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PETER JOHN MILLER

DECEASED

EFRYAIR GALLARY

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SEAMEN DROWNED BY MOTOR CAR ACCIDENT

ON 14" JUNE 1960.

(AN INQUISITION taken for our Sovereign Lady the Queen TO WIT (at Stanley, Falkland Islands, on the fifteenth day of June, 1960, and by adjournment on the seventeenth day of June, 1960, by me Harold Bennett, one of the Justices of the Peace for the said Falkland Islands, on view of the body of Peter John Miller as to his death and I, the said Harold Bennett, do say:-

- (a) That the said Peter John Miller was found dead on the fourteenth day of June, in the year aforesaid in the waters of Stanley Harbour, Falkland Islands, and
- (b) That the cause of his death was that he did enter the waters of Stanley Harbour whilst a passenger in Motor Car Index No. 132, which inadvertently plunged into the said waters from the East Jetty on the fourteenth day of June, 1960, by means whereof he died.

And so do further say that the said Peter John Miller, by misadventure did drown.

And I, the said Harold Bennett, do further say that the said Peter John Miller at the time of his death was a male person of the age of eighteen years and a single man.

IN WITNESS whereof I, the said Harold Bennett have hereunto subscribed my hand and seal this seventeenth day of June, 1960.

(Sgd.) H. Bennett.

Certified true copy.

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## R.M.S. "DARWIN" At Port Stanley 15-6-60.

## P. Willer. List of Personal Effects.

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8 Pr Trousers

#### 10 Shirts

1 Vest

1 Pr Swimming Trunks

1 Pr Socks

13 Ties

3 Handkerchiefs

10 Pullovers

2 Sports Coats

4 White Coats

2 Pr Overalls

1 Leather Coat

1 Duffel Coat

1 Scarf

1 Belt

1 Pr Pyjamas

1 Pr Boots

3 Pr Shoes

1 Pr Sea Boot Socks

1 Blanket

1 Tobacco Pouch

1 Cigarette Lighter

3 Knives

1 Radio

5 Films

1 Pipe

4 Pens

4 Writing Pads

1 Torch

1 Writing Case

1 Stamp Album

1 Painting Set

2 Harmonicas

2 Watches

1 Comb

2 Part Tins Tobacco

45 Cigarettes

2 Brushes

1 Toilet Bag

1 Pk Playing Cards

2 Packages Personal Papers

1 Tin Containing Cash

2 Suitcases

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Ref. No	Customs and Harbour Department,			
U .	Stanley, Falkland Islands.			
	16th June 1960			

Effects late Peter John Miller found on body: -

One Medallion and chain. Cash Pay Packet containing £10. 3. 11d. One Cigarette Lighter. Two Combs.

I hereby certify that I have this day received from Mr.W.J. Grierson, Shipping Master for the Colony of the Falkland Islands the abovementioned articles.

Father.

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Customs & Shipping Department, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

6th July 1960

Sir,

## Peter John Miller, Steward R.M.S. "Darwin" (Deceased)

I have the honour to forward herewith the attached completed forms B.D.2 and B.D.3, together with extracts from the Official Log-Book covering the death of the abovenamed seaman.

Attached also is a copy of the Inquisition conducted by the Honourable Mr.H. Bennett, Justice of the Peace for the Colony of the Falkland Islands.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

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Collector of Customs & Shipping Master.

The Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen, Llantrisant Road, Llandaff, Cardiff.



Hour.

Place.

Date.

## R.M.S."DARWIR", EXTRACT OF OFFICIAL LCC.

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14-6-60	15.45	East Jetty, Stanley.	The Chief Steward sent P. McGill, Steward; U. Barria, Steward; and E. Gallardo, Steward; ashore to collect a small quantity of Stores for the ship from the Ship's Store. This store being situated just off the jetty and approximately 200 yards distant from the ship.
14=6=60	16.10	Rast Jetty, Stanley.	F. McGill, Steward; W.Barria, Steward; and S. Gallardo, Steward; proceeded ashore to collect Stores, comprising 2 time Teepol; 6 time Soup powder, 12 time Milk powder; paper serviettes.
14-6-60	16,00	Dast Jetty, Stanley.	P. Miller, Steward, sent to West Store with a stores requisition order by Chief Steward.
14=6=60	16.40	Sast Jetty, Stanley.	The three stewards sent to Ship's Store for a small quantity of stores had not returned to ship;  J. Edgs Steward, sent by Chief Steward to see if they had obtained stores. Biggs returned to ship and reported Ship's Etore closed and no sign of these three Stewards.
14-6-60	16.55	East Jetty, Stanley.	J. Biggs, Steward, sent again to investigate whereabouts of three Stewards supposedly collecting stores from Ship's Store. Biggs returned on board and reported Ship's Store closed and no sign of the three Stewards.
14-6-60	17.35	Rast Jetty, Stanley.	It was reported on board that an accident had occurred on the East Jetty, and that a car driven by P. McGill, Steward, containing W. Marria, Steward E. Callerdo, Steward, and P. Miller, Steward had gone over the west side of East Jetty into the water. P. McGill and W. Marria escaped from car which was lying upside down in the water. Rescue attempts were started immediately to release P. Miller, Steward, and E. Gallardo, Steward, who were still trapped in the car. P. Miller was released at approximately 17.44 hours and artificial respiration applied under the direction of Pr J. Ashmore. E. Gallardo, was released at approximately 18.00 hours. At 18.15 Pr J. Ashmore informed Master that P. Miller and E. Gallardo were dead.
14-6-60	18.45	East Jotty, Stanley.	P. McGill, Steward, owner/driver of the car involved in the accident, questioned by Master regarding the accident. He stated that he had decided to go for the ship's stores in his car with the other stewards After obtaining the stores at 16.30 they decided to have a drive around the town instead of returning to the ship as instructed. Buring this drive the

The foregoing entry for 18.45 hours, 14-6-50, read over to P. McGill, Steward in the presence of G. Harris, Chief Steward. McGill stated that the entry was quite correct and had nothing further to

to the ship as instructed. During this drive they

had met P. Miller, Steward, and picked him up.

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# R.M.S. "DARWIN". EXTRACT OF OFFICIAL LOG.

Date.	Hour.	Place.	Entry.
14-6-60	19•00	East Jetty, Stanley.	P. McGill, Steward, and U Barria, Steward, attended K.E.M. Hospital for examination and treatment. P. McGill, having lacerations and contusions to right eye, and U. Barria feeling the effects of swallowing salt water; both men suffering from shock effects.
15-6-60	10,00	East Jetty, Stanley.	P. McGill, Steward, and U. Barria, Steward, attended K.E.M. Hospital for treatment.
15-6-60	17.30	East Jetty, Stanley.	Coroner's Court of enquiry held in Court Room, Stanley, to enquire into the deaths of P. Miller, Steward, and E. Gallardo, Steward. Court adjourned at 21.40 hours pending vessel's return from coastwise voyage.
17-6-60		Stanley	Coroner's verdict of Death by misadventure issued concerning deaths of P. Miller, Steward, and E. Gallardo, Steward.

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Chief Officer

Chief Steward

Ref. No. S/29.

## Customs and Harbour Department,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

8th July  $_{19}$ 60

Dear Mr. Miller,

I have to inform you that the Master of R.M.S."Darwin" has paid to me the balance of wages due to your son, the late Peter John Miller in respect of his services as Steward from the 1st June to the 14th June 1960. This balance amounts to £20. 6s. 1d., which has been placed on Deposits in the Government Savings Bank, pending your next visit to Stanley.

Yours faithfully,

Shipping Master.

S. Miller Esq., Port Howard, West Falkland.

#### MEMORANDUM.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

1st March

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To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Secretariat.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

From The Collector of

Customs & Harbour Master.

SUBJECT :-

## Efrain Gallardo, Steward, R.M.S.Darwin (deceased)

The abovenamed seaman lost his life through misadventure on the 14th June 1960, and in accordance with section 170 of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1894 the Master of R.M.S. Darwin caused his effects to be handed over to me as Shipping Master on the 15th June 1960. Since the 15th June 1960 there has not been an opportunity to forward these effects to Punta Arenas where his father resides.

I understand H.M.S. Protector is shortly calling at Punta Arenas and I would be grateful if arrangements could be made for these effects to be shipped on the Protector sent C/o the British Consul, Punta Arenas for delivery to the deceased seamans father, Snr. Efrain Gallardo, Rio Seco, Punta Arenas.

A list of these effects in duplicate is attached and consist of one suit case and one white bag.

Collector of Customs & Harbour Master.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

3rd March  $_{19}$ 61

#### CUSTOMS CERTIFICATE

## Personal Effects of the late Efrain Gallardo, Steward, R.M.S. "Darwin"

I hereby certify that one suit case and one white bag addressed to H.M.B. Consul, Funta Arenas, contains the undermentioned personal effects of the abovenamed seaman.

1 suit	2 pr shoes
2 vests	2 pullovers
1 pr trunks	1 tie clip
8 shirts	1 knife
3 pr socks	1 photograph & frame
4 ties	1 dictionary
8 handkerchiefs	1 pr sun glasses
2 sports coats	2 pr gloves
1 sports shirt	1 tray cloth
1 pr jeans	1 cigarette lighter
2 jackets	1 disc
1 pr boots	50 cigarettes
11 boxes matches	1 package personal papers

1 suitcase

These personal effects of the deceased seaman are for delivery to his father Snr. Efrain Gallardo, Rio Seco, Punta Afenas, through M.M.B. Consul, Punta Arenas, Chile.

Collector of Customs &

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The above effects were despated on the 4th & Proteste on Saturday so heart, 1961. Handed to the office of the south at 10202 by the Shipping haster.



## CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

FOR A SEAMAN DISCHARGED BEFORE A SUPERINTENDENT OR A CONSULAR OFFICER.

ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT.

Name of Ship and Official Number, Port of Registry and Gross Tonnage.		Horse Power.	110101			
R.M.S. DARWIN"  PORT OF RESISTRY - PORT STANLEY  FALKLAND ISLANDS.  OFF NO. 186384  GROSS TONS 1792 89  NET TONS 738 66		FALKLAND ISLANDS AND SOUTH				
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Efrain Gallardo.  Rank or Rating.		No. Commi	o. of R.N.R. No. of Cert. (if any)			
Steward				_	_	
Date of Engagement.	Place of Engagemen!		! Co	Copy of Report of Character.*		
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Date of Discharge	Place of Discharge.			VERY!	VERY	
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I certify that the above particulars are correct and that the above named Seaman was discharged accordingly.

Dated this 1 4day by 1960 19

AUTHENTICATED

Signature of Superintendent or Consular Officer.

If the seaman does not require a Certificate of his character, enter "Endorsement not required" in the spaces provided for the copy of the Report.

#### Signature of Seaman

Note.—Any person who forges or fraudulently alters any Certificate or Report, or copy of a Report, or who makes use of any Certificate or Report, or copy of a Report, which is forged or altered or does not belong to him, shall for each such offence be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and may be fined or imprisoned.

N.B.—Should this Certificate come into the possession of any person to whom it does not belong it should be handed to the Superintendent of the nearest Mercantile Marine Office, or be transmitted to

the Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen, Cardiff.

Customs & Shipping Department, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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And I, the said Harold Bennett, do further say that the said Afrain Gallardo at the time of his death was a male person of the age of twenty-one years and a single man.

IN WITHESS whereof I, the said Harold Bennett have hereunto subscribed my hand and seal this seventeenth day of June, 1960.

(Sgd.) H. Bennett.

Certified true copy.

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