

CONFIDENTIAL.

No. *C/6/42.*

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C/C. F. Is. Garrison.

SUBJECT.

1942.

26th August.

Pilfering of cargo - S.S. "ESPERANCE BAY"

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

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The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary.

Ref:122/CR/8/1.

I understand that one Robert Paulini, employed by the Falkland Islands Co., in connection with the unloading of the Esperance Bay, appeared in Court this morning, charged with "being in possession of stolen property". I further understand that he was duly convicted and fined £5.

I regard the offence as considerably more serious than merely being in possession of stolen property, as the property was military property, and I have reason to believe that a lot of pilfering has occurred on this vessel, although this is the first time that anything has been definitely traced ashore.

I must request therefore, that in future, when any pilfering of military goods comes to the notice of the civil authorities, that due notice of the time at which it is proposed to bring the accused before the Court shall be given to me.

The Customs Officials are also concerned, and they received no warning either.

Stanley.
25.8.42.
RCS.

A. H. Stynes
Colonel.
Commanding, Falkland Islands
Garrison.

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MINUTE.

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

26th August, 19 42.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Chief Constable,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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Please provide me with an immediate report of the action taken by you in the case referred to in the attached minute.

K G BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

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MINUTE.



28th August, 1942.

From Chief Constable,

To The Honourable

Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

Re: ROBERT PAULONI.

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With reference to your minute of the 26th of August, 1942:-

I beg to report that this person, a civilian, was handed to me on the 24th of August by the military Police who stated that they had found the man in possession of a clarinet - presumably stolen. He was kept in gaol that night and the next day I reported the matter to the Magistrate who arranged to hear the case that day. The case was heard about 10.30 a.m.

So far as I know I was acting in accordance with the law and a case for the Civil Court to deal with.

Chief Constable.

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31st August, 19 42.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Chief Constable,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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With reference to your Minute of the 28th August, regarding the prosecution of Paulini, I enclose a copy of a Minute I have written to the O.C. Garrison.

I should be glad if you would act accordingly in all future cases when Military property is involved.

Colonial Secretary.

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MINUTE.

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

31st August, 19 42.

From Colonial Secretary,

To The Officer Commanding,

F. Is. Garrison,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

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With reference to your 122/GR/8/4 of the 25th August regarding the presentation of Paulini, the Police have been instructed to keep you informed in all future cases of this kind.

Colonial Secretary.