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SUBJECT :

Stanley Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Fire Fighting Equipment. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER AND YEAR.

EX. CO. MINUTES

H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY,
At Stanley,

13th March, 1950.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,
OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

The attached report on Fire Fighting
Equipment and practice is forwarded for information.

R. S. Woodden
Lieutenant Commander, R.N.
Commanding Officer.

Acknowledge with thanks.

Include abstract of Sept. to para 4 of attached.

MC 16/111

Office: *As above pt. When writing to 5th fire-battalion forward him a complete copy.*

16 MAR 1950

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REPORT ON FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY,
At Port Stanley.

13th March, 1950.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I carried out an inspection of the fire-fighting equipment at the Admiralty Fuel Depot, Falkland Islands and gave instruction in fire-fighting to personnel of the Falkland Islands Company and the local fire brigade.

2. The equipment consists of two standard type trailer pumps, with all necessary fittings and an attachment for inducing foam from a tank.

There is also a large foam nozzle for fighting fires in the fuel tanks themselves.

X | Except for minor defects, which were made good, all equipment was found to be in an excellent condition, a lot of care obviously having been taken to maintain it in a state of efficiency. Spare gear was carefully tallied and in a good state of preservation.

3. Mock fires were started and a demonstration of fire-fighting was given by ship's staff, using both the foam and water methods.

After this demonstration, the local firemen took over under the supervision of ship's staff and, after practice, were enthusiastic and efficient.

|| 4. It is suggested that a practice about once a month would maintain a high state of efficiency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

J. Martin

Senior Commissioned Engineer, Royal Navy.

18th March,

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To: Supt. Fire Brigade,

The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

Inspection of Local Fire-fighting Equipment

13 _____ I am directed to forward for your information a copy of a report by Lt Martin of H.M.S. "Bigbury Bay" on the fire-fighting equipment at the Admiralty Fuel Depot. His Excellency hopes that it will be found possible to carry out monthly practices as suggested in paragraph 4 of the report.

Colonial Secretary.

See 16

18th March,

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Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to convey to you His Excellency's thanks for the inspection carried out, and report, on the fire-fighting equipment at the Admiralty Fuel Depot, also for the instruction given to personnel of the local Fire Brigade.

2. It is hoped to carry out a monthly practice as suggested in paragraph 4 of Lt Martin's report.

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

MICHAEL R. RAYMER,

Colonial Secretary.

Lt COMMR G. R. F. Goodden,
Commanding Officer,
H.M.S. "Bigbury Bay".

[Handwritten signature and date]
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To:- Hon. Colonial Secretary.

From:- Chief Constable.-Supt. Stanley Fire Brigade.

21st March, 1950.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your 0594/C of 18th March (received 21st March) and to inform you that this is the first official intimation I have received of such inspection.

2. As Superintendent of the Stanley Fire Brigade, I received no notice that an inspection or test of the equipment at the Fuel Depot was to take place. This equipment is, of course, Admiralty property over which I have no control. The Falkland Islands Company provides a team to operate this equipment but I have no control over their training.

3. As far as I am aware, no member of the Stanley Fire Brigade, as such, attended the practice referred to but it is possible that one or two of the F.I.C. staff who did so may also be members of the Stanley Fire Brigade.

4. I am, of course, all in favour of the closest co-operation between the private brigade on Admiralty property and the Stanley Fire Brigade controlled by the Town Council.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Superintendent
Stanley Fire Brigade.

21 MAR 1950

Copy of 13 to manager, F.I.C. v.c.s.

22 MAR 1950



Chief Constable's Office.

Port Stanley.

8th. October 1951.

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To:- The Honourable Colonial Secretary.

for the information of His Excellency the Governor.

Sir,

FIRE BRIGADE PRACTICE.

A dry fire brigade practice will be held on Saturday the 13th. of October 1951, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

The EAST END fire engine and crew to parade at the Public Jetty at 2.30 p.m.

The WEST END fire engine and crew to parade at the Dockyard Jetty at 3.0 p.m.

The CENTRAL fire engine and crew to parade at the Reservoir near Admiralty Cottage at 3.30 p.m.

The HIGH LEVEL TANK fire engine and crew to parade at the High Level Tank at 4.0 p.m.

The CENTRAL fire engine will be given a short run for testing purposes after it's recent overhaul.

My reason for deciding upon a dry practice is on account of the continued inclement weather, which makes it very difficult indeed to dry hose, and my reason for staggering the times is in order to enable me to see each crew in action individually, also to obviate any unnecessary hanging about by the other crews, whilst awaiting my arrival.

The Wire-Siren will not be sounded on this occasion.

Arrangements have been made for a Public Broadcast setting out the details as enumerated above.

Trusting that this practice will meet with your kind approval,

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. G. J. ...

Superintendent Fire Brigade.

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29th August, 58

Gentlemen,

I am directed to request that you will be so good as to furnish catalogues and prices of various types of self propelled fire fighting units.

2. The Stanley Town Council has at present four trailer pumps, all of which are about 20 or more years old. The Council also has one Ford lorry capable of towing the pumps but considerable time would be lost in fighting a large fire as the lorry would have to collect the pumps which are kept in three different places.

3. It is understood that the Rover Company, Limited, make a small self contained fire fighting unit which is mounted on a Land Rover. Particulars of this should be forwarded, together with particulars of other small self propelled units.

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) S. G. Trees.

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY. See 56

Reply at 35.

The Crown Agents for Overseas Governments and Administrations,

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LONDON. S. W. 1.

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STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Stanley, 29th. October 19. 58

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Sir,

The Stanley Fire Brigade Committee, authorized by the Stanley Town Council, has instructed the Town Clerk to seek Government's cooperation in respect of 17 lengths of hose and a Coventry-Climax engine with detachable pump unit, the property of Admiralty, at present in storage at the Naval Wireless Station.

2.- The Committee, with all due respect, do wish if possible, that that Government intercede on behalf of the Stanley Fire Brigade with a view to approach Admiralty, for our request to purchase the above.

3.- This equipment would protect and render very valuable service to Stanley in the event of any possible outbreaks of fire, and would fulfil one of our necessary requirements.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. J. Sandy
Town Clerk.

Ack'd by Sec 29/10/58

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

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29/10/58