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NAVAL & MILITARY
(Misc.)

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 35/45.

WAR/W2H/9#2

19 45.

Secretary of State.

SUBJECT.

19 45.

28th April.

V E DAY - PROCEDURE

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Y.E.

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Y.K.
Do you wish to take action on (77)?

LB
25/8/45

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No. I think I have checked every one
- or haven't I?
yes (uu) & (bb).
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112. Gazette Notice, No. 52 of 28th August, 1945.
113. List of expenses for Victory Celebration of 15th & 16th August.
114. Telegram No. 243 from S. of S. of 7-9-45
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TELEGRAM.

No. 95.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 28th April, 19 45. Time: 2110.

Received: 29th April, 19 45. Time: 1030.

IMPORTANT. Circular, No. 52. Secret.

With reference to my telegram, No. 38 Circular Confidential.
Cessation of hostilities in Europe.

Following is for Confidential information of yourself and your Chief Official Advisers personally to assist you in planning your local arrangements. It is not intended to signify any immediate imminence of event, and does not repeat not authorise any publicity.

2. Consideration has been given to plans for the celebration of the end of hostilities if this occurs as a result of an Armistice or general surrender of the German Forces in all European theatres.
3. (1) The B.B.C. will inform the public that an important announcement will be made by the Prime Minister at a stated time. Parliament, if not sitting, will be specially summoned, on whatever day of the week the announcement is to be made, herein after referred to as VE Day.
- (2) At the stated hour on VE Day the Prime Minister will announce on the wireless that hostilities in Europe have ceased.
- (3) The Prime Minister will repeat in the House of Commons the announcement previously made by him on the wireless. The House of Commons will then adjourn for a Thanks-Giving Service in St. Margarets. Similar arrangements generally for the House of Lords.
- (4) During the evening of VE Day H.M. the King will broadcast to the Nation and Empire.
- (5) On a later day possibly the day following the Day, the Prime Minister will make a broadcast speech.
- (6) About one week after VE Day both Houses of Parliament will present a loyal addresses to H.M. the King.
- (7) The ringing of the bells throughout the Country will be encouraged. Flood lighting will be encouraged on VE Day.
- (8) H.M. the King will be advised to announce his wish that the Sunday following VE Day be observed as a day of Thanks-Giving. If VE Day should fall on a Thursday or Friday or Saturday these services of Thanks-Giving will be held on the next Sunday but one.
- (9) Local Authorities will be asked to organize local Victory Parades on Thanks-Giving Sunday.
- (10) VE Day and the following day will not be proclaimed as Bank Holidays. Banks will be open for normal hours on VE Day and until noon on the following day.
- (11) Workers in distributive trades (especially in Food distribution) and in Public Transport will be strongly urged to remain at work on VE Day and the following day on the understanding that arrangements will be made

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TELEGRAM.

From

To

Despatched : 19 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

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give them compensating holiday later.

(12) All but a limited number of Post Offices will be closed on VE Day and the following day.

4. Above plans may require modification if hostilities end not repeat not as mentioned in Paragraph 2 above but by the declaration that organised enemy resistance has ceased.

5. I shall of course give you as long notice as possible of VE Day but it may not be more than a few hours before the event.

6. It is at present contemplated that the procedure outlined in my Circular Telegram, No. 38 should not repeat not be brought into operation until the Prime Minister's second broadcast speech, see Paragraph 3 (5) above.

7. Decision as to Public Service Holidays in the United Kingdom on VE or subsequent days not yet taken but not unlikely VE and the next following day will be Holidays. I will telegraph further when this is settled. In the Colonies where services of civilian establishments are employed, local arrangements affecting Civil Servants Holidays on VE or subsequent days will in any case need to be a matter for local consultation and agreement with the Services representatives.

8. I send this telegram to give you the impression of the plans being prepared here so that you may be ready with suitable local arrangements as far as possible in general conformity with the United Kingdom of United Kingdom.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

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65405. From The Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor. M.P. No. 35/45.

Despatched: 29th April, 1945. Time: 1818.

Received: 30th April, 1945. Time: 1030.

Red 1
IMPORTANT. Circular No. 53 Secret.

Warning referred to in Paragraph 5 will be communicated to you in en clair telegram containing single code word MOUSETRAP followed by the date and time at which the announcement referred to in Paragraph 3 (2) of my Circular telegram, No. 52 will be made. Time will be stated in 24 hour system double British Summer Time.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.



From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched: 1st May, 1945. Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

No. 35. Following for your personal information. In the event of the formal ending of hostilities in Europe of which the first intimation to you may be a broadcast by the Prime Minister an immediate Session of the Legislative Council will resolve to send a telegram to His Majesty the text of which will be sent to you for publication together with the text of a broadcast by His Excellency. "Ve" Day and day following will be proclaimed holidays here suggest you close offices also. If message comes at week end Monday and Tuesday will be holidays. No other action seems necessary by you. Instructions will follow regarding progressive repeal of Defence Regulations.

NAVAL CYPHER.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SECRETARIAT,

PORT STANLEY,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL.

1st May, 1945.

Dear Gibbs,
Dear Hamilton,
Dear Kinnear,

Preparation for "Ve" Day is under consideration and although we do not know when hostilities will cease in Europe I thought you would like to know now something about the plans which are being made in so far as they affect you.

Immediately after the announcement is received arrangements will be made for the holding of a Special Session of the Legislative Council either on that same day or on the following day. The purpose of this Session will be to make a Resolution to send a telegram to His Majesty. I might not be able to give you more than a few hours notice of the Meeting and thought it advisable to warn you. After the close of the Meeting the Governor will be going to the Church and some of the Members might like to accompany him. The official thanksgiving service will be on a special day. It is also the intention to close the Public Offices for the remainder of "Ve" Day and the day after unless the announcement comes at a week end in which case the Offices would probably be closed on the Monday and Tuesday.

You will understand, of course, that there may be no "Ve" Day if hostilities drag on in Europe without any formal end. If this happens different arrangements will be made.

I should be glad if you would keep this information entirely to yourself in order to avoid the start of false rumours as to the imminence of the end of the war in Europe.

Hon. G. Kinnear, M.D., M.C.P. & S., Yours sincerely,
Dr. the Hon. J. G. Gibbs, M.Agr.Sc., Ph.D., Dip. Agr.,
Dr. the Hon. J. E. Hamilton, D.Sc., F.L.S., F.Z.S., F.R.G.S.,
STANLEY.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 13.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 30th April,

19 45. Time: 2245.

Received: 1st May,

19 45. Time: 1030.

Red 1
IMPORTANT. Circular, No. 54. Secret. My telegram, No. 52 Circular.
Paragraph 7.

So far as Government factories and Government services are concerned, VE day irrespective of hour at which announcement referred to in my telegram Circular, No. 52 paragraph 3 (2) is made together with day immediately following will be regarded as days of paid holidays. Schools will also have holiday for those 2 days.

2. If end of hostilities with Germany is announced at any time on a Saturday or Sunday intention is that work generally should be resumed on following Tuesday.

3. While it will not be possible to release all Government employees from duty during this holiday every endeavour will be made to restrict the number required to be on duty to Minimum necessary for maintenance of essential services and those who will be required to attend will be instructed as early as possible in advance. Arrangements for compensatory holiday (see paragraph 3 (11) of my Circular telegram 52) should be on generous lines.

4. In addition holiday on VE Day and day following it is considered there will probably be a desire throughout industry to give expression to feeling of common effort that has carried us through strenuous years of war by setting aside at a date to be determined according to local circumstances, a day of holiday at individual factories. Workers in Government factories and establishments will therefore be given an additional day of paid holiday at some later date the actual date being determined by local circumstances.

5. Arrangements described above apply Government services in United Kingdom. Question of arrangements in United Kingdom service establishments overseas is being considered separately by service departments. So far as Colonial Government service is concerned I hope that it will be possible for arrangements to be made for local holidays general on the lines of United Kingdom plans but I recognise that precise arrangements must depend on local circumstances.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Magistrate, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 2nd May. 19 45. *Time :* 2020.

Received : 4th May, 19 45. *Time :* 1030.

Red 3

No. 45. Your telegram No. 35. Grateful if you could inform me whether there will be any celebration in Stanley at Government expense such as public dance.

MAGISTRATE.

DECODE.

No. 55.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 2nd May, 1945. *Time :* 2000.

Received : 4th May, 1945. *Time :* 1030.

Recd

Circular No. 57. CONFIDENTIAL. My telegram No. 52 Circular.

Cessation of hostilities in Europe. You are probably aware that arrangements outlined have now been published here. No objection therefore to announcement of local arrangements.

The King will broadcast at 2100 hours Double British Summer Time on Ve Day.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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M.P. No. 35/45.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 4th May, 19 45. *Time :* 0130.

Received : 4th May, 19 45. *Time :* 1030.

Circular Unnumbered. May 3rd. With reference to my telegram No. 56 Circular. Reference to paragraph 3 (b) of my telegram No. 52 Circular should be paragraph 3 (6) repeat (6).

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

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No. 115.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 4th May, 19 45. *Time :* 0140.

Received : 4th May, 19 45. *Time :* 1030.

Recd.

IMPORTANT. Circular No. 59. SECRET. With reference to my telegram No. 52 Secret. Cessation of hostilities in Europe. Second sentence of paragraph 3 (8) repeat 3 (8) should be deleted.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.TELEGRAM.*From* The Secretary of State for the Colonies.*To* His Excellency the Governor.*Despatched :* 4th May, 1945. *Time :* 1930.*Received :* 5th May, 1945. *Time :* 1030.Circular No. 60. CONFIDENTIAL. Cessation of hostilities in Europe

Following is form of a prayer prepared for use in churches in the United Kingdom on Sunday following V-E Day. Begins:-

O Eternal God, the Disposer and Judge of Nations, bless thy Holy Name for the steadfast support of all communities of the Commonwealth and Empire who have joined with us against the enemy; we remember with thanksgiving that with one purpose and will they stood together to resist the tyrant and oppressor and with one heart and mind fought that freedom and justice might not perish from the Earth. We give thanks for their valour and for manifold benefits which we enjoyed through counsel, support and sacrifice of their governments and peoples. We pray that thy blessings may rest upon all the Nations and lands over which thou hast called thy servant George to be King, so that with steadfast minds we may in harmony and fellowship fulfill thy righteous purposes and promote good of all men. O Lord save thy people and thine inheritance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Ends.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 5th May, 19 45. Time :

Received : 19 ... Time :

No. 39. Your telegram No. 45. No.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G.T.C.

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N O T I C E.

VE (VICTORY IN EUROPE) DAY.

The first announcement to be received in the Colony of the cessation of hostilities in Europe will be a broadcast by the Prime Minister on the Overseas services of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

2. His Majesty the King will broadcast at 3.0 p.m. local sun time. Both these broadcasts will be relayed in Stanley.

3. All public offices will be closed from the time of the Prime Minister's announcement for the remainder of VE Day and on the day following.

4. As soon as can conveniently be arranged after His Majesty's Broadcast a Special Session of the Legislative Council will be held, after which His Excellency will be attending a short informal service in the Cathedral. The times for these will be announced later. (VE+1) 11.0 a.m.

5. His Excellency will broadcast to the people at 7.0 p.m. local sun time. (VE+1)

6. On the Sunday following VE Day a Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Cathedral at 11.0 a.m. at which representatives of the armed forces, Civil Defence Services and the Boys Brigade will attend.

7. A victory parade will be held on a later date.

Kenneth Bradby
Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
STANLEY.
5th May, 1945.

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TELEGRAM.

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From The Colonial Secretary

To The Hon. R. C. Pole-Evans, Port Howard.

Despatched : 5th May, 1945. *Time* :...

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

A special session of Legislative Council will take place on VE day or day after at which a resolution will be moved that Council should send a telegram of loyalty and gratitude for victory to His Majesty. Text will be telegraphed to you. Other arrangements telegraphed Fox Bay for publication

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

EN CLAIR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

M.P. 35/45.

From Colonial Secretary.

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched: 5th May, 1945. Time:...

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

No. 40. My telegram, No. 35. Programme for VE day may now be published. His Majesty will broadcast 2100 hours Double British Summer time on VE Day.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

EN CLAIR.

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TELEGRAM.

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From Colonial Secretary.

To Operator, Fox Bay and Port San Carlos.

Despatched : 5th May, 19 45. Time : ...

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

Following is text of Notice issued here today. Begins.

The first announcement to be received in the Colony of the cessation of hostilities in Europe will be a broadcast by the Prime Minister on the Overseas services of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

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4. As soon as can conveniently be arranged after His Majesty's Broadcast a Special Session of the Legislative Council will be held, after which His Excellency will be attending a short informal service in the Cathedral. The times for these will be announced later.

5. His Excellency will broadcast to the people at 7.0 p.m. local sun time.

6. On the Sunday following VE Day a Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Cathedral at 11.0 a.m. at which representatives of the armed forces, Civil Defence Services and the Boys Brigade will attend.

7. A victory parade will be held on a later date. Ends.

Please inform Westers.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

EN CLAIR.

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TELEGRAM.

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From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 4th May, 1945. *Time :* 1910.

Received : 7th May. 1945. *Time :* 1030.

Circular No. 61. Cessation of hostilities in Europe.

Following for information and guidance. H. M. the King has commanded that flags be hoisted on Government buildings immediately after the first official announcement by the Prime Minister that hostilities in Europe have ceased and for them to remain hoisted for the rest of that day.

Flags will be flown and the following day also.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
33	Fox Bay	25		6.5.45
To				
Colonial Secretary		Stanley		

Kindly inform His Excellency your telegram of 5th greatly appreciated
 Stop alixaxakity Loyalty from west is conveyed in this message.
 Pole Evans

Time

18
7th May, 1945.

The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
STANLEY.

A Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Cathedral at 11.0 a.m. on Sunday next. His Excellency suggests that a representative party of the Navy should attend and eighteen seats are being reserved accordingly.

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

7th May, 1945.

Sir,

As you are aware a Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Cathedral at 11.0. a.m. on Sunday. Seats will be reserved for members of Councils and their wives.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

Hon. G. Kinnear, ✓
Hon. J. G. Gibbs, ✓
Hon. D. W. Roberts, ✓
Hon. V. A. H. Biggs, ✓
Hon. J. E. Hamilton, ✓
STANLEY.

Woodgate

7th May, 1945.

Sir,

As you are aware a Thanksgiving Service is being held in the Cathedral at 11.0. a.m. on Sunday. His Excellency hopes that you will also be able to hold a similar service in your church on that day.

Yours sincerely,

C. G. BRADLEY

Rev. W. F. McManan,
STANLEY.

Rev. H. Drumm,
STANLEY.

7th May, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Gibbs,

A Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Cathedral at 11.0. a.m. on Sunday next. His Excellency suggests that your Canteen workers should attend and 12 seats are being reserved accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. J. G. Gibbs,
STANLEY.

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7th May, 1945.

The Officer Commanding,
1st Falkland Islands Company,
The Boys' Brigade,
STANLEY.

A Thanksgiving Service will be held in the
Cathedral at 11.0. p.m. on Sunday next. His
Excellency suggests that the Boys' Brigade should
attend. Forty seats are being reserved accordingly.

Colonial Secretary.

7th May, 1945.

Sir,

A Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Cathedral at 11.0. a.m. on Sunday next. His Excellency suggests that a representative party of the Merchant Navy should attend and five seats are being reserved accordingly.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

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

7th May, 1945.

The Controller,
Civil Defence,
ST. LUCIA.

A Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Cathedral at 11.0. am on Sunday next. His Excellency suggests that a representative party of the Civil Defence Services should attend and eighteen seats are being reserved accordingly.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

7th May, 1945.

The Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
ST JULEY.

A Thanksgiving service will be held in the
Cathedral at 11.0 a.m. on Sunday next. His Excellency
suggests that a representative party of the Defence
Force should attend and eighteen seats are being
reserved accordingly.

R. M. CHADLEY.
Colonial Secretary.

7th May, 1945.

The Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Force,
STANLEY.

A Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Cathedral at 11.0 a.m. on Sunday next. His Excellency suggests that a representative party of the Falkland Islands Force should attend and eighteen seats are being reserved accordingly.

Colonial Secretary.

8th May, 1945.

The Officer Commanding,
Force 132,
SPANLEY.

On the occasion of the cessation of hostilities in Europe I should be grateful if you would convey to all the officers and men under your command a message from myself and everyone in the Falkland Islands expressing our heartfelt gratitude to the British army, for the magnificent part which it has played throughout the last five years and our joy at the overwhelming success which has been won. We know beyond doubt that full victory must, with God's continued aid, come soon. Until then our prayers and wishes will be with you, wherever you may be.

(Sgd.) A. W. CARDINAL

Governor.

8/3/45.

The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
STANLEY.

I should be grateful if you would convey to the Commander-in-Chief, South Atlantic, a message from myself and everyone in the Falkland Islands and their Dependencies congratulating him and, through him, the Royal Navy on the overwhelming success achieved in Europe and due so largely to their heroic efforts throughout the past terrific years. We know beyond all doubt that full victory must, with God's continued aid, come soon. Until then our prayers and our wishes are with you.

(Sd) A. W. CARDINALL

Governor.

VE (Victory in Europe) Day.

Public Offices will be closed tomorrow (Tuesday) and also on Wednesday.

There will be a special joint session of the Executive and Legislative Councils on Wednesday morning at 11.0 a.m. This meeting is not expected to last more than a quarter of an hour and afterwards His Excellency will attend a short service in the Cathedral. His Excellency will broadcast to the people at 7.0 p.m. on Wednesday evening.

The Thanksgiving service will be held in the Cathedral next Sunday morning at 11.0 a.m. as previously announced.

Kenneth Broad Cey
Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
STANLEY.
7th May, 1945.

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Office of
The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
Falklands.

8th May, 1945.

Your Excellency,

I have great pleasure in forwarding your message of congratulations to the Commander-in-Chief. I wish also to thank you on behalf of the personnel of the Royal Navy under my command for your kind message and for the expression of your confidence in our early success in the stern struggle that lies before us in the Far East.

I enclose a message which I have this day received from the Commander-in-Chief as it expresses so fully what we are all feeling on this notable day.

R. J. G. Giblin

Commander, Royal Navy.
Naval Officer-in-Charge.

His Excellency The Governor,
Government House,
Stanley.

S. 1320h.
(Established—October, 1935)NAVAL MESSAGE.

TO:

S. ATLANTIC STATION.

FROM:

C-in-C S.A.

Today is a day on which we should offer our humble thanks to the Almighty, our gratitude to our Comrades who have given their lives or their health in the struggle, our sympathy to those who have lost relatives and loved ones in the common cause, and our congratulations to ourselves that we have been permitted to play some part in this success. But chiefly it should be a day of rededication of ourselves and all we have to God and our Country that we may do our utmost to see that the work begun by the victory in Europe is utterly completed in the East.

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Head Quarters

Force 132

Stanley

8 May 45

His Excellency

The Governor.

Sir.

on behalf of all ranks of Force 132

I have the honour to thank Your Excellency for your inspiring message on the occasion of this great and glorious Victory in Europe.

To You Sir as His Majesty's Representative and as our Commander-in-Chief I would address the deep gratitude of myself and the officers and men I have the honour to command for the heart felt support you and the good people of The Falkland Islands have given us at all times and for your prayers and wishes for the still arduous future.

Long may you prosper Sir, You and The People here.

God Save The King.

Al Mombu.

H. Col. R.A.

Commanding Force 132.

St Mary's (32)
Stanley
Mar 8 1945

The Hon Col Secretary

Dear Mr Bradley in
reply to your kind
notification, I intend to
have a thanksgiving
Service at 11.00 A.M. on Sunday
in accordance with the wishes
of His Excellency.

Yours sincerely

H. F. Drummond

S. 1320b.

NAVAL MESSAGE.

Revised
December, 1935.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 7th May, 1945. *Time :* 1645.

Received : 8th May, 1945. *Time :* 1030.

MOST IMMEDIATE. CIRCULAR. TOP SECRET & PERSONAL. 7th May.

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Please stand by from now onwards in case announcement referred to in paragraph 3 (2) of my Circular Telegram No. 52 should have to be made at very short notice.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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DECODE.

No. 20.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 27th May, 19 45. *Time :* 9028.

Received : 8th May, 19 45. *Time :* 1030.

Circular No. 63. Mousetrap. 8th May 1500 hours

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SECRETARY OF STATE?

● DECODE.

No. 27.

TELEGRAM.

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From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 8th May, 19 45. *Time :* 2116.

Received : 9th May, 19 45. *Time :* 1030.

MOST IMMEDIATE. Circular No. 64. My immediately following telegram contains the text of the message from myself to all the Colonies. Message may be published any time after midnight of the 8th/9th May, Double British Summer Time.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.TELEGRAM.*From* Secretary of State for the Colonies.*To* His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 8th May, 19 45. Time: 2200.

Received: 9th May, 19 45. Time: 1030.

MOST IMMEDIATE. Circular No. 65. My immediately preceding telegram, following is the text of the message, begins.

The utter defeat and unconditional surrender of Germany brings to an end one phase of a war which threatened the very existence of the British Commonwealth. We have not emerged unscathed. Many brave lives have been lost, our resources have been poured out regardless of cost, we have suffered great material destruction. But in spirit we are stronger than ever. Hardship and danger of war reveals hidden reserves of fortitude and endurance; we have discovered again the virtue and value of comradeship and unity. Above all we have learned how much we depend on each other.

In all its infinite variety of races, breeds and circumstances, the British Commonwealth has revealed a unity of spirit, an unstinting devotion of effort and resources to the common cause of security, the rules of law against the spirit of aggression and the peoples of the Colonial Empire can reflect with just and well earned pride on their contribution to our common and historic victory. You have borne hardships and sacrifices. You have given generously in personal efforts and in material resources of your lands. Many have given devoted service in His Majesty's Forces on sea, on land and in the air in their homeland in far distant seas and fields. To others has fallen the less spectacular but none the less vital work of sustaining the fighting men by their work at home. To all I send my greetings and heartfelt congratulations.

Germany is beaten but we must not forget that our fighting men of the Colonial Empire are still engaged in the Far East and this should also remind us that our task is not yet fully accomplished. This is no time for relaxing our efforts. We have still to purge and cleanse the Far East and rescue our people there from a long and cruel captivity. Let us therefore pause but briefly to give thanks and turn with our Allies in good heart and in overwhelming strength to destroy the aggressive power of Japan.

And as we give thanks, let us pray that the spirit of unity and common purpose which has served us so well in the war may remain to fortify us for the task that lies ahead.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

R E S O L U T I O N.

The Executive and Legislative Councils, met in Joint Session on the occasion of the cessation of hostilities in Europe, resolve that the following telegram should be sent to the Secretary of State for submission to His Majesty the King :-

"We, the representatives of the Government and people of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies, met this day in special Joint Session of the Executive and Legislative Councils, wish to convey to His Majesty the King our humble duty and our heartfelt congratulations on this most outstanding victory of his arms, and our hope that, with God's blessing, final success over his remaining enemies may be near at hand. At the moment our hearts are so filled with thanksgiving that we are unable to give full expression to our feelings, but we should like to assure His Majesty that they are as deeply loyal as those of any of his other subjects".

S. 1320h.
(Established—October, 1935)

NAVAL MESSAGE.

To:

FROM:

NOIC FALKLANDS

C-in-C S.A.

Please convey my thanks on behalf of the Royal Navy in the South Atlantic to His Excellency The Governor for his generous message. It has been in the past and will continue to be the Royal Navy's privilege with Gods aid to safeguard the seas that serve the gallant people of our island homes.

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DECODE.TELEGRAM.*From* His Excellency the Governor.*To* Secretary of State for the Colonies.*Despatched :* 9th May, 1945. *Time :**Received :* 19 ... *Time :*

IMPORTANT. No. 131. I should be grateful if the following resolution passed to-day at a joint meeting of the Executive and Legislative Councils of this Colony could be submitted to His Majesty. Text begins :-

We, the representatives of the Government and people of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies, met this day in Special Joint Session of the Executive and Legislative Councils, wish to convey to His Majesty the King our humble duty and our heartfelt congratulations on this most outstanding victory of his arms, and our hope that, with God's blessing, final success over his remaining enemies may be near at hand. At the moment our hearts are so filled with thanksgiving that we are unable to give full expression to our feelings, but we should like to assure His Majesty that they are as deeply loyal as those of any of his other subjects. Ends.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 9th May, 1945. *Time :*

Received : 19 ... *Time :*

No. 41. The following resolution was passed at a Joint Session of Executive and Legislative Councils this morning, begins :-

We, the representatives of the Government and people of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies, met this day in special Joint Session of the Executive and Legislative Councils, wish to convey to His Majesty the King our humble duty and our heartfelt congratulations on this most outstanding victory of his arms, and our hope that, with God's blessing, final success over his remaining enemies may be near at hand. At the moment our hearts are so filled with thanksgiving that we are unable to give full expression to our feelings, but we should like to assure His Majesty that they are as deeply loyal as those of any of his other subjects. Ends.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G.T.E.

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To POLE EVANS
PORT HOWARD REPEATED TO FOX BAY. FOR WESTERS.

YOUR TELEGRAM WAS READ BY HIS EXCELLENCY AT A JOINT SESSION OF EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS THIS MORNING AT WHICH THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PASSED BEGINNING :-

WE, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE COLONY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND ITS DEPENDENCIES, MET THIS DAY IN SPECIAL JOINT SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, WISH TO CONVEY TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING OUR HUMBLE DUTY AND OUR HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS MOST OUTSTANDING VICTORY OF HIS ARMS, AND OUR HOPE THAT, WITH GOD'S BLESSING, FINAL SUCCESS OVER HIS REMAINING ENEMIES MAY BE NEAR AT HAND STOP AT THE MOMENT OUR HEARTS ARE SO FILLED WITH THANKSGIVING THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE FULL EXPRESSION TO OUR FEELINGS, BUT WE SHOULD LIKE TO ASSURE HIS MAJESTY THAT THEY ARE AS DEEPLY LOYAL AS THOSE OF ANY OF HIS OTHER SUBJECTS STOP ENDS.

ISSUED.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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To

TAYLOR,
BASE D.

H.O. A/c

I RECEIVED WITH GREAT APPRECIATION YOUR TELEGRAM OF THE 3TH MAY STOP
I WAS GLAD TO READ IT TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE AND
LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS TODAY MORN AND SO PARTICULARLY TO ASSOCIATE YOU
AND YOUR COMRADES WITH THE RESOLUTION WHICH THE COUNCILS PASSED STOP
THE WENT OF THIS RESOLUTION WAS AS FOLLOWS :- BEGINS

WE, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE
COLONY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND ITS DEPENDENCIES, MET THIS DAY IN
SPECIAL JOINT SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, WISH
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CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS MOST OUTSTANDING VICTORY OF HIS ARMS, AND
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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ GOVERNOR

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

10th May, 1945.

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

With the ending of the war in Europe there seems to me a good opportunity to thank you and through you everyone in the Civil Service of this Country for your great loyalty to me. You have never failed me; you have always responded when called upon; I am proud to have had the privilege of commanding so praise-worthy a staff.

A. G. L. L. L.

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

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10th May

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From

O.C. 792.7

To Hon Colonial Secretary
Stanley

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have arranged that a representative party of the 792.7 will attend the Cathedral on Sunday next. I should be glad if you would arrange for twenty seats instead of eighteen as stated

R Greenhill
Mayor

10th May, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton,

Now that half of the war is over we can pause a moment and look backwards. I do so now.

I am full of admiration for what you and all the members of the Society have done for the Red Cross and I hope soon to be able to address you personally at one of your meetings. Your work continues and I feel certain that your efforts will in no way be relaxed but continue to the full.

Yours sincerely,

President.

Mrs. J. E. Hamilton,
Chairman,
F.12. Branch of the Red Cross Society,
STANLEY.

10th May, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Robson,

I am writing to you as Secretary of the Canteen Committee and would ask you to convey to the Committee and all workers in the Canteen my great appreciation for the work you have done. It has been a long tiring time for you and you must have had many difficulties to overcome. I give you my thanks not only as Governor but also as Commander-in-Chief.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. Robson,
Secretary,
Canteen Committee,
STANLEY.

10th May, 1945.

Dear Dr. Kinneard,

I have addressed the whole Civil Service through the Colonial Secretary but on this great occasion of Victory I should like particularly to thank you and your staff, the V.A.D. and other workers for what you have done. It is sometimes forgotten here that you were always ready and prepared to meet the needs of healing and caring for any possible inflow of sea casualties. You did this and performed great services after the sinking of the "Oraf Spec" but all the time you have been standing by for other similar occasions and for the reception of any victims of the German pirates.

I personally have known all this and in that knowledge have been freed from great worry, so again I thank you all.

Yours very sincerely,

The Honourable
G. Kinneard,
STANLEY.

10th May, 1945.

Dear Captain Roberts,

I look upon you as representative of our great Mercantile Marine which personally I prefer to call our Merchant Navy. Therefore I write to you today to thank that Navy for its marvellous heroism and the unbelievable ~~defects of endurance~~ ^{its} and its complete disregard of danger. Without you the Empire must have fallen.

One can go on writing one's admiration for the Merchant Navy for ever but when it is all boiled down it would only amount to the single word "thanks" and these thanks come from the deepest recesses of our hearts.

Very sincerely,

Captain D. W. Roberts,
STANLEY.

10th May, 1945.

Dear Lewis,

I telephoned you yesterday and promised to write to you to convey my personal thanks for your great loyalty and devotion to duty during more than five years of unceasing watch.

Yours sincerely,

W. J. Lewis, Esq.,
Principal Keeper,
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse,
STANLEY.

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10th May, 1945.

Dear Dr. Gibbs,

The cessation of hostilities in Europe means, of course, that it is no longer necessary to continue the work of Civil Defence.

I wish, therefore, to thank you ~~for all you~~ and those in the Defence Services for your keenness and loyalty. You set an example to many and the existence of your Service gave me great comfort and freedom from worry.

When we hold our Victory Parade I hope personally to thank you all.

I should be grateful if you would cause this letter of mine to be circulated.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. the Honourable
J. G. Gibbs,
Controller of Civil Defence,
STANLEY.

DECODE.TELEGRAM.*From* His Excellency the Governor.*To* Secretary of State for the Colonies.*Despatched :* 11th May, 1945. *Time :**Received :* 19... *Time :*

No. 132. I should be grateful if you would convey to our Prime Minister the congratulations and love of the people of these islands. May God bless him for what he has done in the past and what we know he will do in the future.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 11th May, 19 45. *Time :*

Received : 19 ... *Time :*

No. 133. Many thanks for your inspiring message which I broadcast to the people last night. We here feel as if we were in a very remote backwater and far from the flood-stream of these historic events. There is little we have been able to do but we should like to assure you how proud we are to be subjects of the Ruler of our great Empire, which Empire is ever in our thoughts and prayers.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

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To

MAGISTRATE
SOUTH GEORGIA.

No. 43. FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SECRETARY OF STATE WAS BROADCAST
LOCALLY BY GOVERNOR ON 9TH MAY BEGINS:-

THE UTTER DEFEAT AND UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER OF GERMANY BRINGS TO AN END ONE PHASE OF A WAR WHICH THREATENED THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH. WE HAVE NOT EMERGED UNSCATHED. MANY BRAVE LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST, OUR RESOURCES HAVE BEEN POURED OUT REGARDLESS OF COST, WE HAVE SUFFERED GREAT MATERIAL DESTRUCTION. BUT IN SPIRIT WE ARE STRONGER THAN EVER. HARSHIP AND DANGER OF WAR REVEALS HIDDEN RESERVES OF FORTITUDE AND ENDURANCE; WE HAVE DISCOVERED AGAIN THE VIRTUE AND VALUE OF COMRADESHIP AND UNITY. ABOVE ALL WE HAVE LEARNED HOW MUCH WE DEPEND ON EACH OTHER.

IN ALL ITS INFINITE VARIETY OF RACES, BREEDS AND CIRCUMSTANCES, THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH HAS REVEALED A UNITY OF SPIRIT, AND UNSTINTING DEVOTION OF EFFORT AND RESOURCES TO THE COMMON CAUSE OF SECURITY, THE RULES OF LAW AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF AGGRESSION AND THE PEOPLES OF THE COLONIAL EMPIRE CAN REFLECT WITH JUST AND WELL EARNED PRIDE ON THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMON AND HISTORIC VICTORY. YOU HAVE BORN HARSHIPS AND SACRIFICES. YOU HAVE GIVEN GENEROUSLY IN PERSONAL EFFORTS AND IN MATERIAL RESOURCES OF YOUR LANDS. MANY HAVE GIVEN DEVOTED SERVICE IN HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES ON SEA, ON LAND AND IN THE AIR IN THEIR HOMELAND IN FAR DISTANT SEAS AND FIELDS. TO OTHERS HAS FALLEN THE LESS SPECTACULAR BUT NOT THE LESS VITAL WORK OF SUSTAINING THE FIGHTING MEN BY THEIR WORK AT HOME. TO ALL I SEND MY GREETINGS AND HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS.

THE GERMANY IS BEATEN BUT WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT OUR FIGHTING MEN OF THE COLONIAL EMPIRE ARE STILL ENGAGED IN THE FAR EAST AND THIS SHOULD ALSO REMIND US THAT OUR TASK IS NOT YET FULLY ACCOMPLISHED. THIS IS NO TIME FOR RELAXING OUR EFFORTS. WE HAVE STILL TO PURGE AND CLEANSE THE FAR EAST AND RESCUE OUR PEOPLE THERE FROM A LONG AND CRUEL CAPTIVITY.

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LET US THEREFORE PAUSE BUT BRIEFLY TO GIVE THANKS AND TURN WITH OUR ALLIES IN GOOD HEART AND IN OVERWHELMING STRENGTH TO DESTROY THE AGGRESSIVE POWER OF JAPAN.

AND AS WE GIVE THANKS, LET US PRAY THAT THE SPIRIT OF UNITY AND COMMON PURPOSE WHICH HAS SERVED US SO WELL IN THE WAR MAY REMAIN TO FORTIFY US FOR THE TASK THAT LIES AHEAD. ENDS.

2. HIS EXCELLENCY HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING REPLY BEGINS :-

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR INSPIRING MESSAGE WHICH I BROADCAST TO THE PEOPLE LAST NIGHT. WE HERE FEEL AS IF WE WERE IN A VERY REMOTE BACKWATER AND FAR FROM THE FLOODSTREAM OF THESE HISTORIC EVENTS. THERE IS LITTLE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO BUT WE SHOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU HOW PROUD WE ARE TO BE SUBJECTS OF THE RULER OF OUR GREAT EMPIRE, WHICH EMPIRE IS EVER IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. ENDS.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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To TAYLOR, OPERATOR,
BASE D. FOX BAY FOR WESTERS.

FOLLOWING TELEGRAMS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE SECRETARY OF
STATE AND GOVERNOR.

2. FROM SECRETARY OF STATE BUREAU :- THE LATEST REPORT AND
UNCONDITIONAL SUBMISSION OF GERMANY BRINGS TO AN END ONE PHASE OF A WAR
WHICH THREATENED THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH. WE
HAVE NOT BEEN WITHOUT WARNING. MANY BRAVE LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST, OUR
RESOURCES HAVE BEEN POURED OUT WITHOUT RESERVE OF COST, WE HAVE SUFFERED GREAT
MATERIAL DESTRUCTION. BUT IN SPIRIT WE ARE STRONGER THAN EVER. HARD-
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WE HAVE DISCOVERED AGAIN THE VIRTUE AND VALUE OF COMRADESHIP AND UNITY.
ABOVE ALL WE HAVE LEARNED HOW MUCH WE DEPEND ON EACH OTHER.

IN ALL ITS INFINITE VARIETY OF RACES, BREEDS AND CIRCUMSTANCES, THE
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DETAILS FINE TO OUR OWNERS AND HISTORIC VICTORY. YOU HAVE BEEN HARD-
WORKING AND CRISTIAN. YOU HAVE GIVEN GENEROUSLY IN PERSONAL SERVICES AND
BY THE USE OF YOUR SKILL OF YOUR LIVES. MANY HAVE GIVEN DEVOTED SERVICE IN
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TO ALL I SEND MY GREETINGS AND HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS.

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WE ARE GIVE FIGHTING. LET US THAT THE SPIRIT OF UNITY AND
GIVEN IT FOR THE FIGHTING HAS REMAINED US SO WELL IN THE WAR MAY REMAIN TO
A GIVE US FOR THE FIGHTING AND THAT LINE AHEAD. SEND.

3. FOR THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT :- MANY THANKS FOR YOUR INSPIRING
MESSAGE WHICH I BROUGHT TO THE PEOPLE LAST NIGHT. WE HAVE BEEN, AS IF
WE ARE IN - WITH FIGHTING BACKWATER AND FAR FROM THE BLOODSTREAM OF THE
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GIVE IT - GIVE IT TO THE FIGHTING MEN. SHOULD WE ARE TO BE BROTHERS OF THE FIGHTING MEN OF THE
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To MAGISTRATE,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

No. 42. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE TO THE CIVIL SERVICE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY AND OF MY REPLY AND OF A CIRCULAR I HAVE ADDRESSED TO ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

2. FROM HIS EXCELLENCY TO COLONIAL SECRETARY BEGINS :- WITH THE ENDING OF THE WAR IN EUROPE THERE SEEMS TO ME A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU AND THROUGH YOU EVERYONE IN THE CIVIL SERVICE OF THIS COUNTRY FOR YOUR GREAT LOYALTY TO ME. YOU HAVE NEVER FAILED ME; YOU HAVE ALWAYS RESPONDED WHEN CALLED UPON; I AM PROUD TO HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF COMMANDING SO PRAISEWORTHY A STAFF. ENDS.

3. FROM COLONIAL SECRETARY TO HIS EXCELLENCY BEGINS :- I THANK YOUR EXCELLENCY, ON BEHALF OF THE CIVIL SERVICE, FOR YOUR VERY KIND MINUTE OF YESTERDAY. WE ARE ONLY TOO CONSCIOUS OF THE RESTRICTED OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE HAD OF GIVING REAL AND ACTIVE HELP IN THE WINNING OF THE WAR IN EUROPE. WE ARE, HOWEVER, READY TO DO ANYTHING IN OUR POWER TO HELP, HOWEVER INDIRECTLY, IN DEFEATING THE JAPANESE, AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD WITH EAGERNESS TO THE CONSIDERABLE PART WE SHALL BE ABLE

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TO PLAY IN CARRYING OUT YOUR EXCELLENCY'S PROGRAMME FOR THE POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLONY WHICH WE HAVE THE HONOUR TO SERVE. ENDS.

3. CIRCULAR FROM COLONIAL SECRETARY BEGINS :- I ENCLOSE FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND THAT OF YOUR STAFF A COPY OF A MINUTE WHICH HAS BEEN ADDRESSED TO ME BY HIS EXCELLENCY, AND OF MY REPLY.

I SHOULD LIKE, ON THIS OCCASION, TO EXPRESS TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE MY OWN GRATITUDE FOR THE EFFICIENT AND NEVER FAILING COOPERATION WHICH THEY HAVE GIVEN TO ME IN EVERY WAY SINCE I CAME TO THE COLONY.

WE HAVE HAD A LIGHTER BURDEN OF STRAIN AND EXTRA WORK TO BEAR SINCE 1939 THAN OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND MANY OTHER COLONIES. I HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE HIGH STANDARD OF THE SERVICE HERE AND IT HAS BEEN A GREAT COMFORT TO ME TO KNOW THAT I COULD ALWAYS RELY ON EVERY MEMBER OF IT TO RISE WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND EFFICIENTLY TO MEET ANY OF THE POSSIBLE EMERGENCIES OF WAR. ENDS.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

11th May, 1945.

Dear Hamilton,

His Excellency asked me, in forwarding to you the enclosed copy of his minute, to add a personal message expressing his particular gratitude to you for the faithful and efficient manner in which you have carried out the duties of Chief Censor since the early days of the war.

2. The self-sacrificing way in which so many members of the Colonial Service have responded to the Secretary of State's call upon them to take on extra duties of this kind will always be a source of pride to us all.

3. As you know the Censorship cannot as yet be entirely dispensed with, but His Excellency hopes that your labours in this connection will before long be very considerably lightened.

Yours sincerely,

K. G. BRADLEY

Dr. the Honourable
J. E. Hamilton, D.Sc., F.L.S., F.Z.S., F.R.C.S.,
Chief Censor,
STANLEY.

11th May, 1945.

Dear Carr,

His Excellency asked me, in forwarding to you the enclosed copy of his minute, to add a personal message expressing his particular gratitude to you for the faithful and most efficient manner in which you have carried out the difficult and somewhat arduous duties of Competent Authority.

2. The self-sacrificing way in which so many members of the Colonial Service have responded to the Secretary of State's call upon them to take on extra duties of this kind will always be a source of pride to us all.

3. As you know, economic controls are to remain in being, and your work in this connection is by no means ended. Before long I propose to discuss your position with His Excellency and meanwhile I know you will carry on as willingly and efficiently as ever.

Yours sincerely,

K. G. BRADLEY

A. R. Carr, Esq.,
Competent Authority (Supplies),
STANLEY.

11th May, 1945.

Dear Mercer,

His Excellency asked me, in forwarding to you the enclosed copy of his minute, to add a personal message expressing his particular gratitude to you for the faithful and efficient manner in which you have carried out your duties since the early days of the war.

2. You have carried a specially heavy responsibility here because the Navy has relied on you, and I think you will be glad to know that Commander Martin paid particular tribute to your work in a speech he made shortly before his departure.

3. His Excellency has often told me of his complete reliance on your ability and knowledge, and I am personally more grateful than I can express for all the help I have received from you. I hope very much that your cherished plans for the post-war development of your department can be carried out.

Yours sincerely,

K. G. BRADLEY

A. Mercer, Esq.,
Supervisor,
Electrical & Telegraphs Department,
STANLEY.

11th May, 1945.

Your Excellency,

I thank Your Excellency, on behalf of the Civil Service, for your very kind Minute of yesterday. We are only too conscious of the restricted opportunities we have had of giving real and active help in the winning of the war in Europe. We are, however, ready to do anything in our power to help, however indirectly, in defeating the Japanese, and we are looking forward with eagerness to the considerable part we shall be able to play in carrying out Your Excellency's programme for the post-war development of the Colony which we have the honour to serve.

Colonial Secretary.

K. G. BRADLEY

His Excellency the Governor,
Government House,
STANLEY.

No. 35/45.

MINUTE.

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

11th May, 1945. (61)

To Heads of Departments,

STANLEY.

From The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

CIRCULAR.

I enclose for your information and that of your staff a copy of a Minute which has been addressed to me by His Excellency, and of my reply.

2. I should like, on this occasion, to express to all members of the service my own gratitude for the efficient and never failing cooperation which they have given to me in every way since I came to the Colony.

3. We have had a lighter burden of strain and extra work to bear since 1939 than our colleagues in the United Kingdom and many other colonies. I have, however, been impressed with the high standard of the service here and it has been a great comfort to me to know that I could always rely on every member of it to rise wholeheartedly and efficiently to meet any of the possible emergencies of war.

Kenneth Bradley
Colonial Secretary.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

In these first hours of victory you have heard and will hear much great oratory spoken by masters of that art, men of international fame who have played intimate parts in that most happy event. I feel shy in talking to you this evening because of these speeches but I do desire to take this opportunity, a half-time interval as it were, to thank you for your loyalty and steadfastness during the past years and to try and tell you somewhat of my own thoughts.

I used to think that when Germany was defeated I would wish to rejoice greatly and with much exuberance. Now the time has arrived I do not quite feel like that. Joy I have as do you; but relief and thanksgiving are greater; my heart is full of thankfulness to God and prayer for his continued help; I am humble when I regard the future and almost frightened at the magnitude of the many tasks ahead.

I expect most of you feel the same. It can hardly be otherwise for the horror and the stain of evil is everywhere. Not in the history of man have such things been; never before has the world been so near to being conquered and enslaved by human demons and satans. We rejoice and rightly so; but just across our own North Sea there lies the devastation that was Holland whilst a short distance further a land where atrocities unspeakable have taken place for nearly a decade, daily, aye, hourly, a land whose very air is foul with the stench of iniquity and whose soil is saturated with blood, not spilled in the fury of battle, but poured out from the unarmed by hordes of maniacal barbarism. Centuries ago in our litanies there was a prayer asking for safety from the "furor tentorinus" - the madness of the Germans. It could well be inserted again, serving this to recall the nation that has perpetrated those awful things and to ask for its perpetual enchainment.

I suppose it is inevitable that most of us have turned our thoughts in a religious direction more than ever during these past few days of waiting. I cannot say that mine have been very Christian as the purists have it. Rather have they wandered in the pages of the Old Testament. I found great solace and comfort in that group of psalms round Psalm CXXIV and I rejoiced in the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. In my heart I recommended to certain of those at home the teaching:

"Woe unto the world because of occasions of stumbling! for
"it must needs be that the occasions come: but woe to that man
"through whom the occasion cometh".

As you know that verse is in the gospel of St. Matthew and precedes the well-known exhortation to cast off or tear out offending members and limbs. There is too the parable of the fig-tree. All these support Lord Vansittart's opinions and pleading and are in complete accord with modern surgical practice.

One recent Broadcast of the B.B.C. took my thoughts to the other great source of our literature "Shakespeare" and one of many sentences appealed to my humour of the moment: Richmond turns to his followers after overcoming Richard III and says:

"God and your arms be praised, victorious friends!

"The day is ours, the bloody dog is dead."

But there is no end to such pertinent quotations.

Shakespeare made me think of history, the history of our own land. It struck me how curious it was that our England has so often stood in the path of tyranny and cruelty and stood alone. Spain and France and Germany have often attempted to dominate the world; they fell before England. The year from 1940-1941 gave time for friends and allies to come to our aid; but had we fallen..... In the light of our present knowledge of what has happened in Europe, what a deliverance!

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Deliverance !

It struck me too as very curious that we who have done this are not a military race or nation. I do not think there is a single military term that is English; from field-marshal to private, from army to unit, from manoeuvre to revictualling, from siege to attack, all words come to us from the Continent and mostly of recent date. On the other hand apart from a few modern terms our sea forces find their words in their own language. It gives one to think.

There is no need for me to refer to our allies. We all know what they have done for us as well as for themselves and done so mightily. I should like however to call attention to brave Brazil as she is a very near neighbour. The blood of her sons is mingled with that of ours. We shall not forget. It really is invidious to pick out names like this, but let us spare a thought of gratitude to that most friendly country with whom we are so closely connected, Uruguay, kindly and even helpful. It is not unpleasant to think we leave at her very gate a monument of tortured steel, the "Graf Spee", which for some years yet will mark and recall the gallantry of men, the heroes who hold firm the sceptre of our Kingdom of the Seas.

As I thus mused the story of the past six years came to me and I was even more humbled, for never before could there have been such continued bravery and self-sacrifice. Men and women of our blood, possibly relations, certainly friends, have performed such feats of courage, endurance and fearlessness that one is staggered at the miracles they have done. That word 'miracle' is really a complete summary of the war with Germany. The miracle of Dunkirk; the miracle of Russia; the miracle of our Merchant Navy; the miracle of the three Services; the miracles are endless but I do not think they will be ended. The full war with Japan lies ahead.

You have heard over the wireless from His Majesty and from the Prime Minister reminders of this fact. Both told you how we must gird our lions afresh and carry on to the one and only end that we are agreed upon. It means to us in the Falklands that some irksome control and certain annoying restrictions cannot for a while be lifted; but we know they will be as soon as ever it is possible. I suppose the greatest of these restraints is that on travel. The lack of shipping will make it difficult to get home, where our loved ones are with whom we would so much wish to be re-united. Let us keep a true sense of proportion; what a burden that is compared with that borne by the thousands of homeless, the bombed and the injured, the anxious parents of our still-fighting men, and the sufferings, endurance and anguish of those same far distant men.

The war goes on; a very wounded world cries out for healing. Our task is heavy and the effort that is needed is huge. But if we trust and have faith, if we continue in our prayers God is at hand to help and He will surely give us victory letting us at last reach that haven of peace where men "shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and sighing shall flee away".

FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR TO THE OFFICER COMMANDING,
PAKLAND ISLANDS DEFENSE FORCE, OFFICERS AND ALL RANKS.

I have addressed a short message of thanks and congratulations to the Imperial Army through the Officer Commanding Troops. You, in your affiliation with the West Yorks, belong directly to that Army and therefore that message was addressed to you. But I should like to be more personal. I would then ask you to accept from me my deep appreciation of your faithfulness and loyalty in these past years of much difficulty and great tediousness. Yours has not been the task of fighting, but the weary one of continual and continuous watch and that not only over your own homeland but also over a not unimportant outpost on the fringe of the Empire's guard.

Soon you will revert to your voluntary basis and I hope that I shall then have an opportunity to speak to you. Remember though that the war is not ended and the future is entirely in the hands of God, who has helped us so greatly since 1939. May He continue to give us His aid and bless us to the triumphal end.

(Sgd.) A. S. Cardinall,

No.

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



MINUTE.

(64)

12th. May,

19 45.

From

The Director of Agriculture,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Both my staff and I appreciate His Excellency's remarks and endorse the sentiments expressed in your reply.

I am pleased to receive your expression of gratitude to my staff for they have worked well and produced vegetables, milk, and cattle-fodder under adverse conditions, in quantities that, when proposed, were thought to be fantastic by Local Agricultural opinion. This work was all in excess of the routine work normally carried on by the Department and having been done without increase of personnel has laid considerable extra work on both the outdoor and office staffs. They have merited your gratitude and appreciate your expression of it.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "F. Liff", written in a cursive style.

Director of Agriculture.

DECODE.

No. 57.

M.P. No. 35/45.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 16th May, 19 45. *Time :* 2250.

Received : 17th May, 19 45. *Time :* 1030.

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No. 151. Message contained in your telegram No. 132 on the occasion of the end of hostilities in Europe has been delivered to the Prime Minister who asked me to request you to convey to the people of the Falkland Islands an expression of his warm thanks for the message which was a source of great pleasure to him.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

M.P. No. 35/45.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 16th May, 19 45. *Time :* 2250.

Received : 17th May, 19 45. *Time :* 1030.

Recd 46

No. 152. I have laid your telegram No. 131 before the King who desires me to request you to convey an expression of his warm thanks to the Executive and Legislative Councils for their Resolution of loyalty and congratulations on the occasion of the cessation of hostilities in Europe.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
18th May, 1945.

His Excellency the Governor directs the publication for general information, of the following telegrams exchanged between His Excellency and the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the occasion of Victory in Europe Day, 8th May, 1945 :

From His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, 9th May, 1945.

"We, the representatives of the Government and
"people of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its
"Dependencies, met this day in special Joint Session
"of the Executive and Legislative Councils, wish to
"convey to His Majesty the King our humble duty and our
"heartfelt congratulations on this most outstanding
"victory of his arms, and our hope that, with God's
"blessing, final success over his remaining enemies may
"be near at hand. At the moment our hearts are so
"filled with thanksgiving that we are unable to give
"full expression to our feelings, but we should like to
"assure His Majesty that they are as deeply loyal as
"those of any of his other subjects."

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to
His Excellency the Governor, 16th May, 1945.

"I have laid your telegram before the King who
"desires me to request you to convey an expression of
"his warm thanks to the Executive and Legislative
"Councils for their Resolution of loyalty and congratu-
"lations on the occasion of the cessation of hostilities
"in Europe."

By Command,

Herbert R. Broadley
Colonial Secretary

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
18th May, 1945.

His Excellency the Governor directs the publication for general information, of the following telegrams exchanged between His Excellency and the Prime Minister on the occasion of Victory in Europe Day, 8th May, 1945 :

From His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, 11th May, 1945.

"I should be grateful if you would convey to our Prime Minister the congratulations and love of the people of these islands. May God Bless him for what he has done in the past and what we know he will do in the future."

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor, 16th May, 1945.

"Message contained in your telegram on the occasion of the end of hostilities in Europe has been delivered to the Prime Minister who asked me to request you to convey to the people of the Falkland Islands an expression of his warm thanks for the message which was a source of great pleasure to him."

By Command,

Kenneth Bradley.
Colonial Secretary.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 10th August, 19 45. Time: 2220.

Received: 10th August, 19 45. Time: 2200.

Circular, No. 109. Personal and Confidential.

Cessation of hostilities. Japan. Stop Par. You have no doubt seen press announcement or heard on radio that Japan has surrendered. This information is not repeat not official but it seems certain the end of war with Japan may be expected in a few days time.

2. Factual announcement by the Prime Minister will be made as soon as possible and if it is physically possible I will let you have advance information of date. Date of announcement will be reckoned as VJ Day.

3. His Majesty will broadcast to the Nation and Empire in evening of VJ Day.

4. Arrangements for celebrations similar to those for VE Day are being made. Press announcement will probably appear August 11th.

5. If VJ Day falls on a Sunday 2 days i.e. Monday and Tuesday will be holidays but not declared Bank Holidays. If V.J. Day falls on any other day it will be regarded itself as one of the 2 holiday days. Prime Minister will broadcast a general message after holidays.

6. Sunday the 19th August will be observed as a National Day of Thanksgiving.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

13th August,

45.

Sir,

Unless you are advised to the contrary a Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Cathedral at 11.00 a.m. on the Sunday following official V. J. Day.

2. His Excellency suggests that the Boys' Brigade should attend and 40 seats are being reserved accordingly.

Officer Commanding,
1st Falkland Islands Company,
Boys' Brigade,
STANLEY.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

13th August,

45.

Sir,

Unless you are advised to the contrary a Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Cathedral at 11.00 a.m. on the Sunday following official V. J. Day. Seats will be reserved at this Service for Members of Councils and their wives.

Dr. the

Hon. J.G. Gibbs, M.Agr. Sc., Ph.D., Dip. Agr.

Lt.-Col. the Hon. J.A. Woodgate, A.R.I.B.A.

Hon. V.A.H. Biggs, J.P.

Dr. the Hon. J.E. Hamilton, M.Sc., F.L.S., F.Z.S.,

F.R.G.S.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

14th August,

45.

Sir,

Unless you are advised to the contrary a Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Cathedral at 11.00 a.m. on the Sunday following official V. J. Day.

2. His Excellency hopes that you will also be able to hold a similar Service in your Church on the same day.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant

K. G. BRADLEY

The Reverend W.F. McWhan,
The Reverend H.F. Drumm.

Colonial Secretary.

14th August,

45.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, unless you are advised to the contrary, the Sunday following official V.J. Day will be observed throughout the Empire as a Day of National Thanksgiving. His Excellency would like there to be a Special Service in the Cathedral at 11.00 a.m. and I should be grateful if seats could be reserved as follows:

- (i) Members of Councils and wives 2 pews.
- (ii) Boys' Brigade 40 seats.
- (iii) Royal Navy, probably 20 seats, but I will confirm this later.

2. There will be no Detachments from the Defence Force or other Local Services.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

The Reverend R.G.R. Calvert,
STANLEY.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

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VJ DAY.

As in the United Kingdom, VJ Day and the day after will be public holidays in the Colony. The public should, however, clearly understand that VJ Day will not necessarily be the day on which the news of the Japanese surrender is received, but may be a later day officially announced in London following the actual signature by the Japanese admitting their complete and utter defeat. The day which is to be observed as VJ Day will be announced later by the Government.

Herbert Bradlee
Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
STANLEY.
14th August, 1945.

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TELEGRAM.

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From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: August 14th 19 45 *Time:* 0001.

Received: August 15th 19 45 *Time:*

Circular No. 111. My telegram No. 109 Circular Japan. Para. 5.

It has now been decided that V.J. Day itself will not be considered one of the 2 days' holiday but that 2 following days will be holidays.

2. I shall send you on V.J. Day a personal message from myself to all Colonies and Protectorates and Mandated Territories which may be released publicly at any time after repeat after King's V.J. Day broadcast.

3. I shall also send a message of appreciation and thanks to members of the Colonial Office Staff. No doubt you will also send some similar messages from yourself to all Government Servants in your Territories. I should be grateful if you would include in this a statement that I have asked you to convey to them an expression of my cordial appreciation of their devoted service which they have rendered during the 6 years of the war in conditions of strain and difficulties courageously and successfully surmounted.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 15th August, 19 45. *Time:* 0210.

Received: 16th August, 19 45. *Time:* 1030.

Circular No. 112. My telegram No. 109 Circular. Japan.

Prime Minister will broadcast at midnight 14th-15th August starting Wednesday August 15th VJ Day Wednesday August 15th and Thursday August 16th Public Holidays. Work will be resumed on Friday.

2. King's broadcast timed for 9.p.m. B.S.T. Wednesday August 15th.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.
SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				15. 8. 45.

To

CHATEAUX, LONDON.

No. 216. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD SUBMIT TO HIS
MAJESTY ON MY BEHALF AND THAT OF ALL THOSE OF HIS SUBJECTS IN THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND THEIR DEPENDENCIES OUR HUMBLE DUTY AND AN
EXPRESSION OF OUR PRIDE IN AND DEEP THANKSGIVING FOR THE GLORIOUS
AND FINAL VICTORY WHICH GOD HAS GIVEN TO HIS ARMS.

GOVERNOR

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To

CHATELAIN, LONDON

No. 217. ON THIS GLORIOUS OCCASION I SEND YOU ON BEHALF OF ALL THE COLONISTS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND THOSE WHO ARE WINTERING IN THE ANTARCTIC OUR MOST CORDIAL GREETINGS. THIS HAS BEEN A DAY OF GREAT JOY HERE, OF PRIDE IN THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE COLONIAL EMPIRE, AND OF HUMBLE GRATITUDE TO GOD.

GOVERNOR

Time

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

15. 8.45

To

CHAPLAIN, LONDON.

No. 218. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONVEY TO THE
PRIME MINISTER ON BEHALF OF THIS COLONY AND OF THOSE ~~OFFICERS~~
~~AND MEN~~ NOW SERVING THEIR COUNTRY IN THE ANTARCTIC OUR HEARTFELT
CONGRATULATIONS ON THE GLORIOUS AND FINAL VICTORY WHICH UNDER
GOD'S GUIDANCE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OUR
GRATITUDE FOR THE MAGNIFICENT LEADERSHIP GIVEN TO THE WHOLE
EMPIRE THROUGHOUT THE WAR BY HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT.

GOVERNOR

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.
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To

PITT, C/O MONTAGUE, MONTVIDEO

WE ALL THANK YOU AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MERCHANT NAVY
FOR YOUR COURAGE AND ENDURANCE DURING THE PAST SIX YEARS OF
GREAT AND VIOLENT TROUBLE. THE DEBT WE OWE TO YOU IS
ENORMOUS. MAY GOD GUARD AND GUIDE YOU ALL IN HIS GOOD TIME
BACK TO YOUR HOMELAND.

GOVERNOR

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.
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To

DIRTY, BASE "A".

Red. 76

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEGRAM.. GREETINGS FROM YOU HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN MY MESSAGES TO LONDON FOR HIS MAJESTY, THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

2. OUR THOUGHTS HAVE BEEN MUCH WITH YOU AT THIS TIME AND IN OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL THOSE IN THE FORCES WHO HAVE WITH GOD'S HELP WON THIS VICTORY YOU WHO ARE SERVING THE EMPIRE IN THE ANTARCTIC ARE SPECIALLY REMEMBERED.

3. I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO YOU ON THE BROADCAST NEXT SUNDAY.

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

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Handed in at

Date

15. 8.45

To

PRODRONES, MONTVIDEO

PERSONAL. GAUDEAMUS IGTUR

CARDINAL

GOVERNOR

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

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Handed in at

Date

15. 8. 45

To

PRODRONNE, BUREAU AIRS

PERSONAL. CONCERNING C. BODAINS

CARDINAL

GOVERNOR

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

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SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To
BRITAIN, MONTVIDEO.

MY STAFF AND I SEND YOU MOST CORDIAL GREETINGS ON THIS
FIRST DAY OF PEACE.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

No. 35/45.

MINUTE.

(47)

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

15th August, 19 45.

To The Naval Officer-in-Charge,

From His Excellency the Governor, STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Original sent to H.Q.

I should be grateful if you would convey to the Commander-in-Chief, South Atlantic, on my behalf and that of all the people in the Colony and its Dependencies, our expression of our deep gratitude for the magnificent part played by the Royal Navy in this great and final victory. We in these remote Islands are particularly conscious of what we owe to the Navy and especially to the Officers and Men of the South Atlantic Division. For nearly six long years you have protected us, maintained our food supplies and kept us in communication with the world. This is a service we shall not forget and a debt which we can never repay.

Would you please also convey the sense of this message to the Officers and Men under your command and wish them from me a speedy return to their homes and families?

(SGD) A.W. CARDINALL,

Governor.

● ECODE.

No. 20.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 15th August, 1945. *Time:* 1800.

Received: 16th August, 1945. *Time:* 1030 $\frac{1}{2}$

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Circular No. 113. My telegram No. 111 Circular, paragraph 2.
Following is text of my message for publication at any time after
King's broadcast on VJ. Day.

Final victory over forces of aggression has been achieved. It is a source of great pride to me that one of my first tasks in office should be to send you such a message. It is little more than 3 months since Colonel Stanley sent to all Colonial territories a message telling them of surrender of Germany. We all knew then that capitulation of Japan was only a matter of time and that the tribulation of those territories which had been overrun or ravaged by a barbarous aggressor were drawing to an end, but little did any of us think the end was so near. Let us thank God in all humility that the task has been so quickly completed; that this horrible slaughter and destruction are now ended and that the efforts of mankind can once more be devoted to the happiness of mankind. To all of you I send congratulations on the occasion of victory and warmest thanks of H. M. Government and of the people of Great Britain for loyal and generous part that all the varied communities of the British Colonial Empire have played in achieving it. Your contribution has been a noble and valuable one, and has shown itself in material and varied forms: in service in the armed forces and Merchant Navy and in the Civil Defence: in helping to produce vital materials of war; in maintenance of essential services in your own land; in gifts and loans of money you have made for furtherance of the war; and in voluntary welfare work and hospitality for His Majesty's forces. The Chief of Staffs of the three fighting services have asked me specially to associate them with this message of thanks.

Let us hope, pray and work together to build from desolation of war a new and prosperous era of peace and goodwill among nations. /
Ends.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

● DECODE.

No. 21.

TELEGRAM.

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From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: August 15th 19 45 Time: 13.20.

Received: August 16th 19 45 Time: 10.30

Circular No. 114. My circular telegram No. 109 Japan para. 6.

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On National day of thanksgiving August 19th King & Queen and members Royal Family attend special service St. Paul's Cathedral 1500 BST which will be as fully as possible representative of war effort throughout Empire both on active service and on home front, service will be broadcast.

2. The King desires that Sunday 19th August should be observed as day of thanksgiving and prayer throughout the Empire.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

No. 25.

TELEGRAM.

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From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: August, 16th 1945 Time: 09.15

Received: August, 17th 1945 Time: 10.30

No. 228. Grateful if, as soon as possible, you will pass following message to all ranks of armed forces of Falkland Islands, begins.

The capitulation of Japan has a significance which goes far beyond the defeat of our far Eastern enemy. After 6 years of conflict in which forces drawn from all parts of the British Commonwealth and Empire have been engaged, victorious peace has now crowned our exertions.

2. To those serving in the armed forces of the Falkland Islands I send this message of admiration and gratitude for their contribution to the common victory.

3. Although peace has now come, to ensure its maintenance there are important tasks ahead. I am confident that in execution of those tasks, discipline and sense of duty and high purpose shown in this war will once again be made manifest and that under God's providence those who have served in the armed forces will play their part in building a better world.

G.T.C.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From British Broadcasting Corporation.

To Colonial Postmaster.

Despatched : August 16th 19 45 Time : 20.35.

Received : August 17th 19 45 Time : 10.30.

GOS145 Thanksgiving service St. Paul's King attending Sunday
nineteenth broadcast GOS Service 2100 to 2145 repeated 0115 to 0200 GLA.

BROO004318.

The Col. Sec

W. M. W. Presbyter
Stanley, Pa.
Aug 19th 1945

Dear Mr Bradley.

Thanks for your
notification re 'Thanksgiving Service'.

In accordance with the wishes of
His Excellency, the Governor, we intend
to have a 'Thanksgiving Service'
for Victory & Peace on Sunday next.

Yours sincerely

H. F. Drumm.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

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His Majesty has appointed Sunday, the 19th August, to be a day of thanksgiving for victory.

There will be a thanksgiving service in the Cathedral at 11.0 a.m., which will be attended by His Excellency, Members of Councils, and representatives of the Royal Navy, the Falkland Islands Defence Force and the Boys' Brigade.

STANLEY,
17th August, 1945.

No. 35/45.

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

MINUTE.

17th August, 19 45.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Chief Constable,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have been impressed with the excellent police control during the VE Day celebrations and should be grateful if you would convey to the Constables my sincere thanks for the work which they have done. I am afraid that they all had to put in long hours of duty and I should like them to know that their efforts have been appreciated.

2. I do not know if it is possible for you to arrange for the men to have extra time off during the next week, but if it is I am sure you will do so.

Colonial Secretary.

17th August, 1945.

Dear

I think you and the other members of your Committee are to be very heartily congratulated on the excellent and self sacrificing way in which you arranged the two VJ day balls. You had very little notice and the arrangements were perfect. The Governor has asked me to say how very grateful he is to you and I personally would find it difficult to express my gratitude adequately.

Yours sincerely,

Lawrence Sedgwick, Esq.,
Fairport, O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Cyril Henricksen, Esq.
STANLEY.

TELEGRAM.

No. 49. From The Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 18th August, 19 45. Time 9015.

Received : 17th August, 19 45. Time 1100.

No. 231. Following is the text of message from His Majesty the King to all his Navies, Armies and Air Forces throughout the Empire begins :-

The surrender of Japan has brought to a victorious end a war which has engaged our full fighting strength all over the world. I send my heartfelt congratulations to the men and women of my Navies, Armies and Air Forces throughout the British Commonwealth and Empire.

Through long years of grim struggle with your enemies in the West and in the East your unflinching resolution and indomitable courage in the face of manifold adversities have earned you the eternal gratitude of your countrymen.

Many of your comrades have fallen in the fighting. With you I grieve for their loss, for the suffering wounded and for the sorrow of the bereaved. With you I look forward to the homecoming of those who have had to endure captivity.

By God's mercy, the forces of evil have been overthrown. But many tasks remain to be accomplished if the full blessings of peace are to be restored to a suffering world.

It is the duty of each one of us to ensure that your comrades have not died in vain and that your own hard won achievements are not lost to the causes of freedom, in which you undertook them. On behalf of all my people I thank you. God Bless you all. GEORGE R.I. Ends.

3. Message is being released to press in this Country today (August 18th).

4. As Falkland Islands Forces are under Colonial Government control please arrange for promulgation locally.

G.T.C.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

98.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is just over three months ago that I addressed you on the occasion of our victory over Germany. Since then great things have happened, great events have taken place. The end of the war has come; the period of great darkness is fast dispersing and the glow of peace is piercing the night of war. It is difficult indeed to realise that this has happened.

You and I together have watched from this somewhat remote spot the making of history, the glory of our race magnified and the heroism of our youth carried to greater heights than were ever before imagined. We have scaled insurmountable alps, have descended into chasms of impenetrable gloom; we have despaired and hoped; in hiding we have wept, but we have always worn a grin of confidence; and in our hearts we have never faltered nor lost faith.

No No active share was vouchsafed us in these great days but I think, when we reflect upon our effort, we can conscientiously tell ourselves that we were ready, and, if called upon, would have played our part. You and I can discuss this with our own consciences; and there is no fear of the judgment.

In these days of darkness we have seen the fulfilment of Mr. Churchill's prophecy in 1940; the whole Empire has toiled and has sweated; the mothers and wives, sweethearts, sisters and daughters have wept. Whilst their menfolk offered freely of their blood. Actually, of course, this war has seen women toiling more than weeping and performing feats of endurance and deeds of bravery beyond imagination.

From what one has heard or read it would seem that in the future more toil, more sweat are needed if we are to rebuild our world. We can never restore it; most of us would probably not wish so to do. It is, when one considers the matter calmly, idle speculation as to what will be achieved. The talk of reconstruction, long-term planning and so forth amounts to little in reality except as an outlet for the effervescence of quacks and fanatics; we know that today the speed and development of science are such that the future is even more clouded than ever before. I don't think the prophets of 1895 could have pictured the realities of 1945. But it is obvious that the days ahead must be strenuous and hard. There will be great shortage and probably as

in and around 1920 a very poor quality in production. Pools are being arranged to control prices and to prevent the ruinous inflation of that previous period; and great efforts are being made to prevent our standard of living from slipping increasingly fast downhill. This must mean experimentation with no certainty of success. But one thing has emerged which seems to me of good cheer.

I cannot imagine the atom-bomb being used as a weapon of the aggressor. There does not seem any logic in attacking a nation whose people and lands have been first destroyed; and I suppose that is the main reason why gas was not used by the Hun in this war. But in any case who and where is the aggressor of the future? The atom-bomb must mean the end of further world wars.

You may remember how at Christmas 1959 His Majesty the King spoke to the Empire and quoted a poem, the gist of which, for I have lost the words, was that in the dark fog beyond the door one would, if one stretched out one's hand, be clasped and guided through the night. Surely that friendly protecting grip will still be given if we do but have confidence. And so we shall emerge in due course into the fullness of the Day of Peace.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
55	Montevideo	24	16.40	16.8.45

To

NLT His Excellency Sir Allan Cardinall Government House Port Stanley

Very many thanks for your telegram stop contents have been communicated to crew.

KEITH PITT

Time

Office of
The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
Falklands.

17th August, 1945.

Ref 87
Your Excellency,

I had great pleasure in communicating your kind message of appreciation not only to the Commander-in-Chief, South Atlantic, but also to the Officers and Men under my command. I have received a reply to your message from the Commander-in-Chief which I am attaching.

During the past six years when so great a burden has been borne by the naval and merchantile services, it has been a great help to realize that we have been supported in our vital task by the prayers and help of our kinsmen ashore and that those of us who have been exiled from our friends and families at home have received such kindness and hospitality wherever the lot of war may have cast us.

R.N. Officer
Commander, Royal Navy.
Naval Officer-in-Charge.

His Excellency The Governor,
Government House,
Stanley.

S. 1320h.
(Established—October, 1935)

NAVAL MESSAGE.

To:

NOIC Falklands

FROM:

C-in-C S.A.

Please pass following to His Excellency The Governor and Commander-in-Chief:

We thank you most sincerely for your kind message. The vital importance of the distant outpost of our Empire in your Islands is ever in our minds and we are deeply appreciative of your steadfastness and help in the long struggle from which, by Gods Grace, we have emerged victorious.

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MINUTE.

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

20th August, 19 45

To Officer Commanding,

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

STANLEY.

From The Colonial Secretary

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I am directed by His Excellency to forward herewith a copy of a telegram which has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies and to ask that you will cause its contents to be conveyed to the officers and men under your command.

K. G. BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
R 63	M. M. M. M. M.	CR 11	1720	20
To	= Government Port Stanley			
= Personal song of Solomon chapter two verse twelve				
= Yereket				
Time	Reed: 0357 PM			

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

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21st August, 1945.

From The Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable the
Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Red 91
I have received the Secretary of State's message in Telegram No. 228 of 16th August, kindly passed to me by you on His Excellency's instructions. I should be glad if you would ask His Excellency to convey to the Secretary of State the Falkland Islands Defence Force's grateful appreciation of the kindly view he takes of the comparatively small services we have been able to render towards final and victorious peace.

2. The Defence Force will, I am sure, be equally ready and proud to play its own small part in the vast tasks that lie ahead if we are to achieve that better world which all so ardently desire and that the comradeship formed during war will prove solid rock that will break up the waves of problems that will arise in the years to come.

Cust. Woodcock

Lieutenant-Colonel,
Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.

● DECODE.

No. 27.

TELEGRAM.

(105)

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : August 21st 1945 Time : 15.54.

Received : August 22nd 1945 Time : 10.30.

Red 80
No. 234. Your telegram No. 217. I very much appreciate your
good wishes on the capitulation of Japan which I heartily reciprocate.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: August 22nd 1945 Time: 16.00.

Received: 19 . . Time:

Red 91.
No. 226. Your telegram No. 228. The Falkland Islands Defence Force gratefully appreciate the kindly view which you have taken of the comparatively small services they have been able to render towards the final victory.

GOVERNOR.

G. T. C.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 22nd August, 19 45. *Time:*

Received: 19 ... *Time:*

No. 225. To mark this gigantic victory may I suggest to you that a special series of postage stamps be issued for the whole Colonial Empire on lines similar to Jubilee and Coronation issue? Suggest 1/-, 6d and 3d denominations red, white and blue respectively with symbolic victory designs and of course His Majesty's effigy. Issue to be restricted in over the counter sales to say not more than three months and each Colony etc. to have similar obliterating marks as appeared on cancellation of United Kingdom stamps on VE Day, (joy bells and V etc.)

G.T.C.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

No. 54.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 22nd August, 19 45. *Time :* 2240.

Received : 25rd August, 19 45. *Time :* 1030..

Red 49

No. 238. I have laid your telegram (No. 216) before the King who desires me to convey to you and his subjects in the Falkland Islands and Dependencies an expression of his sincere appreciation of the message of loyalty on the occasion of the capitulation of Japan.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

No. 61.

M.F. No. 35/45.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 23rd August, 1945. *Time :* 1430.

Received : 24th August, 1945. *Time :* 1030.

Recd 81.

No. 239. The message contained in your telegram (No. 218) on the occasion of the capitulation of Japan has been delivered to the Prime Minister who has asked me to convey to you and all concerned an expression of his thanks for the message.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
28th August, 1945.

His Excellency the Governor directs the publication for general information, of the following telegrams exchanged on the occasion of Victory over Japan.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to
His Excellency the Governor, 18th August, 1945.

"Following is the text of message from His Majesty the
"King to all his Navies, Armies and Air Forces throughout
"the Empire, begins :-

"The surrender of Japan has brought to a victorious
"end a war which has engaged our full fighting strength all
"over the world. I send my heartfelt congratulations to
"the men and women of my Navies, Armies and Air Forces
"throughout the British Commonwealth and Empire.

"Through long years of grim struggle with your enemies
"in the West and in the East your unflinching resolution and
"indomitable courage in the face of manifold adversities
"have earned you the eternal gratitude of your countrymen.

"Many of your comrades have fallen in the fighting.
"With you I grieve for their loss, for the suffering wounded
"and for the sorrow of the bereaved. With you I look
"forward to the homecoming of those who have had to endure
"captivity.

"By God's mercy, the forces of evil have been overthrown
"But many tasks remain to be accomplished if the full bless-
"ings of peace are to be restored to a suffering world.

"It is the duty of each one of us to ensure that your
"comrades have not died in vain and that your own hard won
"achievements are not lost to the causes of freedom, in which
"you undertook them. On behalf of all my people I thank
"you. God Bless you all. GEORGE R.I. Ends.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to
His Excellency the Governor, 15th August, 1945.

"Final victory over forces of aggression has been
"achieved. It is a source of great pride to me that one of
"my first tasks in office should be to send you such a
"message. It is little more than 3 months since Colonel
"Stanley sent to all Colonial territories a message telling
"them of the surrender of Germany. We all knew then that
"the capitulation of Japan was only a matter of time and that
"the tribulation of those territories which had been over
"run or ravaged by a barbarous aggressor were drawing to an
"end, but little did any of us think the end was so near.
"Let us thank God in all humility that the task has been so
"quickly completed; that this horrible slaughter and
"destruction are now ended and that the efforts of mankind
"can once more be devoted to the happiness of mankind. To
"all of you I send congratulations on the occasion of
"victory and warmest thanks of His Majesty's Government and
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"of the people of Great Britain for loyal and generous part
"that all the varied communities of the British Colonial
"Empire have played in achieving it. Your contribution has
"been a noble and valuable one, and has shown itself in
"material and varied forms: in service in the armed forces
"and Merchant Navy and in the Civil Defence; in helping to
"produce vital materials of war; in maintenance of essential
"services in your own land; in gifts and loans of money you
"have made for furtherance of the war; and in voluntary
"welfare work and hospitality for His Majesty's forces. The
"Chief of Staffs of the three fighting services have asked
"me specially to associate them with this message of thanks.

"Let us hope, pray and work together to build from
"desolation of war a new and prosperous era of peace and good-
"will among nations."

From His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary
of State for the Colonies, 15th August, 1945.

"I should be grateful if you would submit to His Majesty
"on my behalf and that of all those of his subjects in the
"Falkland Islands and their Dependencies our humble duty and
"an expression of our pride in and deep thanksgiving for the
"glorious and final victory which God has given to his arms."

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to
His Excellency the Governor of 22nd August, 1945.

"I have laid your telegram before the King who desires
"me to convey to you and his subjects in the Falkland Islands
"and Dependencies an expression of his sincere appreciation
"of the message of loyalty on the occasion of the capitulation
"of Japan."

From His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary
of State for the Colonies, 15th August, 1945.

"I should be grateful if you would convey to the Prime
"Minister on behalf of this Colony and of those now serving
"their country in the Antarctic our heartfelt congratulations
"on the glorious and final victory which under God's guidance
"has been given to the United Nations and our gratitude for
"the magnificent leadership given to the whole Empire through-
"out the war by His Majesty's Government."

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to
His Excellency the Governor of 23rd August, 1945.

"The message contained in your telegram on the occasion
"of the capitulation of Japan has been delivered to the Prime
"Minister who has asked me to convey to you and all concerned
"an expression of his thanks for the message."

From His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary
of State for the Colonies, 15th August, 1945.

"On this glorious occasion I send you on behalf of all
"the Colonists of the Falkland Islands and those who are
"wintering in the Antarctic our most cordial greetings.
"This has been a day of great joy here, of pride in the
"achievements of the Colonial Empire, and of humble gratitude
"to God."

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to
His Excellency the Governor, 21st August, 1945.

"I very much appreciate your good wishes on the capitulation
"of Japan which I heartily reciprocate."

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies to
His Excellency the Governor, 16th August, 1945.

"Grateful if, as soon as possible, you will pass following
"message to all ranks of armed forces of Falkland Islands, begins:

"The capitulation of Japan has a significance which goes far
"beyond the defeat of our far Eastern enemy. After 6 years of
"conflict in which forces drawn from all parts of the British
"Commonwealth and Empire have been engaged, victorious peace has
"now crowned our exertions.

"To those serving in the armed forces of the Falkland Islands
"I send this message of admiration and gratitude for their contri-
"bution to the common victory.

"Although peace has now come, to ensure its maintenance there
"are important tasks ahead. I am confident that in execution
"of those tasks, discipline and sense of duty and high purpose
"shown in this war will once again be made manifest and that
"under God's providence those who have served in the armed forces
"will play their part in building a better world."

From His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary
of State for the Colonies, 22nd August, 1945.

"The Falkland Islands Defence Force gratefully appreciate
"the kindly view which you have taken of the comparatively small
"services they have been able to render towards the final victory!

From His Excellency the Governor to the Naval Officer-
in-Charge, Falkland Islands, 15th August, 1945.

"I should be grateful if you would convey to the Commander-
"in-Chief, South Atlantic, on my behalf and that of all the
"people in the Colony and its Dependencies, our expression of our
"deep gratitude for the magnificent part played by the Royal Navy
"in this great and final victory. We in these remote Islands
"are particularly conscious of what we owe to the Navy and
"especially to the Officers and Men of the South Atlantic
"Division. For nearly six long years you have protected us,
"maintained our food supplies and kept us in communication with
"the world. This is a service we shall not forget and a debt
"which we can never repay.

"Would you please also convey the sense of this message to
"the Officers and Men under your command and wish them from me a
"speedy return to their homes and families?"

From the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Falkland Islands,
to His Excellency the Governor, 17th August, 1945.

"I had great pleasure in communicating your kind message of
"appreciation not only to the Commander-in-Chief, South Atlantic,
"but also to the Officers and Men under my command. I have
"received a reply to your message from the Commander-in-Chief
"which I am attaching.

"During the past six years when so great a burden has been
"borne by the naval and mercantile services, it has been a great
"help to realize that we have been supported in our vital task

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"by the prayers and help of our kinsmen ashore and that those of
"us who have been exiled from our friends and families at home
"have received such kindness and hospitality wherever the lot of
"war may have cast us."

From the Commander-in-Chief, South Atlantic, to
His Excellency the Governor, 17th August, 1945.

"We thank you most sincerely for your kind message. The
"vital importance of the distant outpost of our Empire in your
"Islands is ever in our minds and we are deeply appreciative of
"your steadfastness and help in the long struggle from which,
"by Gods Grace, we have emerged victorious."

By Command,

Kenneth Bradley.
Colonial Secretary.

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"V.J." CELEBRATION DANCES 15th. and 16th. August 1945.

EXPENDITURE :-	Mrs.W.P.Hills	(Catering Account)	230.	0.	0.
	Mr.A.V.Summers	(Do. Do.)	19.	11.	9.
	Miss.R.Wilson	(Do. Do.)	6.	16.	0.
	"Local Band"	(Band Services)	4.	16.	0.
	"King Bros."	(Do. Do.)	3.	12.	0.
	Mr.F.Lellman	(Accordeon Service)	1.	4.	0.
	Falkland Store	(Prizes & Powder)	3.	16.	0.
	Mrs.C.Roberts	(attendant)	2.	0.	0.
	Mr.A.Porter	(Do.)	2.	0.	0.

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Vouchers Passed 1/9/45.

L. Sedgwick

H. Fullmer

C. Hennrichsen

DECODE.

M.F. No. 35/45.

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No. 47.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: September 7th 1945 Time: 18.05

Received: September 8th 1945 Time: 09.30

Red 107

No. 243. Your telegram No. 225. Your suggestion for which I am grateful has been carefully considered. Issue of Victory Stamp in this Country is not however feasible as man power and manufacturing position will not permit necessary diversion of labour and material. In the circumstances I fear it is not possible to arrange for issue of special Victory Stamp by Colonial Governments. No objection to use of special obliteration marks.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

Circular Note.

No. 2.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Transmitted with the compliments of
the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for
information and distribution.

2 JUL 1945

Colonial Office,
Downing Street.



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Germany No. 1 (1945)

Unconditional Surrender of Germany

Declaration and other Documents

issued by the Governments of the United Kingdom,
the United States of America and the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics, and the Provisional Government
of the French Republic

5th June, 1945

*Presented by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
to Parliament by Command of His Majesty*

LONDON
HIS MAJESTY'S STATIONERY OFFICE

TWOPENCE NET

Cmd. 6648

UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER OF GERMANY.

DECLARATION AND OTHER DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

5th June, 1945.

No. 1.

DECLARATION REGARDING THE DEFEAT OF GERMANY AND THE ASSUMPTION OF SUPREME AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO GERMANY BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

THE German armed forces on land, at sea and in the air have been completely defeated and have surrendered unconditionally and Germany, which bears responsibility for the war, is no longer capable of resisting the will of the victorious Powers. The unconditional surrender of Germany has thereby been effected, and Germany has become subject to such requirements as may now or hereafter be imposed upon her.

There is no central Government or authority in Germany capable of accepting responsibility for the maintenance of order, the administration of the country and compliance with the requirements of the victorious Powers.

It is in these circumstances necessary, without prejudice to any subsequent decisions that may be taken respecting Germany, to make provision for the cessation of any further hostilities on the part of the German armed forces, for the maintenance of order in Germany and for the administration of the country, and to announce the immediate requirements with which Germany must comply.

The Representatives of the Supreme Commands of the United Kingdom, the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the French Republic, hereinafter called the "Allied Representatives," acting by authority of their respective Governments and in the interests of the United Nations, accordingly make the following Declaration:—

The Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the Provisional Government of the French Republic, hereby assume supreme authority with respect to Germany, including all the powers possessed by the German Government, the High Command and any state, municipal, or local government or authority. The assumption, for the purposes stated above, of the said authority and powers does not effect the annexation of Germany.

The Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the Provisional Government of the French Republic, will hereafter determine the boundaries of Germany or any part thereof and the status of Germany or of any area at present being part of German territory.

In virtue of the supreme authority and powers thus assumed by the four Governments, the Allied Representatives announce the following requirements arising from the complete defeat and unconditional surrender of Germany with which Germany must comply:—

ARTICLE 1.

Germany, and all German military, naval and air authorities and all forces under German control shall immediately cease hostilities in all theatres of war against the forces of the United Nations on land, at sea and in the air.

ARTICLE 2.

(a) All armed forces of Germany or under German control, wherever they may be situated, including land, air, anti-aircraft and naval forces, the S.S., S.A. and Gestapo, and all other forces or auxiliary organisations equipped with weapons, shall be completely disarmed, handing over their weapons and equipment to local Allied Commanders or to officers designated by the Allied Representatives.

(b) The personnel of the formations and units of all the forces referred to in paragraph (a) above shall, at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Allied State concerned, be declared to be prisoners of war, pending further decisions, and shall be subject to such conditions and directions as may be prescribed by the respective Allied Representatives.

(c) All forces referred to in paragraph (a) above, wherever they may be, will remain in their present positions pending instructions from the Allied Representatives.

(d) Evacuation by the said forces of all territories outside the frontiers of Germany as they existed on the 31st December, 1937, will proceed according to instructions to be given by the Allied Representatives.

(e) Detachments of civil police to be armed with small arms only, for the maintenance of order and for guard duties, will be designated by the Allied Representatives.

ARTICLE 3.

(a) All aircraft of any kind or nationality in Germany or German-occupied or controlled territories or waters, military, naval or civil, other than aircraft in the service of the Allies, will remain on the ground, on the water or aboard ships pending further instructions.

(b) All German or German-controlled aircraft in or over territories or waters not occupied or controlled by Germany will proceed to Germany or to such other place or places as may be specified by the Allied Representatives.

ARTICLE 4.

(a) All German or German-controlled naval vessels, surface and submarine, auxiliary naval craft, and merchant and other shipping, wherever such vessels may be at the time of this Declaration, and all other merchant ships of whatever nationality in German ports, will remain in or proceed immediately to ports and bases as specified by the Allied Representatives. The crews of such vessels will remain on board pending further instructions.

(b) All ships and vessels of the United Nations, whether or not title has been transferred as the result of prize court or other proceedings, which are at the disposal of Germany or under German control at the time of this Declaration, will proceed at the dates and to the ports or bases specified by the Allied Representatives.

ARTICLE 5.

(a) All or any of the following articles in the possession of the German armed forces or under German control or at German disposal will be held intact and in good condition at the disposal of the Allied Representatives, for such purposes and at such times and places as they may prescribe:—

- (i) all arms, ammunition, explosives, military equipment, stores and supplies and other implements of war of all kinds and all other war material;
- (ii) all naval vessels of all classes, both surface and submarine, auxiliary naval craft and all merchant shipping, whether afloat, under repair or construction, built or building;
- (iii) all aircraft of all kinds, aviation and anti-aircraft equipment and devices;
- (iv) all transportation and communications facilities and equipment, by land, water or air;
- (v) all military installations and establishments, including airfields, seaplane bases, ports and naval bases, storage depots, permanent and temporary land and coast fortifications, fortresses and other fortified areas, together with plans and drawings of all such fortifications, installations and establishments;
- (vi) all factories, plants, shops, research institutions, laboratories, testing stations, technical data, patents, plans, drawings and inventions, designed or intended to produce or to facilitate the production or use of the articles, materials and facilities referred to in sub-paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) above or otherwise to further the conduct of war.

(b) At the demand of the Allied Representatives the following will be furnished:—

- (i) the labour, services and plant required for the maintenance or operation of any of the six categories mentioned in paragraph (a) above; and
- (ii) any information or records that may be required by the Allied Representatives in connection with the same.

(c) At the demand of the Allied Representatives all facilities will be provided for the movement of Allied troops and agencies, their equipment and supplies, on the railways, roads and other land communications or by sea, river or air. All means of transportation will be maintained in good order and repair, and the labour, services and plant necessary therefor will be furnished.

ARTICLE 6.

(a) The German authorities will release to the Allied Representatives, in accordance with the procedure to be laid down by them, all prisoners of war at present in their power, belonging to the forces of the United Nations, and will furnish full lists of these persons, indicating the places of their detention in Germany or territory occupied by Germany. Pending the release of such prisoners of war, the German authorities and people will protect them in their persons and property and provide them with adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical attention and money in accordance with their rank or official position.

(b) The German authorities and people will in like manner provide for and release all other nationals of the United Nations who are confined, interned or otherwise under restraint, and all other persons who may be confined, interned or otherwise under restraint for political reasons or as

a result of any Nazi action, law or regulation which discriminates on the ground of race, colour, creed or political belief.

(c) The German authorities will, at the demand of the Allied Representatives, hand over control of places of detention to such officers as may be designated for the purpose by the Allied Representatives.

ARTICLE 7.

The German authorities concerned will furnish to the Allied Representatives:—

- (a) full information regarding the forces referred to in Article 2(a), and, in particular, will furnish forthwith all information which the Allied Representatives may require concerning the numbers, locations and dispositions of such forces, whether located inside or outside Germany;
- (b) complete and detailed information concerning mines, minefields and other obstacles to movement by land, sea or air, and the safety lanes in connection therewith. All such safety lanes will be kept open and clearly marked; all mines, minefields and other dangerous obstacles will as far as possible be rendered safe, and all aids to navigation will be reinstated. Unarmed German military and civilian personnel with the necessary equipment will be made available and utilised for the above purposes, and for the removal of mines, minefields and other obstacles as directed by the Allied Representatives.

ARTICLE 8.

There shall be no destruction, removal, concealment, transfer or scuttling of, or damage to, any military, naval, air, shipping, port, industrial and other like property and facilities and all records and archives, wherever they may be situated, except as may be directed by the Allied Representatives.

ARTICLE 9.

Pending the institution of control by the Allied Representatives over all means of communication, all radio and telecommunication installations and other forms of wire or wireless communications, whether ashore or afloat, under German control, will cease transmission except as directed by the Allied Representatives.

ARTICLE 10.

The forces, nationals, ships, aircraft, military equipment, and other property in Germany or in German control or service or at German disposal, of any other country at war with any of the Allies, will be subject to the provisions of this Declaration and of any proclamations, orders, ordinances or instructions issued thereunder.

ARTICLE 11.

(a) The principal Nazi leaders as specified by the Allied Representatives, and all persons from time to time named or designated by rank, office or employment by the Allied Representatives as being suspected of having committed, ordered or abetted war crimes or analogous offences, will be apprehended and surrendered to the Allied Representatives.

(b) The same will apply in the case of any national of any of the United Nations who is alleged to have committed an offence against his national law, and who may at any time be named or designated by rank, office or employment by the Allied Representatives.

(c) The German authorities and people will comply with any instructions given by the Allied Representatives for the apprehension and surrender of such persons.

ARTICLE 12.

The Allied Representatives will station forces and civil agencies in any or all parts of Germany as they may determine.

ARTICLE 13.

(a) In the exercise of the supreme authority with respect to Germany assumed by the Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the Provisional Government of the French Republic, the four Allied Governments will take such steps, including the complete disarmament and demilitarisation of Germany, as they deem requisite for future peace and security.

(b) The Allied Representatives will impose on Germany additional political, administrative, economic, financial, military and other requirements arising from the complete defeat of Germany. The Allied Representatives, or persons or agencies duly designated to act on their authority, will issue proclamations, orders, ordinances and instructions for the purpose of laying down such additional requirements, and of giving effect to the other provisions of this Declaration. All German authorities and the German people shall carry out unconditionally the requirements of the Allied Representatives, and shall fully comply with all such proclamations, orders, ordinances and instructions.

ARTICLE 14.

This Declaration enters into force and effect at the date and hour set forth below. In the event of failure on the part of the German authorities or people promptly and completely to fulfil their obligations hereby or hereafter imposed, the Allied Representatives will take whatever action may be deemed by them to be appropriate under the circumstances.

ARTICLE 15.

This Declaration is drawn up in the English, Russian, French and German languages. The English, Russian and French are the only authentic texts.

5th June, 1945.

Berlin.

16-40 Hours.

Signed by the Allied Representatives:

B. MONTGOMERY, F.M.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

G. K. ZHUKOV.

F. DE LATTRE DE TASSIGNY.

No. 2.

STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC ON ZONES OF OCCUPATION IN GERMANY.

GERMANY, within her frontiers as they were on the 31st December, 1937, will, for the purposes of occupation, be divided into four zones, one to be allotted to each Power as follows:—

- an eastern zone to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;
- a north-western zone to the United Kingdom;
- a south-western zone to the United States of America;
- a western zone to France.

The occupying forces in each zone will be under a Commander-in-Chief designated by the responsible Power. Each of the four Powers may, at its discretion, include, among the forces assigned to occupation duties under the command of its Commander-in-Chief, auxiliary contingents from the forces of any other Allied Power which has actively participated in military operations against Germany.

2. The area of "Greater Berlin" will be occupied by forces of each of the four Powers. An Inter-Allied Governing Authority (in Russian, Komendatura) consisting of four Commandants, appointed by their respective Commanders-in-Chief, will be established to direct jointly its administration.

5th June, 1945.

No. 3.

STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC ON CONTROL MACHINERY IN GERMANY.

In the period when Germany is carrying out the basic requirements of unconditional surrender, supreme authority in Germany will be exercised, on instructions from their Governments, by the British, United States, Soviet and French Commanders-in-Chief, each in his own zone of occupation, and also jointly, in matters affecting Germany as a whole. The four Commanders-in-Chief will together constitute the Control Council. Each Commander-in-Chief will be assisted by a Political Adviser.

2. The Control Council, whose decisions shall be unanimous, will ensure appropriate uniformity of action by the Commanders-in-Chief in their respective zones of occupation and will reach agreed decisions on the chief questions affecting Germany as a whole.

3. Under the Control Council, there will be a permanent Co-ordinating Committee composed of one representative of each of the four Commanders-in-Chief, and a Control Staff organised in the following Divisions (which are subject to adjustment in the light of experience):—

Military; Naval; Air; Transport; Political; Economic; Finance; Reparation, Deliveries and Restitution; Internal Affairs and Communications; Legal; Prisoners of War and Displaced Persons; Man-power.

There will be four heads of each Division, one designated by each Power. The staffs of the Divisions may include civilian as well as military personnel.

and may also in special cases include nationals of other United Nations appointed in a personal capacity.

4. The functions of the Co-ordinating Committee and of the Control Staff will be to advise the Control Council, to carry out the Council's decisions and to transmit them to the appropriate German organs, and to supervise and control the day-to-day activities of the latter.

5. Liaison with the other United Nations Governments chiefly interested will be established through the appointment by such Governments of military missions (which may include civilian members) to the Control Council. These missions will have access through the appropriate channels to the organs of control.

6. United Nations organisations will, if admitted by the Control Council to operate in Germany, be subordinate to the Allied control machinery and answerable to it.

7. The administration of the " Greater Berlin " area will be directed by an Inter-Allied Governing Authority, which will operate under the general direction of the Control Council, and will consist of four Commandants, each of whom will serve in rotation as Chief Commandant. They will be assisted by a technical staff which will supervise and control the activities of the local German organs.

8. The arrangements outlined above will operate during the period of occupation following German surrender, when Germany is carrying out the basic requirements of unconditional surrender. Arrangements for the subsequent period will be the subject of a separate agreement.

5th June, 1945.

No. 4.

STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC ON CON- SULTATION WITH GOVERNMENTS OF OTHER UNITED NATIONS.

By the Declaration regarding the defeat of Germany issued at Berlin on the 5th June, 1945, the Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and the Provisional Government of the French Republic have assumed supreme authority with respect to Germany. The Governments of the four Powers hereby announce that it is their intention to consult with the Governments of other United Nations in connection with the exercise of this authority.

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