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1940

No.

S/17/40

Rear Admiral S.A.D.

SUBJECT.

1940

14th March.

Previous Paper.

Minefield.

Draft orders for the York Point-
Arrow Point Minefield.

MINUTES.

1-2 Letter from Rear Admiral S.A.D. 14.3.40

Yh.

Submitted.

MCH
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15.3.40.

Pl. ask O.C. D.F. for his
instructions

15/3/40

O.C. Defence Force.

Refused please.

MCH
C.S.

16.3.40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Subsequent Paper.

Submitted that a copy of the draft orders be
given to me for issue to W.C.C. local.

In conjunction with No 10 all shipping has
been warned a certificate obtained from owners
as clearing without further. Wood 18.3.40.

1/2.

Submitted. May a copy
of the Secret document be
issued?

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18.5.40

Certainly

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Copy of C made and sent to Oc.
Defence Force.

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18.5.40

Letter to Rear Admiral, S.A.D., of 19/3/40. 3.

1/2.

Letter Submitted

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19.5.40

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H.M.S. "HAWKINS",

14th March 1940.

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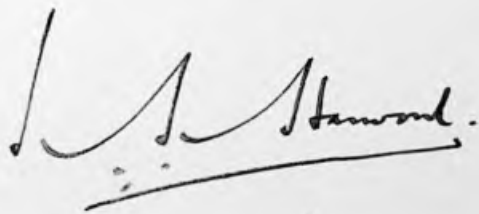
No. 0312A.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration draft orders for the York Point - Arrow Point Minefield.

If you concur, it is requested that these orders may be issued to the Watchkeepers at Arrow Point Battery.

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: Naval Officer-in-Charge,
Falkland Islands).

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ORDERS FOR MINEFIELD WATCHKEEPERS AT ARROW POINT
BATTERY.

1. A line of mines Type M.B. has been laid covering the entrance to the boom between York and Arrow Points. The control cable has been landed at Arrow Point.
2. The Control switch for the approach minefield is marked "LIVE" and "SAFE". When it is to "LIVE" the mines are dangerous, when it is to "SAFE", the mines are safe.
3. The Control Switch is not to be "LIVE" unless there is a watchkeeper awake at Arrow Point Battery.
4. When watch is being kept at Arrow Point, the switch is normally to be kept "LIVE".
5. When a friendly ship is between the bearings of Kelly Rocks and Ordnance Point, the switch is to be put "SAFE" and left "SAFE" until she is outside these bearings.
6. It is unlikely that the firing device will be actuated by small or wooden-hulled local craft, but for greater safety, the same precautions are to be observed for these as for ships.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
19th March, 1940.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

M.P. No. S/17/40.

Sir,

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 0312A of the 14th March, 1940, submitting for my consideration draft orders for the York Point - Arrow Point Minefield.

2. I concur with the orders, and have caused them to be issued to the Officer Commanding the Defence Force for necessary action.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) *H. Hemmick Heaton*

Governor.

The Rear Admiral,
Commanding the South American Division,
H.M.S. "Hawkins".