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POSTAL & TELEGRAPHIC.

TEL/GRA/1#14

TELEGRAMS.

1929
~~1928.~~

No. 65/29

Mon. Col. Sec.

SUBJECT.

1929.

4. Feb.

Previous Paper.

DELAY IN TRANSMISSION OF TELEGRAMS
TO AND FROM SIR HUBERT WILKINS.

MINUTES.

- 1- 2 Minute to Supt. Tels & Tels dated 2 Feb. 1929.
- 3 Minute from Supt. Tels & Tels dated 3 Feb. 1929.

Spoke 1/8 16 fu

In Hotel 1/4-2. 29.

P. 14/2

13. 2. 29

Subsequent Paper.

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File in Report
has Pl. P. please.

Immediate

4.2.28.

Sept. 7. at ?

Following is text of -

Telegram stated by Captain Sir Herbert

Wilkins to have been despatched

to him for Buenos Aires on

18. 1. 28. at to have been

received by him at Deception Station

via "Telefonie" on 21. 1. 28.

" Wilkins (Telefonie) Antarctic

" present is willing to send Antarctic

" Transport " Primo de Mayo" to

" Deception West to embark you and

" Fisher ship ship will sail

!

" end of this work for 2/28/28

" Mail for Laurie at archive

" for this point to Deception

" Plate Director Meteorologic "

2. Please report below this

telegram was handled by the Wexley

W/T station at if so on that
at that time

date of it was received at on that
at that time

date of it was relayed.

3. Captain J. Herbert Dikens also

says that on 30. 1. 29. he handled

in a message addressed to 'Secretary,

" Wexley " to station to " Electric " which

message has not yet been delivered to

me.

4. Please explain at report, if possible, as to the circumstances of this delay.

5. Letter in which within further states that station is "station" has experienced difficulty in establishing communication with the Navy W/T station.

6. Please show that you have been on the position in the report.

J. J. Jones

2. 2. 29

P.S. I should be glad of your reply to the above which at the latest by tomorrow 3. 2. 29. at D. J. Jones
J. J. Jones
2. 2. 29

Hon.Col.Sec.

Message X80/I from Buenos Aires to Wilkins Hektoría Montevideo via Stanley with text as quoted was handed-in in Buenos Aires at 22.45 on 21st. and delivered on the same day.

It is suggested that the original message was wrongly addressed as quoted "Wilkins Hektoría Montevideo" in which case it would remain at the Cerrito Station for one week after which the sender would be advised that no communication had been established with the S/S "Hektoría". On receipt of this advice the sender probably redirected the message "via Stanley" thus accounting for the dating of the message as 21st.

Message I2 from S/S "Hektoría" handed in 10.00 on 30th. was forwarded by S/S "Ronald" to-day.

A daily schedule at 21.00 G.M.T. was arranged with S/S "Hektoría" and calls are sent out daily at this time. At first this schedule was kept regularly but later our calls were only answered occasionally and at present no reply is received. This schedule was arranged on short-wave at the request of the ship but it is not considered satisfactory for short distance work.

It is regretted that Sir Herbert Wilkins has been inconvenienced by irregular communications but everything was done at this end to ensure a regular service with the "Hektoría" and, in fact, still is.

W. H. ...
Supt.
3/2/29