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SUBJECT :

H. M. S. KENT'S REUNION PARTY TO COMMEMORATE  
BATTLE OF FALKLANDS.

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CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER AND YEAR.

To The Governor, & Peoples of  
The Falkland Islands, Greetings.

1150  
"Spes Bona"  
206 Gudge Heath Lane  
Fareham  
Hants.  
England

1914-18 H.M.S. Kent's Reunion  
and dinner, Dec 9th 1949, to  
commemorate the Falkland Island Battle.  
25/9/49

Your Excellency.

Ladies & Gentlemen of The Falklands:

We, the Veterans who are still alive to remember this historic Battle have decided to meet in London, after 35 years, to celebrate, and re fight our Battles once more. It is with pride I write you on behalf of my shipmates, who have responded to my "recall", and to greet our gallant Capt Allen & Comdr Bedford at dinner. Our average age is 68 years, & I have the honour to tell you that 30 have answered the Recall, to spend a harmonious evening. We shall toast the proud people of Falkland Island during the evening, so you will, I know think of us on this evening. The reason of it being held on Dec 9th instead of Dec 8th is to facilitate those who wish, to have a weekend in London - Since this has been published in the Press I received a letter telling me of a lady who resided in your beloved island for 20 years - I have visited her & she has the pictures of the battle hanging in the room. Very interesting lady to talk to. also her daughter & son in law. I have memories of the Island & a friend at the Globe. (Mr Eager). We should be proud to receive a message from you to be read during the evening. (in advance). I'm sure the assembly would appreciate your message. I can offer thanks to your people of the day, who entertained us in your social life during our short stay with you in 1914's dark days.

Yours sincerely,

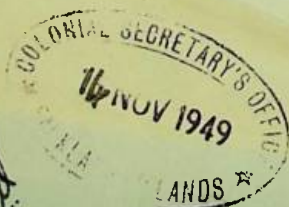
(M) J. J. Leake.

(Box Petty Officer)

H.M.S. Kent 1914-18.

Organizer of the  
H.M.S. Kent Re Union.

Dec. 9. 1949



Denise probably at  
Frascati Oxford St London.

~~to~~ Y.E.

Reverse. Remin of surviving members of H.P.S. Kent  
to celebrate 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of X of the Falklands, 1914.  
Y.E. is asked to send a message to be read out at the  
dinner. Draft at cover submitted should you so wish.

*Noblene Selge*

*21/11/49.*

*Thanks. Issue*

*M.C. 23/xi*

*(Worrey, Lister ?)*

A.C.S.

Pl issue telegram at cover to writer of h.l.  
a then pass file to Mr. Hodkin for information.

*22/1/49.*

H.C.S.

*Seen by G.H.  
2. 12. 49*

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
				3.12.49.
To	J.J. LEAKE SPES BONA 206 GUDGE HEATH LANE FAREHAM HANTS			H.O.A.C.

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS I SEND  
WARMEST GREETINGS TO SURVIVORS OF H.M.S. KEPT RAUNTED ON THIS  
35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE FALKLANDS STOP GOOD LUCK  
TO YOU ALL

GOVERNOR.

Time

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*Handwritten signature and date:*  
3/12/49