

C.S.

NAVAL & MILITARY  
(Miscellaneous)  
MISCELLANEOUS  
(General)

WAR/W2H/6#7

1941.

No. 130/41.

C.S.O.

SUBJECT.

1941.

28th December.

Previous Paper.

EVACUATION OF CHILDREN FROM STANLEY.

MINUTES.

1. Letter to Mr. T. D. Evans of 28. 12. 41.
2. Broadcast Notice of 28. 12. 41.
3. Telegram to Mr. Pole-Evans, etc., of 28. 12. 41.
- 4-6. Address by His Excellency the Governor 29. 12. 41.

PA

7. Telegram from Hon. R.C. Pole-Evans of 31/12/41.
8. Telegram to Goddard, Elliott, Pole-Evans, Clement, Robertson, Luxton of 2/1/42.

PA

9. Telegram from Mr. Barton, Pebble of 2/1/42.
10. Telegram from Mr. Evans, Foxbury of 4/1/42.

Y/E

Re 9-10. submitted. Thank Mr. Barton and further accommodation not required at present?

C. J. d.  
for 5/1/42

Thank him most cordially & say from me  
C. J. d.  
6/1/42

Subsequent Paper.

Telegram from Mr. T. D. Evans of 4/1/42 10

11.

Telegram to Mr. Andreassen & Mr. Bonner 6/1/42 12.

Telegram to Mr. Gillenuth & Mr. Miller 6/1/42. 13.

Telegram to Mr. Barton, Pebble of 7/1/42. 14.

Letter from Superintendent of Education of 12/1/42. 15.

Spindle from Superintendent of Education 16/1/42. 16-21.

Spindle to Superintendent of Education of 19/1/42. 22.

Spindle to Senior Medical Officer of 19/1/42. 23.

Spindle to Executive Engineer of 19/1/42. 24.

Letter to Mr. Mrs. Hardy of 19/1/42. 25.

Letter to Mr. T. D. Evans of 19/1/42. 26.

This report (16-21) could well be embodied in your historical notes on the war in the F.I.

2 Please convey my thanks to the Major F.I. Co., Lt. Col. Wms, & Captain & crew of SS F. I. Co. This last through Mr. J. L. S. S.

*[Signature]* 19/1/42

Letters to manager, F.I. Co. of 20/1/42. 27-28

Letter to manager, Estate L. Williams of 20/1/42. 27.

Spindle from A/C Troops of 19. 1. 42. 29-31.

Y/E.

Peds 29-31 Submitted. There is no evidence to show that these wireless telephones have been misused and since a number of telegrams in this file and also from the General Public were transmitted to the West Island in clear by wireless it is not surprising that the information has become known abroad.

*[Signature]*  
C. J. for 21/1/42. ✓

32. Letter to Manager, F.I. Co. of 23/1/42.  
 33. Minute from Officer-in-Charge Evacuation of 26/1/42.

Y.E.

Rea 33 submitted for approval.

A. J. J. ✓  
27/1/42.

Legal Adviser,

to note

C. J. J.  
27/1/42.

H. P. L.

Noted - thank you C. J. J.  
27-1-42.

- 34-35 Letter from Manager, F.I. Co. of 28.1.42

C. J. J. 12/2/42.  
C. J. J. 30/1/42.

- 36-37. Letter from Chairman, Evacuation Committee, 9/2/42.

38. Letter to Chairman, Evacuation Committee 10/2/42.

39. Letter from Manager, F.I. Co. of 12/2/42.

40. Letter from Chairman, Evacuation Committee 18/2/42.

Y.E.

Submitted with draft reply.

C. J. J.  
20/2/42

Letter to Chairman, Evacuation Committee of 23/2/42. 41.  
Evacuation Office,

To note:

C. J. Stewart  
A.C.  
24/2/42.

H. B. S.

Teen - Thank you

R.B.  
A.A.

25/2/42.

PA

Extract from minutes of a meeting of the Executive Council held on the 5th of March, 1942.

"The Council agreed that the following Resolution relating to the evacuation of children from the town of Stanley, should be laid before the Legislative Council".

42.

C. J. Stewart

Clerk of the Executive Council.

Extract from minutes of a meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 10th of March, 1942.

"The Resolution was adopted."

C. J. Stewart

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

Extract from address by H.E. the Governor 19/4/42. 42.  
Telegram No 45 to S. of S. of 11/3/42. 43.

Telegram No 40 from S. of S. of 11/3/42. 44.  
Telegram No 43 from S. of S. of 14/3/42. 45.  
H. B. S.

Attached copies of correspondence for your file please. H. B. saw my reply in draft in my chambers just after I had finished it & approved it.

R.B.  
E.O.

14-3-42.

Letter from Ag. Chairman Evacuation Comm. of 12/3/42. 46-48.  
Letter to " " " " 13/3/42. 49-51.

G.A.  
16/3/42.

Hon. Secy.

To note recs 32 + 34 herein.  
H.E. the Governor approved the notice  
at rec 34.

R.H.A.  
Joice.  
16/3/42.

H.C.S. ① noted.

② A certificate covering Ada Luntow  
of Douglas Station was issued by me  
this day.

C. H. L.  
ms  
16-3-42

Evacuation Officer

To note.

R.H.A.  
Joice.  
14/3/42

H. B. C.

Rotated - Thank you.

18-3-42.

R.H.A.  
J.A.G.A.  
18/3/42

2. Copy of notice broadcast on 20/3/38.

G.A.  
20/3/42

53. Letter from Mr. L. A. Sedgwick of 2. 5. 42.

y/c.

Submitted pt.

R.H.A.  
Joice.  
5/5/42.

Draft reply on line of my note &amp; submit

R.H.A.  
5/5/42

54. Letter to Mr. L. A. Sedgwick of 8. 5. 42.

G.A. 13/5/42.

R.H.A. 9/5/42.

Evacuation Officer

To see please.

L.A.  
J.C.S.  
9/5/42.

H. B. J.

Learn - Thank you. Deal 53 is utterly  
unreasonable & after visiting the camps  
Terrible (C) conditions.

21-5-42.

P.B.  
E.O.

P.A.

Letter to Mrs Eric Biggs of 6/8/42.

55.

P.A.

Minute from Supt. of Education of 6.8.42

56.

(57)

V.L.:

I had a lengthy discussion on Wednesday with the Honourable the Senior Medical Officer, the Evacuation Officer and the Superintendent of Education regarding the whole evacuation and "Protected Area" position.

2. Education is undoubtedly suffering badly, and Mr. Evans goes so far as to say that the whole evacuation period may be counted as time lost. Administrative difficulties are increasing daily as more and more parents try by all sorts of means to get their children back. The source of trouble is Section 2 of the Order which reads as follows:-

"2. Entry into and exit from this area is prohibited without special authorisation. Such authorisation may be obtained from a magistrate, doctor or manager outside the area for persons desirous of visiting Stanley, and for persons desirous of leaving Stanley from the Officer Commanding Troops or Magistrate of Port Stanley."

Medical Certificates are not easily obtainable in the Camp and the S.M.O. does not like giving them over the phone without having seen the alleged patient. Magistrates and Managers were told by Lt. Summers the other day in what circumstances passes should be given, but I suspect that many are in fact very much in the dark about the whole position in Stanley.

3. Last but not least, once a camp resident or a child evacuee has entered Stanley, there is no power to order him out again. Nor can such power be created because, according to the Legal Adviser, you cannot order a person to leave his own home. The present situation is, in fact, rapidly becoming impossible.

4. Knowing that the C.C. Troops now sees no objection to evacuees and adults being allowed back into Stanley provided accommodation is available, and knowing that V.E. is anxious to end the evacuation as soon as practicable, I then asked Mr. Evans to consider whether

- (a) the children could be accommodated
- (b) how soon class-room accommodation could be made available, and
- (c) how the morals of the older children could be protected in view of the arrival of the garrison.

The answers are as follows :-

- (a) Mr. Evans agrees with V.E.'s view that, however heavy the billeting, parents will tuck their children in somewhere and that their living conditions will not be appreciably more congested than they are in the Camp

(b)/



(b) see Red (56).

(c) Mr. Evans is fully aware of the dangers and proposes to do everything possible to see that the children's spare time is occupied, and to bring home to parents a sense of their responsibilities.

5. In these circumstances I think we can hope to end the evacuation at the beginning of October, but a definite date cannot be given yet. We shall have to charter the "Fitzroy" for two trips but at present cannot do more than make a provisional arrangement with the Falkland Islands Co., Ltd. I do think, however, that two steps might be taken immediately.

(1) We can tell the people that we hope to be able to allow the children back in two or three months - as soon as class-room accommodation is available - and ask them meanwhile to be patient and not to make things unnecessarily difficult by trying to get children home.

(2) Explain the position once more in regard to billeting to the Camp Magistrates and tell them again that there is no objection to passes to visit Stanley being issued to adults provided they can really satisfy the Magistrate that in spite of the billeting they can obtain accommodation in Stanley.

This message can be sent in Code to all concerned as from myself.

The C.C. Groups agree to both these moves.

*UB.*  
Colonial Secretary.  
7. 8. 42.

58. letter from Mr. J. C. Osborne of 7. 8. 42.

59. " to " " " " 10. 8. 42.

60-66. letter from Mr. H. Riggs of 11. 8. 42.

(67.)

Evacuation Officer

~~Pl. cu (55) & (60)-(66) Perhaps you would~~

~~see Mr. Riggs with Mr. Evans as etc~~

67. letter from Naval Officer-in-Charge of 13. 8. 42.

68. Telegram to all Managers, etc., Dabra West Falk. 13. 8. 42.

69. Excerpt from Broadcast of Hon. K. G. Bradley of 12. 8. 42.

70. Minute to Evacuation Officer of 14. 8. 42.

*hu. 15/9/42*

*The Navy may help here  
- even with the S.S.  
San Carlos*

*Yn*

*8/10/42*

71-72. Minute from Evacuation Officer.

15.8.42.

Letter from Mr. J. C. Osborne of 13.8.42.  
Telegram to Operator, Fox Bay, of 17.8.42.  
Letter to T. S. Evans, Esq., of 17.8.42.  
Minute to O.C., Troops & Hon. S.M.O., — " —  
Letter to Hon. B. H. Cuthie, J.P., — " —  
Despatch No. 69 to S.O.S. of 1.9.42.  
Minute from Supt. of Education of 12.9.42.

73-75.

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80-81.

82.

H.C.S.

(83)

Red (82) in which application is made for the additional provision of a sum of £2,000 to meet evacuation expenses, is submitted.

At red (43) approval was sought to spend £4,000 on this service, part of which it was hoped to recover from the parents of evacuated children, and at red (45) the Secretary of State requested to be informed in due course of the extent of such recovery.

A.A.C.S.  
14/9/42.

(84)

S/Ed.

I should be grateful if you could inform me what steps have, if any, been taken to recover expenses from parents.

If none have been taken, what do you think could now be done in the matter? There might be some parents who would be perfectly willing to contribute.

RB  
15/9

(85)

Hon. C.S., I am not aware of any steps taken to recover from parents cost of keeping children in camp without being too optimistic of its efficacy I offer the following suggestion.

As soon as the children return to Stanley, I intend to send parents list for upkeep of their children in camp, some may feel public spirited enough to pay either whole or part.

I must request that the Education Department be not asked to do this work, every member of the staff will be more than fully occupied for the remainder of the year.

S/C. 16/9/42.

Telegram to all Managers, Essex West Falls. 17/9/42. 86.  
Excerpt from Broadcast by Hon. H. G. Bradley of 16/9/42. 87.



(88)

Y.E.

(88) I think further expenditure on Evacuation should be charged to an Advance for the Municipal S.W. & inclusion in the Supp. Estimates. Does Y.E. agree?  
(83)-(85)

2. On the whole I think we should do more harm than good by trying to collect from parents at this late stage. The necessary steps should have been taken from the start. The revenue would be very small & there would be much criticism.

J.B.

19/9

(89)

Yes to (1).

2 I should like to see Mr. E. - pl. v. any address to Leg. Co. on this point.

J.B. 19/10.

Red 42<sup>A</sup> refers.

90. Minute from H.E. the Governor of 24/9/42.

91.

do

24/9/42.

(92).

A.C.S.

(90) A form, approved by H.E., is being handed to parents to sign today with the help of various Govt. Clerks. Pl. ask S/E to put a copy on this MP. with a note as to number of parents, if any, who refused to sign.

Rout to M. S. 24/8.

(91) "A" should be extracted to relevant file & files & put up again for action. Pl. show draft Circular opposite to S/E. write his criticisms.

J.B.  
25/9

Supt. of Education (93)

For action in accordance with H.E.'s direction above

J.B. 30/9/42

H.C.S.

(94)

action taken in accordance with above

S/E. 1.10.42.

G.K.

As I have already reported to you, 140 children returned in good order yesterday afternoon. The S/Kid. informs me that everything went very well, though they had rather a rough passage from Darwai.

2. It is important that we should thank everybody concerned & I submit a series of draft letters & telegrams as I expect G.K. would like to approve the wording. I have tried to avoid any two persons being in communication with each other receiving only early worded messages.

G.K.'s phone message to this effect was received.

The medical staff on the return trip consisted of Nurse Stacule and Probation F. Carey, I think G.K. would like them to be thanked.

I have also drafted a minute to O.C. F.I. Force for G.K.'s consideration.

3. The children at Pebble & Saunders Islands will come in this month on a normal trip of the Fitzroy. Those in the North of F. Island will come in when the relief boat goes to Salvador makes shortly. Hosts in those areas will be thanked when the children have been fetched.

4. Mr Evans' work on the evacuation will not be completed until the accounts are settled & I think the Circular to parents (drafted h/w) should wait until the remainder of the children are in & the approximate total cost is known. Mr Evans will be thanked in due course.

5. Finally, G.K. will wish to inform the S.I.F. by telegraph when the movement has been completed?

1/KB  
2/10

(96)  
despatch  
which I will  
draft as a  
continuation to  
my report

Camp Broadcast, No. 2 by Hon. Col. Sec, of 26/9/42. 97.  
Letter from Colonel W.H. Hynes of 28.9.42. 98.  
Circular from Supt. of Education of 28.9.42. 99-100.  
Circular to O.C. F.I.S. Force of 3.10.42. 101.  
Telegram to W.H. Clement Esq., of 3.10.42. 102.  
" " Hon. R. C. Pole-Evans of 3.10.42. 103.  
" " Capt. H. C. Harding of 3.10.42. 104.



Letter to Secretary, F.I.R. L., of 7.11.42.

132.

Nov 9/12/42

Letter from Major Busby of 15/11/42.

133.

(134).

Supr. Ed.

To see (133). When will you open the school?

KB.

19/11

Hon. C.S.,

(135).

of the military vacate the School by Nov 28<sup>th</sup>

I propose to open the School on Monday Dec 7<sup>th</sup>.

The military have promised to vacate the Gymnasium at St. Mary's School in order to provide accommodation for the infants.

T.S. 8/k. 23/11/42.

(136).

S./Ed.

Right. You will, of course, inspect the school & be satisfied as to its condition, before taking it over.

KB.

23/11

Hon. C.S.,

(137)

I have already inspected the School and pointed out to the military what I expect them to do. I will again inspect the building and surrounding property when they inform me that the work has been completed, if I am satisfied I will sign a form to that effect.

T.S. 8/k. 25.11.42

(138)

S.E.

Ref. para. (3) of 130, will you please submit details when all charges have been brought to a/c.

Ph. A. C.  
4/12/42.

(139)

H.C.S., Details will be submitted as soon as the accounts have been brought up to date.

T.S. 8/k. 9.12.42

140. S. of S. Saving Telegram No. 34 of 4/9/4.  
 140A. Excerpt from Despatch to S. of S. of 2/1/43.  
 (141).

4.E.  
 The Evacuation accounts are being closed to-day.  
 It now remains to work out the cost of each individual family & send accounts to parents as in para 3 of (30). The making up of these accounts will involve a good deal of work for McKinnon & his Clerk, & he has much on hand at present. He tells me, however, that he will complete the accounts in January. He shall then have to send them round and will not expect to be able to reply give the S. of S. the information he requires before the end of February.

2. Incidentally as far as I know 4.E. has not yet informed the S. of S. of the return of the children (see your note at (96)).

KB  
 31/12.

(142)

S. of S.

Please report back as soon as the accounts are ready to go out.

KB  
 4/1

H. C. S.

Noted.

(143)

1. S. of S. 4/1/43.

144. Circular letter to Parents of evacuees of 22/1/43.

H. C. S.

(145)

Accounts have been sent to all parents. Detailed list of amounts to be collected submitted herewith.

146-152.

P.A. 29/1/43

1. S. of S. 28/1/43.

Unnumbered Telegram from Magistrate, South Georgia 23/2/43 153.

(154)  
Go note (153) pl.  
H.G. 24/2/43.

H. C. S.

(155)

The account rendered to the Magistrate, South Georgia, in respect of his son's evacuation expenses was as follows:  
Paid to W. Myles, Fox Bay, on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1942, 77 days board at 1/- per day.  
To return passages Stanley - Fox Bay (including victualling) £4-0-8  
as the Magistrate paid the boy's board and the return fare, Myles should be asked to refund the £3-17-0 paid to him by Government.

H.G. 24/2/43.

(156)

For record.

Ref: (153) & (155) Mr. J. Ryan, agent for Mr. W.B. Myles, spoken. The sum of £3-17-0 was refunded to Treasury on 6/3/42. (Treasury Rec. No. 4494).

H.G. 9/3/42.

Evacuation Scheme (Repayments), of 15.3.43. 157.

(158)

Y.E.

To Cee (157). We spent £5648. as against the provision of £4000. The balance will be included in the "omnibus" warrant. £17-3-5 has been recovered, which is a sad reflection on local mentality. In view of the reminder at (140) - referred to in Y.E.'s despatch at (140a), I suppose we should telegraph.

KB  
16/3

(159)  
B. the a war + C.O. 1.5.43

18/3/43

Despatch, No. 446 from S. of S. of 7. 12. 42.

160.

Letter to J. C. Osborne, Esq., of 30.3.43.

161.

(162)

Y.E.

Ref (159). Does Y.E. wish any action to be taken yet towards the C.O.?

KB, 15.



(163)

I had better see W. E. & yourself  
- not Tuesday, nor Wednesday, sometime  
next week.

AD. 1/2/43

(164)

S/Kd.

Thursday 9.30. a.m.?

KB

1/5.

H.C.S.

(165)

Yes. 1.2.8.6. 3.5.43

AD. 7/5/43.

- 166 Extract from S. of S. Secret & despatch of 25/2/43.  
167 Spw. from S. of S. of 8/3/43.  
(168)

4.F.

This reminder, the second, calls for a reply  
about the refunds from parents. Perhaps we  
should now proceed with the draft despatch? at

(169)

(166A)?

KB.

4.5.43

14/11/43 12/6

170. Minute to Supt of Education of 14.6.43.

171. Despatch, No. 31 to S. of S. of 16.6.43.

172 Letter to Manager, Port Howard of 26.1.44.

172 - from " " of 8.1.44.

173. Minute from Treasury of 21.6.45.

174. " to " of 22.6.45.

P.A.

5/20/41

28th December,

41.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to request that you will proceed to Darwin, North Arm, Fox Bay and Port Howard, by H.M.S. "William Scoresby" at 6.0 p.m., to-day for the purpose of enquiring into the possibility of and making arrangements for, accommodating in the Camps School children to be evacuated from Stanley at an early date.

T. D. Evans, Esq.,  
Superintendent of Education,  
Stanley.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

# BROADCAST NOTICE.

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A most important Government announcement will be made over the local broadcast to-morrow Monday, the 29th of December, at 9.30 a.m. The general public are requested to listen-in to this most urgent statement and there will be arranged a special loud-speaker in the Town Hall for those without or away from their own loud-speakers. All listeners are asked to tell others of the intended broadcast.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.  
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.  
SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				28/12/41.
To	POLE-EVANS PORT HOWARD		ALSO TELEPHONED TO MR. GODDARD FOR DARWIN AND NORTH ARM.	

MOST IMPORTANT MESSAGE WILL BE COMMUNICATED BY TELEPHONE  
TO YOU FROM FOX BAY BY MR. T. D. EVANS PERSONALLY IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE PRESENT VERY GRAVE SITUATION.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

moment there is no intention to ration - our supplies are ample but everyone must of course practice economy and the stores are again asked to supply no one at all with abnormal or unusual quantities.

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As foreshadowed in the Governor's address to you over this broadcasting system three weeks ago when Japan entered the war, the situation here must be regarded as very grave. A message confirming this has been received. There is nothing definite but the absolute need for us to be prepared for any eventuality cannot be stressed too much.

It has therefore been decided to start a scheme of evacuation, which will be in part compulsory and in part voluntary.

The compulsory part covers the evacuation from Stanley of all children between the ages of 5 and 15. Arrangements are already being made for this and it has been decided that the evacuation will begin on Saturday next, January 3rd.

You will be informed of the exact details over this system as soon as these have been settled, which will be on the return of the s.s. "Fitzroy".

The anticipated period of evacuation will be for not less than six months and possibly twelve.

We are fortunate in that the teachers who recently arrived are thoroughly conversant with all the details of child evacuation in Great Britain, so that you can be assured that everything will be done for the safety and welfare of your children. The medical side has not been overlooked and you can rely on this that the greatest care of your children and therefore the wellbeing of the future of the country will be, so far as we can do it, be guaranteed and safeguarded.

The telegram from London referred to just now was to the effect that an attack was possible and therefore it would be not only foolish but criminal on our part if we did not make full preparations so far as we are able.

There is no need for general evacuation yet. In any case unattached women must be regarded today as the same as men and elsewhere are liable to conscription. But there is the question of mothers and the small children.

It is the duty, the absolute duty of all such to leave of their



own accord, making their own personal and family arrangements. There is no cause for panic, no reason for undue haste or hurry, but go you should. Now you can go in more or less comfort - it may be that the time will come when you will have to leave in a hurry, in a crowd and in the greatest discomfort.

Therefore, mothers, make ready to go, arrange for everything. As it has been said expert advice is available here, make use of it.

No panic, no rush - but calm, cool arrangements based on forethought and foresight.

You may ask why the children between 5 and 15 are the first to go. Briefly these are the reasons :

- (1) Military;
- (2) they are of school age and by orderly evacuation discipline is preserved and there is the least possible interruption with their education;
- (3) they are safely off the streets;
- (4) the majority of them can fend for themselves;
- (5) their movement can be controlled by persons whom they can trust and probably like and
- (6) parents must probably too have entire confidence in those detailed to look after the children.

It is hoped that you will realise that all these steps are in your own best interests, but if you want further explanations I am sure you will receive them freely from either the Magistrate or Rev. Mr. Lowe, the Chairman of the Civil Defence Committee.

In war-time the possession of firearms by civilians is always a serious matter of concern. In the case of an invasion; no civilians may carry arms at all. The penalty is death; and the invader reserves to himself the right of shooting as many other civilians as he may choose. The reasons for this are clear: he must protect his own men and must at all costs prevent possible ambushes, assassinations, risings - if he can.

Therefore when there is a risk of invasion the civil authorities take the preliminary step of calling in from the civil population all arms of precision.

An order will be issued to this effect at once. Please co-operate.

I understand that there is a rumour about rationing. At the moment/

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 288. *From* R.C. Pole-Evans, Esq.

*To* Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched :* 31st December, 19 41. *Time* 900

*Received :* 1st January, 19 41. *Time :* 10.30.

Your message 28th received 30th Mr. T.D. Evans and I have had a satisfactory talk.

POLE EVANS.

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				2/1/42.
To	GODDARD, ELLIOT, POLE EVANS, CLEMENT FOXBAY. ROBERTSON PORT STEPHENS LUXTON CHARTRES.			

PLEASE ACCEPT NOT ONLY MY OFFICIAL BUT MY PERSONAL THANKS FOR YOUR  
MAGNIFICENT HELP IN THESE VERY DIFFICULT DAYS. HOW GRAVE THE SITUATION  
IS I CANNOT SAY BUT BELIEVE ME IT IS MOST SERIOUS AND I WILL GIVE EVANS  
THE LATEST INFORMATION TO TELL IT YOU. NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

GOVERNOR.

Time

DECODE.

9

TELEGRAM.

No. 2<sup>1</sup> From Mr. Barton, Pebble.

To Colonial Secretary.

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Despatched : 2nd January, 19 42. Time : 21.30.

Received : 3rd January, 19 42. Time : 10.30.

I learnt yesterday of the evacuation scheme for children stop please count on my full support and of the people here and inform me whether further accommodation required.

BARTON.

DECODE.

10

TELEGRAM.

No. 30.

*From* Mr. T.D. Evans,

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched :* 4th January, 19 42. *Time :* 07.00

*Received :* 5th January, 19 42. *Time :* 10.30.

Arrived safely excellent trip children all well and settled in happily.

EVANS.

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

11

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
8	Port San Carlos	14	20.00	4.1.42

To

Governor, Stanley.

ALL CHILDREN SAFELY BILLETED AND GIVEN EXCELLENT RECEPTION AT EVERY CENTRE.

EVANS.

Time



# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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To *Andreasen*  
+  
*Bonner.*

I cannot thank you too much for  
the splendid kindness you have shown  
in the matter of the loaned  
letter. I am truly grateful.

*Yours.*

*Telephoned*  
*6/1/42*  
*ADC*

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To *Gibraltar*  
*+  
Mother*

Many thanks both official & personal  
for your most kind offer about  
the stranded children. The gentleness  
of heart every one has shown is  
wonderful

*Yours*

*Telephoned*

*ADC*

*6/1/42*

*ADC*

Time

DECODE.

14

TELEGRAM.

*From* HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

*To* MR. BARTON, PEBBLE.

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*Despatched :* 7th January, 19 42. *Time :* .....

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

Your telegram of 2nd January to Colonial Secretary many thanks for your more than kind offer about the evacuated children. I am truly grateful. Further accommodation is not at present required but should it be necessary I know I can count on your help.

GOVERNOR.

A.D.C.,  
Government House,  
Stanley.

Government School,  
Stanley.  
12th. January 1942

I beg to submit for His Excellency's information the following list of persons who gave valuable assistance during the evacuation of Stanley children to the "Camp".


Mr Les. Hardy, who took charge of all baggage and helped in feeding and care of children on voyages.

Mr G.L. Challen, of the Public Works Dept. who fitted up Walker Creek for the reception of the children and landed and checked all stores.

Miss F. Gowans  
Miss R. Cooper Hospital Staff, who helped to feed, wash and  
Miss R. Smith put the children to bed on each voyage.  
Mrs B. Fleuret

Mr H.L. Baker  
Miss P.F. Ryder Govt. School Staff, who gave valuable advice  
Miss H. Brown on evacuation matters, and helped in every way to ensure the safe transport and comfort of the children.

Capt. Pitt and the crew of S.S. Fitzroy, for their generous treatment of both children and staff.

  
Supt. of Education.

On Sunday December 28th. it was decided to evacuate to the "Camp" all Stanley children of school age.

The Superintendent of Education was instructed to proceed to the "Camp" and make arrangements for accommodating approximately 250 children. Accompanied by Miss P.F. Ryder and Miss H. Brown, who had spent two years on evacuation work in England, departure was made from Stanley at 6.0 p.m. on Sunday 28th. December, the S.S. "Fitzroy" was joined en route for Darwin.

It was realised that the type of evacuation organization most appropriate for the Falklands must naturally differ in many respects from those functioning in England. But it was possible from analysis and comparison of experience in England of members of the staff to detect the fundamental principles in efficient evacuation schemes, and draw valuable lessons for a plan of operation in this country.

#### ACCOMMODATION.

The managers at Darwin and Fox Bay were interviewed and telephonic communication was established with North Arm, Port Howard and San Carlos. These settlements promised accommodation for almost 200 children, another 50 were to be quartered in the "Cookhouse" at Walker Creek, kindly put at the Government's disposal by the camp manager of the Falkland Islands Company.

San Carlos was to be used in case of necessity as a reserve centre for accommodating mothers and infants.

The accommodation offered at Port Stephens, Chartres and Roy Cove was not accepted owing to difficulties of transport.

In all there was accommodation available for about 400 children. The Salvadore and Berkeley Sound ports were left for people who desired to make their own arrangements.

The Superintendent of Education arrived back in Stanley on Tues. December 30th.

ALLOCATION OF CHILDREN

As already stated five large centres were prepared for the reception of children, outside shepherd houses were not used.

This arrangement would enable the Education Department to organise schools and place a qualified teacher in charge of each centre.

It was felt that this plan would ensure supervision of the children's activities both in and out of school hours, and minimise the possibility of interference with the work of the farms.

The ideal thing, and certainly the easiest plan, would have been to centre the children according to classes or age groups, but this was not found possible.

In order to ease the position of parents, foster-parents & children it was decided to

- a Keep families together.
- b Where possible quarter the children with relatives or friends
- c Place a senior girl or woman in every house with more than four children, this would relieve the housewife of some domestic and supervisory duties.
- d Take into consideration the bedroom capacity of each house and allocate boys and girls accordingly.

Final Allocation

	Children	Mothers	Teachers
Walker Creek	46	4	2
Darwin	45	8	2
North Arm	26	3	2
Fox Bay	18	2	1
Port Howard	30	4	2
San Carlos	13	2	1
Salvadoro Waters	16	10	1
Berkeley Sound	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u>203</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>11</u>

In addition to the above thirty Stanley children of school age were already in the "Camp" on holiday.

Three families numbering 12 children still remain in Stanley.

There was only one case of a parent refusing to allow his children to go to the camp.



## INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO PARENTS AND CHILDREN

A printed list of minimum requirements was given to each child, this included clothing and necessary toilet requisites.

- 1 Bedding and bed-clothes to be taken by all children.
- 2 Luggage will be collected on eve of sailing.
- 3 No child or adult will be allowed on board without a ticket.

In order to avoid confusion the tickets for each destination were of a distinctive colour, each bore the name of port of landing, name of householder receiving the child and date and time of sailing.

- 4 Food and drink will be provided during each voyage.
- 5 The Government School office will be open for enquiries and tickets daily from 10.0 a.m. to 10.0 p.m.

## PROVISION FOR CONTINUANCE OF EDUCATION IN THE CAMP.

A Schoolroom was arranged for in each of the large centres.

Teachers in charge of each centre selected an adequate supply of text books, stationery, handwork and sport requisites, and these were shipped to their respective destinations.

The curricula of individual camp schools may differ in points of detail, but the broad group of subjects, health and physical training, games, music, art and craft, mathematics, history, geography and English subjects will be represented.

The curriculum of each school will be varied and flexible, and will provide for opportune use of unforeseen happenings; difference in age and sex of pupils will be the chief factor in determining the formation of time tables.

It was decided to curtail the holidays and commence school on Monday 19th. January.

Each centre will forward ~~XXXXXXXX~~ to the Superintendent a weekly report on childrens' health and general progress.

Provision has been made for each child to write to parents in Stanley, the teachers will write for infants and any others unable to do so.

A weekly "Camp" bulletin will be broadcast over the Stanley radio

WALKER CREEK.

The cookhouse consisting of 16 bedrooms, 2 kitchens, large common-room and outhouse was fitted up to receive 45 children, 3 women helpers and 2 teachers.

This centre is run entirely by the Education Department, stores, fuel, water and lighting are provided; six milking cows are kept. It will be interesting to note the progress of this self contained unit, it is the country's first experience of a "boarding school"; the delegation of some measure of authority to the senior children will be used as a means of training them in social responsibility. Moreover, in so far as many essential tasks will call for combined effort and prompt co-operation on the part of all the children, they will be of value to the community in promoting and fostering a healthy public spirit.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES.

All centres are in direct telephonic communication with the camp doctors. First aid kits were despatched to each centre. As all the children in each centre will be directly under the control of the teacher in charge they will be required to perform certain actions as a matter of regular routine, for example, regular use of tooth brush, the necessary attention to clothing, hygiene relating to use of baths, lavatories and ventilation of rooms.

CONCLUSION

The evacuation was successfully carried out in just over a week. The weather was exceptionally favourable during all the voyages, and although some of the children suffered from sea-sickness they were all quite recovered and happy on landing.

The success of the evacuation was due in no small measure to the managers and camp householders, the managers of the F.I.Co. and Estate Louis Williams, the staff, P.W.D., the nursing staff of the hospital, the captain & crew of the "Fitzroy", Mr Les. Hardy and the staff of the Government School.

*T. J. Evans*  
Supt. of Education.  
16th. January 1942.

TIME TABLE

FIRST VOYAGE

Saturday	3	Jan.	6.0 a.m.	dep.Stanley	61 chn.& 8 mothers embarked
"	3	"	12 noon	arr.Walker Creek.	Stores & fittings landed
"	3	"	3.0 p.m.	dep.Walker Creek.	
"	3	"	11.0 p.m.	arr.Fox Bay Chn.	accommodated on board
Sunday	4	"	6.0 a.m.		Fox Bay 18 chn.& 2 mothers landed
"	4	"	8.0 a.m.	dep.Fox Bay	
"	4	"	11.30 a.m.	arr.Port Howard	30 chn.& 4 mothers land- -ed
"	4	"	4.0 p.m.	dep.Port Howard	
"	4	"	8.0 p.m.	arr.San Carlos	13 chn.& 2 mothers landed
Monday	5	"	11.0 a.m.	dep.San Carlos	
"	5	"	10.0 p.m.	arr.Stanley	

Second Voyage

Wednesday	7	Jan.	6.0 a.m.	dep.Stanley	117 chn.& 16 mothers embark'
"	7	"	11.30 a.m.	arr.Walker Creek	46 chn.& 4 mothers lnd
"	7	"	3.0 p.m.	dep.Walker Creek.	
"	7	"	4.0 p.m.	arr.Darwin.	45 chn.& 8 mothers landed
"	7	"	6.30 p.m.	dep.Darwin	
Thur'sday	8	"	1.30 a.m.	Arr.N.Arm.Chn.	accommodated on board.
"	8	"	6.0 a.m.	North Arm.	26 chn.& 3 mothers landed
"	8	"	12.0 noon	dep.North Arm.	
Friday	9	"	10.0 a.m.	arr.Stanley.	

THIRD VOYAGE

Saturday	10	Jan.	6.0 a.m.	dep.Stanley.	25 chn.& 15 mothers embarked
"	10	"	12 noon	arr.Teal Inlet.	7 chn.& 5 mothers landed
"	10	"	2.0 p.m.	arr.Douglas.	8 chn.& 4 mothers landed
"	10	"	3.0 p.m.	arr.Salvadorø.	1 chd.& 1 mother landed.
"	10	"	3.30 p.m.	dep.Salvadorø	Waters.
"	10	"	8.0 p.m.	arr.Long Island.	2 chn.& 1 mother landed
"	10	"	9.0 p.m.	arr.Port Louis.	1 chd.& 1 mother landed
Sunday	11	"	7.0 a.m.	arr.Johnson's Hbr.	6 chn.& 3 mothers land- -ed
"	11	"	10.0 a.m.	arr.Stanley.	

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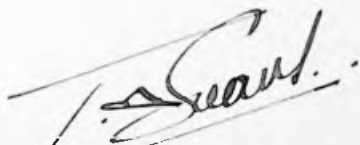
16th. January 1942  
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From Supt. of Education

To Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to submit a report on the evacuation of Stanley children to the "Camp".

  
Supt. of Education.

MINUTE.

No. 130/44.

19th January, 1942.

*From*

*To* The Superintendent of Education,

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

STANLEY.

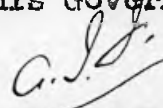
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Please convey the thanks of His Excellency the Governor to the following :

Mr. H. L. Baker,  
Mr. D. J. Draycott,  
Miss F. F. Ryder,  
Miss H. Brown

for their excellent work during the evacuation of the school children.

He would like the message conveyed in writing and further to state that their efforts are greatly appreciated by this Government.

  
for Colonial Secretary.

MINUTE.

No. 130/44.

19th January, 19 42.

*From*

*To* The Senior Medical Officer,

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

His Excellency the Governor directs me to ask you to convey in writing to the undernamed ladies his thanks and warm appreciation of the help and work they gave and did during the recent evacuation of the school-children.

Miss F. Gowans  
Miss R. Cowper

Miss R. Smith  
Mrs. B. Fleuret.

*C. J. F.*  
for Colonial Secretary.

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MINUTE.

No. 130/L1.

19th January, 19 42.

*From*

*To* The Executive Engineer,

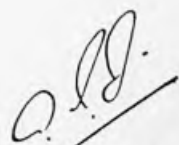
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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Please convey to Mr. H. L. Challen of your department the thanks and appreciation of His Excellency for the work he did for the children during their recent evacuation.

  
for Colonial Secretary.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
19th January, 1942.

Dear Mr. Hardy,

I am writing both officially and  
privately to thank you for the very great assistance  
you gave during the evacuation of the School children.  
Your work we much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Governor.

Mr. L. Hardy,  
STANLEY.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,

19th January, 1942.

Dear Mr. Evans,

I am writing to you both officially and privately to thank you for your really good work in arranging and seeing through the evacuation of the school children. Your untiring efforts in this connection are highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. T. D. Evans,  
Superintendent of Education,  
STANLEY.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

M.P. No. 130/41.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

20th January, 1942.

Sir,

I have the honour to thank you most warmly for the valuable assistance rendered by you in connection with the recent evacuation of the children from Stanley.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Manager,  
The Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,  
STANLEY.

The Manager,  
Estate L. Williams.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

M.P. No. 130/41.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

20th January, 1942.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will convey to the Master and crew of the s.s. "Fitzroy" my thanks for and warm appreciation of their valuable assistance and generous treatment of the children and staff during the recent evacuation period.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,  
STANLEY.

Headquarters, F.I.D.F.

January, 15th, 1942.

Sir,

I

Having been informed that Mr. W. Hutchinson had spoken to various members of the public, to the effect that he had heard a broadcast on the Wireless from Germany, announcing that the children of Port Stanley were being evacuated to the camp, I questioned Mr. Hutchinson concerning same.

Mr. Hutchinson states that he definitely heard the broadcast and said it was during the period of evacuation of the children to Walker Creek, North Arm and Darwin.

Trusting this will receive your earliest attention,

I am

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*J B. Summers*

2nd/Lieut

F.I.D.F.

Colonel Allderidge, D.S.O., T.D.,

O.C. Troops.

II

*Shown to HE who asked me to make enquiries and ascertain, if possible, how the leak occurred.*

*CD 4*

*15.1.24*

*P.T.*

III

Taken during interview with Mr. Hutchinson on 16.  
 Mr. Hutchinson, whilst flying over  
 enroute to Waikeria, heard  
 German wireless in daylight about  
 11.00 hrs (plus) " Since Japan came  
 into the war with the two great powers  
 all children have been evacuated  
 from Port Stanley Falkland Islands "  
 The broadcast was quite clear &  
 there was no mistake about it.  
 "Jacky" Kirk picked up the same message:

C.D.4

16.1.24

IV

I saw Capt. Robert Mangan F.I.C.  
 later in the day & he expressed  
 with strong confidence that no  
 leakage would be likely from  
 R/T sets operated by the G.O.D. of  
 Darwin as he (G.O.D.) was  
 particularly careful to entail  
 unnecessary a loose talk. I feel  
 this to be a most view as I  
 have listened in to their R/T  
 talks at Darwin & the conversation  
 was always purely business.

C.D.4

16.1.24

V

I cannot express any opinion as  
 to the limit of control exercised  
 at Pebble Island but I have no  
 reason to believe that there has  
 been any misuse.

C.D.4

17.1.24

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE FIDELITY.

To .....

From G. C. Troope, Falkland Islands.

Quite recently there has been conclusive evidence that messages, passed from Port Stanley area, have been passed on to German agents, for instance, on Wednesday the 7th of this month, the German Broadcast announced that all children were being evacuated from Port Stanley.

Users of private R/T Sets must exercise the utmost discretion in their conversation, and refrain from mentioning any single item that may be calculated to give information to the enemy. Failure to exercise this discretion, can only result in the denial of further use of privately owned R/T Sets.

There is no excuse whatsoever for the departure from existing instructions, as far as Military R/T Sets are concerned. These are for checking and reporting purposes only, and any ~~misuse~~ misuse of the sets will meet with severe punishment.

It must be clearly understood that talking on R/T Sets can be picked up on the continent, and information, valuable to the enemy, will be passed on immediately by enemy agents.

It is not suggested that there is any disloyalty in the Falkland Islands themselves, but there is an obvious lack of appreciation of the damage that careless talk, or use of wireless apparatus, may bring about.

Serious co-operation is asked for, and any misuse of wireless apparatus should be reported immediately to the Colonial Secretary.

*C. Donald-Manning*

Colonel,  
G. C. Troope,  
Falkland Islands.

Copies to users of R/T Sets.

M I N U T E.

19th January, 1942.

From .. O. C. Troops,  
Falkland Islands.

To ... Hon. Col. Sec.,  
Stanley, F.Is.

There is little doubt that during the time of evacuation of children from Stanley, a number of messages in clear, and from several different persons were passed using the words "evacuation" and "children" and it is highly probable that these may have been picked up by Anti-British Agents.

2. In order to prevent any further misuse of R/T Sets, I have sent out an order to all users, private or Military, and enclose a copy for your information.

*C. Donald Munro*

Colonel,  
O. C. Troops.

130/41.

23rd January,

42.

Sir,

With reference to the evacuation of the school children recently carried out I have the honour to ask your Company's further co-operation in this matter.

2. It is possible that some of the evacuees may wish to return. Government has the power under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, to forbid this by order, but it is preferable to avoid too much legislation and if you could see your way to refuse tickets, the Government would be much obliged. If this is not possible will you please inform me so that the necessary regulation may be issued.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*a. J. B.*

for Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Co. Ltd.,  
STANLEY.



No.

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

MINUTE.

26th January, 1942.

From

Officer-in-Charge Evacuation,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable

Colonial Secretary,

In my capacity as Officer responsible for the evacuation of Stanley children I propose, to visit the evacuation camps at Walker Creek and Darwin.

My itinerary will be:-

Wednesday - January 28th.	6.a.m. Leave Stanley.
	11.a.m. Arrive Walker Creek.
	1.p.m. " Darwin.
Friday - January 30th.	a.m. Leave Darwin.
	p.m. Arrive Fitzroy.
Saturday - January 31st.	Leave Fitzroy early.
	Arrive Stanley in time for lunch.

I should be grateful if you would ask for His Excellency's approval.

*Arthur Patrick*  
Officer-in-Charge Evacuation.

copy.

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MANAGER'S INSTRUCTION  
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EVACUATION OF CHILDREN, 1942.    Until further notice no child of "compulsory-evacuation age" (i.e, between 5 and 15) may be accepted as a passenger from any Camp station into Stanley unless it can produce a written order from the Medical Officer of its district stating that such child's despatch to Stanley is imperative on medical grounds.

(sgd) P.W.ROBERTS,

Manager.

P.I.Co.Ltd.,  
Stanley,  
26th January, 1942.

CAPTAIN s.s."Fitzroy".  
CHIEF STEWARD    do.  
NOTICE BOARD    do.

MEMORANDUM.

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From

28th January, 1942

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY, LTD.,  
STANLEY.

To The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.

Your ref. 130/41.

Sir,

*Red 32.*  
With reference to your letter of 23rd January I enclose a copy of the instruction issued to the Master and Chief Steward of our s.s. "Pitropoy" in the form approved by you, regarding refusal of passages from the Camp to children of compulsory-evacuation age.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*  
for Manager.

37.

Stanley,

9th. February 1942.

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Sir,

re:- Evacuees.

At a public meeting called by Parents of Evacuated Children, held in the Church Hall on Feb. 5th, and attended by approximately 150 people, questions concerning Evacuees were discussed.

The undermentioned resolutions were unanimously agreed upon and we respectfully desire information regarding these resolutions and request that you place these matters before His Excellency the Governor for consideration.

1. What arrangements have the Government made for the free conveyance to Stanley of Children requiring urgent hospital treatment ?

Owing to the Govt. Notice recently broadcast and later published concerning the use of the only transport previously ~~exclusively~~ available in the absence of the s/s "Fitzroy" on an overseas voyage, a feeling of anxiety has arisen which calls for immediate assurance from the Government that suitable arrangements have been made.

2. Is the evacuation of our Children compulsory ?, or may parents, who so desire, have their children returned to Stanley providing they are willing to accept all responsibility after their return.
3. It was felt that there existed a most decided lack of confidence between the Government and the people regarding matters of such vital importance to the people.

As whole facts are preferable to partial confidences

continued:-

confidences/

and are not so liable to misconception we would prefer to know the whole facts regarding the existing state of emergency and would esteem it a favour if His Excellency would take us wholly into his confidence.

Should the Government adopt this suggested attitude towards the people we are certain it would promote a better feeling of spirited co-operation.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

*J. H. Leagrick.*  
Chairman.

Members of a Committee duly appointed to represent

Parents of Evacuees:-

*J. H. Mannafoord.*

*W. B. Vance*

*A. Shackel*

*Les. D. L. L. L.*

10th February,

42.

Sir,

Recd 36-37

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th of February, and to inform you that the position as regards the conveyance to Stanley of children requiring hospital treatment is the same as for the camp children.

2. There has been no transport available except by privately owned vessels since H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" was sold by the Government and the use of naval vessels was an act of favour and charity which cannot be relied upon to-day, when an attack might occur at any moment. The danger of this is not one that civilians can judge, nor for that matter official. It is entirely a matter for the enemy to decide upon and to choose any moment he may think most desirable.

3. The question of children returning to Stanley will be dealt with when and as the occasion arises. Their evacuation was a military measure and accepted as such by the parents, and no child was forcibly evacuated.

4. I am to add that responsibility for a child's welfare and safety obviously cannot be left in the hands of ill-informed and selfish parents; and Government would be abdicating from its duties if it were to countenance in any way such folly or madness as the return of the children to an area which might at any moment be declared a zone of military operations. Fresh evacuation would be impossible and the military movements impeded.

5. I am to refer you to His Excellency's public addresses since the outbreak of war with Japan and His Excellency directs me to state that in his opinion he has taken the people into his confidence from the very beginning and fails to see how more could have been done.

6. Parents and others would be well advised not to listen to idle and criminal speculation, e.g., the collection of details for the possible billeting of troops had nothing to do with the evacuation of children. The information was taken on instructions to arrange quarters temporarily while a camp was being constructed for any garrison that might be sent for our defences.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

for Colonial Secretary.

L.A. Sedgwick, Esq.,  
Chairman,

Representing Parents of  
Evacuees Committee,  
STANLEY.

# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

130/41.



*Stanley.*

12th February 1942. 19

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose account for the sum of £ 643. -. 7. being the cost of the recent Evacuation Voyages for the period 28th December to 12th January 1942 (i.e. from the time of departure on the original coastwise voyage to the time of departure for Montevideo) less the normal time the ordinary coastwise voyage would have taken, viz, 15 days less 8 equals 7 days.

2. I also enclose abstracts of the work done showing passengers and freight carried on Evacuation account with the corresponding fares and freights as per tariff.

3. Further, account is enclosed covering the passages of Messrs Evans and Lee and the later evacuees who left in "Fitzroy" for various places in the Camp at Government request on 28th January, total £ 31. 2. 3.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. M. R. R. R.*  
Manager.

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.





130/41.

23rd February,

42.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th of February, on the subject of the evacuation of children from Stanley.

2. As requested a copy of His Excellency's Address on Evacuation is attached together with a copy of the notice issued regarding the use of His Majesty's Ships and Aircraft for civilian transport. This latter was not a Broadcast Address but merely a plain statement of facts which obtain throughout the Empire.

3. There is nothing further to add to my letter of the 10th of February, on the subject, and you are referred to the Evacuation Officer for any information you may require.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
for Colonial Secretary.

The Chairman,  
Representing Parents of  
Evacuees Committee,  
STANLEY.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

R E S O L U T I O N.

"WHEREAS a state of emergency exists, and whereas  
"it has become necessary to provide funds to cover the  
"expenses of the evacuation of children from Stanley.

"NOW THEREFORE, this Council resolves that the sum  
"of FOUR THOUSAND POUNDS (34,000) <sup>may</sup> ~~shall~~ be expended on  
"this service during the year 1942, over and above the  
"sums provided in the Estimates of expenditure for the  
"year 1942".

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Extract from address delivered by His Excellency the Governor at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 10th of March, 1942.

... ..

"The evacuation of the school-children was at first  
"to have been compulsory, but the response of the parents  
"was such that no compulsion was necessary, the whole  
"proceedings being voluntary. And it is gratifying to  
"note that almost 100% of the parents showed sufficient  
"civic sense and true love for their children to accept  
"the parting loyally and patiently. Of course there  
"is no particular affection for such a measure but its  
"necessity was recognised, and in spite of the temporary  
"loss of the children in house-help, laundry help, peat  
"work, message running and so on, and in spite too of the  
"absence of their laughter and their play the parents have  
"willingly obeyed the dictates of common sense.

"It is hoped too that most parents who can afford  
"the cost will repay the expense of their offspring and  
"not accept the charity of their fellow citizens.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

*To* SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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*Despatched :* 11th March, 19 42. *Time :* .....

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

No. 45. Legislative Council has approved expenditure £4000 for evacuation of children expenses. It is hoped to recover some of this from parents but impossible to estimate amount. Grateful if you would telegraph approval of my issuing special warrant.

G.T.C.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 36.

*From* SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

*To*

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

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*Despatched :* 11th March, 19 42. *Time :* 10.30.

*Received :* 12th March, 19 42. *Time :* 10.30.

URGENT.

No. 40. Your despatch of January 9th Secret. Your interesting account of action taken has been noted and is much appreciated.

I.D.C.O.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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*From* SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

*To* HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

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*Despatched :* 14th March, 19 42. *Time :* 8.35.

*Received :* 14th March, 19 42. *Time :* 12.50.

*Red 43.*

No. 43. Your telegram No. 45 I approve expenditure £4000 for evacuation children. Please telegraph in due course extent to which recovery can be effected.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

STANLEY.

12th March, 1942.

The Evacuation Officer,  
Stanley.

Sir,

Re: Evacuees.

In a recent communication from the Colonial Secretary's Office we were advised, that further information could be obtained from the Evacuation Officer.

At a Public Meeting, convened for the purpose the following resolutions were made:-

1. MEDICAL.

An assurance, that, under normal conditions, transport would be available to convey Children of evacuation age, requiring urgent hospital treatment.

A case was cited regarding a camp child, resident at an evacuee centre, North Arm. This child had to ride eleven hours on horseback to connect with the local steam-ship S.S. "Fitzroy" at Goose Green and on arrival, a medical certificate had to be produced to the shipping authorities, before the child could be conveyed to Stanley.

A slight deviation of the vessel would have saved this child considerable pain, the child has since had an abdominal operation.

Owing to the positive congestion in camp houses and the possibility of epidemics in the various centres during the forthcoming winter, it was thought that the Medical Staff was inadequate to cope with the normal duties and evacuation centres.

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The long distances which have to be covered on horseback cannot a Medical Officer to be moved from place to place in a short space of time, this alone may account for the loss of one or more patients.

A case was reported, regarding the administering by the Manager of purgatives to evacuee children at Port Howard. Had he received instructions from the Medical Officer at Fox Bay?

The children concerned were absent from school and the Manager thought they were malingering, hence the administration of purgatives as a punishment.

Is there not a school-master at Port Howard who should administer punishment when necessary ?

The hygienic and sanitary arrangements at the various evacuation centres should be improved and passed by the Medical authorities at the earliest possible moment.

#### EDUCATION.

It is the general opinion that there is insufficient time devoted to education.

The problem of mixed ages at the various centres is reported, this should tend to lengthen rather than shorten the period of school hours.

There is a decided complaint regarding Darwin, school children having to carry their midday meal to Goose Green, consisting of sandwiches.

It is essential that they have a hot midday meal. The solution being, school at Darwin, supervised by the resident schoolmaster, the Senior Mistress to supervise the morning school at Goose Green, the afternoon school lessons at Goose Green be set by the senior mistress and supervised by the junior mistress and the afternoon lessons at Darwin

supervised/



supervised by the senior mistress.

Regarding Walker Creek centre, it was considered to be understaffed, the school master and his assistant having to devote too much time to the victualling &c., at the expense of education.

The heating of Walker Creek cookhouse, should be improved at the earliest possible moment, this building is approximately 90 feet by 26 feet and has only one fire at the end of the building and supplies heat to one room only. The two cooking stoves are installed in two "lean to" additions and do not radiate any heat to the main building.

#### HOUSING.

Opinions were expressed regarding the camp houses where evacuee children are lodging.

The houses <sup>generally</sup> are large enough to accomodate the family occupying them, extra occupants entail considerable inconvenience and congestion, which can be borne for a short period but cannot be countenanced for a lengthy period.

The health of the children is of primary importance and congestion for a lengthy period will have disastrous effect on the health of the children.

#### CONCLUSION.

Owing to the lack of confidence in the assurances given by His Excellency in his broadcast speech, it was the unanimous wish of the parents present,

"That their children be returned to Stanley before the winter commences".

We are,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) R.H. Hannaford.

Ag. Chairman.

#### Committee Members.

(Sgd.) M. Evans,  
 " Les Hardy,  
 " A. Shackel,  
 " S. Atkins.

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TALKLAND ISLANDS.

Office of the

Evacuation Officer,  
STANLEY.

13th March, 1942.

EVACUATION.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th of March, 1942.

2. Unfortunately there are several points in it which I cannot answer until I have seen Mr. T.D. Evans, who is not expected in Stanley until about the 21st inst. As I do not wish to delay answering your letter until then, I trust you will accept this as an interim reply only.

3. I can at once give you the assurance that every facility possible under the circumstances prevailing at the time will be given for the transport not only of sick children but of adults requiring hospital treatment. This has always been the practice of Government.

4. The best use of the limited medical facilities available is admittedly a difficult problem but I look to you and your Committee, in consultation with the Senior Medical Officer, Mr. Evans and myself, to assist Government in solving it.

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Hannaford, Esq.,  
Ag. Chairman,  
STANLEY.

5. From telegrams I have received from Mr. Evans, I understand that the question of possible congestion on West Island is already engaging his attention and that certain movements will be carried out on the next visit of the S.S. "Fitzroy". This is all the information I have at present on this point.

6. The question of the best use of our educational resources is another matter I think which can best be dealt with by your Committee and myself when Mr. Evans returns.

7. With regard to your final resolution: I regret that Government cannot countenance or allow any facilities for the return of evacuated children until such time as it is advised that the military situation warrants this. On the contrary, as the situation is graver now than it was when evacuation took place, Government hopes that you and your Committee will use all your influence to urge parents of children (of all ages from babies to fifteen) who are at present in Stanley to evacuate them as early as possible. Facilities for this will be available early next week.

8. In your previous letters to the Colonial Secretary there appears to have been some misconception about a Government Evacuation Committee. May I say that it was the Defence Committee who asked for the evacuation, of the children, as much for their own safety as for military reasons. The Executive Committee agreed to this and the Secretary of State

has/

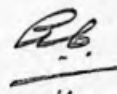
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has telegraphed his warm approval. Moreover it is a primary precaution which has been taken throughout the Empire wherever danger threatens. The latest example of Ceylon must be fresh in your minds.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'R.B.', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Evacuation Officer.

N O T I C E.

The compulsory evacuation of mothers with their babies is under consideration, and mothers are advised to make provisional but not necessarily final arrangements for their accommodation.

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20th March, 1942.

Stanley,

2nd May 1942.

Re-Evacuees.

Sir,

At a representative meeting of Parents of Evacuees, held in the Church Hall, on the 26th April and attended by 176 Adults, the following matters were under discussion:-

(A) Whether the gravity of the present situation warranted the further detention of our children in the various camps.

(B) Why the Government, contrary to the initial address of His Excellency The Governor to the public on the subject of evacuation, had not made complete evacuation compulsory.

The prospects of a winter to be endured by evacuees under congested conditions in ill equipped dwellings as exist in many parts of the camps and to what extent the general education was suffering.

(D) Whether or not the Government have the authority to maintain this compulsory detention of our children entirely against our wishes.

In the absence of the Evacuation Officer we request that the following resolutions, based on the subjects discussed, be placed before His Excellency for his earnest and immediate consideration.

In relation to point (A) it was unanimously considered that the present conditions were not, in anyway, as grave as during the last quarter of 1939 when it was known that a Nazi Battleship was somewhere in the Southern Hemisphere.

Discussion of point (B) disclosed the general opinion that the Government had made a grave error in the exercising of a compulsory order to evacuate all children of ages five to fifteen by permitting a number to remain in town. This negligence on the part of the Government to carry out - what was expected generally by the people as - a compulsory order was sufficient to substantiate a vote of non-confidence in the Government by all affected.

A lengthy discussion followed point (C) which revealed the grave concern of many for their children being so foolishly compelled to face a winter under such wretched conditions.

The severe rupture in the progress of education is obvious to all sufficiently interested to realize the ridiculous nature of the scattered distribution of school children and staff.

Point (D) terminated in an extremely tense atmosphere when it was resolved to demand the return of our children without delay.

The absolutely unanimous opinion being that the Government had exceeded their duty by making the detention of our children compulsory.

Yours faithfully,

L. J. Edgwick.  
for Parents of Evacuees.

Stanley.

130/41.

8th May,

42.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd of May, 1942, on the subject of evacuated school children.

2. His Excellency desires me to inform you that in reply to para: "A" of your letter the gravity of the present situation most certainly warrants the children remaining in the various evacuation centres. In his broadcast the point was made clear that the evacuation of children to the Camp was necessitated by Japan's entry into the War.

3. In reference to "B" compulsory evacuation was not enforced as the response of the parents made such a step unnecessary, and the position became similar to that in England.

4. As regards "C" Government is aware of the conditions in evacuation centres, nor has the question of education been overlooked, which is more satisfactory than had at first been hoped for. Here again the position is as in England.

5. In reply to "D" I would refer you to the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, passed in the United Kingdom on the 25th of August, 1939, and extended to all Colonial Dependencies on that date.

6. In conclusion His Excellency desires me to add that the Secretary of State has been kept informed of the steps taken, and these have met with his warm approval. The danger is unfortunately only too existent today and must perforce continue to be so for some time. Of this surely the Government is alone in the proper position to judge.

I am,  
Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*  
for Colonial Secretary.

Messrs: L. A. Sedgwick & R. H. Hannaford,  
Representing Certain Parents of Evacuees,  
STANLEY.

From  
Superintendent of Education

To  
Hon. Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

I have the honour to refer to my interview with you on Wednesday 5th. August, at which the question of the return of evacuated children was discussed.

2 In accordance with your instructions I saw Col. Hynes and discussed the matter with him.

3 He saw no objection to the children returning, and stated that he would do all he could to vacate buildings suitable for schools. He explained that as the building of the Military Camp progressed so certain buildings in the town would be vacated, and suggested that the Cinema and the Town Hall would be the first to be free. This, if all goes according to plan, will be by the end of September.

4 I have, therefore, to request that such action as is necessary to effect the return of the children be taken as soon as the buildings mentioned are vacated.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "F. S. G. Smith".

Supt. of Education.

6th. August 1942.



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130/41.

6th August,

42.

Madam,

With reference to your request for an interview regarding the treatment of your children at Port Howard, I understand that you are unwilling to state your case before Mr. Cathie, the Evacuation Officer or before Mr. Evans who is responsible for the welfare of the evacuated children. I regret that in these circumstances no useful purpose would be served by my seeing you. I might add that I have enquired into the case and have the impression that you have been completely misinformed. Your children are being extremely well treated.

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

Mrs. Eric Biggs,  
STANLEY.

Colonial Secretary.

Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands  
7:8:42

To-The Hon.The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

I wish you to forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency the Governor, for redirection to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in Whitehall, London. I wish the letter to be sent to Britain by air-mail, at the first opportunity. I will bear the cost of the Air-mail postage.

In this matter I am using my final right, as a citizen of a Crown Colony, in the British Empire.

I am,

Yours Sincerely,

*John Charles Dobson*

10th August, 1942.

Dear Mr. Osborne,

*Red 56*  
I have to thank you for your letter of the 7th August and enclosures. I am returning the latter because I hope that when you have listened to a broadcast which I propose to give as soon as ever the troops arrive you will no longer feel it necessary to address the Secretary of State.

Should, however, you still then wish to proceed on these lines I shall be glad if you will resubmit your letter to the Secretary of State in the form of a Petition and in triplicate as prescribed by Colonial Regulations. The relevant regulation reads as follows :--

"Any person in a Colony has the right to address the Secretary of State, if he thinks proper; in which case he must transmit his communication, unsealed and in triplicate, to the Governor, requesting him to forward it in due course to the Secretary of State".

Yours sincerely,

Colonial Secretary.

J. C. Osborne, Esq.,  
STANLEY.

6 Moody St.,  
Stanley,  
Falkland Islands,  
11 Aug. 1942.

Sir,

After having read your refusal, No 130/41, to my request for an interview, I have come to the conclusion that it is you and not I who have been completely misinformed. As to my being unwilling to state my case before Mr Cathie I most certainly am.

On two occasions my husband wished for an interview with Mr. Cathie and was refused both times. On the last occasion on which I saw Mr. Cathie nothing but deliberate lies were imparted to me. Therefore I fail to see why I should approach a man whose word cannot be relied upon.

My reason, for the request for an interview with you, being the return of my children to Stanley, I thought it would be a waste of time seeing Mr. Evans, as I understood that he has not the authority to give permission for the return of children.

I am enclosing copies of three letters from Port Howard, also a short note from my son,

for your perusal. I do not think such letters would have been written for the sole purpose of misinforming me as to the conditions at Port Howard.

I might add that the letters, 22nd April and 12th May, were the first indication we had of anything wrong of that description, at Port Howard, although Mr. Cathie had been informed of the incident.

I am,  
Yours faithfully,  
Helen Biggs.

The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

copy.

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Port Howard,  
22. 4. 42.

Dear Nellie,

Well here we are still waiting to come home but no word yet, every day I think we might get it today. I am fed up. I say Nellie I am sorry about the boys, what are you thinking about it, if I was you I would insist on having them home, I would not leave my boys out in the camp for any thing. These boys in the cookhouse think they are men, I hear the Johnsons want to get rid of the boys. they are blaming your boys for leading Ray into mischief, but the people out here tell me he has always been a bad boy, I expect you have seen Mr. Pole Evans by now and he has told you everything.

I bet there is going to be trouble when he comes home, see the people out here are all pretty dirty about Draycott stopping the evacuee children from going to the dances. I think he is quite right, Shorey sent for him and asked him to sit with his lot while they went to the dances. Draycott told him he did not come out as nurse maid, so they are not having any more dances until Mr. Evans comes out, I was not at the last one so I did not see Eric or Wallin but it is not the first time the boys have been drunk. They see all the men drinking and they think they can do the same, they have such a lot of the rotten stuff every Saturday, the sooner we all get home the better I hope you wont mind me telling you all this, but do for goodness sake insist on getting them home with you.

Cheerio Nellie, hoping to see you all soon.

I remain your friend,

Lizzie Smith.

Copy.

12 May.

(63)

Well Nellie I got your letter on Thursday I had all ready wrote you a few lines but I thought I would write and explain about Eric, I dont know if the Johnsons have wrote to you about him, I felt pretty sore about it all at the time, of course they were bad boys to touch the rotten liquor, but as I told these people out here, had they been at home it never would have happened. Mrs Johnson is very good to them, I think, they get their food and a clean bed, but after all that is not everything, is it ? it is time they were all home. Well Eric went to the dance with Gladys and the Gleadells. I did not go Dot was a bit off colour, I didnt know anything about then until about mid-day on Sunday.

Eric, Terry Welch and Bobby Wallen were all drinking, B Gleadell put Bob to bed while the dance was on, they say they did not notice that Eric was drunk, after everybody had gone home Billy Kiddle found an overcoat on the peat box he was just going to take it into his room when in came Eric, he asked him where he had been, Eric did not answer, so he went to him and felt his clothes, they were quite cold, Billy thinks he must have been asleep outside somewhere, but instead of him taking him home he told him to get home as quick as he could, when Willie and Gladys got home and found him not there they went back to look for him, well they found him on the bridge looking over the rails still quite silly. I expect Cathie will tell you that it will not happen again, well perhaps not, but anything could have happened that night it made me feel quite sick when I thought about him, do your best to get them all in we are going to see Cathie when he arrives here in the boat.

Lizzie.

Copy.Port Howard,  
12 July, 1942. (62)

Dear Nellie,

Well it is long time since I sent you a line, you will think I only write when anything is wrong, look here Nellie, your children are not happy. Yesterday Eric came to me, he was crying, Thora had run away. Ian was trying to get her to go back, I asked him what she was running away for, he said the Johnson boys were teasing her and going to lock her in the pig sty (there is no pig there) I ask him why he did not tell Mrs Johnson he said she knew, they are always picking on to the girls, they can do what they like, nobody cares about us, well that made me feel a bit sore, I went and got Mr Evans. Eric told him all about it, and he also told him that he was coming down once before to send you a message, but Mrs Johnson called him back, he said he ~~¶~~ did not have any money but I thought somebody would send it for me. Evans saw Johnson outside, Johnson said he did not know anything about it but he would see the boys when he got home, I was talking to T.D.E. after Eric went home, He said you do not want to believe all Eric Biggs tells you he is a liar, well I could see Ian and the two girls across the fields so I thought I would go over and see for myself what really had happened, Thora was still crying I ask them a few questions why they had not wrote and told you about all this, they were afraid you would write and tell Mrs Johnson and they would get into trouble, I felt like going back with them, but then I knew I should not interfere, but I thought about it all night, so this morning I seen Evans again and I asked him what he was going to do about the children I told him if he was not going to do something I was, I was going to send a message to you and tell you that your children were unhappy, of course he did not like that, he told me



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I had no business to interfere it was up to him to see into these things Well I said they are not happy and I was going to let you know, he said and what do you do to make them happy. I told him I had enough to do with my four, and two others, that was Mrs Johnsons job to see they were kept happy, and then F Johnson came down after me for interfering I told him I had never questioned the children about their treatment, until Eric came to me, he said I am fed up with them you dont know about all the dirt we have to put with. I said, why didnt you see Cathie when he was here if you had any complaints, he said, no, I said I would keep them until the Government sent for them and I am going to, I said well help yourself, but Mrs Biggs is my friend and I am going to let her know that I dont think her kiddies are happy. if you see Mrs Berntsen she will tell you what she thinks of this evacuation for them without their mothers, for as much as I want to come home I would not leave mine.

Well Nellie this is the 23rd the kiddies seem all right just now I have seen them a few times and asked them how they are getting on, Eric says not too bad, Cheerio Nellie I do hope we all get home soon, dont forget to go and see Mrs Bernssen. Yours, Lizzie S.

Copy.

Dear Mum,

I am fed up with being out here. I told Mr Evans the other day what a life the girls were getting, their life was of misery and we are not all treated alike they were all the time hitting the girls. I notice they tell anything on us but they are not so fond in telling on themselves,

From your loving son      Eric.

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Office of,  
the Naval Officer in Charge,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

15th August, 1942.

No. U. 2/3.



Sir,

I have been informed unofficially that it is intended to use the Town Hall theatre as a school in the near future. I should be grateful if you would confirm this, as if this is so, it is going to interfere very considerably with the Naval work being carried out in the four offices rented by the Admiralty. I would appreciate it very much if I could be given the opportunity of presenting my objections together with alternative proposals.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*R B Shanks*

CORPORAL, R.N.  
(Naval Officer in Charge).

The Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands.

Spoke S. Rd. & No. 9.C. the children  
will wear soft shoes & there is to be  
no noise. No. 9/c. salvo fired.

*KB*  
*14/8*

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(68)

From Colonial Secretary,

To All Managers and Magistrate, East & West Falkland.

Despatched : 13th August, 1942. Time : ...

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

Following for all Managers and Magistrates.

Only reason now for keeping children in Camp and for maintaining pass system for adults also is lack of accommodation Stanley where ~~two thousand~~ <sup>a large body of</sup> troops are billeted. Hope bring back children October and abolish all passes. Meanwhile grateful you issue no passes children except really urgent medical grounds after consultation Cowan or Kinneard as no education here and no power order anyone out of Stanley once admitted. Adults may be given passes provided they satisfy you that in spite of all rooms being occupied soldiers they have already arranged accommodation here.

NOTE:

Telegraphed to Operator, Fox Bay, for transmission to all Managers and Magistrates, W.F. telephoned to all Managers on East Falkland. Douglas asked to pass on to Rincon Grande and Salvador; Port Louis asked to pass on to Johnson's Harbour. Telephoned also to Dr. Cowan at Darwin.

*KB.*  
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

*Repeat to  
—  
Develop.  
Instruct  
Fox Bay.*

Extract from Broadcast made by Hon. K. G. Bradley on  
12th August, 1942.

(69.)

I believe the thing which is troubling and puzzling you most at the moment is the evacuation. When are the children coming back? Now I have got some good news for you about this. They will be back quite soon. When the Governor asked you to send your children to the Camp there was a considerable danger that the Islands might be raided or invaded by the Japs, and with only the Defence Force to protect us Stanley would, in the event of attack, have been to put it mildly, no place for kids. Now, however, we have got a proper garrison, although the danger of attack is still present, the situation has radically altered. We shall, we hope, be strong enough to make things extremely hot for any invaders and Stanley will be properly protected. There is, in fact, no reason from a Military point of view why we should not get the children back now and do away with passes and revert to normal at once. Then why not do it? Because of lack of accommodation. I don't mean sleeping accommodation. I know we have all got or are about to get soldiers billeted on us, but I am sure you will be so glad to have your children back that you will be able to tuck them in somewhere, soldiers or no soldiers. No, it's not sleeping accommodation we are worried about, but class-rooms. Where can the children be taught? Out in the Camp they are going on with their schooling to a certain extent. It is impossible to manage as good an education for them out there as they were getting in Stanley and that is one of the chief reasons why we want to get them back as soon as ever we can, but obviously we can't have them back until class-rooms are available for them in Stanley. The school is being used as a Military Store and as Headquarters. Stores and Headquarters are much more difficult to move than billeted soldiers and it is not going to be possible to get the use of the school for some time. Colonel Hynes is, however, most anxious to help us over this, and he has promised us that the soldiers who are billeted in the Town Hall and the Cinema will be moved out as soon as ever huts can be built for them in the Camp. Then we can use the Town Hall and the Gymnasium for class-rooms until the school is free. Naturally he cannot give us a definite date but he hopes to be able to release these buildings/

buildings by October and as soon as ever they are free we can fetch children in. It is not very long to wait, is it? And I am sure that the great majority of you will gladly continue to make your present sacrifice and wait patiently knowing that we shall bring the children back just as soon as ever we can. Some parents have already got their children in for one reason or another, mostly for medical and dental treatment, and some children who should have been sent out again are still here - getting no schooling. Others are trying to get their children back without success, and I know that one or two parents have been very worried, particularly about dental treatment. Well, I have told you that all the children will be brought back, unless something unforeseen happens by October, and nothing very serious is likely to happen to them before then. I confidently, therefore, appeal to all parents to be patient for a little time longer and not to try to get their children in except for really urgent medical reasons. You have been most helpful about this business, just hold on for a very little longer, and your children will be back and their education will get into full swing again, and our troubles will be over.

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No. 130/41.

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

MINUTE.

14th August, 19 42.

From The Colonial Secretary

To The Evacuation Officer,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

C O N F I D E N T I A L.

I forward for your information and guidance a copy of that part of my recent broadcast which concerns the evacuation.

2. C.C. Troops hopes to be out of the Town Hall and the Gymnasium by the end of September but delays may occur. The Superintendent of Education is prepared to give the children a fortnight's holiday in Stanley before opening the improvised class-rooms, if necessary. His Excellency suggests that the Naval Officer-in-Charge may be willing to let us use the s.s. "San Casto" for collecting the children.

Colonial Secretary.

Legal Adviser's Chambers,  
STANLEY.

15th August, 1942.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.  
CONFIDENTIAL.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to offer my  
resignation from the voluntary and honorary  
office of Evacuation Officer as I find that all  
control of evacuation has passed out of my  
hands.

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

*David L. B. B. B.*

EVACUATION OFFICER.

His Excellency  
the Governor,  
Government House,  
STANLEY.



No.

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

MINUTE.

(72).

15th August, 1942.

From Evacuation Officer,

To The Honourable

Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

I should be grateful if you would forward the attached letter to His Excellency.

*Andrew Bathie*

EVACUATION OFFICER.

Extract of Relevant part of the Governor's Speech on Local  
Broadcast dealing with the intended Evacuation of Children  
from Stanley-

As foreshadowed in the Governor's address to you over this broadcasting system three weeks ago when Japan entered the war, the situation here must be regarded as very grave. A message confirming this has been received. There is nothing definite but the absolute need for us to be prepared for any eventuality cannot be stressed too much.

It has therefore been decided to start a scheme of evacuation, which will be in part compulsory and in part voluntary.

The compulsory part covers the evacuation from Stanley of all children between the ages of 5 and 15. Arrangements are already being made for this and it has been decided that the evacuation will begin on Saturday next, January 3rd.

You will be informed of the exact details over this system as soon as these have been settled, which will be on the return of the s.s. "Fitzroy".

The anticipated period of evacuation will be for not less than six months and possibly twelve.

We are fortunate in that the teachers who recently arrived are thoroughly conversant with all the details of child evacuation in Great Britain, so that you can be assured that everything will be done for the safety and welfare of your children. The medical side has not been overlooked and you can rely on this that the greatest care of your children and therefore the well being of the future of the country will be, as far as we can do it, be guaranteed and safeguarded.

(74)  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands  
13:8:42

PETITION

To-

The Right Hon. The Secretary of State for the Colonies,  
Whitehall,  
London

Dear Sir,

I am the father of a boy of eleven, who is evacuated to the country or Camp, at the present time, under the scheme of the Falkland Islands Government. The evacuation took place in January and was understood to be compulsory, as the enclosed speech of His Excellency the Governor will prove.

I have a complaint and cannot receive Justice, so am forwarding my Case to you - my boy is not allowed into town to have his teeth attended to by the only Dentist available, the Government having cancelled the Permit I had previously been granted by the Military Authorities in Stanley. I consider that my son has been denied a thing which is considered of premier importance in Britain, the right to have his teeth attended to.

My points are

1. The evacuation was understood to be compulsory from the town.
2. The promise of Medical Care was given.
3. No Camp doctor was appointed for the Evacuees.
4. There was no possibility of dental treatment in this case.
5. There is no Doctor for the Camp my boy is in - Douglas Station, at present, and there was none at the time of my request for a permit.
6. I was under the circumstances going to bring my boy to town to have his teeth seen to, then if necessary I was willing to send him back to Camp.
7. I sought an Interview, when my Permit was cancelled (I required by this time a Medical Certificate which was unobtainable) with Mr Cathie, the Evacuation Officer and Legal Adviser. He would not listen to my Case.
8. Other Children who have been able to get Medical Certificates have been allowed to town to have their teeth seen to.

Sir,

As an ordinary working man in a Colony under the British flag, I consider the treatment I have received is Undemocratic and Unjust. My boy will be two months or so in the Camp yet. I am therefore using the only means of redress left - to put my Case and treatment before the proper authorities in Britain. It will be too late to amend the situation, but I plead and petition that those responsible for the happiness of the people in this Colony, in the Government in London, should know about my Case.

I am,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

*John Charles Osborne*

Stanley,  
Falkland Is.  
13:3:42

(75)

To-  
His Excellency The Governor.

Dear Sir,  
In accordance with the relevant  
regulation I am sending the enclosed  
Petition to the Governor of the Colony,  
for forwarding to the Secretary of  
State for the Colonies in London.  
Nothing will change my mind about  
having this case sent to Britain.

I am,

Yours Sincerely,

*John Charles Osborn*



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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				17. 8. 42.

To  
OPERATOR,  
P.M. DAY.

*Recd 68*

BY TELEGRAM 13TH AUGUST PLEASE REPEAT TO DUNLOP.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

(97)

17th August, 1942.

Dear Evans,

Cathie has resigned as Evacuation Officer. Nearly all the questions likely to arise will concern either the welfare of the children or their transport and I should therefore, be grateful if you would deal with them in the first instance, though I shall of course be glad to give you all the help I can when needed.

Yours sincerely,

T. D. Evans, Esq.,  
Superintendent of Education,  
STANLEY.

No. 130/41.

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

MINUTE.

17th August, 19 42.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To Officer Commanding Troops,

Hon. S.M.C.,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

I have to inform you that the Honourable B. Austen Gethie has resigned as Evacuation Officer and that all questions regarding the evacuation should now be referred to the Superintendent of Education, who will consult me when necessary.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

CONFIDENTIAL.

17th August, 1942.

Dear Cathie,

I have had your letter of the 15th and accept with regret your resignation as Evacuation Officer. I am grateful for the work you have done and am sorry that you do not feel able to see the thing through now that the end is in sight.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) A. W. CARDINAL

The Honourable  
B. Austen Cathie, J.P.,  
Legal Adviser,  
STANLEY.



FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 69.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

1st September, 1942.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit two copies of a Petition from a Mr. J. C. Osborne of Port Stanley.

2. The Petition is in effect merely the registering of a complaint and asks for no action on the part of Your Lordship.

3. I would point out that the petitioner has neither sought an interview with me nor even written to me, preferring for some reason to act over my head.

4. I offer the following observations on the points made by the Petitioner :-

Although it was my original intention to make the evacuation compulsory, it was, in fact, unnecessary to do so because the response given by parents to the scheme was so whole-hearted, as described to you in paragraph 11 of my Secret despatch of the 9th January, 1942. Doctors have, throughout, been resident at Fox Bay, in West Falkland and Darwin in East Falkland. The Government Dentist has also been able to tour the islands for the purpose of inspecting the children's teeth and carrying out such work as was possible on the spot. Moreover a qualified lady dentist was resident in the evacuation reception area, being the wife of one of the Government teachers in charge. It was made clear to all parents at the time that Medical care would not be available in the northern part of East Falkland and that any parents who sent their children to Douglas or elsewhere in this area would do so at their own

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
THE VISCOUNT CRANBORNE,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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risk.

The area surrounding Port Stanley was declared a prohibited area on 20th March, 1942, and entry thereto or exit therefrom controlled. The pertinent regulation read as follows :

"Entry into and exit from this area is prohibited without special authorization. Such authorization may be obtained from a magistrate, doctor or manager outside the area for persons desirous of visiting Stanley, and for persons desirous of leaving Stanley from the Officer Commanding Troops or Magistrate of Port Stanley."

In accordance with that regulation application was made by the Petitioner for a permit to bring his child into the protected area of Stanley about four weeks ago on the grounds that two of his teeth were in bad condition and that if they were not attended to, he might, in due course, lose them. The Manager at Douglas did not, however, consider the case to be one of urgent necessity and the permit, which had in error been issued by an Officer not entitled by law to give it, was cancelled.

5. It may interest Your Lordship to know that Mrs. Osborne has now gone to see her son at Douglas. Before she went she was told that the children would be, if possible, brought back by October and expressed herself as perfectly satisfied.

6. The Petitioner asked for his letter to be sent by air mail, but as no official mail goes from here by such route and there is no apparent urgency in the matter, I am forwarding it by surface transport.

I have the honour to, be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most  
obedient, humble servant



MINUTE.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

12th. Sept. 19 42.

~~From~~ To Hon.Col.Secretary,

~~From~~ From Supt. of Education.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to submit an application for a special warrant to incur expenditure in connection with the Evacuation of Stanley Children.

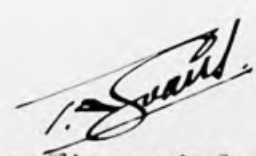
2 On taking over from the Evacuation Officer I find there is a balance of £22, with several outstanding accounts to be paid.

Abstract Statement of Expenditure to 12.9.42.

Upkeep of Children .....	1972 - 15 - 8
Stores .....	944 - 13 - 5
Passages .....	733 - 13 - 9
Freight .....	30 - 16 - 6
Wages .....	39 - 13 - 0
Labour Charges .....	192 - 17 - 9
Materials .....	31 - 3 - 6
Transport (local) .....	16 - 4
Charter of ship for Sick Child .....	38 - 7 - 4
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	4024 - 19 - 3
O.P.R. F.I.Co .....	47 - 1 - 4
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Expenditure to 12/9/42 .....	£ 3977 - 17 - 11
Special Warrant 6/42 .....	4000 - 0 - 0
Expenditure to 12/9/42 .....	3977 - 17 - 11
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Balance at 12/9/42 .....	£ 22 - 2 - 1
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3 Assuming the children return to Stanley at the beginning of October I estimate that the sum of £2000 will be required to meet the following charges.

Upkeep of Children .....	900 - 0 - 0
Stores .....	100 - 0 - 0
Passages and Freight .....	300 - 0 - 0
Labour Charges .....	50 - 0 - 0
Wages .....	35 - 0 - 0
Outstanding Bills .....	45 - 0 - 0
Contingencies .....	70 - 0 - 0
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	£ 2000 - 0 - 0

  
For Financial Secretary.

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

## SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				17. 9. 42.
To				
TO ALL MANAGERS, EAST AND WEST FALKLAND.		Copy to Information Officer for coding and copy to Exchange for Telephoning to as many Managers as possible.		

GOVERNMENT WILL SHORTLY START RETURNING EVACUATED CHILDREN TO STANLEY,  
BUT IF ANY PARENTS WISH TO MAKE THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT ARRANGEMENTS NOW  
FOR THE RETURN OF THEIR CHILDREN THEY CAN DO SO AND PERMITS SHOULD BE  
GIVEN FOR SUCH CHILDREN PROVIDED THE APPLICATIONS ARE MADE BY THE  
PARENTS STOP I WILL BROADCAST FURTHER INFORMATION TO YOU ABOUT THE  
RETURN OF THE BULK OF THE EVACUATED CHILDREN AT 1400 HOURS STANLEY  
TIME SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER on 80 METRES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

STANLEY BROADCAST - No. 2. *Just 11 kids,  
most are unaccompanied,  
B'cause to Camp 19/9/42 KB*

Good Evening. I expect the matter that is still interesting you most is the return of the children.

This is the position.

Any child may return now provided the parents make their own arrangements.

The others for whose return the Government will be responsible are in two groups. One, that of children whose parents want them back at the earliest possible date and have room for them, second, that of children whose parents think it wiser to keep them yet a little longer in the Camp as they have no room for them at present.

The question of room will be settled as soon as the billeting is no longer necessary.

It is obvious that the Government could not bring back children against the wishes of their parents nor dump a large number of them in already over-crowded quarters against the wishes of the parent - householder.

Therefore the first thing we have to do is to find out as quickly as possible which parents wish their children to remain for the time being in the Camp, and we want your help about this so please listen carefully. Will any parents who would prefer their children to remain for a while in the Camp and not to return to Stanley yet, please notify Mr. Evans, the Superintendent of Education, before noon on Saturday next I will repeat that "....." Parents who wish their children to come back as soon as arrangements can be made need not see Mr. Evans. In passing I also want to ask parents who wish to see Mr. Evans on business in connection with the children to go to his Office during office hours rather than to his residence. He is working in the Treasury in the office usually used by Mr. King Prime. When we have got precise information as to which children are to come to Stanley and which are to stay in the Camp we shall lose no time in making arrangements for their movement. As you know well, shipping is something of a problem at present but I want you to realise that we will do our very best to make the earliest possible arrangements and to leave us to get on with the job without fussing.

Well that is all I have to say to you tonight and I hope those parents who want their children back to stay in the Camp will make a point of seeing Mr Evans before Saturday and that all parent will leave it to us to get the rest of the children in as quickly as we can, and will not become impatient if the movement takes a bit of time owing to our difficulty with shipping. Good night.

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From His Excellency the Governor

to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

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It seems to me that we are in danger of making trouble for ourselves, i.e. the Govt., over the returning to Stanley of the school children.

There have been so far as I know only two announcements over the local broadcast & there were to the effect that persons who did not want their children back for the present were to say so.

The "broadcast" is not official nor is it public. Not everyone has a set, not everyone listens in at the time the above mentioned announcements were made.

The position is as follows:

Sgt. Fitzroy returns to Stanley with 3 children belonging to B. B. delighted but regrets he was not consulted, he has no room for them, he must either turn out the soldiers he has billeted on him, or leave the Govt. to find accommodation for his children. This possibly at 7 p.m.!

B would be asked if he had heard the broadcast. "No". Had he heard the children whose parents did not express a desire to leave them a bit longer in the camp, would be brought back. "Yes" but he didn't believe as he heard not had he been consulted or approached.



That is a situation much loved by the standard  
- the Govt. in a dilemma.


Already the C.C. Troops has been approached  
by parents on the point, so the above position  
is rather more than a probability.

The solution seems to be a form to  
be signed by parents, expressing a desire to  
have their children back & acknowledging  
that billeting cannot be interfered with  
but stating clearly they can find the  
necessary room.

 24/11/42

Hans. C.S.

Noted

  
Supt of Home

24.9.42.

From His Excellency the Governor

to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

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I am of the opinion that Govt. must continue to maintain the children left in the "camp" but should like to fix a limit - say January 1st. 1943.

The re-opening of school I leave entirely in the hands of the Supt. of E.

The question of room for Mr. & Mrs. Baker is temporarily settled but will have to be decided upon at a very near date.

Do. with quarters for Misses Ryder & Brown.

Repayment by parents - The best way to handle this is by a circular letter. We can't enforce it since it was really a loan measure &c. - but the people here are proud & of a carefully worded circular we issued one might expect a certain response. However the Govt. is obviously in a position of difficulty.

AB  
24/11/42



CAMP BUNTING, No. 2.  
20th September, 1942.

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Following from Colonial Secretary to all Camp Residents, begins.

Subject to the usual provisions Evans will be visiting as follows next week for collection purposes. Fort Howard, Tuesday early; Fox Bay, Tuesday later; North Bay, Wednesday early; Durbin, Thursday early; White Creek, Thursday later. He will try to arrive accurately shortly before arrival at each place. Fort Stephens, Sherbro, Poble, mid-October. Two men carried out Salvador letters, arrangements still pending. Will bring all victualling, bedding, etc.

Other news : Everyone mail arrived here Thursday and will be distributed as soon as possible. Taylor calling in private firearms in Stanley being cancelled this week-end and guns will be released. King-Price returned from Maroon here this week. For Barton, Poble. Thank you for most interesting letter.

Evans to Busby 28  
1942

Headquarters  
Falkland Islands Force.  
28. Sep. 42

Dear Busby -

If there is no other way out, the 25 men concerned will have to move in to the Gymnasium (to be vacated Wednesday)

Evans told Busby this morning that the only outstanding case was Shuckle's (Barr) - therefore no further action appeared necessary, in the cases of Jennings, Aldridge & Sedgwick.

I know of no houses in Port Stanley which have no troops billeted in them, & should be grateful for information regarding them. Not being able to vacate the Gym means that the dances which were being arranged will have to be cancelled indefinitely unless other accommodation can be found.

I hope that this solves your problem,

Yours sincerely  
B. + Agnes

To Supt. of Education  
in Charge of Evacuation.

Stanley,

25th. September.

I wish to have my children back at the earliest possible moment.

They number        boys        girls.

I understand that no interference with the present billeting of  
troops can be made. I have other accommodation for my children  
and shall not call on Government assistance for that purpose.

Signed.

.....Father.

.....Mother.

.....Guardian.

Education Office.

28th. September 1942.

Hon.C.S.,

Copy of form circulated to parents submitted.

The only person who refused to sign was Mr. A. Shackel.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'T. J. Evans', with a horizontal line underneath.

Supt. of Education.

MINUTE.

No. 130/41.

3rd. October, 1942 .

From

To Officer Commanding,

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Falkland Islands Force,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

With reference to our semi-official correspondence regarding the adjustment of billeting to accommodate the children who returned to Stanley on Thursday I am directed by His Excellency to thank you and your officer: for the very helpful manner in which you co-operated. It appears that all the families concerned are now happily settled in as a result of the last minute arrangements which were contrived.

You will recollect that in our original discussion with His Excellency on this subject you said that class-room accommodation could be made available "by October". It was originally intended that the Gymnasium and Town Hall should be used but you have since then, I believe, decided to vacate the class-rooms at the school instead. This will of course be far more convenient for the Government and much appreciated. I take it that we may rely on class-room accommodation being available by the end of October and may arrange for the opening of the school accordingly but I should be most grateful if you would confirm this.

Colonial Secretary.

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

## SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				3. 10. 42.

To

M. H. CLEMENT, ESQ.,  
FOX BAY.

I AM DIRECTED BY HIS EXCELLENCY TO CONVEY TO YOU HIS WARM APPRECIATION OF ALL THAT YOU AND MRS. CLEMENT AND YOUR STAFF HAVE DONE FOR THE CHILDREN WHO STAYED AT FOX BAY DURING THE EVACUATION. THEY HAVE RETURNED IN EXCELLENT HEALTH AND WITH VERY HAPPY MEMORIES OF THEIR LIFE WITH YOU, AND HIS EXCELLENCY HOPES THAT THIS WILL BE SOME REWARD FOR ALL THE CARE AND ATTENTION WHICH YOU HAVE LAVISHED UPON THEM.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

## SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				3. 10. 42.
To	HONOURABLE R. C. FOLE-EVANS, C.B.E., PORT HOWARD.			

I AM DIRECTED BY HIS EXCELLENCY TO CONVEY TO YOU AND MRS. FOLE-EVANS AND YOUR STAFF AN EXPRESSION OF HIS VERY WARM APPRECIATION OF THE GREAT PART WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED IN HELPING TO MAKE THE EVACUATION OF THE CHILDREN FROM STANLEY A SUCCESS. HIS EXCELLENCY FULLY APPRECIATES THE CONSTANT CARE AND ATTENTION WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE CHILDREN IN YOUR SETTLEMENT, AND THAT BOTH IN HOSPITALITY AND PERSONAL AFFECTION THE CHILDREN HAVE RECEIVED EVERYTHING FOR WHICH THEIR PARENTS COULD HAVE HOPED. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE CHILDREN HAVE RETURNED TO STANLEY NOT ONLY IMPROVED IN HEALTH AND WITH BROADENED OUTLOOK BUT WITH VERY HAPPY RECOLLECTIONS OF FARM LIFE WHICH CANNOT BUT PROFOUNDLY EFFECT THEIR FUTURE LIVES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

## SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				3. 10. 42.
To	CAPTAIN H. C. HARDING, HILL COVE.			

I AM DIRECTED BY HIS EXCELLENCY TO EXPRESS HIS GRATITUDE FOR ALL THE  
KINDNESS SHOWN BY YOURSELF, MRS. HARDING AND YOUR STAFF TO THE CHILDREN  
WHO WERE EVACUATED TO HILL COVE. THEY HAVE RETURNED SAFELY, IN GOOD  
HEALTH AND WITH MANY HAPPY MEMORIES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time



3rd October,

42.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency to convey to you and Mrs. Elliot and your staff an expression of his very warm appreciation of the great part which you have played in helping to make the evacuation of the children from Stanley a success. His Excellency fully appreciates the constant care and attention which has been given to the children in your settlement, and that both in hospitality and personal affection the children have received everything for which their parents could have hoped. There is no doubt that the children have returned to Stanley not only improved in health and with broadened outlook but with very happy recollections of farm life which cannot but profoundly effect their future lives.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

B. Elliot, Esq.,  
Manager,  
Darwin,  
EAST FALKLAND.

3rd October,

42.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency to thank you and staff for looking after the children at North Arm after the departure of Mr. Elliot. They have returned safely, in good health and with happy memories of North Arm.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

Vinson, Esq.,  
North Arm,  
EAST FALKLAND.

3rd October,

42.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency to convey to you his grateful appreciation of the very valuable help you gave both in the evacuation of the children from Stanley and in their return. Mr. Evans reports that the smoothness with which all arrangements on both voyages worked was due very largely to what you did, and the Governor is very grateful for your public spirited action.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

L. Hardy, Esq.,  
STANLEY.

3rd October,

42.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency to convey his warm appreciation of the public spirited and efficient manner in which you and your staff co-operated in the evacuation and return of the children. On both voyages the arrangements appear to have gone very smoothly and if it had not been for your assistance the whole project would have proved far more difficult than it did.

2. Mr. Evans has especially mentioned the great help given on both occasions by Captain Pitt and the Chief Steward of the "Fitzroy", and His Excellency hopes that you will convey to them a particular expression of his gratitude.

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

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
The Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,  
STANLEY.

No. 130/41.

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

MINUTE.

3rd October, 19 42.

*From*

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*To* The Honourable

The Senior Medical Officer,

STANLEY.

I am directed by the Governor to ask you to convey to those members of your staff who accompanied the "Fitzroy" on its two voyages in connection with the evacuation an expression of His Excellency's warm appreciation of the valuable services which they rendered.

Colonial Secretary.

6th. October 1942.

From Supt.of Education.

To Hon.Colonial Secretary.  
Stanley.

I have been in communication with the Naval Authorities regarding the possibility of sending H.M.S. William Scoresby to bring in evacuees from San Carlos, Port San Carlos and Salvadore Waters. I am given to understand that the matter would receive favourable consideration if the request came from your office.

I would therefore be grateful if an application for a ship could be made to the N.O.I.C.

The itinerary would be as follows.

San Carlos - 5 children  
Port San Carlos - 8 children  
Douglas Station - 6 children - 2 mothers.



Supt.of Education.

(113)

Supt Education :  
Copy for your information

130/44.


7th October, 42.  
for C.S.

Colonial Secretary,

Naval Officer in Charge,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

As you are aware we still have to bring in evacuated children from San Carlos, Port San Carlos and Salvador Waters, a total complement of twenty children and two mothers. There is no prospect of the "Fitzroy" calling at these places for some time to come and His Excellency would be extremely grateful if you would consider the possibility of detailing one of your ships to make this voyage on our behalf.

  
Colonial Secretary.

MEMORANDUM.

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From

6th October,

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THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY, LTD.,  
STANLEY.

To The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Sir,

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I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 130/41 dated 3rd October, 1942 with reference to evacuation voyages of s.s. "Fitzroy" for which I thank you. We are glad that things went off without any hitch. We are passing on your message of appreciation to Capt. Pitt, officers and crew.

I am,  
Sir,  
your obedient servant,



*M. R. [Signature]*  
Manager.



SUBJECT:- Vacating of Government School.

122/CR/4/151.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,  
Port Stanley.  
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Reference your letter dated 3 Oct 42.

*Red 101*  
The end of October was given as a forecast of the earliest possible date, not as an "undertaking". In an enterprise of this kind, it is clearly impossible to guarantee a date, the completion of the work depending on so many factors completely outside my control.

I do not consider it likely, at the present moment, that the School can be vacated by 31st October, 1942. You have my assurance, however, that everything possible will be done to release the School at the earliest possible date.

The Gymnasium in the town has now been vacated.

Your remarks reference His Excellency's appreciation of our efforts to help with the accommodation of the children, have given me great pleasure.

Stanley.  
6 Oct 42.  
WIH/AH.

*W. H. H. H.*  
Colonel,  
Commander,  
Falkland Islands Force.

(116)

Office of,  
The Naval Officer in Charge,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

8th October, 1942.

No. R. 1/14.

The Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands.

(Copy to :- Commanding Officer, H.M.S. WILLIAM SCORESBY)

TRANSPORT OF EVACUATED CHILDREN.



Your Minute No. 130/41 of 7th October, 1942.

*Recd 113.*

2. This will be arranged. Following will be programme and it is requested that necessary arrangements may be made to ensure that the children are ready at San Carlos and Port San Carlos.

3. H.M.S. WILLIAM SCORESBY will leave Stanley on Friday, 9th October, arriving first at San Carlos. Children will be embarked at San Carlos a.m. Saturday, 10th October, and then at Port San Carlos. Vessel will leave Port San Carlos not later than noon on same day, arriving at Douglas Station approximately 7 p.m.

4. Arrangements must be made for children to sleep ashore that night and they will be re-embarked next morning, arriving at Stanley the same day. Times of embarkation will be promulgated by Commanding Officer, H.M.S. WILLIAM SCORESBY.

5. While every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of the children, the Admiralty can accept no responsibility in this matter. It is requested that the Mothers in charge be instructed to carry out any directions given them by the Officers of H.M.S. WILLIAM SCORESBY.

6. The Commanding Officer H.M.S. WILLIAM SCORESBY has instructions that no passengers, other than those authorised by the Colonial Secretary, are to be carried.

*R.B. Mark*

COMMANDER, R.N.  
(Naval Officer in Charge).

2. 130/41.

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

MINUTE.

6th October, 1942.

From

To The Superintendent of Education,

~~The Colonial Secretary,~~

~~STANLEY.~~

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*Red 116.*

I enclose for your guidance a copy of a Minute received from the Naval Officer-in-Charge regarding the use of the H.M.S. WILLIAM SCORESE for fetching evacuees from the north. You will no doubt be able to comply with the proposed arrangements and will also inform the Managers concerned by telephone as well as the parents in Stanley by the local broadcasting system.

2. I hereby authorise the transport of Miss Ryder and such children and mothers as are being returned from the settlements in question under your auspices.

K. G. BRADLEY  
Colonial Secretary.

No. 130/41.

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

MINUTE.

8th October, 19 42.

*From*The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*To* The Naval Officer in Charge,STANLEY.

*Red 116*

I have to thank you for your R. 1/14 of the 8th October and to thank you for your co-operation in the matter. I enclose a copy of a Minute I am sending to the Superintendent of Education.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

Fox Bay East,  
West Falkland.

14th. October, 1942.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your telegram dated the 6th. September, and will you convey to His Excellency the Governor the deep appreciation of both my wife and myself for the sentiments contained therein.

2. We both realise what it meant to these children to be parted from their parents and homes, and I am glad to be able to say how well behaved the children were during their stay with us, which was contributed to largely, if I may be allowed to say so, by Miss Brown's constant good humour and competent handling, and I take pleasure in acknowledging our debt to Miss Brown.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley.

*W. H. Clement*



DECODE.

22.

TELEGRAM.

From COLONIAL SECRETARY

To ADDRESSEE PORT SAN CARLOS

Despatched : 26th October, 19 42. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

I am directed by His Excellency to express his gratitude for all the kindness shown by yourself, Mrs Andersen and your staff to the children who were evacuated to Port San Carlos. They have returned safely, in good health and with many happy memories.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

27th October,

42.

Dear Mr. Bonner,

I am directed by His Excellency to convey to you his warm appreciation of all that you and Mrs. Bonner and your staff have done for the children who stayed at San Carlos during the evacuation. They have returned in excellent health and with very happy memories of their life with you and His Excellency hopes that this will be some reward for all the care and attention which you have lavished upon them.

Yours sincerely,

Colonial Secretary.

J. F. Bonner, Esq.,  
San Carlos,  
EAST PALM LAND.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(24)

From COLONIAL SECRETARY

To ROBERTSON PORT STEPHENS

Despatched : 26th October 1942. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

HIS EXCELLENCY IS MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU YOUR WIFE AND STAFF FOR ALL YOU DID FOR THE CHILDREN AT PORT STEPHENS. THE SUCCESS OF THE EVACUATION SCHEME IS VERY LARGELY DUE TO THE GENEROUS HELP GIVEN BY YOURSELF AND OTHER MEMBERS.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary

To LUTON CHAMBERS

Despatched : 26th October, 1942 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

HIS EXCELLENCY DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS GRATITUDE FOR GREAT KINDNESS  
SHOWN BY YOURSELF MRS LUTON AND YOUR STAFF TO THE CHILDREN WHILE THEY  
WERE AT CHAMBERS. YOUR CO-OPERATION IN MAKING THE EVACUATION A SUCCESS  
WAS VERY HIGHLY APPRECIATED.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

26th October, 42.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency to convey to you an expression with very warm appreciation of the care, hospitality and attention lavished upon the children who were evacuated to your Estate. There is no doubt that the children have returned to Stanley not only improved in health and with broadened outlook, but with very happy recollections of farm life. His Excellency would be grateful if you would also express his gratitude to Mr & Mrs Noble.

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

Colonial Secretary.

Major Greenshields,  
Government House,  
Stanley.

26th October, 42.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency to thank you and Mrs Langdon and your staff for all the kindness shown to the children who were evacuated to Fitzroy. Thanks<sup>very</sup> for all that was done for them. They have returned in very good health and with very happy memories which His Excellency hopes will bear good fruit in their later lives.

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

Colonial Secretary.

F.G.Langdon, Esq.,  
Fitzroy.

26th October, 1942.

Dear Mr Felton,

His Excellency has asked me to write to you and say how grateful he is for the care and hospitality which was given to the children who were at Teal Inlet for a short time earlier this year. The evacuation scheme was undoubtedly very successful and its success has been largely due to the co-operation and great kindness shown by the residents in the Camp who received and looked after the children.

Yours sincerely,

Colonial Secretary,

G.J.Felton, Esq.,  
Teal Inlet.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(129)  
M.P. 130/41.

*From* C. Andreasen. Port San Carlos.

*To* The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched :* 30th. October. 19 42. *Time :* 12.00.

*Received :* 30th. October. 19 42. *Time :* .....

MANY THANKS FOR EXCELLENCY'S KIND MESSAGE . PLEASED TO KNOW CHILDREN  
WERE HAPPY AND CONTENTED.

ANDREASEN.

No. 130/41.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Stanley, Falkland Islands,

3rd November, 1942.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor, at the conclusion of the organised evacuation scheme, to express to you his warm appreciation of the generous and public spirited manner in which you and other parents co-operated in making the scheme a success and of the cheerfulness with which you made the sacrifice it entailed for you. His Excellency hopes and believes that the children have benefitted from the country life they have enjoyed and he is sure you will join him in thanking their hosts and hostesses in the Camp for the excellent care they gave to the children and the great kindness they showed to them.

2. As you are aware, the Government has borne the expense both of transporting the children to and from the Camp and of their maintenance while there. This is a liability which the Government has always been and is still willing to accept, but you will remember that His Excellency before the evacuation took place, expressed the hope that some parents would be prepared to repay some of the cost. They have been spared the expense of keeping their children at home all this time and nobody who could afford to pay would, presumably, like to feel that his children or child had been maintained for months at the taxpayer's expense.

3. As soon as the cost of the evacuation scheme is known His Excellency feels that the time will be ripe to give parents the opportunity for which many have undoubtedly been waiting, to make contributions towards it. Each parent will be sent an account shewing what it has cost to transport his child or family to and from the Camp and to maintain them there. No parent need contribute towards this cost who does not wish to do so, and the amount of any contribution made will be left entirely to the parents concerned. Payments should be made to the Treasury and they will, of course, be treated as strictly confidential.

4. Having in mind the generous and public-spirited manner in which parents have throughout co-operated in the evacuation scheme, His Excellency feels confident that their response to the present suggestion will when the time comes be equally wholehearted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir/Madam,

Your obedient servant,

Kenneth Bradley,

Colonial Secretary.

For addressees please see  
over leaf.

Mr. F. Browning.  
 Mr. A. Short  
 Mr. A. Clifton  
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 Mr. S. Cletheroe  
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 Mr. J. Coss  
 Mr. G. Osborne  
 Mr. B. Sedgwick  
 Mr. A. S. Kiddle  
 Mr. Meierhofer  
 Mr. G. Hansen  
 Mr. E. Hirtle  
 Mr. A. Earle  
 Mr. A. Stevensen  
 Mrs A. Henricksen  
 Mr. T. Hoooley  
 Mr. J. Norris  
 Mr. J. Pettersson  
 Mr. C. Evans  
 Mr. H. Evans  
 Mr. W. Sedgwick  
 Mr. A. Sedgwick  
 Mrs Scott  
 Mr. A. Pettersson  
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 Mr. R. Hannaford  
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 Mrs McLaren  
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 Mr. T. Braxton  
 Mr. J. J. Harries  
 Mr. A. Newing  
 Mrs R. Davis  
 Mr. C. Betts  
 Mr. H. Bonner





Stanley.  
5<sup>th</sup> November, 1942

Sir,

The members of the F. I. Reform League respectfully request that His Excellency the Governor will take immediate steps to have the Government School cleared so that the Children's Education will not be neglected any longer, They feel sure His Excellency, as well as yourself Sir, will agree that for the majority of the Children, time lost now may never be regained.

W. H. C. Atkinson  
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I have the honour,  
to be Sir,  
Your obedient servant.  
W. H. C. Atkinson  
Secretary.

The Hon  
Colonial Secretary.  
Stanley.

7th November,

42.

Sir,

*Red 131*

With reference to your letter of the 5th November regarding the re-opening of the School, I am directed by His Excellency to say that his views in this matter are entirely in accord with those of the League and that everything possible is being done to expedite matters.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY  
Colonial Secretary.

Honorary Secretary,  
Cookland Islands Reform League,  
STANLEY.

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SUBJECT: Government School. Port Stanley.



122/CR/22/1.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands.

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It is proposed to vacate the Government School buildings in John Street, with the exception of the Headmaster's Office building occupied by Force Headquarters, during the week ending Saturday, 28 Nov 42.

Stanley.  
18 Nov 42.  
JB/AH.

  
Major,  
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.,  
Falkland Islands Force.

Saving.

From  Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 14 September 1942

No. 34 Saving.

My telegram No. 43. Evacuation  
of children. Shall be glad to know when  
reply may be expected.

Red 45.

SECLER.

*Referred to in  
Gov's Secret despatch  
of 2/1/43 (M.P. 5/1/43)*

Excerpt from Secret despatch dated the 2nd of January,  
1943, addressed to Secretary of State.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.  
S E C R E T.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.  
2nd January, 1943.

Sir,

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4. Your Saving telegram, No. 34 of the 4th September, 1942, will be answered as soon as Mr. T. D. Evans can complete the accounts. But that officer has been very fully occupied not only in re-opening the school but in re-organizing the local civil defence.

5. The evacuation was in my opinion most successful. The children came back in a very healthy condition and throughout the nine months of their absence suffered neither casualty nor illness. Possibly their actual learning might have been delayed, but at their age that should soon be made up. In any case I am sure they must have benefited by their stay in the camp, a benefit which only the future will show.

6. I should particularly like to mention to you the very excellent services of Mr. T. D. Evans and his assistants Mr. & Mrs. H. L. Baker, Miss H. Brown and Miss P. F. Ryder, all of the Education Department staff. These officers not only put their all into the work in a most devoted way but also by their tact and kindness kept the children happy and contented in their new and unusual surroundings. The main difficulty was the handling of the parents who, when nothing war-like happened, failed in many instances to realise the seriousness of the position. Mr. Evans handled that problem well.

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I have &c.,

(Sgd.) A. W. CARDINALL.

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M.P. No. 130/41.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Stanley, Falkland Islands,

22nd January, 1943.

Sir/Madam,

Red 130  
I have the honour to refer to my circular letter of the 3rd November regarding the cost of the evacuation scheme and to forward herewith an account showing the total cost of evacuating and maintaining your child (or children) in the Camp.

2. The last two paragraphs of my previous letter read, you will remember, as follows :

"As soon as the cost of the evacuation scheme is known His Excellency feels that the time will be ripe to give parents the opportunity for which many have undoubtedly been waiting, to make contributions towards it. Each parent will be sent an account shewing what it has cost to transport his child or family to and from the Camp and to maintain them there. No parent need contribute towards this cost who do not wish to do so, and the amount of any contribution made will be left entirely to the parents concerned. Payments should be made to the Treasury and they will, of course, be treated as strictly confidential.

Having in mind the generous and public-spirited manner in which parents have throughout co-operated in the evacuation scheme, His Excellency feels confident that their response to the present suggestion will when the time comes be equally wholehearted."

3. It would be a help if you could pay any contribution you decide to make into the Treasury by the end of January.

I have the honour to be,

Sir/Madam,

Your obedient servant,

Kenneth Bradley,

Colonial Secretary.

For Addressees, see over.

Mr. F. Browning.  
Mr. A. Short  
Mr. A. Clifton  
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Mr. S. Cletheroe  
Mr. J. Jennings  
Mr. J. Goss  
Mr. G. Osborne  
Mr. B. Sedgwick  
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Mr. A. Newing.  
Mrs. R. Davis  
Mr. C. Betts  
Mr. H. Bonner  
Mr. A. Clarke.

SAN CARLOS.

Mr. H. Cleadell	Ian Cleadell	£22. 21 8.	£22. 12. 8.
Mrs. W. Rowlands	Colleen Rowlands	£16. 0. 8.	£16. 0. 8.
Mr. T. Clifton	Gerard Clifton	£24. 1. 8.	£24. 1. 8.
Mr. C. Clifton	Gloria Clifton	£17. 9. 4.	
	Rona "	£22. 12. 8.	
	Nally "	£15. 12. 8.	£55. 14. 8.
Mr. S. Reive	James Britton	£22. 12. 8.	
	Hilda "	£22. 12. 8.	£45. 5. 4.

PORT SAN CARLOS.

Mr. A. Clifton	Pearl Clifton	£24. 16. 8.	
	Clive "	£22. 7. 4.	
	Alan "	£22. 7. 4.	£59. 11. 4.
Mr. J. Lanning	Thora Lanning	£24. 12. 4.	£24. 12. 4.
Mr. M. Luxton	Lorna Luxton	£22. 7. 4.	
	Joyce "	£11. 18. 0.	£34. 5. 4.
Mr. C. Bertrand	Natalie Bertrand	£24. 16. 8.	£24. 16. 8.
Mrs. V. Goodwin	Olive Goodwin	£ 9. 16. 4.	
	Emily "	£22. 7. 4.	£32. 3. 8.
Mr. W. Biggs	Noel Poole	£24. 16. 8.	
	Hazel Biggs	£ 24. 16. 8.	£49. 15. 4.



DONALDSON STATION.

Mr. S. Luxton	Henry Luxton	£ 8. 4. 3.	
	Ada "	£ 9. 0. 8.	
	Wrsula "	£21. 5. 4.	£28. 10. 3.
Mr. E. Luxton	John Luxton	£21. 5. 4.	£21. 5. 4.
Mr. D. Morrison	Ronald Morrison	£21. 5. 4.	£21. 5. 4.
Mr. J. Osborne	Derek Osborne	£21. 5. 4.	£21. 5. 4.
Mr. E. Browning	Rex Browning	£20. 16. 0.	
	Diedrie "	£20. 16. 0.	£41. 12. 0.

HORSBOTH BAY.

Mr. B. Peck	Viola Peck	£13. 9. 4.	
	Deissy "	£17. 10. 8.	£31. 0. 0.

SALVADORE.

Mr. A. Bonner	Andrez Bonner	£15. 13. 4.	£15. 13. 4.
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RINCON GRANDE.

Mrs. Carter	Alva Carter	£10. 13. 4.	
	Jane "	£10. 13. 4.	£21. 16. 8.

PIEROY.

Mr. S. Newman	Fred Newman	£17. 8. 0.	
	Beatrice "	£17. 8. 0.	£34. 16. 0.
Miss G. Anderson	David Anderson	£23. 12. 0.	£23. 12. 0.
Mr. A. Anderson	Joan Anderson	£ 5. 5. 4.	£ 5. 5. 4.
Mr. T. Lindenburg	Olga Lindenburg	£ 5. 5. 4.	£ 5. 5. 4.

F O X E B A Y.

Mr. S. Aldridge	Eileen Aldridge	£23. 16. 4.	£23. 16. 4.
Mrs. Mills	Kenneth Mills	£21. 7. 4.	£21. 7. 4.
Mrs. Braxton Snr.	George Stewart	£21. 12. 8.	£21. 12. 8.
Mr. A. Porter	May Porter	£24. 1. 4.	
	Kitty "	£13. 17. 8.	
	Leonard "	£20. 16. 0.	
	Irene "	£20. 16. 0.	£33. 11. 0.
Mr. J.J. Harries	Eileen Harries	£24. 1. 4.	
	Nora "	£24. 1. 4.	
	Leon "	£21. 12. 8.	
	Ronald "	£21. 12. 8.	
	Hilda "	£21. 12. 8.	£113. 0. 8.
Mr. P. Skilling	Bertie Skilling	£21 12. 8.	£21. 12. 8.
Mr. A.I. Fleuret	Eric Fleuret	£ 7. 17. 8.	£ 7. 17. 8.

P O R T S T E P H E N S.

Mr. J. Peck	Mrs. J. Peck	£11. 17. 0.	
	Pat. "	£21. 6. 8.	
	Tony "	£22. 3. 0.	
	Noreen "	£22. 3. 0.	
	Unice "	£ 9. 8. 0.	
	Terry "	£ 9. 8. 0.	£
	Joan "	£22. 3. 0.	£118. 8. 8.
Mr. M. White	Terence White	£22. 3. 0.	£22. 3. 0.

C H A R T R E S.

Mr. J. Jones	Claude Jones	£20. 16. 2.	
	Owen Jones	£21. 71. 8.	
	Keva "	£21. 17. 8.	
	Audrey "	£18. 17. 2.	£33. 8..8.6
Mr. D. Lehen	John Lehen	£ 9. 17. 8.	£ 9. 17. 8.

P E B B L E I S L A N D.

Mr. C. Betts	Arnold Betts	£22. 11. 0.	
	Olive "	£22. 11. 0.	£45. 2. 0.

P O R T   H O W A R D .

Mr P.Sadler-Smith	Réggie Smith	£23. 5. 4.	
	Leslie "	£20. 16. 4.	
	Dorothy "	£19. 16. 8.	
	Vera "	£20. 16. 4.	
	Rita Smith	£20. 1. 8.	£105. 5. 4.
Mr. E. Summers.	Morman Summers	£20. 16. 4.	
	Ola "	£20. 16. 4.	£41. 12. 8.
Mr. F. Berntsen	Sally Berntsen	£16. 17. 8.	£16. 71. 8.
Mr. F. Hansen	Marjorie Hansen	£26. 19. 0.	
	Freda "	£26. 19. 0.	
	Terence H "	£15. 11. 8.	
	Douglas "	£27. 17. 8.	£97. 7. 4.
Mr. R. Wallin	Glynis Wallin	£20. 16. 4.	
	Robert "	£23. 5. 4.	£44. 1. 8.
Mr. A. Shackel	Shirley Shackel	£20. 16. 4.	
	Joan "	£20. 16. 4.	£41. 12. 8.
Mr. T. Braxton	Winifred Braxton	£23. 5. 4.	£23. 5. 4.
Mr. S. Barnes	Iris Barnes	£33. 5. 4.	£23. 5. 4.
Mr. R. Barnes	Stella Davis	£23. 5. 4.	£23. 5. 4.
Mr. W. Pinnie	Marion Binnie	£23. 5. 4.	£23. 5. 4.
Mr. E. Biggs	Ian Biggs	£23. 5. 4.	
	Eric "	£20. 16. 4.	
	Thora "	£20. 16. 4.	
	Lorna "	£20. 16. 4.	£35. 14. 4.
Mr. Walsh	Terence Walsh	£18. 16. 10.	£18. 16. 10.
Mr. G. Pearson	Keith Pearson	£20. 16. 4.	£20. 61. 4.
Mr. W.E.Spencer	Ioan Spencer	£20. 16. 4.	
	Sylda "	£20. 16. 4.	£41. 12. 8.
Mr. L. Nicholson	Derwent Nicholson	£23. 5. 4.	
	Eric "	£20. 16. 4.	£44. 1. 8.
Mr. A. Newing	Jack Newing	£7. 18. 6.	£7. 18. 6.
Mrs. D. Davis	Billy Richards	£7. 12. 4.	£7. 12. 4.
Mr. L. Hardy	Tony Hardy	£2. 19. 0.	£2. 19. 0.

TOOSE CREEK Continued.

Mr. P. Biggs	Gerald Biggs	£20. 16. 0.	£20. 61. 0.
Mr. C. Allan	Robert Allan	£20. 16. 0.	£20. 16. 0.
Mr. T. Lee	Flora Lee	£7. 18. 4.	
	Gladys	£7. 18. 4.	£15. 16. 8.

WALKER CREEK.

Mr. F. Allan	John Allan	£22. 10. 0.	£22. 10. 0.
Mr. S. Bonner	Gordon Bonner	£24. 0. 0.	
	Jean "	£22. 10. 0.	
	Helen "	£11. 10. 0.	£53. 0. 0.
Mr. T. Campbell	James Campbell	£21. 5. 0.	
	Ian "	£19. 6. 0.	£40. 11. 0.
Mr. A. Etheridge	Thora Etheridge	£22. 10. 0.	
	Iris "	£22. 10. 0.	£45. 0. 0.
Mrs. W. Goodwin	Lawrence Goodwin	£22. 10. 0.	£22. 10. 0.
Mr. W. Halliday	Leslie Halliday	£24. 0. 0.	£24. 0. 0.
Mr. Jacobsen	Chris Jacobsen	£22. 10. 0.	£22. 10. 0.
Mr. J. McKay	Vera McKay	£22. 10. 0.	
	Betty "	£22. 10. 0.	
	Laura "	£24. 0. 0.	
	Roddy "	£24. 0. 0.	£93. 0. 0.
Mrs. McLaren	Jack McLaren	£22. 10. 0.	£22. 10. 0.
Mrs. C. Skilling	Betty Skilling	£24. 0. 0.	
	Robby "	£22. 10. 0.	
	Leonard "	£22. 10. 0.	£69. 0. 0.
Mrs. A.L. Skilling	Gladys Skilling	£22. 10. 0.	
	Rose "	£22. 10. 0.	£45. 0. 0.
Mrs. E. Whitney	James Whitney	£10. 15. 0.	£10. 15. 0.
Mr. D. Williams	Gene Williams	£22. 10. 0.	
	Valerie "	£22. 10. 0.	£45. 0. 0.
Mr. H. Bonner	Donald Bonner	£13. 10. 0.	
	Robby "	£13. 10. 0.	
	Oliver "	£23. 4. 8.	£50. 4. 8.
Mr. C. Skilling	Emily Skilling	£24. 0. 0.	
	Charles "	£22. 10. 0.	
	William "	£22. 10. 0.	£69 1/2 0. 0.
Mr. C. Halkett	Valerie Halkett	£22. 10. 0.	
	Neville "	£22. 10. 0.	£45. 0. 0.
Mr. M. Campbell	Jean Campbell	£13. 3. 4.	£13. 3. 4.
Mrs. M. Watts	Maureen Watts	£22. 6. 0.	£22. 6. 0.
Mr. A. Clarke	Ronald Clarke	£16. 10. 0.	£16. 10. 0.

NORTH ARM.

Mr. V. Atkins	Cladys Atkins	£24. 4. 8.	
	Jack "	£24. 4. 8.	£43. 9. 4.
Mr. F. Barnes	Hector Barnes	£21. 13. 8.	£21. 13. 8.
Mr. S. Cletheroe	Kenneth Cletheroe	£21 13. 8.	£21. 13. 3.
Mr. J. Jennings	Yvonne Jennings	£21. 13. 8.	
	Gerald "	£19. 13. 8.	
	Harish "	£21. 13. 8.	
	Neil "	£21. 13. 8.	£84. 14. 8.
Mr. J. Goss	Iily Goss.	£17. 12. 0.	
	Mally Goss	£21. 13. 8.	
	Mildred Skilling	£21. 13. 8.	£60. 19. 4.
Mr. G. Osborne	Cedric Osborne	£21. 13. 8.	
	Jim "	£21. 13. 8.	£45. 17. 4.
Mr. B. Sedwick	Sheila Sedwick	£13. 4. 0.	
	Doreen "	£24. 4. 8.	
	Phyllis "	£10. 1. 0.	£48. 3. 4.
Mr. J. Kiddle	Heather Kiddle	£24. 4. 8.	£24. 4. 8.
Mr. Meirehoffer	Basil Meirehoffer	£24. 4. 8.	
	Orissa "	£20. 16. 0.	£45. 0. 8.
Mrs. J. Clarke	Martin Clarke	£21. 13. 4.	£21. 13. 4.
Mr. G. Hansen	Ronald Hansen	£21. 13. 4.	£21. 13. 4.
Mr. E. Hirtle	Stanley Hirtle	£26. 16. 4.	
	Helga Hirtle	£21. 13. 4.	£48. 9. 8.
Mr. A. Short	Rebecca Short	£21. 13. 4.	
	Violet "	£22. 8. 8.	
	John "	£22. 10. 0.	
	Ivan "	£22. 10. 0.	
	Donald "	£22. 10. 0.	
	Mary "	£22. 10. 0.	£134. 2. 0. X

D A R W I N.


Mr. L.A. Sedgwick	Heather Sedgwick	\$4. 0. 8.	
	Una "	\$20. 16. 0.	\$24. 16. 8.
Mr. A.W. Summers	Quita Summers	\$20. 16. 0.	
	Rhoda "	\$20. 16. 0.	\$41. 12. 0.
Mrs. W. Anderson	Hugh Anderson	\$22. 6. 0.	
	Vernon "	\$20. 16. 0.	\$43. 2. 0.
Mr. C. Rowlands	John Rowlands	\$22. 6. 0.	
	Betty "	\$22. 6. 0.	
	Harold "	\$20. 16. 0.	\$45. 8. 0.
Mr. E. Aldridge	Richard Aldridge	\$20. 16. 0.	
	Eildred "	\$20. 16. 0.	
	Alelaide "	\$20. 16. 0.	
	Vera "	\$20. 16. 0.	\$33. 4. 0.
Mr. G. Bowles	William Bowles	\$20. 16. 0.	\$20. 16. 0.
Mr. Aldridge	Bertie Aldridge	\$9. 1. 4.	
	Risel "	\$20. 16. 0.	\$30. 1. 4.

T O O B E C R E E N.

Mr. A. Earle	Tui Earle	\$22. 6. 0.	
	Pat. "	\$22. 6. 0.	
	David "	\$20. 16. 0.	\$65. 8. 0.
Mr. A. Stevensen	Thora Stevensen	\$22. 16. 0.	\$22. 16. 0.
Mrs. Henricksen	Neil Henricksen	\$20. 16. 0.	\$20. 16. 0.
Mr. T. Hooley	Dawn Hooley	\$20. 16. 0.	\$20. 16. 0.
Mr. J. Morris	Iona Morris	\$20. 16. 0.	\$20. 16. 0.
Mr. A. Pettersson	Alva Pettersson	\$20. 16. 0.	\$20. 16. 0.
Mr. C. Evans	Jack Evans	\$20. 16. 0.	\$20. 16. 0.
Mr. A. Evans	Denton Evans	\$20. 16. 0.	\$20. 16. 0.
Mr. W. Sedgwick	Eileen Sedgwick	\$22. 6. 0.	\$22. 6. 0.
Mr. A. Sedgwick	Marchella Aiken	\$20. 16. 0.	\$20. 16. 0.
Mrs. Scott.	Noreen Scott	\$20. 16. 0.	\$20. 16. 0.
Mr. A. Pettersson	Velma Pettersson	\$20. 16. 0.	\$22. 6. 0.
Mr. R. Reive	Dawn Reive	\$22. 6. 0.	
	Gerald "	\$15. 10. 0.	
	Terence "	\$22. 10. 0.	
	Steve "	\$22. 10. 0.	
	Basil "	\$12. 5. 0.	\$94. 11. 0.
Mr. R. Hannaford	Ivan Hannaford	\$27. 13. 8.	\$27. 13. 8.

Mr. A. Pettersson called at this Office  
ref: an account received by him for the cost  
of maintenance of his daughter Velma during  
the period she was evacuated to Goose Green.  
Mr. Pettersson states that his daughter lived  
with her Aunt in Goose Green and that he paid  
the Aunt, Mrs. D. McLeod, for such maintenance.  
The Supt. of Education states that payment was  
made to the F. Is. Co., on behalf of Mrs. D.  
McLeod, for the maintenance of Velma Pettersson  
for 267 days @ 1s/- per day, and that in view  
of Mr. Pettersson's representations this amount  
should be recovered.

I have therefore contacted Mr. K. V. Lellman  
of Darwin who has promised to make enquiries  
into the matter.



DECODE.TELEGRAM.

*From* MAGISTRATE. SOUTH GEORGIA. M.P. 130/41.

*To* HON. COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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*Despatched* : 23rd. February 19 43. *Time* : 18.00.

*Received* : 24th. February 19 43. *Time* : .....

UNNUMBERED.      *Red ink*  
Your letter of 22nd. January 130/41. Account for my child appears to have been rendered in error as he did not proceed to camp under Evacuation Scheme and all expenses in connection with his passage and maintenance have already been settled by me personally.

MAGISTRATE.

G.T.C.



# Evacuation Scheme (Repayments)

a. Perisson

6 19.

b. Harry.

2 19.

c. J. Schuck (per J. Ryan)

3 17.

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£ 13 15.

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15/3/43.

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Evacuation of Children 1942.

Charged to Advances 1942

£ 2655 4 3

Charged to M.W.E 1942

3489 16 5

Deduct Cost of A.R.P. Huts 1942

302 4 10

Deduct: O.P.R. Credits

194 15 2

Total Evacuation Charges to be dealt with in 1942

£ 5648 = 8

Special Warrant

4000 . .

Overcharge

£ 1648 = 8

Credits to Revenue during 1943

O.P.R.

£ 3 8 5

Recoveries from parents

13 15 .

Total 1943

£ 17 3 5

Stanley,

16<sup>th</sup> March 1943.

*[Signature]*

5648-0-8  
3 8 5  
£ 5651 12 3

FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO.

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Colonial Office,

Downing Street, S.W.1.

7 December, 1942.



Sir,

*Red 81.*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 69 of the 1st September forwarding a petition from J. C. Osborne regarding the refusal of the Government to permit him to bring his child into the protected area of Port Stanley.

2. I shall be glad if you will cause Mr. Osborne to be informed that I have received his petition but that I see no reason to question the action taken by the Government in this matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant,

(Sgd) OLIVER STANLEY.

GOVERNOR,

A. W. CARDINALL, ESQ., C.M.G.,  
etc., etc., etc.

130/41.

30th March,

43.

Sir,

*Red 75*  
I am directed by His Excellency to refer to your letter of the 13th August, 1942, enclosing a Petition to the Secretary of State and to inform you that a despatch on the subject was received last mail.

2. The Secretary of State desires you to be informed that he has received your Petition but sees no reason to question the action taken by the Government in the matter.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G BRADLEY  
Colonial Secretary.

J. C. Osborne, Esq.,  
STANLEY.

Extract from Secretary of State's SECRET 4 despatch  
of the 25th of February, 1943. (Original filed in S/1/43)

Downing Street,

25th February, 1943.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SECRET 4.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your secret despatch of the 2nd of January, from which I note that the evacuation scheme for children has been discontinued; I also note, with pleasure, the excellent services rendered by Mr. T. D. Evans and his assistants in connection with this scheme.

... ..

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

GOVERNOR

SIR ALLAN CARDINALL, C.M.G.,

OLIVER STANLEY.

&c.,            &c.,            &c.

DRAFT DESPATCH.

(166 A)

From the Honourable the Colonial Secretary

to His Excellency the Governor.  
(Copies to be typed usual.)

Alterations.

Draft.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your Saving telegram, No. 34 of the 4th September, 1942, and to report as follows on the final outcome of the scheme for evacuating the children from Stanley on the entry of Japan into the war.

2. As you will have gathered from my Secret despatch dated the 2nd January, I consider that the whole scheme, including the actual evacuation, the maintenance of the children on the farms and their safe return to Stanley in October was an unqualified success and reflects credit both on the officers concerned and on the people who acted as hosts for the children in the country districts.

3. The parents, as I reported in my Secret despatch of the 9th January, 1942, responded extremely well to the original proposal and there were no serious complaints subsequently. Indeed it is difficult to see where any cause for dissatisfaction could have been found. Not only were the children taken to safety at a critical time, but they were taken out and brought back without casualties in as great a degree of comfort as could be devised by the united efforts of a team of most efficient and self-sacrificing workers. During their stay of nine months on the farms the children were given

and were

Hold until we hear about our 1943 estimates

YF RB 19/5

(4) 8/1/43

(6) 5/20/41

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their homes. I have, in fact, no doubt that the psychological and physical benefits to the children of their stay in the country will have a profound effect on their future development. The only possible complaint that any parent could have (and it was barely voiced) is that their educational progress was delayed. This was, of course, one of the principal factors which induced me to bring the children back as soon as the Military situation permitted. No time at all was lost in re-opening the school, the Christmas holidays were curtailed, and the leeway is rapidly being made up.

4. The total gross cost of the scheme came to £5,645, £1645 more than the original estimate. While the final figures were still being worked out a preliminary approach was made to the parents on the 3rd November in the form of a Circular letter, a copy of which is enclosed. This was followed up by another Circular letter on the 22nd January, of which I also enclose a copy. In each case this second letter was accompanied by an account, the largest of these, for a family of six children, being for £134 and the smallest for £3.

(Red 130)  
encl.

(Red 144)  
encl.

5. I hoped that in view of the undoubted success of the scheme and the obvious benefit to the children, that the response to the appeal would be generous. The Colonial Secretary reported to me that several parents had called on him or Mr. Evans to discuss various items in their accounts. Nor was there any public expression of dissent or dissatisfaction. It was, therefore, something of a shock to find only three of the hundred

and nine parents concerned made any contributions at all and that the total sum recovered was only £13. 15s. Od. None of the parents who had discussed their accounts with Mr. Evans or the Colonial Secretary paid anything at all.

6. The method adopted for making the appeal may now, in the light of its failure, appear to have been too optimistic, but at the time there was no reason to believe that the parents would not respond, if only to show their appreciation of what had been done for their children. Indeed, even now, I find it difficult to account adequately for their failure to do so. Broadly speaking, I suppose, it is characteristic of the people. They are not, and never have been, public spirited and in all money matters they are unusually close fisted. These weaknesses are, of course, the result of environment and tradition. They are remote islanders and have been administered by a remarkably paternal Government for a hundred years. Moreover, they are very lightly taxed and until they are educated politically and gain some experience in public administration they cannot be expected to realise that there is any real connection between government expenditure and their own pockets as taxpayers.

7. Only one contributory cause of the failure of the appeal is apparent and that is an idea that the evacuation was merely a ruse to make more room in Stanley for the billeting of the garrison which subsequently arrived. This idea is not very prevalent and you will find that it is entirely without foundation. There is no doubt that the evacuation was a necessary measure.



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meanness.

I have the honour, etc.

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*Falkland Islands*



The Secretary of State for the Colonies presents his compliments to the Officer Administering the Government and has the honour to call attention to the ~~despatch~~ <sup>communication</sup> noted below to which no reply has been received.

Downing Street,

8 MAR 1943

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No.	Date	Subject
Telegram No 43	14 <sup>th</sup> March 1942	Evacuation of children Red 45. Red 1150.
Reminding Savinham No 34	14 <sup>th</sup> September 1942	

No. 170

MINUTE.

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

14th June, 19 43

From The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Superintendent of Education,  
STANLEY.

I am directed by His Excellency to repeat to you the following extract from a despatch from the Secretary of State:-

"I note that the evacuation scheme for children has been discontinued; I also note, with pleasure, the excellent services rendered by Mr. T. D. Evans and his assistants in connection with this scheme."

K. G BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

Recd 5  
5/1/43.

## Analysis of Evacuation Returns

	No.of Children.	No.of Parents.	No.of Teachers.	Date of Arrival.	Date of Return.	No.of days.	Fares.	Board.etc.	Meat.	Stores.	ages.	Freight.	Fuel.
Walker Creek.	44	4	3	7. 1.42	30. 9.42	267	£1192	85-11-0	31-4-4	852	£248	£298	£39
Darwin	40	8	2	7. 1.42	30. 9.42	266		592-19-0	189-14-4				
North Arm.	24	3	2	8. 1.42	30. 9.42	267		350-11-0	101- 8-4				
San Carlos	8	2	1	5. 1.42	10.10. 42	279		93- 8-0	31- 3-0				
Port San Carlos.	11	-	-	4. 1.42	10.10. 42	280		141- 0-0	47-10-0				
Douglas Station.	8	2	2	10.1. 42	10.10. 42	274		94-18-0	33-3 -4				
Salvador Ports.	7	4	-	10.1. 42	10.10. 42	274		65-11-0	21- 3-0				
Berkeley Sound.	3	2	-	11.1. 42	30.12. 42	354		21- 0-0	7- 0-0				
Fitzroy	2	-	-	7.1. 42	24. 9. 42	261		24-14-0	11-15-4				
Fox Bay	15	2	1	4.1. 42	29. 9. 42	269		224-12-0	65- 2-8				
Port Howard.	32	4	2	4.1. 42	28. 9. 42	268	408-17-0	124- 4-8					
Port Stephens	7	2		30.1.42	29.10. 42	273	74-16-0	24-18-0					
Chartres	5	1	1	1.2.42	27.10. 42	269	42- 2-0	14- 2-0					
Pebble Island.	3	-		5.1.42	26.10. 42	294	46-19-0	16-5-4					
	209	34	14				£1192	£2265-18-0	£718-14-4	£1100	£298	£39	£32-6-4

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October 9th.

43.

Mr. P. Sadler-Smith,  
Canley.

Dear Madam,

Yours of August 18th. received and we note what you say therein. You were told and therefore must know as well as the writer knows that you were liable for your mutton bill while on this farm. Under these circumstances we ask you to pay same without any further trouble.

Yours faithfully,

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PAINTED ISLANDS.  
No. 31.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
16th June, 1943.

Sir,

Red 140

I have the honour to refer to your Saving telegram, No. 34 of the 4th September, 1942, and to report as follows on the final outcome of the scheme for evacuating the children from Stanley on the entry of Japan into the war.

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2. As you will have gathered from my Secret despatch dated the 9th January, I consider that the whole scheme, including the actual evacuation, the maintenance of the children on the farms and their safe return to Stanley in October was an unqualified success and reflects credit on the officers concerned and on the people who acted as hosts for the children in the country districts.

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3. The parents, as I reported in my Secret despatch of the 9th January, 1942, responded extremely well to the original proposal and there were no serious complaints subsequently. Indeed it is difficult to imagine where any cause for dissatisfaction could have been found. Not only were the children taken to safety at a critical time, but they were taken out and brought back without casualties in as great a degree of comfort as could be devised by the united efforts of a team of most efficient and self-sacrificing workers. During their stay of nine months on the farm the children were given every care and affection and were extremely fit and

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
G. F. G. STANLEY, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

and happy. Many were reluctant to return to their homes. I have, in fact, no doubt that the psychological and physical benefits to the children of their stay in the country will have a profound effect on their future development. The only possible complaint that any parent could have (and it was barely voiced) is that their educational progress was delayed. This was, of course, one of the principal factors which induced me to bring the children back as soon as the Military situation permitted. No time at all was lost in re-opening the school, the Christmas holidays were curtailed, and the leeway is rapidly being made up.

4. The total gross cost of the scheme came to £5,645, £1,645 more than the original estimate. While the final figures were still being worked out a preliminary approach was made to the parents on the 3rd of November in the form of a Circular letter, a copy of which is enclosed. This was followed up by another Circular letter on the 22nd January, of which I also enclose a copy. In each case this second letter was accompanied by an account, the largest of these, for a family of six children, being for £134 and the smallest for £5.

5. I hoped that in view of the undoubted success of the scheme and the obvious benefit to the children, that the response to the appeal would be generous. The Colonial Secretary reported to me that several parents had called on him or Mr. Evans to discuss various items in their accounts. Nor was there any public expression of dissent or dissatisfaction. It was, therefore, something of a shock to find that in the event only three of the hundred and nine parents concerned made any contributions at all and that the total sum recovered was only £13. 15s. None of the parents who had discussed their accounts with Mr. Evans or the Colonial Secretary paid anything at all.

6. The method adopted for making the appeal may now, in the light of its failure, appear to have been too optimistic, but at the time there was no reason to believe that the parents would not respond, if only to show/

show their appreciation of what had been done for their children. Indeed even now, I find it difficult to account adequately for their failure to do so. Broadly speaking, I suppose, it is characteristic of the people. They are not, and never have been, public spirited and in all money matters they are unusually close fisted. These weaknesses are, of course, the result of environment and tradition. They are remote islanders and have been administered by a remarkably paternal Government for a hundred years. Moreover, they are very lightly taxed and until they are educated politically and gain some experience in public administration they cannot be expected to realise that there is any real connection between government expenditure and their own pockets as taxpayers.

7. Only one contributory cause of the failure of the appeal is apparent and that is an idea that the evacuation was merely a ruse to make room in Stanley for the billeting of the garrison which subsequently arrived. This idea is not very prevalent and you know that it is entirely without foundation, but there is no doubt that quite a number of parents have found in this malicious lie a convenient justification for their own meanness.

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

(Sgd.) A. W. CARDINALL

P.S. I enclose a Schedule showing in detail how the total expenditure of £5,645 was incurred.



18/8/43

No 7 Allardyce St<sup>172</sup>  
Port Stanley  
F.I.

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your account for meat consumed by me, during my stay at your farm as an evacuee, or rather as an helper with evacuee children, although four of them were my own, I was informed by Mr J. Evans that he wanted all the help he could get with the children, so he said you can go to the cadets cottage at Port Howard with your gun and two others, as the people at the big house are willing to take a few children providing there was a woman to look after them, as Mrs Gladell would have no time to look after them, and I think I done my bit, so I think the Govt would have had to pay a woman as well as keep her, if it had been anyone else but me, I therefore think I earned my food but if the firm cannot afford to pay my meat bill, I should present it to the Govt as it was their responsibility sending the children away, Mrs Shackel did

not pay a meat bill, but Mrs Bernstein did be-  
cause she asked to go to your house, hoping  
you will see my point of view, I am

Yours faithfully  
C. Sadler-Smith

To/ The Manager

Port Howard

West Falkland Islands

January 8th. 1944.

Sir,

We have had a lot of trouble endeavouring to obtain cash amounting to 34-9-4. for mutton supplied to Mrs. P. Sadler-Smith of No. 7 Allardyce St. Stanley, while staying on this farm during the evacuation period. She was told she would be charged 4d. per day for meat etc. and my firm expect it paid.

Trusting you will take the matter up for us. We enclose some correspondence on the matter.

We are

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

The Stipendiary Magistrate,  
Stanley.

*W. B. Roll Evans*

General Manager James Lovegrove Waldron Ltd

H. C. S.

Forwarded in accor.  
Please with our comms.

Dan-Loan.

24-1-44.

P. C.  
May.

Copy to C.I/c Treasury for information.  
" Mrs P. Sadler Smith "

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26th January,

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter to the  
Magistrate of the 8th January and to inform you that I  
have instructed the Treasury to pay the account of  
£4. 9s. 4d. for meat supplied to Mrs P. Sadler-Smith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

Manager,  
Port Howard,  
WEST FALKLAND.

Excerpt from Minute received from O.I.C., Treasury of 21. 6. 45.

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I have the honour to inform you that the following items are on deposit in this Office and I would be glad to receive your instructions with a view to clearing them off the Books :-

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(4) Evacuation Scheme £13. 15s. 0d. Amount repaid by parents and placed on deposit. Red 157 in C.S. 130/41 refers.

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(Sgd) E. F. Lellman,  
Officer-in-Charge.

22nd June,

45.

The Officer-in-Charge,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Treasury,  
STANLEY.

With reference to your Minute of 21st June, kindly disburse of the outstanding deposits referred to as follows :-

- (1) £71. 12. 5d. levy on export of sheep. Pay to Falkland Islands Company for disbursement;
- (2) 1d. provisioning of R.N. Bridge. Credit to revenue IX/3.
- (3) £21. 10s. 3d. balance of subscription for R.N.B. - Pay to R.N.B. to be used at his discretion as necessities for the hospital.
- (4) £13. 15s. 0d. refund of expenses by parents of evacuated children. credit to revenue IX/3.
- (5) & (6) £20. balance of subscriptions for dependants of River Plate action. 25. 5s. cigarettes for wounded in the River Plate casualties. Also for the dependants of River Plate casualties. Please pay these sums to the Base Supply Officer informing him of the purpose for which the money was subscribed and asking him to forward the total to the R. N. Benevolent Fund for distribution accordingly.

- (7) 4. Ss. 23. Receiver of Wrecks. This should be retained on deposit, the title of the entry being altered to "Wreck and Casualty Fund" (Ordinance, No. 3 of 1995 section 23). It is not worth opening a separate fund for the amount for such a small amount.

K. G. BRADLEY  
Colonial Secretary.



# Schedule.

Particulars of Service.	To be charged to		£	s.	d.
	Head.	Sub-Head.			
To cover cost of evacuation of children from Stanley.	1001 Military War Ex.	11 Civil Defence, Evacuation of Children	2000	-	-

Signature of the Officer  
submitting the Schedule  
for Warrant.

*[Signature]*  
For Financial Secretary.

Date 12th. September. 1942.

(Special warrants are to be prepared in triplicate. One copy to be filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary, one in the Treasury, and one to be furnished to the Audit).

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No. \_\_\_\_\_

## SPECIAL WARRANT.

Governor.

Date 19

TO THE HONOURABLE

THE TREASURER.

Whereas it has become necessary, in the interests of the Public service, to incur certain Expenditure, not sufficiently<sup>a</sup> provided for in the Estimates, as set forth in the subjoined Schedule,<sup>b</sup> in anticipation<sup>c</sup> of a vote of the Legislature<sup>d</sup> and of the approval of the Secretary of State:—

a. to remain only in case of an excess on a vote.

b to be struck out if complete authority has been obtained c or d if either partial authority has been obtained.

You are hereby, on my personal responsibility, authorized and required to pay from the Treasury the sum of Two Thousand Pounds — Shillings and — Pence and to charge it to the Heads and Sub-heads of the Expenditure specified in the Schedule.

And for so doing, this, together with the proper Accounts, Certificates and Acquittances, shall be your sufficient warrant and discharge.