

C. S. O.

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SUBJECT:

PRESENTATION OF HELMETS TO FIRE BRIGADE, PUNTA ARENAS.

Number & Year.

CONNECTED FILES.

C.S. This is all rather ^{Hand} "Veran Bay"
strange - if we can
help out at all the first ^{Port Stanley}
thing to do is signal
Captain V.B. asking how
many helmets roughly are required. 2 July.

Dear Campbell.

we might make some foreign exchange!
S.E.

A.M.: Booth, the Director of the
Volunteer Fire Brigade of Punta Arenas
cannot recruit sufficient men because
he is short of helmets. He
seemed to expect me to part with
my landing party tin-hats which
of course I was not prepared to
do. He then asked me to
enquire in Port Stanley whether
the Government would sell (or give!)
him some as he understood
that A.R.P. helmets were to be

found in large numbers in Stanley.
I enclose a reminder from the
British Consulate. Perhaps you
would be so kind as to make
the signal saying what you
can do about it & when they
would be delivered, if at all.

Yours sincerely

Richard Tomcaski.

A.C.S.

Attached we spoke.

Pl let me know at your convenience
 how many helmets you can spare - if they
 are already cased - how many in a case.

[Signature]
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20 i.e. 2 cartons of 10

[Signature]
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BRITISH CONSULATE, ⁴
PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE

June 27th, 1952.

Mr. Booth, the Director of the Vth Fire Brigade
Would be grateful if a signal is sent out on
arrival as to the results in the matter of the
helmets.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. B. Booth', written in a cursive style.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				3.7.52
To				
CAPTAIN VERYAN BAY				

Helmets Fire Brigade. Can you give approximate number required.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Phoned to Naval Signals at 1445/3rd July.
(Intld)J.B.

Time

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				5.7.52
To	BRITAIN PUNTA ARENAS.			HOA/C

FOLLOWING FOR BOOTH BEGINS TWENTY HELMETS WILL BE SENT FIRST AVAILABLE
TRANSPORT TO YOURS AS GIFT TO FIRE BRIGADE.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

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For letter from P. Arenas 20/10

Handwritten notes and signatures in the bottom right corner, including a large '6' at the top right and some illegible scribbles.

5.a COMPAÑIA DE BOMBEROS

"POMPE FRANCE"

Fundada el 15 de Noviembre de 1906



13th. of October 1952
Punta Arenas
Chile.

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The Colonial Secretary
Port Stanley

Dear Sir.

On occasion of the arrival at this Port of H.M.S.S."ONTARIO" it is with great pleasure that we avail ourselves of an opportunity to express our most gratefull thanks for your kind services with respect to the donation to our Fire Company of twenty helmets.

The "ONTARIO" is the first ship to leave this Port for Stanley since H.M.S."VERYAN BAY" left here, and that is the reason for our not haven written before.

At the moment we have only twenty two helmets in the Co. and are therefore restricted to that number of volunteers, therefore on recieving your kind donation we will be able to double that and bring our total up to correspond with the importance of our equipment.

Our company was founded in 1906 by members of the French colony and has to date the following equipment.

- One Kerr Fire Engine 750 g.p.m. pumper (Austin chassis)
- One Jeep with Beresford Stork trailer Pump 550/600 g.p.m.
- One G.M.C. hose and acesyory truck.

To equip with volunteers such material we need at least 40-50 estimateing an average attendance of 70%, and with the helmets we have plus your kind donation we will be able to cover that average, and be in a position to give the best service possible

We have been notified that soon there will be a ship leaving Stanley for Punta Arenas, and hope that you will use that opportunity to send the helmets, Please Send them adressed to;

[CUERPO DE BOMBEROS DE PUNTA ARENAS PARA
QUINTA COMPANIA BOMBA FRANCESA]

stating in the bill of lading that it is a donation so as to facilitate custom visa on arrival here.

We are enclosing a photo of the Company for your kindself and hope it will meet with your approval.

Thanking you again

we remain yours sincerely

Ambrosio Paredes
Ambrosio Paredes
Secretary

Joseph Booth
Joseph Booth
Director

A.C.S.
Seen - K.I.V
for Philomela trip -
anyone that likes my, here photo.
JB
23/10

Reply at 9

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x.

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Am.

Reverse - we spoke.

Two
Helmets are packed in Cardboard cartons
Containing 10 each.

You will require this information for "Piemme's"
manifest. ~~watermark on manifest~~

28/10.

H.C.S.

Thank you matter attended to.

John P. Collins 9/21/62
A.H.M.

Handwritten signature or mark at the bottom of the page.

1st November, 52.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 13th of October, 1952, regarding the presentation of 20 helmets to your Fire Brigade and to inform you that the helmets have been put on-board the m.v. "Philomel" due to sail for Punta Arenas on or about the 4th of November.

2. The helmets have been packed in two cartons addressed:

Cuerpo de Bomberos de Punta Arenas para
Quinta Compania Bomba Francesa

and marked "FREE GIFT".

I am,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. ~~D~~ Briscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.

J. Booth. Esq.,
Director,

5a. Co. de Bomberos,
Pompe France,
PUNTA ARENAS.