made up - the way in which I arrived at the figure was
 - (a) I assumed that it would be unnecessary to dig up drains which have been laid
 - (b) I assumed that the "roads" would be left since there is no point in their removal
 - (c) I then estimated that to remove all linked wire & clear unsalvageable broken links together with concrete bases would take six men + losing 1 year.
5. This explanation is useless for the purpose of 90 and I would therefore suggest that reference is made to the Estimating nature of the estimate (as indicated in 91) and inform Sigs that only the minimum reinstatement is envisaged - In fact if Government acquire the land I do not suppose any reinstatement as such will commence until such time as building(?) begins

By J.S. 31.5.50.

A/T.

Minute at 90 and paras 1 and 2 of minute at 98. Would you please confirm that this sum is held by us for credit of the Ministry of Supply.

[Handwritten mark]

5.6.50.

H.C.

The position regarding sales of stores, huts etc is that the amount is placed on deposit in the first instance, but only the net amount is paid to the Ministry i.e. after charges i.e. labour, transport is deducted. A full statement of sales and charges is sent to K.A.A.

[Handwritten signature]
4/6/50

E.E.

p. 99 Have we got any vote from which we can pay for these buildings & shall we need an A.I.S.E.? I suppose we shall have to go to £200 for the cinema, can we say that it has deteriorated so much since our original offer was made, that we are now only prepared to offer £100?

10 JUN 1950

H.C.S.

1. An A.I.S.E. for new item "Increase of Storage Accommodation" would be most suitable I think.
2. Re the cinema - I hardly think we can get away from the £200 - The steelwork and windows are worth more than three times that much.
3. The garage - I suggest £50 be offered

[Handwritten signature] 12. June 1950

Y.E.

Telegrams at 96 and 99, with minutes from 97. Minute at 87 is also relevant. Draft reply at cover s.f.c.

16.6.50.

Issue.

MC 16/vi

Tel No 126 to S/S of 19650 106

KIV
103

Tel No 127 to S/S of 20650 107

man
15/9/50

Letter from Crown Agents of 11/7/50.

108

109

Let's find the another communication for this file saying that (ref 107) they don't think £50 enough.

office
2/8/50

21 AUG 1950

At No. 97 from S/S of 4 P. 50 109.

E.E. 108-108a-109. f.y.o. fl.

21 AUG 1950

- Although there is no immediate use for the building it is well worth while to acquire since steelwork is and will be ^{for some years} at a premium for
1. while to acquire since steelwork is and will be at a premium for
 2. 39 in this file shows the reason for the £300 recorded value.
 3. I suggest that 39 be requested to Secretary of State - his attention being drawn to the fact that the £300 was for building at site and since there is no use for the garage on site then this government cannot increase the offer of £50
- bl 23.8.50

A/T.

112

108-108a. From memo of 101 refers. Have we sent them anything? or is it still on deposit?

128 AUG 1950

Monahan

113

Harbo

The position at 3/12/49 was that Ministry of Supply owed us £2126.15.6. of this £800 was lightage for stores shipped per 'hosada' + labor, transport of same to quayside. The position at the end of June 1950 will be reported shortly.

Ch. 21.
2/9/50.

Y.E.

114

Page 109 with E.E.'s comments at bottom of previous page. Draft saving at cover s.f.c. I only hope they dont in reply ask for two years rent.

6.9.50.

"15
MC 6/IX

6 SEP 1950

Tel No. 195 to S of S of 7 9 50 116.

117

A/T. Pl: Draft reply to 108-108a.

118

8 SEP 1950

Non Ca.

wrap herewith pl.

Ch. 21.
- 4/1

Issue

119 Letter to Brown Agents of 11/10/50.

BU. (116)
25/10/50

120. Telegram NO. 155 from S. of S of 14.10.50

121

YE. p. 120 fi. X is irrelevant. In any case we told them later that we no longer wanted the Brown Camions & they told us to sell them locally. They may have been worth £18,000 to H.D.G. when new, but that is a long time ago.

15/10/50.

122

- Completely - reply by S/T i.d.c. away and as in 2 below.
1. Our words were worth at least £10,000 to us and thanks to the W.D. are now not worth 6d.
 2. What has happened to the Browns anyway?

MC 17/X

123

E.E. 120 & above fi. If return file to us for communication to be sent to the S/S.

17/10/50.

H.E.S.

124

1. noted by.
2. The camions have been sold - to Handy was the only bidder - for ~~£10,000~~. Seventy five pounds including spares.

Eff 18.10.50.

BU.

Y.E.

125

Please see E.E.'s note at foot of previous page. There was only one bidder, Mr. Hardy, and the sum he offered was above the reserve price fixed at p.30 of 0838/B attached.

2. Draft at cover s.f.c.

§ 126
Issue.

me 20/x

20.10.50.

Saving Telegram No. 204 to S of S of 23.10.50

127

Letter from Crown Agents of 25/10/50.

20/11/50

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128

ACS N. 2 t. 128 our reply to 108 is filed at 119 herein & crossed in the mail with 128 pt

ACS
21/11/50

ACS man.

ll
22/11/50

22/11/50

130
~~130~~

having telegram No. 150 from S of S of 5.12.50

ACS

131

130. We should get E.E.'s final figure for reinstatement since the land now belongs to us.
- 2) We should warn S/T about the papers going home by Biscoe, giving him rough details.

12/1/51

132

S.C.
Can you furnish the figure requested at 131[#] and also give the approx. measurement of the 8 Bofors to be returned to U.K. by Biscoe.

ACS
19.1.51

HEB

133

1. The nearest I can get is the £1500 before quoted. It will not cost more than this to clear the site.
2. The Bofors are difficult to measure and have asked the Engineer to show them to Capt Johnson as I am not sure whether they will go into the holds.

134

HEB 26.1.51.

ACS

In view of 133 we must await return of Capt Johnston before we reply to 130 pt

ACS
26/1/51

135

ACS
I think we should send an interim reply, as the Biscoe will be back for 5-6 weeks. We can confirm £1500 for reinstatement of the land and say that reply re para 2 will be sent after consultation with master of Biscoe.

30/1/51

Saving telegram No 35 to S of S of 2. 2. 50

136

BM 5/3/51

150
24/2
136
136

Case P. 4. D.

137

To report on 133 para 2 pt.

W. J. S.
5/3/51

HEE

138

I have spoken with Capt Johnson on par 133/2, and he considers the Bofors are much too large for the Bisco. And on visiting the Gun

W. J. S. 8/3/51

139

W. J. S. So inform S of S referring to para 3 of 136 pt.

W. J. S.
9/2/51

140

Y. E.

130-136, with minute at 138. It appears that we cannot ship the Bofors guns home on the Biscoe. The only answer appears to be that we will ship them when a larger vessel calls here, whenever that may be.

W.

9. 3. 51.

141

Accordingly

Mc. 9/iii

142

(I believe F.I.C. are re. chartering the Merak - or similar vessel of this line - K.I.V. for them).

Saving telegram No. 36 from S of S of 19. 3. 51

143

BM 31/10/51
BM 31/5/51

- 144 Having telegram No. 70 from S of S of 3. 8. 51
 145 Telegram No 170 from S of S of 18-9-51.
 146 Telegram No 210 to S of S of 20. 9. 51.

147

H.C.S.,

The complaint at 144a "regarding the casual way in which the local Defence Force look after the equipment in their care" is as much unfounded as the local correspondent is ill-informed.

It is true that eight Bofors guns and incidentally 4 3.7 A/A. guns and parts were left in the Colony when the Garrison was withdrawn, but they were placed in a state of preservation and stored in the weather proof cinema building at Stanley Camp and left in charge of the P.W.D. acting as an Army Disposals Board. When the cinema building was required for other purposes, the guns were moved to a large nissen hut in the R.A. Camp to the south of Stanley. Subsequent breakings-in and severe weather conditions have had their effect on the hut with the result that the contents have for a long time past been exposed to the elements.

Early in 1950 the Defence Force did in fact obtain the loan of one Bofors gun for drill purposes, and this was set up in the Customs Shed at the head of the Public Jetty where it was stripped, thoroughly cleaned and re-assembled. On the completion of the winter training it was placed in a state of preservation and left in the Customs Shed, and it was not until quite recently that the gun was removed to the R.A. Camp on the Customs Shed being required for F.I.D.S. work.

I strongly refute any suggestion that the care of any ex-Garrison guns or equipment is the responsibility of the Defence Force.

So far as the complaint itself is concerned I can only guess at its origin, and my guess is substantiated by the photograph of the weasel which is shown resting on the premises of the Estate L. Williams some 500 yards from the R.A. Camp where the Bofors are stored.

ex-F.I.D.S.

[Signature]
 For O/C. F.I.D.F.

148

Y.E.

Page 144 and enclosures. I agree with A.C.S's minute above, and with his supposition as to the identity of Mr. Martin-Smith's correspondent. He rather gave the show away by including the photo of the weasel, which incidentally is not ex-army but was purchased and brought here by FIDS. The comparison drawn between the state of the Army's property and that of the Navy is correct, but then the Navy pays for a caretaker over its property and the Army does not.

Fai.

2. I submit draft reply at cover. 149

A piece of spurious mischief making.

4.10.51.

With 3 charter ships the RIC might be able

to find room for these guns: I doubt it but it is worth trying.

Mc 5/X

ACS

150

Fair West at cover

Pl enquiry of F.I.C. re the possibility of getting the guns away in one of the charter boats.

5/10/51

Saving telegram NO 174 to S of S of 5.10.51

151

B.W. 30/11/51

Letter to Manager, F.I.C. of 1/12/51

152.

B.W. 20/12/51

5/12

153

The F.I.C. have asked us to let them have a rough estimate of both measurement and weight of the 8 boxes referred to in 152.

3. Would you be good enough to give a rough estimate, pl?

L. Jacobs
13/12/51

HCS

154

I have measured these guns today

By measurement - 10 tons. per gun

By weight - 4 Tons

AKL
17/1/52

J.W.B. informed

L. Jacobs
17/1/52

J.W.B. unata ship per
Commodore S. 11/1/52

Letter from Manager, F.I.C. of 15/2/52

155

B.W.
10/2/52
22/3/52

5/11 156
Will you please arrange accordingly by charging "Advances, War Office."

157 *L.H.C.*
19/2/52

HCS
- noted work has started today
20/2/52
W.H.L.

B.W. 25/2/52

158 letter to Manager, F.I.C. of 26.2.52

B.W. 5/3/52
10/3/52

159

H.C.S.,

Mr. Creece of the F.I.Co. has just phoned to say that it is not possible to ship the Bofors guns on the "Merak N" nor does he think it will be possible to ship them on the "Da Capo". He suggests that they be shipped by this "Fitzroy" via Montevideo. I doubt very much whether it would be desirable to discharge the guns onto the dock in Montevideo to await onward shipment?.

L.H.C.
A.C.S.
7/3/52.

160

HCS I phoned Mr. Howard & told him that for various reasons we did not agree to the guns going on the "Fitzroy" & I expressed the hope that they would be able to adhere to the terms of (155)

7/3

161

HCS

Bofors Guns.

H.C. agrees that these should not go on the "Fitzroy" - please inform F.I.C. He says that the British must take them so please leave a note for Capt. Johnson to see if he can manage it. In the meantime - can they start

in P.C. paid?

J.P.

B.W. 15/3/52
(to consult Capt. Johnson)

162 Letter from Manager, F. I. Co. of 8.2.
#3.52

163 " to 4/3/52

164 ~~Yes.~~ 164
X on 163 - file bu. any. re.
20/3.

BU
20/3/52

BU
25/3/51

165

165 ~~Yes.~~
B on 163
I saw Capt. Johnston this morning - he
has measured the guns but regrets that ~~the~~
Bisco's hatch is not large enough to admit
them, re.
26.3.

166 Y.F.

Bofors Guns

Ref (37) 0838/B attached

We have been trying since late 1950 to ship the 8 Bofors Guns home. We recently tried the P.C. but the Dutch captain (162) would not play. The John Biscoe is not big enough.

2) We could have got them to Montevideo on the Fitzroy & might do so again but this seems both expensive & undesirable.

3) I suggest we ask S/S to approach the Admiralty to see if the warships could help, & recommending also that perhaps the War Office might first like an official report from a Naval journey officer.

They could not possibly do so, as no word is recommended.

167

27/3

With a view to dumping? Or what? I am sure they are useless for defence purposes.

Mc 27/iii

168

Y.F. On reconsideration I don't think the warships could carry them. As regards the inspection by the Gunnery Officer, whether the guns were serviceable or unserviceable, we could on receipt of a report matter to S/S & ask

- 1) If serviceable
 - a) Should they be retained
 - b) " " - shipped via Montevideo
 - c) " " - await (indefinitely) direct shipping facilities
- 2) If unserviceable
 - a) b) & c) above, plus
 - d) Should they be dumped.

Yes. Mc 28/iii

27/3

169 Letter to Com. Off. Burghhead Bay of 28/3/52

B.O.
7/4/52
D. 2/13.
There is a ✓
to 169
7/4

170 Letter from Com. Officer Burghhead Bay of 3.4.52.

Y.H.

171

Draft letter of thanks opposite s.f.c.p.

7.4

172 Letter to C.O. HMS, Burghhead Bay of 8.4.52.

173 Savingsgram No 99. to S of S of 10/4/52.

B.O. 7.4.52
D. 2/13

174 Y.H. Pre re (173)

19/4

175
See inc. 10/ii

B.O.
3.4.52
12/5/52

176

EXTRACT FROM PAGE TWO IN 1511.

As to Bofors, Capt. Horncastle thinks that it would be possible to put them into proper care and maintenance. If it is, it should be done; they will never let us scrap them.

(INFLD) M.C. 13/5/52.

Ad B.O. (173) one word.

15/5

178 Minute from H.E. the Governor of 3.6.52.

B.O.
15/6/52

YK

Ref: (178)

A reply to (173) is awaited as we may be asked to ship them in the Fitzroy.

180.
MC. 6/11
JTB

Newsingram No. 135 from A. of S of 23. 7. 52 181

182

S.W. H. see 181.

JTB
27/8

183

183.

CS. seem to organize.

we shall now proceed as in (176) - A.C.
do we need help from Navy?

JTB

184

MS.

I consider they shd. be housed under lock & key for effective care & maintenance. The Army left them so but Govt. took over the building in which they were stored & used the iron work to frame the new Post House. Since then they have been more or less in the open. Their servicing now, I think, would be quite a job.

2. In the first instance I suggest that the possibility of storage space in the disused magazine at the Canache be explored. If this is feasible Govt. shd. arrange transport & the Navy could then help by putting them in a state of preservation.

JTB

A.C.S. 184.

I agree the guns should first be placed under cover before any servicing is attempted - as in your para 2 p. 1.

[Signature]
18/9

O.C. (W.D.)

186.

183-185 - would you please advise the guns & the magazine to be inspected & report when it is possible to store them at Benache.

187.

[Signature]
13/9.

A.C.S. noted, & will attend to as soon as possible.

Offhand would say that magazine would take them. Difficultly would be getting them there. They'd be ~~advised~~ managed with assistance of Philomel.

A.L. 15/9

[Signature]

188

D. I. at this stage

[Signature]
14/9.

12/16/10/12

O.C. (W.D.)

189

D. I. to you as requested

A.C.S.

190

[Signature]
2/x.

Inspected magazine 4/9. Even removing timber door-frame would not give sufficient space for access. Overland route impossible, & jetty is neither sufficiently wide or strong enough to get them there by sea.

A.L. 5/9.

191

A.C.S. - 190

Thank you or Dir P.V.S. any other suggestions

[Signature]
8/12

192

O.C. P.W.D.

I can only suggest their return to the R.A. Camp - which of course will mean considerable repairs being carried out to huts - I suggested this nearly 3 years ago (see 24 in ad file 0838/B) but nothing was done.

2. Unless you have an alternative suggestion would you pl. estimate the cost of their return to R.A.C. together with estimated cost of hut repairs.

193

[Signature]
9x

C.S. I recalled this from P.V.S.

It occurred to me that we might get these guns sent direct ^{by air} in the December Fitzroy - F.C. will let us know after the Fitzroy arrives.

I am sure they are useless as a lot of the working parts have already been sent home or damaged locally.

by 27/10 17/10

[Signature]
15/10

G.W.
B.V. arch.

[Signature]
20/10

194

C.S. F.C. are I think, trying to shy off taking them, but a certain amount depends on how they could be broken down.

a) When Capt. White next gets back, A.C.S. should meet with him & O.C. P.W.D. & see how far the guns can be broken down on the way for carriage on a) Fitzroy, b) Dated boats. P.V.S. will then give us a definite answer.
25/10

195

A.C.S. All unarranged as at 194.

27/10

B.O. 6/11/52

C.C. P.W.D.

196

See spoke - file to you accy.

A.C.S.

197

11/11

Sorry, I mixed the file with my report. Perhaps you can attach some hereto.

A.R. 14/11

Re file accy sent 14/11

198

A.C.S.

Re. Bofors guns

I took Callini with me & met Capt. White as requested by you, to discuss the possibilities of stripping the guns to make them easier as cargo.

Capt. White was of the opinion that if stripped as suggested, he could take them as cargo in Fitzroy, but could give no guarantee that this would be done! It depended on the amount of wool cargo picked up on Camp voyage.

I suggest that something definite should be fixed with F.I.C. before any stripping is attempted.

A.R. 11/11/52.

Off the main file from

1952 - file to P.W.D.

199

Letter to Manager, F.I.C. of 19/11/52.

B.O. 26/11/52

200

" from " " " " 21/11/52.

201

Dir P.N.S.

P. 200.

Will you please arrange accordingly.

H.P.S.

202

J.S.
25/11

Noted, & will act accordingly.

L.L. 25/11

B.U. 8/14/52

X X

201

A.C.S.

Mr Barton phoned & said the Guns had been taken by Digby, will you pl ascertain precisely what actually was shipped, it appeared some parts were left behind.

We are required to inform S/S. see para 2 p. 130-

S/S

202.

J.S.
29/12

x on ~~202~~ 201 - can you say pl?

J.S.
26/12

203

H.C.P.

I have today inspected the Gun Lites.

4 Chassis have been taken to England, but the ~~guns~~ ^{Guns} and barrels have been left behind. As this is smaller parts I think it must be the Company's idea to ship these later.

A.S.H.

30/12/52

204

Telegram No 5 to Sec of State of 8/1/53

205.

Letter to Manager, F. I. C. of 13/1/53.

B.U. 24/1/53

206. Letter from Falkland Islands Company of 20/1/53.

207

AWL

206 - please K.I.V.

W. J. P. B.S.
21/1/53

ACL

208

Kind thank you

W.J.P.
21/1/53

B.W. 28/2/53

209

AC? What is happening
about the shipping of the
Bofors guns? Is it
to advise the firm
actions?

See 204.

210
Jice pl.
D.

211

HES

209 - pl. see 204 - 208

Thank you
W. J. P.

Dep.

212.

S/W:

What arrangements have been made re
balance of Bofors?

213

HES

All Bofors guns have now been shipped to England by
Chartered vessel beginning of March.

214

Per "Merak" at. sailed on 28/2/53 - port
of discharge - London, on K.I.V. & Co.

W.J.P. 7/4/53

215. Telegram No. 79 to S/S of 10.4.54.

216. Saving Telegram No. 87 from S/S of 12.6.54.

217.

A.C.S.

216. Pse. prepare a précis of problem.

(INTLD) C. C. 30/6/54.

H.C.S. 217.

The question is reinstatement of land, rented to the W.O. by F.I.C., between Stanley and Moody Valley at £138 per annum - 25.30 acres of Town pasture land on which Army Camp was built.

Refs:
94/42
8

"With regard to reinstatement, the War Department has been made liable to restore the property or pay compensation in lieu thereof, and in case of any dispute as to the amount of the compensation the same to be referred to the arbitration of a single arbitrator to be agreed upon between the parties, or, failing such agreement, to be nominated by His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands".

8A

"All land leased was pasture land and the work to be done to reinstate it in its former condition will entail:-

- (a) Demolition of present buildings and concrete bases.
- (b) Removal of rubble and stone from roads (i.e. roads within the Camp).
- (c) Ploughing the land and sowing with seed suitable for pasture.

It is considered that the land would be ready for use as pasture during the second year after sowing" (Indicating that they would pay rent until this date?)

Both above extracts from memo. to the War Office from the Force Commander,
Falkland Islands Force.

172/46.

106/ Claim based on wages for six men for 52 weeks to carry out work referred to above, and use of motor transport.

Wages at 1/2 + 5d. c.l.b. would amount to £994. 10.

127. "Town Hall was destroyed and roads ruined by War Department.....
No compensation for this irreparable damage paid by War Department.
In the circumstances am undisposed to abate claim for reinstatement of land".

In an endeavour to offset claim, War Office put forward various arguments, among them being:-

116 For a building worth £300 Government offered £50

127 For Bren gun carriers and spares worth £18,000 Government obtained £75

With reference to the work mentioned opposite 8A above, only the demolition of the buildings has been carried out to date.

Wet 1/7/54

ACS

(2R)

219

Where are the P. concerning our acquisition of this land from P.C.? Did we bargain with P.C. on the understanding that we would be getting an extra \$1,500 from W.O.?

2) Is this land now in the housing development area of Stanley? In which case there is little reason to return it to pasture?

3) Is it not a fact that we have been pleased to use this much many of the buildings, buses and roads on the land for storage space over the past few years & may continue to do so?

268

220

W.M.

219.

Pl. check para 1.

2. It is?

3. Pl. ask. S.W.

W.M. 26/8.

221

ACS

1. Above. Para 5 of Mr Raymer's minute at p. 21 in 0896 would seem to indicate so.

2. Attached map shows the area (map belongs to 0896)

3. ~~The~~ Yes, this is so and Ag SW says he does not know what he would do w/out them. They are all in use and PWD intend repairing them and make them more serviceable. All new equipment cement mixers etc and peat berries are housed there.

W.M.
27/8/56

L.B.S.
Pl. W.M. 27/8

(216)

This is an argument which has dragged on for some time and the facts briefly are that:-

- (a) The land west of Sullivan House 3rd shows in map opposite was rented to the Army by F.I.C.
- (b) At para. 6 of (8) 9/4/42 Army agreed to reinstate this land and restore it to pasture.
- (c) Subsequently Govt. acquired the land in question from F.I.C. in exchange for country land in the Sparrow Cove area.
- (d) Government inherited the Army obligation to restore the land and estimated the figure at £4,500 vide (106).
- (e) Army refuse to pay until the land has actually been restored and breakdown of costs submitted to them.

In addition Army do not consider that they should pay in equity because quantities of Army buildings and equipment were sold for a song to F.I. e.g. £18,000 worth of Bren Carriers went for £75.

Our reply to this argument is at (127) where we refer inter alia to Army damage to the roads.

- (1) The point is however, that we have not restored the land and have in fact been pleased to use part of the sites and buildings as P.W.D. stores. In addition our intention is to use the area as building sites and not pasture land.
- (2) Against that one of the reasons why all or part of it was not restored was lack of labour.
- (3) If we accept the Army ruling of "no reconstruction - no pay", which is reasonable, the alternatives are
 - (1) Claim piecemeal from the Army as each $\frac{1}{4}$ acre plot is cleared. This might only occur in the indefinite future and merely protracts the argument, or
 - (2) Drop the claim.

I think it could be dropped. The only losers will be the lessees of the plots some of whom will have a lot of clearing to do, but again some might find useful foundations for pestsheds greenhouses etc. already in existence.

C.T. has seen these pr. and would not oppose the waiver.

223

Q

I think it would probably be right to drop ^{C.S. 30. 8. 51.} the claim, but I don't like the tone of 246A. It is typical & infuriating. Pl. G.V. again when considering agenda for Ex 6. DRA 30

ACS note for Ex 6 agenda

31/8
Bey 12/9

224

Y.S. (222) & (223)

I suggest putting on agenda & proposing that the claim should be dropped. It did occur to me that we might get some contractor to rip up the concrete bases etc., but as it is there is no knowing when the land will be built upon this ~~is~~ would really be a waste of labour at the present time. Also in view of the last para of (210)^A there is no guarantee that the Army would pay up even if we presented them with a fair account. — and if they did they would be as shy as possible.

225

13/2/29

~~It is necessary to drop the claim~~

What I want is His approval to drop the claim if I wish. What I am contemplating is teasing May Gooch a bit first. We might ask him on what basis the figure of £10,000 for his carriers was arrived at. Was that the average figure at which carriers were sold off or was it cost price? Did he take into account the cost of removing them? Why was this consideration not put forward before as a *quid pro quo*? etc.

226

ORA 13

Y.S.

We have in fact already made our views pretty clear at (127) & (130) incidents that we were informed.

13/2/29

Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of Executive Council
held 14th September, 1954.

172/46.

14. Claim for rehabilitation of old Army Camp.

Council advised that this claim against the War Office should be waived at His Excellency's discretion.

Whittle

Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.

I have since re read the papers and the case seems to hinge on (8) 94/42. I don't see that the Army has a leg to stand on as either they must reinstate or pay compensation. The request in (216)^A is for a documented account is bluff since we are entitled to compensation either agreed or decided by an arbitrator.

2) Our present claim of £1,500 has however always assumed that the land would revert to pasture but as it is now intended as building sites I feel we should admit this as it may reduce our claim.

3) I suggest therefore that we revalue our claim based on cost of removing concrete foundations etc., and if it is less than £1,500, prefer this latter claim. If it is more (owing to increased labour costs), I see no point at this stage of going above £1,500.

If Army reject our claim then we press for compulsory arbitration.

4) As regards the nonsense about the Green Carriers we have already ~~let~~ put our views to S/S at (127) & (130) indicates that we were informed. If we proceed as suggested above I feel that we should not write red herrings by going into long arguments about the Carriers at this stage & we should merely reiterate (130).

Pl. draft summary in strong terms
 recapitulating previous correspondence
 + leaning to press the suggestion that the claim should
 have been raised earlier, or the Birm carriers
 have anything to do with it. A careful
 estimate should be made & sent in detail
 + we should say that this is the ~~lowest~~ lowest
 figure we can reduce the claim to & if it
 is not accepted we must ask for arbitration as
 provided for in the agreement. We want no more
 claptrap like 216A.

230.

OKA
2/19

ACS

Pro ask by ACS

to Spk.

231 w/9 memo from Ag. S.W.

232 S/T to Sof S. of 1st October, 1954.

Bu ~~20/11/55~~
6/12 mail
No mail

233.

ACS

232 - enquire position? 234

Q
2/11.

Yes
Q
2/11

Bu. 14/1/55
to mail
No mail
20/1/55

235 Tel. No 17 to Sof S of 24/1/55

Bu ~~24/1~~
4/2

No reply yet.
Delivered 15/2
Ba 15/2

Yes

232 - still awaits a reply - there is nothing on yesterday's note. A minus (235) was sent a month ago - would you like another sent pl?

S
28/2

237

Give it another month

S

Bu. 28/3

S 28/2

4/4 (C...?)

S 2/4

38 Tel. No 42 from ~~the~~ S/S of 5/4/55

Yes

239.

To see 238 previous correspondence.

S
7.4.

A.C.S.

240

Please h.u. in one month's time - we should not lose sight of this one.

A.C.S.

10/7.

Bu. 10/5

S
12/4

+1 Tel. No 45 from S/S of 14/4/55

242

Yes

We spoke - £1370. 5. - is correct, pl see par. 5 of 232.

2. Draft reply att. for consideration, pl.

S
15/4

243 Tel. No 73 to Sof S of 15/4/55

Mr. H.

as in B2 of 243 pl.

SM
15/4.

lbs

243 B - file to you any pl.

Q
16/4.

246 letter to Mr. W.A. Momo of 18/4/55.

247
243-246 J.I.

Q
20/4

A.C.S.

18/4/55 - 25/4.
243-246 seen, try.

17/4

A.C.S.

Sup. of W. - should I think be advised of the outcome of the claim and asked when he considers he can - with the funds provided - undertake the rehabilitation of the land. - para 6 of J. 232 refus.

He should discuss with the A.O. and when he has put up his proposals I will go over the land with S. of W. & A.O.

S/S.

Accy.
25/4

250

17.4.55
25/4

HCL

I do not consider the amount given as adequate for the job. Owing to the acute shortage of labour action on clearing the site should wait for a later date

18/5/55

11/5/55
15/5/55

2

252.

Office
Pl. att. the file/s dealing with the
proposed sale of this land for building
plots

Q
18/6.

253. 253

A.C.S.

Pl. see 0707 (from 5 onwards) att.

Su
21/5.

Bu. 17/6
31/5
Q 21/5 7/6

254

S/W
In order to clear this matter up
would you confirm hereon that you have
agreed to clear the land of all obstructions
except the concrete foundations which it
has been decided to preserve.

Q
17.6

255

HCL
Above Confirmed.

AGL
20/6/55

PA.
Q
24/6

256. letter from A. M. Carey of 24. VIII. 61.

261 Letter to A. M. Carey of 29. 8. 61.

Re. B

28. 8. 61.

DECODE.

No. 13.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Acting Governor.

Despatched : September 17th 19 46 Time : 15.05.

Received : September 18th 19 46 Time : 09.30.

No. 184. Military Camp Stanley.

Please telegraph following information:

(1) Description of type condition and number of buildings with especial reference to officers' quarters, cinema and power generating plants.

(2) If available, the original cost.

(3) Approximate percentage figures for depreciation from cost.

(4) Estimate of present disposal value on site

(a) in open market and

(b) to an industrial concern for use for a specific purpose.

(5) Whether camp is empty and if not who occupies it and when can possession be obtained.

(6) Whether any buildings have been dismantled or removed, and if so by whom and with whose sanction, and at what price.

(7) By whom is site owned.

(8) Total estimated area of site occupied and distance from town.

G.T.C.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Reply Red 6

DRM.

DECODE.

Copy to Executive Engineer for

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Acting Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: September 23rd 19 46 Time: 15.00.

Received: 19 Time:

Red 1

No. 291 Your telegram No. 184. Military Camp Stanley.

Bogus

- (1) (a) All huts of Nissen type mainly 16 ft. wide with wood or concrete floors lined and unlined. General condition poor. Corrugated iron rusting badly and no hut really watertight.
- (b) Infantry Lines all huts demolished except H.Q. this in use by owner of land following reversion of W.D. lease.
- (c) R.A.S.C. Lines 28 huts remain, six including one 24 ft. type still contain small quantities of stores. Garrison Theatre (Cinema) in fairly sound condition recently re-roofed and in use as gun park and also store for Bren Gun Carriers and Radar spares.
- (d) R.A.O.C./R.E.M.E. Lines 44 huts all in use as store sheds but gradually emptying as stores are sold. Garage and workshop on west side of west road into lines in good condition and steel framed. Officers' Mess between Garrison Theatre and workshops comprises two 16 ft. Nissens joined together.
- (e) Remainder of camp about 12 usable huts and Force Headquarters. All others demolished. Force Headquarters front facade in good condition.

(2) Original cost unknown.

(3) Estimated depreciation value 75%

(4) Disposal value £1000-£1500 see my telegram No. 213 of 1942.

(5) Camp empty but see (1) (c) and (1) (d) above.

(6) A large number of buildings have been removed after sale to private individuals in pursuance of apparently verbal instructions. 132 left. Standard price is based on per 6 ft. bay of 16 ft. Nissens before Force 25/- for unlined hut with concrete floor, 35/- for lined hut with concrete floor and 50/- for lined hut with wooden floor.

(7) Falkland Islands Company

(8) 30 acres 1½ miles from town.

(9) All above refers to Main (or Falkland) Camp west of Stanley.

(10) Two other sites exist:-

(a) The Stanley Camp has virtually been demolished and is all 16 ft. Nissen huts some used for the storage of gun parts. About half the area belongs to the Crown the other half is on a five year lease to Mr. Davis. The Camp adjoins the town.

(b) The hutments on the Cambay, on the other side of the harbour from the town are in a worse condition than others. They are all 16 ft. Nissen type. They are on land owned by the Admiralty. No water supply or electricity is available and the site can only be approached by water.

Red 21 in 5/20/41 (B) suggested 1942. Garrison

See Red 49 in 478/28 "Exploitation of help" (11)

See Red 7 see Red 11 & 18

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TELEGRAM.

From _____

To _____

Despatched :

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Time :

Received :

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Time :

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Expensive

(11) I must emphasize deplorable general condition of all buildings. Value chiefly depends on foundation and value of site. As to former War Office is under expressive obligation to Falkland Islands Company to restore site to former condition. As to latter Falkland Islands Company cannot well be obliged to sell except for public purpose under Ordinance No. 1 of 1902. As to price please see my telegram No. 220 of 6th November 1942.

Red 22
S/20/4/3
"Suggested
Gallson"

(12) Please refer to Geographical Section General Staff Map 4466.

G. T. C.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

172/46 (7)

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Acting Governor.

Despatched: 12th. October, 1946 Time: 0815

Received: 13th. October, 1946 Time: 0930

Red 6. 207. Your telegram 291. Military Camp.

Do electric power plants still exist at 3 camps. If so what are their kilowattage and their condition and are they available for sale. If not please say what has happened to them. Do original water pipe lines exist and are pumping arrangements still there.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Reply at Red 10.

GTC.

LJH.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Acting Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 17th. October, 19 46. Time: 16.00

Received: 19 Time:

Red 7 No. 327. Your telegram No. 207. Military Camp. No electric power plants exist at any Camp. Main Camp generator destroyed by fire before Garrison left Colony and electricity afterwards supplied from 22 K.W. searchlight generator which, along with plant at Stanley Camp and Harbour Camp was taken over by local Naval Authorities. War Department have two 22 K.W. diesel searchlight engines under care and maintenance one at Charles Point and one at Ordnance Point and might be acquired.

2. Original pipes only partially remain and supply tank removed.
3 inch gravity main conducting town's supply along south side of main camp still in existence.

3. Water pump and tower still in existence at Stanley Camp but tank in sorry state.

4. Water supply at Harbour Camp dismantled.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

LJH.

See Red 11.

DECODE.

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(11)

TELEGRAM.

No. 3 11.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Acting Governor.

Despatched: October 28th 19 46 Time: 19.15.

Received:19 Time:

Red 10. No. 222. Your telegram No. 327. Military Camp.

Red 6. It appears from your telegram No. 291 ^{AT} this sales has ^{VE} taken place.

Please send details including authority and head to which proceeds have been credited. A telegraphic summary would be appreciated.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

see Reds 14 & 15.

Reply at Red 17 Early please,

LJH.

A.B.M.

29. 10. 46.

The strict decode was:

'this sales have taken'

The phrase may ... has meant:-

'these sales have taken'

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed In at

Date

30. 10. 46.

To

CHAPELRIEBS LONDON.

Red 11

Unnumbered. Your telegram No. 222 not understood stop Please check
and repeat.

GOVERNOR.

Reply at Red 13

Time

DECODE.

No. S S 54.

TELEGRAM.

(15)

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Acting Governor.

Despatched: November 1st 19 46 Time: 13.05

Received: November 2nd 19 46 Time: 09.30

Unnumbered. Your telegram 30th October Unnumbered. First sentence

of my Telegram No. 222 should read "it appears from your telegram No.

291 that sales have taken place" remainder of message checked and found correct.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

LJH.

Red 11
Red 14
Red 6

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Acting Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: November 7th 19 46 Time: 15.00

Received: 19 Time:

Red 11 No. 348. Your telegram No. 222. Military Camp. Authorities for various sales have been given in correspondence up to your telegram No.

302 of 1945: and lastly your telegram No. 23 of 1946.

Reds 37 & 50
in file 54/43
Part II "Army
Stores"

2. All deposits have been paid into quote deposits Ministry of Supply unquote.

3. Telegraphic summary would be very lengthy and I suggest you may wish to refer instead to quarterly statement sent to Crown Agents for the Colonies which gives fullest details.

4. Colonial Secretary's letter to Crown Agents for the Colonies of the 27th September No. 75/46 may also be relevant.

'20 in
75/46
rel. of advances
4"

G.T.C.
LJH.

see Red 18

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 59.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Acting Governor.

Despatched: November 16th 19 46 Time: 10.30

Received: November 17th 19 46 Time: . 09.30

Red 17 No. 236. Reference your telegram No. 348. Military Camp.

Authorities quoted appear to have related to stores' only. To enable me to reply to the War Office enquiries is it possible to give a reference to an authority for sale, removal, or demolition by civil authorities of any fixed, as distinct from ^{moveable} ~~moreover~~,* assets e.g. the buildings in your telegram No. 291. If verbal authority (see for instance (6) of your telegram No. 291) is cited please say so far as you are able by whom it was given to whom and when, and to what fixed assets it related to.

Reply at Red 21

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

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LJH.

* "MOREOVER" should delete

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(21)

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Acting Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: November 20th 19 46 *Time:* 11.00

Received: 19 *Time:*

Red 18 No. 359. Your telegram No. 236. Military Camp. No specific authority for demolishing and selling huts can be traced but Government continued policy followed by Force 132 whose Commander presumably received authority from War Department. All huts not required as barracks or stores were put on sale in order to clear site for restoration to owners.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

LJH.

Saving.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Date 19 November, 1947.

No. 62 104 Saving.

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~~21~~ Reference your Telegram No. 359 of 1946.

Military fixed assets in the Falkland Islands.

22a I enclose a copy of a letter which has been received from the War Office, Claims Commission, with a request for the supply of the information asked up to date.

SECER.

Copy
Reply at 39

22a
COPY

CLAIMS COMMISSION,
WAR OFFICE,
Nuffield House,
Piccadilly,

Q6/BM/2610/46

London, W.1.

8th November, 1947.

Dear Mr. Barton,

Military Fixed Assets in the Falkland Islands

You will recollect that I had to trouble you in the latter half of 1946 for certain information regarding certain W.D. camps at, or near, Port Stanley, as the War Office was then negotiating with the British American Kelp Company who were interested in acquiring the buildings of these camps for the purpose of commencing a new industry in the Falkland Islands.

These negotiations have taken some time as the Kelp Company were unable to come to any conclusion one way or the other until after the camps, and indeed the whole project, had been surveyed on the ground by a small commission which they sent out to the Falkland Islands to do this. I have recently received a letter from British American Kelp indicating that owing to the high costs arising from the present world economic conditions, they have found it impossible to go ahead with their project, at any rate for the time being.

The War Office is therefore left, at any rate pro tem, with these buildings on our hands, and we think that there must be others in the nature of fixed assets in the Falkland Islands.

The Fixed Assets Disposals Committee in the War Office are most anxious to have a complete picture of all the assets

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Colonial Office.

/which

which may exist, together with some idea of the present day value of them and whether any market exists for their disposal.

I have, therefore, to trouble you again over this matter as I should be most grateful if you would request this information to be sent by the Governor of the Falkland Islands. In his reply it would be of considerable assistance if he would forward his views as to any methods which can be adopted to dispose of the fixed assets in the Islands.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) G. SEYMOUR.

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Saving.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Date 20 February, 1948.

No. 24 Saving.



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My savingram No. 104 of 19th November, 1947.

Military fixed assets.

Grateful to learn the position.

SECEP.

When to send

Mr.

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Reply at 39

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No. 27.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 21. 5. 48 Time: 14.40 Received: 22. 5. 48 Time: 09.30.

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No. 155. My Savingram No. 104 of 19th November of 1947. Military
fixed assets. When may I expect reply.

Reply at 40.

xx (Intld) A. B. M.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

P/L.

LJH.

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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: 26th May, 1948.

No. 75. SAVING.

Your Saving Telegram No. 104 of 19th November, 1947.

Military fixed assets in the Falkland Islands.

		<u>Value.</u>
<u>Falkland Camp</u>	(a) 51 Nissan Huts	2629
	(b) 1 Cinema Building (In situ)	600
	(c) 1 Garage (In situ)	300.

If (b) and (c) are removed the value will decrease considerably; but no use can be foreseen for them on the site.

Stanley Camp. 3 Nissan Huts 24 8 38

Harbour Camp.
Including Oil
Depot. 11 Nissan Huts 4 74

Stanley
Foreshore. 6 Nissan Huts 6 60

see 116

21701.

2. It is anticipated that all can be disposed of locally in due course but total proceeds may not exceed \$1,000.

GOVERNOR'S DEPT.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

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From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched : 28. 5. 48 Time : 12.00 Received : Time :

35 No. 245. Your telegram No. 155. Military Fixed Assets.

22 Retained reply to your Saving telegram No. 104 of 19th November 1947 in mail should reach you by middle June. Following condensation details:-

71 Missen Cuts value £301

1 Cinema Hall value in situ £600

1 Garage value in situ £100

Total value Fixed military assets £1701.

2. Regret delay.

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

G.A.C.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 29 April, 1948.

No. 44 Saving.



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My savingram No.104 of 19th

November 1947.

Military fixed assets.

Grateful to learn position.

Reply sent, see 39 + 40
SECR.

Forwarded

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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: 3th August, 1948.

No. 126.

41
39 Your Saving Telegram No. 44 of 29th April and my Saving Telegram No. 75 of 26th May, 1948. Military Fixed Assets.

56 in
C400
"Army Stores"
26 in
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Requestion
of private
property
by military
authorities

Endeavour is being made to effect disposal by end of 1948 of all local Ministry of Supply surpluses (see my Saving Telegram No. 120 of 30th July, 1948). Accordingly, grateful if permission could be sought from War Office for sale, when empty, of remaining Messen Huts and Cinema Hall: which, moreover, are for the most part situated on privately owned land (compare my Saving Telegram No. 75 of 1st June, 1948).

2. As will be realised, the Messen Huts have a limited life and continued retention may render them practically worthless and consequently unsaleable. Considerable deterioration due to rust is already evident. In regard to the Cinema Hall, this Government would take over the building if only for the steel girders, as owing to the acute steel shortage prevailing in the United Kingdom, housing requirements for colony's electric power scheme seem likely to be held up indefinitely.

3. I should be grateful also if the War Office could be asked for a decision as to disposal of the following military equipment:-

- 8 80tors 4/A Guns, spares, etc.
- 4 3.7" 4/A Guns and parts.
- 2 Predictors, parts.
- 2 Range Finders.
- 4 Searchlights and parts

For which storage space has to be found in the Cinema Hall.

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

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TELEGRAM.

[Signature]
For C.S.

No. 37.

From The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : August 12th 19 48 Time : 14.50.

Received : August 13th 19 Time :

From Butler. Following information required for War Office and Ministry Supply (A) Name of owner Stanley Camp, Harbour Camp including oil depot, Stanley Foreshore Camp query Government owned (B) no sales summaries army surplus equipment received since December 1947 when is completion sale expected (C) can remaining equipment in army camp be transferred nissen huts on Government land.

2. Am arranging retention Cinema building and 2 nissens will this be sufficient they will have to be removed from F.I.C. land.

P/L.
LJH

Reply at 48

CROWN AGENTS.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Despatched: August 16th 19 48 Time: 11.45.

Received: 19 .. Time:

47 Your telegram 12th August. Following for Butler begins:-

(A) Stanley Camp owned by Crown; Harbour Camp by Admiralty;

46 in 0400 Falkland Camp by Falkland Islands Company. (B) Statement of Ministry

of Supply sales for half year ended 30th June 1948 in mail due

56 in 0400 United Kingdom early September. See also my Saving telegram to Secretary of State for the Colonies No. 120 of 30th July in same mail.

(C) Remaining equipment could be transferred to Harbour Camp at Admiralty Oil Depot but transport would extremely costly.

2. Your paragraph 2 please refer to Governor. See also my telegram 30th July which awaits reply.

G.T.C. 43 in 0428/vol II

CROWN AGENTS.

LJH.

0428/vol II "Power Supply - Stanley"

No. _____

MEMORANDUM.

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

49a
23rd September, 19 48.

To: The Competent Authority,

Stanley,

From: The Executive Engineer,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SUBJECT:- Cinema House - ex-army.

I have the honour to refer to the building used by the army as a cinema and located in the Army Camp.

2. You will probably recall that I was requested to give an estimate of the worth of this building and that I quoted £600 (six hundred pounds) for it in situ.

3. I now wish to use this building, (in connection with the new Power House Scheme) dismantle and re-erect elsewhere, which thus causes an extremely sharp decline in value.

4. May I please have your authority to commence the dismantling.

E. J. Bunting

Executive Engineer.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted).



A. MINUTE.

25th September, 19 48. ⁴⁹

From Chairman,
Disposals Board,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

SUBJECT:- Cinema Hall - Main Army Camp.

49a
I have the honour to forward for your information a Minute received from the Executive Engineer regarding the dismantling of the Cinema Hall at the Army Camp.

172/46(36)-- 2. This building was originally valued by the Executive Engineer at £600 in situ, but now that it requires removal from its present site, the valuation must be very considerably reduced. In addition, a large quantity of stores (including six Bren-gun carriers) must be transported to other huts which will entail a fair amount of labour.

3. In view of the cost of removal and transport of stores involved, I suggest that it would be a gesture on the part of the War Office to hand over the building free of charge for services rendered?

4. It has been agreed between the Executive Engineer and myself that the work of removing stores and dismantling the building will commence on Monday the 27th inst.

5. Every assistance will be afforded the Public Works Department by myself and Camp Staff.

B.

Copies to: Hon. C.S.
E.E.

No I think to ensure
pay something. Let us
have a price. C

Er Bigg
Chairman,
Disposals Board.

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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: 30th September, 1948.

No. 154. SAVING. COLONY.

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My Saving Telegram No. 126 of 5th August, 1948. Military Fixed Assets.

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Propose purchasing Cinema Hall (item (b) in my Saving Telegram No. 75 of 26th May, 1948) for utilisation of framework and corrugated iron sheeting.

2. Building is useless as it stands while labour of dismantling and re-erection elsewhere would be considerable and cost excessive.

3. In circumstances consider £200 reasonable purchase price and grateful if War Office be offered this amount for building as it stands.

GOVERNOR.

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No. 103.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 13. 11. 48 Time: 15.04 Received: 14. 11. 48 Time: 09.30.

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No. 323. Your Saving No. 120, 126 and No. 154 Military Fixed Assets.

War Office requires information on following points:-

- 26-0400
Disposal of
Surplus Army Stores
- (a) Your telegram No. 120 Saving indicates type of general stores you expect to be unable to dispose of locally but no quantities are given. Weight and numbers in order to decide as to method of disposal i.e. collection or destruction.
- (b) It is proposed to sell Nissen huts and Cinema when empty and your suggestion regarding disposal of buildings including any required by Government together with suggestion for dealing with possible W.D. reinstatement liability would be welcome. The offer contained in your telegram No. 154 Saving will be considered on vacation of Cinema.
- (c) Disposal of guns and searchlights etc will be communicated in near future; in meantime can you suggest alternative accommodation - preferably in Government buildings?.

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2. War Department points out F.I.C. have received rent for period July 1st 1945 to March 31st 1947 and Ministry of Supply have agreed

that/

Reply at 68.
See 71.

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Rept. of Finance Prop. by War Office

that you should pay rent on and after April 1st 1947 from receipt of sale of stores provided buildings are occupied by their stores.

3. Grateful your early comments.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G. T. C.
LJH

SAVING TELEGRAM.

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

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 17th December, 1948.

No. 200. SAVING COLONY.

61 Your telegram No. 523 of 15th November, 1948. Military Fixed Assets. Same paragraph numbers.

68a

- (a) Attached hereto in quadruplicate are lists giving main items of stores and equipment which are unsaleable within the Colony: together with details of estimated quantities, cubic measurement and/or weight. In addition to items listed, there remain a large number of miscellaneous small items scattered in unpacked condition throughout disposal area and it is impossible to give indication of freight or weight involved.
- (b) Your proposal to sell Nissan Buss and Cinema Hall noted. Latter has been emptied and taken over in accordance with paragraph 3 of my Saving Telegram No. 154 and appropriate credit to War Office will be made. Reinstatement liability. Mr. J. W. R. Young, Managing Director of the Falkland Islands Company, is expected to visit the Islands shortly and after matter has been discussed with him I will report further.
- (c) If Admiralty approve, alternative and more or less permanent accommodation for guns etc. might be found in their Oil Depot or alternatively in the Admiralty-controlled ammunition dump at the east end of Stanley Harbour. Latter suggestion would be the cheaper as transport could be effected by road, whereas the former would entail transshipment by water with consequent additional handling costs.

2. Payment to the Falkland Islands Company in respect of rent due for periods 1st April to 31st December, 1947 and for 1st January to 31st December, 1948 at rate of £138 per annum will be made during the current year from disposals receipts.

more than

3. It is ~~very~~ doubtful if receipts from disposals will continue to cover costs after end of 1948.

GOVERNOR.

Six Copies.

CS. O. Copy

Item Number.	Article.	Quantity.	Estimated Measure.		Estimated Weight.			
			S. Tons.	Feet.	Tons.	Owts.	Qtrs.	Lbs.
<u>Scrap</u> 1. ^{Studs}	Redsteeds.	1,975.	107.	14.	31.	8.	-	14.
2. x	Bagging Strip.	3,500 bails.			31.	-	-	-
3.	Blanching Powder. ϕ				10.	-	-	-
4. x	Coats Kapok.	307.	5.	8.	1.	9.	-	-
5.	Dubbin. ϕ		3.	-	5.	10.	-	-
6. x	Soles Half, Leather.	10,000.	2.	34.	2.	8.	0.	24.
7. x	Tip Fillings.	30,000.	1.	32.	-	19.	2.	0.
8. x	Tip Boot Heel.	30,000.	3.	30.	3.	13.	2.	10.
9. x	Heel Lifts.	15,198.	2.	-	-	19.	1.	14.
10. x	Tip Toe.	19,930.	-	13.	-	13.	1.	0.
11. x	Mass Tins.	1,520.	3.	38.	1.	1.	-	-
12.	Oils, 375. ϕ	750 gals.	5.	20.	2.	8.	3.	3.
13.	" 450. ϕ	3,500 "	24.	-	15.	13.	-	-
14.	" L.S.T. ϕ	125 "	-	31.	-	14.	1.	-
15.	" M.H.B. ϕ	200 "	1.	23.	-	17.	3.	20.
16.	Filter Powder. ϕ		-	-	3.	-	-	-
17. x	Web Equipment.		31.	33.	7.	19.	0.	19.
18.	alum. ϕ		-	-	10.	-	-	-

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Item Number.	Article.	Quantity.	Estimated Measure.		Estimated Weight.			
			Tons.	Feet.	Tons.	Cwts.	Qtrs.	Lbs.
<u>Scrap</u> <u>19.x</u>	<u>Paint, Water.</u>	717 drums.	26.	35.	20.	-.	-.	-.
<u>S</u> <u>20.</u>	<u>Bogie Wheels.</u>	350.	-.	-.	7.	0.	2.	14.
<u>S</u> <u>21.</u>	<u>Tracks 21 Links.</u>	610.	-.	-.	18.	1.	1.	12.
<u>S</u> <u>22.</u>	<u>Bren Carrier Small Spares.</u>		-.	-.	9.	-.	-.	-.
<u>23.x</u>	<u>Camp Kettles.</u>	696.	6.	28.				
<u>24.</u>	<u>Resin.</u> ϕ	1 drum.	-.	-.	-.	4.	2.	19.
<u>25.</u>	<u>Soda Ash.</u> ϕ	-.	-.	-.	2.	16.	-.	-.
<u>26.x</u>	<u>Lamps Hurricane.</u>	350.	5.	23.				
<u>27.x</u>	<u>Globes for "</u>	1,030.	3.	9.				
<u>28.x</u>	<u>Nets Camouflage.</u>	2,275.	28.	7.				
<u>S</u> <u>29.</u>	<u>Pins Tent Iron.</u>	14,900.	-.	-.	4.	19.	-.	-.
<u>S</u> <u>30.</u>	<u>" " Steel.</u>	18,780.	-.	-.	108.	19.	2.	8.
<u>S</u> <u>31.</u>	<u>" Wire.</u>	20,500.	-.	-.	-.	19.	0.	20.
<u>S</u> <u>32.</u>	<u>Rear Axles (Ford)</u>	3.	-.	-.	1.	3.	3.	0.
<u>S</u> <u>33.</u>	<u>" " (Bren)</u>	5.	-.	-.	1.	4.	0.	22.
<u>34.x</u>	<u>Boots F.F.</u>	300 prs.	3.	23.				
<u>35.x</u>	<u>Hair Brushes.</u>	666.	-.	14.				
<u>36.x</u>	<u>Containers 1 gal.</u>	200.	5.	2.				

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Item Number.	Article.	Quantity.	Estimated Measure.		Estimated Weight.			
			Tons.	Yds.	Tons.	Cwt.	Lbs.	Lbs.
37. X	Ovens Triplex.	10.	4.	54.				
38. X	Stoves Patrol, Large.	11.	1.	20.				
39. X	" " Small.	40.	-.	10.				
40.	Alarms General Circ. ϕ	6.	8.	22.	-.	1.	2.	12.
41.	Soldering Paste flux. ϕ	500 tins.	-.	-.	-.	1.	1.	10.
42.	Bran Carriers.	4.	-.	7.	12.	13.	-.	-.
43.	Helmets Steel. ϕ	610.	4.	54.				
44.	" Universal. ϕ	140.						
45.	" Tank Crew. ϕ	12.	1.	7.				
46.	" Crash. ϕ	150.	1.	14.				
47. X	Gloves anti-gas.	500.	-.	9.				
48. X	Boots " "	180.	1.	17.				
49. X	Mailots " "	1,400.	-.	20.				
50.	Ointment " " ϕ	2,155 tins.	-.	19.				
51. X	Respirator Haversacks.	1,000.	-.	17.				
52.	" Facepieces. ϕ	1,450.	5.	8.				
53.	" Complete. ϕ	430.	3.	12.				
54.	Paint Detector Gas. ϕ	1,400 tins.	-.	26.				

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Item Number.	Article.	Quantity.	Estimated Measure.		Estimated Weight.			
			Tons.	Feet.	Tons.	Cwts.	Lbs.	Lbs.
55.	<u>Detector Paper.</u> ϕ	8,400.	-.	25.				
56.x	<u>Containers Type 2, Mk VI.</u>	2,340.	6.	15.				
57.	<u>Signs Warning Gas.</u> ϕ	2,300.	-.	6.				
58.	<u>Detectors Sleeve, Gas.</u> ϕ	7,500.	-.	32.				
59.	<u>Tape Rubber 6" pieces.</u> ϕ	8,750.	-.	11.				
60.	<u>Wires Bonding 11" pieces.</u> ϕ	8,300.	-.					
61.	<u>Seals Disc Identity.</u> ϕ	8,300.	-.	21.				
62.	<u>Loops Oil. Valves, Hooks etc.</u> ϕ	1,400.	-.					
63.	<u>Capsules Lachrymatory. Mk III</u> ϕ	2,710.	-.	1.				
64.x	<u>Stands Cooking.</u>	170.	1.	24.	1.	10.	1.	12.
S 65.	<u>Netting Wire, Steel 4001.</u>	400 rolls.	90.	-.	19.	9.	-.	-.

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No. 184.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 25. 12. 48 Time: 14.15 Received: 26. 12. 48 Time: 09.30.

61 No. 367. My telegram No. 323. Military Fixed Assets. Removal of guns and ancillary stores to United Kingdom/^{is}under consideration; in this event War Office would be grateful for confirmation that you have facilities for their removal from Cinema to dock side.

Reply at 78

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G. T. C.
LJH.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 7. 1. 49 Time: 15.40 Received:.....Time:.....

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No. 7. Your telegram No. 367. Military fixed assets.

There are facilities for removal.

GOVERNOR.

G. T. C.

LJH.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 28. 1. 49 Time: 1735 Received: 29. 1. 49 Time: 10.00.

78 No. 18. Secret. Your telegram No. 7. Military Fixed Assets.

I am not certain whether you consider advisable complete removal Artillery equipment. I learn from War Office that it consists 8 Bofors guns (40 millimetre) 3 3.7 AA Guns 2 Predictors 2 Range-finders 4 searchlights projectors and spares. Was this material included in list of Artillery in paragraph 4 of your telegram to Lloyd of April 26th, 1948 which you regard as obsolete? If this material is obsolete there is obviously no objection to its removal; but if material is still of value it would be inadvisable to remove it while proposals for improving artillery protection of Falkland Islands are still under consideration.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

CYPHER

MMCA

Reply at 82

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched : 11/3/49

Time :

Received :

Time :

No 95 SECRET

81 Your telegram No 18 Secret. Military fixed assets. Equipment referred to was not included in list of artillery mentioned in paragraph 4 of Governor's telegram to Lloyd of April 26th. 1948. The most that Local Defence Force is capable of using is 4 repeat 4 Bofors guns and it is requested that War Office be asked to transfer these guns free of cost to the Defence Force. The remaining guns and equipment consisting of 2 Bofors guns, 3 3.7 A. A. guns, 2 Predictors, 2 Rangefinders, 4 Search-light Projectors and spares could then be shipped to U. K. if so desired.

Cypher
KSPB

Governor's Deputy

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

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To GOVERNOR From SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 29.4.49 Time: 2315 Received: 30.4.49 Time: 1000

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No. 99. Secret. Your telegram No. 95. Secret. and Your
Telegram No. 138 Secret. Military Fixed Assets.

War Office approves transfer of 4 (or 6 if considered necessary) by 40 millimetre guns to local Defence Force on understanding that no responsibility is held for bringing guns up to date or forwarding extra equipment.

2. Remaining guns and equipment should be shipped in "Losada" and consigned Commanding Officer R.S.D. Royal Dockyard Woolwich S.E. 18.

See 84

SECRETARY OF STATE

CYPHER
MMCA.

F. I. ref: 0838/3

C. O. ref:

Print copy in 0838/B FIDF Equipment Step ~~3~~

SAVING TELEGRAM.

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

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 5th May, 1949.

No. 9. SAVING. SECRET COLONY.

83 Your telegram No. 99 Secret. Military Fixed Assets.

I have to inform you that the "Losada" would not ship the remaining guns and would only take the predictors, projectors and rangefinders as deck cargo.

2. I therefore propose to ship each of the latter equipment as is possible free of charge on motor survey vessel "John Biscoe" leaving here early June and arriving at Southampton about the end of July.

3. Please convey my appreciation to the War Office for the transfer of 4 Bofors Guns and spares.

GOVERNOR.

Saving.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of

FALKLAND ISLANDS

(COLONY)

Date 28 October, 1949No. 135 Saving.

Military Fixed Assets.

61 My telegram No. 323 of the 13th November 1948 and
 68 your No. 200 saving of the 17th December 1948.

61 Grateful if you could now provide the full answer
 to paragraph 1 (b) of my telegram under reference i.e.,
 in regard to the disposal of the Nissen huts and the cinema
 and the possible W.D. reinstatement liability.

39 2. What is the position regarding the disposal of the
 garage referred to in your No. 75 saving of the 26th May
 1948 ?

SECEP.

R.
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A.C.S.

> Reply at 91

F. I. ref:

C. O. ref: 172/46.

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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:

18th January, 1950.

SAVING.

No. 12.

COLONY.

85

Your Saving Telegram No. 135 of 28th October, 1949. Military Fixed Assets.

To date Disposals Board has sold 54 Nissen huts for total sum of 2954. 4. 9d. Sixteen huts are now left, most of which are unlined, maximum value 164. Doubtful whether any more can be sold now. The garage is at present being used by the Defence Force for storing Bren Gun carriers and the sixteen huts for housing Public Works Department stores.

2. With regard to reinstatement liability, the land is owned by the Falkland Islands Company, but Government is at present negotiating with the Company with a view to obtaining the land by exchange, a subject on which I shall be addressing you

Reply at 92.

shortly.....

shortly in a separate communication. Should this exchange be effected, it might be possible to offset the value of the garage and the remaining Hissen huts against the reinstatement liability, which latter had been tentatively estimated at \$1,500.

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

DRH.

88313/50
Your Ref. 172/46

92.

Saving.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 28 February, 1950.

No. 21 Saving. COLONY



91

Your savingram No. 12 (Colony) of the 18th January.

Military fixed assets.

62

Please report stage reached in disposal of cinema. Suggestion in your savingram No. 200 of the 17th December 1948 was that you were taking over the building and were in the course of crediting £200 to the War Office as payment. Your offer of £200, however, has not yet been officially accepted by the War Office, although I am trying to get an early decision. Please see my telegram No. 323 of the 13th November 1948.

SECEP.

Me.

Reply at 95.

In common with other bdgs. it

will by now be in advanced stage of decay.

20 MAR 1950

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F. I. ref:

172/46

C. O. ref:

88313/50

SAVING TELEGRAM.

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

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date:

24th March, 1950.

SAVING.

No. 47.

COLONY

92. Your Saving Telegram No. 24 Colony of the 28th of February, 1950. Military Fixed Assets.

Cinema has been dismantled and material used for erection of aircraft hangar. Offer of £200 still holds good, though had the building been left untouched it would by now have deteriorated considerably, and be worth much less than that figure.

GOVERNOR.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 12.5.50. Time: 1225 Received: 13.5.50 Time: 1000

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No. 64. Your telegram No. 12 Saving. Military Assets. Please confirm that receipt of sale of 84 Nissen huts are held by you on behalf of War Office. Your offer of £64 for acquisition of remaining 16 huts has been passed to War Office from whom a reply is awaited. In meanwhile what are you prepared to offer for garage?

2. In regard to reinstatement of liabilities mentioned in paragraph 2 of Telegram Saving under reference War Office agrees that if you do eventually acquire land value of assets may be set off against land reinstatement of liabilities.

3. They cannot, however, readily agree that the sum of £1,500 is the extent of their liabilities and will require more information as to how this figure has been calculated. Grateful for necessary information.

G.T.C.
L.J.H.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Reply at 107

DECODE.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 1.6.50. Time: 1930. Received: 2.6.50. Time: 0900.

No 73. My telegram No 64. Military Assets.

War Office accepts your offer of £64 for remaining
16 Nissen Huts and also of £200 for dismantling Cinema.
Assuming payments will be made through the Crown Agents.

2. Grateful reply for which War Office is pressing
to outstanding points in my telegram.

Reply of 10/6 SECRETARY OF STATE.

Type and enclose. and p.u.

G. T. C.

(Intld) M.R.R. 2/6/50.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 19. 6. 50 Time: 15.15. Received:Time:

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No. 126. Your telegram No. 73. Military Assets.

Receipts from sales of surplus stores huts etc ~~are~~ placed on deposit in first instance and nett amount only is transferred after deductions for labour etc. Full statements are sent to Crown Agents. I note that offers of £64 and £200 are accepted by War Office and payment will be made as above explained.

2. Figure of £1.500 for re-instatement of land is rough figure only. for minimum re-instatement. Based on wages for six men for fifty two weeks plus use of motor transport. It is not possible to give a more exact estimate.

G. T. C.
LJH.

GOVERNOR.

See 108. see 120

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 20. 6. 50 Time: 15.30 Received: Time:.....

No. 127. Your telegram No. ⁹⁶64. Military Assets.

Prepared to offer £50 for garage.

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GOVERNOR.

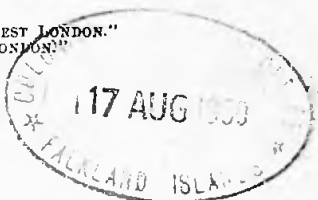
G.T.C.
LJH



Communications to be addressed to The Crown Agents for the Colonies, 4, Millbank, London, S.W.1, and the above reference quoted.

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

TELEGRAMS {INLAND: "CROWN SOWEST LONDON."
{OVERSEAS: "CROWN LONDON"
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730.



Sir,

MILITARY ASSETS

With reference to His Excellency the Governor's telegram number 126 dated 19th June 1950, addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, regarding receipts from sales of huts etc. and re-instatement of land, we have the honour to enclose a copy of a letter received from the War Office and shall be glad to receive your instructions in the matter.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,

for the Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

MWD

17 AUG 1950

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Reply at 120

COPY OF LETTER FROM THE WAR OFFICE
TO CROWN AGENTS

Chessington,
Surbiton,
Surrey.

118/Abd/5721(W.F.Abd & Gen)

4th July 1950.

Dear Webb,

With reference to our telephone conversation of 23rd June, 1950 under arrangements made on Colonial Office file No.88313, the Governor of the Falkland Islands has been disposing of some Army property consisting of surplus nissen huts, a garage and a cinema.

You will see from the attached copies of cables that 84 huts have been sold for £954.4.9d. and that we have agreed to sell 16 more huts for £64 and the dismantled cinema for £200. Our latest news of the garage is that it is still being used to store Bren Gun carriers, vide enclosed copy of Colonial Office letter of 17th May, 1950.

106 The last cable, No.126 of 19th June, 1950, indicates that the amounts realised would be transferred to your Department for reimbursement to Army funds, but according to our records we do not appear to have received any payment for the assets already sold. It is, of course, too early to expect payment of the sums of £64 and £200.

Cable No.126 also shows that the War Office have a liability of some £1,500 for reinstatement of land and it may be that the sums collected from the sales are being kept to meet this liability.

I shall therefore be obliged if you will let me know whether you have yet received any of the sums due and, if not whether you would be good enough to send an enquiry to the Falkland Islands, as promised on the telephone.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd). H.I. Fitz-George.

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Saving.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS
(COLONY).

Date 4 August, 1950.

No. 97 Saving.

172/46



107 Your telegram No. 127.

Military assets.

War Office are disappointed at your offer of £50. They state that the in situ valuation of the building was £300. Since the garage is housing the Local Defence stores, the inference is that the building is of substantial construction, and in good and reasonable repair.

2. They would be grateful if you could see your way to increasing your offer to say 50% of the recorded valuation.

3. Grateful for your views.

SECR.

EE's comm.

Handwritten initials "ll" in dark ink.

118 AUG 1950

Reply at 116

A large, handwritten mark resembling the letter "C" or a similar symbol, located to the left of the "EE's comm." text.

Considered
your views

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 7. 9. 50 Time: 11.00 Received:..... Time:

109 No. 195. Your telegram No. 97 Saving of August 4th. Military Assets.

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Building is no longer housing Defence stores. Over two years ago its value was given as £300 (see my saving telegram No. 75 of May 26th 1948) but it was then noted that this was the value in situ repeat in situ but that if it was removed the value would be considerably less. There is now no use for it on the site and account must also be taken of two years depreciation, which with Corrugated iron buildings in this climate is fairly rapid. I regret therefore that I am unable to increase offer beyond £50.

GOVERNOR,
~~SECRETARY OF STATE.~~

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G. T. C.
LJH.

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11th October, 50.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Governor to refer to your letter No. P/G.O./Falkland Is.8 of the 11th of July, 1950, regarding receipts from sales of huts, etc., the property of the War Office. In this connection I would refer you to my letter No.0400 of the 10th of December, 1947, and subsequent correspondence bearing a similar reference, from which it will be observed various credits appear in respect of Nissen Huts. It is assumed that War Office have therefore received payment for the huts referred to in their letter to which you refer.

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I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,
4, Millbank, Westminster,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 13.10.50 Time: 1635 Received: 14.10.50 Time: 10000

116

No. 155. Your telegram No. 195. Military Assets.

In accepting your offer of £50 for garage - there being little alternative - War Office draws attention to the fact that 5 Bren Gun Carriers handed over to you at a nominal sum of about £25 were worth some £18,000 to H.M. Government.

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2. They, therefore, hope when minimum costs for reinstatement of land are considered forecasted expenditure of £1,500 (your telegram No. 126 of 19th June refers) will be considerably reduced.

C. WH.

Reply at 127

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Governor of the Falkland Islands.
 To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.
 Date: 23rd October, 1950.

No. 204. COLONY.

120

Your telegram No. 155. Military Assets. Bren Gun Carriers may have been worth £18,000 to War Office in which case it is perhaps surprising that they did not try and arrange for their return when they were informed that this Government no longer required them. Instead they asked that the carriers should be sold and indeed I was told that quote this was always the intention unquote. (Vide your telegram No. 55). Furthermore the reserve price was fixed at £5 each. They have in fact been sold by auction for £75, there being only one bidder. Suggest that this proves that their local value bears no relation to value ascribed to them by War Office and consideration appears to me to be quite irrelevant.

2. Town Hall was destroyed and roads in and around Stanley were ruined by War Department during late war; latter will cost up to £70,000 to renew. No compensation for this irreparable damage paid by War Department.

3. In the circumstances an undispensed to abate claim for re-instatement of land.

GOVERNOR.

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LONDON, S.W.1.

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN SOWEST LONDON."
OVERSEAS: "CROWN LONDON."
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730.

25 OCT 1950

Sir,

We have received a further letter from the War Office regarding their enquiry as to the position in respect of certain credits and debits against them as detailed in their letter of 4th July which was copied to you under cover of our letter of even reference dated 11th July.

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We shall be pleased to receive your observations on this matter as soon as possible for transmission to the War Office.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servants,

H.S.

[Handwritten signature]

117 NOV 1950

for the Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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HTW

See 119.

Our ref: 88313/50
F.I. ref: 172/46

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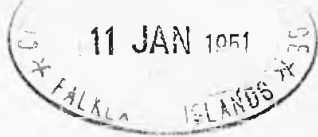
Saving.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS
(COLONY)

Date 8 DECEMBER, 1950.

No. 130 Saving.



127

Your savingram No. 204 Colony of the 23rd October, 1950.

Military Assets.

I note your views on extent of War Office liability, and await, at your convenience, your final decision on claim for re-instatement of land. War Office have been kept in picture, and have at this stage no comments.

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2. With regard to the Bofors guns (your telegram No. 266 of the 25th November refers), detailed arrangements for their reception in the United Kingdom will be made before their arrival next year, and I should then be grateful for advance telegraphic notification of their shipment.

Reply at 136.

SECR.

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112 JAN 1951

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P.I. Ref: 172/46.

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Governor of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 2nd February, 1951.

No. 35. COLONY.

130

Your SAVING Telegram No. 100 of 8th December, 1950.
Military Assets.

2. Figure of £1,500 for reinstatement of land is continued.

3. With regard to paragraph 2 of your SAVING telegram under reference in connection with the shipment of before guns, a reply will be sent after consultation with the Master of H.V. "John Biscoe" on his return from the Dependencies in about six weeks' time.

GOVERNOR.

See 143.

DRA.

NAVING TELEGRAMS.

From: The Governor of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 19th March, 1951.

NO. 54 COLONY.

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My Naving Telegram No. 53 Colony of the 2nd February, 1951.

Military Equipment.

2. Master of "John Bliscoe" has now reported that 200 lbs guns are too large to ship in that vessel. Matter will be kept in view for necessary action when a larger vessel calls at Stanley.

GOVERNOR.

Reply at 143.

Saving.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS
(Colony.)

Date

No. 70 Saving.



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Your savingram No. 56 Colony.

Bofors Guns.

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Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter from Mr. Eric Martin Smith, M.P. on the above subject together with certain photographs. Also enclosed are copies of the reply from this Office and of an exchange of semi-official correspondence with the War Office.

2. I should be obliged for your comments and for advice on the reply to be sent to Mr. Martin Smith.

3. Please return the photographs with your reply.

Reply at 15/

SECER.

ACS

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24th May, 1951.

Dear Gordon Walker,

I am not quite certain whether the following comes under your Department, but if not, perhaps you would be good enough to pass it on to the right person.

Some additional analysis

I have recently seen a letter from one of the inhabitants of the Falkland Islands, wherein he was complaining bitterly regarding the casual way in which the local Defence Force look after the equipment in their care. When the garrison left after the war, they left behind a certain amount of stores which were eventually sold off but there were also eight Bofors guns. After various moves these latter are now housed in a Nissen hut about 500 yards away from my correspondent's house, and since they have been there have been open to damage by all and sundry. The covers have been stripped off, those guns which still have dials have had them broken and in fact they are now virtually worthless. I understand the local Defence Force boasts a certain number of officers but none of them appear to have taken any interest in this matter.

On the other hand, the Navy run two depots, both of which are under the charge of a caretaker, and everything in these depots is apparently spick and span. My correspondent is anxious to know why these same standards do not prevail in connection with W.D. stores.

This is only a relatively small point but as

/you

Rt. Hon. P.C. Gordon Walker, M.P.,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
Downing Street,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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you can imagine, causes quite a stir in a community such as this. I would be most grateful if you would look into the matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) Eric Martin Smith.

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88313/51.

13th June, 1951.

Your letter to Gordon Walker of the 24th May about the condition of certain military equipment, particularly eight Bofors Guns, at present stored in the Falkland Islands has been passed to me.

I should perhaps explain that these guns form part of certain military supplies and equipment of which, on the termination of hostilities, the Falkland Islands Government were asked by the War Office to dispose.

There was indeed at one time a possibility that the local Defence Force might take some of them over but the Governor later decided against the idea. It was therefore agreed by the War Office that they should be brought home, but owing to the shortage of shipping it has so far proved impossible to arrange for their shipment to the United Kingdom.

Before I can give you the whole picture it will be necessary to consult the War Office, and possibly the Falkland Islands Government, on the arrangements made for the maintenance of the guns pending their conveyance home, and I fear that owing to the slowness of communications with the Falkland Islands this may take some time. Meanwhile, I am retaining the photographs.

(Sgd.) J. Griffiths.

Eric Martin Smith, Esq., M.P.

COPY

14.4.51

The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
London, S.W.1.

88313/51

19th June, 1951.

I am writing to you about the condition of some military equipment, particularly eight Bofors guns, at present stored in the Falkland Islands: I understand that you were good enough recently to give us verbally some of the background story to these guns, so I hope this letter isn't entirely a bolt from the blue.

_____ I enclose copies of a letter addressed to
our Secretary of State on this subject by
_____ Mr. Martin Smith, M.P., and of our reply. (I also
_____ enclose the seven photographs referred to, and should
be glad if you would return them when you have
finished with them).

We should be most grateful for your comments. I expect the answer is a straight forward one, so that it will not be necessary to consult the Colonial Government.

(Sgd.) P.A. Carter.

Major R.H. Shields.

The War Office,
London, S.W.1.

MGOF(R)/5426(RA 2)

19th July, 1951

Dear Carter,

1. Reference your letter 88313/51 of the 19th June regarding the disposal of 40 mm equipments in the Falklands.
2. I do not wish to go over past history as this is fully covered in your letter 88313/50 of the 6th October, 1950 to Capt. Vincent, when read in conjunction with your cable No. 186 to the Falkland Islands and their reply of the 25th November, 1950 (No. 266).
3. When the existence of these equipments was reported to us (we have no record of issue from U.K. and it would appear that they were supplied direct from America under Lend/Lease arrangement) we gave instructions for their back loading to U.K. as no military personnel were available to look after them. That they are still in the Falklands appears to be due to the difficulties of obtaining shipping accommodation.
4. We would naturally assume that the Governor would make adequate arrangements for their safe custody until such time as he could have them shipped to U.K.

I'm sorry I can't help you further on this matter and photographs are returned as requested.

Yours etc.

(Sgd.) R.H. Shields
Major RA

P.A. Carter, Esq.,
Colonial Office.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

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From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 18.9.51. Time: 1430. Received: 19.9.51. Time: 0845.

144 No 170. My telegram No 70. Saving of 3rd August . BOFORS
guns.

When may I expect a reply.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

GTC.
SS

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 20.9.51. Time: 1400. Received: Time:

No 210. Your telegram No 70 Saving of August 3rd. received
September 14th. Reply will be sent by next outward mail
expected to leave here approximately 10th October.

GOVERNOR:

GTC.
SS

F. I. ref: 172/46.
C. O. ref: 88313/51.

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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: 5th October, 1951.

No. 174 SAVING. COLONY.

Reply at
173.

144 Your Saving No. 70 of 3rd August, 1951. Bofors Guns.

Mr. Martin Smith's correspondent, whose identity it is not difficult to guess, is, as personal knowledge of him leads one to expect, not entirely accurate in his information. In the first place one of his photographs shows a "Weasel" amphibious vehicle which is not, and never was, the property of the Army. It originally belonged to F.I.F.S. and was later sold to one of the farms here. In the second place the guns were not left in the custody of the local Defence Force. When the military garrison was withdrawn the guns were placed in a state of preservation and stored in corrugated iron buildings which had been erected by the garrison. They, together with other stores left behind and buildings abandoned by the military, were placed under the Public Works Department acting as a Disposals Board for the Army. As you are aware from previous correspondence it has not been possible to ship the guns back to England, and in the interval the building in which they are housed has deteriorated. The Public Works Department has many other more urgent claims on its time and manpower. It is true that Naval stores at the

old/

old wireless Station are in a better state of preservation - or at least some of them are - but this is because they are better housed and the Navy arranged for a caretaker to look after them.

2. It is understood that these guns are in fact obsolete and it is suggested that they might be taken out to sea and dumped unless their value as scrap metal makes it desirable to ship them back to the United Kingdom.

3. Their present condition does not appear to have excited any comment locally except from Mr. Martin-Smith's officious correspondent whose photographs are returned herewith.

GOVERNOR.

IRM.

10 December,

51.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the War Office has asked this Government to endeavour to make arrangements for the shipment to the United Kingdom of the 3 Bofors Guns at present stored in a nissen hut in the R.A. Camp to the south of Stanley.

2. I am to enquire whether it would be possible to ship these guns by one of the charter vessels calling in 1952.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael E. Raymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Manager,
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,
STANLEY.



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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

Stanley,

18th February, 1952.

Sir,

152
With reference to your letter 172/46 dated 10th December, 1951 we can ship the 8 Bofors guns to the United Kingdom per charter vessel (either "Merak N" or "Da Capo") at a freight rate of £20 per ton weight. Barrels would have to be removed before shipment.

If it is decided to ship these guns, please have all 8 delivered to our jetty not later than 25th February as it may be possible to carry them all on the earlier vessel.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

A. B. Darlow

Manager.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

158

172/16.

26th February,

52.

~~155~~

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 18th February, 1952, I am directed to inform you that it is desired that the 8 Bofors guns should be shipped to the United Kingdom per charter vessel (either the "Morak II" or the "Da Capo") at a freight rate of \$20 per ton weight, and arrangements have accordingly been made to deliver the guns at your East Jetty.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,
Messrs. Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,
STANLEY.



The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

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AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

Stanley,

8th February, 1952.

Sir,

158

With reference to your letter No. 172/46 of the 26th February, 1952, and subsequent telephone conversations, we regret to inform you that the Masters of the chartered vessels are unwilling to take the Bofors guns for fear that so much weight on deck may effect the stability of their vessels in rough weather. The cargoes of wool to be carried are light in weight but bulky in measurement. We have already asked for your advice with a view to shipping by s.s. "Fitzroy" and transshipping at Montevideo.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

A. G. Darwin

Manager.

Bo. Charles

Reply at 1631

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

12th March, 52.

A.

Sir,

162. I am directed to refer to your letter of the 5th of February, 1952, and to confirm that this Government does not wish to ship the Bofors guns on the s.s. "Fitzroy", as it is hoped that the "John Biscoe" may be able to carry them.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Manager,
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,
STANLEY.

X/BW 20/3/51

B.

ACS
measure these guns & see if we know if he could carry them
or we could have him
now give an answer.

BW 25/3/51

17/3

20/3

26/3

172/46.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

28th March, 52.

Sir,

I am directed to state that at the request of the Military authorities, Government has for the last 18 months been trying to ship eight Bofors Guns to the United Kingdom.

2. None of the cargo ships have been able to carry them except the "Titarey", but it is considered both expensive and undesirable to send them via Montevideo.

3. It is more than possible that these guns are obsolete and useless and that the War Office may not now want them back. I am to enquire, therefore, whether you would be kind enough to allow your Gunnery Officer to inspect them and advise on their condition. It would then be possible to send recommendations to the War Office based on his report.

4. The guns are at present lying opposite the Falkland Islands Company's East Jetty.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. CAMPBELL

Colonial Secretary.

1. W. Officer,
GIRARD BAY.

CONFIDENTIAL

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H.M.S. BURGHEAD BAY
at Port Stanley.

3rd April, 1952

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have inspected the 12-in number Q.F. 40mm Bofors, Mk N.1 guns mounted on Army mountings. In my opinion these guns and mechanisms are neither obsolete nor in bad condition. They could, with a short overhaul by army technicians and with a supply of small gear, be made in a short time to function efficiently.

2. The carriages are unfamiliar but within my knowledge appear to be in quite good condition.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Francis A. Healey

COMMISSIONED GUNNER R.N.

THE COMMANDING OFFICER,
H.M.S. BURGHEAD BAY.

II

No. 15781/14.
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
PORT STANLEY.

169

Forwarded with reference to your letter No. 172/46 dated 28th March.

2. It is considered that these Bofors guns are in good condition and are well worth preserving.

H.M.S. BURGHEAD BAY.
3rd April, 1952

J.A. Stevens

CAPTAIN, ROYAL NAVY.

AG
Pos on file. 7 draft sent

Checked at 172.

Letter of Thanks

5/4

CONFIDENTIAL

3th April,

52.

CONFIDENTIAL

Sir,

170 II
I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your Memorandum No. 15/81/14 Confidential, of the 3rd of April, 1952, and to express His Excellency's thanks for your assistance in this matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

King Officer,
Burghead Bay,
STANLEY.

PALM LAND ISLANDS.

From: The Governor of the Palm Land Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 10th April, 1952.

No. 92. SAVINGRAM. COLONY.

143. My Savingram No. 96 of 1951. Military equipment.

Efforts to ship these 8 Bolero guns direct have not been successful owing insufficient size of cargo vessels.

2. s.s. "Pitroy" could carry them to Montevideo for transshipment but this method appears politically uncessirable and very expensive.

3. Alternatives are retention here or indefinite wait for direct shipment.

4. Guns recently inspected by Gunnery Officer H.M.S. Burghhead Bay and pronounced in good condition and well worth preserving. Paragraph 2 of my Savingram No. 174 of 1951 should accordingly be amended.

5. Grateful for instructions.

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

Reply at 181.

151

VP

CS

What are we going
to do with the Bofas
guns? They can't be
left in the open all
winter.

Free

the 3/11

Bo. on file.

3/16

MED. 281/282/01

Saving.

F.I. 172/46.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Date 23rd July, 1952.

No. 135 Saving.



173

Your savingram No. 99 of 10th April, 1952 -
Military Equipment.

War Office state they have no objection to
the retention of Bofors Guns.

SECR.

By a h.c.
14/8

19th November, 52.

Sir,

162

With reference to your letter of the 8th of February, 1952, I am directed to refer to a recent discussion between Captain White and the Officer-in-Charge, Public Works Department and to enquire whether you are in a position to give a firm undertaking that 6 Bofors Guns can be shipped per s.s. "Fitzroy" on her forthcoming voyage to the United Kingdom.

2. This information is required in order that the guns may be stripped in time for shipment, and to ensure that no unnecessary expenditure is incurred, as happened previously when it was found that the chartered vessels would not carry the guns.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J.E. ^Wriscoe

The Manager,
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,
STANLEY.

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Reply at 200.

200
The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

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AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

Stanley,

21st November 1952.

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Sir,

199. With reference to your 172/46 of 19th inst. if you will have one of the Bofors Guns stripped, including removal of wheels we will definitely undertake to ship it by s.s. "FITZROY" to United Kingdom, and we shall then be in a better position having seen one stripped to say whether the remaining 7 can be accommodated.

Present indications are that there will be space under hatches. Captain White, like the Dutch Captains, will not carry them on deck.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A.G. Parker
MANAGER.

*NA informs
of contents
25/11*

See 205

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 8.1.53 Time: 1030 Received: Time:.....

132
No 5. Your Savingram No 150/1950 Colony. Military
Equipment.

Four chassis for Bofors Guns shipped per FITZROY
direct United Kingdom 25th December. Will inform as
soon as possible regarding arrangements to ship balance
of equipment.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

GTC
SS

See 215

172/46

205.

13th January,

53.

Sir,

200. With reference to your letter of the 21st of November, 1952, I understand that you have shipped the chassis only of 4 BoFor Guns and I should be grateful if you would advise me what arrangements are being made to ship the balance of the equipment.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. E. Briscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Manager,
Island Islands Company, Limited,
STANLEY.

Reply at 206.

206.
The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

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REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

Stanley,

20th January 1953.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO



The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Sir,

Bofors Guns:

205 With reference to your letter No. 172/46 of 13th inst. the top hamper of the four guns shipped by s.s. "FITZROY" could not be accommodated, but we hope to ship this and the four guns remaining by Dutch Chartered vessels within the next two months.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. G. Danta

B.C.S. All papers to S/W on file to note & H.S.V. MANAGER.

[Signature]
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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 10.4.53 Time: 1030 Received: Time:

204

No 79. My telegram No 5. Military Equipment.

Balance of equipment shipped per Falkland Islands
Company Charter Vessel "Merak N" direct United Kingdom
28th February.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

GTC

Saving

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies
To the Officer Administering the Government of



Date 12 June 1954

No. 87 **Saving**

136

Your predecessor's savingram No. 35 Colony of
2nd February 1951.

Military Assets.

The matter of the claim on the War Office for £1,500
in respect of the cost for the re-instatement of land has been
pursued at regular intervals with that Department.

216A

A reply has now been received a copy of which I enclose
and you will see that the War Office feel unable to accept the
claim without further details of the break-down of the £1,500.

I appreciate that it will be extremely difficult to
supply such details so long after the event but would be grateful
to receive your comments on the enclosed letter.

SECEP

See Reply at 231

From Major F. W. F. Gooch, R.E.,
Inspectorate of Lands,
War Office,

Nuffield House,
Piccadilly,
London, W.1.

Ref. 118/ABD/5721(I. of L.)



21st May, 1954.

Dear Mr. Bent,

With reference to your official letter MED/321/01 dated 4th May 1954, I am sorry that you have received no reply to your earlier letters about the claim by the Government of the Falkland Islands for £1,500, for the re-instatement of the land which was acquired from the Falkland Island Company.

The difficulty has been, and still is, that the claim is not supported by details of the actual cost of the work done and it was not even mooted until January, 1950, some 4½ years after the Imperial Troops had left in May, 1945.

As you will no doubt realise, we cannot authorise payment of money from Public Funds unless the expenditure is properly substantiated, which hasn't been done in this case. In fact the only details we have is the statement made in the cable No. 126 dated 19 June 1950 from the Dependency which reads "Figure of £1,500 for re-instatement of land is a rough figure only for re-instatement based on wages of 6 men for 52 weeks plus use of motor transport."

Quite apart from the fact that we have only been provided with a rough figure of cost there is nothing to show that the work done was entirely necessitated by the occupation of the Imperial Troops.

I regret therefore that we are not able to accept this claim on such vague information so long after the event.

I feel that I must, once again, mention the Bren carriers and spare parts worth £18,000, which were handed over to the Dependency for a purely nominal sum. As you know we were expressly requested to hand them over for land development purposes (vide cable No. 200 dated 30 June 1949 and letter No. 88313 dated 29 December 1949 refer), and I consider that these carriers and spares have more than compensated the Dependency for any re-instatement work which have been due to the occupation of the land by Imperial Troops.

If, despite the foregoing, the Government are determined to press the claim and will let us have a properly documented account the matter will receive our early attention.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) Fred W. F. Gooch.

See (26) 94/42. file must be maintained for compensation from 47.

R. A. R. Bent, Esq.,
Colonial Office,
Church House,
Great Smith-Street,
London, S.W.1.

We spoke re. clearance costs of Army Camp site.

I visited the site today & estimated the cost:-

Appendix

Demolition of concrete bases

Wages of 3 operatives	= £17-6-6 per week.
Compressor running costs, & maintenance of drills etc	= £11-5-0 " "
Total	<u>£28-11-6 per week</u>
Estimated time for demolition in 30 weeks, the cost of which	Total = £857-5-0

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Clearance of debris stone & rubble

Wages of 2 labourers + 1 lorry driver	= £16-4-0 per week
Lorry hire & maintenance	= £18-0-0 " "
Total	<u>£34-4-0 " "</u>
Estimated time for clearance in 15 weeks	Total = £513-0-0
Total cost of job	<u>£1370-5-0.</u>

Wages are based to include C.S.L.B & O.A.P.

This estimate is based on that part of the camp ^{which} is devoid of any building, structures & does not allow for those buildings at present occupied by Govt. - the disposal of anti aircraft guns, or any of the land owned by estate Mr. Gill to the west of Hangar.

ag. S/W.
A. Kettlewood 24/9/54.

SAVING TELEGRAM.

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

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 1st October, 1954.

No. 161. SAVING. COLONY. CONFIDENTIAL.

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Your Savingsgram No. 87 of 12th June, 1954. Military Assets.

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The following are extracts from a Secret letter No. 122/GR/2/152/5 dated 11th November, 1943, addressed to the Under Secretary of State, The War Office, by the Commander Falkland Islands Force, a copy of which was sent to this Government.

"3. Special conditions concerning tenure and reinstatement, and liability of War Department for reinstatement.

The approved form of agreement for the hire of land as set forth in Appendix IV of Manual of Engineer Services War 1940 has been used as a guide for the agreements drawn up. All agreements have been made for a term of three calendar months and thereafter during such time as shall be required; the agreements may be determined at any time after the expiration of the first three months on giving the Landlord seven days notice in writing. The clauses regarding payments of head rent etc. by the Landlord, erection of buildings on the property and their removal are the same as in the approved form of agreement. A clause has been inserted making the War Department liable for repair of certain fences.

With regard to reinstatement, the War Department has been made liable to restore the property or pay compensation in lieu thereof, and in case of any dispute as to the amount of the compensation the same to be referred to the arbitration of a single arbitrator to be agreed upon between the parties, or, failing such agreement, to be nominated by His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands.

In the case of land the property of the Colonial Government, His Excellency the Governor did not consider any agreement necessary as both parties represented the Crown; however an understanding has been entered into that the land be restored or mutually agreed compensation be paid in lieu thereof.

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/ Under

Under the Compensation (Defence) Ordinance 1942 Falkland Islands, it is laid down, in regard to compensation in respect of land that is taken possession of by emergency powers, that the sum paid as compensation shall be equal to the cost of making good any damage to the land which may have occurred during the period for which possession therefore is so retained, no account being taken of fair wear and tear of damage caused by actual War Operations. The total sum payable as compensation under the ordinance is not greater than the value of the land at the time when possession thereof was taken. The ordinance also allows for compensation to be paid in respect of the doing of work on land where possession is not taken; in this instance compensation is only payable if the condition of the land is not restored and only if the annual value of the land is diminished by reason of the doing of the work and the amount of compensation payable, is, in the first instance, to be a sum calculated by a reference to the diminution of the annual value of the land ascribed to the doing of the work.

In cases where agreement as to the amount of compensation to be paid cannot be reached, the Ordinance makes provision for the dispute to be referred to and determined by a General Tribunal of not less than five persons to be appointed by the Governor."

"6. Approximate Estimate of cost of reinstatement.

All land leased was pasture land and the work to be done to reinstate it in its former condition will entail :-

- (a) Demolition of present buildings and concrete bases.
- (b) Removal of rubble and stone from roads.
- (c) Ploughing the land and sowing with a seed suitable for pasture."

2. The land in question originally belonged to the Falkland Islands Company, but was acquired by Government in 1956. The statement in paragraph 2 of the enclosure to your above-mentioned savinggram that the claim was only initiated from that date is quite untrue since in my Savinggram No. 73 of 1st June, 1948, your assistance was sought in pressing the Falkland Islands Company's claim for compensation and arrears in rent in respect of the land in question.

3. In order to dispose of this matter expeditiously I am prepared to forego the requirement for ploughing and sowing the land provided that the War Department will accept the

/estimate

26 Feb
94/42

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estimate for demolition of concrete bases and removal of rubble and stone from the camp roads. I have had a revision of the estimate carefully prepared and it is based on the cost of Government labour and not on the higher costs which contractors would charge. The revised estimate now stands at £1370. 5s Od. and details are included as an appendix. If the War Department is still not willing to accept this they must go to arbitration as provided for in the agreement and I should then request the arbitrator to estimate the full amount due in accordance with the agreement.

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4. The question of the cost of bren carriers was disposed of in my Memorandum No. 204 of 23rd October, 1950. To raise it now is a red herring whose fragrance is not diminished by the consideration that the Ministry of Supply intended that the carriers should be sold locally and stipulated a reserve price of only £5 (your Telegram No. 58 of the 1st May, 1951, refers). I can only suppose that the signatory of the enclosure to your Memorandum No. 37 of 12th June, 1951, has not read the previous papers.

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5. I should be glad if the War Department could be pressed either to meet the claim of £1370. 5s. or to go to arbitration as provided for in the agreement.

GOVERNOR.

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APPENDIX.

Demolition of concrete bases.

Wages of 3 operatives.		£17.	6.	6d	per week.
Compressor running costs and maintenance of drills etc.		<u>£11.</u>	<u>5.</u>	<u>-.</u>	per week.
Total		£28.	11.	6d.	per week.
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Estimated time of demolition					
30 weeks.	Total	£857.	5.	-d.	
		=====			

Clearance of stone and rubble.

Wages of 2 labourers and 1 lorry driver.		£16.	4.	-.	per week.
Lorry hire and maintenance.		<u>£18.</u>	<u>-.</u>	<u>-.</u>	per week.
Total		£34.	4.	-.	per week.
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Estimated time for clearance					
15 weeks.	Total	£513.	-.	-.	
		=====			

Total cost of restitution.		£1370.	5.	-.	
		=====			

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 24, 1.55 Time: 1200 Received: Time:

232 No 17. My Colony Savingsgram No 163. Military Assets.

Grateful learn position.

GOVERNOR

Reply 238

1/12/46
DECODE.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 5.4.55

Time : 1430

Received : 6.4.55

Time : 0845

235
No 42. Your telegram No 17. Military Assets War Department
are being pressed for an early decision and point regarding Bren
gun carriers (paragraph 4 your telegram No 163 refers) has been
made.

SECRETARY OF STATE

File
(Intic)S.R.

Reply 241

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

241

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 14.4.55 Time: 1210 Received: 14.4.55 Time: 1155

238

No 45. My telegram No 42. Military Assets. War Department have agreed to meet claim of £1370. 5s. and request formal acceptance by you of this sum as full and final settlement of all and every claim arising from the occupation of the property in question by the War Department and Ministry of Supply.

On receipt of this arrangements will be made for payment to be made to Crown Agents grateful early reply.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Reply 243

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

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From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 15.4.55 Time: 1615 Received: Time:

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No 73. Your telegram No 45. Military Assets. I formally accept £1370. 5s. as full and final settlement of claims arising out of property in question. I am grateful for your assistance.

B

GOVERNOR

1. Please issue
2. Then return file to me for H.E. to sec.
(Intld)A.S.D.T.
14/4.

18th April, 1955.

Dear Morris,

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Would you please refer to your telegram No. 45 of the 14th of April and our reply No. 75 of the 15th of April on the subject of military assets.

We are very grateful for all your assistance in getting this rather tiresome and long standing matter cleared up and I imagine that it was very largely due to sheer persistence on the part of the Colonial Office, and your Department in particular, that we finally got the claim settled. Perhaps a suitable expression of appreciation could be formally conveyed to the War Office on behalf of this Government.

I am not certain whether Bent has yet handed over and so I am writing to you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) A.G. Denton-Thompson

W.A. Morris, Esq.,
COLONIAL OFFICE.



A. M. CAREY,
Stanley,
24th August, 1961.

Dear Sir,

I beg respectfully for permission to collect particles of scrap brass from the anti-aircraft gun chassis situate at the R.A. Camp, Callaghan Road.

There are three chassis which have been lying in their present positions for a considerable time, and are I understand, redundant.

The quantity of scrap which could be salvaged from them would not exceed three hundredweight.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. M. Carey".

ACK'd
H.
22/8/61

Reply at 261

Y.H.

256. As far as I can see these chassis belong in the absence of a rightful owner to this Government. The before guns, predictors etc. were returned to the U.K. and 215 indicates that balance of equipment shipped in 1953. The chassis would not be worth sending and I imagine anything that anyone has wanted has gone long ago. I don't think it would be necessary to put them out to tender as no one has had any interest in them up till now. S.P.W. might have some views?

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SPW

What is your point?

28/2/61

259

HCL These bases are of no use to you

28/2/61

260

allow permission

20/2/61

29th August, 61.

Sir,

I have to refer to your letter of the 24th August, 1961, and to grant permission for the removal of scrap metal from the gun chassis on the site of the former R. A. Camp.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) D. R. Morrison.

For Officer Administering the Government

Mr. A. M. Carey,
STANLEY.

DRM/WH