

PRIZE COURT  
NAVAL.

WAR/W2I/1#6

19 49.

No. 176/39.

A.E. the Governor.

SUBJECT.

19 40.

4th September.

Previous Paper.

ENEMY SUBJECTS LANDED BY HIS MAJESTY'S SHIPS.

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OTHER ENEMY SUBJECTS → DETENTION AND CONTROL OF.

MINUTES.

S E E  
I N S I D E.

Subsequent Paper.

21. Letter to S.H. the Governor from  
Capt. Hamann 30/9/59
22. Translation of letter.
23. Minute from S.H. the Governor 3/10/59.
24. Letter to Capt. Hamann 3/10/59
25. Minute to O.C. Intermine Camp  
3/10/59

YK

Draft despatch submitted.

2. The file is kept by me  
and by typing necessary is  
also done by me so no  
information can get out.

West

4. X. 59

As amended. That if I  
I regret - that it is  
be necessary for you to leave. I  
hope that Mr. Jones may be  
able to help you. I am satisfied that  
highly confidential or secret work of  
this nature can be entrusted to him  
and if you cannot let him help

4/12/59



YH

Despatch submitted for signature.

2. Two albums have been handed over to me. One seems to consist of seafaring photographs and would not appear to be of any value except to the owner. Does YH wish this album sent as well or only the one containing photographs of the man at Nari's gatherings?

mcH  
C/S  
S. 10. 39.

The letter duly. Please send the other up to me.

The Despatch has now to be altered in view of the decision taken this morning. I put up a new draft: The name

~~of Mr. Hamilton~~ <sup>5/10</sup>  
of Mr. Hamilton <sup>23/39</sup>  
to be added.

YH. Despatch submitted for signature.

2. Name of man at Fort Stephens is Otto Ripp.

3. A copy of the despatch has been filed in 5/23/39.

mcH  
C/S  
6. X. 39.

Minute from O.C. Internment Camp 26.

Minute to Ex. Engineer re effects of crew of S.S. "Florida" 27.

Secret despatch to S of S. 5. X. 39 28. 29

H.C.S.

Signed

You will be writing to  
Dr. Carlos Montevideo re (27)

The album, <sup>containing sea views re:</sup> belonging to  
H. Warncke sent up to me  
can be returned to him <sup>Returned</sup>  
herewith

H.H.H. 7/2/39

Draft despatch to Minister BA

30 Telegram from H.B.M. Minister Montevideo 5/x/39

31 Letter to H.B.M. Consul, M. Video, 7/x/39

32-33 Letter to H.B.M. Minister, M. Video 7/x/39

J.R. Letter to H.B.M. Minister  
Submitted for signature.

2. Album received and  
will be kept in safe custody  
at this office.

M.C.H.

7. x. 39.

To be given  
at any time  
to the owner

H.H.H. 7/2



Minute to O.C. Internment Camp 34.  
with Album for return to  
St. Warneke. 9. X. 39

Minute from O.C. Internment Camp, 7.10.39. 35-36.  
Telegram to H.B.M. Consul, M. Vides, 37A.  
Minute to " " 18.10.39. (37)

Minute from O.C. Internment  
Camp. 39.

Treasury.

In your observations on  
"A." It would appear that  
Depts. employing the men  
should pay the amounts  
earned. There seems no  
need for personal purchases  
to be paid from an advance  
etc.

MCH.  
18. X. 39.

Ann. CS. Submitted.

① It appears to me that labour  
charges for the credit of Internees  
should be debited weekly to the votes  
of the several departments employing  
the men.

② This I think, would be best effected  
by a weekly pay voucher in the approved  
form, as used by the F.W.D., i.e., a pay list  
giving the names of the men & the amounts  
due to each. - This voucher should be  
accompanied by an Abstract of the  
total sum showing the amounts  
chargeable to the several departmental  
heads and sub-heads involved.

③ A Treasury General Receipt crediting  
"Deposits - Internees" could then issue.

④ Vouchers for the credit of local tradesmen



could then be prepared by the D.C. Internment Camp as a charge to the Deposit A/c.

(5) The following additional procedure would be necessary

(i) Individual a/c for each internee should be kept at the Internment Camp, earnings being credited & the value of supplies debited thereto. — The total balances of these a/c should then equal the Bal of the Treasury Deposit A/c at the end of each financial period — i.e. — a month. This system would thus automatically institute a double check.

(ii) Heads of Depts should be notified weekly of the sums chargeable to their respective votes for the purpose of record in their Vote A/c Books.

(6) It will be noted that the above system restricts the passing of cash to the payment of sums due to local tradesmen. If & when the internees leave the Colony the Deposit A/c could be closed by payment to the individuals concerned in accordance with the amount standing to their credit, as per Treasury & Internment Camp accounts.

(7) I would suggest that



The procedure outlined above should be brought into operation immediately.

⑧ Should the Internees be employed by local firms no fundamental change in the system of accounting would be necessary - The firms could be debited with the necessary sums & the Deposit a/c credited.

*W.D. For-c*  
Treasury  
19/10/39

Minute from O/C, R.A.S.C., of 19.10.39. (40)

O.C. R.A.S.C.

Your minute (40) Yes - but we should first know estimated cost.

2. With regard to your minute (39) please see Treasury minute above. The matter has been explained to your Chief Clerk who can always get any advice or assistance from the Treasury.

*W.D.H.*  
cl.

21.10.39.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Reference red (40)

an estimate will be submitted in due course.

(2) Red 39, the advice from the Treasury is much appreciated and my Chief Clerk is keeping in close touch there.

*B. W.*  
21/10/39



41. Letter from Master of "Carl Fritzen" 15/10/39  
 42. Translation of letter  
 43. Letter from O. Glaystem 3<sup>rd</sup> Engineer  
 44. Carl Fritzen 15/10/39  
 45. Translation of letter.  
 46. Minute from O.C. Internment Camp.  
 47. Circular telegram No. 207 from  
 S. of S. 21/10/39.  
 48-50. Letter from Lt B. M. Minister of 18/10/39  
 51. Letter from OC Lt M. S. "Escoter" 31. X. 39  
 52. Minute to O.C. Internment Camp. 1. XI. 39  
 (53). Letter to Captain F.S. Bell of 3. 11. 39.

y/h. Letter submitted for signature  
 MCH  
 CS.  
 3. XI. 39.

ttttt 3/XI  
 y/h. Submitted. With reference  
 to reos 49 and 50 the  
 Sextant and Chronometer were  
 sent at the request of the  
 OC. Lt M. S. "A/x".

2. I made enquiries  
 from the H. Co. Ltd., the Master



Master of "Laponia" and the  
Post office but they had no  
knowledge of any mail or  
books for the internees.

MCH  
CS.  
4. XI. 39.

Will you please have  
enclosed typed for the mail

~~7/11~~ 6/11/39

Minute from O/C, Internment Camp 3/11/39.

(54)

Letter to H.B.M. Board, Montevideo 4. 11. 39.

54A.

Letter to H.E. Billington-Drake, Esq, C.M.G., 7/11/39.

55-56.

Yk.

Despatch submitted for  
Signature.

MCH  
CS.  
7. XI. 39.

P.A.  
8. 11. 39.

~~7/11~~ 7/11

Minute from Commandant, Internment Camp 6/11/39. (58)

Circ. Tele: 112 from S. of S. 8/XI/39 (57)

Minute to O/C, Internment Camp of 10. 11. 39.

(59)

P.A.  
11. 11. 39

Minute from Commandant, Internment Camp 15/11/39. 60-61.

62.

Minute from O/C, R.A.S.C., 15. 11. 39.

63-64.



Y. With reference to (61) there would be no objection to the Internees being given the British official news? If so the Information Officer could perhaps prepare a sheet twice a week which could be sent to the O.C. of the Camp.

2. With regard to (62) an additional 1/- a day does not appear unreasonable for a qualified engineer. We charge the Hs. Coy 1/2 per hour for his services.

McH  
C.S.  
16. XI. 39.

(61) British Official News Yes  
Church paper No when  
it contains such articles as  
that of Figaro this week  
~~last~~ which however with  
some people could only stir up  
violent feelings!! The Germans  
however repulsive otherwise are  
not cowards.

(62) Att. ~~tht~~ 16/11/39



O.C. Internment Camp.

To note. I will  
ask Information Officer to  
supply British official news  
through you twice a week.

2. Care should be taken  
that the Church papers  
should not go to the Camp.

3. Drainage may  
proceed.

4. To note approval of  
Extra shilling a day to  
Interns - H. Reise.

MCH  
CL.  
16. XI. 39.

Harold Lee

noted

DSW

21/11/39

P.H.  
21/11/39.

Minute from Information  
Officer of 24. XI. 39.

(65)

O.C. Internment Camp.

The Information Officer saw  
me today. He explained that he  
could not take down the news as  
he did not write shorthand. The WFT  
Station has no time to take it  
down. He suggested a loud  
speaker be installed for the Interns.  
I think this undesirable.

2. Could Miss Newing take  
the news in shorthand. If she



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Sheet 6

Could, she might be paid for the Service.

MCH  
CS

24. XI. 39.

Hon. Col. Sec.

It is not convenient for Miss Newing to take the news. If it is not desirable to instal a loud speaker, I will with your authority endeavour to prepare a suitable news bulletin twice weekly for the Internees, provided that I am not required to first submit it to the Information Officer.

Done

A.A. 29/11/39

Information Officer.

As the British Official News does not require "censoring" there appears no need for it to pass through you.

MCH  
CS

24. XI. 39.

Hon. Col. Sec.

I concur.

Done

I. O.

Agree: Adviser.

30 Nov. 39

I fear the matter is now somewhat outside your scope. Would you still be prepared to continue the kind offer made by you, or would you



refer the matter referred to  
O.C. Defence Force.

MCH  
cl.  
1. XII 39

Hon. Col. Sec.

This is now a matter for C.O. Defence.  
My offer still stands if he agrees or wishes it.  
to do so.

B. A. W.

O.C. Defence Force.

Refused please.

MCH  
cl.  
4. XII 39.

Honourable Colonel Secretary.

I would be only too grateful to anyone  
who would take on this job; & if A.A. is  
willing I am more so.

B. A. W. O.C. Df. 4. XII. 39.

Agree: Adviser.

To note.

MCH  
cl.  
5. XII 39.

Hon. Col. Sec.

noted

B. A. W.  
A.A. 8/12/39



66-68

Note and memorandum from  
 Mr. Consul, Montevideo of  
 25. XI. 59.

69.

Letter from Hs. Coy. Ltd of  
 7. XII. 59.

Yh.

Reeds 66-68 submitted  
 together with red 69.

2. I have no record of  
 any arrangement made for  
 the use of the "Fennia"  
 but was informed verbally  
 by the Hs. Co. that the  
 O.C. Defence Force had  
 arranged with them.

WCH  
 C.S.  
 8. XII. 59.

Please see to O.C. 8.7.

for attention regarding  
 safeguarding property on  
 board. Inter alia all

locked spaces must be  
 taped and sealed for regular  
 inspection

8/12/59  
 T.H.H.



O.C. Defence Force.

Referred please.

McH  
CS

8. XII. 39.

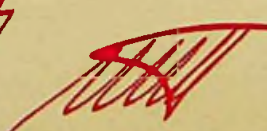
Recalled  
11/12/39

Letter from Manager, F.I.C., of 9/12/39. 70-73.  
Sp.n. from H.M. Consul, Montevideo 25/11/39. 74-75.  
Minute from S.M.O. of 9. XII. 39. 76.

1. With reference to red 73  
pass to O.C. Defence Force and  
ask him to arrange for delivery  
to the Interners?

2. Paras. 2 and 3 of 76  
Submitted. Such matters are  
under the full control of the  
S.M.O.? The arrival of  
vessels should I think be  
reported by the Harbour Master  
to the S.M.O. in order that  
he can look after the  
medical side.  
McH. CS  
11. XII. 39.

Para 1 Yes after a very  
an examination of contents  
and passing

2 O.C. D. & as Dir. for the  
I had might accompany him.  
I don't believe there was anything  
in the V.D. story  
 12/12/39



Mr. Defence Force.

Please note H's  
minute with regard to eds  
71-73 and for necessary action.

2. Please also see ed  
76 and para: 2 of H's  
minute.

MCH  
CT

12.12.39.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

1. Reference nos. 71-73 I have today  
passed His Excellency's Commands as  
to "a close examination" to Sublt. Com  
who will then all being well distribute  
the goods.

2. Following a long conversation with  
S.M.O. On Sunday last I drafted a minute  
the attached order (which I would like back)  
This I assume will meet the case, but I am not  
sure that practice is needed for H's Ships.  
3. The list of Ship arrivals handed me by  
the Commodore was marked "MOST SECRET"  
I did not feel it right that I should  
pass such information in advance without  
authority. I presume I may now do this?

4. Reference no 69. I will report on this  
when Capt. Roberts has an opportunity to  
confer on outstanding points. I regret in  
the rush I was unable to notify you of the  
proposals after His Excellency had instructed  
me.

*[Signature]* O.C. D.F. 12.XII.39.

Not in time. I think  
MCH.



Minute from O/C, Defence Force of 12/12/39.

(77)

PC

Defence Force.

To withdraw copy of your  
order to the Examination Officer.

2. Information marked  
"More Secret" may be passed  
secretly to officers who have duties  
to perform in connection with  
arrivals.

3. The proposal put forward  
in para: 5 of ref 77 is contrary  
to Govt. Accounting and the Col.  
Regs. It is suggested that you  
discuss the matter here.

MCH

15. XII. 39.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

1. Copy withdrawn. Thank you.

2. Noted.

3. If the Pinner of the Uasutukuma may be allowed  
ashore daily to do the work now done in connection  
with intakes by my Q.M. & Clerks, my needs are  
met as discussed today. I propose paying  
him 2/6 per diem plus lunch money as agreed  
& charging to military vote.

W. H. S. F.  
14. XII. 39.

Despatch No. 89 from S.O.S. of 17/9/39.

93 30.9.39.

78-79.

80-81.



82-86

Memo: from O. C. Itm. 5  
 "Cumberland" of 9. XII. 59  
 forwarding papers and letters  
 brought on board "Cumberland"  
 by officers and crew of esc-  
 German ship "Ussukuma", also  
 list of names of officers and  
 crew.

87-90

Memo. from O.C. Itm. 5. "Cumberland"  
 of 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. forwarding list of  
 articles belonging to internees  
 esc German ship "Ussukuma".

O.C. Defence Force.

To note 86.

2. With regard to "A" Letters  
 herewith for Mr. Carr to  
 examine.

3. Please withdraw the  
 enclosed loose copy of list  
 of effects.

MCH  
CS.  
 16. XII. 59.

Honourable Colonial Secretary

1. 86 Nona.
2. Standa to Mr. Carr.
3. List withdrawn.

Thank you.

CS. O.C.F.  
 18. XII. 59.

91

Telegram 134 Secret to S. of S. 18. XII.

in envelope



O.C. D. F.

How is the arrangement  
mentioned in para. 3 of your  
minute of 14. XII. working please.

W.H.  
C.S.

20. XII. 39.

Letter to Commanding Officer, H.M.S. "Cumberland" 18/12/39. 92-93.  
elkinde from Harbour elcater 20/12/39. 94.

Harbour Master.

Please see minute addressed  
to you above as O.C. Defence Force.

2 The Proclamation of  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1939 authorises the  
requisitioning of any ship or vessel  
for use as transports, auxiliaries  
and for other purposes.  
Hence the ship should be  
requisitioned as an Intermun  
vessel for enemy subjects brought  
here by other ships.

W.H.  
C.S.

20. XII. 39.

Honourable Colonel Secretary.

1. Your minute of 20. XII. 39. The arrangement  
is working splendidly.
2. Necessary formal requisition will now be issued.

P.W.



Transferred to  
M.P. 172/39.

95. Minute from Hon. S.M.O., of 20/12/39.  
 (96. " " " Agricultural" Adviser 21/12/39.  
 97-98. " " " C/O, F.I.D.F., of 21/12/39.

H.

Red 95 Submitted.

2. A new fishing net  
 was bought by the Agric.  
 Dept. from Pollner the  
 German employed as a  
 Cook in the Hospital. The  
 voucher is payable to me  
 as Col. Secty. May the  
 amount be paid to the  
 man?

£8.

met.

23. XII. 39.

Yes if he is allowed  
 to take the cost otherwise  
 credit.

He has done splendidly at  
 the Hospital since the arrival  
 of the naval patients and  
 should be put on full man  
 Cooks pay - at least since that  
 date

~~THH~~

over



I put up an Exh. in my day & threatened  
for B.A. . In the case they reply might  
include a copy of (99) - daily and  
weekly being separated

~~W.H.~~ 23/12/39

Letter from British Embassy, B.A., 16/12/39.

(99)

Telegram from S. of S No. 118 of 22/12/39.

(100)

OC Defence Force.

Will you please  
put up a list of the  
daily caters. Please see  
H's minute above.

W.H.

Letter from Rear Admiral S.A.D  
of 26. XII. 39 101.

OC. F.I.D.F.

To note for necessary action.  
2. With reference to (99) H's  
asks if photographs can be supplied  
and other evidence of the good  
treatment received by the internees.  
I understood your com. get something  
in writing from them.

W.H.

18. XII. 39.



102. Letter to Rear Admiral, S.A.S., H.M.S. "Ajax" 28/12/39.  
 103. Signal from H.M.S. "Ajax" of 29/12/39.  
 104. Letter to Mr. Hans Warncke of 28/12/39.  
 105. Signal to O/C, H.M.S. "Ajax" of 29/12/39.  
 106. Letter from Mr. H. Warncke of 28/12/39.  
 107-108. ——— Capt. H. Wilmsen of 28/12/39.  
 109-110. Minute from O/C, Defence Force of 30/12/39.

*h.*

Reds 107 - 110 submitted.

*WCH*

*1. 1. 40.*

*The original of 107 with*

*go but I will take*

*copy is seen as if we can*

*can typewrite it in Latin*

*characters*

*TTTTT 1/1/40*

*Pay Sub: Lieut AH. Can R.H.V.R.*

*Can you do this please?*

*WCH*

*1. 1. 40*

*Wm Col. de.*

*Required transcription herewith.*

*Alhans.*

*Sub-Lieut. R.N.V.R.*

*3. 1. 40.*



Hinte from Supt. Sea Transport Officer 2/1/40 (111)

Letter from M. Hertzberg of 31/10/39. (112)

1/4. Copy of letter typed by M.  
Can put up in connection  
with (99)

2. The charge for "Lennin"  
Submitted in (111) appears reasonable.

3. No such distance as that  
named in (112) was landed here.

MCH  
es.

S. I. 40

1. Telegram for Ambassador put  
up. This can go in G.T.C.

2. Yes

3. So reply M.

~~1111~~ 4/1/40

Telegram to H.B.M. Ambassador, Buenos Aires 5/1/40 (113).

Supt. Sea Transport Officer.

Your recd (111) is  
approved.

MCH  
es.

S. I. 40

Honourable Colonial Secretary

Approval noted. F. I. C. notified  
thank you.

W. S. To. S. I. 40.

MCH  
es.

24  
4/1/40



114 Telegram from British Minister  
B. Arves 8. 1. 1940

- (115). Reprint from Hon. S.M.O. of 9/1/40.  
(116). Letter to Hon. Mr. Hertzberg of 10/1/40.  
(117). Despatch No. 12 to S. of S. of 10/1/40.

H.

Submitted.

1. Despatch to the S. of S.
2. Telegram from British Minister, B. Arves. (Red 114)
3. Red 115. In the past it has been found better to ignore anonymous letters.

M.H.  
10. 1. 40

With draft of letter to Ambassador B.A. The (108) is to form the 1<sup>st</sup> enclosure. I will attach the second enclosure when the letter comes up for signature.

2. Ignore 115 probably done by a more ordinary

10/1/40



Letter to Sir Edmund Grey, K.C.M.G., of 11/1/40. (118)

*J.H.*

Letter submitted for signature.

*W.H.*

11. 1. 40

~~11/1/40~~ 12/1

Memorandum to Hon. S.M.O., of 13. 1. 40.

(119)

*P.H.*  
15/1/40.

Letter from J. Jensen, Chile of 3. 1. 40.

(120)

" to \_\_\_\_\_ 12. 2. 40.

(121)

*P.H.*  
12/2/40.

Letter from British Embassy of B. Aires of 9/2/40.

(122)

*P.H.*  
5/2/40.

Memorandum from O/C, F.I.S.F. of 21/4/40.

123.

Order for Detention and Control of Enemy Subjects 21/4/40. 124.

Memorandum to Registrar-General of 23. 4. 40.

125.

*Y.E.* For signature please

*Y.E.* 22/4/40

~~11/1/40~~ 23/4

O.C.D.F.

To note. Copy of notice can be discussed later. I understand the man is in the custody of C.C. Swain, but you will note he is under your control

*Y.E.* 23/4/40



C.S.O. No. 176/39

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 17

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Your instructions noted please.

M. B. Df.

Re. IV. 40.

(126)

Order of 29.4.40. made under F.I. Defence Regulations, 1939.

Y.E. Formal rescission of detention notice, subject  
thereof having been removed outside your jurisdiction.

29/4/40

When is the Order?  
Rescission of Order of certain  
enemy subjects therein mentioned  
etc etc

3/4

Y.E. The original order is red (5).  
Amended version was submitted for signature, p.

2/4/40

3/5/40

P.A.  
3/5/40

(127)

Spinale from O/C, F.I.D.F. of 4.5.40.



O.C. Def. 7

Your minute 4/40 - arranged confirmed.

*[Signature]* 7/40

CONOMY.—In order that address should be written on the back of the envelope, instead of the

POSTY'S SERV

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Naka Thank you

*[Signature]* F. Oct.

J. V. 40.

To Hon. F.S.

C.L.G.  
7/5/40.

Hence. Submitted.

As the man's maintenance is chargeable to Imperial Funds, accounting procedure would be considerably simplified by charging Advance - Imperial Govt. - Internes direct. May instructions issue to this effect, please?

*[Signature]*  
8/5/40.

O.C. Defence Force.

This can be done by Quartermaster?

C.L.G.  
For Ld.  
8/5/40.

M.E.S

Q.M. notified accordingly

*[Signature]*  
J. V. 40

Hon. F.S.  
To see.

C.L.G.  
8/5/40.

Hand  
noted  
*[Signature]*  
10/6/40.

P.H.  
11/12/40.



128-129. Letter from Mr. G. Krebs of 1. 2. 40.

130. Order for Detention and Control of Enemy Subjects of 21. 4. 40.

Y.E.

For signature, please

*[Signature]* 23/5/40

*[Red Stamp]* 22/5/40

(131) Minute to Registrar-General of 25/5/40.

PA

20/5/40.

132. Order for Detention and Control of Enemy Subject - Otto Ripp, 29/5/40.

Y.E.

Detention order for your signature, please.

*[Signature]* 29/5/40

PA

133. Minute from Mr. J. E. Hamilton of 31. 5. 40.

134. Despatch, No. 75 to S.P.S. of 4. 6. 40.

Y.E.

For your signature, please

*[Signature]* 4/6/40

*[Red Stamp]* 4/6

P.A.



Minute from C.C. F.I.D.F. of 5.6.40. (135.)  
C.C. Dy 7.

Your minute (135)

- ① No work, no pay.
- ② Soldier can get 6d p.d. - but not in cash  
- his bills can be met out of this.
- ③ Yes - you are in charge. But I fancy it would  
be a good thing not to allow any communication  
between the i/s & the public.
- ④ Yes. - It will all come under War Exp<sup>ts</sup>.

I think especial care that the guard is worn  
against any friendships to these men & in the  
circumstances convey either orally or verbally messages  
to any one at all excepting yourself.

*W. A. D.* 6/VI/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Your instructions noted.

*W. A. D.*  
6.V.40

P.A.  
6/VI/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

As instructed verbally following proposal  
submitted.

If the men are not given any credit  
it means we must give full rations,  
& all minor necessities. I submit  
therefore Soldier be <sup>entitled to</sup> ~~paid~~ 9d. per diem  
& Natives 6d. per diem.

I cannot submit any proposal for  
Kauau until his case is heard.

*W. A. D.* 8. VI. 40

O.C.D.F.

Honourable Colonial Secretary  
Instructions noted

HT C.C. Dy 7.

As you suggest.

*W. A. D.* 10/VI/40

*W. A. D.*  
11. VI. 40

P.A.



Tues.

This seems rather a large sum. Please investigate & report.

*[Signature]* 21/11/40

Hon. C.S.

Enquiries made of the military dept have elicited the following: -

(1) Provisions £150. This sum is intended to cover the cost of rations for internees + guard (6 men in all). Calculated at the presented rate of 1/9 per day per man provision is made for 286 days nearly.

(2) Pay allowance £20.

At the rate of 1/3 per day (2 men @ 9 + 6 respectively) the figure given provides for 350 days.

(3) It should be noted that the total sum does not represent the true cost of the service.

e.g. (i) the pay & allowances of the guard. I am informed that it consists of two married and one single with the usual rates of pay plus 2/6 per day for married men & 1/- per day for the single. These form a charge to military pay & allowances.

(4) It would, I suggest, be as well if advances were made quarterly. Please.

*[Signature]*  
24/11/40



Order rescinding Enemy Detention Order of 13/9/39 dated 29/4/40. (136)

Y.E.

For your signature, please

AB 25/4/40

Mull 21/6

Minute to Registrar-General of 27. 6. 40.  
Despatch No. 85 to S. of S. of 29. 6. 40.

(137)

(138)

Y.E.

For your signature, please.

AB 1/11/40

Mull 1/7

PA

Minute to Registrar-General of 22. 7. 40.  
Despatch, No. 93 to S. of S. of 23. 7. 40.

139-140.

(141)

Y.E.

For your signature, please

AB 24/11/40

Mull 24/7/40

Y/E.

Will Your Excellency kindly sign  
the despatch:

J.S.  
C. for S. of S. 24/7/40.

Mull 24/7

PA



142-143.

Letter from H.J. Mohr of 29.7.40.

O.C.D.F.

f.y.i. *[Signature]* 4/8/40.Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Most Thank you. Could Mohr not be sent home for enlistment in one of the various "foreign legions". I am convinced his appeal is genuine & I assume we can recommend orders for internment in the same way as they are now doing in U.K.?

*[Signature]* O.C.D.F.

3. VIII. 40.

O.C.D.F. 7.

I don't imagine that that could be done - but they will try to get him to take a job on the "San Carlo" or something like that. If that is possible, I would see H.E.

*[Signature]* 6/8/40Honourable Colonial Secretary.

I have spoken N.O.S.C. who is going to discuss matters with masters of auxiliary craft with a view to getting a vacancy for Mohr subject to our guarantee of his behaviour.

*[Signature]* H.E.F.

6. VIII. 40.

*[Signature]* 12/8/40.  
*[Signature]* 7/8/40.

*[Signature]* 20/8/40.  
*[Signature]* 12/8/40.



S. of S. Circ. resp. of 4/5/40.

144-146.

Treas.

Please note (145) para 1. (b) & (c) + para 2.  
The adjustments are monthly + presumably  
retroactive. Check up on this.  
Note too para 7 (144).

Have we made any claims? If so, what have we  
any receipts? If not please prepare claim.

AB 19/III/40

Hon. C.S.

Dear. Thank you.

In accordance with instructions received  
all charges in respect of maintenance  
of Internees (~~secondary school fees~~  
~~expenses~~) have been brought to account  
under Head - Advances - Imperial Govt. - Internees.

(2) The following claims have already been made  
through the Crown Agents for the Colonies:-

Q/C 31/1/39

£1370-5-5

Q/C 31/2/40

229-14-6

£1549-19-11

Schedules of the above, with supporting vouchers,  
were forwarded to you on the 14<sup>th</sup> Feb + 17<sup>th</sup> July, 1940,  
respectively, and represent actual expenditure.

(3) For the purposes of comparison and adjustment,  
if any, the Military Dept might be asked to  
furnish the (1) actual maintenance cost per  
man per day of internment in the Colony since  
the outbreak of war, + (2) the relevant  
figures for the men still interned here.

AB 20/VIII/40

O.C. Def. 7.

Can you supply this information + let me know the cost  
per man per diem? This means food, allowance etc.  
There is also the question of the guards.  
Perhaps if you saw me we could work this out.

AB 21/III/40

Honourable Colonel Seaman.

In attached memo.

147

AB 22/VIII/40



Free.

We had better submit a fresh account from the date of the departure of the "Umskunda" to you must include all costs of Poller & of course Nohes. This excludes Hamer whose cost will be on this job's a/c. - but the guard must in any case be waited for S. ∴ we can receive a population account.

AD 26/11/40

148. Except from Minute from Executive Engineer of 13/9/40.

149-150. Minute from O/C, F.I.D.F. of 23.9.40.

A.C.S.

b.m. if & when job vacant. Meanwhile please notify D. of A.

AD 24/11/40

A.C.S.

Would it not be as well to telegraph Maj. S.G. enquiring whether any of the existing Corps would be prepared to offer Nohes a job. Norwegians may object even though he is a Jew?

A.C.S.

G. A. 25/11/40

Yes. but word the telegram carefully.

AD 26/11/40

151. Telegram No. 80 to Magistrate, South Georgia 20/9/40.

152. Order for Detention and Control of Enemy Subject, 1/10/40.

Y.E.

(152) cancelling (139) is in accord with S. of S. policy outlined in (23) & amended by (34) of M.P. Secret 23/34 & therefore submitted for your signature, if approved.

AD 27/11/40

~~He may as well stay at~~  
He may as well stay at



P/Stephens. It was intended  
to bring him into Stanley but  
this can be cancelled if escaped.

We do not know his age  
- only that he is a German  
boatman and he is better at

P/S then at Weddell

S/S says application may  
be considered, in national interest  
or (b) is case of special hardship

2/10/40

S. of S. secret despatch of 9/8/40.

153.

Hon. J. S.

no note - no expenditure was  
included in respect of Rupp + Sollner.

C. J. J. J.  
4/10/40.

Hon. C. S.

Noted - No expenditure in respect of  
the two men named as included in the sum.  
quoted in para 3 of Rea 153

2/10/40

Telegram from Magistrate, South Georgia of 4/10/40.

154. J. S.

O.C. Defence Force.

to see Reas. 151 + 154 and will you please  
inform him that it has not been possible to obtain work  
for him at South Georgia. C. J. J. J.  
4/10/40.



Honourable Colonial Secretary

Notes informed accordingly. Are you Cabling  
Cos as suggested in vol. (154)? R. on 27. 7. 40.

O.C. by A.C.

No 8/10

Honourable Colonial Secretary

Thasok Yara. W. 9. 2. 20

P. H.

155

Telegram to Wkrep, Cape Town of 13.10.40.

P.A.

Telegram from High Comm. for H.M.G., Capetown of 14/10/40.

157.

15 " " " " " " 19/10/40.

128

5. f/s. Telegram of 22/10/40.

159-160

159-160a Order re: Detention and Control of Enemy Subjects

1609-161.

160a-161. Letter to High Commissioner for H.M.G., South Africa 26/10/40.

162.

162. Telegram No. 109 to S. of S. of 28. 10. 40.

163.

163. Telegram to High Commissioner for H.M.G., Capetown 28/10/40.

164

164. Receipt from Capt. Wm Johnson, for Accumulated Re. interest of 26/x/40.

1. 5

165. Spinale from G/C, F.I.D.F. of 5/11/40.

O.C. 2/7

The total exps - i.e. miles & passages to  
- will be charged -

(a) for firm an interest against Betty  
Was Adama. (146)

(6) for the English a s. w. with 6  
inched. in ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> cone

*[Handwritten signature]*

Strenuous Colonel Secretary

Kind Thank. Yours.

9. x1. 40

166.

Telegram No. 219 from S. of S. of 8/11/40.



Order for Detention and Control of Enemy Subjects 19/12/40. (167.)

Minute to Registrar-General of 8/1/41.

168-170.

Despatch No. 5 to S. of S. of 9/1/41.

171.

Y/E,  
Despatch and 2 copies of each Order submitted  
for perusal of Your Excellency's signature.

C. I. F.  
for C.S.  
9/1/41.

PA

~~171~~ 9/1/41

Copy of telegram to N.O.I.C., from "Queen of Bermuda" of 5/4/41. 172.

Y/E.,

With reference to Red 71 (See M.P. 521/26) person concerned was granted permission to take employment with Cia. de Pesca vide Reds 64-67. It seems desirable that he should not be allowed to leave South Georgia and he could be detained under the Defence Regulations.

A. I. F.  
for C.S.  
10. 4. 41.

P.S.

Since writing above minute I have spoken with Your Excellency in this connection. The reference made in para. 2 of Red 23 of M.P. S/23/39 to S. of S. Conf. Circ. of 24. 10. 39. has been verified. The despatch is filed in M.P. C/4/30 Reds 1-2.

Will your Excellency please confirm instructions given as in the draft telegram to Magistrate, South Georgia.

A. I. F.  
for C.S.  
10. 4. 41.

as drafted.  
A. W. C.  
10. 4. 41.

Telegram No. 28 to Magistrate, S. G., of 19. 4. 41.

173.

Telegram No. 40 from Magistrate, S.G., of 15. 4. 41.

174.

Y/E.,

Red 73 submitted with Detention Order for signature and draft telegrams

2. It was quite wrong to have allowed this man to make contact with German members of the crew of "Tijuca". Any information he wished to

communicate/

Despatched to 2/4/42.



communicate about South Georgia apparently would long since have been despatched.

A. I. F.,  
for C.S.  
15. 4. 41.

Please see N.O.I.C., about "Tijuca" with a view to prevent her clearance either from B. A. or Montevideo with enemy aliens on board.

A. W. C., 16. 4. 41.

Withdrawn & filed in C/4/42. Excerpted to C/4/42.

175. Detention Order, Helmut Krauss of 16/4/41.  
176. Government Notice No. 50 of 16/4/41.  
177. Telegram No. 29 to Cbag, S.G., of 16/4/41.

178. Telegram No. 41 from Cbag. S.G. of 19/4/41.  
179. .. No. 31 to .. .. .

PA

180. Letter to H.M. Ambassador, B.A., and H.M. Minister, Montevideo of 24/4/41.

✓  
Letter submitted for signature.

C. J. P. M.  
20/4/41

Excerpted to  
C/4/42.

181. Minute to Registrar General, of 12/5/41.  
182. Despatch No. 35 to S. of S. of 12/5/41.

PA  
✓  
Despatch and order submitted for signature.  
C. J. P. M.  
13/5/41.



Telegram from High Commissioner, Union of S/A 22/5/41. (183)

Y/E.

Draft telegram submitted.

C. J. J. J.  
20/5/41

Telegram to High Commissioner, Union of S/A of 26/5/41. 184.

Letter from British Embassy of 3/6/41.

Y/E.

P.A.  
185.

Red (185) submitted for information.

C. J. J. J.  
20/6/41

Unsub reply but super. courteous!

C. J. J. J.  
30/1/41

Letter to British Ambassador, Buenos Aires 1/7/41. (186)

Y/E.

Despatch submitted for signature.

C. J. J. J.  
16/7/41

Telegram from Consul General of 5. 8. 41.

187.

" to " " " 6. 8. 41.

188.

Telegram from High Commissioner, South Africa of 14/8/41.

189.

Y/E.

Could following telegram be despatched in I.D. please:

" You telegram 14 August 00406 NOTER confirm that he should not be released."

C. J. J. J.  
5/8/41

Telegram to High Commissioner, South Africa of 16/8/41.

(190)



191. Telegram, birc. maritime 35 from S. of S. of 18/8/41

192. ~~Telegram No. 94 from S. of S.~~

192. Telegram No. 110. from S. of S. of 20/9/41.

193. Telegram No. 133 to S. of S. of 22/9/41.

194. Telegram No. 76 from O/C, South Georgia 24/9/41.

Cheftencor.

Could Krauss not communicate through Thos. Cook & Son in the approved manner?

A. J. Ford  
26/9/41

H.C.S.

- 1.) Krauss is presumably an internee.
- 2.) There is no definition of "person wishing to communicate..." in §. Notice 37 - in the April Gazette but the scheme would have to be borne by the administration in view of 1.)

Suggest he should be allowed to write in German, but supplying a <sup>in English</sup> copy to O.C. S. Georgia, and that K's letter should be sent to the P.O. Censor in U.K. for special attention, in view of Act (1937), first sentence. They could forward it they think fit. J.E.D. ch. C.  
3-X-41

195. Telegram No. 63 to O.I.C. South Georgia of 6/10/41.

196-199. Letter from Mr. W.C. Rumbold & Mr. J. Mercer of 7/10/41.

Excerpted to 2/4/42.



Secret 3pm. to S. of S. of 21/10/41.

(200)

YK. Reas 196-199 submitted. The man is detained by order. He cannot be allowed to proceed to Montevideo unless he were released. The best solution would seem to be ~~to~~ send him to the U.K. for detention by whaling vessel when an opportunity presents itself.

C. J. J. 22/10/41.

I asked the O.C. Troops to investigate & report on this enemy subject. Pl. call for the report as it is now urgently required.

C. J. J. 23/10/41

O.C. Troops,

Referred to you.

C. J. J. 23/10/41.

Minute from O.C. Troops. 24/10/41. 201-202.

YK.

Reas. 201-202 submitted.

C. J. J. 24/10/41

U.A. & order that he is not to go on board any ship & of transport and ships

C. J. J. 24/10/41

Telegram No. 79 to Officer-in-Charge, S.G. of 27/10/41. 203.

Vide instruction recently recd. from S. of S. 10/11/41

P. H.

Decrypted to 1/11/42.



204. Telegram No. 115 from C.I.C. S. Georgia of 8/12/41.  
 205. Telegram No. 102 to C.I.C. S. Georgia of 11/12/41.  
 206. Telegram No. 39 from S. of S. of 7/3/42.  
 207. Telegram No. 34 to C.I.C. S. Geo. of 9/3/42.  
 208. Telegram No. 44 from C.I.C. S. Geo. of 12/3/42.

Y/E,

Red (208) submitted. The person concerned was interned on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, 1941, vide Red (180).  
 Red 172-174 and 192-193, 206 refer.

2. It seems to me to be undesirable that this man should be allowed to perform the duties of medical officer, S.G., where he is bound to come in contact with ships crew flying between B.A. and South Georgia. Moreover, he is reported to have strong Nazi sympathies and he has by the nature of his profession the whole of the community at his mercy.

3. It would be much more satisfactory if Tessa were asked to replace him and an opportunity taken of removing him from South Georgia.

*[Signature]*  
 13/3/42

209. Telegram No. 51. to S. of S. of 21/3/42.

210. Telegram Circ. No. 55 from S. of S. 8/4/42.  
 210A. Circ. having telegram from S. of S. 1/1/42.

Excerpted to 214/42.

Ref. 2/11/25



O/C. Groups  
To note read 210 pl. with ref.  
to read 146.

*L.H.A. Jones*  
9/4/42  
Honourable Colonial Secretary.

With Thank you. *W.* 13. IV. 42.

Secret 3 p.m. from S. of S. of 8/1/42. 211. *PA.*

Ch. Censor To note pl.  
*L.H.A. Jones*  
16/4/42. *g.r.d.*  
16. IV. 42

Telegram No. 68 from Magistrate, South Georgia 28/4/42. 212. *PA.*

*y.f.*  
Submitted pl.  
*L.H.A. Jones*  
29/4/42.

Telegram No. 81. to S. of S. of 1/5/42. 213.

Circular telegram No. 73 from S. of S. of 2/5/42. 214.

O/C. Groups  
To see read 214.  
*L.H.A. Jones*  
4/5/42.

Honourable Colonial Secretary  
Rec 74 Sem Thank you.

*W. for notes.*  
4. V. 42

3 p.m. from High Commissioner for U.K. in Pretoria 29/12/41. 215-218. *PA.*

*y.f.*  
pl. Reads 215-218 submitted for information

*L.H.A. Jones*  
4/6/42

Enc. Telegram No. 100 from S. of S. of 25/6/42. 219. *PA.*

Telegram No. 129 to S. of S. of 25/6/42. 220.

Telegram unnumbered from S. of S. of 26/6/42. 221. *PA.*

Telegram enc. No 111 from S. of S. of 6/7/42. 222. *PA.*



ofc. Defence Force

Go note re (222, p. 6)

(224)

H.A. 1/4/42.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

To the Honourable.

W. O.C. Df.  
7 VII 42

Reds 172-179; 181-182; 192-199; 200-203; 206-209;  
211-213; withdrawn and filed in C/4/42, with  
relevant minutes.

225 S. of S. Circular telegram dated 29.6.42.

(225) S. of S. Secret ltr. Tel. of 29/7/42

H.C.S.

(226)

No action required?

H.A. 1/4/42.

H.A.

227-229 3 p.m. from Political Sec. to High Commissioner for U.K.  
in South Africa 26.10.42.230 Letter from Sociedad de Protección a los inmigrantes  
Israelitas 4.1.43.

231 Letter to \_\_\_\_\_ 25/1/43.

232 S. of S. Conf. ltr. despatch of 15/4/43.

H.A.

233 Telegram, No. 12 from S. of S. of 14.1.44.



(234)

G.F.

The papers dealing with Koker are flagged on this file. G.F.'s final opinion of the man seems to be that at (184). Three years have since passed & it is very difficult for you to give a decision at this stage. You may wish to repeat <sup>your</sup> previous opinion but say that you have no objection to release if his subsequent behaviour justifies it in the view of the South African Govt.

K.B.

18.1.44

(235)

Forward the Board!  
I don't think there is one, unless myself, Woodgate & Com? Martin are still corporate.  
But "review" in (233) certainly calls for Board.

*[Signature]* 19/1/44

(236)

G.F.

The Advisory Committee:

C.S. (Chairman). ) app'd p. 115 of  
M.O.I.C. } 1940 Gaz.  
O.C. 7.1.77

met this morning and reviewed this case.

2. The Committee's advice is that there is no objection to the release of this man provided that the South African Govt. consider release justified by his behaviour while interned in that country.

K.B.

20.1.44



(237)

Please telegraph S. &amp; S.:

— 4<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Nohes + Revised by  
 Advisory Committee, who advise that  
 provided his behaviour in his present place  
 of residence justifies it there is no  
 objection to the course proposed. I agree  
 with this.

*[Signature]* 20/1/44  
 (238)

M<sup>rs</sup> Carlton

f.h.a. G.T.C.

KB

20.1.44

239. Telegram No. 25. to Secretary of State of 21.1.44.

PA.

240. Circular Despatch from S. & S. of 18.1.44.

240. Telegram circular from Secretary of State of 8.4.44.

241. Telegram No 102 to Secretary of State of 12.4.44.

242. Letter from Henry Guenther Nohes of 8.5.44.

(243)

G.E.

h.a.h. on (242) in view of (241).

*[Signature]*  
 15/6/44

What happened after 239 + before 242a?

P.A.

*[Signature]* 15/11/44



(246)

H.C.S.,

The only information which I have been able to trace regarding Repp is his Detention Order of the 29th of May, 1940, filed at red 158 in this H.P. The question of his continued detention appears to have been under consideration in October, 1940, when a draft recinding Order (see red 158) was submitted to the Governor. This Order was, however, not issued, and in a minute addressed to H.C.S., on the 3rd of October, 1940 (at foot of sheet 17) His Excellency said "He (Repp) may as well stay at Port Stephens. "It was intended to bring him into Stanley but this can be "cancelled if arranged.

"We do not know his age - only that he is a German boatman and he is better at Port Stephens than at Weddell.

"S. of S. only says applications may be considered "(a) in national interest or (b) in cases of special hardship".

While copies cannot be traced, it is known that telegrams on the subject were exchanged between the F.I.D.F. and the Manager at Port Stephens, the late Mr. J. Robertson which resulted in Repp being permitted to return to Weddell Island.

I am informed by the master of "Fitzroy" that the Manager at Weddell Island was unaware that Repp was supposed to have been interned at Weddell Island, and likewise Mr. C. Robertson, the Manager at Port Stephens informed Captain Pitt that he held no authority to prevent Repp from leaving the West Falkland.

*SHG.*  
H.C.S.  
1/5/45.

(247).

*4.E.* There seems to have been an understandable slowness in notifying the people concerned, but the fact is that Repp is still detained under the Order dated 29 May 1940 (Gaz. P183). I suggest that the case for release be considered forthwith by the Advisory Committee (see (236)).

*KB*  
1/5/45

*As telephoned - b.u. VE day - & also on Col. Woodgate's return*

*AS* 1/5/45  
(248)

- ACs*
- (1) Pl. see if Advisory Ctee deals with emergency internees.
  - (2) Repp has told that his case will be reconsidered on termination of hostilities in Europe. He can't get to Chile yet anyway.

*KB*  
1/5/45



H.C.S.,

Under Section 17 (3) of the Defence Regulations 1939, it is stated

"For the purpose of this Regulation, there shall be one or more advisory committees of persons appointed by the Governor; and any person aggrieved by the making of an order against him, by a refusal of the Governor to suspend the operation of such an order, by any condition attached to a direction given by the Governor or by the revocation of any such direction under the powers conferred by this Regulation may make his objections to such a Committee".

The Committee appointed by the Governor for this purpose is constituted as follows :-

The Colonial Secretary (Chairman)  
The Naval Officer-in-Charge  
The Officer Commanding,  
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I have this morning seen Bopp and informed him of your instructions in (248) (3).

He informed me that had he been aware of the detention order he would not have come into Stanley at the present time and that he will return to Weddell Island by the first opportunity. He asks to be permitted to return to Chile within the next twelve or eighteen months so that he can pay up his arrears in the National Insurance and avail himself of the benefits to which he will be entitled in about two years' time.

Released by Repeat of Def. Reg.  
May 1945.

*[Signature]*

A.C.S.  
2/5/45.

B.U.  
10/6/45

pa.



CONFIDENTIAL

DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY MERCHANT SHIPS - DISPOSAL OF  
CREW.

(Enclosure No.4 of "Ajax's" letter No.0225 of 13th September, '39)

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ARTICLE OF THE NAVAL PRIZE MANUAL - NO.119.

After ascertaining which of the officers and members of the crew and of the other persons on board are best qualified to give evidence before the Prize Court, the Officer in Command should select at least three or four of them for this purpose, including two of the principle officers of the ship, one of whom should if possible be the Master.

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H.M.S. "ATAI",

13th September 1939.

Reference No. 0225.

Your Excellency,

----- I have the honour to forward herewith a nominal list of the German Officers and Crew of the ex-German ship "CARL FRITZEN".

----- 2.- I attach for your information relevant extracts from the Naval Prize Manual.

----- 3.- S.S. "CARL FRITZEN" was sunk under Article 69 of the Naval Prize Manual (copy attached).

4.- The neutral members of her crew, consisting of 9 Dutchmen and 1 Dane, were transferred to S.S. "OATHEDE" on 9th September, bound for Sierra Leone.

----- 5.- With reference to Article 119, copy attached, the officers, whom I consider suitable for this purpose, are:-

A. Hamann	The Master
H. Warncke	2nd Officer
C. Peter	Chief Engineer

6.- All members of the crew have signed Affidavits to the effect that they will not take any further part in hostilities.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

*CHZ Wartham*

Captain, Royal Navy.

His Excellency the Governor  
of the Falkland Islands,  
Government House,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.



CONFIDENTIAL

DISTRIBUTION OF GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS - DISPOSAL OF CREW.

(Enclosure No. 1 to "AJAX'S" Letter No. 0225 of 13th  
September 1939.)

Nominal List of Officers and Crew of  
S.S. "CARL WRIEZE".

Officers.

A. Hamann  
H. Warneke  
G. Peter  
O. Glowstein  
H. Milias

K. Hyde  
H. Sankowsky  
J. Piercksen  
H. Riesco

Crew.

Hans Qualmann  
Friedrich Witt  
Heinz Tesch  
Otto Koch  
Gerhard Hoffman  
Walter Schulz  
Walter Wurn  
Herbert Flank  
August Weber  
Werner Kohnke  
Fritz Schellhase  
Johannes Bitzer

Ludwig Biermann Heizer  
Gunter Heinrich  
Johannes Wohlers  
Gunter Simon  
Paul Kotzner  
Wilhelm Lehnert  
Paul Reimer  
August Schutte  
Theodor Czapula  
Hermann Johann  
August Riesberg  
Emil Pann

Note:- All the above are of German nationality.



DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY MERCHANT SHIPS - DISPOSAL OF  
CREW.  
(Enclosure No.2 to "Ajax's" Letter No.00225 of 13th Sept.'39)  
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ENEMY SHIP - S.S."CARL FRITZEN"

ARTICLE NO. 14 OF THE NAVAL PRIZE MANUAL

The Officer in Command should detain or seize all enemy ships he may meet, save those specified in Article 9 as exempt from detention or seizure.

The officers and crew of a ship taking part in hostilities become prisoners of war and must be detained in all cases.

The officers and crew of an enemy ship which has not taken part in hostilities, if of enemy nationality become prisoners of war and should be detained, unless they undertake in writing not to engage while hostilities last in any service connected with the operations of the war (see note at end of Article). All officers and crew on board an enemy ship are to be presumed to be of enemy nationality until the contrary is proved. Officers of neutral nationality become prisoners of war and should be detained, unless they severally give an undertaking not to serve on an enemy ship while the war lasts. Members of the crew who are of neutral nationality cannot be made prisoners of war, and should be released on the first convenient opportunity.

The names of officers and members of the crew giving the undertakings referred to above should be reported on the first convenient opportunity to the Admiralty. If such officers and members of the crew are released in a port where a representative or Consul of the Enemy Government is stationed, their names should also, if circumstances allow, be notified to him.

All members of the naval, military, or civil services of the enemy state, and all persons on board who are presumably intended for the naval or military service of the enemy State, become prisoners of war and should be detained.

All other persons on board who are not deserters from His Majesty's service, or from the service of an ally, should be released and landed at a convenient port at the first opportunity.

The provisions of this article do not apply to the religious, medical, or hospital staff of a captured enemy ship. They cannot be made prisoners of war; unless their

services.....



CONFIDENTIAL

DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY MERCHANT SHIPS - DISPOSAL OF  
CREW:

(Page 2 to Enclosure No.2 to "Ajax's" letter No.0225 of 13th  
September, 1939.)

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ARTICLE NO.14 OF THE NAVAL PRIZE MANUAL (Contd.)

services are required in the discharge of their duties, they should be released on the first convenient opportunity, and on leaving the ship are entitled to remove their private belongings and surgical instruments.

NOTE:-

These provisions must be observed unless contrary orders are issued by the Admiralty. During the late war, enemy nationals of military age found in enemy ships were detained.

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CONFIDENTIAL

DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY MERCHANT SHIPS - DISPOSAL OF  
CREW  
(Enclosure No.3 of "Ajax's" letter No.0225 of 13th September, '39)  
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DESTRUCTION OF CAPTURED SHIPS OR GOODS

Captured Enemy Ships

ARTICLE NO.69 OF THE NAVAL PRIZE MANUAL.

If a ship which is flying the enemy flag, or as to which there is clear evidence that she may be treated as an Enemy Ship, is not in a condition to be sent in for adjudication, or if a prize crew cannot be spared to navigate her to a British or Allied Port, or, if for other reasons the Officer in Command finds it necessary, she may be destroyed. It should be remembered that in cases where such ships are destroyed without good cause, compensation for any neutral property on board may have to be paid.

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From His Excellency the Governor

to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

I attach hereto a letter from the Captain of the Apex which should be acknowledged.

2. A full list of the internees as given in the first enclosure to the letter should be given to the Adjutant Defence Force, Captain Weir and Lieutenant Allridge O. C. Guard

3. The O. C. Guard should make out a full description of each of the internees and supply a copy to the Adjutant, the Captain Weir and the Chief Constable. The Constables should study the list.

4. I attach Orders for the Internment Camp. Three copies at least will be required.

5. The O. C. Guard will make himself fully acquainted with the Orders. He will communicate so much as is necessary to the Internees. A copy should be posted in the Guard room.

6. It is desirable that all the above should be carried out urgently.

C.S.No.

Government House,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
September 14th 1939

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 0225 of the 13th of September, 1939, transmitting a nominal list of the German Officers and Crew of the ex-German vessel "Carl Fritzen", together with relevant extracts from the Naval Prize Manual.

2. It is noted that the neutral members of the crew of the vessel consisting of 9 Dutchmen and 1 Dane were transferred to another vessel bound for Sierra Leone.

3. Paragraphs 5 and 6 of your letter have been duly noted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

*Mert*  
Governor.

CAPTAIN C.H.L. WOODHOUSE, R.N.

H.M.S. "AJAZ"

Port Stanley.



FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE REGULATIONS

ORDER FOR DETENTION AND CONTROL OF ENEMY SUBJECTS.

*Hammerstein*

Governor.

In exercise of the powers vested in him by the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations, 1939, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered as follows:-

- I. That the enemy subjects whose names are detailed below shall be detained until this Order is rescinded or otherwise varied:-

Ex-German vessel "Carl Fritzen"

Officers -

A. Hamann.  
H. Warncke.  
G. Peter.  
O. Gloystein.  
K. Kiliass.  
K. Hyde.  
H. Sankowsky.  
J. Diercksen.  
H. Riese.

Crew -

Hand Gualmann.  
Friedrich Witt.  
Heinz Iesch.  
Otto Koch  
Gerhard Hoffman.  
Walter Schulz.  
Walter Wurm.  
Herbert Bänck.  
August Weber.  
Werner Kohnke.  
Fritz Schellhase.  
Johannes Bitzner.  
Ludwig Eiermann Heizer.  
Gunter Heinrich.  
Johannes Wohlers.  
Gunter Simon.  
Paul Kotzner.  
Wilhelm Lehnert  
Paul Reimer.  
August Schutte  
Theodor Czapule.  
Hermann Johann.  
August Riesberg.  
Emil Baum.

2. That the said enemy subjects shall be detained under

under the command and control of the Officer  
appointed to Command the Detention Camp for  
enemy subjects.

BY COMMAND.

*M. L. Collingwood*

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Stanley, September 13th 1939.


*C. S. 1757/39.*



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FAULKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE REGULATIONS.

ORDER FOR DETENTION AND CONTROL OF ENEMY SUBJECTS.

  
Governor.

In exercise of the powers in him vested by the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations, 1939, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered as follows:-

I. That the enemy subject whose name is set out below shall be detained until this Order is rescinded or otherwise varied:-

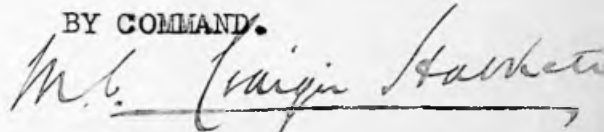
From British s.s. "Lafonia"

Member of crew -

ANDREAS SOLLINER.

2. That the said enemy subject shall be detained under the command and control of the Officer appointed to Command the Detention Camp for enemy subjects.

BY COMMAND.

  
Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, 3rd September 1939.

C. S. 175/59

ORDERS FOR INTERMENT CAMP.

Organization and Staff.

Commandant Internment Camp - Captain Weir.

Officer Commanding Guard - Lieutenant Aldridge.

1. The Guard must be ready at all times night and day to turn out and deal with all emergencies. The most important duty is to prevent internees escaping and unauthorised persons from gaining access to the internees' enclosure.
2. The Officer Commanding the Guard is responsible that the N.C.O. in charge of Guard and the sentries know and understand their orders and carry them out. He will impress upon them that they are not responsible for the conduct of the internees in the enclosure (except attempts at escape or interference with the boundary fence) but that nevertheless any irregularities which come to their notice must be reported by sentries to the N.C.O. in charge of Guard.
3. Any unusual occurrence will at once be reported to the Officer-in-Charge of Guard.
4. In the case of fire by night the Officer-in-Charge of Guard will see that the huts imperilled are opened and the internees put in a place of safety.
5. In suppressing a riot or serious disturbance more force will be used than is necessary to restore order.
6. Escorts in charge of internees on the move will march on the flank and in the rear of internees. The sentries will always remain at such a distance from internees that arms can be brought down to the



the "On Guard" position before an internee attempting to escape or assault the sentry can close with him.

Treatment of Internees.

7. Internees are to be treated fairly but firmly. No member of the guard will be permitted to adopt an aggressive or bullying manner towards them. Orders are to be given decisively. Any disobedience or insolence on the part of an internee will be reported immediately. Members of the guard will not converse with the internees.

Discipline.

8. Internees will comply with all rules and regulations deemed necessary for their safety, good order and discipline.
9. Internees are subject to the orders of all Officers, Guards and Sentries placed over them. All such orders will be obeyed immediately.
10. Deliberate disobedience coupled with resistance or apprehended resistance to Officers, Guards or Sentries or other conduct of a mutinous or riotous kind will if necessary be dealt with by force of arms.
11. Any internee guilty of disobedience to orders or of any act, conduct, disorder or neglect prejudicial to good order and discipline among internees, will be liable to punishment and may be dealt with summarily by the Camp Commandant or by the Officer acting as his substitute and awarded one of the following punishments :-
  - (i) confinement to quarters for any period not exceeding fourteen days during which period the internee will be employed on extra fatigue duties
  - (ii) suspension of privileges.

(iii) reduced rations.

12. Any internee attempting to get through or over the boundary fence will after being once duly warned and disregarding the warning be fired on at once.
13. Any internee accused of an offence against the ordinary criminal law will be handed over to the civil authorities for disposal.
14. Internees are forbidden to have in their possession knives, sticks, pieces of iron or other articles which could be used as weapons.
15. Internees are forbidden to converse with, communicate with or signal to any person outside their enclosure.

Routine - General.

16. Daily routine will be as follows :-

Reveille	}	0700 hours.
First Roll Call		
Breakfast		0730 "
Bedding made up		0800 "
Camp Inspection		0930 "
Dinner		1230 "
Tea		1700 "
Lockup and Evening Roll Call		1800 "
Lights out		2200 "

17. Roll Call will take place twice during the day at uncertain hours.

Interior Economy.

18. Huts and the compound will be kept scrupulously clean by the internees. Huts will be swept out daily after bedding has been made up. They will be scrubbed out weekly.
19. Hut leaders will be appointed by the internees themselves. They will be responsible for the cleanliness of the huts and all representations

will/



will be made through them.

20. Internees may be employed to work if they so desire and the Camp Commandant can allot work. They will be paid at the following rates :-

Skilled work \_\_\_\_\_

Unskilled \_\_\_\_\_

21. No money will be paid to the internees. They will receive vouchers in exchange for which articles can be bought from a canteen or store at cash value. Or if they so wish they may be given credit notes the value of which will be paid to them in cash through any medium they may name, at the conclusion of hostilities.
22. The Camp Commandant will endeavour to provide facilities for working at any trade which does not interfere with local production.

Correspondence.

23. Internees are permitted to send three letters only in each week.
24. (1) Letters must be written distinctly and in Roman characters.
- (2) Letters must be in plain language the meaning of which is clear.
- (3) Outward correspondence must bear on the outside the internees name number and place of internment.
- (4) The use of cyphers, code, unintelligible marks or signs is forbidden.
- (5) Internees are entitled to free postage on all outgoing letters.

Precautions against Fire.

25. Two buckets of water and one of sand will be provided in each hut as a precaution against fire.

By Command,

Colonial Secretary.

14 14  
H.M.S. "AJAX",

c/o G.P.O., London.

12th September 1939.

Reference No.225.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the private baggage (as shown on the attached list) belonging to the Officers and Crew of the ex-German Ship "OLINDA" is being landed ~~at the Oil Fuel Depot.~~ It is requested that it may be forwarded through His Britannic Majesty's Consul, Montevideo, to the German Consular Authority at Montevideo when convenient.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

C. R. Warthorn

Captain,  
Royal Navy.

His Excellency the Governor  
of the Falkland Islands,  
Government House,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.



LIST OF BAGGAGE OF OFFICERS AND CREW OF EX-GERMAN  
SHIP "OLINDA".

(Enclosure to "AJAX" Letter No. 225 of 12th September  
1939.).

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3 Trunks.  
13 Bags.  
20 Suitcases.  
1 Bundle.  
1 Sextant.  
1 Chronometer.  
3~~4~~ Cameras.  
28 Lifebelts.

ORIGINAL  
DUPLICATE

DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY MERCHANT SHIPS - DISPOSAL OF CREWS

(Page 2 to Enclosure No.2 to "Ajax's" letter No. 9229 of 13th September, 1939.)

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ARTICLE NO. 14 OF THE NAVAL PRIZE MANUAL (Contd.)

servives are required in the discharge of their duties, they should be released on the first convenient opportunity, and on leaving the ship are entitled to remove their private belongings and surgical instruments.

NOTE:-

These provisions must be observed unless contrary orders are issued by the Admiralty. During the late war, enemy nationals of military age found in enemy ships were detained.

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CONFIDENTIAL

H.M.S. "ATAX",

13th September 1939.

Reference No. 0225/1.

Your Excellency,

*Returned 14/9*  
I have the honour to refer to my letter No. 0225 of 13th September 1939 and to enclose herewith a photograph album belonging to H. Warncke, the 2nd Officer and Radio Operator of the ex-German ship "CARL FRITZ".

2.- The photographs contained in this album show that this man has a superior position in the S.A.. In view of this it is for consideration whether he should be treated as a prisoner of war, and that this album should accompany him to his final destination in case it should contain any information of value to the Intelligence Service.

I have the honour to be ,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

*W. D. Witham*  
Captain,  
Royal Navy.

His Excellency the Governor  
of the Falkland Islands,  
Government House,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

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No 80.

Chapelries

London

1800/16/9

H.M.S. Ajax has landed here 33 Germans from S.S. Carl Fritzen who are now interned. The Captain Of the above ship wishes the following communication to be made to his owners who are Johnas Fritzen und Sohn, Emden, Germany.

BEGINS.

Carl Fritzen sunk 4th. September. Crew of 33 Germans landed in the Falklands Islands. 10 Neutrals sent home 10th. September. Please make further payments to our families and give them news of us.

Signed HAMANN.

ENDS.

I have no objection to this communication being made to the owners and to it being stated that the internees are in good health.

Governor.

For Col. Secretary



No.

176/59  
(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

18A  
September 15th 19 39

From Colonial Secretary.  
Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Officer Commanding  
Internment Camp,  
Port Stanley.

I am directed by the Governor to transmit for any action that may be necessary the attached communications received from interned enemy subjects, together with translations made by Paymaster Sub-Lieut: Carr R.N.V.R.

I also attach an envelope addressed to the Commander of H.M.S. "Ajax" by the former Master of the ex-German ship "Carl Fritzen".

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Colonial Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

18th September, 1939.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 176/39.

Sir,

*Recd 14*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 225 of the 12th of September, 1939, regarding the private baggage belonging to the Officers and crew of the ex-German ship "Olinda".

2. As requested the baggage will be forwarded through His Britannic Majesty's Consul, Montevideo, to the German Consular Authority at Montevideo by the first convenient opportunity.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*(Sgd) H. Hemmings Heaton*

Governor.

Captain C. H. L. Woodhouse, R.N.,  
H.M.S. "Ajax",  
at Stanley.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

18th September, 1939.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 176/39.

Sir,

*Recd 17*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 0225/1 of the 13th of September, 1939, forwarding to me a photograph album belonging to H. Warncke, the 2nd Officer and Radio Operator of the ex-German ship "Carl Fritzen".

2. Paragraph 2 of your letter has been duly noted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Governor.

P.S.

I shall be glad if arrangements can be made to deport H. Warncke in one of H.M. Ships if possible as he is clearly a more or less prominent Nazi and should be transferred to the United Kingdom.

Captain C. H. L. Woodhouse, R.N.,  
H.M.S. "Ajax",  
at Stanley.

(21)  
Port Stanley, am 30. Sept. 1939

An  
den Herrn

Governor

in Port Stanley

Bitte um Freilassung der Besatzung des versenkten  
D. „Carl Fritzen“

Auf Wunsch meiner Offz. u. Mannschaft gestatte ich  
mir die Bitte, die hier gefangen gehaltene Besatzung  
des eh. D. „Carl Fritzen“ nach Montevideo, bzw. dem  
zustehenden Konsul eines neutralen Landes über-  
führen zu wollen.

Da wir fast alle nur im Tropendienst beschäftigt  
waren, ist uns das hiesige Klima und die Gefangen-  
schaft auf die Dauer unerträglich. Auf G. M. S. „Ajax“  
haben wir an eidesstatt schriftlich erklärt, daß wir an  
diesem Kriege nicht teilnehmen, oder irgend eine  
dem br. Staate feindl. Handlung unternehmen werden.  
Wir bauen auf Sr. Majestät des Königs Wort und sehen  
in seinen Offizieren gerechte Gentleman. Dieses  
wollen wir der übrigen Welt vertreten.

In der Hoffnung, daß unsere Bitte erfüllt wird  
zeichnet

Mit vorzüglicher Hochachtung  
Ergebenst

E. Hamann, Kapitän



No.

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

MINUTE.

3rd. October. 19 39.

From Customs Officer.

To The Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Port Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Sir,

The following is a translation of the attached letter:-

Port Stanley, 30th. September  
1939.

To His Excellency the Governor  
at Port Stanley.

Request for the release of the crew of the sunken steamer

"Carl Fritzen."

At the request of my officers and men, permit me to ask that the imprisoned crew of the "Carl Fritzen" be conveyed to their consulate in a neutral country.

As nearly all of us are accustomed to working in the tropics, the idea of a long imprisonment in such a climate as that of this place is unbearable. On H.M.S. "Ajax" we signed a declaration to the effect that we would take no part in this war, nor would we at any time commit any hostile action against the British Crown.

We have faith in the word of His Majesty the King, and we consider his Officers gentlemen. This we wish to be able to state to the rest of the world.

In the hope that our request will be granted, I beg to sign myself,  
humbly and with the greatest respect,

E. Hamann,

Captain.

Your obedient servant,

H.E. the Governor.

Pay. sublieut. R.N.V.R.

Translation submitted.

W.H.  
es.

S. X. Sq.

→ Please reply that I have ~~considered~~  
his request ~~and~~ under consideration  
You have the file

2. A despatch ship to the IFF by this  
mail forwarding Wahncke's photographs  
albums and saying that the remainder  
of the party is being sent to the Coast for release  
he is kept in internment. ~~that~~ 3/10/25

} Secrecy  
is necessary





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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
STANLEY,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

October 3rd 1939.

TO Captain E. Hamann,  
Stanley.

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 30th September, 1939, and to inform you that His Excellency has your request under consideration.

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Colonial Secretary.

No. C.S.176/1939

MINUTE.

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

25  
October 3rd 19 39

From Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Officer Commanding,  
Internment Camp.  
Stanley.

I am directed to request that you will arrange for the photograph albums belonging to H. Warncke, second Officer of the ex-German ship "Carl Fritzen", to be delivered to me as soon as possible as they are required for transmission to the Secretary of State.

MCH  
Colonial Secretary.



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No.

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

MINUTE.

4th October, 19 39.

From The Officer Commanding,

To The Honourable,

Internment Camp,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

I have the honour to forward herewith photograph albums belonging to H. Warncke, second Officer of the ex-German ship "Carl Fritzen", as directed in your minute of October 3rd.

*H. Warncke*  
Officer Commanding,  
Internment Camp.

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No. ~~176/1939~~

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

MINUTE.

5th October

19 39

From Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

To Executive Engineer.  
Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Baggage belonging to the Officers and crew of the ex-German ship  
"OLINDA"

The following baggage which it is understood was landed here by H.M.S. "Ajax" on the 13th September should be forwarded to His Britannic Majesty's Consul at Montevideo by the first opportunity:-

3 Trunks.  
13 Bags.  
20 Suitcases.  
1 Bundle.  
1 Sextant.  
1 Chronometer.  
3 Cameras.  
28 Lifebelts.

Colonial Secretary.



MP. 176/39 29.  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

SECRET.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

5th October, 1939.

Sir,

In reply to your Secret telegram of the 4th October on the subject of enemy aliens interned in this Colony, I have the honour to enclose a complete list of these persons.

2. The crew list comprises the crew of the s.s. "Carl Fritzen", captured and sunk by H.M.S. "Ajax" on the 4th of September. They were landed here on the 13th of September. Of the others one was the cook of the s.s. "Lafonia" at the outbreak of hostilities and the other was a boatman employed in Weddel Island. They are all interned under guard in Stanley with the exception of the last mentioned an oldish man considered harmless who is kept under observation in a mainland sheep station. There is also a German nun attached to the Convent who is not under suspicion.

3. I have some doubt as to whether the crew of the Carl Fritzen should be regarded as coming within

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE,

MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

S/10/31

one of the categories specified in paragraph 9 of the Memorandum in your secret circular despatch of the 2nd of September. The officers and engineers may perhaps be held to come under (c) as experts or technicians.

4. I and my advisers would wish to send all the internees to Monte Video for release at a suitable time with the exception of H. Warneke the second officer of the ship. This man appears to be a fairly prominent Nazi, judging by an album he saved when the ship was sunk. I forward this volume under separate cover as it may be of interest to the Intelligence Service.

5. H. Warneke is said to have come from Terchen. He joined the "Carl Fritzen" recently and he is much disliked and feared by the crew. They allege that he is a member of the Gestapo.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(sgd) H. Henniker Heaton  
Governor.



C R E W   L I S T .

A. Hamann	Captain.
K. Hyda	1st Officer.
H. Warncke	2nd Officer.
H. Sankowsky	3rd Officer.
G. Peter	1st Engineer.
J. Diercksen	2nd Engineer.
O. Cloystein	3rd Engineer.
H. Riese	4th Engineer.
K. Killias	Engineman Assistant.
W. Lehnert	Cook.
A. Schutte	Cook's Mate.
H. Qualmann	Steward.
A. Weber	Boatswain.
J. Bitzer	Carpenter.
H. Wohlers	A.B.
H. Tesch	A.B.
P. Reimer	A.B.
A. Riesberg	O.S. (Ordinary Seaman)
W. Schulz	Young Seaman.
O. Koch	Young Seaman.
H. Blank	Young Seaman.
G. Simon	Boy.
G. Hoffmann	Boy.
P. Kotzner	Boy.
L. Eiermann	Greezer.
G. Heinrich	Greezer.
F. Schellhase	Boiler Keeper.
H. Yohantoborn	Boiler Keeper.
F. Witt	Boiler Keeper.
T. Gzapula	Fireman.
W. Kohnke	Trimmer.
E. Baum	Trimmer.
W. Wurm	Engine Room Mess Boy.

OTHER INTERNEES.

RIPP, Otto	Mariner.	Recently came from Punta Arenas.
SOLLNER, Andreas	Cook.	Recently cook of s.s. "Lafonia".



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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*From* H.B.M. Minister, Montevideo

*To* H.E. the Governor.

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*Despatched:* 5th October 19 39 *Time:* 2027

*Received:* 6th October 19 39 *Time:*

Your telegram 2nd October Minister for Foreign  
Affairs withholds consent pending information as to the  
circumstances which have occasioned the proposed move.

BRITISH MINISTER.

31  
Ref.No. 175/1939

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
7th October 1939.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. "Ajax" requested that the baggage and effects of the Officers and crew of the ex-German ship "Olinda" should be forwarded through you to the German Consular Authority at Montevideo.

2. The baggage and effects as detailed below has accordingly been forwarded to you by the s.s. "Laonia" which sails today for Montevideo:-

3 Trunks.  
13 Bags.  
20 Suitcases.  
1 Bundle.  
1 Sextant.  
1 Chronometer.  
3 Cameras.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(sgd) M.C.CRAIGIE HALKETT

Colonial Secretary.

His Britannic Majesty's Consul,  
Montevideo.  
Uruguay.



Reference No. 176/1939.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

7th October, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to thank you for your telegram of the 5th instant informing me that the Minister of Foreign Affairs withholds his consent for the landing in Montevideo of the crew of the German ship Carl Eritzen now interned in this Colony pending further information.

2. Nine officers and twenty four members of the crew were landed in the Colony on the 13th of September by H.M.S. "Ajax" after sinking their vessel on the 4th September. Eight of the officers and the crew are regarded as ordinary merchant seamen with little or no interest in the war. They have all sworn affidavits undertaking to take no part in hostilities. The ninth officer (2nd officer on board) was new to the ship and a Nazi. He is alleged to be a member of the Gestapo. It is considered advisable to detain him until the end of the war.

3. The object of sending the men as  
above

His Excellency,  
E. Millington-Drake, Esq.,  
C.M.G.  
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister  
Plenipotentiary,  
Montevideo,  
URUGUAY.

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above to Montevideo was that they should have the same treatment as the crew of the s.s.Olinda,also sunk by H.M.S.Ajax,and as distressed sailors should be handed over to the German Consul in Montevideo.

4. In view of your telegram the crew is being detained here until permission to land is given.

5. There is also the ex-cook of the s.s. "LaFonia",a German whose home is in Gallegos. It was proposed to send him to Montevideo for release.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

(sgd) H. Hemmick Heaton

Governor.



No. I75/1939

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MINUTE.

October 9th 1939

From Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Officer Commanding,  
The Internment Camp.  
Stanley.

I am directed to transmit the accompanying package containing a photograph album and to inform you that this album may now be returned to H. Warncke, second officer of the ex-German ship "Carl Fritzen".

*McH*  
Colonial Secretary.

# Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

No.

6th October. 19 39.

Received from Colonial Government. C. S. O.

Address Stanley.

at Port Stanley.

for Shipment per STEAM-SHIP "Lafonia" for  
Monte Video. Uruguay.

(with liberty for the steamer by which the goods may be shipped, either before or after proceeding towards, or calling at the Port of Discharge, to proceed to and to stay at, any ports or places whatsoever (although in a contrary direction to, or out of, or beyond, the route to the said Port of Discharge), once or oftener, in any order, backwards or forwards, for loading or discharging cargo or passengers, towing and assisting vessels in all situations, saving the property, or for any purpose whatsoever, or otherwise deviate, even if making in substance other voyages, and all such ports, places and sailings shall be deemed included within the intended voyage; this liberty not being considered as restricted by any words in this contract, whether written or printed; to carry Goods of all kinds, whether on deck or under deck, and whether dangerous or otherwise; to substitute or tranship the Goods by any other Steamer, whether owned or chartered by the Company or not, before the commencement of or at any period of the Voyage, and to sail with or without Pilots), subject to the conditions set forth hereon and on the back hereof.

All Goods must have the Port of Destination distinctly marked upon them by the Shippers.

Marks.	Numbers.	Description of Packages and Contents.
H. B. M. Consul. Monte Video.		Baggage of Officers and crew of the ex-German ship "Olinda"
1.	1	case Cameras. 2' 2"
2/14	13	Bags, clothing &c. 60' 7"
15	1	pkg Sextant. 7"
16	1	pkg Chronometer. 5"
17/36	20	Suit Cases. 32' 2"
37	1	Bundle. 4' 0"
38/40	3	Trunks. 26' 11"

Please state the gross weight.

Tons. cwt. qrs. lbs.

Total Measurement

126 ft. 10 ins.

FREIGHT PAYABLE ON SHIPMENT—SHIP LOST OR NOT LOST.



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MINUTE.

7th October, 1939.

From The Officer Commanding

Internment Camp.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

With the exception of Hans Tarnacke the Internees do not possess passports and they have therefore prepared certificates for each individual. The certificates are now submitted for the insertion of your stamp and return to me, as arranged during a recent conversation on the subject.

*Darker*  
Officer Commanding,  
Internment Camp.

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the above Number  
and the date may  
be quoted).

MINUTE.

13th October, 19 39.

From The

Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Officer Commanding

Internment Camp,

STANLEY.

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With reference to your minute of the 7th of October, 1939,  
reporting that the Internees do not possess passports and that  
Certificates have been prepared for each individual.

2. The Certificates have been stamped and are returned  
herewith.

*[Signature]*

Colonial Secretary.



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TELEGRAM.

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From The Colonial Secretary.  
To His Britannic Majesty's Consul, Montevideo.

Despatched: 13th October, 1939 Time: 20.00  
Received: ... .. 19... Time: ...

Certain baggage and effects of crew of ex German ship "Olinda" has at request of "Ajax" been forwarded to you by "Lafonia" to be handed over to the German Consular Authority at Montevideo.

Colonial Secretary.

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

MINUTE.

16th October, 19 39.

From Commandant,  
Internment Camp,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.

I have the honour to request that I may be advised on the following matters.

In accordance with "Orders for Internment Camp" issued by the Adjutant, F.I.D.F.

"20. Internees may be employed to work if they so desire and the Camp Commandant can allot work. They will be paid at the rate of 2/6 a day."

"21. No money will be paid to the Internees. They will receive vouchers in exchange for which articles can be bought from canteen or store at cash value....."

Since their arrival in this Colony internees have been allotted various employment for different departments, as well as essential routine duties in the Internment Camp, for which they are eligible to receive 2/6 per day.

The wages earned by internees up to the week ending 14th October are as follows :-

	£.	s.	d.
Period 14th-23/9/39	16.	18.	4.
Week ending 30/9/39	12.	5.	0.
Week ending 7/10/39	7.	6.	3.
Week ending 14/10/39	15.	3.	9.
TOTAL	£ 51.	13.	4.

Against their earnings the internees have made personal purchases and the following accounts now await settlement :-

	£ 4.	1.	7.	£ 4.	1.	7.
Period 14 - 23/9/39	8.	19.	5.	8.	19.	5.
Week ending 30/9/39	7.	5.	10.	7.	5.	10.
Week ending 7/10/39	11.	15.	7.	11.	15.	7.
Week ending 14/10/39	32.	2.	5.	32.	2.	5.

"A" I would be glad to be advised whether it is intended to charge all wages earned by internees to one general sub-head, or whether



each class of work should be charged to the responsible department's vote; and whether the weekly personal purchases by internees should in the first place be charged to "Advances Made" and adjustments effected at a later date.

*L. M. New* Capt.,  
Commandant,  
Internment Camp.

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MINUTE.

19th October, 1939.

From Officer Commanding,

Royal Army Service Corps,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

I have the honour to advise that I have received a minute from the Senior Medical Officer pointing out that certain requirements are necessary in regard to drainage at the Internment Camp Guard House which has recently been requisitioned by me. I have asked the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department for an estimate of the cost of the work. Presumably the cost will be met by Government from the Military Vote. Your authority is sought accordingly.

*Darker* Capt.,  
Officer Commanding  
Royal Army Service Corps.

Port Stanley, den 18. Oktober 1939.

H. Excellenz

dem Herrn Gouverneur  
von Falkland Islands

Port Stanley

Bezugnehmend auf Ihr gefällige Brief vom  
3. d. M. erlaube ich mir im Namen meines Kommandos  
vom 30. Sept. vorzut. für unsere Freilassung einzutreten.

Es ist mir eine meine Pflicht, daß ich hiermit  
gegen die Verhaftung des D. "Carl Friken", (Unteroffiz.  
D.O.O.R.) bezug. Gefangennehmung der Besatzung auf demselben  
abseits löst, mir energisch in aller Form Protest  
erhebe. Künstliche Rache und Aufregung, die sich mit  
Bezugnahme auf die Verhaftung des Kisten und unsere  
Gefangennehmung auf Grund der Haager Konvention  
ergeben, befehle ich mir, auch im Namen meines  
Landes, mir meiner Rechte, vor.

Für Erfüllung können überzeugt sein, daß wir  
sich Ihr, bezug. Herr Offizier vorabhin befehlen in  
Erinnerung befehlen werden und hoffe ich, daß Sie mein  
Kommando in dem selben Sinne befehlen.

Sie gestatten mir, für Erfüllung meiner Gefangennehmung  
zu versichern.

B. Hansen  
Kapitän



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MINUTE.

20th. October, 1939.

From A. R. Carr,

Paymaster Sub-Lieut.

R.N.V.R.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Port Stanley.

Sir,

The required translation of Captain Hamann's letter is appended:-

Port Stanley, 18th. October, 1939.

To His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands,

Port Stanley.

With reference to your courteous letter of the 3rd. inst: allow me to call to mind my letter of the 30th. September, and to enter anew my application for our release.

It is once more my duty to raise a hopeful but energetic protest against the imprisoning of the crew of the sunken steamer "Carl Writzen" (D.O.O.R.) I reserve to myself, in the name of my country as well as of my firm, the right to make a claim under the Hague Convention for the sinking of the ship and our imprisonment.

Your Excellency may be sure that we shall always remember your and your officers' correct behaviour towards us, and I hope that you will accept my letter in the same spirit.

I allow myself to assure Your Excellency of my esteem,

E. HAMANN.

Captain.

I would add that the claim to which Captain Hamann refers is one in respect of insurance which, as far as the ship is concerned, is placed with a Danish firm in Copenhagen.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*A. R. Carr*  
Paymaster Sub-Lieut. R.N.V.R.

Port Stanley, d. 15. 10. 39.

Mrs. O. Gloys line.

iii. Eng.

S. S. Carl Fritzen.

An seine Excellenz den Herrn  
Gouverneur in  
Port Stanley.

Unterschiedet sich dies erlaubt sich mit  
Folgendem seine Excellenz auf eine Tatsache auf-  
merksam zu machen, die Ihnen bislang entgangen  
sein dürfte.

Als alter Mann, ich bin 58 Jahre alt, und  
Halbinvalide, hatte vor 3 Jahren einen schweren  
Anfall u. habe daraufhin 15 Monate im Hospital  
zugebracht und bin 50% arbeitsunfähig geschrieben  
worden. Ich kann unter den nun herrschenden Um-  
ständen mit der Bitte nicht länger zurückhalten,  
mich von hier freizuschicken. Ich unterstütze meine  
Bitte durch den Hinweis, daß ich von Tag zu Tag  
mehr verfall, mein Körper anfängt die Nahrung  
zu verweigern und meine Gesamtkondition sehr  
schlecht ist.

Ich habe mich auf H. M. S. 'Orest' schriftlich  
verpflichtet, nichts gegen Great Britain zu unter-  
nehmen und glaube ich annehmen zu dürfen, daß  
das,

und mein oben geschilderter Zustand  
Ihren Glauben genug sein dürfte, daß ich noch  
einer eventuellen Freilassung nicht gegen Great  
Britain kämpfen kann noch werde.

Ich bitte Eure Excellenz nochmals meine  
Eingabe wohlwollend zu behandeln und mir in  
der einen oder anderen Form eine Antwort  
zukommen zu lassen.

Mit vorzüglicher Hochachtung bin  
ich Eure Excellenz  
ergebener

O. Gloystein.  
früher: III. Eng. S. S. Carl Fröhner.

Fürlest bemerke ich noch, das ich mit 58 Jahren  
meine Militärpflicht mehr überlege und durch meinen Anfall  
jeder Kriegsdienstpflicht entkoben bin.



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MINUTE.

18th. October, 19 39.

From Paymaster Sub-Lieut. Carr  
R.N.V.R.

To The Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Port Stahley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Sir,

The following is the required translation:-

Port Stanley, 15. 10. 39.

From O. Gloystein,

III Engineer,

s.s. Carl Fritzen.

To His Excellency the Governor, at Port Stanley.

The undersigned begs in the following to draw the attention of His Excellency to a matter which should have been put forward before.

I am an old man - 58 - a semi-invalid, having had a severe illness three years ago which confined me to hospital for 15 months, and I have been certified 50% unfit for work. In the present circumstances I can no longer keep back my petition to be sent away from here. I support my request with the fact that from day to day I am decaying, my body is beginning to fail and my general health is very bad.

I pledged myself on the "Ajax" not to engage in any action against Great Britain, and I trust that this pledge taken in conjunction with my condition as described, will be accepted as sufficient guarantee that should I be eventually released I should not fight against Great Britain.

Once more I beg Your Excellency to look <sup>u</sup>favorably on my petition, and to let me have an answer to it in some form or other.

Humbly, and with great respect

I am,

Your Excellency,

O. GLOYSTEIN.

former 3rd. Engineer of s.s. Carl Fritzen.

In addition, I would also mention that at 58 I am liable for no further

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military service, and my condition puts any form of war duty out of the question.

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*W. H. H.*

Paymaster Sub-Lieut. R.N.V.R.

Commandant,  
Internment Camp.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No.207.

From Secretary of State

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : London. 21st October 1939 Time 1415.

Received : 19 Time :

ETAT.

No.102. Circular Telegram.

All requests for information regarding individual Germans, the conditions of internment, or other questions of fact, received from Consuls in charge of enemy interests may be answered but if any request for information on questions of principle or policy is received the Consul should be asked to pursue the question through the appropriate diplomatic channel.

Secretary of State.

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British Legation,  
MONTEVIDEO.

18th October, 1939.

My dear Governor,

Two points have arisen regarding which I feel I should write to you a few words.

Firstly, I refer to your telegram of October 14th regarding the effects of the crew of the ex-German ship "Olinda", and would mention that the Consul, Steward, after handing them over noticed from the list that there were two packages one containing a sextant and the other a chronometer. It is too late to do anything about it now, but we feel that possibly these have naval value and should not be included as personal effects. The only point in mentioning it is that should another lot of such effects be dealt with, you might like to consider whether such apparatus should be withheld. I may mention that we have had some difficulty about these effects, as neither the Uruguayan authorities nor even the Royal Mail felt they could handle them. Steward had a brilliant idea and appealed to the Y.M.C.A to act as go between, which has been done.

*Send as the request of the V.C. of the "Olinda"*  
*Recd 13 and 14*

The other matter is correspondence and books for the members of the crew of the "Carl Fritzen" interned in the

His Excellency  
The Governor of the Falkland Islands.

## 2.

Falkland Islands. We do appreciate your humane wish that they should get their mail, and this has been arranged through the same intermediaries, though they raised the rather the awkward question which we had to avoid answering as to when the ship was sailing. We gave an evasive answer, but presumably the mail will have gone through.

As regards the primers, this is a little more awkward. This involves the sending of a parcel or parcels, which might conceivably contain some sabotage device. We do not know whether the parcels have been sent through the Post Office. Unfortunately we did not think of suggesting that they should be sent to the Y.M.C.A. (though possibly the Germans would not have done this). I am sending a message to the Captain that I consider him quite at liberty the moment he is outside territorial waters to open and examine any Uruguayan post office bags and give his reasons to the postal ~~au~~thority at the Falklands, viz. that the safett of the ship might conceivably be involved. I believe you will agree with this recommendation to the Captain.

As possibly other parcels will be sent, the same would apply to these, and I am taking up the matter with

*Enquired  
from Mr. Aspin  
"Lafonia"  
Post office  
and its  
Co. Ltd.  
knowing  
of mails  
in books*



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the Uruguayan Government informally, but unfortunately I am unlikely to get a reply before the ship sails.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

E. M. Drake

I have to thank you  
for your very kind  
letter about your girls  
I think the solution  
happy in either case

E. M. Drake

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H.M.S. "EXETER",  
31st October 1939.

No. 215

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to request that,  
should he still be present in the Falkland Islands,  
----- you will arrange for the accompanying affidavit to be  
completed and deposed to by the Master of the late  
German ship "CARL FRITZEN" which was sunk by H.M.S.  
"AJAX" on 4th September 1939, and subsequently return  
the affidavit to me.

I have the honour to be  
Your Excellency's obedient servant

*J. H. H. H.*  
CAPTAIN

His Excellency the Governor  
of the Falkland Islands,  
Government House,  
Port Stanley.

No. 176/39.

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

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1st November, 1939.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To the Commanding Officer,

Internment Camp,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

I am directed to request that you will arrange for the Master of the ex German ship "Carl Fritzen" to sign the enclosed declaration before you.

He should sign his name on line marked with a cross. The declaration should be returned as early as possible please.

*WCH*  
Colonial Secretary.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

3rd November, 1939.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 176/39.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 215 of the 31st of October, 1939, transmitting a document for completion by the Master of the ex-German ship "Carl Fritzen".

2. The document duly completed is returned herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) Herminius Hinton

Governor.

Captain F. S. Bell, R.N.,  
H.M.S. "Exeter",  
at STANLEY.

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

MINUTE.

3rd November, 19 39.

From Officer Commanding,

To The Honourable,

Internment Camp,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

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Reference to your minute of 3rd instant, the declaration has been signed by the Master of the ex German ship "Carl Fritzen" and is returned herewith.

*D. A. M.*  
Captain,  
Officer Commanding,  
Internment Camp,

176/39.

4th November,

39.

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm my telegram of  
13th October, 1939, which reads as follows :-

"Certain baggage and effects of crew of  
"ex-German ship "Olinda" has at request of  
"Ajax" been forwarded to you by "Lafonia" to  
"be handed over to the German Consular authority  
"at Montevideo."

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

2. The Commanding Officer H.M.S. "Ajax"  
requested that the baggage and effects detailed  
below should be forwarded through you to the German  
Consul, Montevideo :-

3 Trunks  
15 Bags  
20 Suitcases.  
1 Bundle  
1 Sextant  
1 Chronometer  
3 Cameras.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

His Britannic Majesty's Consul,  
Montevideo,  
Uruguay.



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

7th November, 1939.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

M.P. 176/39.

My Dear Minister,

2nd 50  
Your letter of the 18th October indicates difficulties that we had not contemplated in connection with the crews of enemy Merchant-men and their effects.

The "Ajax" made a simple request that the effects of the crew of the "Olinda" should be handed over to the German Consular Authority at Monte Video. It did not occur to me that you might have no direct line of approach. However the object seems to have been attained. As you say the nautical instruments might I suppose have been kept back.

I am more concerned about the correspondence and books for the crew of the "Carl Fritzen". Nothing arrived by the "Lafonia". We would like these seamen to get letters and mails. The International Red Cross people at Geneva have been telegraphing to us about them, and one fears that any abnormal restrictions may react on our own people in Germany. We certainly do not fear sabotaging devices or an abuse of the right to receive mails, except such as we cannot handle at this end. We consider the crew with one exception to resent the war and that exception makes them definitely anti-Nazi. "They hate me" he said recently "like blank hell". We have no reason

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Excellency  
E. Millington Drake, Esq., C.M.G.,  
British Legation,  
MONTEVIDEO.



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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 60 From London

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From Secretary of State.

To H.E. The Governor .

Despatched :	8th November	19 39	Time : 1350
Received :	8th November	19 39	Time : 2110

Circular Telegram No. 112 My Telegram unnumbered Circular September 16th.

Enemy Aliens on Neutral Ships.

Neutral ships calling voluntarily at Colonial ports may be regarded thereby subjecting themselves to British jurisdiction so far as concerns enemy alien on board, and any such persons in it, therefore, may be dealt with in accordance with the general policy as regards the treatment of enemy aliens in territory with which you are concerned, and having regard to local circumstances. Such persons may of course on arrival at a Colonial port have secured information e.g., as to position of merchant shipping or Naval operations which might be of considerable value to the Enemy if communicated at once in such cases it would normally be desirable temporarily to detain them even though they might be allowed later to leave.

In taking action you will no doubt bear in mind the susceptibilities of Neutral Countries, the undesirability of adding to the number of enemy aliens for whose care and supervision your Government is responsible and only take action in cases where you are satisfied of its necessity.

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

MINUTE.

6th November, 19 39.

From Commandant,

Internment Camp,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Re - H. Riese - Internee

I have the honour to inform you that H. Riese, an Internee employed in the Falkland Islands Company's Engineer Shop is paid by the Colonial Government at the rate of 2/6d per day. I would be glad if you would inform me the rate per hour which should be collected from the Falkland Islands Company for this man's service.

In view of the fact that much of the work performed by Riese is not of a highly technical nature may I suggest 1/2d per hour.

*Santer*

Captain,  
Commandant,  
Internment Camp.

No. 176/39.

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

MINUTE.

10th November, 19 39.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To Officer Commanding,

Internment Camp,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY+.

*Red 58.*

With reference to your minute of the 6th November, 1939, the charge suggested at the rate of 1/2 per hour appears reasonable for the services of H. Riese - Internee.

*meH*

Colonial Secretary.

# Christ Church Cathedral

Port Stanley Falkland Islands

REV GERALD K. LOWE

November 3rd, 1939

Captain D.S.A. Weir,  
Internment Camp Commandant.  
STANLEY.

Dear Captain:

My clerk has informed me that you would like a copy of our resume of Rueter's News Bulletins, to submit to the Information Officers for censorship before giving it to the Interned Germans.

As the News is passed by the Censor in England before it is broadcast, I fail to see why it needs to be re-censored in the Falkland Islands.

This news contains nothing but what is broadcast to the world from London, and is broadcast to the German people in their own language.

I am perfectly willing to print a few extra copies of our News Sheets for the Camp, but if you wish them to be censored, it would be much more simple to have the news taken down in the first place by the Information Officer. I should think Reuter's would be highly amused to learn that their news was being re-censored in the Falkland Islands,

Yours Faithfully,  
*Gerald K. Lowe*  
Capt. Chaplain,



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MINUTE.

15th November, 19 39.

From Commandant,  
  
Internment Camp,  
  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,  
  
The Colonial Secretary,  
  
STANLEY.

Reference our recent conversations regarding news for Internees I attach herewith a letter received from the Rev. G.K.Lowe on the subject. News sheets are not now prepared for the camp by Mr Lowe. May I suggest that copies of the local Church paper be supplied to Internees.

*Barker*  
Captain,  
Commandant,  
Internment Camp.

No.

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

MINUTE.

15th November, 19 39.

From Commandant,

Internment Camp,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Re - H. RIESE - Internee.

With reference to our recent conversation I have the honour to recommend that H. Riese, an Internee who has been constantly employed in the Falkland Islands Company's Engineer Shop since the crew of the "Carl Fritzen" was interned in the Falkland Islands, be given an increase of 1/- per day in his pay.

My reason for this recommendation is that Riese, who has the name of being a very good engineer, and whose conduct is excellent, is constantly employed on technical work, whereas the rest of the crew are working as navvies.

*D. M. M.*  
Captain,  
Commandant,  
Internment Camp.

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MINUTE

4th November, 1939.

From Executive Engineer,  
Public Works Department,

To Officer Commanding,  
Royal Army Service Corps,  
STANLEY.

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Drainage from A. Stewart's house to beach.

Materials and labour inclusive.

70 yards run 4" Earthenware pipe drain, @ 5/- yd	£ 17. 10. 0
2 Inspection Pits, @ 60/-	6. 0. 0
2 Gullies, @ 10/-	1. 0. 0
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Sgd. AUSTEN WOODGATE  
Executive Engineer.

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

MINUTE.

15th November, 19 39.

From Officer Commanding

Royal Army Service Corps,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,


The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Reference red 40 and your minute of 21/10/39 on C.S.O. File No. 176/39. I have the honour to submit an estimate from the Executive Engineer for the construction of drainage from A. Stewart's house to sea beach. The Executive Engineer has agreed to send one plumber only to construct the inspection pits and gullies. The rest of the work will be carried out by Internees and one labourer from the Agricultural Department.

The use of Internee labour will in all probability enable work to be done under the estimated price.

Your authority to proceed is sought.

  
Captain,  
Officer Commanding  
Royal Army Service Corps.

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

MINUTE.

24th November 1939.....19

*From* Information Officer

*To* Hon. Colonial Secretary

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

With reference to your Minute of the 17th November instructing me to prepare a summary of the British Official News for the information of the German internees, I beg to request that arrangements may be made for a copy of the news to be supplied to me, say before noon on Tuesdays and Fridays. I can then summarise it and have it typed for issue the same day.



Information Officer

His Majesty's Consul at Montevideo, in the temporary absence of His Majesty's Minister, presents his compliments to the Governor of the Falkland Islands and, with reference to his Excellency's semi-official letters No. 176/39 of the 7th October and M.P. 176/39 of the 7th November in connexion with the crews of enemy merchantmen and their effects, has to transmit, herewith, a memorandum containing the observations of His Majesty's Legation on the subject.

Montevideo,

25th November, 1939.



CONFIDENTIAL.

MEMORANDUM.

1. As regards the landing in Montevideo of the crew of the "KARL FRITZEN", it seems probable that these men with one exception (who will be given no choice in any case) would opt to stay where they are if they were consulted. They are stated to have little or no interest in the war but once here, affidavits notwithstanding, they will undoubtedly be coerced by the German authorities and employed on such service as seemed good to these latter. Since that service would presumably be injurious to British interests, the Minister for Foreign Affairs would view with surprise, to say the least, any renewal of our representations to bring the men to Montevideo. Incidentally, it seems arguable that the landing of the "OLINDA"'s crew here was the exception rather than the rule and cannot therefore be held to constitute a precedent in support of the present proposal.

2. If the scheme for sending the crew of the "KARL FRITZEN" to Montevideo is discarded, the question of the sending of parcels for them from Montevideo to Stanley assumes greater importance. Arising out of the Governor's telegram of the 13th October to Buenos Aires, eight parcels of clothing and two cases of books and sundry small comforts such as pipes, writing paper and shaving soap are being despatched in the s.s. "LAFONIA" on her forthcoming voyage. The local branch of the Y.M.C.A. has once again acted as intermediary, and Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon are undertaking shipment on payment of the usual freight charges. A member of the Consulate staff has checked the list of articles, which has been handed in turn to the "LAFONIA"'s agents.

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The Master of the "LAFONIA" is aware of the nature of the shipment and has authority to open the various cases on the high seas as a security measure.

3. We here frankly do not share the Governor's optimistic view regarding sabotaging devices. From information in our possession we believe that, once the Germans put their sabotage plans into operation, they may very well try to concentrate on the "LAFONIA" as constituting a vital link in our communications.

4. With adequate safeguards in this direction, there seems, however, to be no valid reason why parcels should not be sent regularly to the "KARL FRITZEN"'s crew in the Falkland Islands. In this connexion the interest taken by the International Red Cross at Geneva is welcome here; since Montevideo is the only possible point of shipment and the local cooperation of the Y.M.C.A., however valuable, can only be a makeshift, it is clearly desirable that the Red Cross organisation at Geneva should enlist the support of its Montevideo branch at the earliest opportunity, and it is hoped that it may be possible for the Governor to make immediate proposals to that effect. Incidentally, it seems clear that the International Red Cross, by the very fact of their interest, regard the crew of the "KARL FRITZEN" as prisoners of war and not as distressed sailors.

British Legation, Montevideo.

25th November, 1939.

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# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENT FOR LLOYDS.

AGENTS FOR  
THE PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

TELEGRAMS: FLEETWING PORT STANLEY VIA RADIO

*Stanley*

7th December, 1939.

Sir,

With reference to my verbal conversation with <sup>the</sup> Officer  
Commanding Falkland Islands Defence Force regarding the use  
of the Hulk "Fennia" for accommodation of internees, I must  
add that I wish it made clear that Government <sup>will</sup> undertake  
responsibility for any loss or damage incurred to the Hulk and  
equipment or to the stocks of timber, fencing wire, iron,  
various oils &c and other commodities now stored on board and  
that the Government will undertake all insurance upon the above  
while so employed. As a precautionary measure, I would suggest  
that suitable locking bars and padlocks be provided to the  
hatchways and all openings to the hold made secure.  
Prevention of access to holds and fore peak would minimise the  
risk of sabotage by scuttling or by fire. Insurances at  
present are:- Hulk £1,000 - Fittings, Machinery etc £500 -  
Merchandise £3,500. Total value £5,000.  
Fire insurance under occupation as quarters for Enemy internees  
would probably constitute a separate insurance.

It is presumed that a sufficient guard will be placed  
on board.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Wm. Mack*  
Manager.

THE HONOURABLE

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY

STANLEY.



Kleidersammlung für die Matrosen des Dampfers "Karl-Fritzen"

P a k e t 1

16 Unterhosen  
16 Unterhemden

16 calzoncillos  
16 camisetas

P a k e t 2

12 Pullovers  
1 Sportanzug  
3 Schals  
8 Leibbinden  
8 Kravatten

12 pulovers  
1 traje  
3 bufandas  
8 vendas  
8 corbatas

P a k e t 3

12 Oberhemden  
3 Unterhemden  
1 Unterhose  
1 Pijama  
2 Pijamahosen  
34 Paar Socken  
1 Paar Pulswärmer  
1 Paar Handschuhe  
1 Pullover

12 camisas  
3 camisetas  
1 calzoncillo  
1 pijama  
2 pantalones de pijama  
34 par de medias  
1 par de muñequeras  
1 par de guantes  
1 pullover

P a k e t 4

7 Anzüge

7 trajes

P a k e t 5

6 Anzüge

6 trajes

P a k e t 6

6 Mäntel

6 sacos

P a k e t 7

2 Regenmäntel  
1 Sportanzug  
2 Sporthosen  
1 heller Anzug  
3 Paar Hosen

2 impermeables  
1 traje  
2 pantalones  
1 traje claro  
3 pantalones

P a k e t 8

P a k e t 8

6 Jacken	6 sacos cortos
1 Hut	1 sombrero
3 Paar Schuhe	3 par de zapatos
1 Paar Hausschuhe	1 par de zapatillas

K i s t e 1 (cajón)

10 Block Briefpapier	10 block carta
1 Paket Briefumschläge	1 paquete sobres para carta
1 Paquet Bleistifte	1 paquete de lápices
1 Schachspiel mit Brett	1 juego de ajedrez con tabla
15 Kartenspiele	15 juegos de baraja
2 Pfeifen	2 pipas
10 Pakete Tabak	10 paquetes de tabaco
10 Pakete Zigaretttenpapier	10 paquetes papel para cigarrillo
1 Tabaksbeutel	1 tabaquera
1 Damenbrett mit Figuren	1 juego de damas
15 Stück Rasierseife	15 jabones de afeitar
1 Domino	1 dominó
1 Geduldsspiel	1 juego de paciencia
1 Schachtel Knöpfe	1 caja con botones
58 Bücher	58 libros

K i s t e 2 (cajón)

18 spanische Lehrbücher	18 libros escolares en español
27 englische Bücher	27 libros en inglés
2 französische Bücher	2 libros en francés
1 Ueberzieher	1 sobretodo
1 Rock	1 saco
1 Hose	1 pantalón
1 Sporthose	1 pantalón corto
2 Hemden	2 camisas
3 Unterhosen	3 calzoncillos
1 Hut	1 sombrero

AT MONTEVIDEO

November 22nd, 1939.

Dear Sirs,

I authorise you hereby to despatch by the next sailing of the s.s. "LAFONIA" eight parcels and two cases containing clothing, books and sundries addressed to the crew of the German S.S. "KARL FRITZEN", now interned in the Falkland Islands.

This consignment, which has materialised on the initiative of His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands, should call for the payment of the regular commercial freight rates. The contents have been checked X and a list in German and Spanish is enclosed herein. The Master of the "LAFONIA" is, I understand, also aware of the nature of this shipment.

The cases in question are temporarily held by the local branch of the Y.M.C.A., with whom you should get into touch.

Yours faithfully,

(SIGNED) N.O.W. Steward.

H.M. Consul.

Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon S.A.,  
Montevideo.

X by a member of the staff of this Consulate



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AGENT FOR LLOYDS.

AGENTS FOR  
THE PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

TELEGRAMS: FLEETWING PORT STANLEY VIA RADIO.

*Stanley*

9th December, 1939. 19

Sir,

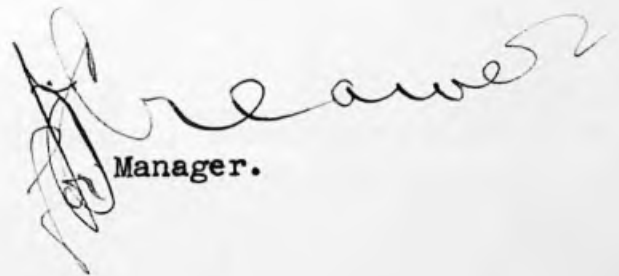
We enclose copy of a letter received from H.B.M. Consul, Montevideo, by our agents Messrs Maclean & Stapledon regarding shipment by "Lafonia" of 10 packages of clothing, books etc, consigned to the Colonial Government for the benefit of the German crew of the late s.s. "Karl Fritzen" who are interned here.

The packages are at present lying in our warehouse and we shall be pleased to hand them over whenever the Government wishes to take delivery. We would mention that the packages appear to have been opened for inspection at various stages during transit from the original source.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Received from the British Consulate at Montevideo, the following:

1 (one) case containing Cameras

15 (thirteen) bags " clothing

1 (one) package " tent

1 (one) " " chronometer

20 (twenty) suit cases

1 (one) bundle

total 5 (three) trunks.  
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Montevideo, 13th. October 1939.

*A. Hugo Grassi*  
*La Asociación Cristiana de*  
*Juvenes*



**BRITISH CONSULATE,  
MONTEVIDEO.**

November 25th, 1939.

H.M.Consul at Montevideo presents his compliments to the Colonial Secretary, Stanley, Falkland Islands, and, with reference to the latter's communication No. 176/39 of the 4th. November, has to transmit herewith the receipt obtained from the local branch of the Y.M.C.A., which kindly consented to transfer the effects of the "Olinda's" crew to the German authorities.

It will be seen that there were 40 cases in all, including 13 bags and a case containing cameras.

*Ans.*



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

MINUTE.

9th. December, 19 39.

From Senior Medical Officer

To The Honourable,

Stanley.

Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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Due presumably to secrecy warships arrive in port and no notification reaches me hence no pratique is extended. Recently I understand it was proposed to land venereal cases or place them on the Fort Richard. While I believe this was prevented by Major Woodgate the whole arrangement was made without reference to me. I learned of it accidentally.

2. Unofficially I understand additional prisoners of war have arrived or are arriving. Their condition medically, their medical care and the conditions under which they live should presumably be of some concern to the officer responsible for the health of the Colony, but again I am in possession of no information.

3. As my position seems somewhat obscure I should be grateful for any observations or instructions which you might care to furnish as to what I am expected or not expected to do. I mentioned my difficulty to Major Woodgate and he referred me to you.

*Geo. Tennant*  
Senior Medical Officer.

No.

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

MINUTE.

12th December 19 39.

From O.C. Defence Force.

To Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*I have the honour to refer to*

1. The Internees, both those at the Agricultural Station and those to be housed on "Fennia". His Excellency has to-day agreed that each man shall be handed weekly a "bon" for the amount of money to which he is entitled, either under the allowance of a 1/- a day for Officers and 6d. a day for men as agreed yesterday, or such other money as he may earn by doing Government work.

2. These "bons" will be endorsed "supply bearer to the value of .....shillings and charge to account of Colonial Government".

3. The Internees will be allowed to send a small shopping party under armed guard to make their purchases twice a week, and the question of any balance ~~which~~ may be outstanding on any "bon" is to be a matter of arrangement between the Internees and any store where they are making their purchases.

4. His Excellency agreed to this procedure in order to avoid the excessive work entailed in my Quartermasters Department of keeping a separate petty cash account for each of the Internees, to say nothing of the work entailed in collecting the order and purchasing odd packets of cigarettes.

5. In order to avoid any additional strain on my staff could the Treasury be asked, during the short time the Internees will be here I hope, to accept a statement of so many at 1/- per day, so many at 6d. per day and only detail of names where the men have earned additional money.

*W. Woodah.*

Major

O.C. Defence Force.

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6294/7/39.

September, 1939.  
20 SEP 1939

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary MacDonald to transmit to you, to be laid before Viscount Halifax, a copy of a telegram from the Governor of the Falkland Islands relating to the 33 Germans landed in the Colony from the S.S. Carl Fritzen.

2. Mr. MacDonald will be glad, provided Lord Halifax sees no objection, if arrangements may be made for a communication in the sense indicated in the telegram to be sent to Messrs. Johanas Fritzen und Sohn.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*Sydney H. E. Robinson*

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,  
FOREIGN OFFICE.



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Reference to previous correspondence :-

~~Secretary of State~~ telegram  
Governor's despatch No. 82

of 17th September

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 39.



DOWNING STREET,

20th September, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information,  
copies of the paper noted below on the subject of

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

MALCOLM MACDONALD.

The Officer Administering  
the Government.  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Name and Date.	Subject.
To Foreign Office. 20. Sept. 1939.	Interned Germans.

26th September 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Governor of the Falkland Islands has reported that the captain of the German S.S. "Carl Fritzen" who has been interned in the Falkland Islands with other members of the crew, has asked that the following communication should be made on his behalf to the owners of the ship, Messrs. Johannes Fritzen und Sohn, Bremen, Germany:-

"Begins Karl Fritzen sunk 4th September crew of 35 Germans landed Falkland Islands. 10 neutrals sent home 10th September. Please make stipulated payments to our families and give verbal news of us. Signed Hermann. Ends."

2. I have the honour to request you to be so good as to arrange for the above communication to be made to the German owners of this vessel and to add that the German nationals interned in the Falkland Islands are in good health.

I have the honour to be,  
with the highest consideration

Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
(For the Secretary of State)

(Sgd) KIRKPATRICK

Monsieur Charles Peravicini,

etc., etc., etc.

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RECORD OF PRISONERS OF WAR EX GERMAN SHIP "USSUKUMA" EMBARKED IN  
H.M.S. "CUMBERLAND" FROM H.M.S. "AJAX" ON 6TH. DECEMBER 1939.

FROM.....THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.S. CUMBERLAND,  
c/o G.P.O. LONDON.

DATE.....9th. December 1939. No. 58/1/74 A.

TO.....His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands  
Prisoners of War Information Bureau, c/o War Office (C.2)  
Secretary (N.L. Branch) Admiralty.

The attached information is forwarded in accordance with  
Admiralty Fleet Order No. 2603a Paragraph 6 (1939), regarding the  
prisoners who were landed at Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, on  
H.M. 13 December, 1939.

2.- The papers and effects brought onboard by the officers and  
crew have been examined. Some are forwarded herewith (to His  
Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands only). They consist  
of :-

- "A"
- (a) Papers originating in S/S "USSUKUMA"; these have been gone  
through with care but they contain no information of  
military value not already known.
  - (b) Letters sent from Germany after the declaration of war.  
These have not been gone through as there is no German  
interpreter onboard.

All other papers have been returned to their owners.

- 3.- Both Helmut BERG, 2nd. Wireless Operator and Gunter KREBS,  
3rd. Wireless Operator had a number of cards amongst their  
effects indicating that they are members of the Hitler  
Jugend. KREBS had also a paper stating that he could be  
given a permit to take service in the Italian ship "DELFIN"  
whenever he so desired. This paper is attached ( to His  
Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands only).

4.- A barber aged 60 and a steward aged 65 who arrived onboard  
in a distressed condition were accommodated in the Sick Bay.  
Shortly afterwards one of the young men complained of being ill.  
As there was nothing the matter with him he was returned after a  
short time to rejoin the main body. It is suggested that this man  
tried to get to the Sick Bay to keep in touch with the older men  
to see that they gave nothing away. In general there seemed to be  
a cleavage and lack of sympathy between the older men and the young  
ones although the morale of all concerned was good and their  
behaviour excellent.

*W. Fallowfield.*

CAPTAIN, Royal Navy  
(W. Fallowfield)

ack.  
O.C. to see  
Mr. Can. be asked to examine  
letters  
16/12/39



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RECORD OF PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN FROM  
GERMAN SHIP "USSURUMIA" BY H.M.S. "AJAX" IN POSITION

39 degrees 24 mins. South.

57 " 15 " East.

EMBARKED ONBOARD H.M.S. "AJAX" P.M. 5th December, 1939

AND

TRANSFERRED TO H.M.S. "CUMBERLAND" P.M. 6th December, 1939.

No. on Ship's Books.	Name.	Rank.	Nation- ality/ (age).	Date, Place, etc. of disposal.	Whether wounded or since died.
85.	Hugo WILLIAMS.	Captain (Captain)	52.		
86.	Wilhelm LUDKE.	1st Officer.	40.		
87.	Heinrich WILD.	2nd Officer.	30.		
88.	Rudolph BEHNKE.	2nd Officer.	30.		
89.	Heinrich FRIEDRICH.	3rd Officer.	30.		
90.	Helmuth SCHNEIDER.	4th Officer.	35.		
1.	Hans COSCH.	Boat'n.	27.		
2.	Walter COSCH.	Carpenter.	32.		
3.	Carl DEWILDS.	C.M.	44.		
4.	Willi HENIG.	C.M.	30.		
5.	Gustav BLUMER.	C.M.	42.		
6.	Fritz GACHLMANN.	C.M.	30.		
7.	Wolfram HEINE.	C.M.	20.		
8.	Walter RUTING.	C.M.	30.		
9.	Rudolph SCHULZ.	C.M.	55.		
10.	Hermann BLUM.	Sailor.	20.		
11.	Willi BURNHISTE.	Sailor.	30.		
12.	Otto Kurt d'HOOP.	Sailor.	18.		
13.	Erich RAUFMANN.	Sailor.	22.		
14.	Alfred KERN.	Sailor.	25.		
15.	Herbert OHLERT.	Sailor.	23.		
16.	Herman SCHLIMM.	Sailor.	24.		
17.	Heinz BRUNKE.	Ord. Sailor.	17.		
18.	Erich LESCHIK.	Ord. Sailor.	17.		

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Stamley, Falkland Islands  
Jan. 13 December, 1939

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RECORD OF PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN FROM GERMAN SHIP "USSUKUMA".

No. on Ship's Books.	Name.	Rank.	Nation -ality/ (age).	Date, Place whether etc. of wounded disposal. or since died.
<del>16.</del>	<del>Erich LESCHKE.</del>	<del>Ord. Sailor.</del>	<del>17.</del>	
19.	Harro FROMME.	Ord. Sailor.	18.	
20.	Heinz SCHNEELLE.	Ord. Sailor.	18.	
21.	Paul AMME.	Deck Boy.	18.	
22.	Henrich BRAMMANN.	Deck Boy.	15.	
91.	Robert SCHÖNING.	Purser.	31.	
92.	Karl Heinz RABE.	Asst. Purser.	27.	
23.	John HARTMANN.	Storekeeper.	30.	
24.	Herbert REINKE.	2nd Storekeeper.	34.	
105.	Theo KLATTECK.	Chief Cook.	39.	
24.	Wilhelm GÜNTHER.	1st Cook.	31.	
25.	Helmut BREUNIG.	2nd Cook.	26.	
26.	Rudolph NEUBAUER.	2nd Cook.	26.	
27.	Dionysius HANGUAY.	2nd Cook.	26.	
28.	Walter DÖRSELN.	Confectioner.	42.	
29.	Peter OSLENDER.	Baker.	40.	
30.	Carl GRAGE.	Butcher.	39.	
31.	Joseph GLANZMANN.	Cook's Mate.	25.	
32.	Hans HILBERT.	Cook's Mate.	23.	
33.	Johann KRENNMAYR.	Cook's Mate.	18.	
34.	Adolph HOFFMANN.	Kitchen Boy.	18.	
106.	Jacob WITT.	Chief Steward.	52.	
107.	Edgar SCHRODER.	Chief Steward.	39.	
35.	Heinrich SCHWABOT.	Bandmaster.	50.	
36.	Ernst August GERHARDT.	Musician.	51.	
37.	Otto QUAST.	Pantry Cook.	29.	
38.	Walter BÖSCHE.	Pantry Cook.	27.	
39.	Franz BAKKER.	Steward.	24.	
40.	Kurt BEUMER.	Steward.	47.	

Part Stanley. Falkland Islands  
arr. 13 December 1939

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## RECORD OF PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN FROM GERMAN SHIP "USQUITUK"

No. on Ship's Books.	Name.	Rank.	Nation -ality/ (age).	Date, Place, etc. of Disposal.	Whether wounded or since died.
41.	Herbert BITTER.	Steward.	26.		
42.	Paul BÜTNER.	Steward.	65.		
43.	Matthias DELVO.	Steward.	25.		
44.	Friedrich FURSTENBERG.	Steward.	30.		
45.	Reinhard GEISLER.	Steward.	34.		
46.	August JENA.	Steward.	32.		
47.	Albert KRAUSE.	Steward.	43.		
48.	Rudolph LINDIUS.	Steward.	25.		
49.	Gorhard MARGHARDT.	Steward.	31.		
50.	Wilhelm NIEMUS.	Steward.	39.		
51.	Erwin PLATZACK.	Steward.	27.		
52.	Eugen SCHUBING.	Steward.	20.		
53.	Emil SCHNEIDERHOFER.	Steward.	23.		
54.	Edgar SPIESCH.	Steward.	32.		
55.	Heinrich STAMPE.	Steward.	33.		
56.	Arnold WICKELME.	Steward.	35.		
57.	Albert WIESENBERG.	Steward.	35.		
58.	Carl WILHARE.	Steward.	46.		
59.	Arthur ZIMM.	Steward.	47.		
60.	Adolph JÄHNKE.	Dishwasher.	25.		
61.	Harry OCHSKE.	Dishwasher.	26.		
62.	Rudolph SCHUSTER.	Dishwasher.	24.		
63.	Gorhard WITZKE.	Dishwasher.	18.		
64.	Alfred HUNER.	Steward.	18.		
65.	Rudolph FRIEDENDORFER.	Boy.	16.		
66.	Rudolph KISSLER.	Mess Steward.	17.		
67.	Otto SELOW.	Mess Steward.	19.		
68.	Gustav MEINERS.	Mess Boy.	14.		

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 Arr. 13 December, 1939

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RECORD OF PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN FROM GERMAN SHIP "USSUKULLA".

No. on Ship's Books.	Name.	Rank.	Nation -ality (age).	Date, Place etc. of Disposal.	Whether wounded or since died.
69.	Froedrick RUCK.	Mess Boy.	16.		
70.	Eugene JANSSEN.	Boy.	15.		
71.	Wilhelm DIEL.	1st Barber.	60.		
72.	Walter SCHILLHORN.	2nd Barber.	27.		
73.	Fritz DERTESFELD.	1st Printer.	53.		
74.	Walter STANSKI.	2nd Printer.	25.		
93.	Erich ZIEDELER.	Chief Engineer.	53.		
94.	Otto ROTTER.	2nd Engineer.	35.		
96.	Alfred LEBMANN.	3rd Engineer.	31.		
95.	Helmut SACHTELBBEN.	3rd Engineer.	23.		
98.	Karl HOGREFFE.	Asst. Engineer.	26.		
97.	Helmut ADAMS.	Asst. Engineer.	23.		
99.	Karl ISRAEL.	Asst. Engineer.	26.		
100.	Wilhelm SANNHOFF.	Asst. Engineer.	23.		
101.	Albert SCHILTE.	Asst. Engineer.	23.		
75.	Andreas BECHLER.	Store Keeper.	36.		
76.	Gustav METZENDORF.	Fireman.	33.		
77.	Willy PAPE.	Fireman.	47.		
78.	Emil SCHULZ.	Fireman.	33.		
79.	Siegfried ESCHER.	Fireman.	25.		
80.	Eduard MEYER.	Fireman.	26.		
81.	Heinrich PAHLSDORF.	Fireman.	26.		
82.	Erich BRAGE.	Cleaner.	24.		
83.	Ottomar HAUPTMANN.	Cleaner.	17.		
102.	Gunter ALT.	1st W.T. Operator.	23.		
103.	Helmut BERG.	2nd W.T. Operator.	18.		
104.	Gunter KREBS.	3rd W.T. Operator.	18.		

NOTE. / Nationality of all prisoners - GERMAN.  
Q.M. indicates Quartermaster.

Part Stanley. Falkland Islands  
Arr. 13 December, 1939.

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EFFECTS OF GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR EX "USSUKUMA"

FROM.....THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.S.CUMBERLAND,  
c/o G.P.O.LONDON.

DATE.....13th.December 1939. No. 58/1/75.A.

TO.....His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands  
The Commodore Commanding, the South America Division  
H.M.S."AJAX".

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The attached is a list of articles belonging to prisoners of war ex German ship "USSUKUMA" which <sup>they claim</sup> were turned over to an officer onboard H.M.S."AJAX" and not returned to them.

2. The prisoners made out the list themselves, and the values of articles shown are as assessed by them.

3. The Executive officer went through the bag of effects sent over from H.M.S."AJAX" and the articles in question were not in the bag.

W. Fallowfield.

CAPTAIN

(W.Fallowfield)

Ack. is above from  
1 copy of list to O.C. 87.  
~~but can not be asked to examine~~  
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Articles handed over to an officer on H.M.S. " AJAX " from the crew of the german ship " USSUKUMA ", which have not been returned to the owners:

1. Quartermaster Willi Ehrig:

1 fountain pen " Montblanc Meisterstueck " value about £ 2.10.--

2. Boy Gustav Reimers:

1 propelling pencil " Pelikan " value about £ 0.10.--

3. Quartermaster Carl Dethlefs:

1 fountain pen " Ibis " value about £ -.10.--

4. Ord. Sailor Erich Leschik:

1 camera " Agfa Billy Record " with leather box value about £ 3.--.--

5. Quartermaster Rudolf Schulz:

1 alarm clock in yellow box " Junghans " value about £ 1.10.--

6. 2nd Cook Rudolf Neubauer:

1 fountain pen " Montblanc " value about £ 1.10.--

1 fountain pen " Tintenkuili "-" Imperia " value about £ -.15.--

1 propelling pencil " Bavaria " value unknown

7. Captains Boy Rudolf Pesendorfer:

1 camera " Agfa Billy Record " No. 0407 value about £ 3.--.--

8. Deckboy Paul Amme:

1 camera " Balda Juvelia " value about £ 2.--.--

9. Pantry Cook Otto Muast:

1 shaving machine value about £ -.10.--

10. Confectioner Walter Doerseln:

1 cigarette lighter " Tausenzuender " value about £ -.10.--

11. Ord. Sailor Harro Fromme:

1 pair of binoculars " Zeiss Ikon " 8 x 30 value about £ 11.--.--

No receipt has been given by the " AJAX "

12. Fireman Heinrich Pahlisdorf:

1 camera " Voigtlaender " 6 x 6 value about £ 4.--.--

1 wrist- watch " Alpina " in silver value about £ 3.5.--

13. 2nd Cook Helmut Breunig .....



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13. 2nd Cook Helmut Breunig:  
1 wrist-watch "Anker", golden  
value unknown (present)

14. 2nd printer Walter Stawski:  
1 pair of binoculars "Nitschke" 8 x 30  
value about £ 6.10.--  
No receipt has been given by "AJAX"

15. Quartermaster Gustav Elsner:  
1 pair of shoes, black  
value about £ 1.--.--  
1 fountain pen "Ibis"  
value about £ -.12.--

16. Steward Matthias Delvo:  
1 fountain pen "Montblanc Meisterstueck"  
value about £ 2.10.--

17. Steward Kurt Beuthner:  
out of his wallet one note of \$ 50.-- (fifty argent. Pesos)

18. Dishwasher Gerhard Winzek:  
1 wallet with papers and fotos (certificate of birth etc.)

19. Steward Reinhard Geisler:  
his passport and  
1 fountain pen "Waterman"  
value unknown

20. 2nd officer Heinrich Ewald:  
1 pocket watch "Junghans" No. 459580  
value about £ 4.--.--  
1 fountain pen - value and mark unknown  
1 small knife

21. Chief Steward Edgar Schroeder:  
2 fountain pens "Pelikan"  
value each about £ 1.4.--  
1 alarm clock in blue (or green) leather box  
value about £ 1.10.--  
1 wrist-watch, made in Suisse  
value about £ 6.10.--  
1 silver pocket knife  
value about £ -.10.--  
1 propelling pencil, silver  
value about £ -.10.--

22. Asst. Engin. Karl Israel:  
1 clock with phosphorescent dial  
value about £ -.10.--

23. Asst. Engin. Helmut Adams:  
1 fountain pen "Adler"  
value about £ -.15.--  
1 propelling pencil "Faber"  
value unknown

24. 3rd Wireless-Operator Guenter Krebs:  
1 fountain pen "Pelikan"  
value about £ 1.4.--

25. Chief Steward Jacob Witt:  
1 fountain pen "Montblanc Meisterstueck"  
value about £ 2.10.--

26. Purser Robert Schoening .....

26. Purser Robert Schoening:

1 pair of binoculars " Spindler & Hoyer " 8 x 30  
value about £ 8.---  
handed over from the 3rd officer Kretschmann  
No receipt has been given by " AJAX "

27. Steward Friedrich Fuerstenberg:

1 brown rug with green and white check on the back  
value about £ 4.---

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SENT  
TELEGRAM.

From H.E. The Governor F.I.  
Secretary of State.  
To

Despatched : 18th December 19 39 Time : 1815

Received : Repeat to *Admiral, S.A.D.* 19 Time :

No. 134 Secret December 18th.

Crews of German merchant vessels now numbering 140 are interned here. They already outnumber members of the Defence Force on active service and the problem of feeding and bedding them and finding warm clothing creates difficulties. I would be grateful if the Admiralty could arrange for their removal to the Union of South Africa or elsewhere as early as may be convenient.

C&S WHRS



FAKLAND ISLANDS

FROM.....THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, STANLEY.

DATE..... 18th December, 1939.

REF.No.....176/1939.

To..... THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.S. CUMBERLAND".

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I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential Memorandum No. 58/1/75A of the 13th of December, 1939, together with enclosures regarding articles belonging to prisoners of war ex the German ship "USSUKUMA" which they claim were turned over to an Officer on board H.M.S. "Ajax" and not returned to them.

*met*

Colonial Secretary.

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FAKLAND ISLANDS

FROM.....THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, STANLEY.

DATE.....18th DECEMBER, 1939.

REF.NO.... 176/1939.

TO..... THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.S. "CUMBERLAND".

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I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential Memorandum No.58/I/74 A.of the 9th of December, 1939, transmitting a list of the Officers and crew of the ex-German ship "USSUKUMA", together with the following papers:-

- (a) Papers originating in the s.s. "Ussukuma",
- (h) Letters sent from Germany after the declaration of war.

The papers will be examined by a German Interpreter here.

2. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of your Memorandum have been noted.

mcH

Colonial Secretary.

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MINUTE.

20th. December 1939 19

To The Honourable Colonial Secretary

From Harbour Master.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to refer to the use of the hulk Fennia for housing the Prisoners of War from H.M.S. Cumberland. Messrs the Falkland Island Co.'s Manager has written asking for the usual formal requisitioning of the vessel, but as the hire ~~is~~ will be a charge against Imperial Government presumably rather than Admiralty, I am not sure that I have power to requisition and feel an agreement for monthly part hire would better suit the case. May I have you views and wishes in the matter please?

*Rush Woodgate.*  
*H. H. H.*



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MINUTE.

20th. December, 19 39.

From Senior Medical Officer

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

Colonial Secretary.

Sollner the internee cook I understand sold a fish  
net to Government and the payment therefore is held in trust  
I understand or at any rate he cannot get the cash.

In the circumstances he wishes to secure credit in some  
way to finance christmas celebrations. Can you do anything  
to help him out please?

Personally I feel we owe him a debt of gratitude for the  
splendid way he has worked in cooking for the hospital and  
I shall deal with his difficulty myself if regulations  
prevent him securing the credit he wishes.

*Ger. Kinnear*  
Senior Medical Officer.

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MINUTE.

21st December, 19 39.

From The Officer Commanding,

Falkland Islands  
Defence Force,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

In accordance with your verbal request, I have the honour to submit herewith a list showing the daily or weekly supplies of foodstuffs for the Internees accommodated on board "Fennia".



Major.  
O/C. Falkland Islands Defence  
Force.

Potatoes	150 lbs. per day
Butter	10 " " "
Oatmeal	10 " " "
Rice	10 " " "
Macaroni	5 " " "
Flour	50 " " week
Sugar	10 " " day
Table Salt	2 ltins per day
Cooking Salt	5 lbs. per day
Pepper	1 bottle per week
Vinegar	2 bottles " "
Curry Powder	1 tin " "
Mustard	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. " "
Pickles	6 bottles " "
Sauce	3 " " "
Tea	10 lbs. " "
Coffee	24 " " "
Jam	10 " " day
Lard	10 " " "
Peas	5 " " "
Beans	5 " " "
Apple Rings or ) Peaches or ) Apricots }	1 case per week
Currants	20 lbs. per week
Milk	15 tins " day
Onions	10 lbs. " "
Mutton	3 carcasses per day
Bread	100 lbs. " "
Barley	5 " " "
Corned Beef	30 " " week



BRITISH EMBASSY,  
BUENOS AIRES.

December 16th, 1939.

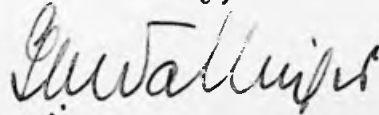
My dear Governor,

Our Press Attaché has been confidentially informed by the newspaper "El Sol" that the local Germans propose shortly to try to reinforce their Malvinas campaign by alleging that German prisoners on the Falklands have been tortured and mutilated.

The Ambassador would like to suggest, for Your Excellency's consideration, that the best way to refute these attacks would be to have photographs of the prisoners taken and sent to us here. If the campaign was launched "El Sol" would be prepared to print them prominently in refutation, and no doubt other papers would also use the material.

I am, my dear Governor,

Yours sincerely,



FIRST SECRETARY.

His Excellency,  
The Governor of the Falkland Islands,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

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TELEGRAM.

Interviews  
file  
No. 451.

From Secretary of State.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 22nd December, 19 39. Time : 0450.

Received : 22nd December, 19 39. Time : 1025.

118 Secret Your telegram 18th December unnumbered. Secret.

Crews of German Vessels. As you may be aware arrangements were being concerted between local Naval Authorities and Union Government with Admiralty concurrence for the transfer of all these ~~alien~~ enemy aliens to South Africa. But in view of recent events some alteration in the arrangements will be necessary. I suggest you ascertain from Admiral Commanding South American Division what arrangements he has in mind.

Meanwhile I am communicating with Admiralty.

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DCC. AM

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H.M.S. "AJAX",

26th December 1939.

No.023.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your telegram of 18th December in which Your Excellency drew attention to the difficulties of accommodating, feeding and clothing the 140 German prisoners-of-war ex German ships "CARL FRITZEN" and "USSUKUMA".

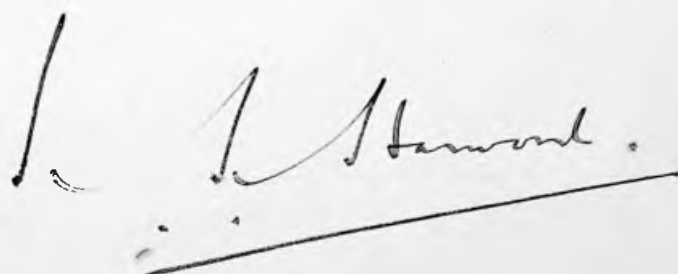
2. The approval of the Union Government has been obtained for the transfer of these prisoners-of-war to South Africa where they will be interned at the expense of the Imperial Government, and they can take passage in H.M.S. "CUMBERLAND", sailing for Simonstown on Friday, 29th December 1939.

3. If convenient to the Colonial Government, H.M. Ship's boats will be alongside the hulk "FENNIA" (for the "USSUKUMA"'s crew) and the Government Dockyard Pier (for "CARL FRITZEN"'s crew) at 0900 on Friday, 29th December to embark these men in H.M.S. "CUMBERLAND".

4. I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to Your Excellency for all the arrangements made for looking after these Germans since their capture by H.M.S. "AJAX".

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,



REAR ADMIRAL.

His Excellency the Governor of  
the Falkland Islands,  
Government House, Port Stanley.  
(Copy to: The Commanding Officer,  
H.M.S. "CUMBERLAND").

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Government House,  
Falkland Islands.

28th December, 1939.

Sir, I

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 023 of the 26th instant informing me of the arrangements proposed for transferring 140 enemy aliens interned in this Colony to South Africa in H.M.S. Cumberland.

2. I have issued instructions for the internees to be ready to embark at the places and time mentioned in your letter.

3. I am obliged to you for the action taken so readily in response to my request. This Government is at all times prepared to receive crews of other enemy ships captured if required in emergency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

The Rear-Admiral  
South American Division,  
H.M.S. Ajax.



Signal

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From H.M.S. "Apase"  
To Colonial Secretary.  
Date 29<sup>th</sup> December 1939.

Your message of today.  
Pistol confiscated.  
Navigation books sent  
to Admiralty. All  
Cameras were returned  
to owners and no  
complaint was  
received at the  
time that any  
were missing.

In Interest file

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
FAIRLAND ISLANDS,  
28th DECEMBER 1939.

Mr. HANS WARNCKE,  
2nd OFFICER ex s.s. "CARL FRITZEN"

With reference to your letter of this days date  
I have to inform you that two photograph Albums were  
received from H.M.S. "AJAX". One of these albums was  
returned to you here. The second Album has been sent  
to the authorities in England and will no doubt be  
returned to you at the end of the war.

No camera, pistol or navigation books were  
received from H.M.S. "AJAX". Your enquiry has been  
referred to the Officer Commanding that warship.

Colonial Secretary.

SIGNAL

TO...OFFICER COMMANDING H.M.S. "AJAX"  
FROM..COLONIAL SECRETARY.  
DATE 29th DECEMBER 1939.

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WARNCKE 2nd OFFICER EX GERMAN SHIP CARL FRITZEN HAS  
ADDRESSED AN ENQUIRY TO ME REGARDING A PISTOL AND  
NAVIGATION BOOKS WHICH HE ALLEGES WERE TAKEN FROM HIM  
ALSO A CAMERA BELONGING TO SANSKORSKY AN OFFICER OF SAME  
SHIP. ONLY ARTICLES RECEIVED HERE WERE TWO PHOTOGRAPH  
ALBUMS BELONGING TO WARNCKE.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Hans H. Z. Wamke

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To the  
Colonial Secretary's  
Office  
Falkl. Islands.

I kindly ask for the  
camera of Mr. Samkowsky and  
the Photoalbum and the Pistol  
and the Navigations books  
which are private property  
to me. If you can't hand  
over this things to me personally  
will you kindly acknowledge  
receipt.

Sincerely

Hans Wamke  
2<sup>nd</sup> office  
"S. S. Carl Fritsch"



TRANSLATION.

Port Stanley, 28th. December, 1939.

Most Honoured Major!

If I write in German, it is only because I express myself better in my mother tongue; but the Censor will no doubt be so amiable as to translate my remarks for you.

The decision regarding our sudden departure came as a very great surprise to us. If we did think of the end of our stay, we did not expect it so soon. I can assure you, Herr Major, that we have been very well treated under your rule, and most of us regret that we must be separated from you and from the place. We know what we have had; but not to know what we are to get, and whether it will be as good as we have had here, is another question. Not every Major-Commandant is as understanding as you are. I must, therefore, thank you for all this, and for all that you have done for us. We are convinced that it was your endeavour to render our involuntary sojourn in Port Stanley as pleasant as possible - which you have certainly done. You have granted our requests as far as they could be granted. You alone have we to thank for all the amenities and alleviations of our period of internment-of <sup>this</sup> ~~which~~ we are <sup>fully aware</sup> ~~conscious~~. For your amiability, of which you have given me a share, must I more especially thank you and your amiable wife. I shall never forget the time that I spent in Port Stanley, and I shall very often remember it with pleasure. Perhaps an opportunity may one day offer itself when I shall be able to express my thanks in some other way.

Once more, Herr Major, my most heartfelt thanks for everything; and long may you flourish. I wish you and your wife a lucky and happy New Year, and all good thenceforth. With my best greetings and wishes, in which my officers and crew join,

I remain,

Your,

H. Wilmsen,

Capt. s.s. Ussukuma.

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

MINUTE.

30th. November 1939 19

From O.C. Defence Force.

To The Honourable Colonial Secretary

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to refer to the letter from the British Embassy dated the 16th. inst. with regard to the ill-treatment of German prisoners in this Colony and offer the following points that would, in the hands of a newspaper editor become valuable propaganda and material for the refutation of this charge.

1. Daily and weekly rations have already been submitted (see red 97). In this connection I would say that in the opinion of the Medical Officer to whom this was submitted, the food while lacking in fresh fruit and vegetables was on the heavy side for men who were not doing heavy manual work. The prisoners themselves on the Fennia stated that they were receiving more food than they had on the Cumberland.
2. The attached letter from the Captain of the Ussukuma was written to me as a result of a remark I made to him concerning the rumour of their ill-treatment. He also pointed out how absurd such a rumour was as no one either from their ship or the Carl Fritzen had been in touch with B.A. and it was not likely that English people would start such stories.
3. The Carl Fritzen crew definitely wanted to remain here and the only reason that the others had for having pleasure in their leaving was the fact that they had only thin tropical clothing.
4. The Carl Fritzen crew out of their pay of 2/6 per day when working gave half a crown per head quite spontaneously to a wreath for the dead from Exeter and addressed two letters of sympathy to the Captain of Exeter and asked especial permission to follow in the funeral procession. The only Nazi member of this crew was the prime mover in these friendly acts.
5. On the Fennia when not working, each man received 6d. and each officer 1/- per diem credit for purchase of tobacco etc. Certain

members of the crew who perform duties which were of service to the whole ships company, such as boats crew etc. received slightly more and the Captain in view of his being responsible for the internal discipline of the crew received 2/- per diem.

6. The ex Captain of the Ussukuma, by kind permission of His Excellency came ashore each evening at 18.45 for half an hour to listen to the English news in my quarters and made notes to pass on to his crew on return. On these informal occasions one had a much better idea of his real reactions to things in general and at all times he expressed himself as very pleased with all that we had done for him and his crew especially in view of the small resources at our disposal. When I wished him farewell, he asked me to accept a small present (obviously originally intended for his own wife) and give it to my wife as a token of appreciation of the great kindness and consideration that everyone in the Colony that he had come in contact with had shewn him.
7. When transhipped from the Cumberland as the pinnace pulled away from the ships side the Boatswain of the Ussukuma called for three cheers for "H.M.S. Cumberland, her officers and crew" and the call was met with full hearted cheers. I was on the Fennia as the Cumberland moved out and the whole of the prisoners crowded to the rail and the general tenor of their remarks was "There goes our very dear Cumberland. She is a fine ship."
8. The crew of the Carl Fritzen have been employed on peat cutting and have shewn themselves splendid workers and in order to relieve guards for more important duties have been under the charge of a single special constable while so employed recently. They were transported to the peat banks in lorries and in order to save bother expressed a wish to take their mid-day meal with them to the banks. The crew of the Ussukuma have not been long enough here for them to be much employed but on such occasions as they have they have always worked in the best of good spirits. On fine days they have been allowed ashore on the north side of the harbour with one guard for some eighty men and they have always returned with no bother and punctually.
9. As a potential working party I am very sorry that they have gone.

*Rush Woodgate*  
Major.  
O.C. Defence Force.

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

MINUTE.

2nd January. 1940.

From The Superintending

Sea Transport Officer.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

Colonial Secretary.

I have the honour to submit the tentative agreement arrived at with the Falkland Islands Co, Ltd, in connection with the hire of "Fennia", for confirmation.

2. The proposal is 6d per man, per day i.e. £2. 13. 6. per diem on basis of 107 men, the Guards being ignored as they were put there at the Company's request. All timber which we have paid for to be left where built in until either required in situ or elsewhere. Fittings to be left on board pending their being wanted on shore, or a store for their housing being erected.

*Rush Woodgate*

Superintending  
Sea Transport Officer.



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736 Hillgirt Circle  
Oakland, Calif., U.S.A.  
Oct. 31, 1939.

Prisoner-of-War Information Bureau  
German prison camp.  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Gentlemen:

I am anxious to learn the whereabouts  
of one Josef Dahmann, a German seaman, who, at  
last report was aboard the German steamship  
taken by a British warship in the South Atlantic.

Any information you may give me will  
be appreciated. Even if he is not in the prison  
camp, would you kindly communicate with me, assur-  
ing me that he is not there? I am inquiring  
for a relative of his.

You may reply, of course, free of  
postage, as provided for by International postal  
agreement, for handling of mail concerned with  
prisoners'-of-war.

Thank you for your courtesy.

Yours very truly,

*M. Hertzberg*  
M. Hertzberg.

No such name  
in list of Carl  
men ex "  
Fritzen" mch

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TELEGRAM.

From Sir H. Henniker Heaton, K.C.M.G.,

To H.B.M. Ambassador, Buenos Aires.

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Despatched: 5th January, 19 40. Time: ...

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

With reference to letter of December 16th from first Secretary allegations regarding treatment German prisoners. No photographs available but Captain s.s. "Ussukuma" leading Internee has written at length expressing gratitude for their treatment. Would you like letter in original for publication if thought desirable.

HENNIKER HEATON.

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TELEGRAM.

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From H.B.M. Minister, Buenos Aires,

To His Excellency the Governor.

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Despatched : 8th January, 19 40. Time : 2000.

Received : 9th January, 19 40 Time : 1030.

Your telegram January 5th grateful to have letter in case  
of need.

OVER.

TRANSCRIPTION:

Port Stanley, den 26 Dezember, 1939.

Sehr verehrter Herr Major!

Wenn ich in deutsch schreibe, geschieht es lediglich deshalb, weil ich mich in meiner Muttersprache besser auszudrücken vermag; aber der Zensor wird wohl so liebenswürdig sein, Ihnen meine Zeilen zu übersetzen.

Der Beschied über unsern plotzlichen Abtransport kam uns allen sehr überraschend. Wenn wir auch letzten Endes damit zurechnet haben, so doch nichts für so bald. Ich kann Ihnen versichern, Herr Major, dass wir uns unter Ihrer Abhut sehr wohl gefühlt haben, und die meisten von uns bedauern nun von hier und Ihnen scheiden zu müssen. Wir wissen was wir gehabt haben, und wissen nicht was wir wiederbekommen, ob so gut wie hier, ist noch eine sehr grosse Frage: nicht jeder Majorkommandant ist so eingestellt wie sie es sind. Es ist mir daher ein Bedürfnis, Ihnen Herr Major, für alle das zu danken, was Sie für uns getan haben. Wir sind überzeugt dass es Ihr Bestreben war, uns den unfreiwilligen Aufenthalt hier in Port Stanley so angenehm wie möglich zu gestalten, was Ihnen ja auch restlos geglückt ist. Sie haben uns unsere Wünsche erfüllt, soweit Sie sie erfüllen konnten. Nur Ihnen haben wir alle Annehmlichkeiten und Erleichterungen der Internierung zu verdanken, dessen ist sich jeder von uns bewusst. Für Ihre Liebenswürdigkeit die Sie mir haben zu Teil werden lassen, möchte ich Ihnen und Ihrer liebenswürdigen Gattin noch ganz besonders danken. Die Zeit hier in Port Stanley wird mir unvergessen bleiben, und ich werde mich ihrer noch oft und gerne erinnern. Vielleicht bietet sich noch einmal die Gelegenheit Ihnen meinen Dank in anderer Form abzustatten.

Nochmals, für alles herzlichen Dank, Herr Major, und leben Sie wohl. Ich wünsche Ihnen und Ihrer Gattin ein glückliches und frohes neues Jahr und alles gut weiterhin. Mit den besten Grüßen und Wünschen, denen sich meine Offiziere und Mannschaft angeschlossen, bin ich,

Ihr,

H. Wilmsen,

Kapt. D. Ussukuma.



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

MINUTE.

9th. January, 19 40.

From Senior Medical Officer

To The Honourable,

Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Please receive the enclosed letter. Both Captain Bell and His Excellency have thanked the cook for his services which have been invaluable and the inmates have expressed their resentment that anyone in this Colony could have been guilty of writing such a letter.

Could suitable publicity be given to the situation? This man has suffered petty persecution ever since the outbreak of war and the people responsible have given the Colony a reputation for stupid bigotry which I cannot believe it deserves.

*Geo. Tennant.*

Senior Medical Officer.

GOOD

YOUR OWN SAFELY LEAVE THE  
WILL IN THE NEXT WEEK  
DURING



176/39.

10th January,

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Sir,

2ed/12 →  
With reference to your letter of the 31st of October, 1939, I am directed to inform you that no person of the name of Josef Dahmann has been brought to this Colony by British Warship or otherwise.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*WCH*  
Colonial Secretary.

Mr. M. Hertzberg,  
736 Hillgirt Circle,  
Oakland, California,  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.





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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
11th January, 1940.

My dear Ambassador,

Red 113  
As suggested in my telegram  
of the 5th of January, I enclose a letter from the  
Captain of the s.s. "Ussukuma" bearing on the  
treatment here of the interned enemy aliens.

I attach also photographs of the Officers  
and crew of the "Carl Fritzen".

I am,

Yours sincerely,

His Excellency,  
Sir Esmond Ovey, K.C.M.G.,  
British Embassy,  
BUENOS AIRES,

No. 176/39.

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

MINUTE.

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13th January, 1940.

From The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable

The Senior Medical Officer,

STANLEY.

With reference to your minute of the 9th of January, 1940, transmitting an anonymous letter addressed to the Cook at the Hospital, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that it should be ignored.

*McH*

Colonial Secretary.

*Red 115.*

145/33..

Estacion Yumbel January 3 th, 1940.-

H.B.M.

Consul of Falkland

Falkland-Islands.-

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Dear Sir.-

About 3 months ago the German Steamship SS."Poseidon"  
was sunk from same tribulation .- I am very interrested to know  
the wereabout of my brother, who is member of the mencioned Crew  
of the "Poseidon".-

Would you be so good enough as to inform me, to whom I  
have to apply or what steps must I take to obtain Informations about  
my brother.- I would be quite contented to know, wither he is still  
alive and in good conditions.-

Thanking you in anticipation for the troubles  
it will cause.-

Yours truly

*J. Jansen*  
J. Jansen

Rte. J. Jansen

a/c. Hacienda La Aguada  
Estacion Yumbel

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Chile S.A.

176/39.

12th February,

40.

Sir,

*2nd 120*  
With reference to your letter of 3rd January, 1940, I am directed to inform you that nothing is known in the Falkland Islands regarding the crew of the German steamship "Poseidon".

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*WCH*  
Colonial Secretary.

Rte. J. Jansen,  
a/c. Hacienda La Aguada,  
Estacion Yumbel,  
CHILE, S.A.



BRITISH EMBASSY,  
BUENOS AIRES.

February 9th, 1940.

My dear Governor,

*Red 118*  
Many thanks for your letter of the 11th January enclosing the letter from the Captain of the "Ussukuma" and the photographs of the crew of the "Carl Fritzen". We will keep this material ready to meet any further serious allegations regarding the treatment of German prisoners.

Yours sincerely,

*John G. Talbot*

*(in the absence of the Ambassador).*

His Excellency,

Sir Herbert Henniker Heaton, K.C.M.G.,

Governor of the Falkland Islands

PORT STANLEY

PARTICULARS OF A GERMAN NATIONAL REMOVED FROM THE NORWEGIAN  
S.S.VINGA , SUNDAY the 21st. APRIL 1940.

HEINZ GUNTHER NOHER

~~XXXXXXXX~~ Born in KATTOWITZ 5th. March 1915.

At the time of his birth this town was German, but after the Great war became Polish. He moved with his parents to Kiel in 1921 where they resided until two days before the outbreak of the present war when being Jews they moved to Denmark. Their present whereabouts are unknown. He states that he has an uncle who is a doctor in Palestine and a sister in New Zealand. He has relations in Sweden and lived there and in Denmark and eventually came out to Uruguay returning to Germany for the last time in 1937 since when he has been employed as a labourer in Uruguay until he joined the Vinga about twelve months ago.

The Master of the Vessel has nothing against the man but would I feel prefer that he remain here as the feeling on his ship against Germany is very strong and although the man is a jew and would not appear to be strongly pro-German, the Master says " he is still a German".

The man is not a member of the actual Nazi Party, but is a member of the German Youth Organisation.

*Arthur Woodgate.*

Major.  
O.C. Defence Force.

*Copy to N.O. for information. H.V. Please let me have a warrant of detention for Def. Rep. 22/4*

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE REGULATIONS.

ORDER FOR DETENTION AND CONTROL OF ENEMY SUBJECTS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor.

In exercise of the powers in him vested by the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations, 1939, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered as follows :-

1. That the enemy subject whose name is set out below shall be detained until this Order is rescinded or otherwise varied :-

From Norwegian s.s. "Vinga".

Member of crew --

HEINZ GUNTHER NOHR.

2. That the said enemy subject shall be detained under the command and control of the Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

By Command,

*(Signature)* A.W. Cardinall  
Colonial Secretary.

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No. 176/36.

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

MINUTE.

23rd April, 19 40.

*From*

*To* The Registrar-General,

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I am directed to transmit to you the attached authenticated copy of an Order made by His Excellency on the 21st of April, 1940, for the Detention and control of the enemy subject Heinz Gunther Noher.

*for* *C.S.*  
Colonial Secretary.



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ORDER.

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE REGULATIONS.

*Admiral Sir John D. G. ...*

Governor.

In exercise of the powers in him vested by the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations, 1939, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered as follows :-

The Order made on the 13th day of September, 1939, for the detention and control of certain enemy subjects therein mentioned to wit :-

Ex-German vessel "Carl Fritzen".

Officers -

A. Hamann  
H. Warncke  
G. Peter  
O. Gloystein  
K. Kiliass  
K. Hyde  
H. Sankowsky  
J. Diercksens  
H. Riese

Crew -

Hand Gualmann  
Friedrich Witt  
Heinz Iesch  
Otto Koch  
Gerhard Hoffman  
Walter Schulz  
Walter Wurm  
Herbert Blank  
August Weber  
Werner Kohnke  
Fritz Schellhase  
Johannes Bitzner  
Ludwig Eiermann Heizer  
Gunter Heinrich  
Johannes Wohlers  
Gunter Simon  
Paul Kotzner  
Wilhelm Lehnert  
Paul Reimer  
August Schutte  
Theodor Czapule  
Hermann Johann  
August Riesberg  
Emil Baum

is hereby rescinded.

By Command

*W. J. ...*

Colonial Secretary.

No.

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

MINUTE.

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4th May, 1940.

From

The O.C. Defence Force,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

May undermentioned verbal arrangement as to German National taken from 'Vinga' be confirmed please.

*Advances?*  
*Indemnity?* 'Chief Constable to be paid by Military 1/9d per day ration allowance and the prisoner to be paid 2/6d per diem when working. (For five days per week).'

He is at present employed by P.W.D. painting.

*Rush Woodgate*

Major,  
O.C. Defence Force.

Sender: Günter Krebs, III<sup>rd</sup> wireless officer (ex) S.S. "Ursikima"  
Bariaansport, 46<sup>th</sup> Director of Internment Camps  
Salisbury House, Berlin.

(129)

Bariaansport, 1. II. 1940.

Ben  
Kinn  
Luz  
Den Gouverneur der Falkland-Inseln

Lw. Ergellung!

Bei der Versenkung des Dampfers "Ursikima" am 5. II. 1933  
wurden mir an Bord "H.M.S. Ajax" von britischen Offizieren  
folgende Privat Sachen beschlagnahmt:

- 1. ein Colt-Revolver, Caliber 32, mit 30 Patronen
2. eine M.H.-Gas-Pistole
3. eine Taschenlampe, Subpatent, (scheinwerfer)
4. ein "Plikan"-Füllfederhalter mit 14-karätiger  
[Goldfeder]
5. eine blaue Lederbörse mit Revolververschluss, enthal-  
ten zwei Bootsmannspfeifen mit verschiedene  
Anzeichnungen (Abzeichen) des Kaiserlichen Reiches
6. ein Mützenband mit der Inschrift "NAVY SEETAHRT"
7. ferner mein Talisman, ein kleiner brauner Teddybär, dessen Ver-  
schaffung mir sehr viel Mühe gekostet hätte.  
An Büchern wurde beschlagnahmt:
  - 1. ein Atlas (Kiecke-Torley)
  2. ein Photoalbum (mit eingetragenen Kamerazug)
  3. Adolf Hitler "Mein Kampf" in engl. Sprache
  4. Alfred Rosenberg "Programm der NSDAP"

5. Kapitänleutnant P.E. Liffé "Sphären und Knoten"

6. mein Tagebuch (blauer Leder einband)

Als ich am dem Rettungsboot am Bord "H.M.S. Ajax" ging, wurde ich von Matrosen untersucht, die mir folgende Sachen abnahmen:

1. eine "Kryptolampe" - Klappkammer (im Lederfütteral)
2. eine goldene Stambul-Lihr, Schweizer Werk, mit sechzehn Steinen
3. ein Nagelmesser aus (echt Silber)

7. feiner Rasiergummi, Bleistifte, Feuerzeug, Zigaretten etc.

Die beschlagnahmten Gegenstände, von denen ich bisher noch nichts wiederbekommen habe, sind zum größten Teil für die britische Seefahrt ohne Wert, haben jedoch als Erinnerungstücke für mich sehr viel Wert. Ich möchte E. Exzellenz um bitten, zu veranlassen, dass mein beschlagnahmtes Eigentum nach Kriegsende an meine Privat-Anschrift: Günter Trebs, Fabrikant, D. 21, D. 21, D. 21 - gesandt wird. Sollte meine Bitte an E. Exzellenz erfolglos sein, muss ich E. Exzellenz leider mitteilen, dass ich mich dann persönlich mit Schadenersatzansprüchen an das britische "Foreign Office" in London wenden werde, um diese Angelegenheit dort aufzurollen.

Ich danke E. Exzellenz im Voraus für Ihre Bemühungen.

Genehmigen E. Exzellenz die Genehmigung meiner Hochachtung, mit der ich eine Rückversicherung seitens E. Exzellenz nach Südafrika anzeige.

Ergebenst

Günter Trebs / III. Vizepräsident



Falkland Islands Defence Regulations.

Order for Detention and Control of Enemy Subjects.

(Sgd.) H. M. CARDINALL

*Governor.*

In exercise of the powers in him vested by the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations, 1939, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered as follows:-

1. That the enemy subject whose name is set out below shall be detained until this Order is rescinded or otherwise varied:-

From Norwegian s.s. "Vinga".

Member of crew – Heinz Gunther Noher.

2. That the said enemy subject shall be detained under the command and control of the Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

*By Command,*

(Sgd.) A. W. Cardinall,

*Colonial Secretary.*

Stanley,

21st April, 1940.

M.P. 176/39.

No. 176/39.

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

MINUTE.

25th May, 19 40.

*From*

The Colonial Secretary,

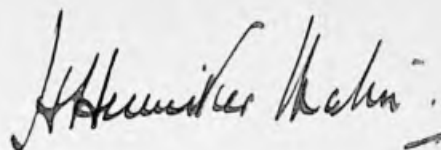
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*To* The Registrar-General,

STANLEY.

I am directed to forward herewith, for insertion in the files of the Registrar-General, an authenticated copy of an Order for Detention and Control of Enemy Subjects, made under the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations, 1939.

*C. L. S.*  
for Colonial Secretary.

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE REGULATIONS.ORDER FOR DETENTION AND CONTROL OF ENEMY SUBJECTS.

Governor.

In exercise of the powers conferred on him by Regulation 17 (1) of the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations, 1939, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered as follows :-

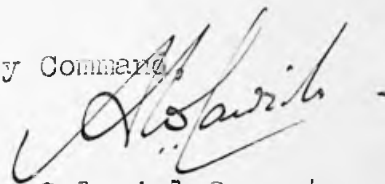
1. That the enemy subject whose name is set out below shall be detained until this Order is rescinded or otherwise varied :-

From Weddell Island, West Falkland.

Otto Ripp.

2. That the said enemy subject shall be detained under the command and control of the Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

By Command



Colonial Secretary.

Stanley,  
29th May, 1940.  
M.P. 176/39.

Paraphrased precis of the wishes of the internee H. Noher as expressed in a letter addressed to Heinz Steinhardt, ? Oindodela 1166, ---9 Montevideo in the Falkland Islands. Heinz Noher has been interned after being removed from the Norwegian ship VINGA. He wishes to say that he is very comfortable and well fed and gets pay for his work.

He says that the ship-Vinga-owes him 200 Norwegian crowns and wishes to get hold of this and also fifteen dollars from Fuentos, employed by Requin and Voulimar in payment for purchases made by Noher.

Noher refers to one Heinz Steinhardt and wishes him to write to Noher's parents (but Noher could do this himself through the proper channels.)

*Above is the paraphrase of what he spoke.*

*J. H. Hamilton*

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

4th June, 1940.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 75.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward herewith six copies of an Order for Detention and Control of Enemy Subjects made by me under the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations on the 21st of April, 1940.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most  
obedient humble servant

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LORD LLOYD, G.C.S.I., ETC.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

No.

MINUTE.

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

5th June, 1940.

From Officer Commanding,  
Defence Force.  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

May I be informed please:

- (1) What money if any is to be paid to the internees now on "Fennia" ?
- (2) Whether any extra is to be paid to Sollner who is acting as cook for the guard as well as internees ?
- (3) Whether at my discretion they may be allowed ashore under escort for exercise baths etc. ?
- (4) Are payments in connection with the internees for stores, rations etc. to be as heretofore a charge against Imperial Government, Advances: I raise this point as I am not sure that these persons come under the heading of internees being under detention as a local defence measure.

*Rush Looat*

Major.,  
Officer Commanding,  
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

Order.

Falkland Islands Defence Regulations.

(Sgd.) H. HEINRICH HEATON

*Governor.*

In exercise of the powers in him vested by the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations, 1939, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered as follows:-

The Order made on the 13th day of September, 1939, for the detention and control of certain enemy subjects therein mentioned to wit :-

Ex-German vessel "Carl Fritzen".

Officers -	A. Hamann.	H. Warncke.
	G. Peter.	O. Gloystein.
	K. Kilius.	K. Hyde.
	H. Sankowsky.	J. Diercksen.
	H. Riese.	
Crew -	Hand Gualmann	Friedrich Witt.
	Heinz Iesch.	Otto Koch.
	Gerhard Hoffman.	Walter Schulz.
	Walter Wurm.	Herbert Blank.
	August Weber.	Werner Kohnke.
	Fritz Schellhase.	Johannes Bitzner.
	Ludwig Eiermann Heizer.	Gunter Heinrich.
	Johannes Wohlers.	Gunter Simon.
	Paul Kotzner.	Wilhelm Lehnert.
	Paul Reimer.	August Schutte.
	Theodor Czapule.	Hermann Johann.
	August Riesberg.	Emil Baum.

is hereby rescinded.

*By Command,*

(Sgd.) A. W. Cardinall,

*Colonial Secretary.*

Stanley,

29th April, 1940.

M.P. 176/39.

No. 176/39.

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

MINUTE.

27th June, 19 40.

~~From~~ To

The Registrar-General,

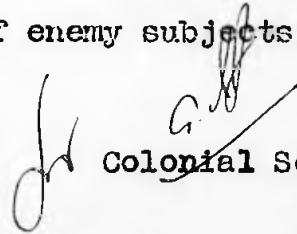
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

~~From~~ From

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

I am directed to forward herewith, for insertion in the files of the Registrar-General, an authenticated copy of an Order made under the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations, 1939, rescinding the Order made on the 13th of September, 1939, for the detention and control of enemy subjects.

  
Colonial Secretary.



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 85.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

29th June, 1940.

My Lord,

*Recd 117*

With reference to my despatch, No. 12 of the 10th of January, 1940, I have the honour to transmit six copies of an Order made by me under the Defence Regulations, 1939, rescinding the Order made on the 13th of September, 1939, for the Detention and Control of certain Enemy Subjects.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most  
obedient, humble servant,

RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LORD LLOYD, G.C.S.I., ETC.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Falkland Islands Defence Regulations.

Order for Detention and Control of Enemy Subjects.

H. HENRIKSEN HEATON

*Governor.*

In exercise of the powers conferred on him by Regulation 17 (1) of the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations, 1939, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered as follows :-

1. That the enemy subject whose name is set out below shall be detained until this Order is rescinded or otherwise varied :-

From Weddell Island, West Falkland.

Otto Ripp.

2. That the said enemy subject shall be detained under the command and control of the Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

*By Command,*

(Sgd,) A. W. Cardinall,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Stanley,

29th May, 1940.

M.P. 176/39.

*The details of the subject of this order are to be noted by the U.S. authorities in each place in which he is arrested by the U.S. authorities.*  
*J. P. 1940*

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No. 176/39.

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

MINUTE.

22nd July, 19 40.

*From*

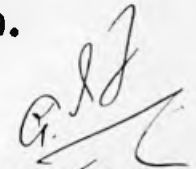
*To* The Registrar-General,

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I am directed to forward herewith, for insertion in the files of the Registrar-General, an authenticated copy of an Order for Detention and Control of Enemy Subjects, made under the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations, 1939.

  
for Colonial Secretary.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 95.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

23rd July, 1940.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward herewith six copies of an Order For Detention and Control of Enemy Subjects made by me under the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations on the 29th of May, 1940.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most  
obedient, humble servant,

WARBLE

, G.C.S.I., ETC.,

CLERK OF THE PEACE FOR THE COLONIES.



Heinrich J. Cohen

I

Highland 29. 2. 1945 143  
Cape Pembroke.

Dear Sir!

Permit me to lay before you the following.  
On the 20th of April of 1940, my ship, the Norwegian Tanker "Vinga", came here by order and I was taken ashore as an internee. The same day, I made to the officer, who examined me, all the explanations in a clear and proper manner. I permit me, to repeat it once more to you.

I am Jew, son of Jewish parents, which lived in Germany, had their home there. In the year 1933 the German-Nazi Party took power. Since that time it was not possible for my parents as for me and my sister to live in Germany. Therefore in the year 1935 I left Germany and had to share the fate of thousands of refugees. I saw my parents the last time in the year 1937 but only for 2 days as my profession as sailor did not permit me to stay longer at home. When at the 9th of November 1938 thousands of Jews had to suffer for a deed, done by a young Jew in Paris, my father

my father was put in an concentrations - camp and he lost his fortune. Three months he suffered there. Now my parents tried to get out from Germany and to immigrate to Palestine, where my mother's brother is practising as Dr. Med. But the chances were very little. So, a friend of mine, a farmer in Denmark gave them a home. This was before the war started between Germany and Denmark and the Germans invaded Denmark. Since that time I heard nothing from my parents and I am in doubt that they are still alive. I have this doubt, because I know all about the crimes inhuman human executed in conquered countries. My sister could escape via England to Wellington N.Z., where she lives now.

I repeated all this dear Sir to some to the most important part of this letter.

Four weeks after war broke out, I arrived on my ship in Montevideo and my first step was to the British Consulate. I asked there for you the British Army or Navy. I got the same information as so many other that the British Forces did not take volunteers from abroad.

They even did not take English born people from abroad. That was at the end of 1939. But now I hear every day from the B.B.C. news, that thousands of volunteers are ready to fight on English soil against ~~harm~~ invasion. And have I, a Jew, not the right to fight ~~harm~~ invasion? I know positively, that in England and in the heart-land, I and ~~one~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~are~~ of German origin are fighting for common cause. For freedom. And herewith, I permit me to ask, if I can get a chance to join the ~~army~~ <sup>army</sup> and what would be better for me, the ~~army~~ <sup>army</sup>. I appeal to you, not to keep me interned, but to let me do my deal and to help in the struggle against Barbarism.

I worked as ~~motor~~ <sup>to be</sup> man on board the Tanker and I know how ~~to be~~ <sup>to be</sup> Diesel-motors as I have experience in heavy tractors.

I hope there is any possibility for my petition. And expressing to you, dear Sir, my sincere thanks for intervention on my behalf. As to let me down to the lighthouse, I have the honour to be  
Dear Sir, Respectfully yours  
Heinz G. Weber.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:—

The Under-Secretary of State,  
The War Office,  
London, S.W.1,

and the following number quoted.



THE WAR OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W.1.

18th April, 1940..

79/Internees/62 (F.1.)

Sir,

Financial adjustments in respect of the cost of  
internment of Enemy Aliens at Colonial Stations.

With reference to Army Council Instruction No. 299 of 1940, on the subject of the incidence of cost of enemy aliens interned at Colonial Stations, I am commanded by the Army Council to request that whenever a financial adjustment under paragraph 4 of that Army Council Instruction is necessary, you will forthwith approach the Colonial Government concerned, with a view to reaching agreement as to the amount of the adjustment.

2. As stated in paragraph 4 of the Army Council Instruction, it is the intention of the Council that where internment camps are maintained at the expense of Army Funds, claims against Colonial Governments in respect of the cost of maintenance of internees for whom they are liable should be preferred on the basis of a daily capitation rate. You should negotiate with the Colonial Government on this basis, but any agreement reached must be regarded as provisional and subject to the approval of the Council.

3. The system of charging by means of a capitation rate (i.e. an all-in charge per head per day) depends for its success on two factors:—

- (a) The proper evaluation of all the items to be covered by the rate.
- (b) The keeping of accurate records showing the daily strength of internees under each of the categories laid down in paragraph 1 of the Army Council Instruction.

As to (a), a capitation rate should cover the complete cost of internment, except that the cost of military guards should be ignored. It is not possible to enumerate all the items which should be covered by a capitation rate, but elements must be included in respect of, e.g., accommodation, including washing, laundry, water and sanitary services, rations, fuel and light, clothing, general stores, cost of staff of the camp, stationery, etc. Care should be taken to ensure that all items are covered in any capitation rate

proposed/

The Governors and Commanders in Chief,  
Bermuda, Gibraltar and Malta.

The Commander-in-Chief,  
Middle East.

The General Officers Commanding,  
China, Malaya, and East Africa.

The Officers Commanding,  
Ceylon, Jamaica, Mauritius and Sierra Leone.



proposed by you.

4. Where the internment camps are maintained at the expense of Colonial Funds, it will, of course, be for the Colonial Governments to prefer claims against Army Funds in respect of the cost of maintaining such internees or prisoners of war as an Army liability. Endeavour should, however, be made to persuade Colonial Governments to adopt the daily capitation rate method of adjustment.

5. When you have reached a provisional agreement with the Colonial Government as to the capitation rates (or other charge) to be adopted for the purpose of adjustments between the latter and the War Office, you should submit a report to this office giving full details of the rates proposed. The rates will then be considered and approved, subject to any necessary modifications, and you will be asked to put them to the Colonial Government for definite agreement.

6. Advances may be made, if desirable, on the basis of the provisional rates, subject to adjustment when approved rates are agreed.

7. All rates should be reviewed periodically (at least once each six months), and amended to reflect any variations in prices etc., which may have occurred.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*G. Lambert*

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ARMY COUNCIL INSTRUCTIONS

No. 299 - 1940.

299. Enemy Aliens interned at Colonial Stations - Incidence of Cost.

1. With reference to A.C.I. 131 of 1940, it is notified that the following arrangements will apply regarding the incidence of cost in respect of enemy aliens interned at colonial stations. All such aliens fall into one or other of the following four categories:-

- (a) those arrested within a colony, on the authority of the local government;
- (b) those arrested on the high seas, and taken into colonial ports by H.M. ships;
- (c) those removed by the local authorities from British merchantmen calling at colonial ports;
- (d) prisoners taken in the course of military operations, or removed from occupied territory under military authority.

Expenditure on category (a) internees is a proper charge on the government of the colony concerned, but expenditure on internees of categories (b), (c) and (d) will be accepted against army funds and classified as laid down in A.C.I. 131 of 1940, paras. 1, 6 and 7.

2. In the case of internment camps maintained from colonial funds, which accommodate enemy aliens of categories (b), (c) and (d) in addition to those of category (a), the colonial authorities will be in a position to recover from army funds such proportion of the total cost as represents expenditure on categories other than (a).

3. Where internment camps maintained at the expense of army funds accommodate category (a) internees, a proportionate recovery will similarly be effected from the colonial authorities in respect of expenditure on internees of that category.

4. The adjustments necessary under paras. 2 and 3 above will be made locally at monthly intervals and will normally be effected on the basis of a capitation rate; a proportion of the full cost of internment will be included in the capitation rates except that the cost of military guards will be ignored.

5. When category (a) internees are removed from the colony where they are interned, the cost of maintenance will continue to be a liability of the colonial government and the incidence of cost of transport will be determined as follows:-

- (a) if removed at the instance of the colonial government the colonial government will be liable for cost of transport;
- (b) if removed by authority of the War Office, the cost of transport will be borne on imperial funds (i.e., either the Ministry of Shipping or the War Office according to the normal rules regarding sea transport charges).

79/Internee/62 (F.1).

CIRCULAR

Downing Street,

7th May, 1940.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you copies of Army Council Instruction No. 299 of 1940, and of a circular letter addressed to the Commanding Officers at Colonial Stations on the subject of the incidence of cost of internment of enemy aliens in the Colonial Dependencies.

18.4.40.

2. You will observe that it has been decided that, in addition to the cost of internment of prisoners of war taken in the course of military operations or removed from occupied territory under military control, expenditure incurred in the internment of enemy aliens arrested on the high seas and taken into colonial ports by His Majesty's ships, or removed from British merchant ships calling at colonial ports, should be met from Army Funds.

3. In cases where such individuals are interned in camps maintained by a Colonial Government, it will accordingly be possible for an appropriate proportion of the cost to be recovered from Army Funds. Similarly, where enemy aliens arrested within the territory on the authority of the Colonial Government have been interned in a camp maintained by the military authorities at the expense of Army Funds, a proportionate amount will be recoverable from the Colonial Government.

4. You will observe from the War Office circular letter which forms the second enclosure to this despatch,

The Officer Administering  
the Government of

that it is intended that claims in respect of the cost of internment of enemy aliens arrested within a Colonial Dependency who have been interned in a camp maintained from Army Funds should be preferred on the basis of a daily capitation rate, and that it is hoped that, where possible, a similar method will be adopted in assessing any charges which may be due to a Colonial Government in respect of internees or prisoners of war, expenditure in respect of whom is an Army liability in accordance with these instructions.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Malcolm MacDonald



No. 176/39.

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

MINUTE.

22nd August, 19 40.

From The Officer Commanding,

Falkland Islands  
Defence Force,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Referring to Treasury minute of 20.VII.40, para. 3.

(1), it is earnestly submitted that unless this information is of really vital importance (and to me it would not appear to be) it should not be asked for as it will entail an enormous amount of work in view of the fact that rations, utensils, building materials, fuel and oil have all been included on one voucher at monthly settlements, the total cost of which is already known in the Treasury.

As to para. 3 (2) of same minute, the following daily costs are our liabilities in the matter at the present time :-

<u>NUMBER.</u>	(under red 145 para 1. (c) but for British read Allied)		<u>Per day.</u>
		Rations	2s. 6d.
		Allowance	6d.
<u>SOLLNER.</u>	(red 145 para. 1. (a)	Rations not exceeding	1s. 9d.
		⊕ Allowance	6d.
<u>HAMM.</u>	(red 145 para. 1. (a)	Rations not exceeding	1s. 9d.
		Allowance	6d.
<u>THREE GUARDS ON "FENNIA"</u>	Pay - 3 @ 5s/-		15s. 0d.
	Rations - 3 @ 1s/-		3s. 0d.
	Coal - about 5 cwt. per week	1.	15s. 0d.
	Paraffin - 1 tin per week		9s. 0d.
	Rent on "Fennia" - not yet settled ; in the case of "Ussukuma" crew it was 6d. per person per day.		

⊕ This allowance was 9d. per day till 31.VII.40.

*Pushkompat.*

Major.

Officer Commanding, Falkland  
Islands Defence Force.

EXCERPT FROM MINUTE FROM EXECUTIVE ENGINEER OF  
13th September, 1940. Original filed in 147/40.

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Internees. The two political prisoners to be quartered ashore in  
race course house as soon as arrangements can be made.

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● T. H. Woodgate Esq.  
Major. C.O.D.F.

Sir.

I respectfully request to be allowed to submit for your kind approval a following application to work in South Georgia during the coming whaling season.

I am willing to undertake any work allotted to me, but would prefer work with engines, with which I have had experience on Oil Tankers.

I trust Sir, you will give this your sympathetic reading & consideration, and await a favourable reply.

I remain, respectfully,  
Yours faithfully,  
Henry J. Fisher.

No.

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



MINUTE.

150

23rd September, 19 40.

From Officer Commanding,

F.I. Defence Force,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

The attached request is forwarded and it is recommended that it be granted. His Excellency in audience last Thursday seemed to favour the request which I said was expected. Principal Keeper Cape Pembroke fully concurs.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Aush. Woodgate'.

Major,  
O.C. Defence Force.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(151)

*From* Colonial Secretary, .....

*To* Magistrate, South Georgia. ....

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*Despatched* : 30th September,                      19 40 *Time* : ...

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

No. 80.    Please telegraph whether employment could be found at South Georgia for German Jew interned here, landed off Norwegian vessel.    Would accept any work but is engineer and has experience in motors, Most decidedly non-nazi.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SECRET

Downing Street,

S.W.1.

9 - August, 1940.



Sir,

*Red (24) in  
int. 23/38*

I have the honour to refer to the Colonial Secretary's letter to the Crown Agents, No. 231/36 of the 14th of February, forwarding a schedule of expenditure incurred by the Government of the Falkland Islands in respect of the internment of enemy aliens in the Colony.

*Red (146)*

2. I assume that this expenditure covers not only the crews of the s.s. "Carl Fritzen" and the s.s. "Ussukuma", but also expenditure incurred in respect of the internment of Otto Ripp and Andreas Bollner, and the cost of the internment of these two persons should be met from Falkland Islands funds, in accordance with the arrangements set out in Mr. MacDonald's circular despatch of the 7th of May.

3. I have accordingly, with the concurrence of the War Office, authorised the Crown Agents for the Colonies to recover from Army funds, the total amount of £1,320. 5. 5., on the understanding that some adjustment may later be required in respect of the cost of the  
internment

FOR

HERBERT FRANKLIN HEATON, A.C.M.G.,

etc.,

etc.,

etc.

internment of the two men who are still interned in  
the Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

us  
Xc/les

DECODE.

154.

TELEGRAM.

From.....Magistrate, South Georgia.

To.....Colonial Secretary.

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Despatched : 4th October, 19 40. Time : 0210.

Received : 4th October, 19 40. Time : 1445.

No. 84. Your telegram No. 80 regret to inform you  
Managers here have not authority to engage men suggest  
that you should telegraph direct to Head Office of  
Companies in order to save time.

MAGISTRATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To UKREP, CAPE TOWN.

High Commissioner in the Union of South Africa for  
H.M.G. in the U.K.

Despatched: 13th October, 19 40. Time: 1500.

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

Most Immediate. Government of Falkland Islands would be very grateful if Union of South Africa would receive three internees now in custody here. Two of them are Germans taken off ships aged 40 and 25 respectively third is British Fascist formerly employed as Government SchoolMaster aged 25. It is most undesirable to retain them in this country for local reasons. Government of Falkland Islands will accept full responsibility in first place for all charges incurred in connection with reception, maintenance and after the war repatriation. I will be much obliged for earliest possible reply as unusual opportunity has occurred for direct transportation within the next few days.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* High Commissioner for H.M.G., Capetown,

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched*: 14th October, 19 40. *Time*: 1410.

*Received*: 14th October, 19 40. *Time*: 1000.

URGENT. IMMEDIATE.

*Red 155.* Your telegram 13th October Union Authorities will take men who, they assume, are not infirm. Please telegraph names of men and probable date of arrival Capetown.

High Commissioner for H.M.G.  
Capetown.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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*From* His Excellency the Governor,

*To* High Commissioner for H.M.G., Capetown.

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*Despatched* : 19th October, 19 40. *Time* : ...

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

Recd 156

Your telegram 14th October many thanks to you and the Union of South Africa Government approximately November 11th Simonstown all fit men Andreas Sollner, German, Heinz Gunther Noher, German, and Edward Jeffery Hamm, British. I shall telegraph later confirming above date.

GOVERNOR OF FALKLAND ISLANDS.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Secretary of State.

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

*Despatched :* 22nd October, 1940. *Time :* 0701

*Received :* 22nd October, 1940. *Time :* 1030.

*Red (57)*  
Circular Unnumbered. My Circular telegram No. 112 Nov 8th dealt with removal of Enemy Aliens from Neutral ships calling ~~at~~ voluntary at Colonial Ports in the ordinary course of business and does not apply to Enemy Aliens on ships which are sent in by the Naval Authorities or which call voluntary solely for contraband examination.

Any Enemy Aliens on such ships should be dealt with by the Naval Authorities in accordance with instructions issued by the Admiralty to Naval Commanders in message 0034/13 Oct 13 1939.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.D.C.O.

O R D E R.

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE REGULATIONS.

*Hammer Heaton*

Governor.

In exercise of the powers in him vested by the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations, 1939, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered as follows :-

The Orders made on the 3rd of September, 1939, and the 21st of April, 1940, for the detention and control of certain enemy subjects therein mentioned, to wit :-

ANDREAS SOLLNER,	member of the crew of the British vessel "Lafonia".
HEINZ GUNTHER NOHER,	member of the crew of the Norwegian vessel "Vinga".

are hereby rescinded.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1940.

By Command,

*Alfred*

Colonial Secretary.

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O R D E R.

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE REGULATIONS.

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Governor.

WHEREAS by orders dated the 3rd of September, 1939, and the 21st of April, 1940, the enemy subjects whose names are set out below were detained under the command and control of the Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Defence Force;

ANDREAS SOLIMIER,	member of the crew of the British vessel "Lafonia",
HEINZ GUNTHER KOHR,	member of the crew of the Norwegian vessel "Vinga",

AND WHEREAS it appears to the Governor that it is expedient in the interests of the public safety and the defence of the realm that the said enemy subjects should be detained but that their detention in the Colony is inexpedient;

AND WHEREAS arrangements have been made with the Union of South Africa for the removal of the said enemy subjects to that country and for their detention therein ;

NOW, THEREFORE, His Excellency the Governor, in exercise of the powers in him vested by the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations, 1939, is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered that the said enemy subjects shall be placed on board the British ship "Lafonia" and be detained under the command and control of the master and after their arrival in the Union of South Africa be delivered over to the charge of the Union Authorities.

Dated this 26th day of October, 1940.

By Command,



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PARTICULARS OF INTERNEES DETAINED IN THE  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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SOLLNER, Andreas. German Born at Eger on 6th July, 1906. At the outbreak of war he was removed from the British Steamship "Lafonia" on which ship he was Cook. He has 3 children resident at Punta Arenas, Chile. He is very alert and intelligent.

NOHER, Heinz Gunther, German Jew born at Kattowitz on the 5th of March, 1915. He moved with his parents to Kiel in 1921 where they resided until two days before the outbreak of war when they moved to Denmark. He was removed from the Norwegian vessel "Vinga" on the 21st of April, 1940, at the request of the Master.

HAMM, Edward Jeffery. British. Born at Ebbro Vale, on the 15th of September, 1915. He came to the Colony under contract with the Colonial Government as a Travelling Teacher. On the 28th of May a despatch was received from the Secretary of State pointing out that this man had been a keen member of the British Union of Fascists and was stated to have said that he intended to further the movement in the Falkland Islands. An Order for his detention was issued on the 29th of May, 1940. On enquiry it was discovered that this man was preaching the gospel of Mosley in the Camp districts. Following his hearing before the Advisory Committee he has made several appeals to be released but it has been considered expedient in the interests of public safety and the defence of the realm that he should be detained. There can be no doubt that he is a strong supporter of the principles and policy of Mosley and British Union. A full report on his case has been sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Sd.) J. W. LAYDONALL

Colonial Secretary,  
26th October, 1940.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
26th October, 1940.

FAULKLAND ISLANDS.  
No. 176/39.

Sir,

With reference to my telegram of the 19th of October, I have the honour to inform you that arrangements have been made for the three internees to leave the Colony for South Africa by the British Steamship "Lafonia" on the 26th of October.

2. I enclose copies of Orders made by me for the detention of the men while on board the "Lafonia" and afterwards in South Africa. A draft for £44. 6. 3 the balance standing to the credit of M. J. Hamm in the Government Savings Bank is also enclosed. Particulars of the internees together with their passports have been handed to Captain Johnson, the Master of the vessel, for delivery to the authorities on arrival.

3. This Government will accept full responsibility in the first instance, for all charges incurred in connection with the reception, maintenance and eventual repatriation of the internees, and any expenditure incurred in this connection should be claimed through the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

4. I should like to thank you for your assistance in this matter and would ask you to thank also the Government of the Union of South Africa.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IN THE  
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR HIS  
MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN THE  
UNITED KINGDOM,  
CAPETOWN,  
SOUTH AFRICA.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

To  
~~minima~~ Secretary of State for the Colonies.

From  
~~minim~~ His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched* : 28th October, 19 40. *Time* : ...

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

No. 109. Secret. My despatch 10th January, No. 12 My  
despatch 4th June No. 75 detention orders 3rd September,  
1939, and 21st April, 1940, My despatch of 20th July, Secret  
Union of South Africa Government has agreed to accept internees  
and detainees. Opportunity occurred to transport direct  
and I have availed myself of this as it is not only inexpedient  
but difficult to maintain the men here.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* His Excellency the Governor,

*To* High Commissioner for H.M.G., Capetown.

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*Despatched:* 28th October, 1940. *Time:*...

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

My telegram 19th October approximate date now 15th November.

GOVERNOR OF FALKLAND ISLANDS.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Stanley,

26th October, 1940.

Received from the Honourable the Colonial Secretary  
the following documents in connection with the three  
internees being removed from the Falkland Islands to  
the Union of South Africa:

1 Letter addressed

"The High Commissioner in the Union of  
South Africa for His Majesty's  
Government in the United Kingdom,  
Capetown, South Africa."

"Detention order for Edward Jeffery  
Hamm dated 26th October, 1940"

"Detention order for Andreas Sollner  
and Heinz Gunther Noher dated  
26th October, 1940."

"Draft for the sum of £44. 6. 3. to  
the order of The High Commissioner,  
South Africa, for credit of E.J. Hamm."

British Passport No.272830 of 30th June, 1937,  
Name of holder - Edward Jeffery Hamm.

"Deutsches Reich" Passport No. 596 of 4th April,  
1939. Name of holder - Andreas Sollner

Dokument urodzenia, No.227. Name of - holder  
Heinz Gunther Noher.

Particulars of the above internees.

*Wm. John Wain  
mas lin*



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

MINUTE.

165.

5th November, 1940.

From Commanding Officer,

Falkland Islands  
Defence Force,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Attached a/c. submitted, please. May I be advised as to the  
Head of Charge.

*Arthur Lordgate*  
O/C. Falkland Islands  
Defence Force.

Major.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

166.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 8th November, 19 40. Time: 0420.

Received: 8th November, 19 40. Time: 1030.

Circular No. 219. My despatch of 27th September Circular.

Certain Colonial Governments have recently transferred for detention to another British territory persons previously detained under Defence Regulations who were not enemy aliens. The question of transferring from United Kingdom to certain Dominions persons who were not enemy aliens was examined here some time ago and in view of decision and dicta Rex versus Home Secretary ex parte O'Brian 1923 2 K.B. it was decided such transfer would require legislation. It was considered however that transfer from Colony to Colony or from United Kingdom to Colony could be legalized by means Defence Regulations on the lines of draft endorsed in my despatch or from Colony to United Kingdom by means of appropriate United Kingdom Regulations. No such transfer to a Dominion or to Dominion territory should in future be made. And no such transfer to any Colony or to United Kingdom should be made without prior reference to me. Your telegram 109 refers.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Received 16/11/41.  
Red 166  
5/7/39.

Red 162.

Order.

Falkland Islands Defence Regulations.

*Governor.*

In exercise of the powers in him vested by the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations, 1939, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered as follows :-

The Orders made on the 3rd of September, 1939, and the 21st of April, 1940, for the detention and control of certain enemy subjects therein mentioned, to wit :-

ANDREAS SOLLNER,	member of the crew of the British vessel "Lafonia".
HEINZ GUNTHER NOHER,	member of the crew of the Norwegian vessel "Vinga".

are hereby rescinded.

Dated this 26th day of October, 1940.

*By Command,*

(Sgt.) A. W. CARDINALL

*Colonial Secretary.*

M.P. 176/39.

Order.

Falkland Islands Defence Regulations.

*Governor.*

WHEREAS by orders dated the 3rd of September, 1939, and the 21st of April, 1940, the enemy subjects whose names are set out below were detained under the command and control of the Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Defence Force;

ANDREAS SOLLNER,            member of the crew of the British vessel "Lafonia".  
HEINZ GUNTHER NOHER,    member of the crew of the Norwegian vessel "Vinga".

AND WHEREAS it appears to the Governor that it is expedient in the interests of the public safety and the defence of the realm that the said enemy subjects should be detained but that their detention in the Colony is inexpedient;

AND WHEREAS arrangements have been made with the Union of South Africa for the removal of the said enemy subjects to that country and for their detention therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, His Excellency the Governor, in exercise of the powers in him vested by the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations, 1939, is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered that the said enemy subjects shall be placed on board the British ship "Lafonia" and be detained under the command and control of the master and after their arrival in the Union of South Africa be delivered over to the charge of the Union Authorities.

Dated this 26th day of October, 1940.

*By Command,*

(Sglt) J. H. B. B. B.

*Colonial Secretary.*

Order.

Falkland Islands Defence Regulations.

*Governor.*

WHEREAS by an Order dated the 29th day of May, 1940, one EDWARD JEFFERY HAMM, a British Subject, was detained under the command and control of the Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Defence Force;

AND WHEREAS it appears to the Governor that it is expedient in the interests of the public safety and the defence of the realm that the said British Subject should be detained but that his detention in the Colony is inexpedient;

AND WHEREAS arrangements have been made with the Union of South Africa for the removal of the said British Subject to that Country and for his detention therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, His Excellency the Governor in exercise of the powers in him vested by the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations, 1939, is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered that the said British Subject shall be placed on board the British ship "Lafonia" and be detained under the command and control of the Master and after his arrival in the Union of South Africa be delivered over to the charge of the Union Authorities.

Dated this 26th day of October, 1940.

*By Command,*



*Colonial Secretary.*



Order.

Falkland Islands Defence Regulations.

*Governor.*

In exercise of the powers in him vested by the Falkland Islands Defence Regulations, 1939, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered as follows :—

The Order made on the 29th of May, 1940, for the detention and control of the person therein mentioned, to wit :—

EDWARD JEFFERY HAMM,

is hereby rescinded.

Dated this 26th day of October, 1940.

*By Command,*



*Colonial Secretary.*

M.P. S/34/40.

No. 176/39.

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

MINUTE.

8th January, 19 41.

From The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Registrar-General,

STANLEY.

I am directed to forward herewith, for insertion in the files of  
the Registrar-General, authenticated copies of Orders made on the  
26th of October, 1940, for the Detention and Control of Enemy Subjects.

*A. J. S.*  
Colonial Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

9th January, 1941.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 5.

My Lord,

*Recd 162*

With reference to my Secret telegram, No. 109 of the 28th of October, 1940, on the subject of the transfer of internees and detainees from this Colony to the Union of South Africa, I have the honour to transmit six copies of Orders made by me under the Defence Regulations on the 26th of October, 1940.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most  
obedient, humble servant,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LORD LLOYD, G.C.S.I., ETC.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Reds 172 - 179 withdrawn  
and filed in C/4/42.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

M.P. No. 176/39.

S E C R E T.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

24th April, 1941.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I should be grateful if you could so arrange matters that no persons of enemy origin are carried on any vessel leaving Buenos Aires or other Argentine ports for South Georgia or other places in the Falkland Islands Dependencies.

2. I am especially concerned about the Argentine owned auxiliary vessel "Tijuca" and other vessels of the Compania Argentina de Pesca plying between the Argentine and South Georgia as through their crews there is a grave possibility of the movements of the whaling fleet being made known.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. W. CARDINALL

E. Millington-Drake, Esq., C.M.G.,  
His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary  
and Minister Plenipotentiary,  
British Legation,  
Montevideo,  
URUGUAY.

E. Millington-Drake, Esq., C.M.G.,  
His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary  
and Minister Plenipotentiary,  
British Legation,  
Montevideo,  
URUGUAY.



Reds 181-182 withdrawn  
and filed in 12/4/42

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

High Commissioner in the  
*From* Union of South Africa, for H.M. Govt. in the U.K.

*To* His Excellency the Governor,

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*Despatched:* 22nd May. 19 41. *Time:* 1352.

*Received:* 23rd May, 19 41. *Time:* 1030.

Q. 241. Your telegram 13th October, 1940, internee NOMER  
Claims to be Polish National and requests release. He states  
he was not regarded as enemy alien by your Government that he  
was employed at Port War Signal Station and that he was sent to  
Union at his own request in order that his case might be  
investigated.

I shall be grateful for facts of the case and for your  
observations.

*Red 155.*

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To High Commissioner in the Union of South  
Africa, for H.M. Govt. in the U.K.

Despatched: 26th May, 1941. Time: ...

Received: 2... 19... Time: ...

*Rec. 183.*

Your telegram Q 241 of 22nd May. ~~INFORMER~~. Landed from Norwegian vessel "Vinga" at request of Captain. Born at Kattowitz in Austria, later within Polish Republic's frontier, on 5th March, 1915. Parents moved to Kiel in 1921 preferring German to Polish residence but later being Jews moved to Denmark. He came out to Uruguay but returned to Germany in 1937 in spite of being a Jew. He returned as a labourer in Uruguay and joined the "Vinga" about 2 years ago. He was a member of the German Youth Organisation.

He was treated with exceptional kindness here as it was believed that he had anti-Nazi sympathies but it was found later that his real inclinations were pro- Nazi in spite of his being a Jew.

When sent to Union of South Africa he was considered as a potentially very dangerous alien and typical of the wily semi-educated German. He actually suggested that he would like to join the British Army and having been told that was impossible became violently anti-British requiring special guarding. He had to be kept apart from other internees who Jew-baited him.

GOVERNOR OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

G.T.C.

SECRET

BRITISH EMBASSY

BUENOS AIRES

June 3rd, 1941

Sir,

*Red 180*

With reference to your despatch (M.P. 176/39) of the 24th April, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that His Majesty's Consul-General has spoken confidentially to the manager of the Compañía Argentina de Pesca regarding your apprehensions as to the carrying of persons of enemy origin on the Company's vessels. As you are aware, there is a strong Norwegian interest in the Company, whose manager, Mr. Jacobsen, works in close contact with the shipping advisers to His Majesty's Consulate-General.

2. Mr. Jacobsen assured Mr. Kohan that his ships have not carried any enemy nationals either as crew or passengers, and that he would take the necessary steps to ensure that they were never carried.

I have the honour to be, with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

*Simonadoory*

His Excellency

The Governor of the Falkland Islands,

Port Stanley

Falkland Islands

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

S E C R E T.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

1st July, 1941.

Sir,

*Red 185.*

I have the honour to thank you for your despatch of the 3rd of June, 1941, and to inform you that I am grateful for the action you have been kind enough to take in regard to the carrying of passengers of enemy origin on vessels belonging to the Compania Argentina de Pesca.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

His Excellency

Sir Esmond Ovey, K.C.M.G., M.V.O.,

His Majesty's Ambassador,

British Embassy,

Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Your Excellency's  
obedient servant,



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Consul-General, Buenos Aires,

*To* Governor, Falkland Islands.

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*Despatched:* 5th August 19 41. *Time:* .....

*Received:* 6th August, 19 41. *Time:* 1930.

Compania De Pesca wish to engage for whaling crew in South Georgia long service and reliable employees of Finnish, Lithuanian and Estonian nationalities. Is there any objection request early reply.

CONSUL GENERAL.

I.D. 13.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Consul-General, Buenos Aires (Breastrial)

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Despatched: 6th August, 19 41. Time: ...

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

Your telegram of 5th August it is most undesirable that  
nationals of countries named should be engaged in or around  
South Georgia.

GOVERNOR.

Red 187

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DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* High Commissioner in the Union of South  
Africa, for H.M. Govt. in the U.K.

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched:* 14th August, 1941. *Time:* 1500.

*Received:* 14th August, 1941. *Time:* 1030.

00406. Your telegram 26th May. NOHER now enquires whether he can be released if he produces proof that he will be allowed to enter Uruguay. I presume that in view of information in your telegram under reference you would not wish him to be released even if he obtains permission from Uruguayan Authorities. Please confirm.

UKREP.

I.D.

Red 184.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* His Excellency the Governor,

*To* High Commissioner in the Union of South  
Africa, for H.M. Govt., in the U.K.

*Despatched:* 16th August, 19 41. *Time:* ,..

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

Your telegram 00406 I do not wish NOHER to be released.

GOVERNOR+.

I.D.

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Red 189

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 78.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 18th August, 19 41. Time: 2115.

Received: 19th August, 19 41. Time: 1030.

Circular Maritime 35.

In the event of any future case in which persons are removed from ships calling at Colonial Ports for detention please furnish by early air mail or where this is impractical by telegram full report, name and nationality of individual concerned and reason for action taken.

Secretary of State.

G.T.C.



Reds 192 - 203 withdrawn  
and filed in C/4/42.

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● DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* OFFICER IN CHARGE SOUTH GEORGIA.

*To* COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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*Despatched :* 8TH DECEMBER, 1941. *Time :* 17.55.

*Received :* 9TH DECEMBER, 1941. *Time :* 10.30.

No. 115. I beg to inform you that a man of Finnish nationality is employed by Pesca. I have known this person for many years and would add that he is pro British. He served with British merchant navy during last war. May I have instructions with regard to internment.

OFFICER IN CHARGE.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* COLONIAL SECRETARY  
*To* OFFICER IN CHARGE SOUTH GEORGIA.

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*Despatched :* 11th December, 1941. *Time :* .....

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

Ref 204.

No. 102. Your telegram No. 115 person named should not be interned

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Reds 206-209 withdrawn  
and filed in C/4/42.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of

**FALKLAND ISLANDS**

Circular Telegram Saving.

1st January, 1942.

The German Government have proposed to the United States Embassy in Berlin that, in order to secure uniform treatment of those nationals of a belligerent country who are prisoners of war and those (civilians) who are interned in the custody of an enemy state, it would be appropriate to apply the provisions of Articles 60 - 67 of the International Convention of 1929 relating to the treatment of prisoners of war, a copy of which was enclosed in Mr. Thomas' circular despatch of the 21st of September, 1931.

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2. The Prisoners of War Convention does not, of course, itself apply to civilian internees of enemy nationality, but His Majesty's Government were informed early in 1940 that the German Government were applying the provisions of that Convention to British civilian internees as far as possible. In reply the Swiss Legation in London were informed early in 1940 that civilians of enemy nationality interned in the United Kingdom are in principle treated in accordance with the 1929 Convention, although there must necessarily be some differences of detail in treatment, since all the provisions of the Convention clearly could not be applied strictly in circumstances for which they were not designed. It now appears that the German Government desire a more formal and definite arrangement as far as Articles 60 - 67 in the Convention are concerned.

3. On consideration of the matter, it appeared to His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom that the application by the German Government of Articles 60 - 67 of the Convention to British civilian internees would offer certain desirable safeguards, of which the most important was that the Protecting Power would be kept fully informed of proceedings in Germany affecting their life and liberty. Further, that unless the German proposals were accepted, the condition of British civilian internees in Germany would be adversely affected. Consequently it was thought desirable to accept the German proposal, if it were found practicable to apply the provisions of these Articles to German internees although the existing arrangements with regard to them in the United Kingdom offer in fact the fullest guarantee. Upon investigation, the results of which are set out in the enclosed note, it was found that effect could be given to the provisions of all these Articles in relation to German civilian internees in the United Kingdom, and it appeared that a similar position obtained in the Colonies, Protectorates, and Mandated Territories for which His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are responsible. A note accepting the German proposals as far as the United Kingdom and Colonial Empire were concerned was accordingly sent to the United States Ambassador on December 4th. If, therefore, you are advised that there are any serious difficulties in the application of these Articles in the Territory with which you are concerned which could not be overcome by administrative arrangements, you should inform me at once by telegram. Unless any such difficulties arise, I trust that you will make the necessary arrangements to ensure



ensure that the provisions of this part of the International Convention are brought into effect in relation to civilian internees as soon as possible.

4. If a German national has to be brought to trial in a Colony where there is no Protecting Power for Germany, the particulars required by the relative Article of the Convention should be telegraphed to me for transmission through the Foreign Office to the Special Division of the Swiss Legation. You should also inform me by telegram whenever, in any Colony, a notification such as is provided for in Article 60 of the Convention is made to the Local Representative of the Protecting Power.

5. The provisions of the Articles of the Convention referred to do not apply in the case of internees who do not wish their names to be communicated to the German Government.

Note on the application of Articles  
60-67 of the Prisoners of War Convention 1929  
in the case of Civilian Internees in the  
United Kingdom.

1. It is convenient to consider Articles 63 and 64 first. These Articles provide that prisoners of war shall be tried by the same tribunals and in accordance with the same procedure as persons belonging to the Armed Forces of the detaining power. The application of these Articles to German civilian internees in the United Kingdom means that these internees shall be tried by the same tribunals and in accordance with the same procedure as members of H.M. Armed Forces in the United Kingdom. Members of H.M. Armed Forces in the United Kingdom are subject at one and the same time to the jurisdiction of military courts martial and of the ordinary courts of the country. In the case of acts which are criminal offences according to the ordinary law of the country, the soldier or aircraftsman is subject to the jurisdiction of the ordinary courts and is ordinarily tried there, though in the case of an act which is at one and the same time an offence against the ordinary law and an offence triable under military law, he may be tried by court martial instead of by the ordinary courts under the arrangements made between the civil and the military authorities.

2. In the case of the German civilian internee in the United Kingdom, apart from small disciplinary penalties enforceable under camp disciplinary regulations, the only offences for which he is liable are offences against the ordinary law of the country and the only courts before which he can be tried are the ordinary civil courts, and there is no other means of subjecting him to imprisonment or other serious punishment other than by way of trial before these courts on a charge of an offence against ordinary criminal law. This position seems to comply with Articles 63 and 64 of the Convention seeing that, as explained above, the soldier or aircraftsman is also subject to these courts for offences against the ordinary law.

3. As regards Article 60, it should be noted that, in paragraph 4 of the note of the 4th December to the United States Ambassador, H.M.G. in the United Kingdom have made a reservation as regards those individual internees who claim to have renounced their allegiance to the German Reich and who do not wish particulars regarding themselves to be communicated to the Protecting Power.

4. Apart from the above, there is no difficulty in making the notifications to the Protecting Power required by Article 60 in the case of the trial of German internees before the ordinary courts in the United Kingdom. One point of detail, however, may be noted. The first paragraph of Article 60 provides that notification of a judicial hearing shall be sent to the Protecting Power "as soon as possible and in any case before the date fixed for the opening of the hearing". The last sentence of the Article provides that if particulars of the date and place of hearing cannot be communicated at once, they will be furnished "as soon as possible and in any case at least three weeks before the opening of the hearing". While the actual intention of these two provisions may not be absolutely clear, it is thought that what was in mind were circumstances where an accused is first brought before an inferior court and then, according to the decision of the inferior court may be tried there or committed for trial by a superior court, and

consequently

consequently it is not known when the first intimation is made where and before what court the actual trial will take place. There appears to be no difficulty in giving effect to the provisions of this Article, since all criminal charges, (with the exception of certain cases before War Zone courts, if and when these courts come into operation) have to come before the Justices in the first instance, and the Protecting Power can be notified at once of the date and place where the Justices will sit. If the Justices commit the case for trial by a superior court, the Protecting Power can then be notified of the superior court to which the case is committed and the date and place of the trial and arrangements can be made by which, unless the accused internee and the representative of the Protecting Power renounce the benefit of the three weeks' delay, the trial will not take place until the three weeks have elapsed. If, on the other hand, the Justices decide to deal with the case summarily, the accused internee and the representative of the Protecting Power can be given the option of a remand for three weeks to comply with the Article, or of renouncing the further notice of three weeks.

5. As regards Articles 61 and 62, there is no difficulty in giving effect to the provisions of these Articles in the case of trials either before the Justices or before a superior court. The same observation applies to Article 65.

6. As regards Article 66, the effect of this Article is that a sentence of death cannot be carried out until the expiration of three months at least from the date of the sentence. Such a long interval between the sentence and its execution is contrary to existing practice where a person is sentenced to death. So far as England and Wales are concerned, however, there is no express statutory requirement that a death sentence must be carried out within any particular period, and it is therefore within the powers of the Home Secretary to give effect to this provision. In the case of Scotland, on the other hand, there is a statutory provision requiring the carrying out of a sentence of death within a shorter period, and it may be necessary consequently for sentences of death on German civilian internees passed by the Scottish courts to be commuted by the Secretary of State for Scotland to imprisonment for life, in order to comply with the Article. In practice it is thought that the cases when sentences of death are passed on civilian internees are likely to be very few.

7. The application of Article 67 would, as the result of the provisions of Article 42, give civilian internees who had been sentenced to imprisonment the right to communicate to the Protecting Power any complaints they might wish to make with regard to the conditions of their imprisonment. Under the provisions of the Prison Standing Orders, complaints by prisoners must be addressed to the Secretary of State, the Visiting Committee, or the Visiting Commissioner according to the nature of the complaint. Furthermore, Article 42 provides that petitions and complaints which are groundless shall not give rise to any punishment; whereas an ordinary prisoner in a civil prison is liable to punishment for untrue complaints in certain circumstances. The application of Article 67 would, therefore, involve some slight differential treatment for prisoners who are civilian internees. These difficulties, however, can be overcome by administrative arrangements and the implications of Article 67 accepted in the interests of the treatment of British civilian internees in Germany.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 75.

*From* SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

*To* HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

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*Despatched :* 8th April, 19 42. *Time :* 0940.

*Received :* 9th April, 19 42. *Time :* 1030.

Circular No. 55. War Office has taken over responsibility for interned enemy merchant seamen in all British territories.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 16.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 2nd May, 19 42. Time: 1745.

Received: 2nd May, 19 42. Time: 1800.

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Circular No. 73. Confidential. With reference to my telegram No. 55 Circular intention is that in future enemy seamen will be treated in all respects as ~~prisoners of war~~ and responsibility for their treatment and release will be assumed by the local Military Authorities and the War Office. Instructions as regards removal of enemy seamen from vessels calling voluntary at Colonial ports will continue to be sent to Colonial Governments from the Colonial Office and previous instructions will remain in force.

Responsibility of the Military Authorities will begin only when it has been decided in any particular case that an Enemy Alien who is a merchant seaman within the terms defined below should be interned.

2. For purposes of these arrangements the following definition has been agreed begins. An enemy merchant seaman is a enemy national who at the time of his capture either is a member of the crew of any ship or is proceeding abroad in accordance with an agreement to join and serve in any ship or who has been at any time since September 1st, 1939 a member of the crew of any ship. In the above context "ship" includes a ship employed at sea fishing or sea fishing service or pilot, a lighthouse tender, or a light vessel.

The expression "member of the crew" means a person who has been employed or engaged as a member of the crew of a ship in any capacity and includes a person employed or engaged as master, pilot or apprentice. Ends.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.D.CO.

Insert - "as if they came within the provisions of Article No. 81 Prisoners of War Convention and consequently as Prisoners of War except that: (a) they will not repeat not be compelled to work and (b) will not repeat not receive pay other than pay for work".





SOUTH AFRICA  
DOMINIONS  
NO. 254

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER  
FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM,  
PRETORIA.

29th December, 1941.

My Lord,

I have the honour to enclose for transmission to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a letter in original from H.G. Moher at present interned in this country. I also enclose a copy of a letter which Moher has sent to the Society for the Protection of Jewish Emigrants, Monte Video, and copies of previous telegraphic correspondence with the Governor of the Falkland Islands regarding his case.

I am sending a copy of this despatch to the Governor of the Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servant,

HIGH COMMISSIONER

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

VISCOUNT CRANBORNE,

etc., etc., etc.,

DOMINIONS OFFICE.

Copy.

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H.G. Hoher, No. 123/40 (Born 4th Mar. 1915)  
Internment Camp No. 2  
GALICIAN, P.O. Andalusia 25th November 1941.  
Union of South Africa

The Secretary of State for Colonies  
Colonial Office  
DOWNING STREET, LONDON, W., ENGLAND.

Sir,

After a year of unsuccessful endeavours to be released from internment, I herewith take the liberty of putting my case to you, hoping that it will find your kind consideration.

As a Jewish refugee from Germany I arrived in Uruguay in September 1937 and was registered there as Polish subject, owing to the fact that I was born in Katowice which formerly belonged to Germany, but was ceded to Poland through Hoboscite after the last war.

In Uruguay I was employed as mechanic and joined the Norwegian tanker "Vinga" in April 1939 after having been notified that my return to Uruguay was possible at any future date.

On 20th April 1940, after the German invasion of Norway, our ship was seized by the Falkland Islands authorities and I was detained by them. During my stay there, my anti-Nazi attitude became recognized by the authorities who subsequently employed me at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse. Owing to the fact that the local Government was unable to take a decision as to my possible release, I asked to be sent to part of the British Empire where I would have the support of a Jewish Committee and was subsequently transferred to South Africa.

While realizing that, under the above circumstances my return to Uruguay cannot be agreed to at present, I beg you to consider whether it would not be possible to fulfill my urgent desire to give active support to the British war effort. Having been compelled to leave Germany owing to my Jewish race, I am a fervent enemy of Nazidom and anxious to prove my loyalty to Britain.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the Falkland Islands Government, with whom I beg you to communicate with regard to my case.

As references I beg to give the following:-

Major Woodgate, O.C., Falkland Islands Defence Force.  
Rev. Father Drum, Falkland Islands.

I am, Sir,

Yours most respectfully,

(Sgd.) Heim Gunther Hoher.

Copy.

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H.G. Hoher, No. 123/40  
Internment Camp No. 2  
GANSBAM, P.O. Andalusia  
Union of South Africa

25th November 1941.

The Secretary  
Society for the Protection of Jewish Immigrants  
(Sociedad de Proteccion de Inmigrantes Israelitas)  
Maldonado, 1130  
MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay

Dear Sir,

I confirm with many thanks receipt of your letter of the 18th September. Meanwhile I have also been informed that the Jewish Board at Johannesburg has received your recommendations, for which I am equally grateful.

Unfortunately, however, I am given to understand that the South African authorities, who detain me on behalf of the British Government, are not in a position to make a decision in the question of my release. I have therefore now approached the Secretary of State for Colonies, Colonial Office, Downing Street, London, W., England, and have put my case to him.

You will do me a great favour by sending a recommendation on my behalf to this office, explaining the circumstances known to you as fully as possible.

In this connexion I would like to mention that the Falkland Islands Governor has indicated his inability to agree to my return to Uruguay even if such were possibly. As a war-time measure, I feel sure you will understand this attitude. My endeavours, therefore, are solely directed towards being permitted to prove my loyalty to the British Empire in an active way, and it is in this regard that I would ask your support.

I shall be grateful for confirmation of this letter and I remain,

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) Heim G. Hoher.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 265. From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 25th June, 19 42. Time: ....

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

*Germans* No. 100. Secret. Circular. Following information urgently required regarding civilians under separate headings. A. Interned and B. Not interned :- (a) number of males between the age of 18 and 60. (b) number of males other than in (a). (c) number in (a) likely to be recommended for repatriation by the Mixed Medical Commission. (d) Total numbers of seamen and of children. (e) Totals in (b) and (d) who would opt for repatriation.

I shall be glad if you will telegraph the figures as quickly as possible (a close ~~competent~~ ~~estimate~~ would be preferable to delay for strict accuracy) or if no Germans in your territory please state nil. Merchant seamen not (repeat not) to be included in your figures.

C.O.I.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* ..... HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

*To* ..... SEC ETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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*Despatched :* 25th June, 19 42. *Time :* .....

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

*Red 219.*  
No. 129. Secret. Your telegram Secret Circular 100 A nil; B one (a);  
all other headings nil including option.

C.O.I.

GOVERNOR.



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TELEGRAM.

No. 305.      *From* SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

*To* HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

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*Despatched :*            26th June,            19 42.    *Time :*    22.30.

*Received :*            27th June,            19 42.    *Time :*    10.30.

*Red 219.*

Important. Unnumbered. With reference to my telegram No. 100 Circular please amend as follows. Between "urgently required" and "civilian" please insert "regarding Germans". Last paragraph read "a close estimate would be preferable etc".

G.T.C.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 56. *From* SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

*To* HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

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*Despatched :* 6th July, 19 42. *Time :* 1545.

*Received :* 7th July, 19 42. *Time :* 1030.

No. 111 Circular Confidential. With reference to my telegram No. 73<sup>Red 2/4.</sup>  
Confidential. Please delete the words "as prisoners of War" in the first  
paragraph and substitute "as if they came within the provisions of Article  
No. 81 Prisoners of War Convention and consequently as Prisoners of War except  
that : (a) they will not repeat not be compelled to work and (b) will not  
repeat not receive pay other than pay for work".

I.D.C.O.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

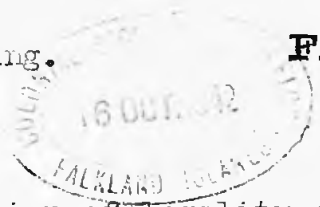
To the Officer Administering the Government of

Circular Telegram Saving.

**FALKLAND ISLANDS**

22nd July, 1942.

SECRET.



Question of legality of internment under Royal Prerogative of German Jews who have been, or may have been, deprived of their German nationality by the German Ordinance of 25th November, 1941, has been recently under consideration. It has been decided by His Majesty's Government that unless and until the High Court decides in any particular case that the effect of the German Ordinance is to relieve an alien, who was formerly of enemy nationality, from his liability to internment under the Royal Prerogative, such persons will continue to be treated as liable to internment under the Royal Prerogative.

Internment Camp No. 1,

JAGERSFONTEIN, O.F.S.

28th September, 1942

Heinz Guenther Hoher,  
Internee No. 44

Born 4/3/1915

The Chief Control Officer,  
PRISTONIA.

Sir,

In connection with the reply to my application from the 15th of September you stated that my release or my joining the forces cannot be granted within the Union. As I was detained on behalf of the Colonial Government, Falkland Islands, I now understand that any decision concerning my release rests in London.

I herewith apply to you to send me to England where I can get a chance to appeal and where the question of Jewish refugees has until now fairly dealt with. Being a Jew it is uncomprehensible for me to be interned. I offered my services many a time and now, when every honest anti-Nazi is needed to fight Nazidom, a Jew is detained, without any charges brought up against him.. Once my existence and everything I stood for, was destroyed by the Nazis. Now the second time I have to suffer.

Hoping that you will grant my request to be transferred to England, I remain, in anticipation of a favourable reply,

Yours faithfully,

(SIGNED) HEINZ GUENTHER HOHER.

P.M. 9/55/14

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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Department of External Affairs,

PRETORIA,

22nd October, 1942.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter No. 24/50/41 of the 19th August, to the Chief Control officer regarding internee H.G. Hoher, and to enclose herewith, for consideration by the appropriate United Kingdom authorities, copies of a letter dated 28th September from internee Hoher, wherein he applies to be sent to England.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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For SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

The Political Secretary,  
Office of the High Commissioner  
for the United Kingdom,  
PRETORIA.



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SOCIEDAD DE PROTECCION  
A LOS INMIGRANTES ISRAELITAS  
EN EL URUGUAY

AFILIADA A LA  
UNION I.C.A. Emigración Asociación (HICEM)

MÁLDONADO. 1130  
TELF. AUT. 8-3689

DIRECCIÓN TELEGRÁFICA  
"SOPROTIMIS"  
Montevideo

Montevideo, January 4 de 1943

To the

Governor of the Falkland Islands

Port Stanley

Gentlemen:

Ref: HEINE GUENTHER NOHER, Internment Camp, Yagersfontein, 1  
South Africa.

We beg to approach in the matter of the above mentioned, in order to ask you kindly if you could not do something to relieve the situation of Mr. Noher, who was on the S/S "Vinga" when the war broke out, where he was taken prisoner.

Mr. Noher who is now in South Africa is a Jew who left Germany at once after Hitler's seizing the power in Germany in 1933, escaping to Sweden. From Sweden he emigrated, with the help of the Jewish organizations to Uruguay and he began immediately working after his arrival in Montevideo.

Mr. Noher wants to join the army of the allies in order to fight against the common enemy. As we have been informed, all the petitions and requests at the authorities of South Africa have been refused because he belongs to the sphere of the Falkland Islands authorities.

Therefore we should highly appreciate if you could do all your possible for relieving this poor Jewish refugee's situation. We thank you in advance very much for all your troubles and beg to remain,

very sincerely yours

SOCIEDAD DE PROTECCION A LOS  
INMIGRANTES ISRAELITAS



*Israel Ierselson*  
Israel Ierselson  
General Secretary

25th January,

43.

Sir,

*Red 230.*

With reference to your letter of the 4th January addressed to His Excellency the Governor, I am directed to inform you that the case of Mr. Noher has already received the fullest consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY  
Colonial Secretary.

Mr Israelson,  
Colonial Secretary,  
Comunidad de Proteccion a los  
Emigrantes Israelitas,  
Montevideo,  
URUGUAY.



CIRCULAR

CONFIDENTIAL

Downing Street,

15th April, 1943.

Sir,

*Red 214*  
*Red 222*

I have the honour to refer to my predecessor's confidential circular telegrams No. 73 of the 2nd May, 1942, and No. 111 of the 6th July, 1942, and to set out at length the decision of His Majesty's Government as regards the responsibility for interned enemy merchant seamen. The decision applies to all interned enemy merchant seamen (including Japanese, Siamese, Finns, Rumanians, Bulgarians and Hungarians) who come within the definition supplied in circular telegram No. 73 under reference. It does not apply to interned seamen of non-enemy nationality, who should be treated in all respects as civil internees. The decision is that:-

- (a) An enemy merchant seaman should be a War Office responsibility whether in the United Kingdom, India, the Dominions or Colonies.
- (b) The records of all enemy merchant seamen should be kept by the Prisoners of War Information Bureaux and should be dealt with in precisely the same way as the records of prisoners of war, except that care should be taken to ensure that notification is not made either to the Protecting Power or International Red Cross Committee in the case of a merchant seaman who expresses a wish to that effect. In the case of Jamaica and Canada, the records of such merchant seamen would be kept and the necessary notifications made by the Prisoners of War Information Bureau, London.
- (c) Enemy merchant seamen should be treated in all respects as if they came within Article 81 of the Prisoners of War Convention, except that the Articles dealing with pay and compulsory work should have no application.
- (d) The enemy Governments should be informed of the above decision and that reciprocity should be demanded with regard to the issue of rations and clothing to, and the examination of British Imperial merchant seamen by mixed Medical Commissions as well as the repatriation of, those recommended by such commissions.
- (e) The War Office should be responsible for questions of treatment of British and Imperial merchant seamen acting as Agent for the Ministry of War Transport and the Governments of India and the Dominions in precisely the same way as for naval ratings and airmen.

2. In view of the above decision, you will no doubt omit the names of enemy merchant seamen from the returns of civil internees requested in my predecessor's circular saving telegram

of

The Officer Administering  
the Government of

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of the 29th June, 1942, but I should be grateful if in these returns specific indication could be given against the names of any interned non-enemy merchant seamen. If enemy merchant seamen or other prisoners of war are interned in the same camp as civil internees, a statement of numbers and nationality would be helpful.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

OLIVER STANLEY.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 239.

From Secretary of State.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 14th January, 19 44 Time : 1150

Received : 15th January, 19 44 Time : 1030.

*Red 134*  
No. 12. With reference to your Despatch No. 75 of June 6th, 1940  
Noher.

2. Representations have been received from the person supported by relative in the United Kingdom for release in order to join His Majesty's Forces.

*Red 30 in  
5/17/42*  
3. Grateful if you would arrange for review of this case in accordance with Paragraph 5 of my Circular Despatch of July 14th, with a view to his proceeding to the United Kingdom to join His Majesty's Forces. Probably only suitable unit would be the Pioneer Corps to join which many Aliens have been released from internment in the United Kingdom.

4. Please telegraph whether after review you have any objection to the course proposed so that I may decide whether to approach the War Office.

In and Out Code.

SECRETARY OF STATE.



DECODE.TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State.

M.P. 176/39

Despatched : 21st. January, 19 44 Time : .....

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

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No. 25. Your telegram, No. 12. NOHER. Reviewed by Advisory Committee, who advise that provided his behaviour in his present place of residence justifies it there is no objection to the course proposed. I agree with this.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State.

To His Excellency the Governor.

M.P.

Despatched: 8th April, 19 44. Time: 1540.

Received: 9th April, 19 44. Time: 1030.

Recd 219. Circular Unnumbered (2). April 8th SECRET. With reference to my telegram No. 100 Secret Circular June 24th, 1942.

Grateful if you would telegraph present number of German civilians in the territory for which you are responsible whether interned or not who both wish and are eligible for repatriation to Germany. Please show separately (a) men (b) women (c) children under 18.

2. In deciding the question of eligibility considerations of security and economic warfare must be taken into account. Impossible to supply arbitrary definition of persons who should be excluded since exceptional cases can only be decided on their merits, but the following are examples of categories which would be excluded in this country:

- (d) Enemy Agents.
- (e) Persons believed to be in possession of Military or Economic information of special importance.
- (f) State and Civil Service Officials, including experts in or connected with the Police, Security, Intelligence, Customs, Immigration, Passports or similar Services.
- (g) Experts and Technicians connected with Aircraft, Marine Transport Chemicals, Wireless, Munitions, Engineering or other similar vital industries.
- (h) Skilled workmen of every kind. Those skilled in non-essential trades may in many cases be capable of being trained to give valuable assistance in capacitys essential to the enemy war effort.
- (i) Merchant seamen (these should in any case be classed as Prisoners of War).

3. Doubtful cases should be referred to me for consideration. Men of Military age should not, repeat not, be excluded for that reason alone.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

COLONIAL OFFICE OUT TABLE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State.

M.P. 176/39.

Despatched : 12th April, 19 44. Time : .....

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

CHAPELRIES,

LONDON.

Recd 240

No. 102. Your Circular Unnumbered (2) Telegram of 8th  
April Secret. German civilians nil.

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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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His Excellency  
The Governor of the Falkland Islands.



Excellency,

From official information received, I learn that my release from Internment Camp in the Union of South Africa with the following transfer to the United Kingdom is dependend upon your Excellency's kind decision and recommendation.

I therefore herewith wish to ask your Excellency to help me in this matter and beg to submit in support of this my application the following facts:

(I) Some 6 months ago I was informed by the Jewish Board of Deputies in Montevideo that in reply to their enquiry, my release is being considered by your Excellency's Government.

(II) The Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, Dr. Hertz, approached about August last from London the Jewish Board of Deputies in Montevideo asking about details concerning my protracted internment.

(III) According to official information by the South African authorities my detention in camp is subject to the jurisdiction of the British Government, having been originally detained in a Colonial Territory.

(4) In case of my transfer to the United Kingdom my cousin, Mr. Max Froehlich, Ministry of Agriculture, Newport Pagnell, Manor Rd. Buckinghamshire, is willing to assist me financially and in particular to offer any guarantee concerning my person.

Besides the above enumerated facts I wish to impress upon your Excellency that my place as a Jew, is in the army to enable me to fight against the forces which have and still are humiliating and destroying our loyal and law abiding race. To clarify the foregoing statement I only need to add that my parents who took refuge in Denmark, following the Jewish persecution in Germany, were only recently again compelled to leave this country and had to escape to Sweden.

Your Excellency, will I trust, extend also to me your help basing on the proverbial English fairness and readiness to help people and nations in distress.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kindness, I remain,

Your Excellency's

most respectfully,

Heinz Guenther Mohr

STATEMENT of O T T O R E P P.

I was born at DANZIG on 7th February ,1882.

I left Danzig at the age of 14 as a boy on board a sailing ship. I ran away from that ship and joined another, and afterwards various steamers.

I was discharged off a ship in Hamburg in 1903, and remained in Hamburg for about a fortnight before I got another boat.

I have never been in Germany since 1903.

Since leaving Hamburg in 1903 I have sailed all around the world, never staying in a Port longer than a fortnight, except for about 5 years ,during which I sailed regularly on ships from San Francisco.

I arrived in Chile in the year 1914 and worked in Chile until I came to Weddel Island on November 1938.

I have in my possession my Chilean National Insurance book which the L<sup>aw</sup> of Chile compells all to have. This book shows payments from 1927 until 1938.

On Sept<sup>r</sup> 9th 1939, the acting manager of Port Stephens came across to Weddel Island and told me that I had to go to the Mainland with him. I went over to Port Stephens with him and he had to report my presence in Port Stephens every night to someone at Fox Bay. I do not know to whom he reported. Some time in November 1939, the Lafonia called at P. Stephens bringing the Manager Mr C. Robertson. . He saw the Captain of the



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Donia re taking me to Stanley and the Captain stated that he had no orders concerning me. Mr Robertson then sent me back to Weddel Island.

During my sojourn in Port Stephens I was told that I could get a horse and ride to Port Howard to catch a cutter boat which would take me to Port Stanley. As I have never ridden a horse in my life, I considered a journey of 16 hours duration too much for me and declined to ride to Port Howard. This was before the return of Mr C. Robertson to Port Stephens.

In July 1940 The steamer Fitzroy called at Weddel Island and the Manager Mr W. Mc Gill asked me if I wanted to go to Stanley. I replied that if I was sent for I had no choice but to go but that I did not wish to leave Weddel and go and seek work elsewhere. Mr McGill went aboard the Fitzroy and saw the Captain. On returning to the Island Mc Gill said that the Captain had no orders concerning me and that he did not have room for any more passengers even if I had wanted to go.

Never at any time have I been told that I was interned nor that I could not leave Weddel Island without first asking permission to do so.

I went aboard the Fitzroy at Weddel on 26th April, got a passage and came to Stanley with the intention of returning to Chile. because in a couple of years I will be entitled to benefits accruing in my National Insurance book

Otto Reyer.  
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