

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 144/16

DEF/NGE/1#4

Governor's Office.

From

SUBJECT.

~~Secretary of State for the~~
~~Colonies.~~
GOVERNOR.

ADMIRALTY STEAMBOAT "MOSQUITO"

Report on present condition of

No.

Date

57.

10th April, 1916.

MINUTES.

Despatch to Sec. of State No. 57 of 10th April, 1916.

Colonial Secretary's
Record No.

Registered Number
of last Despatch.

415/15.

No. next Despatch.

329/16

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 57.

Government House, Stanley.

10th April, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 155 of the 30th November, 1915, I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of a letter from Captain J. D. Allen, C.B. R.N. H.M.S. Kent, forwarding a report on the present condition of the Admiralty Steamboat "Mosquito" L 58, the launch mentioned in my despatch.

In duplicate.

2. The launch is at present on the Government slip, and I shall be glad to be informed what the Admiralty desire should be done with her, and with the engine and boiler.

3. I suggest the hull should be placed on the scapheap, and the engine and boiler returned to England by first suitable opportunity.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Douglas Young
Governor.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

H.M.S. "Kent" at Port William,

6th April 1916

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith for your information a report on the present condition of the hull, engines and boiler of the steamboat "Mosquito", or as marked, "L. 58".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JO Allen

Captain.

His Excellency

The Governor of the Falkland Islands,

Government House, STANLEY.

H.M.S. "Kent".

Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

5th April 1916.

Sir,

In compliance with your orders I have this day made a partial examination of the Engines & Boiler of the Steam Boat "Mosquito" at Navy Point, Port Stanley.

The examination shows that the Pistons & Cylinders are in good condition. The High Pressure Piston Valve requires renewal. The Low Pressure Slide Valve is apparently in good condition. The Link Gear requires overhauling & new pins fitted. All the Engine Bearings are in need of adjustment. The High Pressure Piston Rod is much worn & requires refit or renewal.

As regards the condition of the Boiler, time did not permit of more than a very superficial examination being made. The life of the Boiler cannot be definitely calculated until a Drill Test has been carried out. As far as can be seen the Boiler is fit for further service, the internal surfaces being free from wear & no defects are apparent except that the steam baffle is much worn & requires renewal.

It is considered that the Engines & Boiler of this Steam Boat, after a short refit would be in an efficient condition & could be maintained, with such repairs as can be carried out on the Station, in good running order for a considerable period, depending on the life given to the Boiler after the Drill Test.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

To/ Captain J.D. Allen. C.B. R.N.

H.M.S. "Kent".



Engineer Lieutenant Commander.

H.M.S. "Kent" at Falkland Islands,

5th April 1916.

Sir,

In compliance with your orders I have this day made an examination of the hull of the steanboat "Mosquito" lying on the slip by the Government Pier, and I find that her skin plating generally is badly indented both above and below the water line.

The plating below water is much deteriorated and badly pitted, and more so under and in the vicinity of the Engine and Boiler Bearers where the plating is eaten through. Under the bottom the starboard side the rivets have been sheared.

The framing also in wake of engine and boilers is badly eaten through with rust, but the topsides and before and abaft this space the general condition is fair.

The port side by bluff of bows the Rubbers are chafed through, and both boundary angles in wake of this station torn away or flattened, and also the segmental chafing bar covering front of rubber partly missing. The Rubber also on starboard quarter requires renewing.

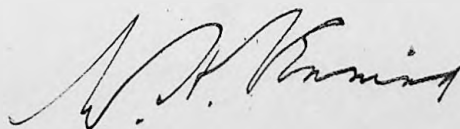
Fore Bracket Plate for Port Fairlead buckled & strained.

The general condition of her iron deck is fair, but casing of engine space worn very thin, and the iron canopy forward slightly dented.

To sum up I do not consider the cost of renewing all that is required would be covered by the value of the boat.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



Carpenter.

To Captain J.D. Allen, C.B., R.N.

H.M.S. "Kent"