

C.S.

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SUBJECT.

1930

Previous Paper.

Press News telegraphed to
West. Auckland.

- ① Service Message to Oper. Fox Bay
- ② Service Message from Oper. Fox Bay 24/11/30
- ③ Telegram to operators, Fox Bay 24/11/30

Gen. Op.

Please attach copy of Original service
message sent by you to Op. Fox Bay.

SM
for CS
24/11/30

Am Col Sec

Herewith copy of original service message
sent to Fox Bay. 21. 11. 30.

A. M. C. Sec.
25. 11. 30

C.S. Service advice mentioned
above. filed as Red 'codes'.

Subsequent Paper.

Submitted for information

PA. 26/11/30

SM 13
for CS
25 Nov. 1930

SM.
25-301
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Telegram from Mr. Cobb, Fox Bay. 19th May, 1931.

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Editor Penguin,

For report please.

Since 1st May 1931 how many paragraphs totalling how many words, have been sent day by day to the West Sackland?

A. J. J.
vic/cco.
21/5/31

A. J. J.

attached is report.

H. Thomas.
22.5.31.

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Submitted:

A. J. J.
22/5/31

Off^{ice} Sect.

I have been into this
matter with Mr. Thomas. Some of the
collections, notably those of the 2nd at
16th May, are on the "skinny" side.
That of the 21st May, for example, is
up to standard, as also that of 12th May.
2. So far as possible the

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22/5/31
"A. J. J."

Inside Minute Paper.

Editor "Peyan" should

maintain a daily coverage

in these bulletins of

5 or 6 paragraphs (i.e.

separate items) of from

3 to 5 lines each, totalling

between 200 to 250 words.

3. Please reply as follows

to ref 3 :-

" Collo Fort Bay

" Your telegram 19th May

" press news matter in Mag

" receiving attention Secretary " 22.5.51

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P.S. The Bulletin should be
composed, of course, of a judicious
blend of foreign and local news.

J.P.

22. 5. 31.

Telegram to Mr. Cobb, Fox Bay 23/5/31. 5.

Editor - Penguin

to note and withdraw
bulletins.

C. S. J.
C. S. J. P. S.
23/5/31

C. S. J. P. S.

void + Bulletin withdrawn

to House
25. 5. 31.

Press Office.

Mr. W. H. Lonsdale J. P. has
recently drawn attention to the
small amount of Press News
received by the Westers
Shipping news is particularly
requested. You might kindly
arrange to give such news
in future together with

P. H.
26/5/31

as much over-seas news as possible.

MCH
 by C.S.
 28. V. 34.

Hon. Col. Sec.

I am sorry to learn that Mr. Austin has occasion to draw attention to the small amount of press news received by the Westies.

(2) From the April & May Bulletins sent from the Penguin Office & submitted with this minute it will be seen that more often than not the quantity of the news sent is, if anything, in excess of the ~~minimum~~ amount stipulated by H.E. The acting Governor in his minute on this subject in May 1931. Where the bulletins are less than the minimum suggested by H.E. it is because the paucity and irregularity of the W.T. press bulletins do not permit longer messages.

(3) I would point out that local shipping news, particularly the S.S. Lapua itineraries from the Falkland Islands Company, are sent as and when received from recognised sources of information.

(4) Everything possible will be done by the Penguin Office to continue to send the Westies press bulletins as fully as is permissible.

H.T.
 28. 5. 34.

Yk. Submitted. Mr Thomas will
in future send the W. J. as much
press news as possible.

McH
as c.s.
28. V. 34.

Mr. C.S.

Thank you. I am quite
satisfied that Mr Thomas is doing
his best to keep this service as
full and interesting as possible.

Press Officer.

McH

29. 5. 34.

To note, please.
Kindly withdraw your files.

McH
as c.s.
29. V. 34.

Mr G. S.

would thank you if files
withdrawn Mr.

30. 5. 34

P. A.
McH

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Letter from Mr. A. L. Barton 27/1/36

Press office

For report please

MCH
C.

4.2.56

Dear Col Sec.

With reference to head
I am given to understand that
with possibly one or two
regrettable omissions, news bulletins
approximating 200 words in volume
have been regularly supplied
for transmission to the West. This
statement can be substantiated
by the Recording Officer of the
Telegraph Dept.

No press news of the illness
of His late Majesty King George V,
was received until Monday the
30th Jan, & was published without
delay.

Every endeavour will, in
future, be made to comply with
Mr. Barton's expressed wish
re. local news.

The system of supplying
data for transmission to the West
has been by marking appropriate
passages in the "Penguin" (printed issues)
but this has now been changed &
typed passages substituted.
However, the former method was
employed on the 30th January,
the date on which Mr. Barton
states "Brechin's Pork & Sausages"

formed the subject of a "news" item,
This item was not marked in the
"Perquim" office, and perhaps, the
Stanley W. S. Stu. can throw some
light on the origin of its transmission.
It may be said that one item only
was marked on the page on which
the above advert appears, that was the
Lost Notice published in connection
with the approval of the Colony Estimate.

~~W. S. S.~~
6/2/36.

Semi operator

Will you please state whether
the item "Brechin's Pork n" was
sent from the W. S. Station and if
so please explain why it was
sent.

MCH
6. 2. 36.

Hon. C.S.

The item concerned was
sent only for the information of
of the operator Foxbay, and had
nothing to do with Pebble Island.

A. M. C. H.
S. opr.
8. 2. 36.

Letter to A. G. Burton, Esq., of 12/2/36. 8-9.

P. A.
MCH

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
1/21	STANLEY			21.11.30
To				
OPERATOR				
FOX BAY.				

Col Engineer reported that no press had been received on West for four days in last week and none up to Wednesday in this weekstop. Have you anything to remark. Please state if farmers are satisfied.

PSY.

Time

DECODE.

SERVICE MESSAGE.

(1A)

TELEGRAM.

From Operator. Fox Bay.

To STANLEY.

Despatched: 22nd November. 1930. Time: ----
Received: 22nd November. 1930. Time: 1050.

Re Colonial Engineer's report press was received and telephoned as usual on those dates stop The W/T Station rings double six on telephone each night at 2100 as the arranged signal for press. Farmers are highly indignant at Colonial Engineer's report. Messrs Evans and Luxton request to know if the Hon G. Roberts has any complaint regarding press while at Port Howard and Chartres as those are the only two stations the Colonial Engineer stopped that are in communication with the W/T Station by telephone.

Operator Fox Bay.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				22 / 11 / 30

To OPERATOR
FOXBAY.

CONFIDENTIAL. YOUR TELEGRAM OF 22ND TO SENIOR OPERATOR MESSAGE WAS SENT AT REQUEST OF MR THOMAS WHO HAD MISUNDERSTOOD SITUATION STOP HON GEORGE ROBERTS DID NOT STATE THAT FARMERS WERE DISSATISFIED AND YOU SHOULD INFORM THEM ACCORDINGLY STOP IN FUTURE YOU MUST CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT NO OFFICIALS NAME SHOULD BE MENTIONED BY YOU IN MATTERS OF THIS SORT WITHOUT DEFINITE INSTRUCTIONS FROM ME STOP YOU WERE ASKED FOR YOUR REMARKS AND NOTHING FURTHER.

SECRETARY.

1358 / 22/11/30
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Time

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Mr. Cobb.....

To Colonial Secretary.....

Despatched: 19th May, 19 31 Time:

Received: 19 Time:

Beg to inform you unable understand increasing lack press news.

Cobb.

Off.i.C./Secretariat.

To Editor "Penguin" for report, please. Since 1/5/31 how many paragraphs, totalling how many words, have been sent day by day to the West Falkland ?

(It'd.) J.M.E.
20/5/31.

"Penguin" Office,
Stanley.

22nd May, 1931.

To /
The Officer-in-Charge,
The Secretariat.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that eighty-two paragraphs have been sent to the West Falklands from the 1st to the 20th May (inclusive with the exception of Sundays.)

2. The total number of words is approximately 3,200 (taking an average of ten per line), covering a period of seventeen days. On nine days there were no foreign news paragraphs.

3. The statistics for the first seventeen days for the past three months are :-

	<u>Local.</u>	<u>Paras.</u> <u>Foreign.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Approx.</u> <u>no. words.</u>
April	60	36	96	3,800.
March	41	54	95	3,500.
February	49	54	103	3,800.
<u>For May</u>	64	18	82	3,200.

4. Attached are the Bulletins from May 1st, 1931 from which it will be seen there is a comparative lack of foreign news - this, perhaps, is to what Mr. Cobb refers.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H Thomas

Press Officer.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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23/5/31.

To
COBS
FORBAY

YOUR TELEGRAM 19TH MAY PRESS NEWS MATTER IS RECEIVING
ATTENTION.

SECRETARY.

Time

DEAN BROS.

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PEBBLE ISLAND,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

31st. January 1936

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley.

Sir,

I wish to call your attention to the haphazard manner in which Press News is being sent to the West Falkland at the present time.

There has been, for the last few months a gradual falling-off in the quantity sent, the quality, and the regularity, particularly the latter. It is not for me to say whether the latter fault is due to the Stanley Wireless Station or to the official responsible for transmitting the News to the Station.

At all events I can assure you that Press News is sent to the West, on an average, not more than four days a week.

There are a number of privately owned Short-Wave receiving sets on the West now, which obtain nightly reception of the Empire Short-Wave Station at Daventry, therefore most of the Home & Foreign News sent in the Local Press is at least 24 hours, and more often 48 hours old by the time it reaches the West.

For example, in the Local Press News the death of His Majesty the King was recorded, I grant you, as soon as it possibly could be, but no mention at all was made during the three previous days of the King's grave illness. I think I am right in saying that Daventry announced the King's illness on a Friday night, and his

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death on the following Monday.

Apart from the News outside the Colony, there is very little news of local interest sent nowadays. The Lafonia's passenger lists, details of the visits of warships to Stanley, and other local items of news are what interest people in the Camp.

After the announcement that one of the visiting French warships - I forget which - was due to arrive in Stanley on such and such a day, nothing further whatever was heard about her, not even her departure.

Lastly I wish to acquaint you with the deplorable state to which the West Falkland Press News service has fallen, by referring you to the News sent last night, in which free advertisement was given to Brechin's Pork and Sausages.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A. G. Barton

Manager

452/50.

12th February,

36.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 31st of January, 1936, and to inform you of the results of enquiries made in connection with the subject of Press news for dissemination on the West Falkland.

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- (i) It is reported that, with the exception of one or two regrettable omissions, news bulletins have been supplied daily for transmission to the West Falkland.
- (ii) No Press news regarding the last illness of His late Majesty King George V. was received in Stanley until the 20th of January, 1936, when the bulletins were published without delay.
- (iii) Every endeavour is now being made to comply with your request for local news.
- (iv) The Senior Operator, Stanley, reports that the advertisement for "Breachin's Pork and Sausages" was transmitted only for the information of the Operator at Fox Bay.

A. G. Barton, Esq., J.P.,
Manager,
Pebble Island,
WEST FALKLAND.

2. It is hoped that the matter of the West Falkland Dress Service, will in future give no cause for further complaint.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MCH

Colonial Secretary.