

C.S.

SECRET.

WAR/W2H/1#6

1939

No.

S/12/39.

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S. of S. Secret desp.

SUBJECT.

19 39.

23rd March.

Previous Paper.

ADMIRALTY DOCUMENTS FOR THE ARMED BOARDING  
VESSEL WHICH WOULD BE ARMED AT STANLEY IN  
EMRRGENCY.

MINUTES.

1. S of S. Secret despatch of 23/3/39.

Copies withdrawn and placed in  
Safe WCH  
25.39.

② Secret despatch to S of S. of 3/5/39.

Yh. Submitted.

WCH  
3.5.39.

~~13/6/39~~

Subsequent Paper.

Letter from Commadore, Aust. Exch. 30/4/39. 3.

Adjutant H. Deane Lee.

Can this be arranged  
please.

MCH  
C/

24. 7. 39.

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This could be arranged if necessary  
even in the absence of R. Mr. Sheppard  
without any difficulty. I am aware  
of the procedure required for carrying out  
gun trials the most important point of which  
is that 14 rounds should be fired at widely  
varying elevations and bearings one round  
of which must be packed back an amount  
equal to 15 per cent. of the total recoil.

J. S. P.  
C. Ad. 22/7/39.

R. Submitted. Reply that the  
desired arrangements will  
be made.

MCH  
C/

24. 7. 39.

Plan

25/7

Letter to Commadore, America  
& West Indies Squadron 25/7/39. (4)

5/12/39  
PALMERLAND ISLANDS.

SECRET.

Downing Street,

23 March, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you copies of the  
under-mentioned Admiralty documents for the armed Boarding Vessel  
which would be armed at Port Stanley in emergency. These documents  
should be retained by you for issue with the guns.

N.M. 203. Drill for 3 Pdr. and 6 Pdr. Hotchkiss Guns  
(3 copies)

N.M. 194. Handbook for Hotchkiss 6 Pdr. and 3 Pdr.  
Quick Firing Guns (1 copy)

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Sd.) WILSON MACDONALD

RECEIVED

SIR HERBERT REMIKER HEATON, K.C.M.G.,

etc., etc., etc.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

3rd May, 1939.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

S E C R E T.

Sir,

*Kia (1)*  
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Secret despatch of the 23rd of March, 1939, transmitting copies of certain Admiralty documents for the Armed Boarding Vessel which would be armed at Stanley in emergency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant,

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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H.M.S. "EXETER",  
at Bermuda.

30th April 1939.

No. 0312D/2.

Your Excellency,

*inf. 24/35*  
I have the honour to request that, in the absence of any more highly qualified person, the Sergeant Instructor to the Falkland Islands Defence Force may carry out the trials of any guns mounted in Armed Boarding Vessels at the Falkland Islands in the event of war or emergency.

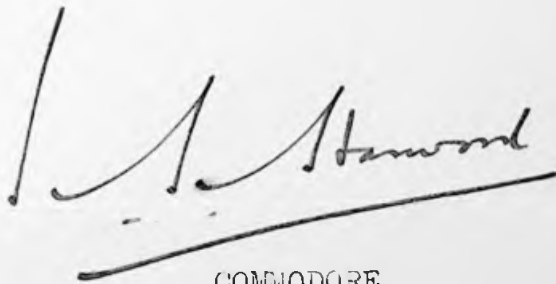
2. It is realised that there is at present no ammunition for such guns in the Falkland Islands and that therefore there can be no great urgency on an emergency first arising.

3. I have directed the Commanding Officer, H.M.S. "AJAX" to discuss this question with you and, if you concur, to give the necessary instruction to the Royal Marine Sergeant Instructor.

Should the necessity occur before the arrival of H.M.S. "AJAX", I request that the attention of the Royal Marine Sergeant Instructor may be called to Appendix 5 of the Naval Handbook, O.U. 6184/1930, a copy of which is held by the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

I have the honour to be, .

Your Excellency's obedient servant,



COMMODORE.

His Excellency,  
The Governor of the Falkland Islands,  
Port Stanley, FALKLAND ISLANDS.  
(Copy to The Commanding Officer,  
H.M.S. "AJAX").

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

25th July, 1939.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

*Rra(3)*  
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 0312D/2 of the 30th of April, 1939, requesting that, in the absence of any more highly qualified person, the Sergeant Instructor to the Falkland Islands Defence Force may carry out the trials of any guns mounted in Armed Boarding Vessels here in the event of war or emergency.

2. The desired arrangements will be made and should the necessity occur before the arrival of H.M.S. "Ajax" the attention of the Sergeant Instructor will be called to Appendix 5 of the Naval Handbook mentioned in paragraph 3 of your letter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(S/L) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

GOVERNOR.

COMMODORE H. H. HARWOOD, O.B.E., R.N.,  
AMERICA & WEST INDIES SQUADRON,  
BERMUDA.