

C.S.

SECRET.

1941.

SGA/WW2/1 # 5

No.

5/1/41

145

S. of S. No. 22 Secret.

SUBJECT.

19th 41.

14th February.

PERMISSION GRANTED TO FACTORY "THORSHAMMER"

AND SEVEN CATCHERS TO OPERATE FROM SOUTH GEORGIA

FOR REMAINDER OF 1940-41 SEASON.


Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

1. Telegram from S. of S. No. 22 of 14/2/41.
2. " to " " 24 " 15/2/41.
3. " to Magistrate, South Georgia of 18/2/41.
4. " from " " " " No. 18 of 22/2/41.

Y/E.

Submitted for information.
The penultimate sentence of Red ④
is not understood.

C. S. G. J. 25/2/41. 

5. Telegram No. 18 from Magistrate, S.G., of 25/2/41.

Y/E.

Red ⑤ submitted for information.
As vessels operated for few days only
Your Excellency may be prepared to
waive any licence fees. C. S. G. J. 26/2/41.

Subsequent Paper.

O/C Per

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The licenses must be collected as there are private companies & one cannot differentiate between them. The controlled price of whale products with in any case include this cost.

AD 26/2/41

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Spoke N.C. 28/2/41. no action meantime.

Telegram from Magistrate South Georgia of 21. 2. 44. 9.

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Y.F.

To see (9). I think the previous exchange of telegrams with S. Georgia is on the Secret file in your office. The M.O.I.C. knows nothing of this & I understand that he proposes to take up this lack of information with the Admiralty as soon as the vessels arrive at S. Georgia. The ship belongs to the Hvalfangerselskapet of Sandefjord & was operating in the ice when the incident appeared early in 1941. She escaped & finished the season from S. Georgia. (see this M.P.)

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21. 2. 44

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Herewith. N.O.C. appears to have had the information such as it was, as telegrams came through his office.

AD 21/2/44

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Copy of telegram from Magistrate, S.Geo. of 23/2/44 12.

P.A.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 14th February, 19 41. *Time* : 1300.

Received : 15th February, 19 41. *Time* : 1030.

No 22. Secret. In view of the sinking of certain Norwegian ships by enemy raider and of the fact that the location of such ships are now not permitted to communicate with their catchers by wireless, Norwegian trade and Shipping Mission have applied for factory ship Thorshammer to operate from Territorial waters of South Georgia with seven catchers during remainder of land stations season.

Departments concerned here have no objection to grant these licences as it is probable Pelagic season will be extended beyond March 7th for reasons stated in previous paragraph in spite of provision of Article 7 of International agreement.

Please telegraph as soon as possible whether you are prepared to grant licences requested.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

I.D.C.O.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From. His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 15th February, 1941. *Time:* ...

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

No. 24. Secret. Your telegram No. 22 Secret licences
will be granted.

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary.

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 18th February, 19 41. Time ...

Received : 19 ... Time ...

No. 11. Factory Thorshammer granted permission operate from territorial waters South Georgia with seven catchers during remainder of land Stations season. Fees to be charged will be telegraphed later. Please issue licences.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From Magistrate, South Georgia,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 22nd February, 19 41. Time: 1215.

Received: 24th February, 19 41. Time: 1030.

Red 3.

No. 18. Your telegram No. 11 Licences have been issued to vessel named and catchers. They have now been operating for 2 days. As a result of message received from Naval Officer-in-Charge, Stanley, the factory and all Catchers will proceed to the ice to work. They expect to leave February 22nd.

MAGISTRATE.

M.F. S/1/44.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 25th February, 1944. Time : 0024.

Received : 25th February, 1944. Time : 1500.

No. 18. Thorshammer left for ice with 9 catchers February 24th. Whale Oil produced here 495 barrels. I have collected duty on this amount and suggest fee for licence might be collected by the Crown Agents from Norwegian Shipping and Trade Mission (Whaling Division) London or New York.

MAGISTRATE.

For use of
Cypher or
Coding Office
only.

Received 9th Dec 1943

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO :

Secretary P. Stanley

FROM :

Magistrate S. Lewis

Secret
Grateful if you could inform me whether
"Sir James Clark Ross" or any other floating factories
are operating in ice

Magistrate

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Hvals was. Als Rosshval

to Stanley

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or Coder.

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Office.

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TELEGRAM.

From COLONIAL SECRETARY.

To MAGISTRATE. SOUTH GEORGIA.

Despatched : 10th December 1943. Time :

Received : 19..... Time :

IMMEDIATE.

SECRET. Your telegram 7th December. No information here.

Please say what prompted your enquiry and assess reliability any report.

Secretary.

Cypher Office.

Code...Naval Cypher:

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Coding Office
only.

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Originators Instructions :
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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

Secretary 10

FROM:

Secret

Your telegram 10th Dec. has been in constant circulation here that vessel proposes operating in ice this season but no absolute reliable information. Signal 041224 from SALVESENS Head Office to Salvesen South Georgia also appears to indicate that storage is required at Leith for Norwegian whale oil and fuel oil. I wished to have information confirming^{ed} in case vessel called here 11/29/1825.

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

Secretary, Int. Stanley.

FROM:

S. Georgia

Secret By Telegram 10th Dec. 1903. Obsolete FLOTTING

FACTORY THORSHAMMER and PATCHES due here

from Dec 23rd Feb.

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or Coder.

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

NOIC Falkland Is.

FROM: Magistrate
South Georgia

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Vessels arrived 22nd. February

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(Thorshammer and 7 catchers)

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