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1939

No.

C/14/39

H.M.S. "Apax"

SUBJECT.

1939

16th Sep^r

MOORING OF AIRCRAFT.

Establishment of an
advanced Air Base at
Foebay East, W. F.

Previous Paper.

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MINUTES.

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Memorandum regarding establishment
of Air Base and local Code.

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Submitted.

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21.9.39

*Plan and Code to F. By
W/T by this mail*

~~W/T~~ 25/9

See para: 7 of red O. H.M.S.
"Apax" gave the Operator
Foebay a copy of the code.

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29.9.39

Subsequent Paper.

Prints from Naval Officer-in-Charge 14/1/42. 3.

Prints to Harbour Master of 16/1/42. 4.

Prints to Naval Officer-in-Charge of 16/1/42. 5.

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AIR BASE AT FOX BAY EAST.

On 16th September 1939 an advanced air base was established at Fox Bay East in the West Falkland Island.

2.- The bay appeared to be suitable for the operation of aircraft under all but the most unfavourable conditions. The shelter afforded should enable an aircraft to ride out the worst gale.

3.- The following stores were landed at Fox Bay East and placed under the charge of the Manager, Mr. Clements:-

- Six 45-gallon drums of Aviation Spirit, D.T.D.230
- Three 5-gallon drums of Oil Lubricating Aero Engines, D.T.D.109
- Six bottles of Compressed Air charged to a pressure of 1,000 lbs per sq. in.
- Two 112-lbs bombs in boxes together with primers and detonators
- Four 20-lbs bombs in boxes together with primers and detonators
- Two pans of Lewis gun ammunition
- One Pump adapted for pumping petrol together with a funnel and shammy-leather.

4.- The Manager agreed to take personall charge of the detonators, fuzes, primers and Lewis gun ammunition; these will be kept locked up in his store; either he or his foreman will always be available with the key. The remainder of the stores were placed in a shed close to the pier in which the station inflammable stores are kept.

5.- A seaplane buoy was laid out in a small inlet, 400 yards to the northward of the East Fox Bay pier. Two rowing boats are available for tending on the aircraft.

6.- Two beaches are suitable for beaching for maintenance, fuelling, etc.: one alongside the pier - this could only be used in favourable weather: the other close to the seaplane buoy. Both beaches would be instantly apparent to the pilot of an aircraft wishing to use them. The beach close to the seaplane buoy is well-sheltered and could probably be used under all normal weather conditions.

7.- A simple code for informing Fox Bay wireless station of aircraft movements was made out and a copy left with the wireless operator. A copy is enclosed herewith.

8.- The Manager agreed that on receipt of a message informing him that an aircraft could be expected he would place one drum of petrol and one of oil on one of the beaches, using his own discretion as to which beach would be the more suitable.

9.- The establishment of the base was greatly simplified by the co-operation of Mr. Clements, who did everything in his power to assist.

H.M.S. "AJAX".

at Port Stanley.

14th September.

LOCAL CODE FOR USE BETWEEN H.M.S. "AJAX"

FALKLANDS W/T and FOX BAY W/T.

SIGNIFICATION

CODE WORD

An Aircraft will be coming this morning.....KITTEN
An Aircraft will be coming this afternoon.....RABBIT
An Aircraft will be coming tomorrow morning.....PENGUIN
An Aircraft will be coming tomorrow afternoon.....GOAT
An Aircraft will be coming very shortly.....MULE
An Aircraft will be coming sometime tomorrow.....DONKEY
An Aircraft will be coming sometime today.....PHEASANT
An Aircraft will not be coming today.....PIGEON
Aircraft will require fuel on arrival.....TIGER
Cancel my last message.....LEOPARD
GOOSE
DUCK
PARROT

SECRET.



Office of,
The Naval Officer in Charge,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

14th January 1942.

No: U. 1/22.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary,
The Falkland Islands.

MOORING OF AIRCRAFT.

In view of future requirements for moorings for aircraft, it is requested that the water between the Falkland Islands Company's West Jetty and the Public Jetty be kept clear of all private craft.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R. B. Shandi'.

COMMANDER, R.N.
(Naval Officer in Charge)

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MINUTE.

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

16th January, 19 42.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Harbour Master,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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With reference to future requirements for moorings for Aircraft, I am directed to request that the water between the Falkland Islands Company's West Jetty and the Public Jetty be kept clear of all private craft.

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for Colonial Secretary.

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MINUTE.

16th January, 19 42.

From The Colonial Secretary,

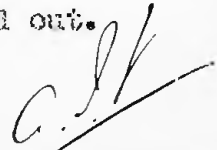
To The Naval Officer-in-Charge,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

S E C R E T.

With reference to your Minute No. U. 1/22 of the 14th of January, 1942, on the subject of Mooring of Aircraft, I am directed to inform you that the request contained therein will be carried out.



for Colonial Secretary.