

SECRET.

WAR/W2H/4#16

C.S.

1940

No.

S/33/40.

S. of S. Secret Telegram  
No. 54

SUBJECT.

1940

21st May.

REPORTED ENEMY RAIDER OPERATING IN  
SOUTH ATLANTIC.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

1. S. of S. telegram, No. 54 of 21/5/40.  
N.O.C.

Red (2)

I think S.G. ought to be warned. Would you  
do this, pl.  
22/5/40

H.C.S.

Telegram sent 1504/22.

BRITISH NAVAL

BASE

22 MAY 1940

21-4 Falklands  
N.O.C.

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Telegram from C-in-C. S.A., 20/7/40.

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N.A. Rev.

21/9/40.

Subsequent Paper.

Telegram from Cinc., S.A.,	10/10/240	9-10
" " " "	12/10/40	11.
" " S.O.I/M.V.,	13/10/40.	12.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 150      *From* Secretary of State, London,

*To* His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

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*Despatched:*    21st May                      1940      *Time:* 08.10.

*Received:*                                      19              *Time:*

No. 54 Secret Following for Officer Commanding Troops Begins.

71353 Cypher (M O 2)./5 Evidence points to enemy raider being in South Atlantic.    Ends.

I.D.C.O.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* The Colonial Secretary.

*To* The Magistrate, South Georgia.

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*Despatched :* 22nd May, 1940. *Time :*

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

No. 57. Secret. Evidence points to enemy raider being in South Atlantic.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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only.

His Excellency the Governor.  
Copies: Hon. Colonial Secretary, O.C.F.I.D.F.

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Originators Instructions:  
(Indication of Priority,  
AIDAC, NOTWT  
For Exercise).

IMMEDIATE

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

South Atlantic Station (R) Admiralty

FROM:

C-in-C SA

G. 58.

Following is description of German armed merchant raider reported 020d N  
060d W 17th July.

Twin screw turbine oil fuel, 17 knots, resembles German ship no longer 637  
CAFO 422/40. (NB. 'Sophie Rickmers' Cargo 441 ft long 57 ft beam built 1920  
d.w. 10,840 draught 24 ft average loaded speed 12 knots.). Approximately  
9,000 tons, half loaded, grey hull red boot topings cream ventilators blue  
inside. Swedish colours on side, yellow and blue vertical stripe on bows  
and stern. Name 'Narvik Sverige' on side in white. Counter stern.

Funnel black with blue band and yellow device on band similar to GRANGESBERG

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:

GRANGESBURG/

CLOSED TRAFIK Line. All paint well worn. Long lower mast  
delta type, heavy cross trees and short top masts. Straight stem. 2 af-  
-ter derricks topped up with two heavy motor boats hooked on. 1 5.9  
concealed gun on poop and one on accomodation. 2, 3.9 concealed guns  
each broadside by mast. Several pom-poms and numerous MGs. 4 mine and  
8 or 9 objects resembling magnetie mines. Ship fitted with mine sails  
and traps.

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BRITISH NAVAL

BASE

21 JUL 1940

FALKLANDS

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IMPORTANT

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

South Atlantic Station 62 G . Admiralty (R) BNA BA

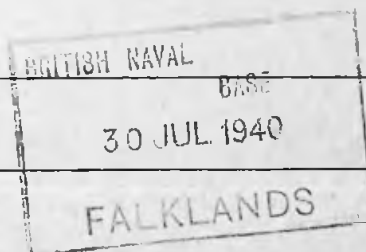
FROM:

C-in-C SA

Add to my 1000/29 last paragraph.

Main armament intact, approximately 550 rounds ~~remaining~~ remaining.

1302/29.



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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:

South Atlantic Station 61 G . Admiralty. (R) BNA BA & Rio. C-in-C SA

HMS 'Alcantara' in action with enemy armed merchant raider (description  
which is being b'cast) in position 024d 10m South 031d 50m West p.m.  
on 28th July reports enemy opened fire at 16,000 yards with great acc-  
-uracy, second salvo severed fire control circuit and aerial. Accuracy  
deteriorated on being hit. Closest range 9,000 yards. Remainder of  
message corrupt. Previous message stated enemy last seen in above  
position 1930z 180 degrees 15 knots. HMS 'Alcantara'  
holed in engine room and speed reduced to 10 knots.

BRITISH MARINE

1000/29.

30 JUL 1940

H.E The Governor - Hon. Col. Sec. - O.C. Defence Force.

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IMMEDIATE

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

South Atlantic Station 63 G . (R) BNA BA, BNA Rio.

FROM:

C-in-C SA.

My 1000 29th July. Description of raider.

About 8,000 tons - speed 19 knots - hull very dark with slanting

bow pronounced bulge - one straight funnel painted dark colour

bridge cross before it. Pronounced cross trees on two tall heavy

straight masts. Two derricks topped up *main* masts. Most pronounced

feature being two short top masts. Broadside 4 guns probably

5.9 inch with range at least 16,000 yards.

BRITISH NAVAL  
1850/29. BASE  
30 JUL 1940  
FALKLANDS

H.E. the Governor.

Hon. Colonial Secretary.

O.C. Defence Force.

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO: N.C.S.O's Pernambuco. Bahia. Rio Santos. S.O.(I). Freetown  
S.in.C.S.A. S.O.(I). M.V. C.S.A.D.

FROM: N.A.  
Rio.

Raider reported in position 14°33'S 38°42'W at 2200 Sept.19th.

Stop sailings to Northward of Rio and Santos Southwards from Pernambuco.

Stop all sailings from Bahia and Victoria.

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11 OCT 1940

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO: H.M.S. Asturias.

FROM: C.in C.  
E.A.

Following is repetition of message received from Admiralty begins.

C.in C.S.A. F.O. R. Atlantic. H.M.S. Alcantara. H.M.S. Asturias R C.in C.

Western Approaches from Admiralty. Following received at 0831 9th Oct.

on 8353 Xes. from Highland Princess, begins. At 1255 GMT the Q raider

distress signal was heard an interrupted continuous wave being immediately

deliberately jammed by Spark Signal. Within a few seconds both stations

cease to transmit. No other particulars than Q signal were heard. At 1540

weak I.C.W. signal apparently retransmitting original message were heard

sent "Raider 1350 de GRPP" (who doubtful). Deliberate interference on this

occasionally apparent from Faroni half kilowatt rotary spark sending figures

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:

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Both stations ceased simultaneously. Transmittng period too brief to

obtain D/R bearing. Tonight M Rotary Signal Strength 3. My Position

at this time 1°05'S 31°25'W. Time of Origin 2118 3th Oct. Enls.0552/2/10

1721/10.

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## NAVAL MESSAGE.

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BRITISH NAVAL

CASE

13 OCT 1940

FALKLANDS

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For Exercise).

IMPORTANT

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO: Admiralty USAD Dorsetshire 1. of Bermuda Asturias  
(R) C in C A & WI F/O NA St.

FROM:  
C in C SA

NCSO Rio reports Portuguese S/S Serpa Pinto which left St Vincent, Cape

Verde Islands 4th October due Rio 13th October picked up on 7th October

22 of crew of Greek S/S Antonios Chandris stated to have been torpedoed.

Source of information Greek consul Rio ( report ungraded ). Ship originally

reported as 'Tonis Chandris' since corrected, but no information that

'Antonios Chandris' is in South Atlantic.

Estimated position of rescue 001 N 030 W.

1148/12.

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

CSAD

FROM:

SO(I) MV

My 1225 10th October.

Rescued crew were from Greek ship ANTONIOS CHANDRIS which was sunk

by raider on September 8th in position 12 degrees North - 55 degrees

West. One boat still missing.

1912/13.



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