

C.S.

Confidential

WAR/W2H/2#8

1939

No.

C/12/39.

Governor.

SUBJECT.

1939
2nd Sept

Previous Paper.

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Defence Scheme.

Action under on declaration of war.

MINUTES.

1. Telegram from S. of S. 1/9/39
- 1.A. Telegram to S. of S. of 2/9/39
2. { Telegram to C. and C. America and West Indies 4/9/39
" " Admiralty 4/9/39
" " Commodore S.A. Station 4/9/39
3. { " " C. and C. America and West Indies 4/9/39
" " Commodore S.A. Station 4/9/39
4. " " S. of S. of 4/9/39.
5. " " S. of S. of 4/9/39.

Jh.

Submitted for information.

WCH

CS

7.9.39.

2/5

Subsequent Paper.

Evacuation of people from
Stanley: -

Letter to Hs. Co. Ld. re the
Commissioning of S.S. "Fitzroy" (6)

Minute to S.N.O. of 10/9/39. (7)

S.N.O. Spoken - he concurs
with action taken.

In CH.

CS

10.9.39.

J.H. Submitted, assuming that
under present emergency conditions
J.H. would not require previous
Submissions / took action as
recorded herein.

In CH

CS

10.9.39.

Quite right. All action in
connection with evacuation to be
carried out in consultation with
Mobilization Officer if outside scope of
his authority

~~10/9/39~~

10/9/39

On the outbreak of war instructions
were given the Sup. Elect. Dept.
that the W/T Stations here and at
South Georgia must maintain
a 24 hours watch

In CH CS

10.9.39.

C.S.O. No. 9/12/39

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 1

8 Telegram from S. of S. 8/9/39

9 Telegram to S. of S. 11/9/39.

OC

A. S. C.
Mobilization Officer.

To note H.Q.'s minute of 10/9/39.

2. I inform H.Q. today that we had agreed that persons evacuated should receive the first foreigner per flour, sugar, coffee, tea etc. as we arranged.

H.Q. has confirmed action taken.

M. C. H.

C. S.

11.9.39

then Col - Sec.

noted.

San
O. C. R. A. S. C.
15/9/39

10 Telegram from S. of S. 10/9/39

10A Telegram to Naval C.C. Tinsulanwei 10/9/39

10B " No. 83 to S. of S. of 17/10/39

10C " No. 84 to S. of S. of 17/10/39.

Senior Naval Officer.

With reference to the
arrangements made for the
use of the S.S. "^{Fitzroy} ~~Lafonia~~" for
evacuating people from Stanley,
enclosure 7, with which you
agreed, it does not now
appear necessary for the
vessel to "Stand By" for
service any longer. If you
concur the Hs. Co. Ltd will
be informed.

WCH
C.S.

22.9.39.

Hon David Barclay.

Noted & agreed

George W. Giddard, S. C. M. R.N.O.
S. N. O.

Letter from Hs. Co. Ltd 21/9/39 11.

Letter to Hs. Co. Ltd 22/9/39 12.

Circular Tele: No 65 "Secur" from S. of S. 13.

Above Telegram - a copy sent to
Hq. the Governor.

WCH

22.9.39.

Cost of S.S. "Fitzroy" for evacuation
services £257-1-10 plus £70
for 7 days "Stand By" at £10 a
day, total £327-1-10. WCH
C.S.

14. Minute to Lt. Army Service Corps 14. x. 39 forwarding ap's from Hs. Coy. for evacuation services in Sep^r 1939.
15. Minute from Aq. Sub^r 14. x. 39.
16. Telegram from Magistrate S. Georgia 17. x. 39.

16. Submitted. Perhaps it is not necessary to continue a 24 hour watch at the S. Georgia W.F. Station. The Aq. Supervisor states that 3 operators are required whereas there are two only at S. Georgia. The present staff could maintain a 16 hour watch.

met
C.S.
17. x. 39.

We must keep up a c.w.
Someone will have to be found to strengthen the staff

18/x/39

Ph. lit. that an endeavor will be made to meet his wishes. I do not think that there will be any difficulty after Lapina arrives here.

Minute to Sup. C. & J. of 18.10.39.

(17)

Telegram to Magistrate S. G. 18.

Telegram from S. of S. of 19.
16/10/39.

Telegram to S. of S. of 24/10/39 20

Yr.

I have seen the Adjutant
H. Devereaux. Telegrams
submitted asking that the
120 uniforms ordered on 17th Sep^r
be the new Battle Dress, and
a further telegram asking for
a further 210 uniforms and
equipment also military stores.

2. The question of
Medical Stores will be referred
to the S.M.O.

MCH

31. 8. 39.

Get this off today please, ^{Med. Stores}
Telegram can follow

Add to telegram please

Note. Items 1 and 2 cover and
replace order for uniforms contained
in my numbered telegram of 17. Sept.

~~With~~
Telegram to S. of S. No. — Secret 21.
of 1. XI. 39.

Minute to S.M.O. re Medical Stores
in C.S. 179/39

MCH

2. XI.

22. Tele. from C.A's 15. XI. 59.

Yh.

Submitted.

WCH
CS
15. XI. 59.

See. Supra O.C. I per
that this may not be battle
dun

~~ttttt~~ 15/4/39

O.C. Defence Force.
To note.

WCH
CS
15. XI. 59.

Am: Col. Luntan.

Word with much pleasure.
Any uniform will be welcome.

OW. 17. XI. 59.
oc. 2p.

23. Telegram No 105 of 6. XII. 59
from S. of S.

O/C. Defence Force
To note.

WCH
CS
7. XII. 59.

HONOURABLE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Noted. Thank you.

O.C. Defence Force.

9 XII. 39

Telegram from S. of S. No 175 of
11. XII. 39.

(24)

Yh.

Submitted. Refer to S.M.O.?

McH

13. XII. 39.

Please He will require to see
a copy of Defence Scheme for the purpose

~~13/12~~ 13/12

Hon. S.M.O.

Accordingly with copy of
Defence Scheme - Secret. Please (No 5)
See pages 37 - 40 and page 44.

Kindly return Defence Scheme
under sealed cover.

McH

13. XII. 39

19/XII/39

HG3 I am sorry I have kept this paper
so long. The developments in the interval
has placed a rather different light on the
problem. With the arrival of stores on the hofoma
presumably no further action as regards
med. supplies need be taken.

Res H
19/XII/39

C/12/39

Sheet 4

1/4.

Submitted. Reply to red
(24) agree?

meth
CS
21. XII. '39.

meth 21/XII

Telegram No 25 of 21. XII. 39 to
S. of S

(26) Telegram No. 7 to S. of S. of 12/1/40.

27-31. S. of S. Secret despatch of 25/10/39.

O. C. Defence Force
To note: I think you
received the uniforms for
120 men.

meth
CS
14. 2. 40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Yours faithfully

W. O. D. F. 15.2.40

P.A.

meth

CS

32. Letter from Crown Agents of 9/8/40.

33. Cas List Shipping Advice, 13/8/40.

34. Minute from O/C, F.I.D.F., of 19/12/40.

O.C.
Def. 7.

Yes. - Board of Survey to be ..

G. L. Challen
Chief Comptroller
Lt. L. W. Aldridge.

[Signature] 23/11/40

A.C.S. Please note above for L.A. *[Signature]* 23/11/40

O.C.D.T.

Re note. Will you kindly arrange with Mr. Challen accordingly.

[Signature]
C. J. Ford
23/12/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

I have notified Mr. Challen as requested.

[Signature] O.C.D.T. 22.11.40

Report of Board of Survey, 8/1/41.

35.

[Signature] 10/1/41.
[Signature] 31/1/41

1 of A.

Please note

[Signature] 15/1/41

A.C.S. Many thanks.

[Signature] 15/1/41

Brown Agents Invoice of

36-37.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From S. of S.

To H.E.the Governor.

Despatched: Ist September 19 39 *Time*: 10.55

Received: Ist September 19 39 *Time*: 11.30

See Preface Defence Scheme. Adopt Precautionary stage against Germany and Italy. Italy's position has not yet been declared public. With reference to para: 3 of my circular telegram No. 23 ^{most} Secret it is important no action should be taken which can be considered provocative by Italy. Acknowledge by words "Glaxo Child".

Secretary of State.

DECODE.

① A

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 2nd September, 1939. Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

No. 67. Partial Mobilisation Defence Force effected here.

The following variations in Defence Scheme have been adopted. Chapter III all duties allocated to Senior Naval Officer have been assigned to following person George MacKenzie Goddard to whom I have issued a commission as Lieutenant Commander R.N.V.R. with effect from 2nd September signed by Commodore Harwood in blank dated 3rd December, 1938. Please inform Admiralty.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,
Admiralty, London,
To Commander-in-Chief, America & West Indies.
Commodore, South America Station.

Despatched: 4th September, 1939. *Time:* ...

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

Nucleus contraband control service in operation also
local examination service in force.

GOVERNOR.

★ DECODE.

2 TELEGRAM.

(3)

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Commander-in-Chief, America & West Indies,
Commodore, South America Station.

Despatched: 4th September, 1939 *Time:* ...

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

Falkland Islands Defence Scheme Coast Watching
Stations required. I have substituted Lively Island
for Speedwell Island.

GOVERNOR+.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

4

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 4th September, 19 39. Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

N^o 71

Defence Scheme Chapter III (n) paragraph 10 am I to expect ships mentioned therein and will they bring the constructional and Medical stores referred to in Chapter IV Tables F.H. please see paragraph 6 of Table F.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(5)

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 4th September, 19 39. *Time:* ...

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

No. 70. Reference to Defence Scheme Ch. (iii) (c)

Section 3 (a) dispatch of vessel to Montevideo postponed .

Will not arrive Montevideo until 12th September.

GOVERNOR.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 12 of 1939

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
9th September, 1939.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to request that you will take immediate steps to place in commission your s.s. "Fitzroy".

2. The Government has advised the public that women and children should leave Stanley for Camp Districts and the s.s. "Fitzroy" is required to carry out the evacuation.

3. It is understood that in the first instance the s.s. "Fitzroy" will make two trips, namely, to Darwin and to North Camp Stations ~~(not beyond~~
in all ~~Salvador Waters)~~ for the purpose of conveying those persons who are voluntarily leaving Stanley.

4. On completion of the two trips the s.s. "Fitzroy" should return to Stanley and should be kept under steam until further instructions in case a situation develops which may require the compulsory evacuation from Stanley of the remainder of the people.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant
(Sgd.) M. C. Graham
Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

The Falkland Islands Company, Ltd.,
Port Stanley.

⑦

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 12 of 1939

M I N U T E

From the Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

To the Senior Naval
Officer, Stanley.

I attach for your information the accompanying copy of a letter which has been addressed to the Falkland Islands Company, Limited, regarding the commissioning of the s.s. "Fitzroy" for evacuation service.

2. You will note that after the two trips which I understand have been arranged the vessel should return to Stanley and keep steam in case the position becomes such as to demand the compulsory evacuation from Stanley of those persons who have not voluntarily left for Camp Districts.

3. I should be glad to be informed if you concur with this arrangement.

McH
Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, 10th September 1939.

DECODE.

8

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 8th September, 19 39. *Time :* 0225.

Received : 8th September, 19 39. *Time :*

See Defence Scheme put into force "contraband restrictions
with following variation nil.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

TELEGRAM

9

FROM GOVERNOR.

TO SECRETARY OF STATE.

Date 11th September 1939.

Your telegram unnumbered of 8th September
Defence Scheme Nucleus contraband control service
in operation also local examination service in
force.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

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From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 11th September, 19 39. *Time* : 1755.

Received : 11th September, 19 39. *Time* :

No. 61. Secret. Your telegram No. 71. I am in consultation with Admiralty and will telegraph further as soon as possible.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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10 A

From His Excellency the Governor,.....

To Naval Commander-in-Chief, Simonstown.

Despatched : 10th September, 19 39. *Time* : 0845.

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

Following for Commodore South American Division America and
West Indies Squadron.

Reinforcements of arms and munitions as proposed would be
very welcome to me.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

No. 83

TELEGRAM.

~~14.~~
10 B

From H.E. The Governor.

To Secretary of State. IMMEDIATE SECRET

Despatched : 17th September 19 39 Time : 2100

Received : 19 Time :

Your secret telegram No. 68. Reinforcements from the Argentine.

I consider that an addition to the garrison of thirty picked men is imperative.

Can you arrange this through the Admiralty?

Governor.

No 84 DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

14 A
10 C

From H.E. The Governor

To Secretary of State.

Despatched : 17th September 19 39 Time : 2230

Received : 19 Time :

With reference to my telegram No. 85 regarding the reinforcement of the garrison.

Complete uniforms for one hundred and twenty men with full equipment including boots, greatcoats required as early as possible to be shipped from the United Kingdom. I have insufficient for the present garrison and none for the additional men now required. I will be grateful if you will cause immediate consideration to be given to this request.

Governor.

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENT FOR LLOYDS.

AGENTS FOR
THE PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

TELEGRAMS: "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

Stanley

21st September, 1939

Ref. CONFIDENTIAL No. 12 of 1939.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 9th September requiring us to put s.s. "Fitzroy" into immediate commission for Evacuation Service, we now forward our account for the period noon 9th September to noon 16th September which covers the time from sending off an engine-room staff to close boilers etc. to the countermanding of the second proposed voyage the day after s.s. "Fitzroy" returned to Stanley from Port Howard. The account is for actual expenses incurred plus a lump charge to cover overheads and petties.

On 16th September part of the emergency crew were paid off in order to save unnecessary expense, and the remainder (about two-thirds of a full crew) are being retained and are keeping steam and carrying out necessary maintenance work on board. The time required to send the vessel to sea, should another voyage be necessary, would depend almost entirely on the time taken to raise the personnel to its full complement.

The charge for s.s. "Fitzroy" whilst under the Government's "stand-by" instructions will be £ 10 per day (as from noon on 16th September) plus proportion of War Risk Insurance premium, which latter amount will not be known until details are received from our Head Office.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
for manager.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

C.S.No.

C/12/39

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Stanley, September 22nd 1939.

Sir,

With reference to the employment of your s.s. "FITZROY" for evacuating the public from Stanley during the recent emergency and to the "Stand by" of the vessel for possible further service, I am directed to inform you that the "Stand by" may now be discontinued.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. C. H.

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,

The Falkland Islands Coy, Ltd.,

Port Stanley.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State
To H.E. Governor Falkland I slands.

<i>Despatched :</i>	22nd September	19 39	<i>Time :</i>	0122
<i>Received :</i>	22nd September	19 39	<i>Time :</i>	0845

Circular No. 65 Secret.

Consideration has been given to the question of on what scale defence measures should be kept in being wher these are directed against the possibility of Italian intervention against us. The conclusion has been reached that in the present circumstances it is not possible to contemplate any relaxation of measures against possible Italian attack. Such measures should of course continue to be governed by the general consideration mentioned in paragraph 2 of the General Warning telegram sent on September 1st.

Confidential No. I2/I939

14

MINUTE

From the Colonial Secretary.

To Officer Commanding,

Date 14th October 1939.

Army Service Corps.

Stanley.

I attach accounts received from the Falkland Islands Co., Ltd, for transport services in connection with the evacuation of persons from Stanley to the Camp during the state of emergency which occurred on the 9th September last.

2. Perhaps you will be good enough to cause the necessary vouchers to be passed.

WCH
Colonial Secretary.

No.

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

MINUTE.

14th October 1939

From Ag. Supervisor

To Hon. Colonial Secretary

E. & T. Dept.

Stanley, F. I.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have been asked by Opr-in-Charge South Georgia W/T Stn., to enquire whether it is considered necessary to maintain 24 hour watch on that station for extended period.

As there are only two operators on South Georgia Station I respectfully suggest service be curtailed to 16 hours daily to permit station maintenance in addition to other duties.

For an efficient 24 hour service it would be necessary to employ one additional operator.

*James
Ag. Supr*

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Magistrate, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 17th October, 1939 Time : 14.00.

Received : 17th October, 1939. Time : 12. 10.

No. 58.

J. Howley
Would it be possible for another Operator or a learner to be sent to assist as the Operator-in-Charge considers work to be too much for 2 men. Lanning is now living in one of Marine Station houses and does for himself as Operator-in-Charge objects keeping boarders. Suggest single officer be sent who can then stay and mess with Lanning.

MAGISTRATE.

(17)

No. C/12/39.

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

MINUTE.

18th October, 19 39.

From The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Supervisor,

Electrical & Telegraphs Dept.

STANLEY.

Recd 15
With reference to your Minute of the 14th of October, 1939, I am to inform you that His Excellency the Governor wishes a continuous watch kept at South Georgia.

The Magistrate, South Georgia has been informed that an endeavour will be made to provide an additional W/T Operator after the s.s. "Lafonia" arrives.

met
Colonial Secretary.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 19th October, 19 39 *Time* : 14.15

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

No. 49. Your telegram No. 58 an endeavour will be made to
meet your wishes regarding an additional operator.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

No. 152 From London Etat

TELEGRAM.

Words 58

From Secretary of State.

To H.E. The Governor Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 16 October 19 39 Time: 0855

Received: 19 Time:

No. 84. Secret, Your Telegram No. 71 Secret.

I understand from the (?Admiralty) that since the Falkland Islands only become a Command Control Base on the outbreak of an Eastern War the dispatch of the ships referred to in the Defence Scheme, chapter 3 n, paragraph 10 will not take place in the present circumstances. The purchase and dispatch of the stores referred to in your telegram would therefore have to be arranged in this respect, but before taking this up with the War Office I request that you confirm that they are required in the present circumstances.

H.E.S. You have this on file. Capt. Hurst is filing a list of the stores we require. It does not include medical stores 31/12

In addition 210

all unpaired to be
bathe dress.

DECODE.

19.

TELEGRAM.

No. 152 From Secretary of State, London.

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 16th October 1939 Time : 08.55

Received : 19 Time :

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4 and
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No. 84 Secret Your telegram No. 71 Secret. I understand from the Admiralty that since the Falkland Islands only become a Contraband Control Base on the outbreak of an Eastern War the despatch of the ships referred to in the Defence Scheme, chapter 3, paragraph 10, will not take place in the present circumstances. The purchase and despatch of the stores referred to in your telegram would therefore have to be arranged in this respect, but before taking this up with the War Office I request that you confirm that they are required in the present circumstances.

TELEGRAM

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To the Secretary of State.

From H.E. the Governor.

date 24th ~~September~~ 1939.
25th Sept

No. 108

My telegram No. 84 of the 17th September

Uniforms and equipment grateful to be informed
when these may be expected.

Governor.

C/12/1939

CHAPELRIES

LONDON.

No. Secret. Your telegram 16th October No. 84 Secret
request following stores be purchased and despatched

Item 1. 8 Uniforms Battle Dress and equipment for
undermentioned officers: Major Woodgate, Captains
Watson, Kinneard, Weir, Fleuret ~~and~~ Chaplain Captain
Lowe, Lieut. Aldridge. / Measurements with Crown Agents.
Reg. Sgt. Major Sheppard.

Item 2. 240 Uniforms Battle Dress complete with full
equipment including Great Coats and Boots.

Item 3. 240 pairs Khaki woollen gloves.

Item 4. 250 field service dressings.

Item 5. 240 waterproof ground sheets. (Cape pattern)

Item 6. 32 pairs pliers (wire)

Item 7. 3080 long screw pickets.

Item 8. 6160 short screw pickets.

Item 9. 1028 small coils barbed wire.

Item 10. 200 .303 drill dummy bullets.

Item 11. 30 copies "Infantry Section Leading".

GOVERNOR.

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T E L E G R A M

To Secretary of State.

From H.E.H the Governor.

Date 1st November 1939.

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No. 113 Your telegram No. 84 Secret regarding stores required by Falkland Islands stop The following items are required urgently:

- I. Uniforms for officers, battle dress, and equipment, seven stop
Names of officers whose measurements are with Crown Agents
Captains Watson, Kinneard, Fleuret, Chaplain Captain Lowe,
Lieutenant Aldridge, Regimental Sergeant Major Sheppard stop
Name of Officer whose measurements can be obtained from
Austin Reed, Tailors, Major Woodgate stop new para 1/2
2. Uniforms for men, battle dress complete with full equipment
including great coats and boots, number 300 stop new para.
3. Gloves, Khaki woollen, ^{pairs} number 300.
4. Dressings, Field Service, number 250.
5. Ground Sheets, waterproof cape pattern, number 100.
6. Pliers (wire) number 32.
7. Pickets, long screw, number 3080.
8. Pickets, short screw, number 6160.
9. Wire barbed, small coils, number 1028.
10. Bullets, drill dummy, .303, number 200.
- II. Thirty copies [inverted commas] Infantry Section Leading. 11

Governor.

Note. Items I and 2 cover and replace order for uniforms contained in my unnumbered telegram of 17th September.

GOVERNOR.

CHAPTERIES

LONDON.

No._____. My telegram 17th September No. 84 uniforms grateful
if new Battle Dress and equipment could be supplied.

GOVERNOR.

See red 10 C.

TELEGRAM

From H.E.the Governor.

To the Secretary of State.

Sent 4th November 1939.

No.II4. Your telegram unnumbered of November 3rd.

The name of the third Captain in my telegram No.II3
was Fleuret.

★ DECODE.

155

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents for the Colonies.

To Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : November 15th. 19 39 Time :

Received : " 19 Time :

Secret. Governor's telegram 108 October 24th.

to the Secretary of State.

120 sets of uniform and web equipment for Defence Force
War Department is arranging to ship via Montevideo in
"HIGHLAND PRINCESS" due to leave this week.

Crown Agents.

Red 20

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 82

From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 6th December 19 39 Time: 0.49.

Received: 19 Time:

No. 105 With reference to your telegram No. 113 and No. 114
Secret. Stores are being obtained by the War Office and the
Crown Agents but it may be some time before certain of the
stores are obtained in view of the demand of the British Army.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

No.175.

From Secretary of State.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 11th December, 19 39. Time:

Received: 12th December, 19 39. Time:

Red 4 No. 110
red 21
See Defence Scheme

Your telegram No.71. Referred list Medical Stores in Chapter 4 Tables F & H of Defence Scheme noted from your telegram No.113 that you require urgently only 250 Field Service dress outfits. Steps are being taken to supply these and in the meantime I am advised that as regards other medical stores action on those in Table H (4) (B) may be deferred for the time being and stores detailed in Table F "Hospital Supplies" should be ordered in normal way through Crown Agents and others and when financial provision can be made.

Do you agree?

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TELEGRAM

From H.E. the Governor.

To the Secretary of State.

Date 21st December 1939.

110

X Your telegram No. 71. Medical Stores
I agree.

Handed to Cypher Office at 4.30 p.m.

Should be —

X Your telegram
unnumbered Medical
Stores I agree
vide query.

DECODE.

26

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 12th January, 19 40. Time : ...

Received : 19 ... Time : ...

No. 7. My telegram No. 143 paragraph 2 if not too late request that battle dress for men be supplied without web equipment but including Greatcoats, boots and Anklets.

GOVERNOR.

Red 21

PALM LANE ISLANDS.

SECRET.



Downing Street,

25th October, 1939.

Sir,

Red (10c)

I have the honour to transmit to you for your information a copy of the papers noted below on the subject of uniforms.

I have, etc.,

(SGD.) MALCOLM MACDONALD.

The Officer Administering
the Government of the
Palmyra Islands.

Date.

Description.

26th September.

To Admiralty.

17th October.

From Admiralty.

16/39.

ADMIRALTY,

LONDON, S.W.1.

17th October, 1939.

FORM A.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of
the Admiralty to transmit for your information the
accompanying copy of an Admiralty letter of even date,
No. M. 010916/39, addressed to the Crown Agents for
the Colonies, S.W.1.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) R.H.A. CARTER.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.

EFG.

M. 010916/39.

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17th October, 1939.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Gentlemen,

With reference to Colonial Office letter No. 6214/5E/39 dated 26th September, 1939, concerning the forthcoming supply to the Falkland Islands of uniforms, etc., for the garrison, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to state that arrangements can probably be made to ship the goods in an Admiralty oiler to Trinidad for onward shipment in another Admiralty oiler. As, however, the date of such opportunity cannot at present be foreseen, I am to suggest that a further communication be addressed to the Admiralty when the consignment is ready for despatch.

2. A copy of this letter is being sent to the Colonial Office.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) S.H. PHILLIPS.

The Crown Agents for the
Colonies,
4, Millbank,

S.W.1.

EFG.

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6214/5R/39.

September, 1939.

26 SEP 1939

SECRET.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary MacDonald to refer to the letter from this Department of the 21th September concerning an enquiry from the Governor of the Falkland Islands as to whether certain ships will be despatched to the Falkland Islands from this country, and to request you to inform the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that a telegram has now been received from the Governor asking that complete uniforms for 120 men (including boots and greatcoats) should be shipped as soon as possible from the United Kingdom. The telegram states that there are insufficient uniforms etc. available for the existing garrison and that none are available for the reinforcements of ex-Service men which, as the Lords Commissioners will be aware, are being sent to the Colony from Montevideo.

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THE SECRETARY,
ADMIRALTY.

2. The Crown Agents for the Colonies are being asked to purchase as soon as possible the uniforms etc. required by the Governor. In order that these may be received in the Island with the least possible delay, the Secretary of State hopes that it will be possible to transport them in one of His Majesty's Ships or in one of the ships to be sent out to the Island in accordance with the arrangements laid down in the Defence Scheme (assuming that it is decided to implement those arrangements).

3. If, as the Secretary of State hopes, shipment of the uniforms etc. by Service opportunity is considered possible, it would be appreciated if the necessary arrangements could be concerted direct with the Crown Agents for the Colonies, to whom a copy of this letter is being sent.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) M. E. ANTROBUS.

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



4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.

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

9th August, 1940.

SECRET

Sir,

Red. 21.
I have the honour to refer to item
10 of H.E. the Governor's cypher telegram
No.113 dated 2nd November, 1939, addressed
to the Secretary of State for the Colonies,
regarding the supply of 200 bullets, drill,
dummy, and to inform you that, as the War
Office has now raised the question as to
whether bullets, drill, or bullets, dummy are
required, we have requested the issue of 200
bullets, drill.

We trust that we have correctly
interpreted your requirement.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. Walter
for Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

FIRST SHIPPING ADVICE.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies have to report the shipment of goods supplied by:—

Reference :

S/ Falkland 4753/2

Deputy Chief Ordnance Officer,
Sub-Depots,
Central Ordnance Depot,
Long Drive,
Greenford, Middx.

13th. August 0

Indent No. C.O.1r. 6244/5E of 26.9.39

Special A/c.

Dept. Defence Force.

Consigned to C.A.C.

Marked

REQN. O. H. M. S.
4753 C.A.C.
C ↑ A STANLEY.
*Nos. Defence Force.
Gross Weight.

M.V./S.S. Lafonia

From Harlingen

Dock,

Liverpool by 22nd August

The particulars given in the schedule below were those furnished by the above mentioned contractor, when forwarding instructions were issued, and are not necessarily accurate.

VALUE £	*Nos.	Description of Packages.	CONTENTS.	WEIGHT.				MEASUREMENTS.		
				Tons.	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lb.	Length.	Breadth.	Depth.
£10	4/653	1 Case	Wire cutters	.	.	2	20	1.9	1.1	8"
SC/VJ										

ENCLOSURES:—

Bill of Lading

Suppliers' Invoice

Packing particulars

Will follow.
Will follow.

Office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies,
4, Millbank, London, S.W.1.



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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.

19th December, 19 40.

From Commanding Officer,

Falkland Islands
Defence Force,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

The Director of Agriculture has raised the point that the barbed wire recently supplied to him by Defence Force is so badly rusted that the cost at which it was purchased is no longer reasonable. The matter being one of adjustment of interdepartmental finance may a Board of Survey be appointed to inspect and report please.

Major.,
Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

Stanley.

8th January, 1941.

Sir,

In accordance with your instructions we have this day inspected the 81 coils of barbed wire taken over from the Military by the Agricultural Department.

We are agreed that while the wire is in a very rusty condition, it is no worse now than when received in the Colony in May, 1940 per s.s. "Fitzroy".

From a Military viewpoint the wire is considered ideal for the purpose for which it was originally obtained, and we are therefore unable to recommend that it be sold to the Agricultural Department at a reduced price.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

E. L. Challen.
W. Aldridge.
T. Swain

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Forwarded here.

Pls. o.c.s.f.
14.1.41.

The Commanding Officer,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
STANLEY.

Falkland Is. 4753/2.
~~Identified~~ C.O. lr. 6214/5E/ of
 Authy. 26.9.39.
 Dept: Defence Force.

THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.

Issued from His Majesty's Stores at Woolwich Arsenal, F. 113 the undermentioned articles:—
[War Office Reference Numbers 57/C. A/2214 C.A. O.S.P. 3/2/254]

Voucher No. C/791.

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