

C.S.

NAVAL & MILITARY
(Miscellaneous.)
ACCOUNTS
(Miscellaneous.)

19 40.

SHI/VES/9 # 13

No. 135/40.

H.M. CONSUL, MONTEVIDEO.

SUBJECT.

1940.

3rd August.

CONFIRMATION OF PAYMENT OF WAGES TO
FIREMEN EX "PHILOMEL". ETC.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

1. Telegram from H.M. Consul, Montevideo. of 3. 8. 40.

Shipping master,

Will you please say?

*C. J. S.
for C.
6/8/40.*

Hon Col Sec,

Amounts on Red 1, are wages due to firemen
and paid to them by bill on owners on date of discharge
from this port.

[Signature]
Shipping Master.
6/8/40.

2. Telegram to H.M. Consul, Montevideo of 7. 8. 40.

P.A.

*Shipping master,
no note.*

*C. J. S.
for C.
3/9/40.*

Subsequent Paper.

15-17. Letter from brown Agents of 24/5/41.

Hon. J.S.

To note

C. J. J.
for C.
4/9/41.

Hon. C. J. J.

Noted. Thank you.

Red
To F.S. 8/9/41

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From H.M. Consul, Montevideo,

To Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched: 3rd August, 19 40. Time: 1400.

Received: 4th August, 19 40. Time:

Request telegraphic confirmation from the Shipping Master balance of wages of F. Wilson and D. Castle firemen ex "philomel" is £42. 5s. 9d. and £35. 7s. 5d. respectively if so I propose pay balance here after the completion of column 14 of the Conveyance Orders.

CONSUL.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To H.M. Consul Montevideo.

Despatched: 7th August, 19 40. Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

Red!

Your telegram 3rd August amounts stated are wages due to firemen and paid to them by bill on owners on date of discharge at this port.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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BRITISH CONSULATE,
MONTEVIDEO.
August 23rd, 1940.

Sir,

I have to report that two firemen, Frank Wilson and David Castle, ex s.s. "Philomel", Official Number 164575, were sent under Conveyance Order from Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, in the s.s. "Fitzroy" on the 20th. July 1940, and arrived at this port on August 2nd.

Column 14 of page 1 of Form C.16 had not been completed by the Shipping Master at Port Stanley, but Firemen Wilson and Castle claimed that they were entitled to \$42.5.9 and \$35.7.5 respectively on account of wages, and, in support of their contention, produced letters from the Master of the s.s. "Philomel" to the Secretary of the General Steam Navigation Company, authorising the payment to the two men of the above amounts. This arrangement, however, did not suit them; they had some time to spend in port here before continuing their journey, and they (and I) knew of no reason why settlement of wages should be withheld until they reached London.

On the 3rd. August I accordingly sent a radiogram to the Colonial Secretary at Port Stanley requesting confirmation from the Shipping Master that these sums were due to the firemen concerned, and, on receiving a reply in the affirmative, I completed Column 14 on page 1 (and also page 3) of Form C.16 and proceeded to pay Wilson and Castle the amounts due to them, while retaining in my keeping the letters of authority to the Secretary of the General Steam Navigation Company.

Copy of this communication has been sent to the Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands, for information.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) N.O.W. Steward

H.M. Consul.

The Accountant General,
Ministry of Shipping,
Berkeley Square, London W.1.

BRITISH CONSULATE,
MONTEVIDEO,
May 24th, 1941.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that a party of four officers and sixteen seamen arrived in Montevideo on the 7th, May 1941 in the s.s. "Tuscan Star" en route for the Falkland Islands, where they are to join A.S.T.S. "Philomel". The owners of this ship, the General Steam Navigation Co., London, have failed, however, to make any arrangements, either with this Consulate or with the agents of the Falkland Islands Company in Montevideo, Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon, for advances of wages to be made to these men during their stay in Montevideo. According to a new Agreement carried by the senior officer in the party and at present in my custody, both officers and men were engaged in Liverpool on the 7th, April 1941, and therefore one month's wages, plus War Bonus, less advances on joining and allotments, were due to them. Since none of the party had any money for normal expenses during their stay in this port, I accordingly decided to advance them money on my own responsibility.

After the initial advances were made, Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon received instructions from the Falkland Islands Company to advance a total sum of £55,0,0, and this sum was accordingly refunded to me by them. On further requesting authorisation to repay the balance due to me, at that time £65,0,0, Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon were informed that no further advances were to be made by them.

Since, however, it was apparent from the Articles that the men still had credit balances on their accrued wages, I consented, on their express application, to make further advances amounting in all to £39,5,3, and in bringing the matter to Your Excellency's notice I have to request that, should there be no objection, arrangements may be made whereby the amount still due to this Consulate, namely one hundred and four pounds, five shillings and threepence, may be refunded at the earliest opportunity, together with the amount payable for board and lodging, the exact total of which will be communicated to you in due course. Particulars of the advances made at this Consulate, amounting to £159,5,3, form the enclosure to this despatch.

£104.5.3

I venture also to point out that, had the owners of the s.s. "Philomel" taken steps to make proper provision for these men to receive advances during their enforced stay in Montevideo, justifiable discontent on the part of the crew and considerable embarrassment to this Consulate would have been avoided. The men are due to sail to-day in the s.s. "Fitzroy" for Port Stanley.

I am forwarding a copy of this despatch to the Ministry of Shipping in London.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient Servant,

N.A. Steward
H.M. Consul.

His Excellency
The Governor of the Falkland Islands,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Advances made to members of the crew of A.S.T.S. "Philomel" Montevideo, May 1941.

	May 13th.	May 23rd.	May 24th.	Total	Sterling Equivalent
E. Waldron	75.50	5.00	-	80.50	810.13.3
D. E. Sands	60.40	5.00	22.65	88.05	11.13.3
H. E. Rolt	37.75	-	-	37.75	5. 0.0
C. W. Hockley	37.75	5.00	-	42.75	5.13.3
G. P. Bailey	37.75	5.00	22.65	65.40	8.13.3
F. W. Marsh	37.75	5.00	-	42.75	5.13.3
F. Dowie	37.75	5.00	22.65	65.40	8.13.3
A. Jenkins	37.75	5.00	22.65	65.40	8.13.3
B. Solomons	37.75	5.00	22.65	65.40	8.13.3
A. Fernandez	37.75	5.00	22.65	65.40	8.13.3
F. Callender	37.75	5.00	22.65	65.40	8.13.3
G. J. McKeesie	37.75	5.00	22.65	65.40	8.13.3
D. J. Horton	37.75	5.00	22.65	65.40	8.13.3
G. R. Whistler	37.75	5.00	15.10	57.85	7.13.3
A. Boreham	37.75	5.00	22.65	65.40	8.13.3
D. Driscoll	37.75	5.00	22.65	65.40	8.13.3
W. Rocking	37.75	5.00	22.65	65.40	8.13.3
G. Kennett	37.75	5.00	15.10	57.85	7.13.3
A. McDonald	37.75	-	-	37.75	5. 0.0
S. Beckman	37.75	-	-	37.75	5. 0.0
	\$815.40	\$85.00	\$302.00	\$1202.40	\$159. 5.3

2nd June,

41.

Sir,

Red 6.

I am directed to transmit to you a copy of a letter which has been received from His Majesty's Consul at Montevideo on the subject of certain advances made by the Consulate to the crew of A.S.I.S. "Philomel" and to request that you will make arrangements for the amount due to the Consulate to be refunded through Messrs MacLean and Stapledon, Montevideo.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


for Colonial Secretary.

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

3rd June,

41.

Sir,

Red. 6.

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th of May, and to inform you that arrangements have been made with the Falkland Islands Company Limited, to effect settlement of the amount due to the British Consulate at Montevideo in respect of advances made to the crew of the A.S.I.S. "Philomel" through their agents, Messrs: MacClean & Stapledon.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) A. L. Fernal

for Colonial Secretary.

H.M. Consul,
British Consulate,
Montevideo,
URUGUAY.

MEMORANDUM.

4th June,

1941.

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From

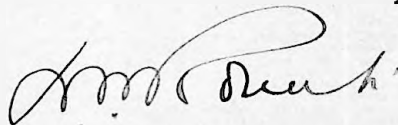
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY, LTD.,
STANLEY.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Sir,

Ref. 7.
With reference to your letter No.135/40 dated 2nd June, 1941 arrangements are being made for payment to the British Consul, Montevideo, through Messrs Maclean & Stapledon, the sum advanced by him on behalf of members of the crew of A.S.I.S. "Philomel", as requested.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,



Manager.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From H.M. Consul, Montevideo.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 5th June, 19 41. Time : 1824
Received : 6th June, 19 41. Time : 1030.

Red. 6.

My despatch of May 24th Paragraph 3 board and lodging for
4 officers £31. 6. 11 plus £4. 9. 11 extra 16 seamen
£68. 7. 9 making a total of £104. 4. 7d. Total amount
due to me from ships is therefore £208. 9. 10 request I
may be refunded at the earliest convenience.

CONSUL.

G. T. C.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From H.M. Consul, Montevideo.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 6th June, 19 41. Time: 1750.

Received: ... 7th June, ... 19 41. Time: 1030.

Red. 10.

With reference to my telegram of June 5th three further accounts have now come to hand Hospital fees for Callender £1. 3. 10 Dentist fees for Driscoll £1. 6. 5 luggage transportation whole party £2. 12. 10. Please add total of £5. 3. 1 to total mentioned in my telegram under reference.

CONSUL.

G.T.C.

10th June,

41.

Sir,

With reference to my letter, Sed. Y. No. 135/40 of the 2nd of June, 1941, I am directed to inform you that the British Consul at Montevideo has reported that he has made further payments on behalf of the crew of A.S.I.S. "Philomel" amounting to \$109. 7. 8 and to request that you will be good enough to arrange for this sum to be refunded to the Consulate through Messrs: MacLean & Stapledon.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sed.) A. I. Florel,

for Colonial Secretary.

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

MEMORANDUM.

(13.)

13th June, 1941.

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY, LTD.,
STANLEY.

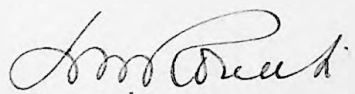
To The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.135/40 dated 10th June, 1941
we are requesting Messrs Maclean & Stapledon to refund to the British
Consul at Montevideo all monies advanced by him on behalf of members
of the crew of A.S.I.S. "Philomel".

Red 12.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,



Manager.



BRITISH CONSULATE,
MONTEVIDEO.

June 21st, 1941.

Sir,

Reds

With reference to the Colonial Secretary's communication No. 135/40 of the 3rd. June 1941 I the honour have/to inform you that Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon, in accordance with instructions received by them from the Falkland Islands Company, have refunded the full amount due to me in respect of expenses incurred on behalf of members of the crew of the A.S.I.S. "Philomel" en route for the Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

N. S. Steward
H.M. Consul.

His Excellency
The Governor of the Falkland Islands,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

COPY OF LETTER FROM CROWN AGENTS OF 24th MAY, 1941.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 59/31 of 15th September, 1931, I have the honour to inform you that we have paid £1. 3. 11 from Falkland Islands funds to the Foreign Office in respect of expenditure incurred by H.M. Consul at Montevideo during quarter ending 30th September, 1940, in connection with radio telegrams to the Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands on 3rd August, 1940 and 22nd August, 1940.

2. The relevant vouchers are attached.
3. The payment will appear in our account with your Government for the month of May, 1941.

I have the honour to be, etc.

The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

C O P Y.

CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES ACCOUNT.

SEPTEMBER QUARTER, 1940.

No. of
Voucher.

1 August 3 - Radiogram to Colonial
 Secretary, Falkland
 Islands, concerning the
 balance of wages due to
 F. Wilson and D. Castle
 ex S.S. "Philomel".

£6.96.