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No. 339/30.

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SUBJECT.

1930  
2nd August.

PROPOSED VISIT OF H.M.S. 'DESPATCHE'  
IN FEBRUARY, 1931.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

- 1. Telegram to Commander-in-Chief, America & W. Indies Str. 2/8/30
- 2. " from " " " " " " " 12/8/30.

y.g. Schtthel. "Peynie"

*Jul*

13. 8. 30.

*H.M.C.S.*

*Please*

*13/30*  
*8*

*Att.*

Subsequent Paper.

*See 31/1/31*  
*10/11/30*

8. Letter from Vice Admiral Haggard  
5<sup>th</sup> Oct 1930.

14th C.S

Please have type. One copy to

Jacket.

(6/30)  
12

AM.

9-10. Letter to Vice Admiral V. H. Haggard, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1930.

F.P.  
- 18/12/30

11. Telegram from Commander-in-Chief,

12. Telegram to Commander-in-Chief

23. 12. 30.

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27. 12. 30

13. Schedule of Programme H.M.S. "Orpheus"

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27. 12. 30

14. Letter from Captain H.M.S. "Dorset"

15. Letter to - do - do - do - 14. 12. 30.

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P. M. J.  
29. 12. 30

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9. 2. 31.

(Without fail please  
L.S.)

Ind 30. 1. 31.

Letter to Vice Admiral Haggard 19/1/31 (16)

Minute from H.C. The Governor 13/1/31 (17)

→ b.f.

Letter from Vice-Admiral Haggard. 10/12/30. 18-19.

Off. Sec.

Pub 18 might be of interest

to publication as the "Penguin"

Ind

7. 2. 31.

Editor Penguin

Accordingly please

A.S.  
C. J. C. J.  
9/2/31

Ho B.S.

Published  
Penguin 10/2/31.  
H. Thomas.

b.f. 13/2/31

A.S. 10/2/31

Minute from Harbour Master 17/1/31 (20)

Y/E. Submitted.

A.D.P.  
13/2/31

Off'ce Secy.

Please Mark

Harbor Master for this report

Chief I shall bear in

mind. She communicating with

be advised.

J.M.D.

13.2.31

Harbor Master,

So sel.

A.D.P.  
oil/ese  
13/2/31

H.C.S.  
Dear Thank you

W.H. Rogers  
Harbor Master  
16th Feb 31

ff 21/2/31  
16/2/31

- Telegram to Commander-in-Chief 20/2/31. 21.
- Telegram from Governor Hudson 21/2/31. 22.
- Telegram from Commander-in-Chief 22/2/31. 23.
- Telegram from Commander-in-Chief 22/2/31. 24.
- Telegram from Admiral Haggard 23/2/31. 25.
- Letter to Captain F. N. Attwood 24/2/31. 26.

✓ JMS  
25.2.31.

List of officers of H.M.S. "Despatch" 27.

FA  
27/2/31

- Letter from Commander-in-Chief 1/3/31. 28
- Telegram to Commander-in-Chief 2/3/31. 29.
- Telegram to H. E. Rudd Hudson, Esq. 2/3/31. 30.

Offr. Sat. Despatch Service to Trinity House.

Please let Stokes make see vol 28 for communication to the crew of the "Penguin". I have to add my personal thanks to the crew's kind appreciation.

JMS  
3.3.31.

31. Despatch to S of S. No. 43 of 4. 3. 31.

32. Minute to H. E. the Governor 5/3/31.

Special Warrant 10/31. 23. £13. 6 sent to Treasury.  
7/3/31.

Y/E.

Despatch fixed and submitted  
for signature.

C.S.O.  
7/3/31

✓ Jmt

7. 3. 31

33. Copy of Receipt from Mr. J. W. Aldridge 5 March, 1931.

34. Copy of Account from Mr. J. J. Summers. 28 Feb, 1931.

35. Letter to C/o A.M.C. "Despatch" 9 March, 1931.

O/S. Secretariat

Cash amounting  
to £14-11-0. paid this day to  
Mr Summers in settlement of Red  
34. This payment completes  
disbursements in connection with  
the Colony's Debt from in honour of  
A.M.C. Despatch, as set out in Red  
32.

W.A. 9/3/31

P.A.  
9/3/31

y. 2.

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~~P. M. jud.  
24. 6. 31.~~

23. 6. 31.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* His Excellency the Governor.

*To* The Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Stn.

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*Despatched*: 2nd August, 19230 *Time*: 1200.

*Received*: 192 *Time*:

I should be grateful if you can kindly inform me whether you expect to visit Falkland Islands next year and if so approximately what month so that I may make necessary arrangements. In the event of your being able to visit South Georgia also I would endeavour to fix Antarctic sports meeting to coincide. Present visit of H.M.S 'Dragon' to Stanley has been most successful and enjoyable.

Governor.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* ..... Vice-Admiral Haggard.

*To* ..... His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched:* 12th August, 192 30 *Time:* 0825.

*Received:* 13th August, 192 30. *Time:* 1020.

Your telegram of 2nd August subject to concurrence of Admiralty I propose to visit Port Stanley in H.M.S. 'Despatch' from 23rd February to 2nd March, 1931. I regret time will not permit of visit to South Georgia in 1931.

Commander in Chief.

a.c.s.

Loose in  
N.P., please.

10.8.9.30

Hon C.S

(3)

Please write a letter to  
 C in C. & say how pleased  
 I am there is a possibility  
 of his visiting Pt. Stanley  
 in Feb, & that I hope  
 we shall be able to  
 arrange a Field day.

Att.

Inform O.C. Defence Force  
 there will be a Field  
 day when depot units  
 us in Feb.

8.00  
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

12th September, 1930.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

339/30.

Sir,

I have the honour to say how pleased I am that there is a probability of your being able to visit the Falkland Islands in your flagship in February next year and to express the hope that it will be possible on this occasion to arrange for another field day between a landing party from H.M.S. 'Despatch' and the local Defence Force.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most humble  
obedient servant,

*CH*

Vice Admiral V. H. Haggard, C.B., C.M.G.,  
The British Naval Commander-in-Chief,  
America and West Indies Station,  
C/o H.B.M. Consul-General,  
NEW YORK.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Commander-in- Chief, America & West Indies Stn.

*To* H.E. the Governor.

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*Despatched* : 30th September, 192 30. *Time* : 1800.

*Received* : 2nd October, 192 30 *Time* : 1105.

My telegram of 11th August dates for proposed visit of H.M.S. 'Despatch' have been altered to 21st February to 27th February. These have not yet been approved by Admiralty and further alterations may be necessary.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

29th October, 1950.

Dear Admiral Haggard,

I have found that when H.M. Ships visit Stanley one of the most popular forms of amusement for all and especially for the Ship's company are the dances which we arrange in our Town Hall. On the occasion of your own visit in February next I am arranging for the Colony to give a special dance in your honour and for the dance to be A fancy dress. It would add greatly to the success of the evening if the officers and men of H.M.S. "Despatch" are permitted also to come in fancy dress and if in such case they may be advised of this beforehand so as to have plenty of time to prepare their costumes.

It would be much appreciated too if you would kindly consent to judge the Stanley costumes - in which event I would judge the Ship's costumes,

having/

Vice Admiral V. H. Haggard, C.B., C.M.G.  
ETC., ETC., ETC.

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having judged our local ones on so many previous occasions!

It is unnecessary for me to assure you that we are all eagerly awaiting your arrival.

Yours sincerely,

ARNOLD HODSON.

H.M.S. "Despatch",  
at Kingston, Jamaica.

Permanent address:-

C/O H.B.M. Consul General, 5th October, 1930.  
New York, N.Y.

My Dear Governor,

I have to-day received a letter from Captain Bevan of "Dragon" dated 3rd August in which he eulogizes everything to do with the Falkland Islands, including yourself, and says you are anxious to know when the flagship will visit you. He is gone now, poor fellow, and very grieved I am to lose him, the only one of my captains I had ever met before and served with and I had not seen him since he joined the station.

The cruising programmes are still under consideration, and as they stand at present "Despatch" will be at Port Stanley from 21st February to 27th February, "Danae" from 29th April to 18th May, and another cruiser from 27th April to 18th May. They seem to find the place very pleasant and restful after the racket of foreign ports. However, these programmes depend on so many variable factors, the chief of which is the visit of the Prince of Wales to Buenos Aires, that they cannot altogether be trusted.

I am much looking forward to visiting you.

Yours sincerely,

*L. H. Taggart*

His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief,  
Falkland Islands.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

5th December, 1930.

My dear Admiral,

It was a great pleasure to receive your kind letter of 5th October. I am so very glad your officers and men enjoyed their stay here, and we are now looking forward to welcome the "Danae". It was really too sad about Captain Bevan. Such a nice man and so keen on the Service. It really was a great shock to us all.

We are all so excited about your visit. We are getting up a very special Gala Performance of my Revue in your honour. You will be surprised, although I say it who shouldn't ! The dancing is really marvellous. I can't tell you what a wonderful Colony this is. I prophecy in a few years it will be the show Colony of the British Empire, something on the style of Port Sunlight. We have just started a wireless telephone service and I am sure no other

Colony/



Colony has that, also we made our own short-wave set with which we communicate daily with Europe. However I must not praise my own chickens too much but I will show you everything when you come.

May I wish you a very happy Xmas.

Yours sincerely,

ARNOLD HODSON.

P.S.

Of course I shall expect you to stop with me during your visit.

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TELEGRAM

From Commander-in-Chief

To H.E. the Governor.

*Despatched :* 192 *Time :*

*Received :* 192 *Time :*

From Banse. Following received from C in C. begins  
From C in C A & W I for H.E. the Governor begins Best  
congratulations on your appointment to Sierra Leone hope  
not leave before visit of Despatch we should much enjoy fancy  
dress dance mentioned in yours of 29th Oct I should prefer  
confine fancy dress to the men the officers attending in uniform  
ends.

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

## SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				23/12/50.

To COMMANDER IN CHIEF  
AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION  
BETHLEHEM.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND CONGRATULATIONS WHICH I APPRECIATE DEEPLY STOP I AM ARRANGING IF POSSIBLE TO BE HERE FOR YOUR VISIT TO WHICH WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD STOP ARRANGEMENTS SUGGESTED BY YOU FOR FANCY DRESS DANCE ARE ENTIRELY SUITABLE STOP WE ARE GIVING GALA PERFORMANCE OF OUR REVUE IN YOUR HONOUR STOP MAY I WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.

GOVERNOR.

Time

Provisional Programme of H.M.S. "Despatch".

<u>Place.</u>	<u>Arrives.</u>
Monte Video.	14th February, 1931.
Port Stanley.	23rd February, 1931.
Mar del Plata.	4th March, 1931.
Buenos Aires.	10th March, 1931.

H.M.S.

To J. ...

JM

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H.M.S. "Danae",  
at Port Edgar.

14th December, 1930.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that I have received the following signal from the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station :-

"Pass following message to Governor Falkland Islands begins Your 339/30 of 12th September, if circumstances permit a tactical exercise will be carried out during visit of H.M.S. "Despatch", details being arranged on arrival".

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant.

His Excellency The Governor  
of the Falkland Islands  
and Dependencies,  
Port Stanley.

H. A. Dent  
CAPTAIN.

Y.S.  
Y.R.  
~~Submitted~~  
~~Submitted~~  
? "Penguin"  
✓  
J.M.  
27. 12. 30

7/27/30

339/30.

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29th December,

30.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th of December, 1930, and to say that His Excellency would be grateful if the following signal may be despatched in reply to the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station.

"Delighted to arrange tactical exercise during  
"your visit as proposed".

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R

Colonial Secretary.

The Officer Commanding  
H.M.S. 'Danae'  
at Stanley.

29th January, 1931.

Dear Admiral Haggard,

I am so sorry that I shall not be able to present you myself a performance of our revue "Zachariah Fee" but I hope you will accept the illustrated programme enclosed in this letter.

Certain persons are or have been inclined to run down the Falkland Islanders : I am sure that you will agree with me that the photographs in the programme speak for themselves particularly when I say that the performers, adult and juvenile, are not specially selected but are drawn for the most part from working class families and so are typically representative of the people as a whole.

Yours sincerely,

SA AH

Vice Admiral V. H. Haggard, C.B., C.M.G.

14th C. S

Please ask Mr. Young as a  
 special favour on my behalf  
 to allow his men an extra  
 holiday for the Field Day with  
 H.M.S. Despatch. Tell him how  
 impatient it is owing to the  
 Admiral's visit, & that I shall  
 never worry him again!!  
 All.

(30/31)

C.C.

Please file in "Visit of Despatch"

H.P. at Conf. 13. 2. 31.

*[Signature]*

2.2.31



Postal address :—  
The British Naval Commander-in-Chief,  
America & West Indies Station,  
c/o H.B.M. Consul-General,  
New York.

Telegraphic address :—  
NAVYCOM, BERMUDA.

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Admiralty House,  
Bermuda.

10th December, 1930.

A.W.I. No. 36.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for Your Excellency's information a copy/~~copies~~ of the approximate programme of the forthcoming cruise of His Majesty's Ship S "Despatch".

2. The proposed visits to foreign ports which are included in these programmes are subject to the approval of the foreign governments concerned, which has not yet been communicated to me by the Admiralty.

3. It is proposed that these visits should be of an informal nature and it is hoped that the local officials and residents will not feel themselves called upon to incur expense by entertaining.

For the same reason any entertainment offered by H.M. Ships will be on quite a small scale.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

Vice-Admiral,

Commander-in-Chief,

America and West Indies Station.

His Excellency the  
Governor and  
Commander-in-Chief,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, AMERICA AND  
WEST INDIES STATION  
IN  
H.M.S. "DESPATCH."

APPROXIMATE CRUISE PROGRAMME

(January to April, 1931).

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Place.	Arrive.	Leave.
Bermuda	—	Mon., 5th Jan.
Grenada, B.W.I.	Fri., 9th Jan.	Mon., 12th Jan.
Trinidad, B.W.I.	Mon., 12th Jan.	Fri., 16th Jan.
Barbados, B.W.I.	Sat., 17th Jan.	Sat., 24th Jan.
Pernambuco, Brazil	Sat., 31st Jan.	Sun., 1st Feb.
Santos, Brazil	Thurs., 5th Feb.	Wed., 11th Feb.
Montevideo, Uruguay	Sat., 14th Feb.	Fri., 20th Feb.
Port Stanley, Falkland Is.	Mon., 23rd Feb.	Sun., 1st Mch.
Mar del Plata, Argentine	Wed., 4th Mch.	Tues., 10th Mch.
Buenos Aires, Argentine	Wed., 11th Mch.	Fri., 20th Mch.
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Mon., 23rd Mch.	Sat., 28th Mch.
Pernambuco, Brazil	Tues., 31st Mch.	Thurs., 2nd Apl.
Antigua, B.W.I.	Fri., 10th Apl.	Tues., 14th Apl.
Bermuda	Fri., 17th Apl.	—

V. H. S. HAGGARD,

*Vice-Admiral,*

*Commander-in-Chief,*

*America and West Indies Station.*

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British Vice-Consul, Santos, Brazil.  
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N.A.A.F.I. Headquarters, London.  
Area Manager, N.A.A.F.I., Hamilton, Bermuda.  
H.M. Ships and Establishments,  
America and West Indies Station.

No.

MINUTE.

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

12th February, 1931.

*From*

*To* the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

Harbour Master.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

With reference to the berth to be occupied by H. M. S. "Despatch" I have the honour to suggest that as there would seem no possibility of the hulk "Fennia" being removed in time for the arrival of the warship, the latter should moor either between the "Fennia" and the "Great Britain" or between the "Fennia" and the Dockyard Jetty. The former berth was occupied by H. M. S. "Dauntless" in 1924 and the latter by H. M. S. "Capetown" in 1927. These berths were examined this afternoon and found to be fairly free from kelp.

  
Harbour Master.

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

## SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				23 /2 /31.
To	COMMANDER IN CHIEF DESPATCH.			

IN NAME OF COLONY I WISH YOU AND ALL IN DESPATCH A HEARTY WELCOME TO STANLEY STOP WE ARE MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL ENJOY YOUR STAY AMONGST US STOP I SHALL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL KINDLY INFORM ME AT WHAT HOUR ON MONDAY YOU EXPECT TO ARRIVE AND WHERE YOU INTEND TO BERTH SO TH PROPER ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE FOR YOUR RECEPTION.

ELLIS ACTING GOVERNOR.

Telephoned 5.45 20 /2 /31.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Governor Hodson, .....

*To* H.E. the Governor. ....

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*Despatched:* 21st February, 19 31 *Time:* 1330.

*Received:* 22nd February, 19 31 *Time:* 1100.

Following from Mr. Hodson begins. Please telegraph to me at Kingston (Jamaica) if visit of Admiral was success.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station.

*To* H.E. the Governor.

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*Despatched* : 22nd February, 19 31 *Time* : 1425.

*Received* : 23rd February, 19 31 *Time* : 1100.

EXPECT TO ARRIVE PORT STANLEY 1100 TOMORROW MONDAY HAVE ABOUT TWENTY MEN SICK WITH MILD EPIDEMIC CATARRH REQUEST MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH MAY BOARD SHIP ON ARRIVAL.

C. in C.  
A. and W.I.  
Despatch.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

*To* ACTING GOVERNOR.

*Despatched:* 22nd February, 19 31 *Time:* 1845.

*Received:* 23rd February, 19 31 *Time:* 1100.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE OF WELCOME WE ARE MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR VISIT STOP PROPOSED TO MOOR IN POSITION 233 DEGREES FIVE AND A QUARTER CABLES FROM NAVY POINT LIGHT.

C. in C.



339/30

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* ADMIRAL HAGGARD.

*To* H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

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*Despatched:* 23rd February, 19 31 *Time:* 0900.

*Received:* 23rd February, 19 31 *Time:* 1100.

AMENDED TIME OF ARRIVAL 10.30 PROPOSE TO PAY MY OFFICIAL CALL  
ON YOU AT 11.30 IF CONVENIENT.

ADMIRAL HAGGARD.

339/30.

24th February,

31.

Sir,

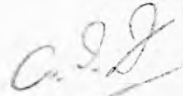
I am directed by the Acting Governor to invite you, the officers and ship's company of H.M.S.

'Despatch' to a dance which will be given in the name of the Colony in the Town Hall, Stanley, at 9.0 p.m. on Wednesday, the 25th of February, 1931.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

Captain F. N. Attwood,  
Commanding Officer,  
H.M.S. 'Despatch'  
at Stanley.

# List of Officers.

## H.M.S. "DESPATCH."

(Flagship of the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station).

### Commander-in-Chief.

Vice Admiral V. H. S. Haggard, C.B., C.M.G.

#### PERSONAL STAFF.

Secretary

Paymaster Commander E. H. Stern.

Flag Lieutenant-Commander

Lieutenant-Commander R. A. B. Edwards.

### Flag Captain and Chief of Staff.

Captain F. N. Attwood.

#### Ward Room Officers.

Commander E. Rotherham.

Commander A. R. M. Bridge.

Lieutenant-Commander H. H. C. Ainslie, D.S.C.

Lieut.-Commander The Hon. E. Pleydell-Bouverie.

Lieutenant-Commander H. S. Walkey.

Lieutenant-Commander C. R. Garrett.

Lieutenant T. Harland.

Lieutenant E. C. L. Day.

Lieutenant R. H. Stephenson.

Sub-Lieutenant J. F. Cochrane.

Engineer Commander C. J. G. Mackenzie, M.V.O.

Lieutenant (E) F. G. S. Bowring.

Major G. H. Seath, D.S.O., Royal Marines.

Surgeon Commander E. MacEwan.

Paymaster Commander C. A. Shove, O.B.E.

Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander G. F. Pine.

*(Assistant Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief).*

Paymaster Lieutenant P. J. Row.

*(Secretary to the Chief of Staff).*

Paymaster Lieutenant L. W. Pring.

Paymaster Lieutenant F. James.

*(For duty in the Commander-in-Chief's Office).*

#### Commissioned Officers from Warrant Rank and Warrant Officers.

Commissioned Shipwright V. F. Moore.

Commissioned Gunner E. G. Lewis.

Commissioned Gunner (T) H. Bevis.

Senior Master T. E. Jackson.

Gunner C. H. George.

Signal Boatswain R. T. Hyslop, D.S.M.

Warrant Engineer E. J. Sawdy.

Warrant Engineer H. R. Haddon.

Postal address:—  
 The British Naval Commander-in-Chief,  
 America & West Indies Station,  
 c/o H.B.M. Consul-General,  
 New York.

H.M.S. "DESPATCH",

at Port Stanley,

1st March, 1931.

AWI.36/11.

Telegraphic address:—  
 NAVYCOM, BERMUDA.

Sir,

On leaving Port Stanley, I wish to express to Your Excellency my sincere thanks for the kind hospitality shown by the Colony to myself and the Officers and men of H.M.S. "Despatch". We shall carry away with us pleasant memories of a most enjoyable visit.

I also wish to thank you for your courtesies in placing the launch "Penguin" at the disposal of the ship. She has been of great assistance in transporting libertymen, and your kindness in this matter is much appreciated.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

VICE-ADMIRAL,  
 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

His Excellency J.M. Ellis, Esq.,  
 Acting Governor and Commander-in-Chief,  
 The Falkland Islands.

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

## SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				2/3/31.
To	COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. DESPATCH.			

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR KIND LETTER STOP WE HAVE HAD MUCH PLEASURE AND BENEFIT FROM YOUR VISIT AND TRUST THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO COME AGAIN STOP IN PARTICULAR THE CHILDREN OF STANLEY WILL NEVER FORGET THEIR GOOD FRIENDS IN DESPATCH STOP GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL.

ELLIS  
ACTING GOVERNOR.

Telephoned 1.3.31.

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

## SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				2/3/31.

To HIS EXCELLENCY  
 ARNOLD HODSON  
 GOVERNOR  
 KINGSTON (JAMAICA)

VISIT OF ADMIRAL MONT SUCCESSFUL STOP GOVERNORS CUP WON BY  
 WILLIAM MCANASTHY 277 POINTS WITH LEONARD REEVE SECOND 276  
 POINTS.

ELLIS.

Time

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

7th March, 1931.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 43.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that the Commander-in-Chief of the America and West Indies Station, Vice-Admiral V. H. S. Haggard, C.B., C.M.G., visited Stanley in his flagship, H.M.S. "Despatch", from the 23rd of February to the 1st of March, 1931.

2. I am glad to say that the visit was very successful and was greatly enjoyed on both sides. I enclose for Your Lordship's information a copy of a letter written to me by the Commander-in-Chief on his departure.

3. I am addressing Your Lordship in separate despatches in regard to the various matters to deal with which this opportunity was taken, such as the transfer of the Admiralty wireless station and the defence of Stanley.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most  
obedient humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LORD PASSFIELD OF PASSFIELD CORNER, F.C.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

In duplicate.

Y.E.,

Special Warrant No. 10/31 submitted.

The amount is required to cover the balance of the amount due to Mr. J. F. Summers in respect of catering for the Colony's Dance given in honour of the Commander-in-Chief America and West Indies Station :

Catering ...	228.	0.	0.
Hire of Band	3.	0.	0. 6
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Total	231.	0.	0.
Amount collect- ed at door	17.	14.	0.
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Balance	213.	6.	0.
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6 includes 31. 10. 0. due to Jazz Band in connection with services rendered at Dance given in honour of H.M.S. "Danae".

*C. J. J.*  
5. 3. 31.

✓ App<sup>d</sup>. Thank you  
for this clear statement.

*J. J.*  
5-3-31.



Stanley,  
5th March, 1931.

Entertainment Committee for H.M. Ships.

H.M.S. "Danae"

Fee due to Stanley Jazz Band  
for services rendered at  
Colony Dance - 31/12/30.                   £1. 10. 0.

H.M.S. "Despatch".

Fee due to Stanley Jazz Band  
for services rendered at  
Colony Dance - 25/2/31.                   £1. 10. 0.

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£ 3. 0. 0.

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Received from Mr. W. D. A. Jones, on behalf of the  
Entertainment Committee, the sum of THREE POUNDS  
for services rendered by the Stanley Jazz Band  
at the Colony Dances to H.M. Ships, "Danae" and  
"Despatch"

*W. D. A. Jones*  
5th March, 1931.

OODBINE BAKERY,

ESTABLISHED 1905.

PORT STANLEY,

Falkland Islands, 28 Feb 1931



*To The Hon the Colonial Secretary*

TO

JOHN F. SUMMERS,

Baker and Confectioner.

WEDDING and OTHER CAKES MADE TO ORDER.

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*Catering for Colony  
Dance to  
H.M.S. Despatch £28 0 0*

*Received Payment  
John Summers  
9/3/31*

339/30.

9th March,

31.

Sir,

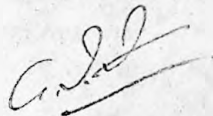
I am directed by the Acting Governor to request that you will be good enough to convey to the ship's company of H.M.S. 'Despatch' the expression of His Excellency's warm thanks for the handsomely framed photograph of the ship so kindly presented by them to the Colony.

2. I am to add that the photograph has been hung in the Town Hall, Stanley, where it will be a constant reminder, if any reminder is needed, of the happy days enjoyed by us all during the two visits made to Stanley by H.M.S. 'Despatch' in the course of her present commission.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

The Commanding Officer,  
H.M.S. 'Despatch',  
C/o His Britannic Majesty's  
Consul-General,  
Rio de Janeiro,  
BRAZIL.

Admiralty, S.W.1.

M.1519/31.

29th April, 1931.

Sir,

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I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to forward herewith, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, extracts from a report of proceedings dated the 3rd March, 1931, from the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station, covering the period 5th February, 1931 - 1st March, 1931.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) Charles Walker.

The Under-Secretary of State,  
COLONIAL OFFICE,  
S.W.1.

KMT/

Admiralty, S.W.1.

H.M.S. DESPATCH at sea,

A.W.I.No.93.

3rd March, 1931.

Sir,

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26. - Oil fuel (436 tons Diesel) from the Shell Mex, Uruguay, Company was embarked on Thursday, 19th February, also 150 gallons of motor boat fuel, and at 0930 the following day H.M.S. DESPATCH left for Port Stanley, Falkland Islands. She arrived there at 1030 on Monday, 23rd., and moored in a position 233° 5¼ cables from Navy Point Light.

27. - I called on the acting Governor, Mr. J.M.Ellis, at 1130 and saluted him with 17 guns on his leaving after his return call. Mr. Arnold Hodson, the Governor, had left Port Stanley some ten days previously for England en route to take up his new appointment to Sierra Leone. It was evident during our stay how much he had done for the colony during his term of office and he will be much missed. In spite of the isolation of this colony and the severe climate of the islands, the spirit of the small community is excellent, largely due, I believe, to the personality and energy of the late Governor. The Government, which may be regarded as a benevolent autocracy, administers all the social and utility services of Port Stanley and of the Islands. There is no representation of the people by elected members on the council. The people are cheerful and contented, the little town is trim and neat with new buildings and freshly painted dwellings and shabbiness in the individual or in the houses is severely discouraged. The defence force composed of about 240 men, all of whom can ride and shoot, is extremely efficient. Rifle shooting is one of the chief recreations of the islands and a team sent to Bisley last year won the Kolapore Cup.

The residents gave a warm welcome to the ship and amongst other things produced, for the last time, the late Governor's revue for our benefit, and gave a fancy dress dance for the ship's company. An Assault at Arms was held at the drill hall one afternoon and on Friday, 27th February, a landing exercise took place against the Falklands Islands Defence Corps. Their high state of training and the able way in which the force was handled much impressed me.

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..... The Falklands Islands Company is having a steamer built in England to take the place of the S.S.FALKLANDS for service around the Islands and to Montevideo and South Georgia. She will be approximately 600 tons with accommodation for about 16 passengers and is expected to arrive in November next. This company is also constructing at Port Stanley a floating dock capable of lifting 650 tons dead weight, which should be ready in May.

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I have, etc.

(Signed) V.H.Haggard.