

SGA/WW2/1 # 3

S/42/39

C.S.

Secret.

1939

No.

5/42/39

Secretary of State

SUBJECT.

1939

9th October

Previous Paper.

Question of installing some
form of fixed defence in
South Georgia.

See 5/40/39

MINUTES.

1. Secur. tele: No 80 of 9. 10. 39 from S. of S.

H.C.S.

Reply sent today put up.
Reference in last sentence of
para 1st para is to my telegram
96 on local defences

In 5/3/33

~~11/11/39~~ 11/11/39

2. Telegram 97 Secret to S. of S. of 11. X. 39

3. Secret Telegram from S. of S. of 14. XII. 39.

Subsequent Paper.

Yh.

Submitted. It may be found possible to extend to the Dependency such part of the Defence Force Ord: as may apply.

WCH
CS

to XII. 59

You agreed that the Ord. now applies in fact. After Office O.V.
let you have a copy of 2 telegrams
I have sent about this

9/12/39

Telegram from S. of S. Secret No 128 of 7. XII. 59. 4.

Telegram to S. of S. Secret No 129 of 7. XII. 59 5.

Telegram from S. of S. Secret No. 113 of 13. XII. 59. 6.

Telegram to S. of S. No. 133 Secret of 15. XII. 59 7-8

Telegram to S. of S. unnumbered of 22. 12. 59 (9)

Telegram from S. of S. of 3. 1. 40 10.

Yh.

Submitted.

WCH
CS

4. 1. 40

H. C. S.

1. Please telegraph to Magistrate informing him ~~that~~ a local defence force ^{can} be raised for defence of the ~~Glory~~ ^{Dependency} under the provisions of Defence Force Ordinance 1920 as and when requisite, that he is authorized to attest personnel and that I will appoint officers recommended by him and call the force out for Active Service ^{under Section 15} of the Ordinance ^{in the event of such} ~~where a~~ force ^{being} ~~has been~~ formed

2. By separate telegram ask the Magistrate what if any vessels of the Da Rosa Coy. will remain at S. George throughout the winter

11/11/40

Since writing above I have

15- Telegram Secret No 11 to S. of S
of 17.1.40

16- Telegram from S. of S. No 11 Secret of 9/3/40.

Yh.

Submitted.

MCH
CS

14.2.40

(16), (17) not very clear Will
you please have it typed and
referred to O.C. for his observations
generally and in relation to the question of
Mr. Barker MCH 14/2/40
Commanding
the Defence.

O.C. Defence Force.

Referred please.

MCH
CS

16.2.40

Honourable Colonial Secretary

As the questions raised are rather lengthy to be dealt with herein, I asked for a brief grant of an audience with His Excellency today & the matter is now to come before Defence Committee on Monday.

2. For record purposes I will state here that as H.E. is now to be solely responsible for the satisfactory defence of the dependants I do not consider Mr. Barker should be put in Command of them.

MCH P.C.D.F. 17.2.40.

Telegram No. 23 from Hq. S. G. 17
" " 17 5 - do -
" " 15 to a No. 21 from Hq. S. G. 13/2/40 17/18/19-20.

H.C.

Please send enclosed telegram
to Magistrate marked immediate.
Ascertain first from Commander
Martin whether he has any secret
code in which the telegram can
be sent to the master of the
Saluta at Leith for the Magistrate.
If so the telegram should be in
that code and the Magistrate
informed that this is being done

22/2/40
Naval Officer in charge spoken. He
stated he could send the message
in Secret code to "Saluta" if the
was British. Message sent to N.I.C.
at 2.30 p.m. for despatch.

Telegram to Magistrate S. Georgia. (21)

Telegram No. 19 to Hq. S. G., of 23/2/40. (22)

Informed by N.I.C. that message
was sent to S. G. W.T. Station to
master of "Saluta" for Magistrate

MCH

23. 2. 40

C.S.O. No. 5/42/39

Sheet No. 3

Inside Minute Paper.

- 23 Telegram No 24 from Magistrate S. Gervais
24 Telegram unnumbered " "
25 Telegram No 25 from " "
26 Telegram to Magistrate " "
27 Telegram from Magistrate 27. 2. 40

Yk. Submitted. I fear the
Telegram No. 18 must be
Sent in G.T.C. met
27. 2. 40

71520
I have sent
~~the~~ following in
G.T.C. to the Magistrate - for you
Please report immediately
how many British employees
of Salween who arrived in
Salween ~~have been~~ ^{received}
~~being~~ have been trained in
use of armaments brought to
along the Dependency and have
been left ashore. When is
they expected back from
ice "

27/2/40

Telegram No. 20 to Hq. South Georgia of 27/2/40. 28.
" No. 29 from " " " 3/3/40. 29.

Yh. Submitted.
with
C.
4. 5. 40

Tel R S of 4/3/40 (30)
sent off this morning
~~ttttt~~ 5/3

(21) has not yet been
decided by Hapikati but I
do not propose to send it to G.T.C.

~~ttttt~~ 5/3

Secret telegram No 24 of 9. 3. 40 (31)
from S. of S.

" " No 33 of 11. 3. 40 (32)
to S. of S.

H.C.S. Please send following telegram

to Hapikati: Y

" Please attend Jamieson and
British employees of Salvages up to
thirty in number, who will be staying
at Leith for the winter, a member of
Falkland Island Defence Force @ Jamieson
to be noncommissioned officer in charge
with rank of Sergeant @ You should
explain relevant clauses of Defence Force Act
to the personnel " ~~ttttt~~ 13/3/40

(33) Telegram No. 25 to Cbag. S. Georgia of 13/3/40.

M.H.
C.

(34) No 27 Secret from S. of S. of 14. 3. 40

M.

Submitted.

M.H.

C.

15. 3. 40

It might be as well to
tell Magistrate that members of
the Defence Force in South Georgia
will receive pay only when called up
for full time military service

~~15/3/40~~

(35) Telegram No. 27 to Cbag. S.G. of 16/3/40.

(36) Minute from M.H. the Governor
26. 3. 40

Re. Defence Force.

For early action
please. Will you please
put up a spare copy of
your written orders so that
I can send it for the
information of the Magistrate,
S. G.

Red (17) Shows
ammunition landed at S. G.

M.H.
C.

26. 3. 40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Memorandum copy of my orders to R.S.M. & (37)
an additional one for this file:

Telegrams attached to original of orders
as mentioned in penultimate paragraph
herof were nos (30) - (35) inclusive.

I have also had long discussion with R.S.M.

R.S. M. of 27.3.40

Letter to Magistrate, South Georgia of 29/3/40. 38.

Letter to Manager, F.I.C., of 29/3/40. 39.

Th. Recd 37 Submitted for
information. MCH
28.3.40

Please send immediate tel.
to Magistrate asking what action
he has taken re (33)

MCH 29/3/40

Telegram to Magistrate, S.G. of 29/3/40. No. 34. (40)

MCH
28.3.40

Telegram from Mag. S.G. of 30/3/40. 41.

5/42/39.

Sheet. no. 5.

H.C.

Dawson should be put
in command as N.C.O., & with
rank of sergeant in first instance.
If he remains through winter the
question of giving him a Commission
will be settled after R.S.'s departure

F. I. D. F. men should return
to Stanley

R.S. Co. will recommend
appointments of N.C.Os

~~ttttt~~ 4/4/40

42 Telegram to Mag. S. G. No. 43 of 30/3/40.

43. " from " " 42 " 30/3/40

44. Minute to Mag. " of 1/4/40.

45-50. S. of S. Secret Despatch of 12/2/40.

51. Telegram No. 36 to Mag. S. G. of 2/4/40.

V.E. Red 45-50 as marked for return

~~AD~~ 3/4/40

No action pending return
of R.S. Co. from S. Georgia
~~ttttt~~ 3/4/40

B.U. 14/14/40

Telegram No. 37 to Cbag. S.G. of 3/4/40.

(5)

minutes from O.C. Defence Force, 12/4/40 53-59

U.E.

Submitted

[Signature] 12/4/40

I am very pleased with this excellent report. The R.A.S.D. should be thanked for it.

2 Will you please have copies made for the Sec. State and the R.A.S.A.D.

3 Copy for I of S. S. with formal secret despatch stating that I concur in the opinions expressed by the inspecting Officer and the recommendations made and that I propose to give effect to them as far as the means at my disposal permit.

4. The Inspector should be appointed Lieutenant or Captain (or C.O. may recommend) and O.C. D.F. I.S. will appoint NCOs as necessary but as Sergeant Brumwell and Corporal Sullivan are already stationed at Brylwik there is no reason why Private Rembold should be preferred to them. He has no D.F. drill qualifications. If a man is sent to Brylwik his position could be considered further.

[Signature] 12/4/40

60. Telegram from Under Secretary of State
for War, London, of 12/4/40.

Y.E.

Your minute of 12/4/40 para one noted - &
draft letter prepared

2. Para 2 complied with
3. Draft despatch to S. & S. here with for
approval
4. O.C. D. 7. will be notified as in letter
attached.

Draft Despatch 15/4/40
H.H.H.H. 15/4

(61) Despatch Secret to S. & S. of 15/4/40

(62) Letter to Rear Admiral, S.A.D. of 15/4/40.

Y/E
Despatches to S. & S. and R.A. S.A.D. submitted
for signature.

A. S. P.
for C. 1.
15/4/40

H.H.H.H. 15/4

63. Minute to G/C, F.I.D.F., of 15/4/40.

64. ——— R.S.M. Sheppard ———

Telegram to Under Secy. for War of ~~26/4/40~~ 26/4/40. 66.

H.C.S. You will doubtless inform O.C.D.F.
who will take charge of the ammunition
when it arrives

~~W.S.~~ 18/4/40

O.C.D.F.

Please accept delivery & u.a.
W.S. 18/10/40

The Honourable Colonial Secretary.

k.c. will be taken at appropriate times

W.S. 19.10.40.
O.C.D.F.

S. of S. telegram N. 34 of 18/4/40. 66.

O.C.D.F.

Please see 66 red. with regard to
personnel particularly.

W.S. 22/11/40

The Honourable Colonial Secretary.

other than
Porter personnel at Grylls consists of a Magistrate (O.C.D.F.),
of five (2 Custom Offs: 1 Constable: 2 Ass: Landing Operations) these could
form the necessary gun's crew & could be trained by
Lawson of Litch.

My Brownell & O'Sullivan be restored their old
defence force rank of Sergeant & Corporal respectively.
My 5/42/39 refn.

W.S. O.C.D.F.
23.10.40

67.

Inside Minute Paper.O.C. D.F.

Is the personnel available, sufficient?

AB 23/IV/40Honourable Colonel Secretary.

As the absolute minimum Yes.

AB O.C. D.F.
23. IV. 40.YEThe report on the South Georgia defence
was forwarded in your despatch no (61)In view of O.C. Def. F's minute
above about the personnel I submit
a telegram might be sent S. G. S. as
follows:"Your telegram 34 secret personnel can
be provided stop report on South
Georgia defence has been sent under
cover my despatch secret 15th April
1940"AB 24/IV/40

Telegram put up

68.

See 1/32.

I will sign a Commission
appointing Hajj Kati a Lieutenant
in the Defence Force.He should be instructed to obtain
equipment and arms for Little as
in para 9 of R.P.'s report except
that 3000 rounds SA ammunition will
suffice for present. Rifle practice should
be carried out AB 24/IV/40

A.C.S.

Prepare commission, telegraph as in H.E.'s minute,
+ Gazette notice, please.

AB 25/IV/40

Telegram No. 47 to Registrar, S. Georgia 25/4/40. (69)

O.C. Defence Force,

no note.

C. J. J.
for M.
26/IV/40.

Honorable Colonial Secretary.

Nowa. Thank you.

W. O. O. F.
27 IV 40

S. of S. Telegram, no. 40 of 27/4/40. 70

O.C. Def. 7

Please see (70) rec.

You will probably wish to see H.E. about this; I
myself am not in the position to advise anything as
I know nothing of the conditions in S.G.

AD 29/IV/40

Honorable Colonial Secretary.

H.E. has already spoken as to the gun & I am
preparing a report. I see no objection to the
Norwegian personnel being enrolled, especially
as they had, I believe, volunteered before the
invasion of Norway.

W. O. O. F.
2. V. 40.

O.C. Def. 7.

In view of the changed situation & possibilities, perhaps you would like to re-consider your minute. The matter is not one, in my opinion, of extreme urgency, but the less delay the better.

AB 3/4/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary

I have thought this matter over most carefully following your telephone conversation. I dislike giving an independent reply but really do not feel compelled to say one way or the other with the degree of certainty I would prefer. On balance I incline to my original view of the 2. v. 40.

AB 4. v. 40.

O.C. DF

71. 5. of 8. Telegram No. 41 of 2/5/40.

A.C.S. Copy 71 to Maj. S.G.

AB 4/5/40

72. Minute from D. Defence Force. 29/4/40.

73. Telegram No 50 to Magistrate, South Georgia of 6.5.40.

Y.E.

Red 70 requires an answer.

There is the question, apart from the necessary amendment to O. 7 of 1920 S 3 451, of the oath of allegiance required by S 6 552, which too would have to be altered.

I would suggest that the Norwegian Govt. now our ally, could themselves form a Norwegian unit though this Council here who for oath purposes could accept as binding an oath of N. allegiance taken before a British Magistrate.

AB 6/5/40

H.C.

Telegram sent and draft Bill
put up

ttttt 6/5/40

Telegram to S. of S. No. 50 of 6/5/40. 74

Draft Bill to amend Defence Force
Ordinance, 1920. 75

Action taken on M.P. 610/21
with regard to amendment of Defence
Force Ordinance, 1920.

P.A.
6/5/40.

Letter from Mag. S. Geo., 6/4/40. 76-78

Minute from H.C. the Governor of 18/5/40. 79

Telegram to Mag. S. G. No. 56 of 18/5/40. 80

E.C. Defence Force.

to note.

C. L. L.
20/5/40.

H.C.

Notes Thank you

W. O. O. 20. v. 40.

Receipt Note for 2 letters addressed to
Magistrate, South Georgia, 3/4/40
originals returned 28/5/40. C. L. L.

81.

82-83.

Telegram from Brig. S.G. to 62 of 28/5/40
O.C. Def. 7.

(82) (83) f. y. i. & n. a.
the telegram S.G. wants?

Will you draft, please,

AB 30/6/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

84.

Draft telegram submitted please.

AB O.C.D.F. 2. V. 40.

(85)

Telegram No. 61 to Chapin, S.G. of 3.6.40.

86-87.

Minute from O.C. Defence Force, 29/7/40.

88.

Telegram from Brig. S.G., 29/7/40.

O.C. Def. 7.

What do you think of (88)?

AB 1/8/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

If manager in B.A. has 5th Col. Penamens
this information would be of immense use
as I do not think it should be carried on.
If he is quite "straight," his only interest is
in the output of man-hours & these are not
interfered with except in an emergency, which
would be the case (1) whether he is told or not &
(2) whether the men were in the D.F. or not.

AB O.C.D.F.
2. VIII. 40

A.C.S.

Please draft reply to Brig. in time
of about minute.

AB 2/8/40

Telegram to Mag. S.G. no. 69 of 6/9/40. 89.
under S. of S. for wa telegram of 10/9/40. 90.

O.C. Defence Force.

Referred to you.

A. J. H.
for 10/9/40.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Submitted that O.C. Defences S.G. be notified that
manned by will not be supplied a vessel him to make his own.
I understand from Lt. Sheppard that this should be quite easy for
the skilled workers at S.G. O.C. Def. 12.11.40.

Telegram no. 28 to Magistrate South Georgia 14/9/40. (91)

from Mag. S.G., no. 82 of 27/9/40. 92.

O.C. Def 7.

For you. How is it, do you think, that this has
only now been found out? A. J. H. 30/11/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

I can only assume that some difficulty has arisen within
very recent date. Mag. S.G. was in full agreement with not
keeping continuous watch when Lt. Sheppard was there (note (56)
para. 6.) he cannot supply the men in any case, but Mag.
S.G. might be asked for reasons of changed opinion.

O.C. Def 1.11.40

O.C. Def 7.

Please discuss this with H.E.

Telegram from Mag. S.G., no. 87 of 2/11/40. 93.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Spoke with Mr. Excellency today. Draft telegram
submitted accordingly for Mr. Excellency's approval.

O.C. Def.

10.11.40.

Y/E. Draft telegram submitted for approval as requested by O.C.

A. J. H.
for 11/11/40

Apd.

11/11/40

94. Telegram to Mag. S.G., No. 82 of 11/10/40
 95. " from " " 88 of 14/10/40.

O.C. Defence Force.

Read 95 to see and for such action as is necessary.

C. J. J.
 for S.
 16/10/40.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

96. Last attached of things being sent. Will you let Mag. S.G. know they are coming please, without details
 C.W. 10/10/40.

A.C.S.

Please telegraph as above 17/1/40

97. Telegram No. 83 to Magistrate, S.G., of 17.10.40.

98. Telegram from the under S. 18 for war, 21/10/40.

O.C. S.G.,

To note

Noted Thank you.

C. J. J.
 for S.
 23/10/40.

C.W. 10/10/40.
 14. 8. 40.

99. Minute from Mag. S.G., 20/7/40.
 O.C. by 7

To note

C. J. J.
 17/1/41

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Noted Thank you.

C.W. 10/10/40.
 17. 1. 41.

100. Telegram No. 12 to Magistrate, S.G. of 20/2/41.
 101. " " 15 " " " 26/2/41.
 102. " " 19 from " " " 26/2/41.
 103. " " 22 " " " 3/3/41.
 104. " " 27 " " " 15/3/41.

O.C.D.F.,

10 note Red (104)

C. J. L.
18/3/41.

Honorable Colonial Secretary.

Noted. Thank you. This is
most fortunate for us.

C.W. O'Connell
18. III. 41.

Telegram No. 19 to Magistrate, S.G. of 19/3/41.

(105)

No. 30 from " " 21/3/41.

(106)

Telegram No. 32 from Magistrate, South Georgia of 25/3/41. 107.

O.C.D.F.,

Red 107 for your recommendations
please.

C. J. L.
27/3/41.

Honorable Colonial Secretary.

as to suitability

on the strength of magistrates' recommendation
submit that Mr. Laurence be granted a Commission as
2nd. Lieutenant in the Defence Force as I feel an additional
officer in S.G. would be desirable.

C.W. O'Connell
28. III. 41

Y/E I have read the correspondence about the
suggested promotion of Mr. Laurence &
there does not appear to be any reason
for not accepting the recommendation
of Lieut. Boulton

C. J. L.
O'Connell
24. 3. 41

Telegram No. 24 to Magistrate, of 31/3/41. 108.

Telegram No. 36 from Magistrate, of 1/4/41. 109.

Action taken on int. 1/32 with regard to
appointment of Mr. Laurence to be an officer in
the Defence Force.

110. Telegram from Under S. of S. for War of 8/5/41.
 111. Telegram to Cbag. S.G. No. 34 of 8/5/41.
 112. Telegram No. 49 from Magistrate, South Georgia of 12/5/41.

Y/E.

Could following telegram be despatched
 to Under Secretary of State for War in
 I.D.V (12) special:-

" Your telegram 8 May South
 Georgia Guns O.B.L. were mark
 1X* "

C. J. for S.
 12/5/41

Sent 13/5/41

I.D.V. (12) special ADC

113. Telegram to Under S. of S. for War of 13/5/41.
 114. Letter from Ch. Ordnance Officer of April, 1941.
 115. Minute from Magistrate, South Georgia of 14/3/41.
 116. " " " " 21/4/41.
 117. Advice of Order Placed of 11/12/41.

Office
 where is the form which accompanied
 Recd (M).
 C. J. for S.
 5/6/41

Form returned to Ordnance Officer 5/6/41.

118. Telegram No. 72231 from Troopers, London, 14/6/41.
 119. Telegram to Cbagistrate, South Georgia of 16/6/41.
 120. Telegram from " " " 19/6/41.

1. Draft telegram to troopers submitted.
 2. The question of payment for these costs
 will arise and I suggested that expenditure
 should be charged to Dependence's fund.
 C. J. for S.
 21/6/41

Telegram to Cbagistrat'e, South Georgia of 20/6/41. (121)
 Telegram from Cbagistrat'e, South Georgia of 22/6/41. (122)
 Spinule to Cbagistrat'e, South Georgia of 25/6/41. 123.
 Telegram from Cbagistrat'e, South Georgia of 26/6/41. 124.

Y/B. Reply has now been received from Mess. S.G.
 Telegram to go as drafted by Y/B. with additional information.

C. J. Hild 27/6/41. ✓

Telegram No. 79 to S. of S. of 27/6/41. (125)
 Telegram to Cbagistrat'e, South Georgia of 27/6/41. 126.

First Shipping Advice of 5/4/41. 127-128.
 Telegram No. 74785 from Ingers, London of 28/6/41. 129.
 Telegram from Cbagistrat'e, South Georgia of 30/6/41. 130.
 Telegram No. 77 from S. of S. of 8. 7. 41. 131.
 " " 78 " " " " 132.

Detrocks.

See your advice please in Red (132)

C. J. Hild 10/7/41.

Hon Col Sec

It is the same old but utterly
 irrefutable story of a shortage of manpower
 and diverse interests similar to that
 obtaining here. and the difficulties
 of providing and maintaining permanent
 trained gun crews will tant present
 themselves so long as the business
 of whaling + the presence of more
 than a skeleton population is purely
 seasonal - which of course it must
 be. To furnish men from the Fastland
 would only further depreciate the
 existing inadequacy of our own
 defence arrangements. I feel that the
 only solution is for the Home Government
 to send out and maintain the necessary

detachment a detachment or alternatively send some trained men out here to allow of Falklanders being sent out to Shengies. The taking of men from Leith to man the guns at Grytöken is only robbing Peter to pay Paul & will sooner or later cause further complications. I am without first hand knowledge of the general position in S Georgia so that I cannot really go further in advice than what appears to be superficially obvious. The present position is unsatisfactory.

C.W.L.

GC Troop

10.7.41

YH

Submitted. In view of Red 34 penultimate para. and Red 66 it seems that the dependencies must pay for erection.

C.W.L.
10/7/41

- 133. Telegram to Magistrate South Georgia of 12/7/41.
- 134. Telegram from Magistrate, South Georgia of 15/7/41.
- 135. Telegram No 94 to S. of S. of 21/7/41.
- 136. Telegram No 93 to S. of S. of 21/7/41.
- 137. " 84 from " 30/7/41.
- 138. Telegram No. 41 to Magistrate, S.G. of 31/7/41.
- 139. Telegram from Magistrate, S.G. of 1/8/41.

O.C. Troop.

to see Red 639.

C.W.L.
10/8/41

How Col Sec

notes! but I cannot appreciate
that the situation is altered
at all so far as inability to man
gyaltrun since all the year round.
and no answer has been received
to 136 Rtd.

C. S. J. 14
5.8.41

Telegram No. 61 from Magistrate, S. Georgia of 7/8/41. 140.

V/E

Red 140 Submitted for information.

C. S. J. 14
8/8/41

Telegram No. 87 from S. of S. of 8/8/41. 141.

Telegram No. 42 to Mag. S. G., of 9/8/41. 142.

V/E

Draft telegram submitted for despatch in I.D.C.O.

C. S. J. 14
9/8/41

Telegram No. 104 to S. of S. of 9/8/41.

Telegram No. 62 from Magistrate, South Georgia of 13/8/41. 143 144.

McC. Crooks

to note

C. S. J. 14
14/8/41

Telegram No. 90 from S. of S. of 18.8.41. 145-148.

V/E

The position as I see it is that we must
obtain:

- (a) mattresses and blankets.
- (b) cooking utensils and lamps.
- (c) Permission from Discovery Committee to convert
Stone Shed.

Red 149
since received
C. S. J. 14

(a) & (b) should be sent from Montevideo. With regard to
(a) quite a number of members in Stanley have had to supply
their own bedding. It might be as well to order additional
mattresses so as to treat all alike. Telegram should go to
S. of S. re (c) immediately and I submit a draft.

C. S. J. 14
20/8/41

no action

Thank - pl. send tel. to S. of S. - The other articles in must not be as soon as we can hear from B.A. I agree everyone must be treated equally - & if necessary we will have to pay for the private property used on military service. (Query - after the war - proportionate refund or what?)

AD 20/11/41

149. Telegram No. 64 from Chag, S. G., 20. 8. 41.

to troops,

to note.

G. J. 27/8/41

Hon Ed Sec

Urled

C. J. 4

to troops.

26. 8. 41

Pl. put into shape my Draft Message & have it sent "immediate" to British Embassy B.A.

AD 29/11/41

150

Telegram from British Ambassador, B.A., of 28/8/41.

151.

to

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29/8/41.

Y/E.

Red (151) will have to be despatched from G.A. in I.D.V. 13. we have no copy in C.S.O.

Sent. AD 29/11/41

G. J. 29/8/41

152.

Telegram from British Ambassador, Buenos Aires 3/9/41.

153.

~~Telegram from S. of S. No. 49 of 2. 9. 41~~

154.

Telegram No. 49 to Op/C, South Georgia of 4/9/41.

Hon Ed Sec Urled C. J. 4
to troops.
4. 9. 41

S/14/41.

minute from O.C. Troops, of 5/9/41

155.

Y/6,

Red 155 submitted.

C. J. for C.
8/9/41

C. J. Secretariat

The suggestion in 155.

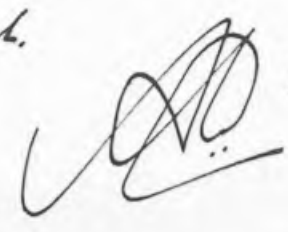
(a) i - accordingly we must wait until we hear the continuation of 153.

& the dissipation of our local forces would probably accentuate the situation reports in the O.C. Troops' final para.

(b) a wider outlook on the position here would show that for the moment the suggestion is impractical.

(c) ultra vires. Pl. refer O.C. Troops to the D. F. Order.

To save time - unless there is urgency - it is better for the ordinary routine to be followed & minutes be addressed to me via the Secretariat.

 8/14/41

O.C. Troops.

Referred to you.

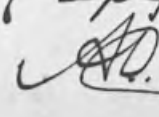
C. J. for C.
9/9/41.

Hon. Mr. Sec.

Holmes & Co. for C. J.
10.9.41

~~Telegram from office in charge S. & J. of 5/14/41. 155.~~

Telegram to be typed & handed to O.C. Troops for immediate drafting of reply, pl.

 15/14/41

Inside Minute Paper.

156. copy of letter to 2nd Lt. Laursen of 13/10/41.
 157. copy of letter to Mr. W.C. Humboldt of 14/10/41.

Y/E.

Red 156 & 157 submitted for
 information.

C. J. J.
 24/10/41.

158. Telegram to Officer-in-Charge, South Georgia of 8/12/41.

159. Telegram from Officer-in-Charge, S. Geo. of 12/12/41.
 o.c. troops

Red 159 referred.

C. J. J.
 15/12/41

160. Telegram No. 104 to Officer-in-Ch. S. Geo. of 15/12/41.
 161. Telegram No. 120 from C/c. S. Georgia of 20/12/41.
 162. Telegram No. 109 to C/c. S. Georgia of 20/12/41.
 163. Telegram No. 122 from C/c. S. Georgia of 23/12/41.
 164. Telegram to C/c. S. Georgia of 24/12/41.
 165. Telegram from C/c. S. Georgia of
 Copy of Red (165) forwarded to o.c. troops,
 18/2/42.

P.A.
 165A

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Telegram No. 29 to C/c. S. Geo. of 28/2/42.

Telegram No. 32 from C/c. S. Geo. of 4/3/42
 telegram from Laurian Laursen, 26/3/42.

o.c. troops,

to note. C. J. J. 7/3/42.

Telegrams exchanged between O.C. Groops
& O.C. S. Georgia, of 168-172.

Telegram No. 52 from O.C. S. Geo. of 173.

Telegram No. 48. to O.C. S. Geo. of 28/3/42. 174.

Telegram to O.C. South Georgia of 19/3/42. 175.

Extract from Secret letter addressed to
to the Governor by Magistrate, S. Geo. 176.

Telegram No. 80 from Magistrate, S. Geo. of 6/5/42. 177.

Telegram No. 82. from Magistrate, S. Geo. of 9/5/42. 178.

Telegram to Brown Agents of 11/5/42. 179.

1.

CROWN AGENTS
(Indents)
No. <u>23/42</u>

19 42.

O.C. Troops.

SUBJECT.

19

AMMUNITION, ETC.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

180-181

Minute from O.C. Troops of 1/5/42.

y.C.
pl. may ammunition &c be telegraphed for,
S. G. Jones
1/5/42.

O.C. Troops

H.C. requires fuller details in regard
to this order.

182.

Telegram to O.C. Troops. S. G. 1/5/42.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

183.

The enclosed telegram has now been received
from S. G. Summarised the situation is

Cordite Charges.	In hand.	Demand	Normal Complement
	306	200	500 500
H. E. Shell	288	100	400
Tubes.	275	250	500
Prachue Shot	1	100	100

Subsequent Paper.

The quantities demanded therefore appear
adequate to bring up to full Complement, which in

views of the difficulties of replacement at short notice I consider a reasonable request.

Whether the stocks can be supplied from N.Y.

I cannot say. May the request be forwarded there in the first case.

AW/O.C. Troops

y/c.
Submitted, pl.
S.W.A. C.S.
for C.S.
9/5/42

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

I spoke with Mr. Exellman this morning
may attached draft cable be sent to W.O. in their
code please.

AW/O.C. Troops. 11. V. 42

y/c.
Draft telegram submitted, pl.
S.W.A. C.S.
for C.S.
11/5/42.

Telegram No. 93 to S. of S. of 11/5/42. 184.

Telegram from magistrate, No. 88. of 18/5/42. 185.

Telegram to Brown Agents of 20/5/42. 186.
Minute to magistrate, S. Georgia 22/5/42. 187
Telegram No 110 from S. of S. of 23/6/42. 188

O.C. Troops.
To note re 188, pl.

S.W.A. C.S.
for C.S.
24/6/42.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Now Thank you, O.C. Troops S.G. advised
as per enclosed telegram.

AW/O.C. Troops 24. VI. 42

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched :

London

9.10. 19 39

Time : 1950

Received :

19

Time :

80 Secret.

In connection with my Telegram No.79 I think that you should know the Admiralty have under consideration the question whether it would be practicable to install some form of fixed defence in South Georgia (e.g. a twelve-pounder) to defend oil stocks there. I had agreed when the Admiralty had indicated that the equipment could be provided I would seek your permission as to the possibility of manning the gun with local personnel (possibly some two dozen would be required). You will appreciate that no decision as to provision of equipment has yet been made and that the matter is therefore indefinite.

2. But you may wish to consider this possibility in the question referred to in my telegram 79 on which I am now bearing.

Secretary of State

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency The Governor,

To The Secretary of State.

Dispatched Stanley. Time . Date 11/10/ 39.

No. 97. Secret.

1. Your telegram 80 defence in South Georgia. I agree that some form of fixed defence for South Georgia is very desirable. Two fixed guns and Lewis guns for antiaircraft service would be the minimum requirement. I regret that I do not find it possible to man the former with Falkland Island personnel while the artillery provision for Stanley requires to be strengthened. Please see my immediately preceeding telegram on this subject.

2. You will appreciate that facilities for training gunners here are limited and that I cannot dispense with trained men.

Governor.

*No 96 m
5/3/33*

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(3)
No.55.

From Secretary of State.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 4th December, 19 39. Time: 1920

Received: 5th December, 19 39. Time: 0900.

Secret.

Para.1. Measures are being taken forthwith for the defence Leith Harbeur, South Georgia comp rising p rovision for one 4-inch gun, two Lewis guns and fifty rifles (all with requisite ammunition) and formation of small local defence force which would be manned by employees of Messrs Salvesen, who have received necessary training and offer also to be responsible for mounting guns. Equipment is being shipped to South Georgia in the "SALUTAISH" which leaves Scotland shortly.

Para.2. War Office have notified Messrs Salvesen of requirements for legalizing status Defence Force - e.g., necessity wearing distinctive uniform (that being supplied), for carrying arms openly, having commander responsible for his subordinates, etc. It is, however, desired you should promulgate as soon as possible a short Ordinance constituting Defence Force in question. This could be based on the Defence Force Ordinance 1920 as amended using only such provisions as misconstruction, e.g., provisions as to compulsory service are clearly not applicable. It will not be necessary to make provision applying Army Act to this small force. Suggest further that provision should be made for employees of company who are members of force and who are leaving the island to be relieved of liability for service at reasonably short notice.

If there are any points on which you require further advice, please telegraph.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From Governor Falkland Islands

128

To Chapelries London

Despatched : 7/12/39 19 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

No.128.Secret. Your telegram of 4th.December secret unnumbered defence of Leith Harbour.

1. I suggest that as Defence Force Ordinance 1920 is in force in the Dependencies no further legislation is required. Compulsory service clause~~x~~ 20 is applied only by proclamation. All that appears necessary is to authorise the Magistrate to attest ^{the} personnel and for me to appoint officers and to call out the South Georgia platoon for active service under section 15.

2. I have no means of communicating ^{with} the magistrate other than by Government Telegraph Code.

3. I would observe that measures for defence of Leith Harbour while ignoring Government Administrative Headquarters and Wireless Station and Grytviken factory which is not less important for oil production than Leith Harbour will produce a bad impression. One twelve pounder gun and two Lewis guns would suffice. Provision of an infantry platoon wholly unnecessary.

Governor

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♥ DECODE.

SENT.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor

To Secretary of State.

Despatched : 7th December, 1939. *Time :*

Received : 19 *Time :*

No.129 Secret. With reference to my telegram No.128 Secret. I would urge strongly that S.S. "SALUTAISH" be instructed to call at Falkland Islands on way to South Georgia. Officers can be appointed to Defence Force and members attested.

I would add for your information that labourers sent to South Georgia from Falkland Islands included perforce twelve members of the Defence Force.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 220 *From* Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 13th December 19 39 *Time:* 18.03.

Received: 19 *Time:*

No. 113 Secret. Reference your telegram No. 128, Paragraph 3. General consideration which has governed arrangements for the defence in South Georgia is the importance of protecting British Whale Oil Industry. Defence of Norwegian or Argentine Whale Oil factories has not hitherto been contemplated. Similarly defence of the Government Headquarters and Wireless Station does not appear essential. Please telegraph in detail what instalations etc. (in addition to Leith Harbour) you consider should be defended, with a statement of reasons which in your view justify provisions of defences. Question will then be further considered.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

SENT.

(5)

From ~~Secretary~~ of His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

To Secretary of State, London.

Despatched: 15th December 19 39 Time:

Received: 19 Time:

No. 133 Secret Your No. 113 Secret.

1. I suggest that in principle Grytviken has same claim to be defended as Leith Harbour. Owners pay same taxes and rent~~s~~. Oil produced can only be exported under licence and total output is at disposal of His Majesty's Government. Production of former factory last season was 67,000 barrels against 44,500 from Leith. An important measure of discrimination in favour of Salveson has already been taken see your telegram No. 100 Secret. Both factories are operated by Norwegian personnel.
2. It should be remembered that whaling industry in South Georgia was founded by Argentine Company. They established first settlement there 1904. The first act of British sovereignty in the group was to order them to haul down the Argentine flag fourteen months later. Local administration was then inaugurated in the neighbourhood.
3. The repercussions in South America would be grave if this settlement was seized by a raider with impunity while Salvesen's interests twenty miles away were protected. Argentine case would be that the islands should be in possession of a neighbour who could provide protection for the harbours and industries.
4. Objective of raid would be to obtain fuel oil stores of which considerable quantity is maintained, destruction of whale products and wireless station which is in direct communication with Europe.
5. My view is that for defence of Government Headquarters and factory one 12-pounder should be placed at King Edward Point or Cove Point in East Cumberland Bay and two Lewis or better Bren guns supplied for anti-aircraft work and to prevent a landing. Ten men should suffice as man-power. Opinion of Commodore S. A. Division who visited the dependency with me last year should how-

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TELEGRAM. SENT.

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From

To

Despatched : 19 *Time :*

Received : 19 *Time :*

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ever be decisive on this question.

6. Revenue of Dependencies can bear cost of defensive measures I propose without causing a deficit. I assume that provision of rifle platoon for Leith and of 4-inch gun is a United Kingdom commitment.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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● DECODE.

(9) CS

TELEGRAM.

From H.E. The Governor

To S. of S.

Despatched : 22/12/39 19 *Time :*

Received : 19 *Time :*

Unnumbered.

Secret.

My telegram 133 secret.

I have had an opportunity of Consulting Rear Admiral South America Division on South Georgia Defences. He considers that for defence purposes GRVTViken should have 4 inch gun same as Leith

Governor

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

10

From Secretary of State

To H.E. The Governor

43

CYROK

Despatched : 1128/3 19 Time :

Received : 0810/3 19 Time :

1. Your telegram 128 Secret.

Para. 1 procedure approved.

2. Salvesens have sent to their manager at Leith Harbour instructions based on conversations with the War Office as to organization of local forces and installation of defences. Copy has been sent by them to magistrate South Georgia and I will send you one by despatch. Suggest that you explain the legal basis to the magistrate South Georgia and ask him to take necessary action. Apart from this however I agreed that detailed arrangements in connection with organisation etc of their force can be left to Salvasens in the light of the War Office's instructions.

3. Your telegram 129 Secret.

Fear it will not be possible for SALUTAISH to call at the Falklands.

4. Your telegram 133 is under consideration. Please telegraph as soon as possible whether Argentine Republic's new vessels remain at Grytviken throughout the winter. *Company's*

Secretary of State.

(11) CS

No. 3

DAPOM

To Secretary of State.

No. 3. Secret.

Your unnumbered telegram of 3rd January Secret.

I will ask Magistrate South Georgia to proceed as suggested but I would ask that the situation be cleared up as it is at present very unsatisfactory to this Government.


2. Is Salvesen raising organising equipping and maintaining a force at his own expense. If so I submit that it should be legalised by a short Ordinance as proposed in paragraph 2 of your secret telegram of 4th. December.

You would perhaps telegraph a draft of the principal clauses. The financial clauses of Defence Force Ordinance 1920 would not be applicable.

3. The War Office by issuing instructions and approving the scheme has assumed responsibility for defence of Leith Harbour. I would naturally prefer that the personnel should be regarded as an auxiliary Imperial force as though I am primarily responsible for the defence of the Dependency it will obviously not be possible for me to control the Leith force.

4. As the defence of the Headquarters of the Administration and Grytviken still offers difficulties I am prepared to ship in March Lafonia a 12 pr. field gun if the sights and ammunition asked for in my telegram 73 secret (item 3) and shipped to Trinidad on 16th December, vide your telegram 11 secret, reach the Colony before 20th. March. I place little reliance on this but if it can be effected I will arrange transport to South Georgia and for the manning by local personnel. The gun will be sited on Hope Point. The magistrate will be given a commission and will command the post.

P.T.O



5. I trust that you ~~will~~ are fully acquainted with the strength of prop-aganda from Germany and locally in Argentine against British domination over these territories and any failure might have serious repercussions.

Governor

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 10th January, 19 40. Time : ...

Received : 19 ... Time : ...

No. 3. I am directed by the Governor to inform you that a local force can be raised for defence of the Dependencies under the provisions of Defence Force Ordinance, 1920, as and when requisite, that you are authorized to attest personnel and that His Excellency will appoint officers recommended by you and call the Force out for Active Service under Section 15 of the Ordinance in the event of such a force being formed.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

● DECODE.

(13)

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 10th January, 19 40. *Time* : ...

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

No. 4. Please state what if any vessels of the de Pesca
Company will remain at South Georgia throughout the winter.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

S/43/39. (14)

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 14th January, 19 40. Time: 2300.

Received: 15th January, 19 40. Time: 1100.

No. 6. Your telegram No. 4 Only vessels of whale catcher type will remain during the winter, names are as follows:-
Don Miles, Don Samuel, Don Ernest, O. Foc, A Morsa, Harval, Orca, Albatros, Dias, Skua, Petrel and Lille Carl, 12 vessels in all.

MAGISTRATE.

TELEGRAM

FROM H.E.THE GOVERNOR.

TO SECRETARY OF STATE.

DATE 17th JANUARY 1940.

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SECRET NO.....11. Your telegram of 3rd January unnumbered
South Georgia Defences stop Paragraph 4 vessels referred
to do not remain at Grytviken during winter.

C.S.
17.1.40
S/42/39

TELEGRAM.

16

~~From Secretary of State for the Colonies,~~

~~To His Excellency the Governor.~~

Despatched: 9th February, 1940. Time: 1525.

Received: 12th February, 1940. Time:

Recd (15)

No. 11. Secret. Reference your telegram No. 3 South Georgia Defences. Delay in replying regretted. Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3. As regards the legal basis I am not clear why the present position is unsatisfactory since the procedure approved in my telegram No. 4 follows that suggested in your telegram No. 122 (1). Subject to your further views best arrangement seems to be that South Georgia defence personnel both at Leith and Grytviken should be unit of Falkland Islands Defence Force under immediate command of the Magistrate.

Paragraph 4. It has now been agreed in principle that primarily defence guns should be provided for Grytviken. Admiralty can allot four inch gun with range finder and necessary ammunition which is available for despatch. War Office can supply 2 Lewis Guns with ammunition and equipment but it is not yet possible to state when this can follow. War Office also agree provision about twelve riflemen. Personnel necessary to man these defences will be;

- (a) Four inch Gun - 12 men
- (b) Lewis Guns - 3 men each
- (c) Rifles - 12 men.

Can you supply this personnel and arrange for training when equipment arrives? If so, what further equipment would be needed? Distinctive uniform mentioned in my telegram No. 102 for force at Leith consists of steel helmets and arm bands only. Gun team will have to be trained at Leith with four inch gun now on the way. Incidence of the cost between South Georgia and H.M. Government both as regards 2 Grytviken is under discussion. I will telegraph separately.

TELEGRAM.

17

From Magistrate, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 20th February, 19 40 Time : 17.15.

Received : 21st February, 19 40 Time : 12.00

Red (12)

No. 23. Your telegram No. 3 In accordance with your instructions I have been to Leith Harbour and have seen the British personnel and Manager. The latter informed me that he was unable to say, until arrival of Floating Factories from the ice, whether or not any of the British personnel at present working at Leith would be required to remain during the winter. In the circumstances I considered that there was no object in attesting men who would be returning to England in a few weeks time only course was to await the arrival of factories when I would be able to inform you as to possibility of raising force. Complications have arisen since the arrival of "Saluta" on Sunday. I have received from Salvesen a copy of a letter from them to the Manager here instructing him in conjunction with the Master of "Saluta" to raise a volunteer Defence Force for purpose of defending Leith Harbour. Attached to the letter are copies of correspondence between Salvesen and War Office on the subject. Further following arms and equipment have been sent by War Office in "Saluta" 1 - 4" gun and 150 rounds of ammunition 50 rifles .303 2 Lewis Guns .303 and 20,000 rounds of ammunition, 90 steel helmets and 180 arm bands. The Manager has also been instructed by Salvesen to mount gun as soon as possible and appoint Officers. Grateful if you would inform me if the raising of this Force by a Norwegian National of a commercial concern is in order and if I am to proceed as instructed in your telegram No. 3 or co-operate with Manager.

MAGISTRATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 21st February, 19 40. Time : ...

Received : 19 ... Time : ...

Rec 17

No. 17. Your telegram No. 23 Norwegian national should not take any active part in matter under reference. Please warn him accordingly. Master of Salute may proceed with work on which British subjects only may be engaged. Further directions will be telegraphed at early date.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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DECODE.

(19)

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 15th February, 19 40. *Time :* ...

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

No. 15. Please telegraph approximate sailings of any
store ships from Montevideo or Buenos Aires for South
Georgia.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 17th February, 1940. Time: 1300.

Received: 17th February, 1940. Time: 1200.

No. 21. Your telegram No. 45 it is not expected any
Store ships will leave place named for South Georgia with
the exception of Eijuca some time during August.

MAGISTRATE.

H.
Reply of Magistrate Submitted.
MCH
19. 2. 40

TELEGRAM

FROM ..THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

TO... THE MAGISTRATE, SOUTH GEORGIA.

DATE.. FEBRUARY 22nd 1940.

IMMEDIATE. SECRET No.18 My telegram No.17. Please report as early as possible the number of men who arrived in vessel named who are qualified in gunnery and other arms and whether personnel includes any individual fit to take command and instruct in use of armaments stop If so give his full name and occupation stop He and other trained men should be attested by you forthwith.

2. Also ascertain how many of F.I.D.F. at Leith will volunteer to remain at Grytviken for winter as a guns crew stop It may be desirable for all to stay stop Pay will be at rate of eight shillings a day with one shilling and nine pence ration allowance quarters fuel and light.

3. Preparation for defense works at Leith should proceed as rapidly as possible.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 23rd February, 19 40. *Time* : ...

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

No. 19. A Message in Secret Code has been sent to the
Master of the "Saluta" for you.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

● DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

23

From Magistrate, South Georgia,

To Colonial Secretary,

Despatched : 24th February, 19 40. *Time :* 1600.

Received : 25th February, 19 40. *Time :* 1200.

No. 24. Your telegram No. 17 As ^{Sa}~~Ag~~luta left for the ice
yesterday I have asked Mr. Caldwell, Engineer Superintendent
at Leith to carry out work.

MAGISTRATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 24th February, 19 40 Time : 1620.

Received : 25th February, 19 40. Time : 1200.

Unnumbered. Your telegram No. 18 not received.

MAGISTRATE.

Code telephoned to A.D.C. 1810 on 25. 2. 40. by W/T Station.

S/42/37.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 25th February, 19 40. *Time* : 1415

Received : 26th February, 19 40. *Time* : 1145.

Urgent. No. 25. Your telegram No. 19 received today
February 25th Saluta left for the ice February 23rd could
message referred to be forwarded through Coronda at present
lying at South Georgia.

MAGISTRATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

SENT.

From The Hon. Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands.

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched: 25th February 1940 *Time:*

Received: 19 *Time:*

With reference to your telegram No. 25. Certainly ^{if} ~~is~~ Coronda
British ship.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 27th February, 19 40. *Time :* 0430.

Received : 27th February, 19 40. *Time :* 1030.

No. 26. My telegram No. 25 no good purpose would be served by sending message via "Coronda" Master does not have Merchant Shipping codes now in force.

MAGISTRATE.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 27th February, 19 40. *Time* : ...

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

No. 20. Please report immediately how many British employees of Salvesens who arrived in "Saluta" have been trained in use of armaments brought to the Dependency and have been left ashore. When is vessel expected back from ice.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

● DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 3rd March, 19 40. *Time :* 2100.

Received : 4th March, 19 40. *Time :* 1100.

No. 29. Your telegram No. 20 Secret as far as I know only
Master and Gunlayer are trained the latter is at present here.
Vessel expected to return in about a week.

MAGISTRATE.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM. SENT.

30

From His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

To Secretary of State, London,

Despatched : 4th March 19 40 *Time :*

Received : 19 *Time :*

No. 29 Your telegram No. 11 Secret. I am informed by Magistrate South Georgia that one 4-inch gun, two Lewis guns and fifty rifles with ammunition have been landed at Leith, no trained men except one gun layer. The Manager of the Whaling station a Norwegian national received instructions from Salvesen to raise a force appoint officers and mount the gun. Manager unable to say whether British personnel would be required to remain at Leith during winter, otherwise they will return to United Kingdom in a few weeks time.

2. I have instructed Magistrate that British subjects only should be employed in the defence works and that preparations and mounting of gun should be carried on as rapidly as possible.

3. Until position regarding British personnel is cleared up it is not possible to raise a force at Leith.

4. I will send an officer of Falkland Islands Defence Force to South Georgia end of March in S.S. Lafonia to arrange for defence of Grytviken subject to condition precedent stated in paragraph 4 of my telegram No. 3 Secret. I assume that there is no prospect of 4-inch gun offered by Admiralty arriving in Colony~~x~~ this month and there will be no other means of communication with South Georgia until October.

I.D.

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TELEGRAM.

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No. 97 From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 9th March 19 40 Time: 16.00.

Received: 19 Time:

No. 24 Secret with reference to your telegram No. 29 Paragraphs 1 - 3 Defence of Leith. I regret copy of Salvesens instructions to manager was not transmitted to you earlier. It was despatched on February 12th. Following summary of contents may be of assistance to you. Captain Swanson has been instructed to raise in consultation with manager a Defence Force of between thirty and sixty strong from British ratings. It is realized that many who join the Force will not be over-wintering and will have to be replaced. So far as possible men recommended for over-wintering should be given preference for Defence Force. No member of the land station personnel should be permitted to over-winter unless he volunteer to join Defence Force. Over-wintering personnel may be increased by one or two ~~men~~ men must include two men with seaman-gunner service. Captain Swanson has been instructed to appoint British rating Jamieson to command Force unless he finds good reasons to select someone else, this appointment to be for period pending return of second officer Laurenson. Remaining letter deals with technical arrangements for mounting and manning 4-inch gun and ~~training~~ training of personnel, storage of equipment and ammunition etc. I am not clear why manager is unable to say whether British personnel will be required to remain at Leith during winter, but this is being taken up with his head office and I will telegraph further.

As regards finance of Leith defences, equipment will be provided free, but the dependency ^{? must} ~~merchants~~ meet erection, liability for maintenance equipment and ammunition. Maintenance does not include liability for replacement where damage is caused by hostile action or Act of God.

I shall telegraph separately about Grytviken.

I.D.

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TELEGRAM. Sent.

*Insert diploma
/ Geneva file*
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From His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands,

To Secretary of State, London.

Despatched: 11th March 19 40 *Time:*

Received: 19 *Time:*

No. 33 Secret Your telegram No. 24 Secret. I am instructing Magistrate to attest personnel of Leith Defences. Captain Swanson has no power to make any appointments to Falkland Islands Defence Force. I will assume responsibility for the post on basis of arrangements outlined in your telegram.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 13th March, 19 40. *Time* : ...

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

No. 25. Please attest Jamieson and British employees of Salvesens up to thirty in number, who will be staying at Leath for the winter, as Members of Falkland Islands Defence Force. Jamieson to be Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge with rank of Sergeant. You should explain relevant clauses of Defence Force Act to the personnel.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(34)

No. 156 From Secretary of State, London,
To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 14th March 19 40 Time: 17.15.

Received: 19 Time:

No. 27 Secret with reference to my telegram No. 24 Salvesens are leaving minimum twenty British ratings at Leith Harbour during the winter. Understand previous doubt was due to possibility that Admiralty might requisition all whaling ships but they have now decided not to.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, _____

To Magistrate, South Georgia. _____

Despatched : 16th March, 19 40. *Time :* ...

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

No. 27. Members of Defence Force in South Georgia will receive pay only when called out for full time Military Service.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

From His Excellency the Governor

to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

Regional Lt. Col. Major Shepherd
will proceed to South Georgia in the
Lapnia to investigate the condition of
the Defences.

The manager of the Falkland Island
Company has expressed willingness for the
Lapnia to remain 40 hours if required at
South Georgia and to visit Keith Harbour.

The R.S.H. should be given a copy of
the return of ammunition landed at Keith
and should be informed of the instruction
under which 20-30 men have or should
have been attached as members of the
S. F. under the charge of a sergeant.

The R.S.H. while in South Georgia
will command the Defence force there and
the Major will be so informed and
requested to instruct the contingent that
any instructions issued by the R.S.H. must
be complied with. He will visit the
power with gun which should be in place now
with a partially trained crew.
Please ask the O.C. Defence Force to

issue written orders to the R.S. Co.
giving him as free a hand as possible
in any disposition he may make.

The South Georgia Contingent are
not a full time military service and
are not entitled to pay or allowances from
public funds

~~ttttt~~ 26/3/40

SECRET

(37)

Headquarters,
Falkland Islands Defence Force
Port Stanley.

27th. March 1940.

TO R. S. M. Sheppard.
Stanley.

1. You will arrange to proceed to South Georgia by Lafonie when she sails at or about the end of the present month, for the purpose of investigating and reporting upon the present state of the defence of that Dependency, particularly as to the personnel and armaments while there you will act as Officer Commanding the Defence (Auth: M.P. 2/42/39, red 36) and will issue such orders as you may think necessary for the improvement of the defences as at present and having in view further armaments now in transit. The Magistrate will inform all concerned that your orders are to be complied with and you will arrange to leave him a note of such alterations as are to be made with a view to their execution after your departure should this be necessary. The Lafonie is scheduled to wait only twenty four hours in the Dependency, but should you be unable to complete the work for which you are going in this time, then the Falkland Island Company's Manager has agreed that the departure may be delayed up to an additional twenty four hours.

2. In order that you may have some outline of the present situation I append a short resume of the development of the case. Much of the paucity of knowledge of what is happening has been occasioned by the fact that the Government in South Georgia has had no secret code in which to pass such information. A new set of code table is being sent down by safe hand of the Master of the Lafonie at the same time as you make your voyage. This may be used by you should a very urgent reply be required to some point during your stay.

The question of some fixed defences for the Dependency had been referred by the S. of S. to His Excellency as early as October last, but in December a cable was received to the effect that the War Office was equipping Messrs. Salvesen with the necessary outfit for them to organise their own Defence Force. This comprised

One four inch gun	} All with requisite ammunition
Two Lewis Guns	
Fifty rifles	
Steel helmets and Arm Bands.	

As far as is known this equipment has arrived, but is purely for the defence of Leith Harbour. Following strong protests to His Excellency it was eventually agreed that the force should be a unit of the F.I.D.F. and that further armaments for the defence of Grytviken should be supplied. These will as far as can be found out comprise

One four inch gun
Two Lewis Guns
Some rifles.

The question of personnel is very obscure. Apparently only the Master and the Gunlayer of the Salute are trained in the use of a four inch gun. The present situation is perhaps best shown by the most recent telegrams copies of which I append hereto.

The ammunition so far landed is four inch - 150 rounds, S.A.A. 20,000 rounds. In addition there are 20 steel helmets and 120 arm bands.


Major. O.C. Defence Force.

Copy to Major's hat S.G.

for information

3/12/39.

SECRET.

20th

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that Regimental Sergeant Major Sheppard is proceeding to South Georgia in the s.s. "Lafonia" to investigate the condition of the defences, and to transmit for your information a copy of the orders issued to that Officer by the Officer Commanding the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

2. I am to add that Regimental Sergeant Major Sheppard while in South Georgia will command the Defence Force there and I am to request that you will instruct the contingent that any instructions issued by that officer must be complied with.

3. The Manager of the Falkland Island Co. Ltd., has expressed willingness for the ship to remain 48 hours if required at South Georgia and to visit Leith Harbour.

I am,

Yours

The Magistrate,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

29th March,

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Sir,

I am directed to request that you will be good enough to arrange passages for the undersigned Government Officials :

Mr. & Mrs. J. Mercer and Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Bumbolds, 1st class to South Georgia.

5/42/59.

Regimental Sergeant Major C. F. Sheppard, 1st Class to South Georgia and return. .

Mr. & Mrs. T. Hookey & Child, 1st Class from South Georgia.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WCH
Colonial Secretary.

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

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 29th March, 19 40. *Time :* ...

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

No. 34. Immediate. My telegram No. 25 of 13th March please
state what action you have taken.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Red 33.

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TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 30th March, 19 40. Time : ...

Received : 30th March, 19 40. Time : ...

Red (21)
No. 40. Secret. Your telegram No. 18 men attested to date number 24. Jamieson your telegram No. 25 has had no experience in gunnery. Thomas Laurenson, Mercantile Marine Officer holds second mate's has taken Merchant Navy Defence course Parts 1 and 2 and I would suggest he should be put in command. With reference to Falkland Islands men 6 volunteer to stay but only as Defence Force members. In any case it is unlikely Pesca could find work for them as winter crew is very small and is composed almost entirely of skilled men. Pesca can provide board and lodging for them for winter if they are to remain.

MAGISTRATE.

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S/42/39 (42)

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia,

To Colonial Secretary,

Despatched : 30th March, 19 40. Time : 2330.

Received : 30th March, 19 40. Time : 1500.

No. 43. Please see my telegram No. 40.

MAGISTRATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 30th March, 19 40. *Time :* 1727.

Received : 30th March, 19 40. *Time :* 1300

No. 42. Grateful if 2 copies of Defence Force Ordinance
could be forwarded by the first mail.

MAGISTRATE.

No. B/42/39.

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

MINUTE.

1st April, 19 40.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To THE MAGISTRATE

SOUTH GEORGIA.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

With reference to your Telegram No. 42 of the 30th March, 1940, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of Ordinance No. 7 of 1920, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of a Defence Force", together with amending legislation.


COLONIAL SECRETARY.



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Downing Street,

SECRET.

February, 1940.

Sir,

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With reference to my secret telegram No. 1 of the 3rd of January, on the subject of the defence of Leith Harbour, I have the honour to transmit a copy of the instructions which have been sent by Messrs. Charles Salvesen and Company to their Manager at Leith Harbour. A copy was also sent by the Company to the Magistrate, South Georgia.

2. I regret the delay which has occurred in sending you a copy of these instructions.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W. M. DONALD

GOVERNOR

SIR HERBERT HENNIKER HEATON, K.C.M.G.,

etc., etc., etc.

12th December, 1939. (49)

Manager Ragnvald Hansen

LEITH HARBOUR.

Dear Sir,

It has been decided by the War Office to take certain steps for the defence of Leith Harbour and in consequence gun, Lewis guns, rifles, ammunition etc., are being dispatched to Leith Harbour by the "SALUTA".

The gun will be mounted, as soon as possible after discharge at Leith Harbour at a point which commands the entrance to the harbour, to be selected by you in consultation with Captain Swanson.

Captain Swanson has been instructed to raise in consultation with you a Leith Harbour Volunteer Defence Force from the British ratings at the station. It is hoped that the strength of the Force at any time will not be less than 30 men, nor, in view of the arms provided, more than 60. It is realised that many of the men who join the Defence Force will not be overwintering and will have to be replaced by others. So far as possible men who are recommended for overwintering should be given preference for the Defence Force and no members of the land-station personnel should be permitted to overwinter unless they volunteer to join the Defence Force. Capt. Leask is writing separately his recommendations as regards the original members of the Defence Force. He has, of course, no knowledge of the qualifications of the Falklanders and Newfoundlanders. Your overwintering personnel may be increased by one or two men to permit the permanent watch (see below) to be kept and must include at least two men with Seamen Gunner Certificates. You have at present at Leith Harbour at least

two

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two men with this Certificate, who must be required to ^{the} overwinter, unless you can arrange to replace them from floating factories.

We have instructed Capt. Swanson to appoint one of the British ratings at Leith Harbour to command the Defence Force and have told him to appoint Bosun Jamieson unless he finds good reasons to select someone else. This appointment will be for the period prior to the return of the fl. factories to Leith Harbour, when we desire 2nd Officer Laurenson to take over command (or failing him one of the other floating factory Navigating Officers who have passed the Merchant Navy Defence Course Parts 1 and 2). We enclose a copy of our letter of today to Laurenson.

Capt. Swanson has further been instructed to draw up (in consultation with you and the Commander of the Volunteer Defence Force) a scheme for the defence of the station and to allocate to the members of the Defence Force the posts to be occupied on an alarm being given. We desire you to arrange that one or two alarm practices take place, preferably while Capt. Swanson is at Leith Harbour (on his return from the ice).

A naval gun layer has been appointed to "SALUTA". The War Office has authorised us to arrange that he be landed at Leith Harbour and only rejoin the "SALUTA" when she proceeds North. The fullest use should be made of his services in mounting the gun and training the gun crew etc.

Once the gun is mounted it will be necessary for a permanent watch to be kept during the hours of daylight - preferably by a member of the gun team to be relieved every four hours or at such time as may appear to be most suitable. It will be necessary to provide shelter for the watch and also for the gun and for an adequate supply of ammunition. Cleaning etc., of the gun can no doubt be undertaken by the watch. The
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War Office has also supplied telephones for communication between the watch and the station. The Station Wireless Officer should be made responsible for all telephone equipment.

All members of the Defence Force will require instruction and firing practice and we have authority to utilize ammunition as under for the initial training of personnel

4-inch gun - 28 rounds.

Lewis gun - 50 rounds per man trained with a maximum of 6 men.

Rifle - 20 rounds per man trained with a maximum of 50 men.

In the event of it being necessary to train other personnel at any time owing to the original men trained leaving South Georgia half the above rates may be expended per man.

As regards the 4-inch gun the crew should be selected so far as possible from ratings who have a Seaman Gunners Certificate. For firing practice advantage should be taken of the presence of the naval gun layer and part of it should be undertaken in the presence of Capt. Swanson who has passed Merchant Navy Defence Course, Parts 1 and 2. Some ammunition should, however, be reserved for practice in the presence of the Navigating Officer who eventually takes command of the Defence Force (who has also passed the above course).

A team of Lewis Gunners will be selected as far as possible from men who have previous experience of these weapons, and will receive personal instruction from Capt. Swanson who has recently undergone a Lewis Gun Course with this in view. Capt. Swanson should select one man to take charge of the team and guns and make certain that he and the Commander of the Defence Force are fully instructed as regards care of the guns, cleaning etc. The firing practice should if possible be personally superintended by Capt. Swanson.

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The training of the riflemen we must leave to the Commander of the Defence Force. We understand that many of our ratings are thoroughly conversant with the use of rifles.

We desire the Commander of the Defence Force to satisfy you that all reasonable safety precautions are taken prior to firing practice with any of the above mentioned weapons.

Practice and instruction should be carried out in working hours when you can spare the hands but in addition to out of working hours, in which case usual rates of overtime will be paid. A maximum of two of the ratings who have the Seaman Gunners Certificate may be paid a bonus of 6d. per day and this may be paid to Bosun Jamieson while he commands the Force. At present the officer in charge of a gun team onboard a ship gets no bonus but if such a bonus is subsequently granted it will apply also to the Navigating Officer who takes over the command of the Defence Force at Leith Harbour. Apart from overtime and bonus as above we regret that we are not authorised to make the volunteers any additional payments for their services.

We desire, however, you to send us Nominal Roll of the Volunteers and to be informed from time to time of any changes. We shall forward copies of these rolls to the War Office.

We enclose for your guidance and that of the Commander of the Defence Force, a copy of letter from the War Office dated 14th November 1939, together with copy of Memorandum on 'The Laws and Usages of War on Land'. We would draw your attention particularly to 4(b) and para. 5 of the letter.

We enclose also copy of letter from the War Office dated 6th December.

You must arrange for Lewis guns, rifles and .303 ammunition to be kept in a safe place, where they can be rapidly issued in case of alarm, but where no unauthorised

person

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person can get at them. When .303 ammunition is issued to men, it must be carefully counted on redelivery.

In case of practice empties must be collected and counted to make sure that all live rounds are redelivered. Empties should be returned to us and we shall try to arrange for their replacement.

The War Office desires us to instruct the Commander of the Defence Force to ensure that all equipment is properly cared for and accounted for and also that it is kept in safe custody. We desire you not only to provide the necessary facilities but also to satisfy yourself that these instructions are properly carried out.

We know that we can count upon your loyal co-operation and that you will do everything possible to prepare the defences of Leith Harbour and to encourage the formation and training of the Volunteer Defence Corps.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) ?

C/O War Office.
Capt. Swanson.
Commander Leith Harbour Volunteer Defence Force.
Magistrate South Georgia.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 2nd April, 19 40. Time : ...

Received : 19 ... Time : ...

No. 36. Your telegram No. 40 Secret. Laurensen should be placed in command as N.C.O. with rank of Sergeant in first instance. Question of commission will be settled later if he remains throughout winter. Falkland Islands Defence Force men should return to Stanley. R.S.M. will recommend appointment other N.C.O's.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 3rd April, 1940. *Time :* ...

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

No. 37. Bishop Evans, Mercer, Rumbolds and Sheppard
left 1st April.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(57)

Whereas, the scheme for a fully organised and best sited Coast Defence lay out is not practicable for the following reasons.

1. Insufficient equipment i.e. 2 - 4" Guns only.

2. Requirements being:-

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|-----|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| {a} | Counter-bombardment Battery | 6" Guns. |
| {b} | Close Defence | " 4" Guns. |
| {c} | Anti-Torpedoe Boat (etc) | " 3 pdr. |
| {d} | Anti-Aircraft | " as available. |

3. A suitable site for (a) above being in the vicinity of Jason Islet, the disadvantages being:-

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| {a} | Climatic conditions of winter. |
| {b} | Transport and Supplies. |
| {c} | Frequent low visibility. |

4. The reference ((c) Low visibility) above would necessitate Close Defence guns fully manned as well as the Counter-Bombardment guns, Enemy vessels could enter either harbours probably unseen from Jason Islet.

5. With factors such as above and many more in mind, the Defences of South Georgia are best divided separately for each harbour and locality to have its own i.e. one 4" Gun sited near to the settlement or Station, carrying out the duties of a Close Defence Battery, namely;

Grytviken - 4" Gun - Hope Point.

Leith Harbour - 4" Gun - sited above Station.

The situation at Grytviken:-

After consultations with Mr Barlas the site for the 4" Gun was decided to be at Hope Point the following points being carefully considered.

1. Within reasonable distance from Quarters having in mind that little warning can only be expected.
2. Accessibility during the Winter - snowdrifts and avalanches.
3. Allows for the greatest arc of fire to seawards.
4. Not too conspicuous from sea, if the Memorial Cross is either, temporarily removed to another site, or (covered with tarpaulin which will be painted camouflage.) The latter was decided for the present.

5. Definitely the best of alternative positions, which mostly are not accessible to, during the Winter, and are too far from the settlement.

See also
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6. Due to the comparative obvious observation of the area that can be covered by fire, it is not considered essential to maintain a constant watch at Grytviken.

7. Should this be necessary, British Nationals would have to be drawn from Leith or the station at Grytviken, be made to employ same.

8. A minimum of :-

N.C.O. I/c and 7 for the gun 4".

3 for the Lewis A/A Gun.
a total of 11 members.

9. Suggested that :-

1 Lewis Gun complete with spares.
15 Rifles.
15 Steel Helmets.
30 Arm bands.
5,000 rounds (approx.) .303 S.A.A.
to be drawn on loan from Leith and maintained at Grytviken, pending arrival of further supplies, on the outfit for Grytviken.

10. On this arrangement Mr Barlas requested that His Excellency will contact with War Office for approval of same.

Summary. Grytviken Defences.

to be established:-

1 Gun 4" range 13,600 at Hope Point.
2 Lewis Guns A/A and/or surface defence.
Rifles.
Ammunition .303.

at present :-

1 Lewis Gun A/A and/or surface defence.
15 Rifles.
5,000 round .303 S.A.A.
Helmets - steel and Arm bands.

The situation at Leith Harbour :-

1. The 4" Gun was mounted on a site, above the Station approximately 50 yards in rear. Gun body actually mounted on day of arrival at Leith. Was able to give assistance and advise on many subjects, such as breech mechanism - sights etc. Gun actually will be ready for firing at the present moment.

2. A magazine and look-out control hut, was being completed, situated in rear of gun. Cut into the rock.
3. The site was selected in so far as can be judged, the best possible position.
4. Can be manned within 10 minutes of an alarm.
5. Accessable at all times of the year.
6. Range-finder located and site for same was selected (Range-finder 4' 6" base).

16. British Nationals have been attested, who will form the gun crew etc. Laurenson who is in charge of the work on Gun and defences, is strongly recommended to be placed in charge with rank of Sergeant at present, also G. Watt and I. Bruce to be Corporals, the former having had seaman-gunner training. Laurenson appears most suitable for the work of installation and for the training of his unit. I have every confidence that he will "Turn out" an efficient section of the Defence Force.

Members of the Defence Force at Leith will, on completion of work, maintain a permanent and constant lookout. Magistrate South Georgia informs that the Imperial Government are granting an allowance of -/6d per diem for this duty, Messrs Salvesen retaining them in employment at Station.

Laurenson at least, should be directed to remain at Leith for the duration, in case Salvesens should propose sending him South on the floating factories, he is keen to remain at Leith to train and exercise defence personell. He has had training at Govan (Glasgow) in this particular type of gun. With assistance from O'Sullivan at Grytviken he will be capable of training with the Lewis as well.

Command of Defences. South Georgia.

Command of Defences should be under direct control of Magistrate, who declares he will visit Leith periodically.

Magistrate should therefore be given a commissioned

rank/

rank in the Defence Force, commensurate with his duties as Officer Commanding, in addition it must be borne in mind that Laurenson, will normally be solely in charge at Leith, due to the geographical situation of the two localities, Grytviken and Leith.

The Manager of Messrs Salvesens was very helpfull in all respects, and I would wish to record his willingness to continue, as his future policy.

Magistrate South Georgia, Mr Barlas gave every assistance possible, which in addition to his other duties necessitated no mean effort on his part to comply with my desires to obtain a full account as possible in the comparatively short time available.

Mr Barlas informs me that Mr Hansen (Manager for Salvesen) would be willing to allow Laurenson help with defences of Grytviken such as mounting the gun etc.

A/A. Defences :-

Mostly natural ones for low flying attack or reconnaissance, but the likely approaches and objects were pointed out where aircraft may possibly attempt low altitude attacks.

1. 1 Lewis Gun at present at each (A/A) Grytviken and Leith Harbour.
2. 2 Lewis Guns ultimately - separately mounted for A/A.

Stores and Equipment (Leith Harbour).

All cases were not located, and those that were, were not opened, time permitted the inspection of some, which revealed the contents in very good order.

Full equipment with the armament includes Range Finder and Pedestal, the gun base was of the cage type reinforced concrete 4. 2. 1. aggregate, and the stores for same included everything even to the sand.

Recommended/

Recommended. Defence Personell.

Magistrate. O.C. Defence Force, South Georgia.

Grytviken. 1 Sergeant ? Rumbolds +
1 Corporal
1 Corporal
up to - 8 Privates & Gunners.

+ Suggestion due to this mans Civil Service Position.

Leith Harbour.

1 Sergeant Laurensen.
1 Corporal C. Watt
1 Corporal L. Bruce
up to - 8 Privates & Gunners (13 already attested).



Trans.
Speron,

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

1-11-40

Report:

1. Condition of Defences of
Leith Harbour
2. ? Full time watch to
be kept.
3. Command of defences.
4. Measures to be taken
for defence of Grytewiken.
? Issue of rifles to Govt. H.Q.
5. Local manpower of Leith
to be encouraged to associate
himself with aspects of Defence
6. ? Magistrate to be given rank in force

~~SECRET.~~

~~MINUTE.~~

No.

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

5th April, 1940.

From R.S.M. C. F. Sheppard,

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To Officer Commanding,

Defence Force.



I have the honour to forward herewith, in accordance with the instructions from His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, a report on "The Defences of South Georgia".

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary.

May the attached be passed quickly to His Excellency the Governor & Commander in Chief please.

C. F. Sheppard

R.S.M.

W. D. J.
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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 164 Under
 From Secretary of State for War, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 12th April 19 40 Time : 15.50.

Received : 19 Time :

12,400 rounds of point 303 S.A.A. shipped in S.S. ^{Canonesa} ~~Capitessa~~ via you
for Chief Magistrate Grytviken South Georgia. Arrange onward
shipment when available. Cable arrangements made.

I.D.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

STANLEY,

15th April, 1940

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

S E C R E T.

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 4 of my Secret telegram No. 29 of the 4th of March, 1939, and to correspondence on the subject of the defences at South Georgia, I have the honour to transmit herewith a report on a visit of inspection to the Dependency by Regimental Sergeant Major C. F. Sheppard of the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

In duplicate.

2. I concur in the opinions expressed by the Inspecting Officer and the recommendations made, and I propose to give effect to these as far as the means at my disposal exist.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant

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LD, M.P.,
OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
15th April, 1940.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.
SECRET.

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Governor.

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

No. S/42/39.

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

MINUTE.

15th April, 1940.

From The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Officer Commanding,

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

Stanley.

With reference to your Minute of the 12th of April, 1940, submitting a report on the defences at South Georgia, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the Magistrate, South Georgia, should be appointed Lieutenant or Captain as you may recommend, and Officer Commanding the Defence Force, South Georgia.

2. You should also appoint N.C.O's as necessary but as Sergeant Browell and Corporal F. O'Sullivan are already stationed at Grytviken, I am to say that there is no apparent reason why Private Rumbolds should supersede them. He has no Defence Force drill qualifications. If and when a gun is sent to Grytviken Pte. Rumbolds' position could be reconsidered.

(Sgd.) A. W. Cardinall.

Colonial Secretary.

No. S/42/39.

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

MINUTE.

15th April, 1940.

From

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To R.S.M. Sheppard,

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

Stanley.

(Thro' the Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.)

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your report dated the 5th of April, on the Defences at South Georgia. His Excellency is very pleased with this report and has further directed me to thank you for it, which he has termed 'excellent'.

(Sgd.) A. W. Cardinall.

Colonial Secretary.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM. SENT.

From His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

To Under Secretary for War, London.

Despatched : 26th April 19 40 *Time :*

Received : 19 *Time :*

Your telegram of April 12th ammunition onward shipment will be arranged by first available opportunity. Probably end of October.

I.D.

DECODE.

5/42/39.
TELEGRAM.

No. 267 From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 18th April 19 40 Time : 14.00

Received : 19 Time :

Red (30) No. 34 Secret with reference to your telegram No. 29 Grytviken Defence.
Regret delay.

Red (16) Four inch gun offered by Admiralty not yet despatched, It will be
sent by the first opportunity as soon as it is definitely known that
personnel to man it can be found. Please telegraph your observations
on this point and also on other questions raised in my telegram No. 11
regarding Grytviken defences.

Red (31) Finance, Same principle will apply as for Leith see my telegram No. 24.

I.D.C.O.

No. 5/42/39

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

MINUTE.

22nd. April 1940 19

From O.C. Defence Force

To

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

23 APR. 1940

Referring to your Minute of the 15th. inst, I have to honour to recommend ~~that~~ the Magistrate, South Georgia, be gazetted Lieutenant in the Force as Officer Commanding Defence Force South Georgia. I would recommend that no additional N.C.O. s be appointed until the question of the man-power ~~question~~ and the arrival of the other 4" gun is settled.

Ant. Woodgate

Major.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 46 From His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

To Secretary of State, London.

Despatched: 24th April 19 40 Time:

Received: 19 Time:

Red 66 No. 46 Secret your telegram No. 34 Secret Grytviken Defences.
Personnel can be provided and trained as in your telegram No. 11
Secret. South Georgia defence personnel have already been formed
into a unit of Falkland Islands Defence Force commanded by
Magistrate. I have sent full report on defences by despatch secret
of April 15th. There will be no direct steamer communication with
South Georgia from Falkland Islands until end of October.

I.D.C.O.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia,

Despatched: 25th April, 19 40. Time:...

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

See appropriate file - C.H.

No. 47. Secret. Governor has appointed you Lieutenant in Defence Force and Officer Commanding Defence Force South Georgia effective 24th April.

You should obtain from Leith for use at Grytviken

1 Lewis Gun complete with spares

15 rifles

15 helmets

30 arm bands

3000 rounds .303 small arms ammunition.

Rifle and Lewis Gun practice should be carried out at Grytviken.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 350 From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 27th April

19 40 Time: 0645.

Received:

19 Time: your telegram No. 46

68 No. 40 Secret with reference to ~~my telegram~~ No. 247 I now learn 4-inch gun for Grytviken was despatched about April 11th.

2. In view of recent entry of Norway into the War I suggest Norwegian personnel should be eligible for Defence Force in future as volunteers. Should be grateful of your views on this. As South Georgia defence personnel is a unit F.I. Force, section 3(1) of Ordinance 7 of 1920 would require amendment to enable the services of aliens to be accepted.

I.D.7. S.T.

71.

TELEGRAM.

No. 9 From Secretary of State, London.

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 2nd May 19 40 Time: 13.05.

Received : 19 Time :

No. 41 Secret The following from War Office. Begins. 69,725 following approximate tonnages for Chief Magistrate and O.C. Fixed Defences South Georgia loaded in "Harpon" sailed direct April 15th 1940 ordnance stores one ton one foot includes 24 feet S.A. parts also loaded following Admiralty stores one 4-inch gun also ammunition and accessories please advise all concerned. Ends.

I.D. Special.

3/42/39

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Excerpt from Notes of points discussed by His
Excellency the Governor and the Executive Engineer
on Monday, 29th April, 1940.

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SOUTH GEORGIA DEFENCES. The 4" gun and outfit
dispatched from England on 11.4.40 to be erected in
Stanley area and a new gun asked for S.G. Report
on sitting of this gun to be submitted by O.C.
Defence Force.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, _____

To _____
Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched: 6th May, 19 40. Time: ...

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

No. 50. Secret. Geytviiken gun ammunition and equipment
shipped "Harpoon" April 15th.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM. Sent.

From His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

To Secretary of State, London.

Despatched : 6th May 19 40 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

No. 50 Secret In reply to your telegram No. 40 Secret I agree entirely that Norwegian personnel should be eligible for membership of Defence Force. I am amending Ordinance 7 of 1920 as follows:

1. By substituting "person" for "British subject" in Section 3 (1).
2. By amending Schedule A by providing for the deletion of the words "and bear true allegiance" in line three where the person accepted as a Member of the Defence Force is not a British subject. The amending Ordinance will be laid before Legislative Council on the 16th May.

Ordinance

An Ordinance to amend the
Defence Force Ordinance, 1920.

Be it enacted etc. etc.

Short
title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Defence Force (Amend-
ment) Ordinance, 1940" and shall be read and construed ^{as and} with the
Defence Force Ordinance, 1920.

*Amending
section 3(1)*

2. Section 3 (1) of the Defence Force Ordinance, 1920 is
hereby amended by the deletion of the words "British subject"
in the second line and the substitution of the word "person"
therefor.

*Amending
Schedule A*

3. Schedule A of the Defence Force Ordinance, 1920 is hereby
amended by the addition of the following words as a footnote:-

The words "and bear true allegiance" in line three should
be deleted if the person whose services have been accepted as
a member of the Defence Force is not a British subject.

(18)

HC
for information
and return
11/2/40
Baller
P. George
Defence paper

South Georgia.
6th April, 1940.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your letter.
I am very busy but I will try to give a
brief report on what we have done towards the
defence of the Island. I have personally gone
round with the R.S.M. and in case a gun
should be sent for the defence of Grytiken we
recommend Hope Point as the best situation.

I can obtain from Leith up to 15 steel helmets
and a Lewis Gun
arm bands etc. & I think that up to 15 rifles could
also be obtained from Leith but perhaps it would
be best that the order to supply them came from
the War Office. The gun at Leith is mounted and
ready and has been inspected by the R.S.M. who
states he is very well satisfied with it and its
position. I am very pleased to find Laursen
is such a capable and keen man. I had not realised
he was so good until I heard him when conferring
with the R.S.M. I have done every thing possible
for the latter during his stay. He has seen every

So that they
or it does
not feel
it is being
left out of
everything

and I have given him all the information possible. The whole thing was badly muddled by Salveson but it will straighten out alright. Any way the R.S.M. will report fully on his arrival in Stanley. He's a very nice fellow.

I have not been able to do as much as I would for the Bishop but he ~~is~~ understood the position and got round most places when I was unable to be with him. He is very charming and we all enjoyed having him. I was rather at a loss when I got the H.C.S. telegram saying Bishop Evans, Mercer &c &c. were coming. I thought it might be Bishop Evans but with so many new folk in Stanley it was just possible that it was someone named Bishop and Evans. (T.D. Evans of the School.)

The season has been very poor. Leith to date has got 25300 barrels and Pesca have just passed 40000.

The ice boats did very well.

I am so very glad you agreed that the 33 catchers should not work for Salveson. I was infuriated and if my telegram was ^{found to be} a bit incoherent it is not surprising. A more blatant rump it would be hard to find. As it is they are getting the best of the Home Govt.

over these whalers after all. All the small and old whalers are being sent home, - in fact most of them are on the way - and I suppose they will be hired to H.M. Govt. as mine sweepers at an exorbitant rate. I am almost certain that the understanding is that they will be replaced by large modern whalers ~~sent~~ by the Government as they will be declared useless for whaling after the war owing to hard wear and tear &c, &c. "It takes a long spoon to sup with the Devil" and Salomon will get the best of any deal H.M. Govt. make with them. Harald Salomon is in the Ministry of Food.

The weather this summer has been wretched. particularly at sea. On shore we have had spells of very fine warm weather. Yesterday was perfect and the Bishop was able to get around and see as much as possible. Today it is snowing hard.

I conveyed your regards to Lagerli and Nansen who both wish to be remembered to you.

Leik will not work next season. Only ten large whalers will be left here so I expect two floating factories will operate and the station here will act only as a base and repair shop.

We are all well and looking forward to seeing
 I must stop now as Capt. Johnson is getting
 a little fidgety to be off.

kindest Regards to yourself Rose and, when
 you write her, to Bunny, from us both.

Yours sincerely

L. Charles

From His Excellency the Governor

to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

Please telegraph to Major K. L. S. Georgia if you have not already done so informing him of the amendment to the Defence Ordinance and authorizing him to enlist Norwegians as requisite for manning the Grytøken defence.

Re Lewis gun and rifle practice should be carried out as requisite.

Ask him to report when the Lewis gun has been received and landed.

He should prepare details of defence with Sergeant Laurensen who will also instruct the Grytøken crew.

State that it is understood that 6/- a day is being paid to personnel and that any recommendations for him in this connection will be considered.

H. H. H. 18/5/10

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 18th May, 19 40. Time : ...

Received : 19 ... Time : ...

No. 56. Secret. Defence Force Ordinance amended. You may now enlist Norwegians as requisite for manning Grytviken defences. Oath amended by deleting "and bear true allegiance". Carry out rifle and Lewis gun practices as requisite. Report when latter has been received. Prepare with Sergeant Lawrenson details of defence. Sergeant will instruct Grytviken crew. It is understood that 6d a day is being paid to personnel and any recommendations from you on this point will be considered.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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Coding Office
only.

C/400/22

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42

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:

Home in London, 1st Nov 42.

M. J. G. H. H.

for cypher

foundations of the end of a cement foundation
for a wide zone being superimposed on the
same find grateful if instructions for recording
or word could be telegraphed. I can obtain
boulder 11 inches square. Payment of 6 pence a
day was to be paid to the Office in charge
and M. C. C.

M. J. G. H. H.

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No 42

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:

Magistrate

Colonel Stanley Board Stanley for Magistrate

Second Message No. 62.

Ref 56 HAWCON arrived and 2 Lewis guns and
cases 12 rifles loaded @ 4 inch gun will be landed
as soon as possible @ I hope to be able to mount later
but owing to lack of men and bad weather early
opportunity cannot be expected @ British personnel at
Gay Hook are being instructed in Lewis Gun operations
and practice has been carried out on several
occasions @ Rifle batts are being prepared for rifle

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

To

Magistrate

South Georgia.

*You sent 62 slp. Suggest use of S.A.A. for practice
be carefully watched supplies from U.K. problematical slp.
Run morning in timber if feat or shale subsoil slp.
~~Among in these banks~~ Bolt with plate top and
bottom into cruciform 3 banks in each arm ~~at least~~
20-75 feet long. slp. Agree your suggestion 6d. slp.*

Colonial Secretary.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

45

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched: 3rd June, 1940. Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

Red 83.

No. 61. Your Secret telegram No. 62. Suggest use of S.A.A. for practice be carefully watched supplies from U.K. problematical. Gun mounting in timber if peat or shale subsoil. Bolt with plate top and bottom into cruciform 3 baulks in each arm 20-25 feet long. Agree your suggestion 6d.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

H.O. I/C.,

Will you please have the above telegram despatched to South Georgia.

C.S.S.

To His Excellency the Governor
 & Commander-in-Chief.

The attached reply has been received
 in answer to the signal made on Your
 Excellency's instructions of 18. VII. 40.
 There is no copy of the decode.

Quash Goodfate
 O.C. Defence Force.

29. VII. 40.

In file in
 S. G. H. Defence
 29/7

For use in
Cypher or
Coding Office
only.

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

Commanding Officer, T.I.D.F.

FROM:

South Georgia

Commanding Officer Falkland Islands Defence Force from Magistrate.

Your 1135 19th July second gun mounting completed and on 13th July base,

sights adjusted and trial shot fired. Magazine has also been built.

Stock ammunition GRYTVIKEN .303 6,982 4-inch live shell 150 and 3

practice Leith Harbour .303 15,000 4-inch live shell 149 and 1 practice.

Personnel GRYTVIKEN 37 LEITH HARBOUR 25 men expect additional personnel

last named by Norwegian when opportunity offers of getting there.

2055/26.

BRITISH NAVAL

BASE

27 JUL 1940

FALKLANDS

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO: Colonial Secretary, Port Stanley.

FROM: Magistrate
S. Georgia.

Message 71 to Colonial Secretary.

Local Manager of PESCA asks if the Government would be
good enough to inform his directors in Buenos Aires that most
Norwegians on the station have joined Defence Force but the
work on the station will not be interfered with except in case
of emergency.

Magistrate.

BRITISH NAVAL

BASE

29 JUL 1940

FALKLANDS

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TELEGRAM.

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From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 6th August, 19 40. Time : ...

Received : 19 ... Time : ...

No. 69. Your telegram No. 71 do not consider it advisable to pass information to Buenos Aires directors whose only interest is man hours ^{would} which/not be interfered with except in an emergency.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

No 172

TELEGRAM.

(90)

From UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR

To H. E. THE GOVERNOR

Despatched :

19

Time :

Received :

10th September 49 40

Time : 15.30

81519 10/9.

Ref (61)
Reference report on defences South Georgia enclosed in your letter of April 15th. Regret it was impossible to despatch anti-aircraft mountings with two Lewis guns sent in Harpon for defences Grytviken. You should improvise anti-aircraft mountings. Drawings of mountings were sent to Salvesen for despatch to Leith Harbour December 1939.

I.D.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Officer Commanding, Defence Force.

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 14th September, 19 40. *Time* : ...

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

~~1444777~~ Reference South Georgia defences was impossible
despatch anti-aircraft mountings with Lewis guns sent for
Grytviken. You should improvise. Drawings sent to
Salvesen for despatch Leith Harbour December, 1939.

O.C. DEFENCE FORCE.

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1900/27.

Originators Instructions:
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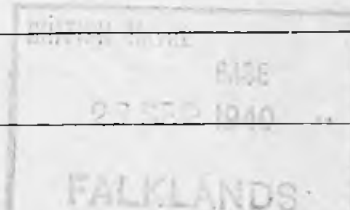
INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:
Secretary, Port Stanley.

FROM:

Secret Message to Colonial Secretary No.82 from Magistrate, South Georgia.

With reference to Measures taken for the defence GRYPVIKEN I intend inform you that in my opinion it is essential a guns crew continually on duty if the 4" gun is to be of any value. The crew would keep a continuous watch which under present conditions is not possible no men for this purpose are available from the station and my staff is not large enough. I suggest if possible a crew of 7 one of whom would be required to cook might be sent from Stanley for this purpose. Housing is available.



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Originators Instructions:
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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:

Message to 27 on 10. Belmont Secretary
Reference my B.E.

If you're coming to being sent grateful
if you can obtain locally and forward
3 paraffin hanging lamps and supply of
cooking utensils. Col

To be changed to war expenses

Magistrate

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or Coder.Time of Receipt in
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TELEGRAM.

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From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched: 11th October, 19 40. Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

No. 82. Reference your telegrams Nos. 82 and 87.

Consider screen of catchers with wireless in season ensures adequate warning and eliminates need for continuous watch on Guns. Out of season while probability of attack remote arrangements could be made retain few extra men necessary to keep continuous watch if you feel this to be essential. No men available from here. Do you still require utensils and lamps.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 14th October, 19 40. *Time :* 1415.

Received : 15th October, 19 40. *Time :* 1030.

Red 94

No. 88. Your telegram No. 82. Grateful if the articles referred to could be forwarded as they cannot be obtained here in case continuous watch should be necessary later.

MAGISTRATE.

96

LIST OF COOKING UTENSILS &C., FORWARDED TO SOUTH
GEORGIA PER S.S. "LAFONIA".

- 3 Roasting Dishes
- 1 Tea Pot
- 1 Coffee Pot
- 1 Frying Pan
- 1 8-pint Saucepan
- 1 9-pint Saucepan
- 1 Ladle
- 1 Wooden Spoon
- 1 Galvd. Washup
- 1 6-gallon Boiler
- 3 Hurricane Lamps

Quartermaster's Dept.,
F. I. D. F.
16th October, 1940.

DECODE.

97.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched: 17th October, 1940. Time:...

Received: 19 ... Time:...

No. 83. Your telegram No. 88 utensils and lamps
will be forwarded.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Recd 95.

DECODE.

98.

TELEGRAM.

Under

From Secretary of State for War,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched :

19

Time :

Received :

19

Time :

Extract from telegram received on 21. 10. 40.

.....

Also loaded for South Georgia 2 cases cartridges S.A.A.
ball Mark VII.

I.D. "V"¹/₂ 10.

S/42/39.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.



MEMO.

Departmental Number.

From THE MAGISTRATE,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

Date 20th July, 1940.

THE HONOURABLE,
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.
To STANLEY.

Reference
Numbers.

I have the honour to report for His Excellency's information that the 4" Gun has been mounted and tested. The work was completed on the 18th July. Three test shots have been fired and the gun and sights found to be accurate. The gun has been mounted on a cement base. A magazine and look-out post have been erected. The magazine is partly underground.

On landing the gun it was found that both top and bottom plates were missing nor were there any holding down bolts sent. All of these I had made by the Compania Argentina de Pesca.

Accommodation for a gun's crew, should it be found necessary to keep a crew on constant duty, has been erected close to the gun emplacement.

L. Barros
MAGISTRATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

100

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 20th February, 19 41. *Time* : ...

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

No. 12. Your letter 20th July, 1940, following from Adjutant, Defence Force, begins. Please telegraph registered number of gun and type of mounting. Ends.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Red 99.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

To
~~From~~ Magistrate, South Georgia.
From
~~To~~ Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 26th February, 19 41. *Time :* ...

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

No. 15. Secret. Following from Adjutant, begins.

Please telegraph designation and mark of Rifles and
sidearms at South Georgia, ends.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

102

From Magistrate, South Georgia,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 26th February, 1944. Time : ...

Received : 27th February, 1944. Time : ...

No. 19. Your telegram No. 12 please pass to Adjutant,
Defence Force begins. Gun number 2755 Gun pedestal
mounting number L., CPI 30 degrees number 3630 ends.

MAGISTRATE.

DECODE.

103.

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 3rd March, 1944. Time : 2540.

Received : 4th March, 1944. Time : 1030.

No. 22. Secret. Please inform Adjutant, Defence Force,
as follows, begins:-

Rifles, short Lee-Enfield Mark III

Side arms Mark I.

MAGISTRATE.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 15th March, 19 51. *Time:* 1430.

Received: 16th March, 19 41. *Time:* 1030.

No. 27. Secret. Your telegram No. 36 of 1940 re:
Laurenson I am glad to be able to report that he will
again remain during the coming winter and is prepared
to remain for the duration of the war.

MAGISTRATE.

Redsl.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia,

Despatched: 19th March, 19 41. *Time:* ...

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

No. 19. Secret. Your telegram No. 27 do you recommend
Laurenson for Commission.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Red 104.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia, _____

To Colonial Secretary. _____

Despatched: 21st March, 19 41. Time: 1345.

Received: 21st March, 19 41. Time: 1400.

No. 30. Please pass to Adjutant, Defence Force, begins.

Could you arrange to supply and forward by the first opportunity the following :-

Supply of target paper, patching paper and
Rifle cleaning material.

ends.

MAGISTRATE.

Supply packed
ready for despatch.

31/3/41

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 25th March, 19 41. Time: 1400.

Received: 26th March, 19 41. Time: 1030.

No. 32. Secret. Your telegram ^{See 105} No. 19 I beg to recommend
person concerned for Commission.

MAGISTRATE.

167.

DECODE.

(108)

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary.

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 31st March, 19 41. Time : ...

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

See 107.

No. 24. Your telegram No. 32 please telegraph
full name of person concerned.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 1st April, 1941 ^{$\frac{1}{2}$} *Time*: 2320.

Received: 3rd April, 1941. *Time*: 1030.

No. 36. Full name of person concerned is Thomas
Laurenson.

MAGISTRATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Under Secretary of State for War,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 8th May, 19 41. *Time:* 0630.

Received: 8th May, 19 41. *Time:* 1030.

C A I B.

Report type and mark of four inch gun at South Georgia.

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

I.D.V. (12) Special.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia,

Despatched: 8th May, 19 41. *Time:* ...

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

No. 34. Following from Adjutant, Defence Force, begins:

Please telegraph immediately type and Mark of both 4" guns.

Ends.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

112.

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 12th May, 1941. *Time :* 1600.

Received : 12th May, 1941. *Time :* 1500.

See !!!

No. 49. Your telegram No. 34 following for Adjutant Defence Force
begins Grytviken Gun :- type Ordnance B.L. wire 4" Mark IX*
No. 2755. Leith Gun :- Ordnance B.L. wire 4" Mark IX* No. 4006.

MAGISTRATE.

DECODE.

113

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Under Secretary of State for War.

Despatched : 13th May, 19 41. *Time* : ...

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

Your telegram 8th May South Georgia Guns
O.B.L. Wire Mark IX.*

GOVERNOR.

I.D.V. (12)

Central Ordnance Depot
Didcot

Berks

April 1941

(114)

Governor & Commander in Chief

Falkland Islands.



Long Loan

*I am signed and
returned 5/6/41*

Sir,

The attached Army Form G1023 is for stores still out on "Long Loan" from this Depot, and in order that my account for ^{31.} 49/3/41 can be completed I would be extremely obliged if you sign same and return to this office at an early date.

I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. J. ...' or similar, written over the typed name.

Lieut Colonel,
for Chief Ordnance Officer.

Didcot

115.

MEMO.

S.G. No.....

C.S. No.....

17th March,.....19...41.

From:-

To:-

THE MAGISTRATE,

South Georgia.

The Honourable,

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley.

With reference to the recommending of men for the rank of Non Commissioned Officers in the Defence Force in South Georgia, I have to inform you that the reason for no recommendations being made so far is as follows. Under the conditions obtaining here where the men arrive and depart to and from home and the ice every few months recommendations would be almost continuous until a time might possibly arrive when the Company would be almost entirely composed of Non Commissioned Officers.

I would be glad if you would inform me of the rank held by Mr F. O'Sullivan in the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

W. B. B. B.
Magistrate.

116

MEMO.

S.G. No.....

21st April.....19.41.

From:-

To:-

The Adjutant
.....
Falkland Islands Defence
Force, South Georgia.

Officer in Charge
Defences,

Stanley.

I enclose herewith for your information documents in respect of arms and ammunition received here. I would be glad if you would forward them in due course to the proper authorities.

L. Barlas

Lt & Officer in Charge, Defences.

117.

The Under Secretary of State, ^{Date of Issue :— 11.12.40}
War Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1.

Dept. South Georgia
Defences.

TENDER *for the supply of:—* Ammunition

ITEM No.	QUANTITY	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.	RATE.	AMOUNT.
	450 rds.	Ammunition for Lewis Guns.		
	1,500 rds.	.303 in. Rifle Ammunition		
		We understand that this ammunition was the subject of a letter (No.078/147(M.G.O.F.a)) dated 21.11.40 addressed to the Colonial Office.		
	FWD/LMG/10			
Inspector :— Firm. War Office. Date of tender. Date of order. Entered up by tes to firm.	Delivery.	Cost of articles specified on continuation sheet (if any)	Total £	
		Trade and Shipping allowances per cent. on £.....	= £	
		Cash discount for prompt payment per cent. on £	= £	
		Cost of packing and delivery f.o.b. LONDON ...	£	
		Alternative, cost of packing and postage to	£	
		Amount payable (including all charges) on receipt of Bills of Lading or Parcels Receipt.	£	
		Post Office Certificate of Posting.		
		Alternative, total net cost f.o.b.	= £	

dress for Post Packages.

Shipping Mark.
Defence,
South Georgia.

Duplicate.
ADVICE OF ORDER PLACED.

OFFICE OF THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,

4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies furnish overleaf particulars of a contract placed in pursuance of the Indent shewn. A period of 14 to 28 days may elapse between the contract date for delivery and the date on which the goods leave this country, while inspection (if any), packing and arrangements for shipment are being carried out.

In the case of goods posted the contractor will forward under separate cover direct to the addressee two advice copies of the invoice, shewing the indent number and the date of despatch of the parcel.

The Colonial Secretary,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

11th December, 1940.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

118.

From Troopers, London,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 14th June, 19 41. Time : 1530.

Received : 14th June, 19 41. Time : 1030.

Immediate.

72231 14th June. M.O. 4.

Report received states gun at Grytviken was in position at the latter part 1940 but no detachment was looking after it.

Forward immediately full report including (a) number of men in gun detachment if any.

(b) Source from where men at (a) are found.

(c) If no men are manning the gun now your proposals for immediate provision of men.

TROOPERS.

I.D.V. (14)

DECODE.

URGENT.

119

TELEGRAM.

From O/C Troops, Stanley,

To O/C Defences, Grytviken.

Despatched : 16th June, 19 41. Time : ...

Received : 19 ... Time : ...

Required immediately full report of situation at Grytviken and
Leith showing

- (a) number of men in gun detachment
- (b) Source from where men are found
- (c) if gun not manned now your proposals for immediate provision
of men
- (d) if gun is manned is permanent detachment re watch kept at gun.

O.C. TROOPS, STANLEY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia,

To Officer Commanding Troops, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 19th June, 19 41. Time : 1330.

Received : 19th June, 19 41. Time : 1030.

Your telegram 16th June detachment at Leith is composed of 7 men from whaling station and gun is manned and watch kept. ^{Gun/whaler} Detachment here is composed of 8 men 6 of whom are employed at King Edward Point and remainder at whaling station. Gun is not permanently manned nor is watch kept as men are not to be obtained from station and during ^{whaling} season some of my staff are not available. The watch at Leith however commands approaches to this harbour during the day. Your (c) not clear but I have secured detachment of 7 men from Leith as permanent part of gun crew and permanent watch will be kept from now onwards. Please confirm if this is in accordance with your instructions regarding (c). Crews will be completed with men from staff.

MAGISTRATE 0947/19.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Officer Commanding Troops, Stanley,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 20th June, 19 41. *Time* : ...

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

Your telegram 19th June will detachment from Leith
be available permanently for Grytviken.

O/C TROOPS.

(121)

Red 120

122

For in
Cypher or
Coding Office
only.

17 ZBH

2310 / 22 / 6

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:

Red 121

Your message of 22nd June received Sundayon June 22nd reply will be made immediatelyI have seen message + Magistrate LEITH

Book or Table to be used for

Initials of Cypherer
or Coder.Time of Receipt in
Cypher or Coding
Office.

Date.

Cyphering or Coding.

Recyphering or Recoding.

G.T.C 6

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23/6/6

123

No.

MINUTE.

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

25th June, 1944.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate,

SOUTH GEORGIA.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Redus: With reference to your Minute of the 17th of March, 1944, I am directed to inform you that Mr. P. O'Sullivan holds the rank of Corporal in the Falkland Islands Defence Force.

O.S.
For Colonial Secretary.

For use in
Cypher
Coding Office
only.

124

117-264-2240/25

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

O.C. Group and Security

FROM:

Red 121 Your the Detachment will not be
permanent but will be available until about end
of October. Inmate.

Book or Table to be used for

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Recyphering or Recoding.

Initials of Cypherer
or Coder.

Time of Receipt in
Cypher or Coding
Office.

Date.

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26/6/41

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 27th June, 19 41. *Time* : ...

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

Recd 18
No. 79. Secret. War Office has asked for immediate and full report of defence position at Grytviken. Their telegram numbered 72231 of June 14th requiring specifically information (a) number of men in gun detachment; (b) source from which men found at (a); (c) if no men what proposal to provide them immediately.

Following report has been received from South Georgia "Grytviken detachment is composed of 8 men 6 of whom are employed at King Edward Point and remainder at whaling station. Gun is not permanently manned nor is watch kept as men are not to be obtained from station and during whaling season some of my staff are not available" but arrangements have now been made for gun to be manned permanently by whaling personnel until end of October.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

126

TELEGRAM.

From Officer Commanding Troops, Falkland Islands,

To Magistrate, South Georgie.

Despatched : 27th June, 19 41. *Time* : ...

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

Secret. Please telegraph present position of stocks of
.303 ammunition and estimated number of rounds required for
training annually.

O/C TROOPS.

FIRST SHIPPING ADVICE.

128.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies have to report the shipment of goods supplied by :—

Reference:

S/ Falkland Is. 4852/1

S/42/39.

The War Office,
Movement control
O.N. (3) C.
Whitehall Place,
S.W.1.

5th April, 44

TO GO ON DECK

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Ident. No. C.O. 1r 13047/1/40 of
Special A/c. 9.12.40.
Dept. South Georgia Defence.
Consigned to Maclean and Stapledon.

Marked

REQN. O. H. M. S.
4852 Defence,
CONTENTS South Georgia,
via Montevideo.

C ↑ A

*Nos.

Gross Weight.

M.V./S.S. "LYNTER GRAVE" From Royal Albert Dock, London
between 10th-11th April.

The particulars given in the schedule below were those furnished by the above mentioned contractor, when forwarding instructions were issued, and are not necessarily accurate.

VALUE. £	*Nos.	Description of Packages.	CONTENTS.	WEIGHT.				MEASUREMENTS.		
				Tons.	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lb.	Length.	Breadth.	Depth.
£15		2 boxes	Cartridges S.A. Ball .303	-	1	1	2	1.5.	-.9.	-.11.

ENCLOSURES :—

Bill of Lading

Suppliers' Invoice

Packing particulars

Office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies,
4, Millbank, London, S.W.1.

For use in
Cypher or
Coding Office
only.

429 London

1253/25/6

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

10/11/17

TO:

74785 28/6 Red. 118. 14/6

FROM:

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Office.

Date.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From MAGISTRATE, SOUTH GEORGIA

To OFFICER COMMANDING TROOPS, STANLEY.

Despatched : 30th June 19 41 Time : 21.25

Received : 1st July 19 41 Time : 10.30

SECRET YOUR TELEGRAM 27th JUNE STOCK .303 AMMUNITION

^{18,300}
~~48,000~~ ^{10,500} ~~300~~ ROUNDS :- ~~10,000~~ ~~500~~ AT LEITH AND 7,800

AT GRYTVIKEN. TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS 10,000

MAGISTRATE.

Red 126.

139

● DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 8th July, 19 41. *Time :* 2335.

Received : 9th July, 19 41. *Time :* 1030.

Pa No. 77. Secret. With reference to my telegram No. 34 of April 17th, 1940 Grytviken Defence. Finance. Regret incident of cost involved in mounting gun has been overlooked. War Office have now been informed by Salvesen and Company that they propose to bear the cost incurred at Leith Harbour but ask for payment in respect of mounting gun and building gun crews houses at King Edward Cove estimated at something less than \$1000. Consider this expense would properly fall to be met by the Colony and provided you see no objection I propose to ask the Crown Agents for the Colonies to pay from the Colony's Funds.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.D.C.O.

● DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State

To H.M. the Governor

Despatched : 8th July 19 41. *Time :* 23.35.

Received : 9th July 19 41. *Time :* 10.30.

No 78 Secret with reference to your telegram No 79 Grytviken.

Rd (125) Situation concerning manning of gun considered most unsatisfactory as it would appear that from October to May gun will not be manned not even perhaps maintained. Grateful if you would consider what measures can be taken to ensure continuous manning and inform me of action taken.

I D C O.

DECODE.TELEGRAM.

From OFFICER COMMANDING TROOPS FALKLAND ISLANDS

To MAGISTRATE & COMMANDING OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA.

Despatched : 12th JULY 1941 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

URGENT.Red 86Red 92

IMMEDIATE. Cannot reconcile your telegram of 26th July 1940 with yours of 27th September 1940, No 82 19th June and 26th June 1941. State how many attested members of the Defence Force you have permanently and who are not seasonal i.e. who remain all year round at (a) Grytviken area and (b) Leith area respectively. State number of British and other nationalities in each case. How many trained artillery personnel can be permanently retained at each gun position and can you guarantee permanent manning of and watch on both guns throughout the year. If not what suggestion can you make for doing so. Will borrowed detachment from Leith have to return about October your difficulties appreciated but position not clear.

Officer Commanding Troops.

Falkland Islands.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia,

To Officer Commanding Troops, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 15th July, 1941. Time: 2200.

Received: 16th July, 1941. Time: 1030.

Red 133.
Your telegram 12th July I trust that the following will clear up the misunderstanding I have inadvertently caused. Personnel. In all 120 men have been attested:- 73 at Leith and 47 at Grytviken. Of those at Leith 32 were British and 41 Norwegians. At Grytviken 6 British (Government staff) and 41 Norwegians. Many of them have left the Dependencies some temporarily and some for good. The actual number at present are :- Grytviken 13 British (includes guns crew of 7 from Leith) and 14 Norwegians. At Leith 10 British and 25 Norwegians.

Seasonal members of force. With the exception of Government staff and possibly Mr. Laurenson at Leith all should be considered as seasonal though many may possibly remain for 2 seasons.

Red 92.
Guns crew. At Grytviken previous to arrival of guns crew from Leith the guns crew was composed of whaling men and a second guns crew was composed of staff and my Norwegian steward. In the event of an alarm the gun was manned by this second crew until first crew arrived from station. As station is more than a mile from gun it might be twenty minutes before crew arrived if it were dark. No watch was kept at Grytviken vide my telegram No. 82, 1940. At Leith continuous watch is kept and as gun is closed up from station it can be manned immediately. As regards permanent manning and watch keeping this will be continued at Leith during the summer and winter. At Grytviken during the summer permanent manning in sense that crews will be stationed at gun and keep a look out is not possible but as already stated a guns crew will be available. I think that for the coming season your suggestion that screen provided by whale catchers should prove sufficient. Last summer with Pesca alone working five boats formed screen this season with Pesca and Leith both working 10 to 12 will be available:- Leith boats working north east and north west and Pesca boats east we will have south east. It would be practically impossible for any vessel to approach unseen day or night. Leith guns crew at present here will return about the middle of October but catchers screen will then be in operation. I am seeing Manager of Leith personally with regard to possibility of obtaining men for a guns crew for Grytviken next winter and will telegraph to you later.

MAGISTRATE.

DECODE.

135

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 21st July, 19 41 *Time :*

Received : 19 ... *Time :*

Red 131

No 94 Your telegram 77 suggest that Dependencies meet cost not Colony and if you agree please telegraph to enable me to include item in estimates.

Governor.

DECODE.

136

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 21st July, 19 41. *Time :*

Received : 19 *Time :*

Sec 54/32. ^{*Ref 132.*} No 93. Your telegram 78 secret. Situation is admittedly unsatisfactory as is that of Stanleyvide my telegram 33 secret wherein shortage of man power was demonstrated thus making it impossible to detach a unit from this place for service in South Georgia. Magistrate South Georgia telegraphs he has at Grytviken a gun's crew until mid October having borrowed men from Leith and he reports that the customary screen of whalers provides in summer a lookout and therefore reasonable time for warning of possible enemy approach. My own suggestion in view of the total lack of man power locally is that a full gun's crew of at least 12 trained personnel be sent out and as this might be impracticable for British troops I would further suggest that you might consider the use of Norwegians. This suggestion is in agreement with the advice of my Officer Commanding Troops.

Governor.

I.D.C.O.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

137

No. 492. *From* Secretary of State for the Colonies.
To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 30th July, 19 41. *Time* : 1310.

Received : 31st July, 19 41. *Time* : 1030.

Ref 135. No 84. Secret. With reference to your telegram No 94 South Georgia Defence
expenditure. Proposals approved.

Secretary of State.

I.D.C.C.

● DECODE.

(138)

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched: 31st July, 19 41 Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

No. 41. Reference my telegram No. 39 how will the withdrawal of Salvesen's vessels foreshadowed therein affect manning of guns, etc., in 1942 ? Pesca arrangements not known.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Red 5 in
5/31/40

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 8.

FromMagistrate.....South Georgia.....

ToOfficer Commanding Troops.....

Despatched : 1st August, 19 41. Time : 1335.

Received : 1st August, 19 41. Time : 14.15.

My telegram 15th July I have seen Manager Leith who informs me there should be no difficulty in obtaining men for gun's crew at the end of the whaling season.

Magistrate.

Red 134.

139

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 31.

From Magistrate, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 7th August 19 41. Time : 1330

Received : 8th August 19 41. Time : 1030.

61. Your telegram 39 and your telegram 41 I have arranged to see Manager Leith by the first opportunity and will telegraph immediately on the matter. I cannot obtain information Pesca's intention

Magistrate.

Red 138

Red 5 in
5/3/40.

140

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 8th August, 19 41. *Time:* 1335.

Received: 9th August, 19 41. *Time:* 1030.

No. 87. Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 93 Man Power South Georgia. Regret impossible to provide trained British personnel owing to present man power situation. Suggestion for using Norwegians has been considered but past experience has shown that Norwegian Military authorities are most reluctant to disperse their small military forces.

2. Best plan would seem for His Majesty's Government to approach His Majesty's representative in South American countries e.g. Argentine Republic with a view to finding volunteers among the British community to augment the Falkland Islands Defence Force. Do you agree?

3. If so passage to the Colony should be paid by the Colonial Government and volunteers enlisted into the Defence Force on arrival. They would then be available for service either in the Falkland Islands or in South Georgia as posted by Officer Commanding the Troops. They would presumably require some initial training in the Falkland Islands.

4. Twelve men is considered insufficient. Suggest applications should be invited for 36 thus providing adequate reliefs. Do you require Officer type or men only. If both how many of each.

5. If such approach is made it is essential to know exactly the conditions of service as members of Falkland Islands Defence Force mobilized on whole time duty. Please telegraph particulars.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

● DECODE.

142

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched: 9th August, 19 41. Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

No. 42. Secret. In the event of detachment of Defence Force being despatched to South Georgia to man defences at Grytviken and Leith can accommodation be provided for 30 including beds, blankets, crockery and kitchen utensils. Can stores, tobacco, clothing, boots, etc., be purchased and would medical stores be available. Telegraph reply with least possible delay.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 9th August, 1941. Time: ...

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

Red 741
No. 104. Secret. Your telegram No. 87 paragraph 2 I agree. 6 ex-officers and 50 men required. If possible they should be medically examined before leaving. Conditions for whole time duty are (a) single men 5/- plus 1/9 messing allowance per day (b) married men 7/6 plus 1/9 with additional 2/- per week for each child under 16 (c) officers Major 21, Captain 15/-, Lieutenant 12/6, 2nd/Lieutenant 10/- plus 1/9 per day. Period of service for duration of War. Age not restricted.

Family remittances could be arranged through Consul General if necessary.

Opportunity for direct passage from Stanley to South Georgia will occur about mid October connecting with an end September sailing from Montevideo.

Officer Commanding Troops as at present arranged will be proceeding South Georgia by that sailing.

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.

144

TELEGRAM.

From - The Magistrate, South Georgia.

To - The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 13th August, 1941.

Received: 13th August, 1941.

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No. 62. Secret. Your telegram No. 42 I presume it is intended that 30 men would be equally divided between Stations. I am at Leith and have seen Manager. He informs me that accommodation can be provided. Men would be required to bring their own bedding. Food would be supplied by Station. Crockery would not be provided but can be purchased here. Tobacco, clothing and boots, etc., can be purchased but no guarantee can be given that at times of emergency or that all of these may be obtainable as possibilities of renewing stocks are at present uncertain and in view of your telegram likely to be rare. With regard to Grytviken accommodation for 8 men only is available in the gun hut. I could arrange for Discovery Store Shed to be converted into accommodation and kitchen for remaining 7 men but this would require some time. The Manager Pesca has no authority to say whether 7 men can be accommodated and fed on Station. (I have telegraphed to Pesca Buenos Aires on the subject and will telegraph to you on receipt of reply.)

If Pesca can accommodate the men conditions would be as in the case of Leith. If Discovery Store is to be converted cooking utensils and paraffin lamps would have to be sent from Stanley. Hurricane lamps as previously supplied are unsuitable. I can obtain stove. Two of men would have to be able to Cook - 1 at gun hut and 1 at Discovery.

Magistrate.

For use in
Cypher
Coding Office
only.

London

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

For 7-1

FROM:

*Addressed to 30 sub 18/10 1940
Secret of 7-1 is anxious to obtain 30 British
volunteers for local defence forces duties would
include manning coast defence guns in 7-1
and also 8. 1940 a few protecting defence have
now been established. Payments to 7-1 would be
paid by 60. 7-1 and men enlisted or commissioned
or awarded in colony a 6 ex officers and 30 men
required a selection should be subject to strict
local examination before leaving leaving in*

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or Coder.

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147.

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:

Scanning and auditing conditions of S. Georgia
 (1) Conditions for whole time duty are: (a) Single
 men 5/- plus 1/- and 9d messing allowance per
 diem (2) Married men 7/- and 5d plus 1/- and 9d
 with additional 2/- per week for each child under
 16 (c) Officers Major Lt Capt. 15/- Lt. 12/- and
 6d 2nd Lt. 10/- plus 1/- and 9d per diem (2)
 (3) period of service would be for duration
 of war (4) Age 21 to 55 (5) Machinery for any
 necessary family remittance to Argentina will be

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:

will be arranged a Volunteers would be
required to serve anywhere in F. I. or S. Georgia
as directed by O.C. Troops.

(4) Good news station opportunity for direct passage
from Pt. Stanley to S. Georgia will occur about
mid October coinciding with end September sailing
from N.V. @ Despatch, however, that any volunteers
should proceed to S. as early as possible in order
to receive preliminary training @

(5) Colonial Office would be grateful your

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:

yourself in securing instructions on
terms stated above you should advance payment
and charge it in your quarterly accounts
as an advance on behalf of Bd. Office @

(6) If further information desired please
consult Gen. St. L. Direct @

(7) If members required should not be
forthcoming from The Argentina you are
authorised to repeat these instructions to
neighbouring mission @

Secr

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Cyphering or Coding.	Recyphering or Recoding.			
30557/D6886. 100x pails.		10/39. B. & S. Ltd. 51-5082.		

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 20th August, 19 41. *Time:*

Received: 20th August, 19 41. *Time:* 1030.

No. 64. Secret. My telegram No. 62 Pesca can if required
provide accommodation and board for 7 men.

MAGISTRATE.

149

Red 144.

● DECODE.

150

TELEGRAM.

From British Ambassador, Buenos Aires,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 28th August, 1941. *Time:* 1410.

Received: 29th August, 1941. *Time:* 1030.

Red 148

00027. Soldier telegram No. 90 to you.

Red 148

1. I will do everything possible to comply to your wishes but anticipate difficulty in finding sufficient good volunteers as most of our best have already gone. Would you consider limiting engagement to six months if control then permits.
2. How many officers and other ranks will be detached to South Georgia and for how long. Would you consider Norwegians for this.
3. How will officers and other ranks at Port Stanley be accommodated. How many cooks and servants will be required.
4. Will you provide uniforms including great-coats, boots and warm under-clothing also bedding and messing equipment for all officers and other ranks.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR.

I.D.V. (13)

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To British Ambassador, Buenos Aires.

Despatched: 29th August, 1941. *Time:* ...

Received: 19 ... *Time:*

Red 150 Your telegram 28th August.

1. If circumstances permit I am willing to consider release of men at any time.

2. It is hoped to use Buenos Aires contingent mostly for the Falkland Islands as so much will depend on the physique of the men engaged. No objection to Norwegians.

3. Accommodation at outposts and Batteries is now excellent. Two volunteers should be able to cook.

4. Uniforms for the time being cannot be provided nor boots. It is desirable therefore that the volunteers should be equipped before departure with stout coats, sweaters, trousers or breeches with thick socks or stockings and stout boots; overalls would be an advantage. Underclothing also should be brought. This Government will be responsible for reasonable cost, both for officers and men.

Caps, great-coats, bedding and messing equipment can be provided.

I.D.V. (13).

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From British Ambassador, Buenos Aires,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 3rd September, 1941. *Time* : 1925.

Received : 3rd September, 1941. *Time* : 1030.

No. 00003.

Red 151

Your telegram of August 29th. War Office now instructs the Military Attache not to proceed with raising your volunteer contingent.

AMBASSADOR.

I.D.V. (14)

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Officer-in-Charge, South Georgia.

Despatched : 4th September 1941. *Time* :...

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

No. 49. Following for Laurenson from Officer Commanding
Troops, begins.

Please assume command of all defences in South Georgia
pending further instructions from me. Telegraph whether
you have any personnel trained in range taking if so are
they likely to remain after whaling season, Ends.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

156.
COPY OF LETTER GIVEN BY OFFICER COMMANDING TROOPS TO 2ND/Lieut.
T. LAURENSEN (LEITH) SOUTH GEORGIA.

13th October, 1941.

2nd/Lt. T. Laurenson.

You will forthwith assume command of the Leith Defences, South Georgia, including arms and personnel, give all necessary orders and take all necessary steps for the defence of Leith Station.

Military matters will be referred to me direct.

Enquiries sent through the Magistrate will be answered through the Magistrate.

(Sgd.) C. Donald Allderidge,
Col.
Officer Commanding Troops,
Falkland Islands and Dependencies.

C. D. Allderidge

Memo from

Colonel C. D. Alderidge, D. I. O., T. D., R. A., J. P.

Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

Your Excellency

5. 9. 41

I have the honour to request that you will give consideration to the following points

(a) The sending to South Georgia of 13 men of the FIDF who, up to the moment of writing, have volunteered to go

(b) The appointment of Capt. Fleet as C.O. South Georgia. — He has a good knowledge of gunnery & is a problem solver & can be relied upon to solve any difficulties that may arise

Except to
defence force
ord. inst.
6/10/21.

(c) The compulsory service of all males up to the age of 50 as distinct from the age of 55 for volunteers.

This may shake the F.I.C. and thus perhaps, but the present situation is really hopeless from a military & defence point of view.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your obedient servant
C. D. Alderidge
Lt.

Ms. pl.

COPY OF LETTER GIVEN TO W. C. RUMBOLDS, OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
SOUTH GEORGIA, BY OFFICER COMMANDING TROOPS.

Grytviken,
South Georgia,

W. C. RUMBOLDS, ESQ.,

14th October, 1941.

As and from the date of this Order you, a Member of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, are seconded for civilian duties in South Georgia. This seconding is temporary and shall not deprive you of membership of the Force.

(Sgd.) C. Donald Allderidge,
Col.
O.C. Troops, Falklands and Dependencies.

C.D. 4

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Officer-in-Charge, South Georgia.

Despatched : 8th December, 19 41. *Time* : ...

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

No. 100. Following from Officer Commanding Troops for Lieutenant Laurensen. Consider better gun sites available at both Grytviken and Leith to cover harbour entrance namely Grytviken to Hellefletten South side of King Edward Cove and Leith to Hansen Point South~~ly~~ East of present position guns not to be moved until after whaling season but sites can be prepared and concrete bases put down. Please investigate both points in detail and report upon chances of making an immediate start. Realised that Leith move may entail permanent skeleton crew at new position. Ends.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

159

For use in
Cypher
Coding Office
only.

1730 / 12 / 12

106 ZBHH

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:

Follow for DC Troop from H. LAURENSEN begin
1930
Work with commence bases as arranged
to
on sites suggested. During winter extreme
shortage labour at end of season I would
suggest guns be moved as soon as birds are
sufficiently set to carry them. I estimate
removal will take 3 days. Should not
accommodation now be ~~starting~~ erected on
new site and abandon work on King Edward
Point ends.

Book or Table to be used for

Cyphering or Coding.

Recyphering or Recoding.

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or Coder.Time of Receipt in
Cypher or Coding
Office.

Date.

● DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From COLONIAL SECRETARY.

To OFFICER IN CHARGE SOUTH GEORGIA.

Despatched : 16th December, 19 41. *Time :*

Received : 19 *Time :*

No. 104. Following from O.C. Troops to Laurenson begins your suggestion agreed to, move one at a time and arrange for shifting of quarters ends

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

161

TELEGRAM.

From OFFICER IN CHARGE SOUTH GEORGIA.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched : 20th December, 19 41. *Time :* 41.

Received : 21st December, 19 41. *Time :* 41.

No. 120. Manager Leith instructed by owners retain only 25 men for Station. He enquires whether he should retain extra men for guns crew at Government expense. Men sail within 48 hours.

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

DECODE.

162

TELEGRAM.

From COLONIAL SECRETARY
To OFFICER IN CHARGE SOUTH GEORGIA.

Despatched : 20th December, 1941. *Time :* 2010
Received :19 *Time :*

IMPORTANT.

No. 109. Your telegram No. 120 not necessary to retain any men over and above 25 mentioned. Presume Laurenson and Watt remaining.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Red 161

DECODE.

163

TELEGRAM.

From OFFICER IN CHARGE SOUTH GEORGIA.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched : 23rd December, 19 41. *Time :* 18.15.

Received : 24th December 19 41. *Time :* 10.30.

No. 122. Have not received a telegram numbered 104.

OFFICER IN CHARGE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

164

From COLONIAL SECRETARY.

To OFFICER IN CHARGE SOUTH GEORGIA.

Despatched : 24th December, 19 41. *Time :*

Received : 19 *Time :*

Red 163

Your telegram No. 122 my telegram No. 104 was transmitted to you and received by South Georgia Wireless Station on 17th December.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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Cypher or
Coding Office
only.

94 ZRN

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:

2300 hrs. 94 ZRN
for all Troops from OC S. Georgia
Reports from all units moved to
new position.

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Recyphering or Recoding.

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or Coder.Time of Receipt in
Cypher or Coding
Office.

Date.

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DECODE.TELEGRAM.

From COLONIAL SECRETARY
To CHIEF IN CHARGE SOUTH GEORGIA.

Despatched : 28th February, 19 42. *Time* :

Received : 19 *Time* :

No. 29. Secret. Reference telegram No. 145 26th February addressed Salvesen by Laurensen does this refer to moving of 4" gun to new position. If so it should have been stopped by you as Censor. Please telegraph why it is necessary to report the matter to Salvesen.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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1750 / 1

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:

0 1/2 S Georgia

Vol. 32 Year 29

The Program was sent by Lieutenant Lawensen
content was considered to be non informative
to enemy as it could refer to many matters
undertaken by Lawensen.

The impression regarding the Hunt gun at
Leith seems to be that Salvesen should be given all
information as all costs as far as is known
are being borne by them.

Book or Table to be used for

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Recyphering or Recoding.

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or Coder.

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Office.

Date.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

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145	ZBN	14	2342	26
To	2C Salvesen	Telex	Leith	

Job completed at new position
and in order =
Laursen

This telegram has
been detained
on instructions
from the C-in-C.

Captain Pleasance.
? What about Mr
J.R.

refer back - what does it refer to.
has been done.

G. J. J. J.
7/5/22

141
N.O.i/c.

I would be grateful if the following signal could be coded and dispatched please.

O.i/c South Georgia.

Your telegram of 6th please say if lamp glasses for single or Duplex burner.stop. cannot follow shortage men Leith gun stop have 25 maintenance party previously mentioned now left

O.C.Troops.

Hon. Col. Sec.

For information.

Yrs. Excellency,

(140)

With reference to the last para. of the
~~minute~~ telegram attached, as far as I can see
we have been assured that sufficient men were
available, but in any case we cannot spare any
from here. I submit that matter be left
until Capt. Hunt's arrival for him to report. Yrs
Stons are being collected for dispatch. ✓

W. D. F. D. F.
J. III. 42.

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Cypher or
Coding Office
only.

2311

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

C.C. Tropic

FROM: O/C

S. George

Following are required by O.C. Mauritius Detachment
60 lbs plastic or Kodak gelatine, 60 lbs gelignite,
supply of detonators and fuses, supply of cordtex fuses,
E.T.D. or fuses cord, supply of safety fuses.

Following for use of the 12 each lamp glasses
2 1/2" base telephone battery 1.8 volts, 24 torch
batteries 3 cell, 1 incandescent lamp with spare,
4 ft lamp with 1 inch broad.

If unobtainable Stanley opportunity to order from U.S.A.
present in approximately 1 week.

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:

C. C. [unclear]
S. Georgia

*C. C. [unclear] reports that only
5 men in [unclear] [unclear] for [unclear]
[unclear] and [unclear] member of F. I. D. F. S. 2.
[unclear] [unclear]*

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Office.

Date.

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(141)

H.O.i/c.

I would be grateful if the following signal
could be coded and dispatched please.

O.i/c South Georgia.

Your telegram of 6th please say if lamp
glasses for single or Duplex burner.stop.
cannot follow shortage men Leith gun stop have
25 maintenance party previously mentioned now left.

O.C.Troops.

B.S.

(147)

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Cypher or
Coding Office
only.

1445/17

ZBI 96

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

Secretary, Admiralty

FROM:

O/C S. Georgia

D. C. Tupper

Your telegram 11th March.

Lamp glasses for Duplex burners required.

Have interviewed manager Leith who states he can
now spare 6 men for manning gun as originally
promised. D.C. South Georgia defence does not
consider this sufficient for the efficiency of defences

Book or Table to be used for
or Coding.

Recyphering or Recoding.

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or Coder.

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Office.

Date.

For ~~the~~ in
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Coding Office
only.

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

Admiral Secretary

FROM:

O/C Defence
S. Georgia

No 32 to O/C Troops

Require 2500 yds telephone wire No

complete communication

O/C S.G.

Yr 52. Telephone wire will be sent out
trip with all other stores requisitioned except plastic
or blasting gelatine, primers Cordex plus F10 primers
Cord of which we have none.

O.C. Troops

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Recyphering or Recoding.

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or Coder.Time of Receipt in
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Office.

Date.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To Officer-in-Charge, South Georgia.

Despatched : 28th March, 19 42 Time : 11.00

Received : 19 ... Time : ...

No. 48. Following for Officer in Charge Defences South
Georgia from O.C. Troops. Your telegram No. 52 Telephone
wire will be sent next trip with all other stores
requisitioned except plastic or blasting gelatine, primers
cordex fuses F.I.D. primer cord of which we have none.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Received
J.S.
20/3

145.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
To				
OFFICER I/C, SOUTH GEORGIA.				

YOURS 17TH PROPOSE LEAVING QUESTION OF NUMBERS
BEING SUFFICIENT FOR EFFICIENCY TO BE SETTLED BY
CAPTAIN FLEURET WHEN HE TAKES OVER AS OFFICER
COMMANDING, SOUTH GEORGIA.

O.C. TROOPS.

(SGD). C. F. SHEPPARD,
for O.C. TROOPS.
19.3.42.

Time

EXTRACT FROM SECRET LETTER ADDRESSED TO HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR BY THE MAGISTRATE, SOUTH GEORGIA, DATED THE
23rd APRIL, 1942.

... ..

PERSONNEL.

The number of men employed on Pesca Station at the present moment is 240, of whom 195 will be leaving the dependency within the next month. Forty-five men will remain at this Station during the winter months. There are on an average 300 men employed at Pesca Station during the whaling season.

The total number of men employed at this date at Leith Harbour is 24 while there are maintenance parties of 5 and 4 respectively at Stromness and Husvik. No men are employed at Prince Olaf Harbour.

... ..

I propose to furnish Your Excellency with further particulars regarding the number of members of the Defence Force employed at South Georgia at a later date.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From MAGISTRATE, SOUTH GEORGIA.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched : 6th May, 19 42. *Time :* 1500.

Received : 7th May, 19 42. *Time :* 1030.

No. 80. Grateful if I could be furnished with copies of correspondence between Colonial Secretary and Magistrate South Georgia contained in S/42/39. Regret inconvenience but record here incomplete and chaotic.

MAGISTRATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From MAGISTRATE, SOUTH GEORGIA.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched : 9th May, 19 42. *Time :* 14.15

Received : 10th May, 19 42. *Time :* 10.30.

No. 82. Grateful if Crown Agents can be requested to pay to Chr. Salvesen and Co. Leith sum of £528. 16s. in settlement of accounts for wages men loaned to Grytviken in 1941. Amount should be charged against the funds of Dependencies Head II item No. 1. Your S/42/39 refer.

MAGISTRATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From COLONIAL SECRETARY.

To CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 11th May, 19 42. *Time :*
Received : 19 *Time :*

Please pay Chr. Salvesen and Company Leith sum of £528, 16s. in settlement of accounts for wages of men loaned to Grytviken in 1941.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

1745/30/4

INTERCEPT GROUP.

FROM:

3.5 Trench
4.0 mark IX to ordered by
... .. filled 7 pounds 14 ounces
... .. shells mark VIII
... .. 45 P ; 100 R, 100
practice shot heavy mark VIII weighted HES ;
250 W, 250 tubes vent sealing percussion .5 (R)
... .. mark II.

17452 / 130

Date.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

It is submitted that subject to the
Excellency's consent, the announcement stated in
the attached telegram be issued.

W.S. 1. V. 42,
a/ox Proofs.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date

To

O.C. DEFENCES, SOUTH GEORGIA.

H. E. WISHES TO KNOW YOUR PRESENT STOCKS BEFORE ORDERS
OF 30TH IS PLACED. CAN YOU SAY POSSIBILITY SHIPMENT
TO YOU FROM EITHER U.K. OR U.S.A. REFERENCE LAST
SENTENCE ORDERUD'S LETTER 15.4.42 ANY PAYMENT IS LEFT
TO YOUR DISCRETION WITH KNOWLEDGE FUNDS AVAILABLE.
I FEEL IT DESIRABLE IF POSSIBLE. O.C. TROOPS.

1.5.42.

Will you please have the above telegram dispatched.

O.C. Troops.

Time

NAVAL MESSAGE.

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Cypher
Coding Office
only.

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

O.C. "Bapt"

FROM: O.C.
S. Georgia Defense

Your Telegram of 15 Feb at 1000 288 H.E.

Will be paid 30% credit full charge on

275. Have a Memorandum shipment from U.K.

and Transported for 25 days from New York for

S. Georgia middle of this month at earliest a

Order to better Laguerre and payment will be

made.

1710 7/7

Book or Table to be used for

Initials of Cypherer
or Coder.

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Cypher or Coding
Office.

Date.

Cyphering or Coding.

Recyphering or Recoding.

1 Time

39109

to W.O.

Pl. Defenses South Georgia ~~not~~ ^{for} as follows following
ammunition for B.L. 4" Mark 12 Guns.

200 filled cartridges 7 lb. 140 grs. 10 drams.

100 H.E. Shells mark VIII filled by date
press number 45 P.

100 practice shot heavy mark VIII
weighted H.E.S.

250 lbs Vent Sealing percuress. 5 inch
mark II.

As no direct communication from here ^(a) for
six months, it is submitted that stores be sent
to or dispatched from New York by S.S.

Torquise Sailing this month or ^(b) ~~the~~ ~~interim~~.
^{monitored to} to await collection ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~time~~ by next
whaling boat calling there.

DECODE.TELEGRAM.*From* HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.*To* SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.*Despatched :* 11th May, 19 42. *Time :**Received :* 19 *Time :*

No. 93. Secret. Following for War Office begins. O.C. Defences South Georgia asks for following ammunition for B.L. 4 inch Mark IX guns.

200 filled cartridges 7 pounds 14 ounces 10 drams;

100 high explosive shells mark VIII filled lyddite fuses number 45 P;

100 practice shot heavy mark VIII weighted H.E.S;

250 tubes vent sealing percussion .5 inch Mark II.

As no direct communication from here for six months it is submitted that stores be (a) sent to or despatched from New York by s.s. Tornquist sailing this month or (b) to Montevideo to await collection by next whaling boat calling there. Ends.

IN & OUT CODE.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

185

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 18th May, 19 42. Time : 18.00

Received : 19th May, 19 42. Time : 14.30.

Red. To.

No. 88. My telegram No. 82 have received further account South Georgia Company dated April 15th amounting to £365. 1s. 6d for labour and materials supplied to Grytviken this year. Grateful if Crown Agents could be requested to pay above amount to Chr. Salvesen and Company Leith. Please charge to Dependencies head II item No. 1.

MAGISTRATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From COLONIAL SECRETARY.

To CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 20th May, 19 42. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Red 179

With reference to my telegram of 11th May 1942 will you please pay to Chr. Salvesen & Co. Leith further sum of £365. 1s. 6d. in settlement of account for labour and materials supplied to Grytviken this year.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

No. S/42/39.

MINUTE.

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

22nd May, 19 42.

From

To The Magistrate,

The Colonial Secretary,

SOUTH GEORGIA.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Reel 177

With reference to your telegram No. 80 of 6th May, 1942, I am directed to forward herewith copies of correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and the Magistrate, South Georgia, from 10th January, 1940 to 19th March, 1942, on the subject of the Defence of South Georgia.



for Colonial Secretary.

DECODE.

188

TELEGRAM.

No. 241.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 23rd June, 19 42. Time : 0700.

Received : 23rd June, 19 42. Time : 1030.

Red 184.

No. 11C. With reference to your telegram No. 93 4 inch ammunition at present not available. Issue will be made from new production forecast for July.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.D.C.O.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

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24/6/42

To

O.C. TROOPS, SOUTH GEORGIA

YOUR 1745/30 S. OF S. INFORMS ME
NO FOUR-INCH AMMUNITION AVAILABLE
ISSUE WILL BE MADE FROM NEW
PRODUCTION FORECAST FOR JULY O.C. TROOPS

Time

1901

LEITH HARBOUR.

Officer in Charge,
King Edward's Cove.

20th. January 1942.

Dr. to The South Georgia Co. Ltd.

To Wages and Bonus for men transferred from
Leith Harbour as Defence Force Crew at
Sauvoddan (from 11/7 to 21/12 1941):

<u>J.M.Owen:</u>	3 m. 4 d. @ £15/18/9	£ 49.18. 9.		
	2 " 7 " @ "10/12/6	" 23.14. 7.		
	Bonus	" 12. 4. 7.	£ 85.	17. 11.
<u>D.Finlayson:</u>	3 m. 4 d. @ £13.19.9.	£ 43.16. 7.		
	2 " 7 " @ " 9.19.6.	" 22. 5. 7.		
	Bonus	" 11. 8. 6.	" 77.	10. 8.
<u>D. Claridge:</u>	Same as for Finlayson		" 77.	10. 8.
<u>V. Claridge:</u>	" " " "		" 77.	10. 8.
<u>Andr. Johnson:</u>	" " " "		" 77.	10. 8.
<u>Will.Jones:</u>	3 m. 4 d. @ £13. 0.3.	£ 40.15. 5.		
	2 " 7 " @ " 9. 6.6.	" 20.16. 6.		
	Bonus	" 10. 7. 3.	" 71.	19. 2.
<u>W. Johnson:</u>	3 m. 4 d. @ £11. 1.3.	£ 34.13. 3.		
	2 " 7 " @ " 8. 0.6.	" 17.18. 5.		
	Bonus	" 8. 4.10.	" 60.	16. 6.
			£ 528.	16. 3..

(Fivehundredtwentyeightpounds
sixteenshillingsandthreepence).

E. & O. E.

S.G. No. 8/42

MEMO.

C.S. No.

9th. May, 1942.

From :-

THE MAGISTRATE,
South Georgia.

To :-

The Honourable,
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
Stanley.

Red 175

With reference to my telegram No 84², I have the honour to transmit for the information of the Financial Secretary a copy of the relevant account giving details of the several charges.



A. J. Levent
Magistrate.

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LEITH HARBOUR.

The Magistrate,
King Edward's Cove.

15th. April 1942.

Dr. to The South Georgia Co. Ltd.

To

Wood Materials supplied to Gun at Grytviken
from Leith Harbour:

2245 feet	6" x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	3d per foot	£	28.	1.	3.
1150 "	7" x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d " "	"	16.	15.	5.
250 "	6" x 1.3/4"	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d " "	"	2.	12.	1.
250 "	6" x 2"	3d " "	"	3.	2.	6.
940 "	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 1"	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d " "	"	5.	17.	6.
200 "	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3/4"	1d " "	"	0.	16.	8.
			£	57.	5.	5.

Working Expenses for Leith Harbour Crew
for building the gun crew's house at
Grytviken February 1942:

Carpenter:	379 hrs. @ 2/6	"	47.	7.	6.
Assistant Carpenter:	114 " @ 2/-	"	11.	8.	0.
			£	116.	0.11.

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LEITH HARBOUR.

The Magistrate,
King Edward's Cove.

15th. April 1942.

Dr. to The South Georgia Co. Ltd.

To Supplied to Gun at Grytviken from Leith
Harbour:

7200 lbs. Cement	2d. pr. lb.	£ 15. 0. 0.
184 " Ass. Wire Nails	4d. " "	3. 1. 4.
2 " Iron Tax	1/4d. " "	0. 2. 8.
30 " Tow	10d. " "	1. 5. 0.
34 " 2½" Galv. Corrugated Nails	9d pr.lb	1. 5. 6.
6 " Washers for same	1/- pr. lb.	0. 6. 0.
51 sheet Corrugated Iron 9' x 2½'		
1632 lbs.	4d. pr.lb.	27. 4. 0.
300 only Guano Bags (Large size)	sh. 2/-	30. 0. 0.
50 " Bolts & Nuts ½"x5"	25/- pr.100	0.12. 6.
1 sheet Zinc Plate 8' x 3'		1. 0. 0.
8 only Window Glasses 18" x 18"	@ 2/6	1. 0. 0.
10 lbs. Putty	6d. pr. lb.	0. 5. 0.
327 " Shackle Wire	4d. " "	5. 9. 0.
15 sheet Asbestos Milboard	@ 10/- each	7.10. 0.
20 lbs. Waste	5d. pr. lb.	0. 8. 4.
1 gall. Engine Oil		0. 6. 0.
4 sheet Galv. Iron No.18. 144 lbs.	@ 6d.	3.12. 0.
216 feet "- Pipes, ass.	6d. per feet	5. 8. 0.
2 only Reducing Couplings, 1½"x1"	10d.	0. 1. 8.
2 " "- 1" x ¾"	8d.	0. 1. 4.
1 " Iron Cock with pack. Gland ¾"		0.10. 0.
1 " 1" Union		0. 4. 0.
1 " Stove - Eclipse No. 10		1.15. 0.

Carried forward

£ 106. 7. 4.

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LEITH HARBOUR.

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King Edward' Cove.

15th. April 1942.

Dr. to The South Georgia Co. Ltd.

To	Brought forward	£	106.	7.	4.
1 only Stove - Eclipse No. 12		"	2.	0.	0.
4 pairs 2" Galv. Hinges	1/6	"	0.	6.	0.
2 only Door Handles - Brass	6/-	"	0.	12.	0.
8 dozen Ass. Wood Screws	6d. dz.	"	0.	4.	0.
1 pair Galv. T-Hinges 13"		"	1.	10.	0.
10 glls. White Paint	11/3 gll.	"	5.	12.	6.
5 " Weboline Grey	10/- "	"	2.	10.	0.
1 pair Life Boat Oars		"	1.	10.	0.
1 only Kitchen Dresser		"	2.	0.	0.
1 " -" Cupboard		"	0.	10.	0.
40 " Boiler Tubes - 2nd. hand	5/- each	"	10.	0.	0.
1 pair 4" Galv. Hinges		"	0.	2.	6.
1 " 3" -"		"	0.	2.	0.
15 only U-Iron - 265 lbs.	3d. pr. lb.	"	3.	6.	3.
16 lbs. 5/8" Round Iron	3d. " "	"	0.	4.	0.
30 only 5/8" Iron Nuts		"	0.	4.	0.
33 " Bolts & Nuts 3/8" x 3"	16/- pr. 100	"	0.	5.	3.
9 " Coch Screws	20/- " "	"	0.	1.	9.
33 " Porcelain Insulators	1d each	"	0.	2.	9.
80 glls. Paraffin	140/- pr. ton	"	2.	4.	0.
		£	139.	14.	4.

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LEITH HARBOUR.

15th. April 1942.

The Magistrate,
King Edward's Cove.

Dr. to The South Georgia Co. Ltd.

To

Wood Materials supplied to Gun at Grytviken
from Prince Olav:

1570 feet	2" x 6"	@ 3d. per foot	£	19.	12.	6.
6100	" 1" x 6"	@ 1½d " "	"	38.	2.	6.
250	" 1½" x 5"	@ 1½d " "	"	1.	11.	3.
5 only	2-frames Windows	@ £1	"	5.	0.	0.
6	" Doors	@ £1/10/-	"	9.	0.	0.
60	" Corrugated Iron Sheets 2160 lbs.					
		@ 4d pr.lb."		36.	0.	0.
			£	109.	6.	3.

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MEMO.

S.G. No. 8/42

C.S. No.

18th. May, 1942.

From :-

To :-

THE MAGISTRATE,

The Honourable,

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

South Georgia.

Stanley.

Red 185
With reference to my telegram No 88, I have the honour to transmit for the information of the Financial Secretary copies of the relevant accounts giving details of the several charges.



C. J. Stewart
Magistrate.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 252.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 12th August, 1942. Time : 1645.

Received : 13th August, 1942. Time : 1930.

M.P.s/14/41. Recd 82

No. 133. Secret. With reference to my telegram No. 131. Please issue the following directive to Fleuret on his appointment as Officer Commanding South Georgia Defences begins. You will be under command of, and responsible to the Officer Commanding Troops Falkland Islands for, South Georgia Defences.

IN & OUT CODE.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

COPY.

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The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary.

The undermentioned copy of a telegram sent from this Headquarters, is forwarded for your information :-

To. Magistrate, South Georgia.

Text:- Captain Fleuret promoted Major with effect 6th August and with War Office approval appointed O.C. South Georgia Defences with effect 12th August, 1942.

Sgd. ?

Stanley.
12.8.42.

Captain.
General Staff.
Falkland Islands Garrison.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From MAGISTRATE, SOUTH GEORGIA.

To SECRETARIAT, STANLEY.

Despatched : 10th August, 19 42. *Time :* 1850.

Received : 11th August, 19 42. *Time :* 1030.

Unnumbered. Much appreciate copies correspondence enclosed in minute
May 22nd S/42/39 and amount of work involved.

MAGISTRATE.

● DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To MAGISTRATE, SOUTH GEORGIA.

Despatched : 14th August, 19 42. *Time :*

Received : 19 *Time :*

Red 198.

No. 94. SECRET. Reference telegram 12th August from O.C. Troops
notifying your appointment as Officer Commanding South Georgia defences
you will be under his command and responsible to him for South Georgia
Defences.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 200.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 16th September, 19 42 *Time :* 0045

Received : 16th September, 19 42 *Time :* 1000

No. 152. SECRET. Following from the War Office for Officer
Commanding Troops South Georgia. Cypher F W 3. September
10th. Advise total cost of installation and accommodation
for 4" Coast Battery.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

IN & OUT CODE.

O.C. Falk. Islands Force.

This should be sent on by you ?

16/9.