

SGA/WW2/1 # 1

S/16/38



C.S.

SECRET.

1938

No.

5/16/38.

Staff Officer,  
Freetown.

SUBJECT.

1938.

20th October.

Previous Paper.

Requests that movements of Foreign Whale  
Factory Ships should be reported by telegraph.

Reporting Officer -  
Correspondence to and from.  
(Part 1.)

MINUTES.

1-5. Letter from Staff Officer, Freetown, 20/10/38.

A.C.S. We receive no information  
here regarding the movements  
of Foreign Whaling Ships. It  
would probably be advisable  
to ask the Magistrate S. George  
to report here by telegram  
all movements which come  
to his knowledge.

MCH  
30. XII. 38

6. Telegram from Staff Officer, (N.I.) Sierra Leone  
to Mag. S. Geo, no 1 of 4/1/39.  
7.

Subsequent Paper.

Telegram from Registrar, S.G. No. 3 of 7.1.39. (8)

Telegram to Staff office, Inverness, 11/1/39. 9.  
" from " " " 13/1/39 10.  
" to " " " 14/1/39 11.

J.R.

Submitted for information  
MCH  
16.1.39.

16/1/39

Telegram from Reg. S. G. No. 12 of 17/2/39. 12.  
MCH from Supr. B.T. 17/2/39. 13.

J.R. Submitted. We should have been informed I think that this German Ship was coming to S. Georgia. We have received nothing from the S. of S. Perhaps J.R. will wish to send a telegram to the S. of S. about the vessel.  
2. The Intelligence Officer, Sierra Leone will be informed.  
3. In red (13) the vessel has asked for weather reports. May these be sent?

MCH  
17.2.39.

C.S.O. No. S 16/36

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 1

H.C.

Please have the Schwabenland  
looked up in Jane

Metanological reports should  
be broadcast at fixed hours

At present we seem to be  
holding meeting a number of  
individual requests. Vide ref. 77/32

Taken up  
in appropriate  
file - met

mtt 10/2/36

S.S. "Schwabenland" is not in  
Jane's book.

New name - name of vessel  
changes to above in 1934.

From Lloyd's Register:-

Tonnage 8188 Gross

Engines Oil

Two Screw

Cruiser Stern

Length 486'

Breadth 60'

depth 32'

owned by Deutsche Luft Hansa  
Ag - Berlin.

Super. Elec. Dep. States she  
has several different wireless  
sets including telephony.

mtt



Th.

Submitted.

W.H.  
C.S.

18. 2. 39.

Please inform S of S and Reporting  
Officer Sierra Leone.

~~TTTT~~ 18/2/39

Telegram to Staff Officer, Sierra Leone, 18/2/39 14.  
Telegram to S of S ho. 13 of 18/2/39. 15  
Telegram from Magistrate, S.G. ho. 14 of 20/2/39. 16.

Th. Submitted. Inform S of S?

W.H.  
C.S.

25. 2. 39.

Open to Reporting Officer S of S only at present

~~TTTT~~ 21/2

Telegram to Staff Officer, Sierra Leone, 27. 2. 39. (17)  
Telegram from Mag. So. Sec. ho. 21 of 17/3/39. 18.  
Telegram to Staff Officer, Sierra Leone of 1/3/39. (19)  
Telegram from - do - do - 10/5/39. 20  
Seln. W.H.  
Duty for Gov?  
11. 5. 39.

Noted.

Mr. H. C. S.  
Reporting Officer  
11. 5. 39.

21. Telegram from S.O. (I) Sierra Leone 13/5/39

Noted.

Mr. H. C. S.  
Reporting Officer  
15 5. 39

22. Telegram from S.O. (I) Sierra Leone, 23/8/39.

23. " " " " 23/8/39

24. Telegram to Magistrate, S.G. No. 35 of 25. 8. 39.

25. Telegram from S.O. (I) Sierra Leone of 24/8/39.

26. " " " " " " 25/8/39.

27. " " " " " " "

28. " " " " " " "

29. Telegram from S.O. (I) Sierra Leone 26/8/39.

(30-32) Copy of Telegram from Admiralty to J. S. Radio. 26/8/39

(33) — do — — do —

(34) — do — — 27/8/39

(35-8) — do — 27/8/39

(39) Telegram from S.O. (I) Sierra Leone 27/8/39

(40) — do — do — 27/8/39

(41) — do — — do —

(42) — do — — do —

(43) — do — — do —

(44) — do — — do —

(45) — do — — do —

- Telegram from SO (S) Sierra Leone 27/8/39 (43)  
 Telegram to SO (S) Sierra Leone 27/8/39 (44)  
 Telegram No. 47 from Mag. 29/8/39 (45)  
 Telegram from SO (S) Freetown 29/8/39 (46)  
 Telegram from SO (S) Freetown 29/8/39 (47)  
 Telegram to Admiralty 29/8/39 (48)  
 — " SO (S) Sierra Leone 29/8/39 (49)  
 Telegram from SO (S) Sierra Leone 29/8/39 (50-52)

Master of S.S. "Lafonia" called at  
 office and stated he had received  
 Admiralty instructions which had  
 been broadcast to British Ships.

He has a  
 copy of  
 Admiralty  
 No. 3

Asked him to notify me when  
 leaving on local coasting voyage  
 and to come to the office for  
 waiting instructions when leaving  
 for Ports outside the Colony.

MCH

Reporting Officer  
 31.8.39

- Telegram from SO (S) Freetown 29/8/39 (53)  
 Telegram to Admiralty 2/9/39 (54)  
 — " — SO (S) Freetown 2/9/39 (55)  
 — " — Admiralty, London (56)  
 and SO (S) Freetown 4/9/39  
 Telegram from SO (S) - do - 4/9/39 (578)  
 Telegram — do — 4/9/39 (59)  
 Telegram to Admiralty & SO (S)  
 Freetown. 8/9/39 (60)  
 Telegram from SO (S) 10/9/39 (61)  
 Telegram from SO (S) 10/9/39 (62)  
 — " — 12/9/39 (63)  
 (64)

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Sheet No. 3

64 Telegram from Admiralty <sup>14/9/39</sup>  
65 — " — SO(D) Freetown <sup>15/9/39</sup>

Reds 63 and 65 seen and  
noted by examination officer.  
MCHC

66 Telegram from Sierra Leone <sup>15.9.39</sup> <sup>15/9/39</sup>  
67 Telegram to Admiralty & SO(D)  
Sierra Leone 16/9/39.

68 Telegram from S.O(D) Freetown  
16/9/39.

69 Telegram from SO(D) Freetown  
18/9/39

70 Telegram from SO(D) Freetown  
19/9/39

71 Telegram to SO(D) Freetown (SL)  
20/9/39

See red 68. S.P. 02215 destroyed  
by me by fire this day.  
MCHC

72 Telegram from SO(D) S.L. <sup>20.9.39</sup> 20/9/39

73 — do — — do —  
74 — do — S.O. S.L. 23/9/39.  
75 — do — Montevideo 24/9/39  
76 — do — Commodore  
"Escler" 24/9/39



|      |                    |      |                                   |             |       |
|------|--------------------|------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| To   | Governor           | from | N.C.O. Montevideo                 | 25/9/39     | (77)  |
| "    | "                  | "    | Commodore "Esch" "                | 25/9/39     | (78)  |
| "    | "                  | "    | N.C.O. Montevideo                 | 26/9/39     | (79)  |
| "    | "                  | "    | Commodore "Esch" "                | 27/9/39     | (80)  |
| "    | "                  | "    | N.C.O. Montevideo                 | 27/9/39     | (81)  |
| "    | "                  | for  | Commodore "Esch" "                | 28/9/39     | (82)  |
| "    | "                  | for  | Commodore "Esch" "                | 28/9/39     | (83)  |
| "    | "                  | from | N.C.O. Santos                     | 1. 10. 39.  | (84)  |
| "    | "                  | "    | N.C.O. Santos                     | 2. 10. 39.  | (85)  |
| "    | "                  | "    | N.C.O. Rio.                       | 2. 10. 39.  | (86)  |
| To   | Secretary          | "    | S.O.I. Montevideo                 | 3. 10. 39.  | (87)  |
| "    | Governor           | "    | N.C.O. Rio.                       | 3. 10. 39.  | (88)  |
| "    | Secretary          | "    | S.O.I. Sierra Leone               | 4. 10. 39.  | (89)  |
| "    | "                  | "    | do. - do -                        | 5. 10. 39.  | (90)  |
| "    | Governor           | "    | N.C.O. Rio de Janeiro.            | 5. 10. 39.  | (91)  |
| "    | Secretary          | "    | S.O. Sierra Leone                 | 5. 10. 39.  | (92)  |
| "    | "                  | "    | do. - do -                        | 5. 10. 39.  | (93)  |
| "    | "                  | "    | do. - do -                        | 5. 10. 39.  | (94)  |
| "    | Governor           | "    | N.C.O. Rio.                       | 6. 10. 39.  | (95)  |
| "    | Admiralty          | "    | Reporting Officer<br>Sierra Leone | 8. 10. 39.  | (96)  |
| "    | S.O. Sierra Leone. | "    | S.O. Sierra Leone                 | 7. 10. 39.  | (97)  |
| "    | Secretary          | "    | do. do.                           | 7. 10. 39.  | (98)  |
| "    | R.O. Stanley       | "    | Reporting Officer<br>Sierra Leone | 8. 10. 39.  | (99)  |
| "    | S.O. Sierra Leone  | "    | S.O.I. - do -                     | 8. 10. 39.  | (100) |
| "    | Secretary          | "    | S.O.I. - do -                     | 8. 10. 39.  | (101) |
| "    | S.O.I. Freetown    | from | Reporting Officer, F. Is.         | 9. 10. 39.  | 102.  |
| From | _____              | to   | _____                             | 10. 10. 39. | 103.  |
| "    | _____              | to   | Secretary                         | 9. 10. 39.  | 104.  |
| "    | _____              | to   | Reporting Officer, F. Is.         | 13. 10. 39. | 105.  |
| "    | _____              | to   | _____                             | 13. 10. 39. | 106.  |
| "    | _____              | to   | _____                             | 15. 10. 39. | 107.  |

Paymaster Sub-Lieut-Jones.  
" " " Carr.

To note 107.

inc H.

16. 8. 39.

Hones

Noted. - Thank you

W.D.

Paymaster  
R.N.V.R.

17/10/39

Hon. C.L.

Noted - Thank you

W.D.

Pay sub-lieut. R.N.V.R.

17. 10. 39.

108. Telegram from N.C.S.O., Rio de Janeiro of 16.10.39.
109. ——— S.O.I., Freetown of 16.10.39.
110. ——— ——— 19. 10. 39.
111. ——— ——— 21. 10. 39.
112. ——— N.C.S.O., Rio de Janeiro 20.10.39.
113. ——— S.O.I., Freetown of 20.10.39.
114. ——— to Admiralty, London, Quersa, Freetown, 22.10.39.
115. Telegram from Barcelonides of 23.10.39.
116. ——— S.O.I., Freetown of 23.10.39.
117. ——— M.C.S., Rio de Janeiro 23.10.39.
118. ——— N.C.S.O. Bagallanes 25.10.39.
119. ——— N.C.S.O., Rio de Janeiro 26.10.39.
120. Telegram to Admiralty, London & Quersa, Freetown 27.10.
121. ——— from S.O.I., Freetown, 26.10.39.

Telegram from S.O.I. Freetown 26.10.39 122.  
 — " — " — " — 27.10.39 123.  
 — " — M.C.S.O., Rio de Janeiro 27.10.39 124.  
 — " — S.O.I. Freetown, 27.10.39 125.

Paymaster  
 Sub. Lieut. Com. R.N.V.R.

To see instructions herein.  
MCH  
ed.  
 28.10.39

Don't do.

All telegrams noted up to no. 34, 6.11.39.

M. Khan.

Telegram from M.C.S.O., Buenos Aires 28.10.39 126.  
 — " — Staff Officer, Freetown — " — 127.  
 — " — " — " — " — 128.  
 — " — " — " — " — 129.  
 Telegram from Reporting Officer, Falk. Is., 29.10.39 130.  
 — " — Magistrate, South Georgia 25.10.39 131.  
 — " — M.C.S., Buenos Aires, 28.10.39 132.  
 — " — Admiralty, London 3.1.10.39 133.  
 — " — S.O.I., Freetown 1.11.39 134.  
 — " — Buenos Aires 4.11.39 135.  
 — " — M.C.S.O., Rio de Janeiro 4.11.39 136.  
 — " — S.O.I., Freetown 5.11.39 137.  
 — " — S.O.I., Freetown 6.11.39 138.

Telegram to S.O.D. Admiralty 8/11/39 139.  
 — " — " — " — 8/11/39 140.  
 Telegram — " — " — 7/11/39 141.



143 Telegram from S.O. (1) Zee town  
9. XI. 39.

Examination officer.

To note

mc++

9. XI. 39.

Wm. Ed. Lee.

Noted, thank you.

W. Khan.

Examination Wm. 11.11.39.

- (144) Telegram from N.C.S.O. Rio 9/11/39
- (145) — " — S.O. (1) Zee town 9/11/39
- (146) — " — N.C.S.O. Buenos Aires 10/11/39
- (146 A) — " — S.O. (1) Zee town 10/11/39
- (147) — " — N.C.S.O. Rio. 10/11/39
- (148) Telegram from S.O. (1) Montevideo. 14/11/39  
(Local Numbers 127-132 inclusive) all VESCA.
- (149) Telegram from N.C.S.O. Montevideo 14/11/39
- (150) — " — S.O. (1) Zee town. 13/11/39
- (151) Telegram to Admiralty - S.O. (1) Zee town  
Montevideo. 15/11/39 (Sailing 7  
before)

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|---|------|
| Telegram from Chas. J. E. Hamilton of 15.11.39. | 152. |
| — " — S.O.I. Montevideo 16.11.39.               | 153. |
| — " — S.O.I. Freetown of 17.11.39.              | 154. |
| _____ " _____                                   | 155. |
| — " — Montevideo of 18.11.39.                   | 156. |
| — " — Reporting Officer, Falk. Is. 19.11.39.    | 157. |
| — " — M.C.S.O., Montevideo 20.11.39.            | 158. |
| — " — M.C.S.O. Pernambuco 20.11.39.             | 159. |
| — " — M.C.S.O. Montevideo 20.11.39.             | 160. |
| — " — Montevideo of 20.11.39.                   | 161. |
| — " — S.O.I. Freetown of 20.11.39.              | 162. |
| — " — Buenos Aires of 21.11.39.                 | 163. |
| — " — S.O.I. Freetown 21.11.39                  | 164. |
| — " — do. do. do.                               | 165. |

- 175 Telegram from Freetown of 5. 12. 39.  
 176 " " " " " " 5. 12. 39.  
 177 " " " " " " 3. 12. 39.  
 178 " " " " " " S.O.I. " " " " 7. 12. 39.  
 179 " " " " " " Sierra Leone 8. 12. 39.  
 180 Telegram to Querifa, Freetown 9. 12. 39.  
 181 Telegram from S.O.I. " " " " 10. 12. 39.  
 182 " " " " " " 10. 12. 39.  
 183 " " " " " " 10. 12. 39.  
 184 " " " " " " " " " " 10. 12. 39.  
 185 " " " " " " " " " " 10. 12. 39.  
 186 " " " " " " S.O.I. " " " " 10. 12. 39.  
 187 " " " " " " " " " " 10. 12. 39.  
 188 " " " " " " S.O.I. " " " " 11. 12. 39.  
 189 " " " " " " Rio 11. 12. 39.  
 190 " " " " " " Capetown 12. 12. 39.  
 191 " " " " " " " " " " 11. 12. 39.  
 192 " " " " " " " " " " 12. 12. 39.  
 193 " " " " " " " " " " 12. 12. 39.  
 194 " " " " " " " " " " 11. 12. 39.  
 195-196 Copies of messages for Staff Officer (Intelligence) F.I.S. 7/12/39.  
 197 Telegram from S.O.I. " " " " 13/12/39.  
 198 " " " " " " " " " " 13/12/39.  
 199 " " " " " " " " " " 13/12/39.  
 200 " " " " " " " " " " 13/12/39.  
 201 " " " " " " " " " " 13/12/39.  
 202 " " " " " " Buenos Aires 14/12/39.  
 203 Telegram to Admiralty, London 14/12/39.  
 204 Telegram from S.O.I. Montevideo 14/12/39.  
 205 " " " " " " " " " " 14/12/39.  
 206 " " " " " " Admiralty, 15/12/39.  
 207 " " " " " " H.C.S.O. Montevideo, 16/12/39.  
 208 " " " " " " S.O.I. " " " " 16/12/39.

Paymaster Sub. Line Com R.N.V.R.  
 Examination Officer

To note enclosures.

M.H.  
 C.S.

21. 11. 59

Hon. Col. Sec.

All telegrams up to no. 223 noted.

M.H. sub-ld



|                                 |                                   |      |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| Telegram from S.O.I. Freeboun   | 19/12/39.                         | 209. |
| " " " " " "                     | elbantevideo 17/12/39.            | 210. |
| " " " " " "                     | elbantevideo 18/12/39.            | 211. |
| " " " " " "                     | S.O.I. elbantevideo 17/12/39.     | 212. |
| " " " " " "                     | " " " " " " 17/12/39.             | 213. |
| " " " " " "                     | S.O.I. Freeboun 19/12/39.         | 214. |
| " " " " " "                     | N.C.S.O. Rio de Janeiro 19/12/39. | 215. |
| Telegram from elbantevideo      | 20/12/39.                         | 216. |
| " " " " " "                     | N.C.S.O. elbantevideo 19/12/39.   | 217. |
| " " " " " "                     | elbantevideo 20/12/39.            | 218. |
| " " " " " "                     | " " " " " "                       | 219. |
| " " " " " "                     | S.O.I. Montevideo 20/12/39.       | 220. |
| " " " " " "                     | " " " " " " 21/12/39.             | 221. |
| Telegram from elbantevideo      | 20/12/39.                         | 222. |
| " " " " " "                     | " " " " " " 19/12/39.             | 223. |
| Telegram from H.M.S. Sorbelskie | 22/12/39.                         | 224. |
| " " " " " "                     | S.O.I. elbantevideo 21/12/39.     | 225. |
| " " " " " "                     | " " " " " "                       | 226. |
| Telegram to Admiralty, etc.     | 22/12/39.                         | 227. |
| Telegram from elbantevideo      | 19/12/39.                         | 228. |
| " " " " " "                     | Freeboun 20/12/39.                | 229. |
| " " " " " "                     | S.O.I. Capetoun 21/12/39.         | 230. |
| " " " " " "                     | S.O.I. elbantevideo 21/12/39.     | 231. |
| " " " " " "                     | " " " " " " 23/12/39.             | 232. |
| " " " " " "                     | " " " " " " 23/12/39.             | 233. |
| " " " " " "                     | N.C.S.O., elbantevideo 24/12/39.  | 234. |
| " " " " " "                     | elbantevideo 25/12/39.            | 235. |
| " " " " " "                     | " " " " " "                       | 236. |
| " " " " " "                     | " " " " " "                       | 237. |
| " " " " " "                     | S.O.I. elbantevideo 26/12/39.     | 238. |
| " " " " " "                     | " " " " " " 24/12/39.             | 239. |
| " " " " " "                     | S.S. "Batavia" 25/12/39.          | 240. |
| " " " " " "                     | elbantevideo of 24/12/39.         | 241. |
| " " " " " "                     | London of 24/12/39.               | 242. |
| " " " " " "                     | S.O.I. Montevideo                 | 243. |
| " " " " " "                     | N.C.S.                            | 244. |
| " " " " " "                     | "                                 | 245. |
| " " " " " "                     | "                                 | 246. |
| " " " " " "                     | "                                 | 247. |
| " " " " " "                     | "                                 | 248. |
| " " " " " "                     | S.O.I.                            | 249. |
| " " " " " "                     | "                                 | 250. |
| from Rear Admiral S.A.D.        |                                   | 251. |
| to " "                          | "                                 | 252. |

Hon. Col. Sec.

All messages to no. 252 noted.

William.

Sub. Lieut. R.N.V.R.

(253) Letter to Captain, R.S. "Capulet" of 29/12/39.

|     |                                  |           |
|-----|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 254 | Telegram from Naval Attache, Rio | 29.12.39  |
| 255 | " " Montevideo                   | 27.12.39  |
| 256 | " " do                           | do        |
| 257 | " " do                           | do        |
| 258 | " " do                           | do        |
| 259 | " " S.O.(I) M.V.                 | 28.12.39. |
| 260 | " " S.O.(I) Freetown.            | 28.12.39  |
| 261 | " to S.O.(I) Freetown.           |           |
| 262 | " from S.O.(I) Freetown          | 29.12.39  |
| 263 | " " Montevideo.                  | 28.12.39  |
| 264 | " " do.                          | 29.12.39  |
| 265 | " " do.                          | 30.12.39  |
| 266 | " " S.O.(I) Montevideo           | 31.12.39  |
| 267 | " " do.                          | do.       |
| 268 | " " do.                          | do.       |
| 269 | " " do.                          | 30.12.39  |
| 270 | " " do.                          | 2.1.40    |
| 271 | " " do.                          | do.       |
| 272 | " " do.                          | do.       |
| 273 | " " do.                          | do        |
| 274 | " " do.                          | do.       |
| 275 | " " Admiralty                    | 1.1.40    |
| 276 | " " S.O.(I) Montevideo           | 2.1.40    |
| 277 | " " Rear Admiral S.A.D.          | 2.1.40.   |
| 278 | " " S.O.(I) Montevideo.          | 1.1.40    |

SEE NEW JACKET.

Pay. Sub. Lieut. Carr R.N.V.R.

To see all messages  
from 253.met

Lt. 1. 40

Hon. Col. Sec.

Messages noted.

William.

Sub. Lieut.

Telegram to Mrs. J. G. L. 88 of 6/11/40 279.  
" from " " 94 of 7/11/40 280.

ph



ARGENTINA FLAG  
Argentinian Flag.

ERNESTO TORNEQUIST.  
G.T. 6547.

Sailed Grytviken 21/4 for Europe.  
Sailed Vlaardingen 3/6/38 and arrived  
Sandefjord 5/6/38.

German Flag.

Jan Wellem.  
G.T. 11776.

Sailed Hamburg 9/10/37 for Antarctic, arrived  
previous to 5/12/37.  
Remained in Antarctic until returned to  
Hamburg on 21/4/38.

Unitas.  
G.T. 21000.

Whaling grounds 30/12/37.  
Remained in Antarctic until returned Hamburg  
on 22/4/38.

RAU  
Walter Rau.  
G.T. 13752.

Sailed for Antarctic, On Whaling grounds  
15/1/38.  
Remained in Antarctic until returned to Hamburg  
on 22/4/38.

S  
Sumser.  
G.T. 8133.

See under SYDIS---Norwegian Flag.

Japanese Flag.

Nisshin Maru.  
G.T. 16764.

Sailed Yokohama April 25th 38 for Estero Bay.  
Sailed Estero Bay 22/5/38 for Yokohama 12/6.  
Sailed Yokohama 23/7 for Los Angeles.

Nisshin Maru 2.  
G.T. 16760.

On Antarctic whaling grounds 20/12/37.  
Remained in Antarctic until returned to  
Rotterdam.  
Sailed Rotterdam 21/5/38 for Los Angeles.  
Sailed Los Angeles 30/6/38 for Yokohama and  
arrived 24/7/38.

Tonan Maru.  
G.T. 9839.

On whaling grounds 20/12/37.  
Remained in Antarctic until returned to Kobe  
on 17/4/38.

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Japanese Flag.

Tonan Maru.  
G.T. 18000

Remained in Antarctic until returned to Rotterdam and Fredrikstad in May 1938.  
Sailed Fredrikstad 29/5/38 for Aruba.  
Sailed Los Angeles 2/7/38 for Yokohama.

Norwegian Flag.

C.A. Larsen.  
G.T. 13246.

In Antarctic whaling grounds 20/12/37, and  
and remained there until returned to Sandefjord on 1/5/38 and Hamburg on 3/5/38.  
Laid up.

Haugar.  
G.T. 2243

Sailed Tonsberg 4/4/38 for Liverpool (as Tank)  
Sailed Liverpool 16/4 for Montreal. (Arrived  
Quebec 11/5 (as Tank).  
Sailed Montreal 17/5 for Reykjavik (as Tank).  
Sailed Fredriksatd ~~for~~ <sup>FOR</sup> Oslo (as Tank).

Kgms.  
G.T. 17801.

Sailed Rio Janeiro 29/12/37<sup>4</sup> for Antarctic  
Whaling grounds.  
Arrived 12/1/38.  
Remained in Antarctic until arrival at Sandefjord 12/5/38 then laid up.

Kosmos 2.  
G.T. 16966.

On whaling grounds 31/1/38.  
Remained in Antarctic until arrival at Sandefjord and at Brake 5/5.  
At Sandefjord 29/5--Laid up.

ibor.  
G.T. 4479

Remained in the Arctic until arrival at Liverpool on 27/10/37.  
Sailed Liverpool 4/11 for Sandefjord.  
Arrived 10/11/37 and laid up.

Lancing.  
G.T. 7866

On whaling grounds 27/12/37.  
Remained in Antarctic until arrival at Brunsbittel in May 1938.  
Sailed Brunsbittel 4/5 for Larvik, arrived 6/5.  
Sailed Larvik 3/6 for Sandefjord. Arrived 4/6  
for repairs.

H.T. Nielsen Alonso.  
G.T. 9348.

On whaling grounds 28/12/37.  
Sailed Larvik 10/6/38 for Sandefjord (for  
repairs).

Norwegian Flag (Cont)

Ole Wegger.  
G.T. 12201.

On Antarctic Whaling grounds 20/12/37.  
Remained in Antarctic until arrival at  
Sandefjord in May 1938.  
Sailed Sandefjord 9/5 for Hamburg.  
Sailed Sandefjord 5/7. Gothenburg. Arrived  
5/7/38.

Orwell.  
G.T. 7968.  
(form Nov 7920).

Sailed Hamburg 5/5/38 for Port Arthur.  
Sailed Port Arthur 30/5 for Hamburg.  
Sailed Hamburg 25/6 for Tonsberg. Arrived  
29/6.

Pelagos.  
G.T. 12083.

On Arctic whaling grounds 26/12/37.  
Remained in Antarctic until arrival Tonsberg  
20/4/38.  
Sailed Hamburg 4/7 for Tonsberg. Arrived  
6/7/38.

Pioneer.  
G.T. 1767.

Arrived Oslo previous 13/1/36. Laid up.

Sir James Clark Ross.  
G.T. 14362.

On whaling grounds 2/2/38.  
Remained in Antarctic until arrival at  
Sandefjord 20/4/38.  
Sailed Sandefjord 4/5 for Danzig 9/5.  
At Sandefjord 16/6—Laid up..

Ronald.  
G.T. 6322.

On whaling grounds 11/1/38.  
Remained in Antarctic until arrival at  
Manchester March, 1938.  
Sailed Manchester 29/3 for Tonsberg.  
Arrived 4/4.  
Sailed Fredriksstad 19/4 for Tonsberg.  
Arrived 30/4.  
At Tonsberg 2/6/38—Laid up.

Skytteren.  
G.T. 12358.

On whaling grounds 20/12/37.  
Remained on whaling grounds  
at Tonsberg -/4/38. and

Solglimt.  
G.T. 12246.

On whaling grounds 20/  
On whaling grounds 31  
Remained in Antarctic.  
Sandfjord 27/4

Strombus.  
G.T. 6549.

Sailed Aruba 24/3/38 for  
Sailed South Georgia 24/  
Sailed Aruba 17/5 for To  
8/6/38.

Sudaroy.

G.T. 6268.  
(7562 form Nov:37.

On whaling grounds 3/1/38.  
Remained in Antarctic until arrival at  
Haugesund 24/4 and laid up.

Sydís (after Nov:37  
Sudmeor)

G.T.8263.  
(after Nov:37 8133.)

On whaling grounds 18/12/37.  
On whaling grounds until arrival at Hamburg  
23/4/38

Thor 1

G.T. 4536.

Sailed Sandefjord 9/9/37 for Hamburg .Arrived  
previous 18/9. Sold to be broken up.

Shammar

T. 12215.

On whaling grounds 20/12/38.  
Remained on whaling grounds until arrival  
Sandefjord 7/5/38.  
Sailed Sandefjord 5/7 for Amsterdam.Arrived  
7/7.

#### Panamanian Flag.

Westfold.

G.T. 14547.

On whaling grounds 18/1/38.  
Returned to Sandefjord 16/4 . Sold to

Vike

G.T. 14526.

Remained in Antarctic until return to  
jard on 19/3/38. Sold to Germany.

#### U. S. A. Flag.

T. 6400

Laid up until sailed for Table  
Sailed Table Bay 2/6/38 for Au

10780.

Sailed for New York ,arrived  
23/5/38 for Sandefjord, arrived



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

Staff Officer, Naval Intelligence Centre,  
From Freetown, Sierra Leone.

To His Excellency the Governor.

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Despatched: 30th December, 19 38. Time: 12.53.

Received: 31st December, 19 38. Time: 12.30.

Request you will report movements of foreign whale factory ships in future similar to foreign war vessels but in cypher also any information obtainable concerning their future movements and fishing areas. Can you obtain any information from South Georgia. Request names by telegraph of any such vessels which have visited Falkland Islands during past 3 months and dates.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,.....

To Magistrate, South Georgia.....

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

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

No. 1. Secret. Request you will report by telegraph any information obtainable concerning movements of foreign whale factories operating in ice or in vicinity of South Georgia also names of any such vessels which visited South Georgia during past 3 months and dates. Please also report any information concerning future movements of foreign factories and fishing areas.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 7th January, 19 39. Time 100.

Received: 7th January, 19 39. Time 1100.

Red 7.  
No. 3. Secret. Your telegram No. 1 Secret. Foreign factories and catchers which cleared from South Georgia as follows :-

Factory Sudmeer and 5 catchers named Sud and numbered 1 to 5 on November 23rd catcher Rau 7 Missouri. All the above are German vessels.

Catchers Globe 6 and factory N.T. Nielsen Alonso and 7 catchers named Pol and numbered 2, 4, 6/10 all of Norway on November 26th. It is almost impossible to obtain actual position of any of ice factories as this is never given. The following foreign factories are known to be to the South of South Georgia N.T. Nielsen Alonso, Lancing and Kosmos 2 all of Norway and Walter Rau, Jan Wellem and Sudmeer all of Germany. All these vessels are probably in the vicinity of South Orkneys. From now on they will probably gradually move towards South Shetlands. Will telegraph immediately any information I may pick up.

MAGISTRATE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* The Colonial Secretary.  
*To* Staff Officer, Naval Intelligence Centre,  
Freetown. Sierra Leone.

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*Despatched:* 11th January, 19 39. *Time:* 10.45.

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

Your telegram 30th December following information received from Magistrate South Georgia begins Foreign factories and catchers which cleared from South Georgia are as follows : Factory Sudmeer and 5 catchers named Sud and numbered 1 to 5 on November 23rd and catchers Rau 7 Missouri. All the above are German vessels. Catcher Globe VI and factory N.T. Nielsen Alonso and 7 catching vessels named Pol and numbered 2, 4, 6 to 10 all of Norway on November 26th. It is almost impossible to obtain actual position of any of ice factories as this is never given. The following foreign ships are known to be south of South Georgia N.T. Nielsen Alonso, Lancing and Kosmoss II all of Norway and Walter Rau Jan Wellem and Sudmeer all of Germany. All vessels are probably in the vicinity of South Orkneys. From now on they will probably gradually move towards South Shetlands ends.

No such vessels have visited Falkland Islands during past 3 months. Will telegraph any further information received.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Staff Officer, Naval Intelligence Centre, Freetown,  
Sierra Leone,

*To* Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched:* 13th January, 19 39. *Time:* 1250.

*Received:* 13th January, 19 39. *Time:* 1700.

Red 9  
Your telegram of January 11th grateful for information.  
Request repetition of signal letter groups preceding  
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TELEGRAM.

*From* The Colonial Secretary

*To* Staff Officer, Naval Intelligence Centre,  
Freetown, Sierra Leone.

*Despatched:* 14th January, 1939. *Time:* 10.0 a.m.

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

Red (10) Your telegram January 13th following is repetition of  
Signal Letter Groups requested LCUO LCSG.

Colonial Secretary.

S/16/38

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TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 17th February, 1939. Time: 1330.

Received: 17th February, 1939. Time: 1100.

Red 7.

Red 8

No. 12. Secret. Your telegram No. 1 Secret. German Expedition Ship named Schwabenland expected to arrive about February 20th. Nature of Expedition not yet known will telegraph any information obtainable concerning object and proposed movements. Additional to my telegram No. 3 German floating factory named Vikinger operating around South Orkneys expect movement to be towards South Shetlands.

MAGISTRATE.

No.

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

MINUTE.

17<sup>th</sup> February 1939

From Supervisor E.T.

To Hon Colonial Secretary

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The following ~~some~~ message was received today from the German Survey ship? <sup>SCHWABENLAND.</sup> in the waters of Dependencies? - Would it be possible for you to send some weather report as. Barometer wind and temperatures for us daily? Have daily service with S. George's Radio at 14.15 GMT. on 24 metres. Observations please from 12.00 GMT.

S.S. Schwabenland. D.O.F.W.

ALL.  
sup E.T. 17/2/39.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* The Colonial Secretary.

*To* Staff Officer, Naval Intelligence Centre,  
Freetown, Sierra Leone.

*Despatched:* 18th February, 19 39. *Time:* 21.00.

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

Magistrate South Georgia reports expected arrival about February 20th of vessel described as German expedition ship "Schwabenland". Nature of voyage unknown. Further information will be telegraphed in due course.

German floating factory named "Vikinger" operating round South Orkneys probably moving towards South Shetlands soon.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* His Excellency the Governor

*To* The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

*Despatched:* 18th February, 19 39. *Time:* 20.00.

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

No. 13. Magistrate South Georgia reports expected arrival on the 20th February of vessel described as German expedition ship "Schwabenland". Nature of the voyage unknown. Further information will be sent in due course. A German floating factory is operating round South Orkneys and probably moving towards South Shetlands soon.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* The Magistrate, South Georgia.

*To* The Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched:* 20th February, 19 39. *Time:* 14.15.

*Received:* 21st February, 19 39. *Time:* 10.30.

*Rec 12*

No. 14. Secret. My telegram No. 12 "Schwabenland" owing to bad weather will not be able to call here this season. She belongs to German Antarctic Expedition. She proposes to call next season. No information available regarding her future movements.

MAGISTRATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To Staff Officer, Naval Intelligence Centre, Sierra Leone.

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Despatched: 27th February, 1939. Time: ...

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

My telegram 18th February vessel belongs German Antarctic Expedition not now calling at South Georgia no information available regarding future movements.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Red 14

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From*..... The Magistrate, South Georgia.

*To*..... The Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched* :      17th March,                      19 39      *Time* :    1245

*Received* :        17th March,                      19 39      *Time* :    1245

No. 21.    SECRET.    German Factory SUDMEER arrived here  
and is due to leave for Germany on or about March, 20th.

MAGISTRATE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* The Colonial Secretary.

*To* Staff Officer, Naval Intelligence Centre,  
Freetown, Sierra Leone.

*Despatched:* 18th March, 1939 *Time:* 1250

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

German Factory Sudmeer arrived South Georgia March 17th and  
is due to leave for Germany on or about March 20th

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Staff Officer, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

*To* The Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched:* 10th May, 19 39 *Time:* 13.12

*Received:* 11th May, 19 39 *Time:* 11.00

To all Reporting Officers from Staff Officer (Intelligence)  
Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Following is a repetition of message received from  
Admiralty begins

"On receipt of warning telegram movements of all foreign  
men of war are to be reported by recyphered telegrams. It  
may however be desirable to bring this arrangement into force  
prior to issue of warning telegram, in which case your  
intelligence centre will telegraph you the one word  
CHERRYSTONE. Reporting Instructions will be amended in due  
course". Message ends.

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DECODE.

## TELEGRAM.

*From* Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown, Sierra Leone.

*To* Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched:* 13th May, 1939. *Time:* 12.00.

*Received:* 14th May, 1939. *Time:* 11.00.

To all Reporting Officers from Staff Officer (Intelligence)  
Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Following is a repetition of message received from Admiralty  
begins:-

On receipt from your Intelligence Centre at any time of a telegram in the form "MOTHER" followed by one or more nationalities, and one or more types of vessels, e.g., all merchant vessels, tankers, whalers, merchant vessels of a certain size or specified line, et cetera, you are forthwith to start reporting movements of vessels indicated by recyphered or recorded telegrams to Admiralty London and to your intelligence centre. Details required are those contained in Chapter IV of 1938 Edition of your Reporting Instructions so far as applicable .

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown, Sierra Leone.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 23rd August, 19 39. Time: 19.20.

Received: 23rd August, 19 39. Time: 7.55.

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CHERRYSTONE 1900/23.

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TELEGRAM.

Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown, Sierra Leone.

From .....

To The Colonial Secretary. ....

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Despatched: 23rd August, 19 39. Time: 23.00.

Received: 23rd August, 19 39. Time: 11.00.

From Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown, Sierra Leone.

MOTHER Germany Italy Japan over 5,000 tons and Tankers  
Cable Ships and Sea-dromes. 22.00/23

See  
Rec 21

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, .....

To Magistrate, South Georgia. ....

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Despatched : 25th August, 19 39. Time : ...

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

No. 35. Secret. Report immediately as they come to your knowledge movements of vessels over 5000 tons German, Italian, Japanese nationality whether Merchant Vessels, tankers or whalers, Cable Ships and Sea-dromes. Acknowledge receipt of this instruction.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.



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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown, Sierra Leone.

*To* Colonial Secretary

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*Despatched :* 26th August, 1939. *Time :* 0001

*Received :* 25th August, 1939 *Time :* 1830.

VESCA 0001/26.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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23 Oct 1939

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| 55            | Admiralty   | 231   | 2300         | 26/8 - |
| To <u>150</u> | London<br>136 abt<br>important<br>Falkland island radio = |       |              |        |

important transmit this message  
 on receipt and at routine times  
 and at single operator periods  
 on 26 27 28 and 29th aug.  
 enclosure to g l m s from  
 admiralty begins admiralty  
 message to receipt envelope 2 is  
 to be opened if held on board  
 wireless instruction no 2/50  
 1 british merchant ships in  
 areas nos 1 2 3 4(a) 5(a)  
 6 7 9 on the chart attached  
 to admiralty notice to mariners  
 Time no 3 are restricted as

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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To

No 3.

follows no wireless message is to be sent or answered without direct orders from the master or officer on watch wireless messages are to be restricted to distress messages reports of foreign men of war mines or other dangers to navigation essential messages to owners as to the service of the vessel and messages made in accordance with definite orders given by naval representatives no messages are to

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be sent on behalf of private persons radiotelephony is prohibited except as necessary for the safe navigation of VOR reports of foreign men of war or mines by those vessels not fitted with wireless telegraphy apparatus. Instructed no 2 British merchant ships in all other areas are restricted as follows radiotelephony is prohibited for private messages masters are to censor all private messages for transmission by wireless telegraphy & such messages are

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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To

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to be made in plain language 2205  
ends admiralty london R

GLY  
2345/26

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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| 56     | Admiralty London                    | 72    | 2320         | 26/8 |
| To     | important<br>Falkland Islands Radio |       |              |      |

important transmit this message  
on receipt and at routine  
times and at single operation  
periods on 26 27 28 & 29th  
August inclusive to G B M S from  
Admiralty begins admiralty message  
a admiralty has assumed control  
of the sailing and routing of  
British merchant ~~28 29th~~ G B M S  
~~28 29th~~ ships organisation for  
official wireless messages described  
admiralty notice to mariners  
3 is now in force 2150 ends  
Admiralty London ~~26~~  
R 647000/27

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Admiralty, Ha

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00245

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To

Pty. Important

Falkland Islands Radio

Important transmit this message on receipt and at routine times and at single operator periods on 26.2 27.2 28.2 and 29.2 suggest inclusion to 9 lines from admiralty begins admiralty message 3 British merchant ships now in Baltic Sea are to make every endeavour to reach the north sea through the sound using Swedish territorial waters and 2305 admiralty London

Time



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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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| 57     | Admiralty London |       | 0045<br>2400 | 27   |

To  
important Falkland Islands radio

important transmit this message on receipt and at routine times and at single operator periods on 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> august inclusive to g d m s from admiralty begin's admiralty message & all british merchant vessels are to continue on their voyages except those bound for the Baltic special instructions for such vessels will be issued vessels in port should consult british naval representative or consular officer before sailing ships at sea should avoid foggy areas and prominent landfalls

Time

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4 should make a large divergence  
from the track normally followed  
ships at sea in or subsequently  
entering areas nos 1 2 3 4 5 6  
7 or 9 in advance notice  
to masters no 3 should at night  
dim navigation lights and extinguish  
any other lights which show  
outboard they should endeavour  
to arrive off ports at daylight  
ships at sea in or subsequently  
entering areas nos 2 3 4 5 6  
or 9 should call for route  
instructions at the first of the

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routing ports listed at the end  
of this message which lies convenient-  
ly near their route ships passing  
through the panama canal bound  
for the atlantic should obtain  
routing instructions from the naval  
representative at panama list  
of routing ports gibraltar  
port said sues aden basra  
bombay karachi colombo calcutta  
rangoon penang singapore kilindini  
i durban cape town free town  
(sierraleone) rio de janeiro

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monteredeo port stanby & falkland  
islands) ends 2259 admiralty  
london

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown, Sierra Leone.


*To* Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched:* 27th August, 19 39 *Time:* 1.55

*Received:* 27th August, 19 39 *Time:* ..

IMMEDIATE. Instruct wireless stations to broadcast Admiralty  
Message A as detailed in Schedule to Notice to Mariners number 3  
Area 10. 2200/26.



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TELEGRAM.

*From* Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown, Sierra Leone.

*To* The Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched:* 27th August, 19 39. *Time:* 1.56

*Received:* 27th August, 19 39. *Time:* ..

FUNNEL 2145/26.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown, Sierra Leone  
*To* Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched:* 27th August, 19 39. *Time:* 2.35

*Received:* 27th August 19 39 *Time:* ..

FORECASTLE 1 2 3 4a 5a 6 7 and 9. 0018/27.



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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown, Sierra Leone.

*To* Colonial Secretary,

*Despatched:* 27th August, 19 39. *Time:* 4.10.

*Received:* 27th August, 19 39. *Time:*

IMMEDIATE. Instruct wireless stations in procedure laid down in Admiralty Notice to Mariners No. 3 and draw attention to their being required to keep continuous listening watch on 500 kcs if size of staff allows. Following are Admiralty messages to be broadcast on 27th 28th 29th August inclusive by GBMS Organisations in your Area - Begins "Admiralty Message D British Merchant ships now in Baltic Sea are to make every endeavour to reach the North Sea through the Sound using Swedish Territorial waters"ends. Begins "Admiralty Message C All British Merchant vessels are to continue on their voyages except those bound for the Baltic special instructions for each vessel will be issued. Vessels in port should consult British Naval representative or Consular Officer before sailing. Ships at sea should avoid focal areas and prominent landfalls and should make a large divergence from the track normally followed. Ships at sea in or subsequently entering Areas numbers 1 2 3 4a 5a 6 7 or 9 in Admiralty Notice to Mariners No. 3 should at night dim navigation lights and extinguish any other lights which show outboard, they should endeavour to arrive our ports at daybreak. Ships at sea in or subsequently entering Areas Nos 2 3 4a 5a 6 or 9 should call for route instructions at the first or the routeing ports listed at the end of this message which lies conveniently near their route. Ships passing through the Panama Canal bound for the Atlantic should obtain routeing instructions from the Naval Representative at Panama. List of routeing ports Gibraltar, Port Said, Suez, Aden, Abadan, Bombay, Karachi, Colombo, Calcutta, Rangoon, Penang, Singapore, Kilindini, Durban, Capetown, Freetown Sierra Leone, Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, ends"

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown, Sierra Leone.

*To* Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched* : 29th August, 1939 *Time* : 2335

*Received* : 29th August, 19 39 *Time* : 1045.

If signals to me have also been sent to Admiralty or other  
Naval Authority please state so in-s. This does not apply  
to Vesca which must be sent to both.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary.

To Admiralty. London.

Despatched : 30th August, 19 39 Time : 1235

Received : ... .. 19 Time :

VESCA New Zealand Star arrived and left for Montevideo  
29th August Route ACI probable date of arrival 1st September.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* Colonial Secretary.

*To* Staff Officer (I) Freetown Sierra Leone.

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*Despatched :* 30th August, 19 39 *Time :* 1235

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

VESCA New Zealand Star arrived and left for Montevideo  
29th August Route ACI probable date of arrival 1st September

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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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| 49     | Sierra Leone     | 425   | 16.20        | 29/8/39 |

To

Secretary, Falkland Islands, Stanley.

FROM SOL FREETOWN BROADCAST TO GBMS 6 BEGINS ADMIRALTY MESSAGE C ALL  
BRITISH MERCHANT VESSELS ARE TO CONTINUE ON THEIR VOYAGES EXCEPT  
THOSE BOUND FOR THE BALTIC SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUCH VESSELS WILL  
BE ISSUED VESSELS IN PORT SHOULD CONSULT BRITISH NAVAL REPRESENTATIVE  
OR CONSULAR OFFICER BEFORE SAILING SHIPS AT SEA SHOULD AVOID FOCAL  
AREAS AND PROMINENT LAND FALLS AND SHOULD MAKE A LARGE DIVERGENCE  
FROM THE TRACK USUALLY FOLLOWED SHIPS AT SEA IN OR SUBSEQUENTLY  
ENTERING AREAS NOS 1 2 3 4a 5a 6 7 OR 9 IN ADMIRALTY NOTICE TO  
MARINERS NO 3 SHOULD AT NIGHT DIM NAVIGATION LIGHTS AND EXTINGUISH  
ANY OTHER LIGHTS WHICH SHOW OUTBOARD THEY SHOULD ENDEAVOUR TO ARRIVE  
OFF PORTS AT DAYBREAK SHIPS AT SEA IN OR SUBSEQUENTLY ENTERING AREAS  
NOS 2 3 4a 5a 6 OR 9 SHOULD CALL FOR ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS AT THE  
FIRST OR THE ROUTING PORTS LISTED AT THE END OF THIS MESSAGE WHICH  
LIES CONVENIENTLY NEAR THEIR ROUTE SHIPS PASSING THROUGH THE PANAMA  
CANALBOUND FOR THE ATLANTIC SHOULD OBTAIN ROUTING INSTRUCTIONS FROM  
THE NAVAL REPRESENTATIVE AT PANAMA LIST OF ROUTING PORTS GIBRALTAR  
PORTSAID SUEZ ADEN ABADAN BOMBAY KARACHI COLOMBO CALCUTTA RANGOON

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# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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| 49 | Sierra Leone |  |  |  |
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PENANG SINGAPORE KILINDINI DURBAN CAPETOWN FREETOWN SIERRA LEONE RIO DE JANEIRO MONTEVIDEO PORT STANLEY FALKLAND ISLANDS ENDS ADMIRALTY MESSAGE D BRITISH MERCHANT SHIPS NOW IN BALTIC SEA ARE TO MAKE EVERY ENDEAVOUR TO REACH THE NORTH SEA THROUGH THE SOUND USING SWEDISH TERRITORIAL WATERS ENDS ADMIRALTY MESSAGE F THE MEDITERRANEAN IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO BRITISH MERCHANT SHIPPING SHIPS ALREADY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN ARE TO CONTINUE THEIR VOYAGE SHIPS BOUND INTO THE MEDITERRANEAN FROM THE ATLANTIC CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND AWAIT ORDERS SHIPS IN THE RED SEA PROCEED TO ADEN SHIPS BOUND FOR RED SEA FROM INDIAN OCEAN PROCEED TO ADEN AND AWAIT ORDERS NO SHIPS ARE TO VISIT ITALIAN PORTS AND SHIPS ALREADY IN ITALIAN PORTS ARE TO LEAVE SHIPS LEAVING THE BLACK SEA ARE TO REMAIN IN THE SEA OF MARMORA ENDS ADMIRALTY MESSAGE G. THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN ADMIRALTY MESSAGE E ARE CANCELLED AND THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO BE SUBSTITUTED BRITISH MERCHANT SHIPS BOUND FOR GERMAN DANISH OR DUTCH PORTS NORTH OF LATITUDE 52 DEGREES NORTH ARE - (1) IF IN THE NORTH SEA TO RETURN TO A UK PORT (2) IF BEYOND THE NORTHSEA TO CALL AT A UK PORT BRITISH SHIPS ~~The~~ GERMAN DANISH OR DUTCH PORTS NORTH OF LATITUDE 52 DEGREES NORTH ARE TO

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TELEGRAM.

*From* Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

*To* Admiralty. London.

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*Despatched:* 2nd September, 19 39 *Time:* 1520.

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

VESCA San Adolfo arrived and left for Punta Arenas  
1st September Course from 50 degrees 30 minutes South  
57 degrees 38 minutes West to 50 degrees 30 minutes  
South 63 degrees West then direct to Cape Virgins  
probable date of arrival 3rd September.



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TELEGRAM.

(56)

*From* Colonial Secretary,

*To* Admiralty London.  
Staff Officer (I) Freetown Sierra Leone.

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*Despatched:* 4th September, 19 39 *Time:* 1535

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

Vesca. Port Fairey arrived and left for Montevideo  
4th September Route A.C.I probable date of arrival  
6th September.

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TELEGRAM.

(58)

From Sierra Leone.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 4th September, 19 39. Time: 1842.

Received: 4th September, 19 39. Time: 1130.

From S O (I) Freetown following are Admiralty messages h i and j and Admiralty Notice to Mariners begins :- Admiralty message h the Mediterranean is closed to British Shipping through Mediterranean shipping is to be diverted either via Cape of Good Hope or Panama Canal west bound ships affected by this diversion are to proceed for instructions and bunkers as follows ships in area 3a of Admiralty Notice to Mariners No. 3 bound for Egypt or within one days sail of prearranged bunkering port are to proceed to Egypt or the bunkering port in question ships in area 3 b west of Colombo and more than two days from Aden are to call at Mombasa west of Colombo and less than two days from Aden are to call at Aden ships in the Bay of Bengal are to call at Colombo ships from Australia and New Zealand if not capable of making Durban are to proceed to Freemantle or Colombo ships in area 4a east of Singapore are to call at Singapore ships in area 5 east of Freemantle are to call at Freemantle east bound ships west of Gibraltar affected by this diversion are to proceed for instructions and bunkers as follows ships within one days sail of Gibraltar are to proceed to Gibraltar ships more than one days sail from Gibraltar are to proceed to Sierra Leone instructions for vessels already in the Mediterranean follow message ends new message Admiralty message 1 begins British Merchant vessels are not to proceed inside the Shaggerach or Hattegat and vessels already inside this area are to return to U.K. forthwith message ends. Begin new Message negins Admiralty message j War has broken out with Germany you are not to go to German ports Admiralty London 1117/3.

Begins Admiralty Notice to Mariners establishment of British Naval contraband control service (j) (1) the Admiralty have issued the following announcement for all British Merchant vessels/

vessels (2) all ships are liable to examination by the British contraband control service (3) British ships coming under any of the following categories will not normally be detained on interception longer than is necessary to establish their identity (a) ships on Government charter (b) ships bound direct for British or Allies ports and which will discharge all their cargo and passengers in such ports (c) ships whose last port of call was British or allied and which have a special war clearance therefrom (4) other British ships may on interception on certain routes be required to put into a contraband control base for more detailed examination and they are therefore advised to call at contraband control bases as follows ships proceeding eastward through the English Channel with the intention of passing the downs if not calling at any other channel port should call at Weymouth for contraband control examination ships bound for European ports on routes to the north of Scotland should call at Hirkwall ships bound eastward through the Straits of Gibraltar should call at Gibraltar 1905/2.

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TELEGRAM.

Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown Sierra  
From Leone.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched: 4th September, 1939. Time: 1432.

Received: 5th September 1939. Time:

From Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown Sierra Leone.

I. Forecastle in all areas.

II. If the Master of a Polish ship asks for instructions he is to be given the same information as would be given to a British Master. ?? applies to British merchant ships ? ?

III. Report stocks of coal, Furnance oil, and Diesel oil stating whether British owned.

IV. Report names of all German merchant ships now in harbours.

In respect of III and IV above should be signalled in plain language.

Hereafter weekly reports in respect of III ? .

Pass to Naval Control Service Officers where applicable.

07/3/39

*His Majesty's  
referred*

● DECODE.

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## TELEGRAM.

*From* Admiralty London.  
~~X~~  
*To* Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown.

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*Despatched:* 8th September, 19 39. *Time:* 1525.

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

Vesca. Hopecrest arrived and left for Capetown 7th September Course to 45 degrees 45 minutes S, 50 degrees West thence to 43 degrees 35 minutes South 33 degrees West thence by Great Circle to Cape Town speed 11.5 knots.

Lafonia left for Montevideo 7th September Route AC2 probable date of arrival 11th September.

(61)

From Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown Sierra Leone.

To . Colonial Secretary, Stanley, (Reporting Officer)

Handed in at 1510. 10th September, 1939.

Received 1800 10th September, 1939.

To all reporting officers, from Staff Officer, (Intelligence)  
Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Request you will make a point of having all messages sent by you decoded and checked before sent for transmission, this is especially applicable to Indicator groups.

Vesca telegrams should always commence with the word VESCA uncoded and be sent to Admiralty and Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown Sierra Leone. See special tables pages 104 to 113 Administrative Code.

Telegrams referring to movements of German, Italian and Japanese should also be sent to both Naval authorities as required in my telegram.

Fuel returns should be sent weekly on Saturday or Sunday.  
Ends.

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• No. 27 (F.L. exp 2 Str No)

From. Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown Sierra Leone.

To. British Consul, Port Stanley.

Despatched. 12th September, 1939, 0307.

Received. 12th September, 1939, 0515.

From Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown. Ships should be warned that port of Freetown is closed by night and examination service is established. It is advisable to arrive outer ends of searched channels at daybreak.  
0500/12.

From. Montevideo. 12th September, 1939, Time 2155.

To. Governor, Falkland Islands.

VESCA. Admiralty repeated Staff Officer(Intelligence)  
Freetown, Sierra Leone and Governor, Falkland Islands.

Arrival September 12th LAFONIA 1945/12



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TELEGRAM.

*From* Colonial Secretary, Stanley.  
( Admiralty, London.  
*To* ( and Staff Officer (I) Sierra Leone.

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*Despatched :* 16th September, 19 39. *Time :* 1135.

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

VESCA British Frozen Meat ship Sussex arrived and left  
for Montevideo September 15th Route AC3 probable date of  
arrival September 18th. 1135/16.

(68)

38. From Sierra Leone 2150 16th September, 1939.

To Secretary, Stanley.

From S.O.(I) Freetown Sierra Leone. S.P. 02215 (2), repeat  
S.P. 02215 (2) is to be brought into force 0001 G.M.T.  
Wednesday 20th September.

S.P. 02215 is to be destroyed by fire 20th September, certificates  
of destruction being forwarded through usual channels. Please  
inform Naval Control Service Officers at port where applicable  
and acknowledge on September 20th by the single word 'Simple'  
repeat 'Simple'.

*See Red 71*

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from. Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown, Sierra Leone.  
To. Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched. 19th September, 1939. Time. 2202.

Received. 20th September, 1939. Time. 0200.

From Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown, Sierra Leone. Reference  
to Mother telegram reports of Japanese ships are no longer  
required.

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| 137.   | Freetown         | 37    | 1740         | 20th Sept/39. |

To

SECRETARY

STANLEY.

Admiralty, Commodore Commanding S.A. Division A & W I Squadron, H.M.S. Ajax, H.M.S. Cumberland, H.M.S. Hotspur, H.M.S. Havock, Naval Attache Buenos Aires, Reporting Officer Falkland from Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown Sierra Leone. Following from Naval Control Service Officer Punta Arenas. Unknown tanker reported passed West to East September 17th. It is rumoured unknown warship JAP passing to Eastward.

(Cypher ~~code~~ 'S' decoded WDAJ)

( Copy forwarded to His Excellency the Governor for information on instructions of Reporting Officer, the Hon.M.C.Craigie-Halkett)

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| Number | Office of Origin           | Words | Handed in at | Date     |
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| 165    | SIERRA LEONE               | 19/78 | 2200         | 25.9.59. |
| To     | SECRETARY FALKLAND ISLANDS |       |              |          |

PLEASE COMMUNICATE THE FOLLOWING WHICH IS REPORTING OFFICERS' CODE TO GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS.

TO STAFF OFFICER (INTELLIGENCE) FREETOWN SIERRA LEONE  
FROM NAVAL CONTROL SERVICE OFFICER MAGALLANES.

I AM INFORMED BY RELIABLE SOURCE THAT LOCAL STEAMER AUSTRAL IS LEAVING FOR ISLA PACIENCIA IN ADMIRALTY SOUND STRAITS OF MAGALLAN SEPTEMBER 23RD. SHE IS LOADING 600 BAGS OF FLOUR : 200 BAGS OF SUGAR ALSO CYLINDER AND OTHER OIL.

AS THERE IS ONLY A SMALL POPULATION THERE I SUSPECT POSSIBLE BASE FOR PROVISIONING ENEMY SHIPS.

MANAGERS OF THE LINE ARE GERMANS.

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| 16.    | RIO ETAT.        | 40/39. | 1950         | 2nd Oct.1939. |

To GOVERNOR  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

COME.    VESCA.

TO ADMIRALTY REPEATED TO S.O.I. FREETOWN SIERRE LEONE  
AND COMMODORE FROM NAVAL CONTROL SERVICE OFFICER RIO

BRITISH SHIP "BROWNING" ARRIVED HERE 30th SEPTEMBER.

BRITISH SHIP "HIGHLAND PRINCESS" ARRIVED AND SAILED SMALL  
HOURS YESTERDAY SUNDAY.

BRITISH SHIP "NARIVA" ARRIVED HERE TODAY MONDAY.

ITALIAN SHIP "AUGUSTUS" ARRIVED HERE AND SAILED 29th SEPTEMBER.

W/T Station requested to repeat to Commodore at routine periods.

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| 33     | Sierra Leone     | 36/35 | 2245         | 3.10.39. |

To SECRETARY  
PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

S.O.(I). FREETOWN SIERRA LEONE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SOUTH ATLANTIC  
COMMODORE COMMANDING S.A.DIVISION H.M.S.CUMBERLAND H.M.S.AJAX  
BRITISH NAVAL ATTACHE BUENOS AYRES GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS FOR  
COMMODORE FROM S.O.(I). MONTEVIDEO.

D I R 17.

GERMAN SHIP "BORKUM" ARRIVED HERE TODAY MONDAY AND IS  
REPORTED TO BE BUNKERING FULL CAPACITY.

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| 37     | SIERRA LEONE     | etat 30 | 1630         | 4.10.39. |

To

SECRETARY

PORT STANLEY

FALKLAND ISLANDS

FROM STAFF OFFICER INTELLIGENCE FREETOWN SIERRA LEONE  
FOR CONSULAR SHIPPING ADVISERS AND REPORTING OFFICER.  
SHOULD AMERICAN OR NORWEGIAN MASTERS ASK FOR IT THEY  
ARE TO BE GIVEN SAME ADVICE AS THAT GIVEN TO BRITISH  
MASTERS.

0725/4.

Time



TELEGRAM.

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No.59. from Freetown. ETAT. Wds.22/21. Time 1925. 5th Oct.1939.

TO SECRETARY PORT STANLEY.

ADMIRALTY AND COMMODORE S.A.D., D.O.I. MONTEVIDEO, REPORTING  
OFFICER AT FALKLAND ISLANDS FROM STAFF OFFICER (I) FREETOWN  
SIERRA LEONE.

PUNTA ARENAS ARRIVAL OCTOBER 3rd CHILEAN DESTROYER ALDEA.  
VESSEL EXPECTED TO REMAIN.

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TELEGRAM.

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*From* Reporting Officer, Stanley.

Admiralty, London.

*To* Staff Officer (I) Freetown, Sierra Leone.

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*Despatched* : 8th October 19 39 *Time* : 1225

*Received* : 19 *Time* :

VESCA From Reporting Officer Falkland Islands repeated to Admiralty and Staff Officer (I) Freetown Sierra Leone.  
Departure October 7th British ship GRQY Lafonia for Montevideo  
Route ACI speed 11 knots expected to arrive Thursday 12th October.

*Coded & sent  
by WDAF*

CS.  
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TELEGRAM.

98

From Reporting Officer Port Stanley F.I.

To Staff Officer (I) Freetown & BOTH

Despatched : 7th October 19 39 Time : 2240

Received : 19 Time :

(BOTH)

To Staff Officer (Intelligence Freetown repeated to Commodore S.A.D  
and H.M.S. Ajax.  
From Reporting Officer Port Stanley Falkland Islands.

British ship GRQY- Lafonia sailed today Saturday October 7th  
at 1700 via route A.C.1 at a speed of 11 knots.

CANCELLED  
by Red 96  
ewg

Coded & sent WHRS.

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TELEGRAM.

From Reporting Officer Port Stanley F.I.

To Querifa Freetown & Both

Despatched : 8th October 1939 Time : 1430  
Received : 19 Time :

To Staff Officer (I) Freetown repeated to Commodore S.A.D.  
and H.M.S.Ajax.

**From Reporting Officer Port Stanley Falkland Islands.**

Cancel my telegram of 2230/7.

It is replaced and corrected by my telegram 1225/8

Coded & sent WHRS.

No. 89. From Sierra Leone etat. Words 28/27 Time 2245/8 To Secretary Stanley.

To all Reporting Officers and Naval Control Service Officers.  
From Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown.

101.

Your Intelligence Reports should contain a specific reference, origin, and source, and you should express an opinion regarding the authenticity and the reliability of them.

Dec WHRS.

CS.

164.

From S.O.I Freetown

52/51

1955/16/10/39

To Secretary, Falkland Islands.

To N.C.S.O. and ~~Shipping~~ Adviser

From S.O.I. Freetown

Information has been received but not yet confirmed 6000 tons German cruiser Karlsruhe has been converted to seaplane carrier. If so her silhouette is probably altered. She is reported to carry a catapult and 12 seaplanes, 3 reconnaissance and 9 dive-bombing aircraft, the flight deck being aft.

Dec J.E.H.

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TELEGRAM.

(110)

From S.O.(I). Freetown.....

To Reporting Officer. Falkland Islands.

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Despatched: Freetown 19.10. 19 39 Time: 2148  
Received: Cypher Office 20.10. 1939 Time: 0123

Naval Control Service Officers Consular Shipping Advisers and  
Routing Officers from S.O.(I). Freetown.

Following received by cable.

S.O.(I). Freetown S.O.(I). Capetown Director of Naval Intelligence  
Ottawa from Admiralty.

Expected dates of arrival of important fast ships should be included  
in all VESCA telegrams.

Ends.

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TELEGRAM.

From S.O.(I).Freetown.....

To Reporting Officer Falkland Islands

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| Despatched : | Sierra Leone  | 21.10. 19 39 | Time : 1755 |
| Received :   | Cypher Office | 22.10. 19 39 | Time : 0115 |

To Naval Control Service Officers Consular Shipping Advisers and Routeing Officers from S.O.(I).Freetown.

Masters of British merchant ships are to be confidentially informed that in the event of being challenged at night when proceeding independently they should turn away, increase to full speed and flash ship's name en clair.

1230/21



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TELEGRAM.

From Reporting Officer  
( Admiralty London  
To ( Querifa Freetown  
( ~~come~~ BOTH

Despatched : Cypher Office 22 Oct. 19 39 Time : 1200.

Received : 19 Time :

VESCA.

From Reporting Officer Falkland Islands repeated to Admiralty  
and Staff Officer (I) Freetown.

BRITISH FROZEN MEAT SHIP "PORT HOBART" ARRIVED AND LEFT FOR  
MONTEVIDEO 0930 SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER ROUTE A.C.2, SPEED 12.5 KNOTS  
EXPECTED TO ARRIVE THURSDAY 26th OCTOBER.

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TELEGRAM.

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From S.O.(I). Freetown

To Reporting Officer Falkland Islands.

Despatched: Sierra Leone 23.10. 19 39 Time: 2250

Received: Cypher Office 24.10. 19 39 Time: 0125

All Consular Shipping Advisers and Routeing Officers S.O.(I).Monte Vide o  
from S.O.(I).Freetown.

Following for masters of all British merchant vessels at first opportunity.

(1) If you are attacked it is essential in reporting the fact to give  
your position, course and speed ~~xx~~ so that help may be sent as soon as  
possible. Subsequent alterations of course and speed should also be  
signalled.

(2) A case recently occurred when a convoy scattered because one ship  
signalled she was torpedoed when an escorting Destroyer dropped a depth  
charge. When a depth charge is dropped one or more shocks will be felt  
but there is no danger. The explosion gives the impression that the ship  
has struck a submerged object.

(3) On all occasions of a route being given to a master of a British  
merchant vessel they should remind him that if photographs, however  
indistinct, of hostile or suspicious vessels are obtained they are of great  
value to the Admiralty and should be handed over to the Naval authorities  
at the ship's first port of call together with a short account of the  
circumstances under which they were taken.

1200/23

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TELEGRAM.

*From* M.C.S. Officer Rio de Janeiro

*To* His Excellency the Governor

|                   |                |        |       |             |      |
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| <i>Despatched</i> | Rio de Janeiro | 23.10. | 19 39 | <i>Time</i> | 1850 |
| <i>Received</i>   | Cypher Office  | 24.10. | 19 39 | <i>Time</i> | 0115 |

VESCA

To Admiralty repeated to S.O.(I). Freetown and Commodore from Naval Control Service Officer Rio de Janeiro.

British ship "SELVISTAN" sailed for Monte Video yesterday Sunday, routed

Latitude 024deg. 035deg. South Longitude 043deg. West

Latitude 035deg. South Longitude 053deg. West

speed 10 knots, due at Monte Video A.M. Friday.

French ship "FAUZON" sailed for Dakar yesterday Sunday, routed by French Naval Attache Lat. 018 S. Long. 035 W. ; Lat. 012 30' N. 019 30' W. speed 12 knots.

British ship "GCQB/ BALFE" arrived here.

1414/23

W/T Station requested to repeat to H.M.S. Exeter for Commodore.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 8004

From N.C.S. Officer, Magallanes.

To Secretary, Falkland Islands.

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Despatched: P.Arenas. 25th Oct. 19 39. Time: 1740.

Received: Cypher Office 26th " 19 39 Time: 0945.

From N.C.S. Officer Magallanes.

British ship GRQY-- "LA FONIA" due to arrive Falkland Islands

27th October.

1600/25.

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264.

TELEGRAM.

From M.G.S. Officer, Rio de Janeiro.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: Rio de Janeiro 26.10.1939 Time: 1716

Received: Cypher Office 27.10.1939 Time: 0115

VESCA

Admiralty repeated S.O.(1). Freetown and Commodore from Naval Control Service Officer Rio de Janeiro.

British ship "ALMANZORA" sailed for St. Vincent (Cape Verde) and the United Kingdom 25th October, routed Latitude 024 deg.S. Longitude 048 deg.W. Latitude 017 deg.S. Longitude 031 deg. 50' W. Equator Longitude 022 deg.W. Latitude 015 deg.N. Longitude 025 deg.W.

Speed 15 knots, due to arrive at St. Vincent 2000 3rd. November.

"ALMANZORA" embarked 41 members of the crew of the British ship "CLEMENT" and 54 lascars ex-German ship "WOLFSBUNG" all of whom were sent to Rio de Janeiro from Pernambuco.

British ship "AVILA STAR" sailed today Thursday for Santos and Rio de la Plata. British ship "ST. MICHAEL" arrived here.

1630/26

W/T Station requested to repeat to H.M.S. Exeter for Commodore.

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TELEGRAM.

From Reporting Officer  
Admiralty London.  
To Querifa Freetown  
Both.

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Despatched : 27th October, 19 39. Time : 1140.

Received : 19 Time :

VESCA. Admiralty repeated to Staff Officer (I) Freetown  
from Reporting Officer Falkland Islands.

Arrival 27th October British ship "LAFONIA"

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TELEGRAM.

*From* S.O.(I).Freetown.

*To* Reporting Officer, Falkland Islands.

|                     |               |              |                    |
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| <i>Despatched :</i> | Sierra Leone  | 27.10. 19 39 | <i>Time :</i> 1820 |
| <i>Received :</i>   | Cypher Office | 28.10. 19 39 | <i>Time :</i> 0105 |

From S.O.(I).Freetown for Naval Control Service Officers and Routeing Officers.

Advice and routeing instructions if asked for may now be given to the Masters of all Neutral vessels provided it is made clear to them that the Admiralty accepts no liability in respect of such vessels.

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TELEGRAM.

275.

From S.O.(I). Freetown.

To Reporting Officer, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: Sierra Leone 27.10. 19 59 Time: 1400

Received: Cypher Office 27.10. 19 59 Time: 1717

To all Reporting Officers from S.O.(I). Freetown.

Following are repetitions of Admiralty "Q" messages, R and T.

Admiralty "Q" message begins.

Reports of the sighting of floating mines are not to be made by W/T, but information regarding them should be able to be given to the Naval Authorities on arriving at harbour. Instructions on this subject are hereby suspended.

1235/3 October

Admiralty message R begins.

Broadcast messages giving positions of U boats, will be made whenever these are known with sufficient accuracy. Messages will be broadcast immediately the information becomes available at next operating period. Such positions then ought to be available for 12 hours. 12 hours after the last broadcast it must be assumed U boat has moved. The positions then ought to be deleted from charts and no further attention ought to be paid to the message.

0421/19 October.

Admiralty message T begins.

It is believed that one or two ships of the German armoured ship "DEUTSCHLAND" class carrying aircraft are at large. Strict radio silence is essential except when enemy U-boats or Aircraft are seen, when an immediate account is of the utmost importance.

1154/21 October



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TELEGRAM.

No. 292 From S.L.

Words 36/35

From Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown .

To Hon: Colonial Secretary. Stanley.

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Despatched : 28th October 19 39 Time : 1735

Received : 28th October 19 39 Time : 0110

To Reporting Officers From Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown.  
Admiralty message "U".

On sight of aircraft act in accordance with D.M.S. Part 2 chapter 6  
paragraph 167 (d). Previous directions issued by the Admiralty's 2325  
of October 2nd are cancelled.

Dec WHRS  
JEH  
PB

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TELEGRAM.

No. 294

*From* ~~Staff Officer (Intelligence)~~ Freetown.

*To* Secretary Stanley

*Despatched :* 2152/28/3919 *Time :*

*Received :* 0130/29/3919 *Time :*

Consular Shipping Advisers and Routing Officers  
from S.O.L.Freetown following received from Admiralty Begins.

It is of the greatest importance that British merchant vessels should not report sighting on the high seas of aircraft belonging to British warships. If an aircraft is definitely identified as an enemy but may not commit a hostile act she shall be reported by W/T immediately. If an enemy aircraft makes a signal to a merchant vessel to cease using her W/T this signal should not be obeyed until after an enemy report has been made.

M.C.S.Officers are to inform masters accordingly

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TELEGRAM.

*From* ~~Reporting Officer, Falkland Islands.~~

*To* Admiralty London  
Guernica Freetown

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| <i>Despatched :</i> | October 29th. | 19 39 | <i>Time :</i> | 1930 |
| <i>Received :</i>   |               | 19    | <i>Time :</i> |      |

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ADMIRALTY REPEATED S.O.(I).FREETOWN FROM REPORTING OFFICER  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

DEPARTURE OCTOBER 29th. 1730 FROM DARWIN FALKLAND ISLANDS

BRITISH SHIP "LAFONIA" FOR GEYTVIKEN SOUTH GEORGIA

ROUTED 051deg. 30' S. 055deg. W. 052deg. 30' S. 040deg. W.

SPEED 11 KNOTS.

1900/29

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary.

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Despatched: 25th October, 19 39. Time: 1400.  
Received: 25th October, 19 39. Time: 1230.  
No. 63. Harpon arrived from Europe 24th October.  
MAGISTRATE.

DECODE.

321 From Admiralty

TELEGRAM.

Words 16.

From Admiralty.

To Hon Colonial Secretary.

*Despatched:* 31st October 19 39 *Time:* 0708

*Received:* 1st November 19 39 *Time:* 1118

To REPORTING OFFICER Falkland Islands. From ADMIRALTY.

Check and repeat your 1200 28th October, groups 33.

(This has been corrected and repeated.)

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

N.C.S.  
137

From S.O.I. Freetown ..... 32/25

To .....  
Secretary Stanley. 114/113

Despatched : 19 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

To all Reporting Officers from S.O.I. Freetown.

Admiralty message V. Ships out of range of W/T broadcasting stations should be able to listen for GBMS transmission from the medium wave broadcasting stations in their respective areas, for example GK 1515 (149 Kc/s) or ~~BY~~ GY (125 Kc/s) in area one, at times shown in notices to ships Radio Stations no.2 of 1939. All ships are to be reminded that they should be able to listen for GBMS transmission GBR at 0000, 1200 and 2000 G.M.T. at least. Admiralty message

Admiralty message R. After "such positions" read "should be avoided for 48 hours at least".....

1731/3

138

DECODE.

No. 54 From Sierra Leone. TELEGRAM. Etat

From Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown.

Hon: Colonial Secretary.

To

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Despatched: 6th November 19 39 Time: 0042

Received: 6th November 19 39 Time: 0115

To Consular shipping Advisers and Reporting Officers at Routeing Ports.  
From Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown.

Following for Masters of British Merchant Ships. From Admiralty.

BEGINS: Correction to O.U.5500 Defence of Merchant Shipping Page 169.

Group allocated to "Stop Engines" to read "ZEV" repeat "ZEV"

This correction to be made forthwith.

1910/5

Dec WHRS.

- 11 HOGGETS  
12 WETHERS  
13 LAMBS  
14 GIMMERS  
15 RAMS  
16 EWES

24-hour clock will be used, but 0000  
will be "NIL" and times up to 0959 will  
be sent as 3 figure groups



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

140

*From* Reporting Officer, Falkland Islands.

Admiralty London

*To* ~~Max Breaker~~  
S.O.(I) Freetown

*Despatched :* November 8th. 19 39 *Time :* 1500

*Received :* 19 *Time :*

VESCA

Admiralty repeated S.O.(I).Freetown  
from Reporting Officer Falkland Islands.

arrival November 6th. British ship "LAFOVIA".

1500/8

147

• DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No.80.

From Rio.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 10th November, 19 39. Time : 1208.

Received : 10th November, 19 39. Time : 2010.

VESCA.

ARRIVAL NOVEMBER 10th "TUSCAN STAR"

12/29 10th.

W/T station asked to rep eat to Commodore.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Reporting Officer Port Stanley.

Admiralty London.  
*To* Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown.  
Staff Officer (Intelligence) Montevideo.

*Despatched :* 15th November 19 39 *Time :* 18/5

*Received :* 19 *Time :*

VESCA

To Admiralty repeated Staff Officer(I) Freetown, Staff Officer(I) Montevideo.

From Reporting Officer Port Stanley.

Departure November 15th 1430 British ship "Lafonia" from Hill Cove West Falkland Islands/ via Route AC.3 due to arrive at Montevideo November 20th. Speed 11.5 knots.

1930/15

Coded WHRS

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

**RECEIVED.**

| Number | Office of Origin | Words | Handed in at | Date     |
|--------|------------------|-------|--------------|----------|
| 58     | Fox Bay          | 5     | 15.00        | 15/11/69 |

To

Secretary, Stanley.

1430 RANS.

HAMILTON.

155

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 182 From Sierra Leone

Etat Words 56/55

From Staff Officer(Intelligence) Freetown.

To Hon Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 17th November 19 39 Time : 1306

Received : 17th November 19 39 Time : 1825/17

To all Routeing and Port Officers. From Staff Officer(I) Freetown.

With reference to Admiralty message 'L'.

For the present unless there is reason to suspect the presence of U-boats, British merchant ships in areas 1 and 7 need only zigzag in daylight or bright moon light when within 1000 miles of a unit or 500 miles of other land.

Masters are to be ~~xxx~~ informed accordingly. Admiralty message L will not be amended.

2255/16

Dec WHRS

DECODE.

No. 224.

TELEGRAM.

From N.C.S. Officer Montevideo.

To His Excellency the Governor.

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Despatched : 20th November, 19 39 Time : 2339

Received : 21st November, 19 39 Time : 0325.

From N.C.S. Officer Montevideo.

British Ship "LA FONIA" arrival November 20th.

2030/20.

463  
170  
DECODE.

No. 234 From Sierra Leone TELEGRAM. Words 66/65

From Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown.

To Hon: Colonial Secretary.

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Despatched : 22~~nd~~ November 19 39 Time : 2115

Received : 22nd November 19 39 Time : 1055

To all Routeing Officers. From Staff Officer(I) Freetown.

The names of Merchant Ships are to be coded or cyphered by their Signal Letters taken from Signal Letter Index O.U. 5468. If the Merchant Ship does not appear in O.U. 5468 the name must be spelt. Other publications such as the Berne List are not--repetition NOT-- to be used. In view of the similarity of certain ships great care is necessary in selecting the correct Signal Letters from O.U.5468 or in spelling.

1121/21

Dec JEH  
WHRS

## SECRET HAND MESSAGE.

(Copies by hand to: H.E. The Governor, Falkland Islands.  
Reporting Officer, Port Stanley.  
Manager, Falkland Islands Company.  
H.M.S. 'Exeter'. )

Naval General

To: Senior Officer, Force G.

From: C.S.A.

As LAFONIA is carrying back Buenos Aires contingent of Falkland Islands Defence Force, I consider she should be covered by a cruiser during passage to River Plate.

Request she may leave Port Stanley at dusk, Friday, 8th. December, and proceed by route A C 2 repetition A C 2. She will be overtaken by H.M.S. 'Exeter' and escorted into River Plate.

= 1301 / 1st. December.



DECODE.

175

TELEGRAM.

From Freetown

To Secretary, Stanley

65

|              |        |    |        |
|--------------|--------|----|--------|
| Despatched : | 0800/5 | 19 | Time : |
|              | 1800/5 |    |        |
| Received :   |        | 19 | Time : |

SOI Falkland Islands Route giving Officers from SOI Freetown  
All secret positions or other secret information issued to  
Masters before sailing whether in convoy or independently  
should invariably be enclosed in 2 Repeat 2 envelopes.

DECODE.TELEGRAM.From SOI Monte Video

120

To SOI Falkland Islands

Despatched : 1800/7 19 Time :

Received : 0900/8 19 Time :

SOI Falkland Islands from SOI M<sup>0</sup>nte Video.

I am now passing QZ messages to you. Please repeat your  
Vesca ZH to me.

1800/7

H.C.S.

I have not yet been able to find out  
for certain what ZH signifies but I shall en-  
quire from one of the receiver's officers at the  
first opportunity

J.E.H.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* ..... Sierra Leone

*To* ..... Secretary

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*Despatched :* 19 *Time :*

*Received :* 19 *Time :*

From SOI Freetown.

Has British ship Lafonia arrived due 4th December  
from Magallanes

1750/8

Reply made. 114 0/9

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Secretary

*To* Querifa Freetown

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*Despatched :* 1140/9 19 *Time :*

*Received :* 19 *Time :*

British ship LAFONIA arrived Monday 4th December 1900  
regret ommission.

1140/9

Refers to S01 Freetown of 1750/8



40C  
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No.167

Words 155/154

*From* Staff Officer (Intelligence) Montevideo.

*To* H.E.The Governor Falkland Islands.

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| <i>Despatched :</i> | 10th December | 19 <sup>39</sup> | <i>Time :</i> | 1930    |
| <i>Received :</i>   | 10th December | 19 <sup>39</sup> | <i>Time :</i> | 2010/10 |

QZ Circulation Addressees abroad. From S.O.(I) Montevideo.

Dover Straits. Additional traffic regulations. Vessels anchoring in Dungeness East Roads are on no account to pass North Eastwards of a line drawn in a 300 deg: direction from a red and white conical light buoy exhibiting a white flashing light every 10 seconds situated in Latitude 050 57' 30" North; Longitude 001 05' 30" East. Vessels proceeding from Dungeness and the Downs must Southwards of the above ~~line~~ mentioned Light Buoy. A second Light Buoy conical in shape and painted black and white and exhibiting a white flashing light every 5 seconds is established in Lat: 050 58' 36" N.; Long: 001 02' 48" E. Vessels are warned that the channel between Folkestone and the main Channel through Folkestone Gate is six cables wide each side of a line drawn 140 deg: and through the Light on the lefty Folkestone pier. Vessels disregarding these traffic regulations do so at their own peril. (?Not) being disturbed until further orders.

1540/10  
Dec AN  
JEH

ABC  
8  
DECODE.

No. 164

(182)  
TELEGRAM.

Staff Officer (Intelligence) Montevideo.

From .....

To H.E. The Governor Falkland Islands.

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Despatched : 10th December 19 39 Time : 1530

Received : 10th December 19 39 Time : 2010/10

To All Shipping Advisers.

From S.O.(I) Montevideo.

Admiralty message 761 A. Masters of British Merchant ships are to be warned that, in the interest of their own safety, it is most important that they should reply at once, both by day and by night to signals received from warships.

1347/10

Dec AN  
JEH

185

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

170

From MV.

To H.E.

Despatched : 2356/10 19 Time :

Received : 0406/11 19 Time :

To all Reporting Officers from SOI Monte Video

As from 11th. December Coast Stations in area 1 and 2 at present broadcasting on 500 Kc/s (600) metres transmit on their working wave length. Coast Stations will make preliminary calls on 500 K/cs and will indicate what messages they have for transmission ---- appropriate working wave lengths.

Ships are to revert to 500 Kc/s immediately on receipt of all new traffic for them.

This is my 174

2152/10

JEH

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

NCS  
193

From Monte Video

To H.E.

198

Despatched : 1702/12 19 Time :

Received : 0805/12 19 Time :

To all NCSOs E.Coast of South America From SOT Monte Video

Please inform me if you are ? ~~YMBBIB~~ AFO's S.series. Do  
you hold S.253/39 and 254/39?

1305/12



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From \_\_\_\_\_

To Monte Video

|              |             |    |        |
|--------------|-------------|----|--------|
|              | <u>H.E.</u> |    | 179    |
| Despatched : |             | 19 | Time : |
| Received :   | 1545/11     | 19 | Time : |
|              | 2000/12     |    |        |

NCSOs East Coast of South America from NOI WV. Correction to SP 02184 p.44 left hand column third group from bottom should read 3712 repeat 3712 not 8712. Authority AGM 1527 25th September.

1130/12

JEM

**SECRET**

Copies of Messages.

To - S.O.(I) Falkland Islands;  
S.O.(I) Capetown; S.N.O.,  
Simonstown.

From - C-in-C, South  
Atlantic.

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Admiralty message 1931 2nd December is  
being passed to you for information.

T.O.O. 2305/5 Dec.'39  
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To - C-in-C., South Atlantic(592); From - Admiralty  
(R) C-in-C., East Indies(898);  
C-in-C., A. & W.I.(553);  
C.S.A.(197)  
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From information received there appears  
to be some divergence of opinion among N.C.S. Officers and  
other authorities concerned on the South Atlantic Station  
regarding the routeing and bunkering question. To clarify  
this the following summarises the Admiralty's instructions  
now in force:-

- (a) Vessels of 15 knots and over, whether armed or  
not, are to be sailed independently.
- (b) Vessels under 9 knots are to be sailed independ-  
ently.
- (c) All vessels proceeding direct from Africa or  
South America to ports in America, West Indies  
or Mediterranean or vice versa are to be sailed  
independently.
- (d) Vessels under (a), (b) and (c) above need not  
call at Freetown.
- (e) Vessels other than those mentioned in (a), (b)  
and (c) bound to the United Kingdom or Europe,  
excluding Mediterranean, are to proceed to Free-  
town for convoy.
- (f) Banana vessels trading between British (? 1 grp)  
and United Kingdom proceed independently both  
ways, calling at Freetown on their outward  
passage for homeward routeing instructions.
- (g) Except while in convoy any ships may call at  
Lisbon, Dakar, Cape Verde, Madeira, Azores or  
Canary Islands, as desired by owners.

Previous Admiralty orders about vessels  
calling at these places are cancelled.

T.O.O. 1931/2 Dec.'39.  
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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

223  
Immediate

From Monte Video

To H.E.

Despatched : 2132/13 19 Time :

Received : cyo 0812/14 19 Time :

Furnish details NCSOs and ROs East Coast of South America  
repeated Assistant NA Rio from SOI MV.

My 1037 13th. December resume sailings Northwards repeat  
Northwards Santos and all ports north of that port.

1915/13

WHRS.

DECODE.

No. 210

TELEGRAM.

Words 71/70

From Staff Officer (I) Montevideo

To H.E.The Governor F.L.

Despatched : 13th December 19 39 Time : 0033

Received : " " 19 Time : 1140

To all Naval Control Service Officers on the East Coast South America.  
From Staff Officer (I) Montevideo.

S.P. 02206 B and S.P. 02206 (B) 1st March 1939 should have been brought into force 0001 G.M.T. 26th October to replace S.P. 02206 Part 2 fixed and S.P. 02206 Part 2 dated 1st July 1936 which should have been destroyed by fire last ( groups left out). Authority Admiralty General Message 2007/20th S.P. 02138 should have been destroyed by fire 11th September. Authority A.G 1913/11th September last. Certificates of destruction should be rendered through the usual channels.

1915/12

Doc JEM

DECODE.

No. 206

TELEGRAM.

Words 50/49

*From* Staff Officer (I) Montevideo.

*To* H.E.The Governor Falkland Islands.

*Despatched :* 13th December 19 39 *Time :* 0030  
                  " " " " " " 1140

*Received :* 19 *Time :*

T o all Naval Control Service Officers East Coast of South America, except  
From Staff Officer (I) Montevideo. B.A.

S.P. 02175 (4) and S.P. 02216 (2) should have been brought into force  
at 0001 November 1st; and S.P. 02175 (3) and S.P. 02216 destroyed by fire  
on November 15th last, certificates of destruction being rendered through  
the usual channels. Authority-- Admiralty General Message. 1308/25 of  
19308/12

Dec JEH

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

203

*From* Reporting Officer Port Stanley.

*To* Admiralty London: S.O.(I) Freetown.  
S.O.(I) Montevideo.

*Despatched* : 14th December 19 39 *Time* :

*Received* : 19 *Time* :

To Admiralty repeated Staff Officer (I) Freetown Staff Officer (I) Montevideo.

Arrival December 13th: British ship "SanCasto"  
2100

0905/14

C&S WHRS

DECODE.

246

TELEGRAM.

204

*From*

Staff Officer (I) Montevideo.

*To*

H.E. The Governor F.I. URGENT IMPORTANT.

*Despatched :*

19

*Time :*

14th December

39

19.40

*Received :*

19

*Time :*

To Route Giving Officers on the East Coast South America

From S.O.I. Montevideo.

Continue sailings from all South American ports  
except Montevideo

1835/14.

W.H.R.S.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

205  
NHS  
No.251.

*From* S.O. (I) Montevideo.

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

*Despatched :* 14th December, 19 39. *Time :* 2046.

*Received :* 14th December, 19 39. *Time :* 2332.

**IMPORTANT.** To All N.C.S.Officers South America from S.O.(I) Montevideo.

Consular Shipping Advisers and route giving Officers are to give information regarding any German Ship that may be at sea in the area through which ship s are likely to pass and instruct to break W/T silence and report any German Ships of whose identity they are certain.

1917/14.

Dec.WHRS.



DECODE.

No. 60

TELEGRAM.

208

*From* Admiralty

*To* Reporting Officer Port Stanley.

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|---------------------|---------------|-------|--------------------|
| <i>Despatched :</i> | 15th December | 19 39 | <i>Time :</i>      |
| <i>Received :</i>   | 15th December | 19 39 | <i>Time :</i> 2228 |

To Reporting Officer Port Stanley. From Admiralty.

Your 0905/14th December. Spell name of ship concerned.

0546/15

W HRS

Done.

• DECODE.

No. 300

TELEGRAM.

208

*From* Staff Officer (I) Montevideo.

*To* Reporting Officer. Stanley.

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*Despatched :* 16th December 19 39 *Time :* 1665  
*Received :* 19 *Time :*

To All reporting Officers, East Coast of South America.  
From Staff Officer (I) Montevideo.

The appearance of the German Cruiser "Blücher" differs from that of the "Hipper" in the following particulars:

The German Cruiser "Blücher" has flared overhung bows similar to that of the German Battlecruiser "Gneisenau" and a similar cinder screen on the funnel.

1314/16

WDAJ

DECODE.

No. 405.

TELEGRAM.

From Montevideo.

To INTERCEPT.

Despatched : 19 Time :  
Received : 20th December, 19 39. Time : 1400.

Admiralty repeated S.O.(I) Freetown S.O.(I) Montevideo.  
Arrival 17th December British Ship "CAPOLET" 1530  
from Reporting Officer Falkland Islands.

1058/20.

Dec. JEH  
AN

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DECODE.

218  
TELEGRAM.

From W.

To H.B.

399

Despatched : 0026/20 19 Time :

Received : 0 05/20 19 Time :

Shipping Advisers East Coast of America from 801 NY  
NY 1937/9

Admiralty instructs that only combination safes should be  
purchased and when repeat when received combinations should be  
altered immediately.

1915/19

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 412.

219

*From* ..... **Montevideo.**

*To* **His Excellency the Governor.**

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*Despatched :*            **20th December, 19 39.**    *Time :*    ??

*Received :*            **20th December, 19 39**    *Time :*    2100.

My 2130 British Ships "ALMEDA STAR" and "DORINGTON COURT"  
arrived Buenos Aires 19th December from roadstead 18th December.

1715/20.

Dec. AN.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.  
S.O.(1) Montevideo.

220  
No.409.

From

His Excellency the Governor.

To

20th December, 39. 1640.

Despatched: 20th December, 19 39. Time: 1815.

To All <sup>Received</sup> Shipping Advisers East Coast of South America from S.O. (1)  
Montevideo.

Masters of Neutral Vessels should as a general rule be encouraged to sail in our convoys particularly when they are carrying cargoes \_\_\_? \_\_\_? \_\_\_? or \_\_\_? Great Britain. N.C.S. Officers have discretion however to preclude a Neutral vessel from joining a convoy if for any reason they see fit. If such case occurs a written report of the circumstances is to be forwarded to the Flag Lieut. Commander Admiralty.

1435/19.

Dec.AN.

221  
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 430.

From S.O. (1) Montevideo.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 21st December, 19 39. Time : 1840.

Received : 21st December 19 39 Time : 1145.

Reporting Officers East Coast of South America from  
S.O. (1) Montevideo.

Messages received prefixed by word "NITE" need not be  
decoded between the hours 2200 to 0200 and delay up to  
36 hours is permitted between the times of origin and of  
decoding. You are not - repetition not - to use this  
prefix for outward messages.

1737/20.

Dec. AN.

65  
DECODE.

222  
TELEGRAM.

No. 421.

From Montevideo.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 20th December, 19 39. Time : 2355.

Received : 21st December, 19 39. Time : 0805.

BNR  
VESCA.

Maranham British Ship "ANSELM" arrival December 20th

R 23 M.

2327/20.

Dec. AN.



CS  
DECODE.

223  
TELEGRAM.

No. 397.

*From* Montevideo.

*To* His Excellency the Governor

*Despatched :* 19th December, 19 39 *Time :* 2302.

*Received :* 20th December, 19 39 *Time :* 0805.

Buenos Aires Arrivals 19th December British Ships  
"WESTBURY" "DORINGTON COURT" "ALBIDA STAR" "FRAMLINGTON -  
COURT" Buenos Aires Departure 19th December British Ship  
"NORMANSTAR" for Montevideo.

2215/19.

Dec. JEH  
AN.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

Intercept

From .....

To .....

Despatched : 19 Time :

Received : 1830/22 19 Time :

RAC SAD NC80 rio from H.M.S. Dorsetshire.

Departures River Plate p.m. December 22nd.

H.M.S. Dorsetshire to patrol. R.P.A. CLYNTUS for Rdo.

224

225

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 449.

From S.O.(I) Montevideo.

To Rear Admiral Commanding S.A.D.

Despatched : 21st December, 19 39 Time : 2215.

Received : 22nd December, 19 39 Time : 0810.

B N R

German Ship "SANTOS" at Rio apparently working to complete loading before Christmas.

2117/21

Dec.JEH  
AN.

226

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 445.

From S.O. (1) Montevideo.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 21st December, 19 39. Time : 2100.

Received : 22nd December, 19 39 Time : 0830.

B I R VINDA

Admiralty reported S.O. (1) Freeport from S.O. (1) Montevideo.

Permanuco Departure December 21st British ship

"HIGHLAND BRIGADE" for Rio de Janeiro due to arrive 28th December.

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 019 deg. 20' South | 033 deg. 12' West |
| 021 " 40' "        | 033 " 20' "       |
| 024 " 40' "        | 042 " 00' "       |

Speed 15 knots. R 23 E.

195/21.

Dec. JEH  
AN.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

227

*From* Reporting Officer Falkland Islands

*To* Admiralty Quenif=, Freetown=~~SOI~~ Mailbag Montevideo

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*Despatched :* 19 *Time :*

*Received :* 19 *Time :*

Admiralty repeated SOI Freetown SOI Monte video

Arrival Falkland Islands Dec.22 British ship LAFONIA

1440/23

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From.....Freetown.....

400

To.....Secretary F.I.....

Despatched : 19 Time :

Received : ~~1120/19~~ 1505/20 19 Time :

From SOI Freetown

Has British ship San Casto arrived from Trinidad due  
December 14.

1120/19

Replied to in 0945/21 . Arrival having been reported in  
0905/14 from F.I.

R.O.  
(231)

DECODE.

438

TELEGRAM.

From S.O.T. (S.O.T. Montevideo)

To Reporting Officer S.O.T. and Islands

Despatched :

Montevideo 21.12.39

19

Time :

1730

Received :

19

Time :

Reporting Officer an shipping advisers from S.O.T. Montevideo.

Admiralty message Y . With reference to Notice to Mariners 3/39 paragraph 20.

Messages after lettered message Z will be lettered AA, AB etc. to AZ thence BA, BB to BE and so on. Messages to all areas not made by W/T but passed to merchant ships via shore authorities will also belong to this series and be similarly lettered.

For example messages BA and BB might be made by W/T and message BE passed only via shore stations.

1355, 21

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

232  
No. 503.

*From* S. O. (I) Montevideo.

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

*Despatched :* ~~2237~~ 23rd Dec. 19 39. *Time :* 2337.

*Received :* 23rd Dec. 19 39. *Time :* 0805.

BNR.

Rear Admiral S.A.D. from S.O.(I) Montevideo.

My 2117 21st December. Now reported that loading  
is only proceeding slowly.

2259.

Dec. AN



233

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No485.

*From* S.O. (I) Montevideo.

*To* All N.C.S. Officers

*Despatched :* 23rd December, 19 39. *Time :* 1630.

*Received :* 24th December, 19 39. *Time :* 0805.

To All N.C.S. Officers East Coast of South America from  
S.O. (I) Montevideo.

--- 172 Cancel --- 159 --- 160 and 161 --- 18 was not used.

1506/23.

N.B.

Missing groups are probably from  
Lloyds Register.

Dec.

W.D.A.J  
A.E.

234

DECODE.

No. 504.

TELEGRAM.

*From* N.C.S. Officer Montevideo.

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched :* 24th December, 19 39. *Time :* 0025.

*Received :* 24th December, 19 39. *Time :* 0805.

From N.C.S. Officer Montevideo.

My VESCA 1925 23rd December route has R 2 3 and M.

0007/24.

Dec. W.D.A.J.  
A.N.

DECODE.

No. 542.

TELEGRAM.

From Montevideo.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 25th December, 19 39. Time : 2311.

Received : 26th December, 19 39. Time : 0815.

Rio Grande Departure 25th December British Ship  
LAPLACE due Montevideo daybreak 27th December.

2105/25.

236

DECODE.

537.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Montevideo.

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

*Despatched :* 25th December, 19 39 *Time :* 1915.

*Received :* 26th December, 19 39 *Time :* 0815.

B H R VESCA

Rio Grande arrival December 24th British Ship

"LAPLACE"

1132/25.

237

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 538.

*From* Montevideo.

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

*Despatched :* 25th December, 19 39 *Time :* 1915

*Received :* 26th December, 19 39. *Time :* 0815.

B N R.

Ceará Departure 24th December British Ship BASIL  
for Freetown due to arrive 2nd January 9 knots.

Ship has no code books.

1530/25.

240

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From S.S. "MALTAVIA"

To R/T Station Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 25th December, 19 39. Time : 0195.

Received : 25th December, 19 39. Time : 0815.

My estimated time of arrival 2 days late

0195/25.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From ..... London .....

529

To ..... H.E. ....

XXXXXX

KEXIW

Despatched : 2355/24 19 Time :

Received : 0810/25 19 Time :

RAC SAD 295 repeated SNO Trinidad victualling store (ship)  
Baltavia from Admiralty.

200 tons provisions for BALTA VIA shipped by s.s.DIRECTOR  
sailed on Dec.19 consigned SNO Trinidad.

Packages cocaine to ALSACE v.s. 11413 leaves 68 tons clothing  
soap tobacco and mess gear Baltavia being shipped in s.s. Inkosi

message much mutilated from here.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

243  
No. 552.

From .....

To S.O.(1) Montevideo.

H.O.S. Officers.

Despatched : 19 Time :

Received : 26th December, 19 35. Time : 2.010.

27th December, 35. 2055.

H.O.S. Officers East Coast of South America from S.O.(1)  
Montevideo.

S.P.02211 (9) repeated S.P.02211 (9) was brought into  
force 0001 GMT Saturday 23rd December to replace S.P.02211  
(8) repeated S.P.02211 (8) which is to be destroyed by  
fire January 6th 1940. Certificate of destruction to be  
rendered through usual channels. Authority Admiralty  
88 2a 16th December 1940 of 26th.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

245  
No. 500.

*From* H.C.S Officer Montevideo.

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched :* 23rd December, 19 39. *Time :* 1925.

*Received :* 24th December, 19 39. *Time :* 0805.

B N R VESCA

Departure December 23rd British Ship "BARONESA" for  
Freetown due to arrive 6th January 036 deg.

1925/24.

2-47  
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* ..... H V

*To* ..... H.E.

560  
BNR

*Despatched :* 2340/26 19 *Time :*

*Received :* 0805/27 19 *Time :*

RAC SAD from SOI Monte Video.

Lampport and Holt have obtained embargo on British cargo in  
German ship WINDHUK.

2325/26

249  
No. 570.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* S.O.(I) Montevideo.

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched :* 27th December, 19 39. *Time :* 2157.

*Received :* 28th December, 19 39. *Time :* 0130.

--- 276 --- 2 051 deg. 20' 18" North 003 deg. 59'  
West. From S.O.(I) Montevideo.

1909/27.

SECRET.

5/16/38  
257

H.M.S. "AJAX",

28th December 1939.

No.148.

Sir,

On completion of the transfer of "CAPULET"'s cargo, it is requested that you will give her Master instructions to proceed to Trinidad and load at Pointe-a-Pierre.

2. It is requested also that you will arrange details of his voyage, routeing him well clear of Trinidad Island, Fernando Noronha and St. Paul's Rocks, and consulting him as to the winds and currents likely to be experienced en route, in order that due advantage may be taken of them to reduce his time on passage.

3. It is requested that you will report S.S. "CAPULET"'s departure in the normal manner, and inform the Master that, on completion of loading at Trinidad, he is to proceed to Freetown, Sierra Leone.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



REAR ADMIRAL COMMANDING  
SOUTH AMERICA DIVISION.

The Routeing Officer,  
Port Stanley.

(Copies to: The Commanding Officer,  
H.M.S. "EXETER";  
The Master, S.S. "CAPULET").

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FAIKLAND ISLANDS

REFERENCE SECRET No.16/1938

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

STANLEY,

DECEMBER 29th 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter Secret No.148 of the 28th December, 1939, requesting that on completion of the transfer of the "CAPULET'S" cargo instructions may be given to the Master to proceed to Trinidad and load at Pointe-a-Pierre.

2. Details of the voyage will be arranged as indicated in paragraph 2 of your letter.

3. The departure of the s.s. "Capulet" will be reported in the normal manner and the Master will be informed that on completion of loading at Trinidad, he is to proceed to Freetown, Sierra Leone.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

*WCH*

Colonial Secretary.  
(Routeing Officer)

THE REAR ADMIRAL COMMANDING  
SOUTH AMERICA DIVISION.

H.M.S. "A J A X "

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FAIKLAND ISLANDS

No. S/16/1938

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

STANLEY,

DECEMBER 29th 1939.

Sir,

In conformity with instructions received from the Rear Admiral Commanding the South America Division, I am to instruct you on completion of the transfer of your cargo to proceed to Trinidad and load at Pointe-a-Pierre. I am to instruct you also that on completion of loading at Trinidad, you are to proceed to Freetown, Sierra Leone.

2. Routeing instructions will be given you by the Officer deputed for the purpose.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Colonial Secretary.  
(Routeing Officer)

THE MASTER,

S.S. "CAPULET"

PORT STANLEY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

254  
No. 595.

From Assist Naval Attache Rio.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 28th December, 19 39. Time : 1825.

Received : 28th December, 19 39. Time : 2045.

IMMEDIATE.

Rear Admiral South America Division also sent to S.O.(I) Montevideo repeated S.O.(I) Freetown from Assistant Naval Attache Rio de Janeiro.

Master of British Ship "DEVIS" reports having sighted tanker acting suspiciously in 019 deg. 16' South 038 deg. 50' West at 1930 GMT 26th December. When sighted was steering various courses later altered course to pass between ship and setting sun. Following is description; flying flag of Norway and the same painted on bows and bridge, hull light grey, superstructure white, upper bridge teak or teak colour, funnel buff with proportion of top with red band containing white diamond. Long poop, tonnage about 12,000, speed while in sight 12 knots. Name painted out. Master considers it extremely like broadcast description of German Ship "ALTMARK" and maintained W/T silence for fear of being attacked.

1634/28.

OS  
DECODE.

260  
TELEGRAM.

No.591.

From S.O.(I) Freetown.

To Secretary, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 28th December, 19 39, Time : 1625.

Received : 28th December, 19 39. Time : 2030.

What is cost of sending Government Messages from  
Falkland Islands to Magallanes?

Please reply.

1515/28.

1/3  
cost of Sending Gov  
messages to Magallanes  
is gd a word.

McH  
24. XII. 39.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From .....

261  
ref.591 from

SOI Freetown

To SOI Freetown .....

*Despatched :* 19 *Time :*

*Received :* 19 *Time :*

Message as sent.

From Secretary Falkland Islands

Your 1515/28

Government service rate 9d per word to Maggallanes.

1845/29

sent 1853/29  
2/08

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

263

From ..... NV .....

To ..... HE .....

583

RECEIVED  
NITE

Despatched : 1325/28 19 Time :

Received : 2050/28 19 Time :

AM QZ 277 cancels QZ 267. From SOI M<sup>nt</sup>e Video.

1119/28

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

265-

From ..... HV

x652

To ..... HE

|              |         |    |        |
|--------------|---------|----|--------|
| Despatched : | 1750/30 | 19 | Time : |
| Received :   | 2130/30 | 19 | Time : |

To all NCSOs and ROS.

A.M.A

Open --- sealed envelopes containing Merchant Navy codes, MN decodes and recoding tables no.1. and bring these into force 0001 GMT on Thursday 11th..

Masters must hand over to the NCSO at the first port of call their copies of S.P.02183 and the sealed letter containing S.P.02183 (2).

The Naval Appendix to the International Code of Signals and sealed letter containing S.P. 02183 (3) must be retained pending further in

0940/30

0940/30

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

678

268

S.O.(I).Monte Video

From .....

To Governor Falkland Islands

Despatched : Monte Video 31.12. 39 19 Time : 2125  
Received : 19 Time :

To Naval Control Service Officers and Consular Shipping  
Advisers from Staff Officer (Intelligence) Monte Video.

S.P.2310, 2311 and 02272 (1) repetition 2310 2311 02272 (1)  
are to be brought into force at 0001 Greenwich Mean Time  
on Thursday 11th. January 1940 for communication with British  
ships.

S.P.02185 and S.P.02185 (2) are to be destroyed by fire  
31st. January 1940 destruction certificates being rendered.

O.U.5500 and S.P.02185 (3) repetition S.P.02185 (3)  
are to be retained for the present.

S.P.02185 and O.U.5500 are to be extracted from sets issued  
to merchant vessels and no more copies of sealed envelopes  
S.P.02185 (2) are to be issued but sealed envelopes S.P.02185 (3)  
are still to be distributed.

Copies of S.P.02185 and S.P.02185(2) returned by masters  
are to be destroyed by fire, certificates of destruction  
being rendered. 1455 28th. December.

1855 31

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

269

From NV

To EE

639

Despatched : 1210/30 19 Time :

Received : 2130/30 19 Time :

Shipping Advisers and SOI from SOI NV.

As from 0001/1 all VESCA telegrams for London are to be addressed  
VESCA SHIP LONDON Trade Routes VESCA SHIP LONDON and the word Vesca  
need not prefix the text of the message.

Vesca signals are to contain movements of British ships only  
and must be reported to SOI Freetown and SOI Monte Video.

2128/30

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

271  
25

*From* S.O.(I).Monte Video

*To* Governor Falkland Islands

BNR VESCA

*Despatched:* Monte Video 2.1. 19 40 *Time:* 1626

*Received:* 19 *Time:*

Para Arrival January 2nd. British ship "HILARY".

1335/2

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

474  
No. 27.

From Montevideo.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 2nd January, 1940. Time : 1746/2.

Received : 2nd January, 19 40. Time : 0830/2.

B.N.R. Vesca.

From N.C.S. Officer Santos. Departure January 1st British  
Ship "ALMEDA STAR" route R 3 M for Tenerife due to arrive  
14th January.

|          |     |       |          |     |      |
|----------|-----|-------|----------|-----|------|
| 025 deg. | 40' | South | 041 deg. | 50' | West |
| 018 "    | 44' | "     | 030 "    | 30' | "    |
| 011 "    | 35' | "     | 025 "    | 31' | "    |
| 015 "    | 00' | North | 027 "    | 00' | "    |

15 knots.

1648/2.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

275- R.O.  
11

*From* Admiralty London

*To* W/T Station Falkland Islands

*Despatched:* London

1.1. 19 40

*Time:*

*Received:*

19

*Time:*

Admiralty message A C

Reports indicate that enemy may be commencing sabotage on a large scale. One type of time bomb found is made of lead in two cylindrical parts 7 inches and 4 inches long resectively. Diameter  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches. Attention of Masters is drawn to D M S Appendix A, Section 5.

1933/1



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

276 SNO  
34

From S.O.(I) Monte Video

NITE

To Governor Falkland Islands

Despatched : Monte Video 2.1. 19 40

Time : 2356

Received :

19

Time :

For Shipping Advisers and Reporting Officers from S.O.(I)  
Monte Video.

Admiralty message AB (not by W/T).

Masters of British merchant ships should be instructed that an immediate report is to be made by W/T of any German merchant vessels of whose identity they are certain.

This does not apply to merchant ships in area 1, where strict W/T silence must be maintained in accordance with existing instructions.

2310/2

CS  
DECODE.

277  
TELEGRAM.

From Rear Admiral S.A.D.

No.----

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 2nd January, 19 ~~39~~40 Time :

Received : 2nd January, 19 40 Time : 1630.

Governor Falkland Islands from Rear Admiral S.A.D.

Request date British Ship "LAFONIA" leaves Falkland Islands  
for Montevideo.

0959/2.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

278  
No.7.

From S.O.(1) Montevideo.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 1st January, 19 39 Time: 1755.

Received: 2nd January, 19 39. Time: 0815.

To All Reporting Officers and Consular Advisers.

Admiralty Message No.2 323 with reference to Admiralty ~~xxxx~~  
Notice to Mariners No.3 1939. Aden (G 2 Q) will broadcast on  
12400 kilocycles per second (24.19 meters) at 0400 and 1600 G.M.T.  
daily for ships in the area S. Matara (G 2 P) 1931 keep ing  
necessary watch and answering calls 12400 kilocycles per second  
(24.19 meters) from 0400 to 1600 and on 8.300 kilocycles per second  
(36.14 meters) from 1600 to 0400 in addition constant watch on 500  
kilocycles per second (600 meters). 1745 28th December.

2133/31.

S. 120b.

## NAVAL MESSAGE.

Revised  
December, 1935.For use in  
Signal  
Department  
only

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Originators Instructions:  
(Indication of Priority,  
Intercept Group, etc.)

Important.

Codress/Plaindress

No. of  
Groups:

TO:

FROM:  
Colonial Sec.  
~~XXX~~Falklands

Magistrate South Georgia

Write  
AcrossNo. 88. Please inform NOIC Port Stanley on same day of all - repeat<sup>5</sup>

all - arrivals and departures of merchant ships. Has 'Lafonia' 10

sailed. 15

1519/6. 20

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System

P/L Code or Cypher

Time of  
Receipt Despatch

Operator

P.O.O.W.

Date

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For use in  
Cypher or  
Coding Office  
only.

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO: COLONIAL SECRETARY FALKLAND ISLANDS

FROM:  
MAGISTRATE

No. 94 your 88.

Arrivals and departures will be reported immediately but when  
vessel arrives or leaves from Leith Harbour after wireless routine  
time with that station it is not possible to report until the following  
day. LARONIA has not yet left but it is expected leave today Thursday  
W.O.I.C. Port Stanley will be informed direct.

Book or Table to be used for

Cyphering or Coding.

Recyphering or Recoding.

Initials of Cypherer  
or Coder.

Time of Receipt in  
Cypher or Coding  
Office.

Date.