

CONFIDENTIAL.
No. *C/24/28*

1928
1934.

C.S.

Colonial Secretary,

SUBJECT.

192 8.
22nd November.

PRESS MESSAGES FROM CAPTAIN SIR HUBERT WILKINS
REGARDING PROGRESS OF THE WILKINS-HEARST ANTARCTIC
EXPEDITION.

Previous Paper.

Ref. C/21/28.

MINUTES.

- 1. Message to His Excellency from T.V. Ranck, 31.10.28.
- 2. " " " " " " " 31.10.28.
- 3. " " Captain Wilkins, 1.11.28.
- 4. " from Captain Sir Hubert Wilkins, 5.11.28.
- 5. " " " " " " 10.11.28.
- 6. " to " " " " 12.11.28.
- 7. " from " " " " 15.11.28.
- 8. " " " " " " 21. 11. 28
- 9. Message from H.E. The Gen... " 24 " 28
- 10. " to H.E. The Gen... 26 " 28
- 11. Message to Messrs London from H.E. The Gen. 26 11. 28
- 12. Minute from Secy. 17. 12. 28

Y/E.
Submitted.

for C/
21/12/28.

✓
21.12.28

Subsequent Paper.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
65/187	NEWYORK	34	1730	31

To

GOVERNOR FALKLANDS

THIS AUTHORIZES YOU SEND COLLECT PRESS ~~MESSAGES~~ DISPATCHES FROM CAPTAIN WILKINS ANTARTIC EITHER DIRECT NEW YORK OR THROUGH LONDON WHICH EVER SPEEDIER LONDON ADDRESS UNIVERS LONDON NEW YORK ADDRESS UNIVERS NEW YORK.

T.V. RANCK HEARST NEWSPAPERS.

*Please send copy to Capt. T. & T. for
at necessary action adding that I have informed
Sir Hubert personally that this post would be
to handle his press messages at the rate of
per word to collect via Bergen.*

1109 1/11/28

Time

1.11.28

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
66/I88	NEWYORK	54	I855	3I

To

CAPTAIN WILKINS CARE GOVERNOR FALKLANDS STANLEY

PLEASE FORWARD RADIO WHETHER HEKTORIA HAVE AUTHORIZED
GOVERNOR FALKLANDS FORWARD YOUR DISPATCHES COLLECT TO AVOID
POSSIBILITY DELAY MESSAGES REACHING NEWSPAPERS THEMSELVES PLEASE
ADDRESS THEM TO UNIVERSAL SERVICE SENDING ONLY SUCH MESSAGES
AS REQUIRE MY PERSONAL ATTENTION ADDRESSED MY NAME STOP
LONDON ADDRESS UNIVERS LONDON NEWYORK ADDRESS UNIVERS NEWYORK

RANCK.

I210 I/II/28

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES. 3

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
--------	------------------	-------	--------------	------

1.11.28.

To

WILKINS

HEKTORIA.

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RELAYED TO YOU BEGINS HAVE AUTHORIZED
GOVERNOR FALKLANDS FORWARD YOUR DESPATCHES COLLECT TO AVOID
POSSIBILITY DELAY MESSAGES REACHING NEWSPAPERS THEMSELVES
PLEASE ADDRESS THEM TO UNIVERSAL SERVICE SENDING ONLY SUCH
MESSAGES AS REQUIRE MY PERSONAL ATTENTION ADDRESSED MY NAME
STOP LONDON ADDRESS UNIVERS LONDON NEWYORK ADDRESS UNIVERS
NEWYORK RANCK ENDS GOOD LUCK GOVERNOR.

Let's 16/16

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
I/I3	HEKTORIA	114	2040	5

To

GOVERNOR FALKLANDS

TELEGRAM RECEIVED REQUEST OPERATOR RELAY PRESS IMMEDIATELY
KEEPING COPY YOUR PRIVATE INFORMATION FOLLOWING FOR UNIVERS
LONDON PRESS COPYRIGHT DECEPTION SUNDAY NIGHT FIVE DAYS STEAMING
BROUGHT US FROM FALKLANDS FIRST DAY SNOW STORMS HIGH WINDS
ROUGH SEAS EXTRA LASHINGS NECESSARY FOR PLANES THEY UNDAMAGED
NEXT DAY LONG ROLLING SEAS SWEEPING UNINTERRUPTED ROUND WORLD
ROCKED US AN ONE LONE ICEBERG VIEWED ME ICEPACK SATURDAY NIGHT
SNOWSTORM COVERED EVERYTHING CAPTAIN HANSEN PUSHED HEKTORIA
ONWARD SMALL WHALESHIPS FOLLOWED BEHIND THIS MORNING WEATHER
CLEARED SIGHTED LAND STEAMED THROUGH PACK ICE IN BRANSFIELD
STRAIT ALL DAY NOW AWAITING DAYLIGHT ENTER DECEPTION HARBOUR
EVERYTHING THANKS TO SKILLED NORVEGIAN SAILORS COME THROUGH
SPLENDIDLY DESCRIBING SHORE CONDITIONS TOMORROW.

WILKINS.

1050 6/11/28

Off. Sec.

Please file in

Separate Confidential R.P.

Press Message from Capt. Sin

Re: Wilkins regarding progress of

Re: Wilkins' Heart (Hutchinson Expedition)

Time

6.11.28

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
2/40	HEKTORIA	214	I.30	10th

To

Governor Falklands.

Despatch Univers London copyright press collect. Our American Lockheed Vega monoplane named Losangeles flown by E.J. Elson North pole flight made further history today when was first complete airplane to touch antartic soil Deception Island as upholding its name four days ago Hektoria entered harbour anchored then moored to beach with six seven inch hawsers preparing withstand customary November storms but until now fine weather prevails enabling everyone from Captain to messboy and members expedition busy themselves every waking hour our two wireless men industriously locating troubles with ariels and induction etc overcoming many faults heard San francisco press today first time expect soon arrange schedule communicating direct upon entering Deception E.I.Elson Crossan Porter saw Penguins at close quarters and enlisted with others who seeing these grotesque birds at home inevitably delight in their amusing antics stop soonest possible we went ashore seeking landing fields and beaches suitable launching seaplanes eventually discovering convenient place near whaling station where machines dragged from the water can have pontoons exchanged for wheels then taxied threehundred yards to snow covered slopes where skies replace wheels and trial flights made stop far down the harbour end the flat ice still unbroken will serve no one knows how long for take offs with big loads first test flights must be made stop tomorrow second machine will follow one put ashore today in few days expect make first flight ever made in Antartic.

Wilkins.

I234 II/II/28

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				12/11/28.

To

WILKINS.
"HECTORIA".

Glad to grant you use of Government Building, Deception, as Wireless Station for temporary purpose of present expedition, and also to forego any formalities and charges in regard to establishment and maintenance of Wireless stations in the Dependencies of Colony for same temporary purpose.

Your messages are being relaid with utmost despatch.

Much appreciate copy press kindly furnished my private information.

Best wishes from us all to you all.

GOVERNOR.

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
I	HEKTORIA VIA VPC LGN	I45	0100	15th

To

UNIVERS LONDON VIA FALKLANDS.

Copyright press collect- Yesterday ten lusty coal heavers under direction Styrmand Thorbjorsen hauled our two Lockheed ~~0000~~ planes Losangeles and Sanfrancisco from beach were they were assembled to tiny lagoon one kilometer distant which will serve as starting place for first flight in Antartic history from this lagoon snow covered slope for five hundred yards makes good one landing field Today Orval porter our industrious mechanic changed wheels for skis made few minor adjustments to landing gear tested engines and pronounced everything ready for flight steam from the smouldering fire beneath the beach of this volcanic island blows constantly across the machine yet the high hills are deep with snow and the valleys filled with tumbling glaciers for two days strong northerly winds have blown across our runway soon as wind lulls or changes direction first test flight will be made.

wilkins.

W. J. G.
15-11-28

recd 15/11/28

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
I	K.D.Z.	117	01.30	21/11

To

UNIVERS LONDON PRESS COPYRIGHT COLLECT

First airplane flight ever made in antartica was made today Eielson and wilkins flying same Lockheed plane used on north pole flight and now named Los LOS angeles took off at four p.m. they circled this island testing engine compasses wireless etc when they landed Crossan with porter passenger tested second Lockheed plane Sanfrancisco temperature was just about freezing Whirlwind engines using Vacuum gas and oil worked splendidly everything else was in order recent mild weather has melted snow landing field so tests made with wheels ice in middle of harbour although surrounde. with water is still solid and will serve for take off skies and heavy loads when weather permits.

Wilkins.

Vjand
23. 11. 28

22/11/28

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
--------	------------------	-------	--------------	------

24/11/28.

To

WILKINS
DECEPTION.

Regret rate for your press messages to London must be sixpence instead of three pence a word made up as follows Stanley charge for reception and transmission to Bergen fifteen centimes Bergen thirty centimes cable Norway to London fifteen centimes stop

Rate of threepence was quoted on assumption that Bergen and cable companies would come into line with this administration in granting special reduction to one quarter of ordinary rate but this they are not now willing to do stop

Am sure you will agree that rate of sixpence is still very reasonable and if you desire will notify Hearst direct in connection with payment of collect charges

GOVERNOR

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

NOTE

To

GOVERNOR STANLEY

MESSAGE~~S~~ RE PRESS O.K. THANKS

WILKINS

1100 26/11/28

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE. (11)

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
--------	------------------	-------	--------------	------

26/11/28

To

UNIVERS
LONDON

Special through rate for Wilkins Expedition press collect messages from Falklands to London should be sixpence a word instead of threepence a word as previously notified stop

Of this amount Falkland Government will keep one penny and a halfpenny only for eight thousand miles transmission from Stanley to Bergen stop

Wilkins agrees stop please telegraph concurrence

GOVERNOR.

J.A.B.

Time

No. _____

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

17 / 12 19

From Supt. T. & T.

To



THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

In reply to H.E.'s enquiry of this morning I wish to report that although a watch is kept for the Wilkins Expedition no communication has been received from them for some time. The Expedition communicates with San Francisco. An enquiry via Bergen & the "Antonia" is being sent.

Supt.
17 / 12 / 28