

C.S.O.

SECRET

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(Formerly)

SUBJECT:

Visit of H.M. Ships.

Commencing with page 321.

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER AND YEAR.

0625/I, II, III

Visit of H.M. SHIPS.

# TELEGRAM.

321

From London

To Governor. Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 23rd October, 1952 Time: 1733  
Received: 24th October, 1952 Time: 0900

Restricted. Following for information.  
Reference my telegram No. 180325 not repeat not needed by all.

1. Propose the following cruise for Snipe.  
Read in four columns, place, arrival, departure, fuelling.

Recife	-	27th Oct.	-
Rio de Janiero	31st Oct	6th Nov	170 tons
Santos	7th Nov	14th Nov	-
Porto Alegre	17th Nov	22nd Nov	-
Punta del Este	24th Nov	28th Nov	-
Montevideo	28th Nov	1st Dec	280 tons
Puerto Belgrano	3rd Dec	8th Dec	-
Port Stanley	11th Dec	-	129 tons (?)

2. If approved request mail diversion accordingly.

3. Admiralty has for action and Naval Attache Rio de Janiero, Naval Attache Buenos Aires, Snipe F7 and Resident Naval Officer Bermuda, also for information by other ?

COD cypher: MLO, CR.

C.S. To see. How could she help us with a) mail  
(b) Passages.

- 3.8.10
- Leaves M/V within 24 hrs of fitting
  - All Colony passages are satisfied.

24/10

27/10

NAN. 28/10

PA 9/1

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From London.

To Governor.

Despatched : 29th October 1952 Time : 1047

Received : 30th October 1952 Time : 1200

SECRET. This is a repetition other than (?)  
American West Indies Station 271603. From Commander  
in Chief American West Indies Station to Snipe  
information (repeated) to the Governor Falkland  
Islands.

In case of emergency you are to use your  
discretion as to ranging your activities, but you must  
bear in mind the very real possibility of becoming ice bound  
or sustaining damage from ice.

On arrival in the Falkland Islands you are to  
place yourself at the disposal of the Governor.

Normally you are not to proceed south of  
latitude Deception Island nor are you to enter  
Admiralty Bay.

= 291047.

COD: MLO, CR.

322  
CR  
29.10.52  
Info: arrival  
30/10/52  
Reply 323



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Officer Administering the Government

To C.-in-C., A.W.I., Bermuda.

Despatched: 1st November, 1952 Time: 1230

Received: 19 Time:

SECRET

322

Yourtel. 291047 October. Except in emergency warship not required south of latitude Deception but her assistance Admiralty Bay urgently required. Part of Base living hut has moved on foundations and if early repairs not effected whole building may become untenable during winter 1953 with consequent danger to life. It is very difficult for Biscoe undertake this extra task in view pre-arranged commitments for buildings in more southerly bases and general relief of all bases and I had hoped that Snipe could collect suitable timbers from Deception Island and effect repairs Admiralty Bay. It is preferable she stands by while work in progress but if impracticable party of three could possibly be housed ashore under cramped emergency conditions. In my opinion ice dangers overestimated and Sparrow incident unlikely occur again. Burghead Bay visited the base during the 1951/52 season. The Bay has been ice free since early September. Grateful your comments.

COD: MLO, CR.

Copy to: C.S.O. ✓

KIV B.C. 111



**RESTRICTED**  
**MESSAGE**

324.

261447Z October

From: C. in C. A.W.I.

Date: 27.10.52.

Recd: 0535

To: Admiralty

Info: Governor Falklands, ST. AUSTELL BAY.

ST. AUSTELL BAY's 031633 not to Governor.

Vehicle was originally required for use by  
H.M. Ships visiting Port Stanley.

2. This requirement still exists, so in spite of  
present withdrawal of R.M. detachment consider spares are  
still required.

3. Vehicle is being handed to Government for custody  
because Town Council now refuses to accept future  
responsibility.

4. Intend next visiting H.M. Ship arrange for repairs  
to be done.

5. ~~Admiralty pass to Governor Falklands.~~

261447Z

CS. Do we know anything  
about X? *Q*  
7/11

See 332.

213

MES.

This is something  
new to me, R. *Q*  
12/11

RCS.

cannot trace. I have  
looked in letter book  
& several files. *Q*  
12/11

**RESTRICTED**

325

A.C.S.

H.H.'s minute at 324

Is vehicle in Govt custody?

98  
12/11

Los,

Spoke of L.W.D. - the lorry is not in  
Govt. custody but is known to be stored  
in a Nissan store at the Naval W/T Station.

8  
18/11

DECODE

From The Officer Administering the Government.

To Commander in Chief, American West Indies.

Despatched : 21st November 1952 Time : 1100

Received : 19 Time :

RESTRICTED. Your 231733 October.  
Potatoes, bacon, cheese and dried vegetables etc., likely to be in short supply and butter not available on Snipe's arrival. Next opportunity of importing these commodities after 26th November unlikely occur before end of January, and in any case extremely unlikely that butter and bacon can be obtained. Suggest Snipe take in all possible supplies en-route and inform me her arrival requirements if any before 26th November

COD: CR., TGO.





Office of the Commander-in-Chief,  
America and West Indies Station,  
H.M.S. SHEFFIELD  
at Valparaíso

1st November, 1952.

A.W.I. No. 522/551/9.

THE SECRETARY OF THE ADMIRALTY.

(Copy to: The British Naval Attache, Buenos Aires.  
The British Naval Attache, Rio de Janeiro.  
His Excellency the Governor of Trinidad.  
His Excellency the Governor of Barbados.  
His Excellency the Governor of Bahamas.  
His Excellency the Governor of Falkland Islands.  
The Commanding Officer,  
H.M.S. SUPERB).

H.M.S. SUPERB - SPRING CRUISE 1953

328 Be pleased to lay before Their Lordships the revised proposals for the 1953 Spring Cruise of H.M.S. SUPERB, which are attached as Appendix A to this submission.

2. The Commander-in-Chief has agreed to this programme and intends to be present in H.M.S. SUPERB for the greater part of the cruise.

3. In the preparation of this itinerary the wishes and requirements of the Naval Attaches concerned have been met as far as possible. Likewise it is known that His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands is most anxious that the Commander-in-Chief should visit the Colony, and an undertaking has been given that the Flagship's Ordnance Staff will service the coast defence guns there. It has not, however, been possible to satisfy His Excellency's wish for H.M.S. SUPERB to visit South Georgia at this time.

4. With reference to paragraph 13 of Admiralty Letter M1/M. 4349/52 of 13th September, 1952, Their Lordships will note that no time has been set aside for a seven-day self-refit during this cruise, but it is felt that the interval of 24 months between such refits is acceptable in this case, in view of the distances to be covered and the facilities, albeit meagre, which exist in Bermuda.

329 5. An estimate of the oil fuel expenditure is attached as Appendix B. No expenditure of hard currency is involved.

J. G. T. INGLIS

COMMODORE,  
SECOND-IN-COMMAND.

Reply at 4212013  
328.

APPENDIX A to A. I. I. No. 522/661/9  
of 1st November, 1952.

Place.	Arrive	Dep rt.	Remarks.
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JANUARY.

Bermuda	-	P.M. Mon 12th.	
Nassau	A.M. Thur 15th.	A.M. Mon 19th.	
Trinidad	A.M. Fri 23rd.	A.M. Mon 26th.	Fuel 750 tons.

FEBRUARY.

Salvador	A.M. Tues 3rd.	A.M. Fri 6th.	Fuel 800 tons.
Port Stanley	A.M. Sat 14th.	A.M. Tues 17th.	Fuel 800 tons.
Montevideo	A.M. Fri 20th.	<del>A.M. Thur 25th.</del> <sup>P</sup> <del>WED 25</del>	Anchor at INTERSECTION overnight
Buenos Aires	<del>A</del> <sup>A</sup> M. Thur 26th	A.M. Thur 5th.	

MARCH.

Rio de Janeiro	A.M. Mon 9th.	A.M. Mon 16th.	Fuel 1,100 tons.
Trinidad	A.M. Wed 25th.	P.M. Fri 27th.	Fuel 1,100 tons.
Barbados	A.M. Sat 28th.	P.M. Tues 31st.	

APRIL.

Bermuda	A.M. Sat 4th.	-	Fuel 600 tons.
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APPENDIX B to A.W.I. No. 522/661/9  
of 1st November, 1952

FUEL EXPENDITURE

<u>Allowance for year</u> <u>1952/53.</u>	<u>Estimated Expenditure</u> <u>to 12th January, 1953.</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>Expenditure to</u> <u>31st March, 1953.</u>
15,000 tons.	9,700 tons + 1,600 tons operational (used for passage Balboa - Valparaiso and back vide Admiralty Message 031847/October).	14,500 tons.



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J.H. Minute at 324

He see 325 & X at 209 in 0039/4 attached.

*[Signature]*  
2/1-

C.S. It is a pity that Captain Cairns did not raise this matter before he left. We had done want to be saddled with this lorry if it is to be driven by every name (one Dick & Harry (or Jack) & then pushed into the Pub. for periodical repairs.

On the other hand we must assist the Navy as far as possible.

I see no reason however, why their Admiralty Agent should not be responsible.

For when Duke arrives & I write discuss with O.C. & H.W.

3 *[Signature]*

B.V. 17/12/52

062515Z

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
NOTE.	H.M.S. SNIPE.			10/12/52
To				
SECRETARY FALKLAND ISLANDS				

ETA PORT STANLEY 1000 ZONE PLUS 4 DECEMBER 11th PARA TWO REQUIREMENTS  
ON ARRIVAL FURNACE FUEL OIL 100 TONS, ONE POUND NOTES 2000 TEN SHILLINGS NOTES  
1000

100150z

*1*  
*File info by HEB.*  
*10/12*

*1*  
*C.T. informed*  
*10/12*

Time

*Pa.*

SJS.

0625/IV

17th December,

52.

Sir,

Naval 1½ ton Lorry.

I am directed to inform you that a 1½ ton lorry was for some years left in the charge of the Town Council. This lorry was used occasionally by the Fire Brigade and kept in a good state of repair.

2. When Marine detachments were recently sent to the Colony, they were billeted for most of the time at the Naval Wireless Station and the lorry was in constant use.

3. Its condition deteriorated rapidly as a result and correspondence passed between the Commanding Officer, H.M.S. St. Austell Bay and the Town Council on the subject of repairs. The Town Council, with some justification, would not accept even partial responsibility and advised that they did not wish to make any further use of the lorry.

4. Later the attached telegram was received from the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station.

5. The vehicle was in fact never handed over to Government nor was Government even approached on the question of its custody, and it is understood that it is at present at the Naval Wireless Station.

6. I am to suggest that you may like to discuss the future of the lorry with the Superintendent of Works, Public Works Department. A simple solution would be to hand it over to the Falkland Islands Company who are the Admiralty Agents for certain services but this might prove to be expensive.

7. I am to point out that Government is anxious to assist the Admiralty as far as is possible but does not wish to become liable for continual repairs and maintenance of an ageing vehicle without some corresponding benefits.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J.E. Briscoe  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Commanding Officer,  
H.M.S. Snipe.

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Saving No. of copies sent. *740*

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To *Officer* Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date *17* November, 1952.

No. *181* Saving.

SECRET



*291 in 0625/100* My secret savingram No. 146 of 15th August.

Storage of cold weather clothing for H.M. Ships

I should be grateful to learn whether any charge is contemplated for this service.

*Reply at 334*  
SECRET.

*G.H.*  
Despite the £800 pa for oil barge  
I assume the answer is 'no charge'

*g.s.b.*  
*18/12*

*C.S.* No charge - and it might not  
prove a useful 'cone of fire' to heat.  
*19.2*

F. I. ref: 0625/14.

C. O. ref: ~~MBD~~ 107/3/03.

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

*From:* The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

*To:* The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

*Date:* 19th December, 1952.

No. 237 SAVING. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ SECRET.

333

Your Saving Telegram No. 181, Secret, of 17th November, 1952.

Storage of cold weather clothing for H.M. Ships.

No charge contemplated.

See 391

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

Bo (332)  
30/12/52

DECODE.

Copy.

TELEGRAM.

From Officer Administering the Govt.

To Admin Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched: 31st December

1952

Time: 1000

Received:

19

Time:

173. H.M.S. Snipe visiting South  
Georgia about 5th January. Will remain 3 to  
4 days.

Naval Cypher: ALL, CR.

Office / Dec 1952  
J. Pa. 11



S.—1330X.

(Revised—June, 1942.)

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Supply  
Receipt  
Acquaint  
Destruction

Note for S.P. or C.B. Books

(Each class of book is to be shown on a separate form.)

H.M.S. ST. AUSTELL BAY:.....

Date 19.10.1952.

How many copies	Registered numbers of copies	Reference number of book	Date of book	Remarks
ONE	4.	SP 02392(1811)	-	ST AUSTELL BAYS 180001Z October to C.in C.AWI. (info) ADMIRALTY}, Governor Falklands refers
ONE	4.	SP 02392(1812)	-	
ONE	4.	SP 02392(1813)	-	
ONE	4.	SP 02392(1814)	-	
ONE	4.	SP 02392(1815)	-	
ONE	4.	SP 02392(1816)	-	
ONE	1.	SP 02392(1817)	-	
ONE	1.	SP 02392(1818)	-	
ONE	5.	SP 02392(1819)	-	
ONE	5.	SP 02392(1820)	-	
ONE	5.	SP 02392(1821)	-	
ONE	5.	SP 02392(1822)	-	
66				
(DUPLICATES stored in Incoming String Hawer) Xos as Govt. House - see 108 100/1/50				

The above mentioned documents have been supplied  
to/received from H.E. THE ACTING GOVERNOR  
FALKLANDS

Signature *Bhahay*Rank *Lt. C.N.*

When used for Destruction purposes the Certificate overleaf must be completed.

N.I.D. 819/42. Received the above

H.M.S. Surgeon P.A. Bunting

Lieutenant R.N.

E2826 W/L 47646-D.8224 500,000 (24) 4/49 Gp.58 F. &amp; C. Ltd., Lond

16.12.52

We hereby certify that—

(a) The titles, reference numbers, and copy numbers of the above mentioned books have been compared with those given in the order for destroying them and in the Register and the books have been \* <sup>burnt</sup> shredded in our presence.

(b) The books have been erased from the list of books on charge in the Register.

(c) We have verified that no books or documents other than those ordered to be destroyed were included among the books destroyed.

(\*delete whichever is inapplicable.)

Distributing Authority's  
Date Stamp

Signature..... Signature .....

Rank ..... Rank .....

Forwarded

.....  
*Commanding officer.*

STRIKE OUT INAPPLICABLE SECTION.

This Form to be rendered in duplicate to the Distributing Authority, who is to forward one copy to the Admiralty.

S.—1330X.

(Revised—June, 1942.)

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Supply  
Receipt  
~~Acquaint~~  
~~Destruction~~

Note for S.P. or ~~C.B.~~ Books

(Each class of book is to be shown on a separate form.)

H.M.S. SNIFE

Date 16th December, 1952

How many copies	Registered numbers of copies	Reference number of book	Date of book	Remarks
One	4	SP 02392 (1811)		
One	4	02392 (1812)		
One	4	02392 (1813)		
One	4	02392 (1814)		
One	4	02392 (1815)		
One	4	02392 (1816)		
One	1	02392 (1817)		
One	1	02392 (1818)		
One	5	02392 (1819)		
One	5	02392 (1820)		
One	5	02392 (1821)		
One	5	02392 (1822)		

The above mentioned documents have been supplied  
to/received from

The Colonial Secretary, Falkland Is.

Signature *P. H. Bamber*

Rank *Lt R.N.*

When used for Destruction purposes the Certificate overleaf must be completed.

N.I.D. 819/42.

*pa.*



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Rank .....

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.....  
*Commanding officer.*

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TELEGRAM.

From Snipe.....

To Colonial Secretary.....

Despatched: 22nd January, 1953 Time: 0005Z

Received: 22nd January, 1953 Time: 0845

339  
Baker's wife  
thinks this  
will be O.K.  
but will  
confirm when  
husband returns  
home from rounds.

Would be grateful if you could arrange for  
(1) one hundred and forty pounds of Bread for Friday  
morning.  
(2) Falkland Currency nineteen hundred one pound notes  
and one hundred pounds in silver

SNIFE.

(Intld.)  
J.B.

C. Tinformed

(Intld.)  
J.E.B.

P/L  
CGG

Reply at 339.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				21.1.53
To	Commander, H.M.S. Snipe.			HOA/C

REGRET OWING TEMPORARY FLOUR SHORTAGE BAKER UNABLE SUPPLY BREAD  
STOP CASH ARRANGED.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

T.O.

Time

PHONED TO W/T STATION 10.30a.m.  
22.1.53.

10.

egg



*Confidential*

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TO:- ADMIRALTY. (R) F 7. SNIPE.  
GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS,  
NA. BUENOS AIRES.  
NA. SANTIAGO de CHILE.  
R.N.O. BERMUDA.  
NA. WASHINGTON.

FROM:- C IN C. A.W.I.

CONFIDENTIAL. ROUTINE.

Propose following programme for Snipe's return from Falkland Islands.  
Read in four columns.

<u>Place.</u>	<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>	<u>Fuel required.</u>
Port Stanley.	Blank.	PM. 18th Feb.	Blank.
Rio Gallegos.	PM. 20th Feb.	AM. 24th Feb.	Blank.
Talcahuano.	AM. 2nd March.	AM. 5th March.	250 Tons.
La Libertad.	PM. 13th March.	AM. 17th March.	150 Tons.
<del>Quito</del> (Ecuador)			
Panama Canal.	AM. 20th March.	PM. 20th March.	Blank.
Kingston.	PM. 22nd March.	PM. 23 rd March.	260 Tons.
Bermuda.	AM. 28th March.	Blank.	120 Tons.

2. Estimate of hard currency expenditure in pound sterling.  
A) £800. B) £50. C) £900. D) £25. E) £200 F) £510. ~~£2525~~  
G) £40. Total £2525.

3. In order that Snipe may be available to sail for U.K. in accordance with AL 3927/53 of 27th Nov. para 4B not to or needed by all, it is necessary to withdraw her from the Falkland Islands rather earlier than normal. However, Superb will be within 1200 miles of the colony until 6th March.

4. Request mails may be diverted accordingly.

5. Snipe pass to Governor Falkland Islands.

6. Admiralty re-encrypt and pass to NA. Buenos Aires and NA. Santiago de Chile.

DTG.... 081814z.

Dist. Full (Copy to Governor F.I.)

In. W/ft. General ex. TOR....1146z. JANCC. 9.1.53.

CS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L .  
R O U T I N E .

TO:-

ADMTY (R) F7.GOVERNOR FALKLANDS,NAVAL ATTACHE  
BUENOS AIRES,N A SANTIAGO,N O CHILE,B N S  
WASHINGTON,R N O BERMUDA.SNIPE.

FROM:-

C I N C A W I.

A.M. 201803 (201803) AND NAVAL ATTACHE BUENOS AIRES TEL NO. 24  
(24) NEITHER TO ALL OR NEEDED.  
AMEND MY 081314 (081314) AS FOLLOWS. READ IN FOUR COLUMNS.

<u>PLACE.</u>	<u>ARRIVE.</u>	<u>DEPART.</u>	<u>FUEL REQUIRED.</u>
PORT STANLEY.	BLANK.	A.M. 17th FEB.	BLANK.
PUNTA ARENAS.	A.M. 19th FEB.	A.M. 21st FEB.	BLANK.
TALCAHUANO.	P.M. 26th. FEB.	A.M. 2nd MAR.	BLANK.
VALPARAISO.	A.M. 3rd MAR.	P.M. 5th MAR.	260 TONS.
TALARA.	A.M. 12th MAR.	P.M. 12th MAR.	180 TONS.
LA LIBERTAD	A.M. 13th MAR.		

THENCE AS BEFORE. PARA 2 MY 081314.

2. MY 081314 (081314) PARA 2.

AMEND "C" TO READ NIL AND TOTAL TO READ 1625 (1625) POUNDS.

3. REQUEST MAILS BE DIVERTED ACCORDINGLY.

4. SNIPE RE-ENCRYPT AND PASS TO GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS.

DTG.....221856Z.

REF:- 081314 PARA 2. HARD CURRENCY EXPENDITURE.

DIST:- FULL.

COPY TO GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CP

IN W/T

GENERALEX.

TOR...2300Z

ET

23-1-53.

J. P. L. 24/1

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

342

23?

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 24.1.53

Time : 1530

Received :

Time :

FIDEP 4. Secret. Your telegram FIDEP 2 and my FIDEP 3. Governor's return. HMS Snipe now due depart from here 18th February. Grateful early advice if another warship will relieve her and when. Am anxious Biscoe should leave for South as soon as repaired but if no warship available she will have to remain Montevideo to meet Governor.

Cypher E ; MLO:AIL

ACS

For your file

YPC  
24/1/53

sur (P.A.)  
[Signature]

24/1



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

343

From HMS SNIFE

To SECFIDS, STANLEY

Despatched: 21st January, 1953 Time 0001

Received: 21st January, 1953 Time 1000

Confidential. Estimated time arrival  
0900 Friday.

O.A.G. will disembark at 0930. A 17 gun  
salute will be fired as he leaves ship.

Request 250 tons oil fuel immediately  
on arrival.

Would be grateful if Biscoe could take  
our mail.

Shipping Office Sec 1  
inform 22/1

See 344

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				22.1.53.
To	HMS SEIPE			A/C FIDS

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INFORMATION CONTAINED YOURTEL 210001 PASSED TO OAG's DEPUTY  
FOR NECESSARY ACTION STOP BISCOE SAILING 1000 HOURS 22nd  
BUT MAIL FOR MONTEVIDEO BY CHARTER VESSEL CLOSING A.M. 24th

SECFIDS

Time

P.A.

30 JAN 1953  
RECEIVED

Office of the Commander-in-Chief,  
America and West Indies Station,  
Admiralty House,  
Bermuda.

17th December, 1952.

PROGRAMME FOR THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, AMERICA AND WEST  
INDIES STATION, IN H.M.S. SUPERB.

The following programme for the Spring Cruise of H.M.S. SUPERB (Commodore R.G. Tosswill, O.B.E.), wearing the flag of Vice-Admiral Sir William Andrewes, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., is promulgated for information.

2. It is probable that the Commander-in-Chief will leave H.M.S. SUPERB at Buenos Aires on about 2nd March, 1953, fly to Rio de Janeiro and thence to Paris, to carry out duties as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic.

3. Addressees marked with an asterisk are requested to acknowledge receipt of this programme by Air mail to the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station, at Admiralty House, Bermuda, or in H.M.S. SUPERB at the port shown to be appropriate by this programme.

*William Andrewes*

VICE-ADMIRAL.  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.  
AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION.

<u>PLACE.</u>	<u>ARRIVE.</u>	<u>LEAVE.</u>
Bermuda	-	12th January.
Nassau	15th January.	19th January.
Trinidad	23rd January.	26th January.
Salvador	3rd February.	6th February.
Port Stanley	14th February.	17th February.
Montevideo	20th February.	25th February.
Buenos Aires	26th February.	5th March.
Rio de Janeiro	9th March.	16th March.
Trinidad	25th March.	27th March.
Barbados	28th March.	31st March.
Bermuda	4th April.	

NOTE. Particulars of H.M.S. SUPERB:-

Displacement - 9,000 tons.	Length - 555'
Complement - 56 Officers, 624 men.	Draught - 22'

*Ym*  
*9.12*

*Q*



DISTRIBUTION.

The Secretary of the Admiralty.

His Excellency the Governor of Bermuda.  
 His Excellency the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago. #  
 His Excellency the Governor of The Falkland Islands. #  
 His Excellency the Governor of British Guiana.  
 His Excellency the Governor of British Honduras.  
 His Excellency the Governor of Bahamas. #  
 His Excellency the Governor of Barbados. #  
 His Excellency the Governor of The Windward Islands.  
 His Excellency the Governor of The Leeward Islands.  
 His Excellency the Governor of Jamaica.

Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. #  
 Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, Montevideo, Uruguay. #  
 Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, Buenos Aires, Argentine. #  
 Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, Washington, D.C.  
 Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, Lima, Peru.  
 Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, Quito, Ecuador.  
 Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, Caracas, Venezuela.  
 Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, Santiago, Chile.  
 Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, Mexico City, Mexico.  
 Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic.  
 Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, Bogota, Colombia.  
 Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, Havana, Cuba.

Her Britannic Majesty's Minister, Panama City, R.P.

The Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic.  
 Naval Service Headquarters, Ottawa.  
 The Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic and U.S. Atlantic Fleet.  
 The Commander-in-Chief, Caribbean Command, Balboa.  
 The Flag Officer, Atlantic Coast, Halifax.  
 The Flag Officer, Pacific Coast, Esquimalt.  
 The Senior Naval Liaison Officer, (U.K.) Ottawa.  
 The British Joint Services Mission (Navy Staff), Washington.

Her Britannic Majesty's Consul-General, Rio de Janeiro. #  
 Her Britannic Majesty's Consul-General, Buenos Aires. #  
 Her Britannic Majesty's Consul, Montevideo. #  
 Her Britannic Majesty's Consul, Cidade do Salvador. #

The British Naval Attache, Washington, D.C.  
 The British Naval Attache, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. #  
 The British Naval Attache, Buenos Aires, Argentine. #  
 The British Naval Attache, Santiago, Chile.

The British Military Attache, Mexico City.  
 The British Air Attache, Caracas, Venezuela.

The Commander, Caribbean Area.  
 The Officer Commanding Troops, Bermuda.  
 The Resident Naval Officer, Bermuda.  
 The Colonial Postmaster, Hamilton.  
 The Commanding Officers, H.M. Ships, America and West  
 Indies Squadron.

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OFFICE

*With the Compliments of the*

*Secretary to the*

*Commander-in-Chief,*

*America & West Indies*

*a.c.s*  
Press information and List of Officers for the  
forthcoming visit of H.M.S. SUPERB to PORT STANLEY.

# Vice-Admiral Sir William Andrewes

K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.

30 JAN 1958

Vice-Admiral Sir William Andrewes, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., became Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station on 15th October, 1951, in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Richard Symonds-Tayler, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.

He was born on the 3rd November, 1899, and went to sea in 1915 as a Midshipman in H.M.S. CANADA in the Grand Fleet and was present at the Battle of Jutland. After this he served in various destroyers, and was in the Baltic in 1919. He specialised in Torpedoes in 1923, and after various specialist appointments was appointed as Fleet Torpedo Officer, China Fleet, in 1930.

Lieutenant-Commander Andrewes was promoted to Commander in 1932, and in 1934 passed the Staff course. After his promotion to Captain in 1938, he was a student at the Imperial Defence College in 1939.

On the outbreak of the second World War Captain Andrewes was in command of H.M.S. ALBATROSS, but left her in January, 1940, to become a member of the Joint Planning Staff in the War Cabinet Offices in London. From 1942 to 1943 Captain Andrewes commanded H.M.S. UGANDA in the Atlantic and later took part in the invasion of Sicily, where he was mentioned in despatches. He also took part in the invasion of Italy and for services in that operation was made a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

In 1944 Captain Andrewes was appointed Chief Staff Officer to the Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth for the administration of the invasion forces of the Normandy landing. For this work the King was graciously pleased to appoint Captain Andrewes to be a Commander of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. From 1944 to 1945 he was Chief of Staff to Vice-Admiral (Administration) British Pacific Fleet and in 1946 was appointed in command of the aircraft carrier INDOMITABLE. He was Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, in 1947, and in the same year was appointed Aide de Camp to His Majesty the King. On 8th January, 1948, Captain Andrewes was promoted Rear-Admiral and appointed Senior Naval Member of the Directing Staff of the Imperial Defence College. In 1949 he was made a Companion of the most Honourable Order of the Bath.

From 1950 to 1951 Rear-Admiral Andrewes commanded the Fifth Cruiser Squadron and was Second-in-Command, Far East Station. On the outbreak of the Korean War he assumed command of the British, Commonwealth, French and Dutch ships taking part. Later his command also included some 80 ships of the United States Navy. For these services Rear-Admiral Andrewes was knighted by His Majesty the King, and was awarded the Silver Star by the President of the United States.

On 1st December, 1950, Rear-Admiral Andrewes was promoted to Vice-Admiral.

During the course of his service Vice-Admiral Andrewes received the Greek Military Cross (1943) and the American Legion of Merit (1944).





COMMODORE 2ND CLASS R. G. TOSSWILL, O.B.E.

Commodore Tosswill joined the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, in 1921 at the age of 13½. He underwent the normal period of training at the Naval College and went to sea as a Cadet, and later as a Midshipman, in *H.M.S. Repulse*. During this period, *H.M.S. Repulse* conveyed His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on a tour of South Africa and South America, His Royal Highness visiting Argentina, Chile and Uruguay whilst *H.M.S. Repulse* visited Mar del Plata in Argentina.

After further service as a Midshipman in *H.M.S. Revenge*, he underwent courses on shore and then was appointed as Sub-Lieutenant to *H.M.S. Crocus*, a sloop in the Persian Gulf. Whilst serving in her, he was promoted to Lieutenant and subsequently served in *H.M.S. Codrington*, a destroyer in the Mediterranean.

He then specialised in Navigation, and was successively Navigating Officer of *H.M.S. Snapdragon* in the Home Fleet, *H.M.S. Rochester*, a sloop on the South Africa Station, and *H.M. Ships Frobisher* and *Vindictive*, Cadet Training Cruisers.

After qualifying at the Naval Staff College in 1938, he was appointed to *H.M.S. Belfast*, of which ship he was Navigating Officer at the outbreak of war. After service in Northern waters, *H.M.S. Belfast* was mined in the Firth of Forth by one of the first magnetic mines, and Lieutenant Commander Tosswill subsequently left her to become Navigating Officer of *H.M.S. Illustrious*.

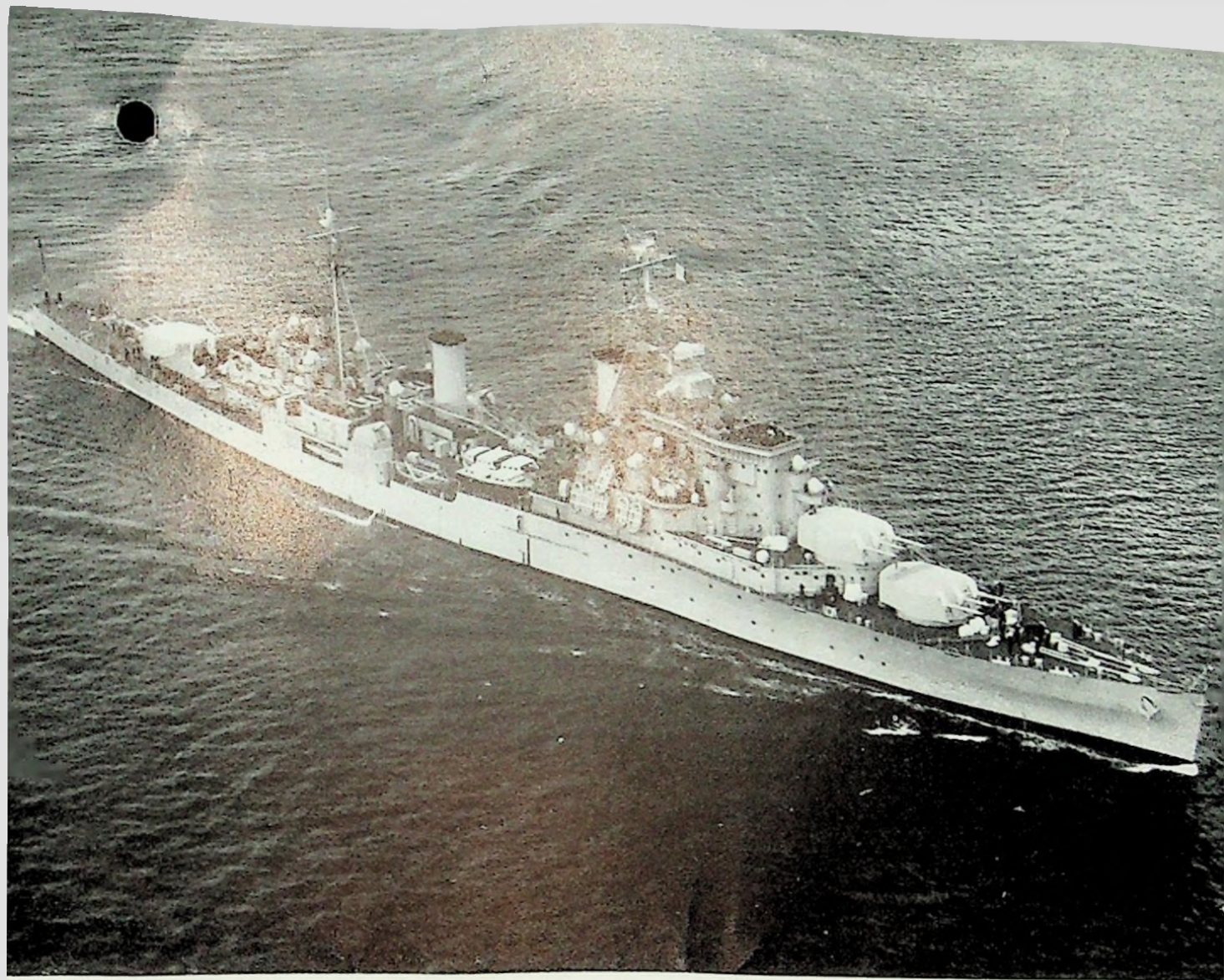
By the summer of 1940, *H.M.S. Illustrious* was operating in the Eastern Mediterranean and it was from this ship that the highly successful attack on the Italian fleet at Taranto was carried out. She was badly damaged in January, 1941, by dive bombers and proceeded to Norfolk, Virginia, for repairs. Having been promoted to Commander he left *H.M.S. Illustrious* and served for a short period at the Admiralty, and then went to Malta in 1942 as Staff Officer, Operations, on the staff of the Vice Admiral, Malta.

He was awarded the O.B.E. for services in connection with the Invasion of Sicily.

Commander Tosswill took part in the Normandy invasion in June, 1944, as Executive Officer of *H.M.S. Belfast*, in which ship he subsequently went to the Far East towards the end of the war in the Pacific. On return from *H.M.S. Belfast* he served on the first Directing Staff of the Joint Services Staff College where he was promoted to Captain in June, 1947.

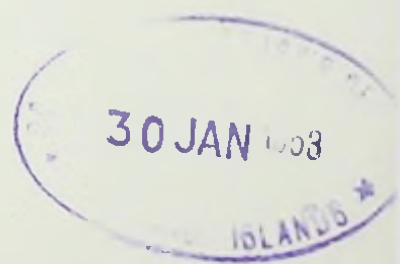
In 1948, he became Deputy Director of the Navigation and Direction Division at the Admiralty and in March, 1950, went to Malta as Captain of the Dockyard and Queen's Harbour Master.

On 30th September, 1952, he was appointed Commanding Officer of *H.M.S. Superb* and in November became Second in Command of the America and West Indies Station in the rank of Commodore 2nd Class.



# H.M.S. SUPERB

*Flagship of the  
Commander-in-Chief,  
America and  
West Indies Station*





## **The Old SUPERB**

SUPERB is one of the oldest names in the Royal Navy, the record opening with the capture of the French SUPERBE in 1710. A new and smart ship, she was a channel cruiser of 56 guns, and on commissioning for the Royal Navy, served in the Mediterranean and the West Indies; in 1745 she was present at the capture of Louisberg.

The second SUPERB, built in 1760 at Deptford, was Flagship at Portsmouth before being Flagship of Sir Edward Hughes in his five actions with Bailli de Suffren in the Indian Ocean; she was eventually wrecked by a typhoon. In 1798, the third SUPERB was built, and after fighting the battle of Algeciras in 1801, joined Nelson's Fleet; later, she fought in the West Indies and at Algiers, and was broken up in 1826; it was of this SUPERB that Sir Henry Newbolt wrote "The Old Superb", and Stanford's music to this is still the ship's march. The next SUPERB was completed at Pembroke in 1845, and, after service at home and in the Mediterranean, was used as a hospital; the fifth and sixth SUPERBs were both Ironclads, the latter being built for the Turkish Government, but nevertheless bought by the Royal Navy; she was present at the bombardment of Alexandria in 1882.

The seventh SUPERB, commissioned in 1909, was a battleship of 18,000 tons; she took part in the Battle of Jutland, and was sold to the breakers in 1922.

## **The New SUPERB**

The present SUPERB, the eighth of her name, was built by Messrs. Swan, Hunter & Richardson, at Wallsend-on-Tyne. She was launched by Lady Cunningham, wife of Admiral of the Fleet Viscount Cunningham of Hyndhope, and was first commissioned in 1945. Her displacement is 8,000 tons, length 555 ft.; beam 64 ft.; and normal draught 21 ft. The main armament consists of nine 6 in. and ten 4 in. guns, and six torpedoes; she carries a complement of 800 officers and men.

The ship is fitted with every modern fighting device, and fluorescent lighting is installed in many compartments. She has all-electric galleys, a well-equipped laundry, library, bookstall and recreation space. H.M.S. SUPERB has served with the Home Fleet in home waters and in the Mediterranean, and as Flagship on the America and West Indies Station. In 1949 and 1950 she took part in the Western Union exercise, and also visited France, the Channel Islands, Denmark and Sweden. In 1951 while based on Bermuda, she steamed a total of 31,000 miles, visiting many ports in North and South America, and also Jamaica and Cuba.

On her return to the United Kingdom, SUPERB became the Flagship of Flag Officer Flotillas, Home Fleet, and visited Gibraltar and the Mediterranean for North Atlantic Treaty Organisation exercises.

She now wears the Flag of Vice-Admiral Sir William G. Andrewes, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station, and is commanded by Commodore Second Class R. G. Tosswill, O.B.E.





# LIST OF OFFICERS SERVING IN H.M.S. SUPERB

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

RANK	NAME	DUTY	SENIORITY
Vice Admiral	Sir William Andrewes, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.	C-in-C., A. & W. I.	1.12.50
Personal Staff	(Cdr. (S) (Act). A. J. Petrie-Hay	Admiral's Secretary	1.12.46
	(Lieut.-Cdr. J. Durnford	Flag Lieut. & Fleet Communications Officer	(as Lt.-Cdr. (S)) 1.8.50
Commodore 2nd Class	R. G. Tosswill, O.B.E.	Flag Captain, 2nd in Command A.W.I. Station & Chief of Staff	30.6.47 (As Captain)
Commander	E. W. Briggs, D.S.C.	Executive Officer	30.6.48
Surg. Commander	M. G. Ross, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P.	Fleet Medical Officer	8.5.44
Commander (S)	J. E. C. F. O. Stoy	Fleet Supply Officer	31.12.47
Commander (L)	J. K. Wicks A.M.I.E.E.	Fleet Electrical Officer	30.6.50
Commander (E)	R. H. P. Elvin, A.M.I. Mech.E.	Fleet Engineer Officer	31.12.51
Commander (Acting)	R. J. Hanson, D.S.O., * D.S.C.	Staff Officer (Additional)	1.5.41 (as Lieut.-Cdr.)
Major, R.M. (Local rank)	C. C. Edwards	Fleet Royal Marine Officer	2.7.51 (as Capt. R.M.)
Lieut.-Cdr.	J. D. Lock	Fleet Navigating Officer & First Lieutenant	1.11.46
Lieut.-Cdr.	C. P. N. Wells Cole	Fleet Gunnery Officer	1.10.47
Captain R.M.	J. H. B. Hughes	Press Liaison Officer	11.8.48
Lieut.-Cdr.	R. D. B. Birch	Communications Officer	29.3.49
Lieut.-Cdr.	A. M. Cole-Hamilton	Staff Officer (Operations)	16.4.49
Lieut.-Cdr.	W. S. de B. Griffith		16.2.50
Lieut.-Cdr. (E)	H. O. Evington	Senior Engineer	16.2.50
Surg. Lieut.-Cdr. (D)	W. S. Turnbull L.D.S.	Fleet Dental Surgeon	30.4.50
Lieut.-Cdr. (S)	R. V. Archard	Deputy Supply Officer	1.3.51
Lieut.-Cdr. (L)	R. J. M. Rendall		24.2.52
Lieut.-Cdr.	M. B. Edwards	Fleet T.A.S. Officer	1.3.52
Lieut.-Cdr. (S)	J. A. Hassard-Short	Asst. Secretary to C-in-C.	1.5.52
Chaplain	Rev. C. Prior, M.A.		11.3.41
Inst. Lieutenant(+)	S. Terry, M.A.	F. Met. Officer & F. I. Officer	11.8.45
Lieut. (S)	C. M. H. Rodwell	Secretary to C.O.S.	1.9.45
Lieut. (S)	C. H. H. Owen	Captain's Secretary	1.1.47
Lieutenant	E. G. Parker	Fleet Physical Training Officer	1.11.47
Lieut. (E)	J. C. Warsop		1.5.48
Inst. Lieutenant	N. MacGregor, B.Sc.		16.8.48
Lieut. (E)	K. F. Alexander D.S.M.		15.1.49
Lieut. (S)	A. D. Coleman		1.9.49
Lieut. (S)	R. Richards	Admiral's Office	1.1.51
Lieut. (E)	A. A. Lockyer		1.11.51
Lieutenant R.M.	H. B. Musgrave		15.6.52
Lieutenant	N. J. S. Hunt		1.7.52
Temp. Act. Surg.	A. L. S. Duthie, M.B., Ch.B.		10.7.52
Lieut. R.N.V.R.			
Lieutenant	W. R. Harris		1.9.52
Sub-Lieut. (E)	R. Titcher		1.5.51
Sub-Lieut. (E)	J. J. Osborne		1.5.51
Snr. Cd. Engineer	J. W. Utting	Asst. Fleet Engineer Officer (Based at Bermuda)	1.4.45
Snr. Cd. Elect. Officer (L)	A. B. Clark		1.4.48
Snr. Cd. Comm. Officer	W. Magorian		1.4.50
Snr. Cd. Gunner	T. B. Brownlee		1.10.51
Snr. Cd. Ordnance Eng	J. A. J. Clarke		1.10.51
Cd. Gunner (G <sup>1</sup> )	F. W. Ralph		10.6.47
Cd. Shipwright	C. E. Field B.E.M.		28.2.50
Cd. Engineer	C. D. Martin		15.8.51
Ty. Act. Cd. Mech.	J. Easterbee		1.12.51
Midshipman	J. T. Lord		1.1.52
" "	J. L. Baillie		1.1.52
" "	A. J. K. Ritchie		1.1.52
" "	C. W. M. Carver		1.1.52
Midshipman (S)	D. J. Harris R.N.Z.N.		1.1.52
Midshipman	A. M. Bruce		1.9.52
" "	M. H. Everett		1.9.52
" "	P. B. Godley		1.9.52
Midshipman (S)	M. O'Brion		1.9.52

EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM BRITISH CONSUL MONTEVIDEO

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TO HON. COL. SEC. of 21. 1. 53.

(Original filed in 0604/III ) Correspondence relating to Mail).

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Will you give our regards to Commander Hall-Wright  
and the Officers of H.M.S. Snipe. I hope they are  
enjoying themselves. Here it does nothing but rain.

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Mail from  
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31st January,

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To: The Commanding Officer,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

H.M.S. "Snipe",

STANLEY.

Letter from British Embassy, Montevideo.

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The following extract from a letter dated 21st January, 1953, from the British Embassy, Montevideo, is passed to you for information:-

"Will you give our regards to Commander Hall-Wright and the Officers of H.M.S. "Snipe". I hope they are enjoying themselves. Here it does nothing but rain.

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) Toby Hildyard"

(Sgd.) J. E. Briscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.



# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				5.2.53
To				
	CLEMENT FOX BAY			HQA/C

H.M.S. SUPERB CARRYING COMMANDER IN CHIEF VISITING STANLEY FEBRUARY  
FOURTEENTH TO SIXTEENTH STOP NEWPARA HOPE YOU CAN COME STANLEY TO MEET  
HIM AND OPPORTUNITY WILL BE TAKEN ARRANGE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING STO  
AIR PRIORITIES WILL BE ACCORDED STOP GRATEFUL EARLY REPLY.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

Time

Reply at 365

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# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				5.2.53
To				
CAMEROON PORT SAN CARLOS				HOA/C

H.M.S. SUPREB CARRYING COMMANDER IN CHIEF VISITING STANLEY FEBRUARY  
FOURTEENTH TO SIXTEENTH STOP NEWARA HOPE YOU CAN COME STANLEY TO MEET  
HIM AND OP ORTUNITY WILL BE TAKEN ARRANGE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING STOP  
AIR PRIORITIES WILL BE ACCORDED STOP GRATEFUL EARLY REPLY.

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OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

Time

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Reply at 366

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE  
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.  
SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				5.2.55

To

ALL FARM MANAGERS, EAST AND WEST FALKLANDS.

H.M.S. SUPERB WITH THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, AMERICA AND WEST INDIES VICE ADMIRAL SIR WILLIAM ANDREWES, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O. ON BOARD WILL BE VISITING STANLEY FROM FEBRUARY FOURTEENTH TO SIXTEENTH INCLUSIVE.

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CAMP COMMUNITY AND ANY MANAGER WHO WILL BE IN STANLEY DURING THIS PERIOD IS ASKED TO INFORM THE COLONIAL SECRETARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER HE WOULD WISH TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION ON BOARD THE SUPERB ON SUNDAY FIFTEENTH.

IF AIR PASSAGES ARE REQUIRED EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT MANAGERS CAN GET IN AND OUT OF STANLEY WITH THE MINIMUM OF DELAY.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

*Original passed to News Reader*

*1 Reply at 367*

Time

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

It is notified for the information of the public that H.M.S. "Superb" will be visiting the Colony on Saturday 14th February and departing on the morning of Tuesday 17th February. It is understood that the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station, Vice-Admiral Sir William Andrewes, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O. will be on board.

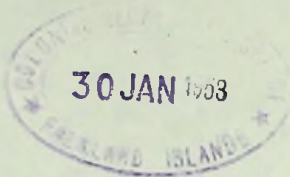
The following provisional entertainment arrangements have been made:-

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|---------------------------|--|
| Saturday afternoon        | - Children's party on board and pulling race between Colony, H.M.S. "Snipe" and H.M.S. "Superb". |
| Saturday evening 6 p.m. - | Naval Tattoo and Beating Retreat on the Football ground.   |
| Saturday night            | Dance in Town Hall.  |
| Sunday morning            | Rifle Shooting match.  |
| Sunday afternoon          | H.M.S. "Superb" open to the Public and 1st XI Football Match.                                    |
| Monday afternoon          | 2nd XI Football Match.   |
| Monday Evening            | Colony Dance in Town Hall.   |

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley.  
5th February, 1953.

*Copies to N. Br.  
B' East 5/2/53*

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,  
America and West Indies Station,  
Admiralty House,  
Bermuda.

A.W.I. No. 661.

22nd December, 1952.

Sir,

VISIT OF H.M.S. SUPERB TO PORT STANLEY

I have the honour to forward the following information in connection with the visit of H.M.S. SUPERB to Port Stanley.

ARRIVAL

2. Time of Arrival. H.M.S. SUPERB (Commodore R.G. Tosswill, O.B.E.), wearing the flag of Vice-Admiral Sir William Andrewes, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station, will arrive off Arrow Point at 8.00 a.m. on Saturday 14th February, 1953, and will anchor in Port William.

3. Zone Time. Confirmation is requested that the zone time kept during H.M.S. SUPERB's visit will be three hours slow on G.M.T. ✓

CEREMONIAL

4. Calls. It is requested you will arrange a programme of official calls and return calls for the Commander-in-Chief. It is suggested that these should begin at about 9.30 a.m. on the day of arrival. ✓

ENTERTAINMENTS

5. Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief would like to give a luncheon and dinner party for about ten guests each.

6. Ship's Cocktail Party. H.M.S. SUPERB would like to give a cocktail party on board, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the name of the Commander-in-Chief, Commodore and Officers, for up to about 100 guests. Monday, 16th February, is suggested as the most suitable day for this party. 6-30 8-30

7. Invitations. Invitation cards for the functions mentioned above are being forwarded separately and it is requested that you will issue them and let me have, as soon as possible, a list (if possible in duplicate) of those who have been invited.

8. Children's Party. The ship would like to give a party for children, preferably between the ages of 6 and 13, from 2.30 to 5.00 p.m. on a day other than those chosen for the Commander-in-Chief's luncheon party or the ship's cocktail party. It is customary for the children to come on board unaccompanied by adults, in order that they may receive the full attention of the Ship's Company. Information is requested as to how many children should be invited. /06

9. Ship Open to Visitors. The ship can be made open to visitors on one day from 2.00 until 5.00 p.m. It is suggested that Sunday 15th would be suitable.

/Naval Tattoo....

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10. Naval Tattoo. If you consider it desirable an armed Guard and the Royal Marine Band can perform a small Naval Tattoo in public. This tattoo, which includes "Beating Retreat", lasts for about twenty-five minutes and requires a space about 100 yards by 30 yards, preferably with a hard surface, such as concrete or tarmac. The effect is greatly improved if it is done at night by floodlight. The lighting outfit can, if required, be supplied by the ship, but you are requested to arrange for a source of power.

11. Sports. The ship has the usual sports teams and would be pleased to take part in any sporting fixtures you may care to arrange.

LEAVE

12. Normal Leave. Leave will be granted to half the Ship's Company daily from 1.00 p.m. and up to about two hundred men may be expected to land. Will it be convenient if this leave expires at 12.30 a.m.?

13. Shore Patrol. A Patrol can be landed to assist the local police if you consider this desirable.

LOGISTICS

14. Transport. It would be appreciated if a car could be made available for the Commander-in-Chief.

15. Fuel. It is understood that arrangements have been made by the Admiralty for the ship to embark 800 tons of fuel oil. Detailed arrangements for this can be made after the ship's arrival.

16. Money. It is requested that £5,000 in local currency may be made available to the ship on arrival. Notes should be of the following denominations:-

£1 - £4,000.

10/- - £1,000.

17. W/T Frequencies. The following W/T frequencies will be used on medium power:-

4145, 6217.5, 8290, 12436, 16580 kc/s.

Would you please say if there is any objection to the use of these?

DEPARTURE

H.M.S. SUPERB will sail for Montevideo at 7.00 a.m. on 17th February.

/REPLY.....



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REPLY

19. You will have already received a copy of the ship's programme for this cruise and it is requested that you will address your reply in duplicate, together with a suggested programme, to the Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief, H.M.S. SUPERB, at an appropriate port of call.

We are very much looking forward to our visit.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*AJ Peter May*

COMMANDER (S),  
SECRETARY TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

(Copy to:- The Commanding Officer,  
H.M.S. SUPERB).

TELEGRAM.

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From Colonial Secretary

To Secretary to C-in-C, A.W.I.

Despatched : 19 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Visit of Superb. Regret your A.W.I. No. 661, dated 22nd December 1952, received too late for reply by mail. Suggested programme will be delivered immediately you arrive and following is gist. Saturday 14th 0930 C-in-C calls on O.A.G. inspecting Defence Force guard on Public Jetty en route. 11.15 O.A.G. returns call. 1300 C-in-C gives informal luncheon party details of which will follow. 1430 Children's Party, 1630 Boat Race, 1800 Naval Tattoo, 2000 Supper Dance Government House (20 officers). Sunday 15th 0900 Rifle Shooting match, 1100 Matins in Cathedral, 1300 C-in-C lunch party, 1400 ship open to public, 1430 1st XI Football Match, 1830 ship's reception. Monday 16th 0930 C-in-C tour Stanley with O.A.G., 1300 lunch party Colonial Manager, F.I.C., 1730 2nd XI Football Match, 1930 C-in-C's dinner party, 2130 Cocktail Party Colony Club (20 officers who will dine with members beforehand). Dances for ship's Company arranged Saturday and Monday.

2. Suggest leave 1300 to 2400 daily. Grateful shore patrol.

3. Money available as requested. W/T frequencies approved. Furnace oil can be provided. Confirm local time three hours slow on Greenwich.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

363

From Colonial Secretary

To C-in-C's Secretary

Despatched :

19

Time :

Received :

19

Time :

My telegram O.A.G. suggests  
C-in-C might like to hold conference on  
Antarctic matters on board with him, Captain  
Snipe, and two senior Government officers at  
1130 on Saturday 14th February and have  
informal lunch party for them afterwards.

CYPHER



364

To:- Snipe.

From:- C in C AWI.

Unclassified Routine.

Please arrange with Colonial Sec for Mr. J.F. Bonner, San Carlos to be invited to official reception and any luncheon party onboard.

D.T.G.....031100P.

Dist:- 1.3.Log.

In B'cast

P/L

T.O.R.....1840Z.

HDB

3.2.53.

N.B. Mr Bonner  
can't attend will  
write a letter.  
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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

RECEIVED

365

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
27	Fox Bay etat	24	0900	6.2.53.

To

Officer Administrating Government Stanley

Regret unable to attend meeting as I am short handed and do not expect finish shearing until 20th February

Clement.

See 355

Time JC

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
15.	Port San Carlos.	46.	0830.	7/2/53.
To				
O.A.G. STANLEY.				

THANKS MESSAGE YOUR SUGGESTION APPRECIATED AND TEMPTING BUT WE SHALL NOT HAVE FINISHED SHEARING AND I AM RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT RISK OF BEING DELAYED IN STANLEY BY ON FLYING WEATHER SO WITH REGRET I WOULD ASK YOU TO EXCUSE MY ATTENDANCE.

CAMERON.

Time

HA Inform PA

See 356



## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

RECEIVED

361

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
5	Roy Cove	25	0910	9.2.53.

To  
Colonial Secretary Stanley

Please thank CinC for kind invitation to camp managers but regret cannot come in owing uncertain communicating and progress of work Westers.

3H. J. i. l. J. R.

Time JC

368

STANLEY,

10th February, 1952.

RECEIVED from the Colonial Secretary the undermentioned  
Cypher Material - ex Treasury Strong Vault :-

S.P. 02392	No. 1811	
" "	" 1812	
" "	" 1813	
" "	" 1814	
" "	" 1815	(1815)
" "	" 1816	
" "	" 1817	
" "	" 1818	
" "	" 1819	
" "	" 1820	
" "	" 1821	
" "	" 1822	

F. X. Elliott.

The above papers  
are "NAVY SIX"

S  
10/2/52

to retain a file on Home Ships file  
when it becomes available

S  
10/2

369

0625/IV

14th February,

53.

Sir,

359

I have the honour to refer to your A.M.I. No. 661 of the 22nd of December, 1952, and to enclose 3 copies of the amended programme for H.M.S. Superb's visit which includes the kind invitations already received from you.

2. Lists of guests for the following functions are attached:-

- (a) ~~Saturday 14th, Commander-in-Chief's informal lunch party.~~
- 370 (b) Monday 16th, Commander-in-Chief's dinner party.
- 372 (c) Tuesday 17th, Ship's reception.
- 371 (d) Tuesday 17th, Buffet Supper after Reception.

3. About 100 children of the ages specified by you will be attending the children's party on board, unaccompanied by adults.

4. It is suggested that leave granted to the Ship's Company should expire at 12.00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and 1 a.m. on Monday evening for those who attend the dance.

5. I am afraid that we are very short of suitable transport, but His Honour will be glad to make his car available to the Commander-in-Chief as required.

6. There is no objection to the use of the W/T frequencies you mention.

7. It is suggested that the Commander-in-Chief and/or some of the officers attending the Colony Club after supper party may like to put in a short appearance at the Colony Dance in the Town Hall on Monday.

8. I hope you will not think me inhospitable if I say that it would be appreciated if the officers and men of H.M.S. Superb could refrain from making too large or wholesale purchases in the shops. Our communications with the outside world are infrequent and we are limited to what one small vessel of 850 tons can bring us in ten trips a year.

9. In conclusion I would like to say how much we appreciate having you with us.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J.E. Briscoe

Secretary,  
To Commander-in-Chief,  
H.M.S. Superb.

Acting Colonial Secretary.



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List of Guests for Admiral's Dinner Party  
on Monday, 16th February, 1953.

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- ✓ Mrs. Campbell
- ✓ Hon. Mr. J.E. Briscoe & Mrs. Briscoe
- ✓ Hon. Mr. R.S. Slessor & Mrs. Slessor
- ✓ Hon. Mr. A.G. Barton & Mrs. Barton
- ✓ Rev. & Mrs. Steele (Church of England)

7.0 p.m.

6.45 Public Jett.

List of Guests for Buffet Supper after Reception  
on Tuesday, 17th February, 1953.

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371

The Hon. Rev. W.F. McWhan, M.B.E. & Mrs. McWhan	- (Presbyterian)
Mrs. Oliver	- (Wife of Agricultural Officer)
Mr. Cawkell	- (Supt. of Education)
Dr. Laternmann	- (Dental Surgeon)
Mr. & Mrs. Elliott	- (Secretary, F.I.D.S.)
Miss Strong	- (Matron, Hospital)
Mr. & Mrs. Creece	- (Falkland Islands Company)

List of Guests for "Superb's" Reception on  
Tuesday, 17th February, 1953.

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Mrs. Campbell	Mr. S. Stone
Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Briscoe	Mr. R. Harrison
Dr. & Mrs. Hillenbrand	Mr. A. Finlayson
Mr. & Mrs. Mercer	Mr. R.E. Wilkinson
Mr. F.J. Devrell	Mr. K. Fowler
Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Livermore	Mr. & Mrs. J. Osborne
Mr. & Mrs. E.P. Lellman	Mr. & Mrs. G.A. Howkins
Mr. & Mrs. M. Smith	Mr. & Mrs. J. Green
Mr. & Mrs. H.D. Jones	Mr. & Mrs. D. McNaughton
Dr. E. Laternmann	Mr. D. Mortimer
Mr. J. Bound	Mr. & Mrs. R. Mason
Miss R. Strong	Mr. & Mrs. F.K. Elliott
Mrs. R. Fleuret	Mr. J. Harding
Miss G. Johnston	Miss H. Robinson
Miss H. Lippold	Mr. S.D. Glassey
Miss U. Richardson	Mr. J. Ford
Mr. E.C. Gutteridge	Miss S. Sedgwick
Mr. & Mrs. A. Northwood	Mr. W.B.T. Ward
Mrs. G. Pitaluga	Miss M. Unions
Mr. & Mrs. L. Gleadell	Monseigneur Ireland
Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Grierson	Rev. Callen
Mrs. J.F. Oliver	Mr. E.G. Rowe
Mr. E.M. Cawkell	Mr. S.C. Luxton
Dr. & Mrs. R.S. Slessor	Miss Luxton
Mr. & Mrs. P.J. Draycott	Mr. & Mrs. M. Robson
Mr. H.L. Bound	Mr. P. Tilbury
Mr. & Mrs. E. Enestrom	Mr. & Mrs. A.L. Hardy
Mr. & Mrs. A. Somerville	Rev. & Mrs. W.P. McWhan
Mr. & Mrs. W. Hirtle	Capt. & Mrs. D.R. Watson
Mr. H.H. Sedgwick	Miss M.B. Biggs
Mr. & Mrs. A.G. Barton	Mrs. A. Newing
Mr. & Mrs. M.G. Creece	Mr. & Mrs. K.V. Lellman
Mr. & Mrs. R. Stokes	Miss M. Dunbar
Mrs. F. White	Miss C. Rowlands
Mr. & Mrs. G. Cahill	Mr. & Mrs. S. Booth
Mr. D. King	Mr. & Mrs. F.T. Lellman
Mr. R. Moss	Mr. & Mrs. A. Rutter
Miss D.M. Sedgwick	Mr. J. Saunders
Mr. D. Cronin	Mr. & Mrs. W. Hasenholler
Rev. & Mrs. J.D. Steele	Miss G. Hillenbrand



18th February, 53.

Sir,

With reference to your conversation of yesterday, it would be very much appreciated if you could arrange for a cinema show to be given ashore, and I confirm that the sole licensed cinema operator in Stanley has signified that he has no objection.

2. It is suggested that if possible, then Friday evening next would be a suitable time and I would further suggest that the proceeds might be donated to the United Kingdom fund for the relief of victims of the recent floods.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. E. Briscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.

*Reply at 375.*

The Flag Captain,  
H.M.S. Superb.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

374

*From* Howard, Montevideo.

*To* H.E. the Governor.

*Despatched :* 18th February, 19 53 *Time :* 1106

*Received :* 18th February, 19 53 *Time :* 1455

Following received from Santiago for SUPERB begins.  
(172245v your telegram 172044z undecypherable please  
route via Admiralty. Stirling. Ends.)

HOWARD.

Repeated to Superb via Shore Signal Station 1440  
18/2/53 - no further action necessary.

(Intld)J.B.  
18/2

P/L.  
SS



375.

H.M.S. SUPERB,  
at Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

18th February, 1953.

No. 58.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 0625/IV of 18th February, 1953, and confirm that arrangements will be made for a cinema show to be given ashore in Stanley.

2. Friday evening, 20th February, will be quite convenient, and detailed arrangements will be made direct with your office. I agree with your proposal that the proceeds be donated to the United Kingdom Flood Relief Fund.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*R. Tossvill*

COMMODORE.

The Honourable The Acting Colonial Secretary,  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

*Has been - Iron blank  
informed & is arranging any...  
19.2.*





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BRITISH EMBASSY

MONTEVIDEO.

29th January, 1953

*Dear Campbell*

I enclose 3 copies of short personality reports on members of the Uruguayan Navy for the Commander-in-Chief. Do you think you could hand them over to him before he leaves for Montevideo? As regards Political Personalities I would rather not risk our Personality Report, but there are not many people affected and we will give him a copy on arrival.

Had there been a ship nearer the time we would have sent a draft of the programme for H.M.S. "Superb's" visit to Montevideo. The "Merak N" leaves, however, at 4 o'clock this afternoon and we only received the letter from the ship setting out their ideas this morning. If the "John Biscoe" is delayed I fear we shall have to leave the programme until the ship actually arrives. I know you will let us know by telegram if there is anything special.

Yours sincerely,

*Tom Hildyard*

(D.H.T.Hildyard)

C.Campbell, Esq.,  
Colonial Secretary,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

*File 9 PA*

*CS, 1 copy of this  
of enclosure sent to  
co. Supt FNA.  
SP2*

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
		<del>Not Filed.</del>		23. 2. 53.
To	Copy to A.C.S.			
COOPER AJAX BAY				H.O. Acct.

REFERENCE YOUR CONVERSATION FALKLAND ISLANDS  
 COMPANY NO GUARANTEE CAN BE GIVEN OF PASSAGE BUT EVERY  
 ENDEAVOUR WILL BE MADE STOP ADVISE TRAVEL BY PENELOPE  
 ON OFF CHARGE ONLY

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

Off. Shd. be in Steamships  
 file, pl. 24/2.

Mail from  
 394

VP

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
40	AJAX BAY	22	0945	25/2/53
To				
COLONIAL SECRETARY STABLEY.				

377 YOUR TELEGRAM YESTERDAY PASSANGER NOW TRAVELLING ON PENELOPE  
WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS TO WHOM SHALL WE INSTRUCT HIM TO REPORT  
COOPER.

Time

SJS.

*Free re.*  
*25/2*

*Reply 379*



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

379

*From* The Colonial Secretary.

*To* Mr. Cooper, Ajax Bay.

*Despatched :* 25th February, 19 53 *Time :* 1150

*Received :* ..... 19 .. *Time :* ....

Passenger should report to Secretariat.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

P/L.  
SS

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

380

*From* Clarke, Base 'B'.

*To* Secfids, Port Stanley.

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*Despatched :* 16th March, 19 53 *Time :* 1724

*Received :* 17th March, 19 53 *Time :* 0900

H.M. ship Bigbury Bay  
anchored Whalers Bay 1700Z

NAVAL CYPHER: MLO.

Copy to: "HM ships movements" file held  
at C.S.O.

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381.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

18th March, 1953.

Dear Mr. Davis,

You will recall the incident of the fire in your tussac plantation at the time of my visit to New Island last year in H.M.S. St. Austell Bay.

Both Mr. Cawkell and Mr. Oliver have been to New Island recently and I gather from them that no satisfactory settlement in the matter was ever reached.

All I know is that Captain Cairns held an enquiry on board and was unable to obtain any evidence that the fire was started either intentionally or accidentally by any member of his ship's company. I thought that he would write to you direct on the subject but presumably he did not.

Could you therefore let me know if there is anything I can do to finalise the matter. If you wish to prefer a claim for compensation I would forward it to the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station, and I would also recommend that he consider an "ex gratia" payment since, though it is unlikely that the "St. Austell Bay's" liability can be proved, I am inclined to think that it is probable that the fire was started accidentally by a sailor.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) C. Campbell

Reply at 412.

Mr. J.J. Davis,  
NEW ISLAND.

VP



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0625/IV



Office of the Commander-in-Chief,  
America and West Indies Station,  
H.M.S. SUPREB  
at Falkland Islands.

17th March, 1953.

A.W.I. No. 2760/5.  
THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
THE SECRETARIAT,  
PORT STANLEY,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CUSTODY OF COLD WEATHER CLOTHING

See 291 in 0625/III

333 & 334  
Received

The Commander-in-Chief has been informed by the Admiralty that His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands has agreed to the permanent storage, periodical inspection and check of the Station peacetime reserves of arctic and cold weather clothing. It is understood that no charge is contemplated for this service.

2. In view of the Commander-in-Chief's presence in these Islands and for office record, it would be appreciated if you would inform me where it is intended to store these reserves and under whose charge they will be.

3. Due to recent events there is at present no clothing of this nature ashore.

Hallam

P. in file early 19

18/3.

COMMANDER (S),  
FLEET SUPPLY OFFICER.

ad. Vol II A  
18/3.

Reply at 383.

0625/IV

383.

Copy to F103 243/102/B

23rd March,

53.

Sir,

Custody of Cold Weather Clothing.

382.

With reference to your Memorandum A.W.I. No. 2760/5 dated the 17th of March, I have to inform you that it is intended the clothing should be stored in the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey store under the control of the Secretary, Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey at Stanley.

2. I am informed that storage facilities are already provided by the Falkland Islands Company and I should therefore be grateful if you will confirm that it is intended to discontinue using the ~~SE~~ facilities.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J.E. Briscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Fleet Supply Officer,  
H.M.S. Superb,  
STANLEY.

*Cd (382) ✓ (383)  
I spoke with Comdr (SI) Gray  
at all clothing is being  
handed over to Sec 15th - Hro  
Fic. 15/3*

Reply at 384

PA



Copy to FIDS/243/103/A.

384

Office of the Commander-in-Chief,  
America and West Indies Station.  
H.M.S. SUPERB  
at Falkland Islands.

A.W.I. No. 2760/5.

25th March, 1953.

Sir,

CUSTODY OF COLD WEATHER CLOTHING

383.

I am to thank you for your letter 0625/IV of 23rd March, 1953, notifying me of the method of storage of cold weather clothing.

2. Accordingly the Falkland Island Company is being requested to transfer to you the undermentioned items which have been placed in their custody since my letter of 17th March:-

100 Duffel coats  
100 Fur caps  
190 Comforters  
210 Winter drawers  
183 Balaclava helmets  
172 Seamen's jerseys  
220 Woollen mitts  
336 Pairs thick blue stockings.

3. It is intended to discontinue use of the Falkland Island Company storage for this clothing in future.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

COMMANDER (S),  
FLEET SUPPLY OFFICER.

The Acting Colonial Secretary,  
The Secretariat,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

Sec Fids / 10 see in file.

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24/3

Notes 27/3

RA

Off. There are some stores (Bighy Bay) Fels. coming down from FIDS to this file - re. pp. & hand file to me personally. Date 0625/13



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H.M.S. SUPERB  
America & West Indies Station  
at Falkland Islands.

24th March, 1953.

*Dear Campbell,*

It looks as if we are really on our way at last, so I am writing to thank you, and through you the people of Port Stanley, for the very great kindness and hospitality that has been extended to myself and all on board H.M.S. SUPERB.

To have a cruiser in Port Stanley for so long has I know imposed a considerable strain on the town's resources, but none the less any assistance we have needed has been readily and willingly given.

Our impression on leaving will be of a place in which all doors have been open to us, and of people who have been friendly and helpful to the utmost.

I would also like to thank you for allowing the Philomel to work for us. We have greatly valued her assistance and the master and crew have always been most helpful.

And lastly may I say how much pleasure it has given me personally to meet Mrs. Campbell and yourself and of course John. I am most grateful for all you yourselves have done, and I have much enjoyed our work together.

*Yours.*

*William Andrewes.*

The Honourable Colin Campbell, Esq.,  
Officer Administering Government  
of Falkland Islands and Dependencies,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

*Letter to Sir W. A. to be found in his P.*

*9th.*

PUBLIC NOTICE.

The following is an extract from a letter received by  
His Honour the Officer Administering the Government from  
Vice Admiral Sir William Andrewes:-

"It looks as if we are really on our way at last,  
so I am writing to thank you, and through you the people  
of Port Stanley, for the very great kindness and hospitality  
that has been extended to myself and all on board  
H.M.S. SUPERB.

To have a cruiser in Port Stanley for so long has I  
know imposed a considerable strain on the town's resources,  
but none the less any assistance we have needed has been  
readily and willingly given.

Our impression on leaving will be of a place in which  
all doors have been open to us, and of people who have  
been friendly and helpful to the utmost."

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley.  
25th March, 1953.

DECODE.TELEGRAM.From BIGBURY BAYTo OAG FALKLANDS.

Despatched : 5th April 19 53 Time : 1450  
 Received : 7th April 19 53 Time : 1100

H.C.S.

1 message received from B.A.  
 - in the still working  
 in two other which  
 are complete.

7/4  
 7/4

From Bigbury Bay to the Officer  
 Administering the Government, Falkland Islands  
 information (repeated) to the Commander in Chief,  
 A.W.I.

RESTRICTED. My 050215z.

1. Have provided Biscoe with 15½ tons diesel.
2. Have put to sea due to gale and am standing towards Boyd Strait. Royal Naval garrison and majority stores embarked. Six weeks supplies, cooking utensils etcetera still ashore and will be collected later if ice permits return to Deception.

I.D. Cypher: MLO, CR.

Copy to CS.

See A.



DECODE.

C O P Y  
TELEGRAM.

*Original filed at 70-  
F 105 44 / 145. B.*

From BIGBURY BAY

To OAG FALKLANDS

Despatched :	7th April	19 53	Time : 1301z
Received :	8th April	19 53	Time : 1100

From Bigbury Bay to the Commander in Chief  
A.W.I. information (repeated) to the Officer  
Administering the Government, Falkland Islands.

RESTRICTED. Diesels at Deception Islands broken  
and they cannot work their main radio. Have  
lent them battery model TCS. If main radio is not  
working by the time of departure request approval  
to transfer it to Falkland Islands radio telephone  
service under a QRAI, 1942.

Copy to CS.

I.D. Cypher:FD.

*46.5  
60pm  
8/4  
S. i. k  
S. i. k*

DECODE.

COPY

TELEGRAM.

Original file in  
FIDS 44/146 A.

389

From Bigbury Bay

To O.A.G. Falkland Islands, (R) C-in-C., A.W.I.

Despatched : 7th April 19 53 Time : 1501

Received : 8th April 19 53 Time : 0900

Confidential. Have returned  
Deception, wind westerly and immediate danger  
from ice lessened. All garrison stores  
excepting coal embarked. Diesel generators  
ashore not working so have provided battery  
radio and assistance and tools for repairs  
diesels. If I sail without these accounting  
action with Falkland Islands Government will be  
necessary. Biscoe at Admiralty Bay, having  
received 15.5 tons diesel oil 244. Johnston  
will advise me by signal his new estimate my  
safe date in this area in view very early pack  
ice. My fuel situation now dictates leave  
Deception about 14th April.

Naval Cypher : FD

Copy to CS.

H.C.S.  
6 Apr 4.1. pm  
H.C.S.  
8/4

DECODE.

C O P Y

TELEGRAM.

*Original filed at  
FIDS 44/146 B.*

*390*

From WARSHIP SUPERB

To GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS

Despatched : 8th April 19 53 Time : 0050z

Received : 8th April 19 53 Time : 1100

From Commander in Chief A.W.I. to  
Bigbury Bay information (repeated) to the  
Officer Administering the Government, Falkland  
Islands.

RESTRICTED. Your 071300. Approved.

I.D. Cypher: CR.

Copy to CS.

*H.C.S.  
born  
8/14*

*Pg*



**Saving**

0625/14

REC'D 107/3/03

391

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS  
(COLONY)

Date 27 February, 1953.

No. 29 Saving

RESTRICTED



334

Your savingram No. 237 Colony of  
19th December, 1952.

Storage of Cold Weather Clothing

I understand that storage of "Arctic clothing" only is now intended. Approximate storage space needed is therefore reduced to 15 square feet or cubic capacity 75 cubic feet.

SEGER.

Sec/FIDS.

See 391 pt. 383 refs.

W4 for C.S.

29/4/53

392  
H.C.S.

I will make arrangements to receive the clothing into store at the Control Station where F.I.D.S. clothing is, at present, stored. May I please be informed when it can be delivered?

29/4

WCE

Extracted  
to  
F176/243  
P. 103/B

NSF

R. contact Mr. Barice of F.I.C.

under whose care the clothing is at present.

30/4.

H.C.S.

noted for action

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H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY

at Port Stanley.

28th April, 1953.

No. 275/C5

His Honour the Officer Adminstrating the Government,  
Falkland Islands.

(Copies to: The Postmaster, Port Stanley.  
The Senior Meteorological Officer,  
Port Stanley.)

H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY - WIRELESS ROUTINES.

Until H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY returns to Port Stanley, the following wireless routines will be kept.

2. H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY will maintain constant listening watch on 4400 kc/s. VFC is keeping listening watch on this frequency from 1200 to 1500 and 1800 to 0200. Messages will be passed on this frequency unless VFC controls a shift infrequency as desired.

3. No special Met. Routine will be made unless specially requested by H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY in which case they will be made as follows:

1455 on 7425 kc/s  
2055 on 7425 kc/s until 31st April and  
5100 kc/s from 1st May.

4. All times are G.M.T.

*A.W.F. Sutton*

(A.W.F. SUTTON)  
COMMANDER R.N.

*Q*

*PA*



## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				9.5.53
To				
BOYD, AJAX BAY				HCA/C

H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY WILL BE ARRIVING YOURS EVENING 13th MAY ON A  
VISIT.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

Time

CCQ.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

395

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				9.5.53
To				
BONNER, SAN CARLOS.				HOA/C

H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY WILL BE VISITING YOU AFTERNOON OF 14<sup>th</sup> MAY.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

Time

CGG

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

396

FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				9.5.53 <del>1953</del>
To				
CLEMENT AND ROBERTSON, FOX BAY.				HOA/C

HM H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY WILL BE SPENDING NIGHTS OF 15th AND 16th  
MAY AT FOX BAY ON A VISIT.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE

GOVERNMENT.

Time

0.00



11. 5. 53.

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● To Col. Secretary  
From Hunsbury Bay =

Captain's trip is postponed  
until tomorrow. Please  
inform Governor.

Lt. to Sec. (Mr. Campbell)  
A n/s.

A Bill for  
An Ordinance

To provide for the service of the year  
1953-1954.

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the Colony of the Falkland Islands, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :—

Enacting Clause.

1. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as the Appropriation (1953-1954) Ordinance, 1953.

Short Title.

2. The Governor may cause to be issued out of the Public Revenue and other funds of the Colony and applied to the service of the year ending 31st March, 1954, a sum not exceeding Two hundred and fifty-four thousand nine hundred and fifty-one pounds, which sum is granted and shall be appropriated for the purposes and to defray the charges of the several services expressed and particularly mentioned in the Schedule hereto which will come in course of payment during the year 1953-1954.

Appropriation of  
£254,951 for service  
of year 1953/54.

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H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY      OUTLINE PROGRAMME.

8th May, 1953 - 8th June, 1953.

May

- 8 - 10      In harbour at Stanley.
- 11      H.E. the Governor arrives. Provide boat for his disembarkation and guard as he passes. No salute to be fired by ship.
- 12      Captain calls on Governor. A.D.C. returns call. Complete boiler cleaning.
- 13      A.M. sail for exercises by day. Anchor Ajax Bay for night.
- 14      Disembark meat to cold storage at Ajax Bay.  
P.M. shift berth to San Carlos. Spend night at San Carlos.
- 15      P.M. Sail for Fox Bay. Spend night at Fox Bay.
- 16      Spend day and night at Fox Bay.
- 17      A.M. sail for North Arm. Spend night at North Arm.
- 18      A.M. sail for Goose Green. Spend night at Goose Green-Darwin.
- 19      Spend day and night at Goose Green-Darwin.
- 20      A.M. sail for Bombardment exercise and Stanley.  
P.M. carry out Bombardment on Seal Rocks then return to Stanley.
- 21 - 28      In harbour at Stanley. Rehearsal for Coronation Celebrations.
- 29      A.M. sail for Ajax Bay. Spend night at Ajax Bay.
- 30      A.M. Re-embark meat. On completion sail for Port Howard.  
Spend night at Port Howard.
- 31      A.M. embark passengers from Port Howard, proceed to San Carlos and embark passengers, then proceed to Stanley. Government to provide rescue launch. Coronation Sunday Church Service to be held on board.

June

- 1      Spare day for ferrying passengers.  
In harbour at Stanley.
- 2      Coronation Day.  
1030      Coronation Parade.  
1100      Service in Cathedral.  
2100      Colony Ball.
- 3      Public Holiday.
- 4 - 7      In harbour at Stanley.
- 8      A.M. sail for San Carlos and Port Howard with passengers ex Coronation celebrations. Spend night at Port Howard.

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ACP  
P2 note  
for mail  
975-



(Original filed in 1527/H - Coronation arrangements.

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H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY  
at Port Stanley.

6th May, 1953.

No. 285/04

Sir,

398

I enclose an outline programme for H.M.S. BIGBURY  
BAY for the next month.

384-396

2. I would be grateful if you would inform  
San Carlos, Ajax Bay, Fox Bay, and Port Howard of  
the intended visits.

Done  
(Intld)  
C.C.

1527/H

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His Honour the Officer Administering the Government,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Pages 400 - 403 removed to  
1527/H - Coronation arrangements.



H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY

at Port Stanley.

11th May, 1953.

No. 299/C5

His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands.

(Copies to: The Colonial Postmaster.

The Senior Meteorological Officer,  
Port Stanley.)

H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY - RADIO SCHEDULES.

As from the 13th May until the ship returns, the following radio routines have been arranged with Stanley radio:

Frequency 4.5 mc/s times 1215  
1500  
2000  
0130

2. H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY will maintain constant watch on 4.5 mc/s and V.P.C. will keep watch on this frequency from 1200 - 1600 and 1800 - 0200 in case urgent messages should be sent.

3. No special weather routines have been arranged. V.P.C. will be requested to arrange these should they be required.

4. All times are G.M.T.

MC

13th

A.W.F. Sutton

(A.W.F. SUTTON)  
COMMANDER R.N.

K.V. 403

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

405

*From* Captain, H.M.S. Bigbury Bay.

*To* The Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched :* 19th May, 1953 *Time* 1303

*Received :* 20th May, 1953 *Time :* 0845

Intend commencing bombardment practice on Seal  
Rocks at about 1400 tomorrow Wednesday firing from  
northward.

P.K., C.P.L. informed - P.A.  
(Intld) J.B.

P/L.  
SS

KIV 403



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

406

*From* Captain, H.M.S. Bigbury Bay.

*To* The Colonial Secretary

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*Despatched :* 19th May, 1953 *Time* 2306z

*Received :* 20th May, 1953 *Time :* 0845

For Mr. Livermore. Can you please arrange for boat to meet ship at entrance to Port William 1230 tomorrow Wednesday to embark officers for Lighthouse alternatively jeep at Canash jetty at 1245 also jeep back to Stanley at 4pm. Please confirm.

Reply at 407

P/L.  
SS

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

~~408~~  
407

From Captain, H.M.S. Bigbury Bay.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 20th May, 1953 Time 1225

Received : 20th May, 1953 Time :1500

For Mr. Livermore. Delayed one hour retard all times  
406 in my 192306z accordingly.

201225z

Ph. to Mr. L. P.A.  
(Intld) J.B.

ACS  
Letter 1527/H  
cover to issue. 408  
21/5

P/L.  
SS

~~408~~  
~~407~~

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

~~407~~  
408

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				21.5.53
To				
CAPTAIN H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY (AT SEA)				HOA/C
FOLLOWING FROM MR. LIVERMORE STOP REGRET BOAT NOT POSSIBLE BUT HAVE ARRANGED LAND ROVER AT CANACLES AT 1245 AND RETURN AT 4 PM.				
COLONIAL, SECRETARY				
<u>CONFIRMATORY COPY.</u> PHONED TO M/T STATION AT 1000/20.				
See 406				
Time				



Office of the Commander-in-Chief,  
America and West Indies Station,  
H.M.S. SUPERB,  
at Salvador,  
Brazil.

5th February, 1953.

A.W.I.No.661/12.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that, after giving careful consideration to the matter of the disposition of the ships of my Squadron during the period of the Coronation and Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, I have decided that they shall be disposed as follows:-

<u>Ship.</u>	<u>Coronation - 2nd June.</u>	<u>Her Majesty's Birthday - 11th June.</u>
H.M.S. ST AUSTELL BAY.	Jamaica.	Not available.
H.M.S. VERYAN BAY.	Bermuda.	Bahamas.
H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY.	Trinidad.	Barbados.

(NOTE: H.M.S. SUPERB will not be available, as she is taking part in the Coronation Review).

Your Excellency will appreciate that these arrangements are subject to the ships not being required elsewhere for operational purposes at the time.

I am naturally sorry that I am unable to arrange for a ship to be present in every Colony for one or other of the events, but Your Excellency will understand that the limited number of ships in my Squadron makes this impossible, and I greatly regret any disappointment which may result.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency,

Your Excellency's obedient servant.

*William Andrews*

VICE-ADMIRAL.

His Excellency Sir Miles Clifford, K.B.E., C.M.G.,  
Governor of the Falkland Islands.

*Something wrong with page Nos. in  
this file - p. correct*

410.

Extract from Minute By H.E. the Governor to Hon. Col. Sec.  
of 19/5/53.

(Original filed in 0284/VI/34-41 - Estimates 1953/54).

.....  
Expenditure.

X. (8) How is this standing up to the continuing  
demand?  
.....

*Mr. Stirling*

*What was estimated last year  
what was the actual expenditure, etc.*

*£  
27.5.*

*A.C.S.*

Estimate	1952/53	£50. - -
Actual Exp.	"	£94. 11. 7.

*W.H.  
£ 27/5/53.*

411

Yh.

(410)

The only drain on this vote was the Red x  
Canton. ~~200~~ The Red x have however been  
instructed to 'break even' if possible and I  
do not think we need to increase.

2) I feel that the guard ships are not  
really visitors & that any expenditure should  
be devoted to cruisers or other ships visiting  
for a few days.

25/8

Mc 23/1

I doubt if the Canton is  
really necessary after the first  
two weeks: by those savings find  
friends ashore?

MA Q  
29/5



A.C.S.

I don't know whether  
 I filed my letter. This refers  
 to accidental loss of bearing  
 at New Island when H. Ansted  
 was there & asked for  
 filed for record. 596  
 A.O. to see also.

0625/W

412

New Is  
 May 25  
 1959

Dear Sir

Just a few lines in answer  
 to your letter March 18<sup>th</sup>.

About the fire on New Is  
 it is all right don't worry  
 about it, as far as I know  
 it was an accident. It  
 happened it done no harm.  
 and thank you for your letter  
 By Bigbury Bar and I  
 enjoyed my trip. better if  
 it was better weather. we could  
 have had a landing on Jason  
 West Key but I have to make  
 a landing there my self  
 when I get my engine in  
 the Penguin

Regards

J J Darr

A.O.

Do see pl section

H.C.S.

W. J. C.S.

9/6/53.

See

1/20  
 9/27/53





413  
H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY

at Port Stanley.

29th May, 1953.

No. 323/C5

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, THE SECRETARIAT, PORT STANLEY.

(Copies to: The Colonial Postmaster, Port Stanley.  
The Senior Meteorological Officer, Port Stanley).

H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY - RADIO SCHEDULES.

The following radio routines between Stanley Radio (VFC) and H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY have been arranged for the period 29th - 31st May.

2. Friday 29th May and Saturday 30th May.

1215  
1500  
2000  
0130

3. Sunday 31st May.

Constant watch between 1100 and 2230.

4. The frequency used will be 4.5 mc/s throughout.

5. H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY will keep loudspeaker watch on 4.5 mc/s from 1100 Friday 29th May until 2230 Sunday 31st May, 1953.

6. No special meteorological schedules have been arranged. These will be requested if specially desired.

7. All times are G.M.T.

LIEUTENANT R.N.  
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER.

KIV 412 B.  
For 40 to 45 min  
file on 412 B.  
412 B.

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TELEGRAM.

414

From Commander-in-Chief, A.W.I.

To Governor, Falkland Islands

Despatched : 29.5.53.

19

Time : 1634z

Received : 8.6.53.

19

Time :

From Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station to Admiralty information (repeated) Veryan Bay, Resident Naval Officer Bermuda, Bigbury Bay, Governor, Falkland Islands, Naval Attache, Rio de Janeiro, Naval Attache, Buenos Aires. Secret.

My 291626 not to nor needed by all. Subject to (?) Frigate still being required in Falkland Islands intend Veryan Bay proceed as follows:-

<u>Place</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Leave</u>	<u>Fuel</u>
Pointepierre	-	p.m. 24th June	-
Recife	p.m. 3rd July	a.m. 7th July	250 tons
Montevideo	a.m. 14th "	a.m. 18th "	100 "
Port Stanley	a.m. 22nd "	-	200 "

2. Request mail be diverted accordingly.

Cypher: MLO:RMG

KIV 413

huc 3/vi

Acs





415

H.M.S. HURRY BAY OUTLINE PROGRAMME.

9th June 1953 - 9th July, 1953.

- June 9 Sail for San Carlos and Port Howard with Coronation passengers. Spend night at Port Howard. Royal Marines remain disembarked at Stanley for training period.
- 10 A.M. Sail for Fox Bay. Spend night at Fox Bay.
- 11 A.M. Sail for Speedwell. Spend night at Speedwell.
- 12 A.M. Sail for Stanley. P.M. arrive Stanley and secure alongside Oil barge alongside Camber. F.I.C. is requested to have barge in position.
- 12 - 23 Carry out Boiler repairs, ship remaining alongside Camber.
- 22 Re-embark Royal Marines.
- 24 Carry out steaming trials, returning to Stanley on completion.
- 25 Carry out Bombardment firings, returning to Stanley on completion.
- 29 June -  
4 July or as required by H.E. the Governor, embark H.E. and visit settlements in West Falkland Island.
- July 4 - 8 In harbour at Stanley.

Distribution.

H.E. the Governor (through Colonial Secretary).  
Colonial Secretary (2 copies)  
Colonial Postmaster.  
Manager, Falkland Island Coy.

8.6.53.

64-1316  
61/412  
64-222414

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

416

*From* The Caprain, H.M.S. Bigbury Bay.

*To* The Colonial Secretary.

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<i>Despatched :</i>	11th June,	1953	<i>Time</i> 0500
<i>Received :</i>	11th June,	1953	<i>Time</i> 0845

Understand from Falkland Islands Company that oil barge which I require as a fender when lying alongside Camber effecting repairs will not be available on 12th.

Request it may be made available at the earliest opportunity.

Reply at 417

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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417

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				12.6.53
To	COMMANDING OFFICER R.N.S. BIGBURY BAY			HOA/C

YOUR TELEGRAM OIL BARGE STOP AM IN PROCESS OF CLEARING ALL GOVERNMENT DIESEL OIL FROM BARGE AND WORK SHOULD BE COMPLETED SATURDAY STOP CONSIDER THIS WILL BE IN ADMIRALTY'S INTEREST AS STORAGE SPACE ONLY GRANTED TO US ON SOFFERANCE STOP IF HOWEVER YOU WISH TAKE IMMEDIATE DELIVERY OF BARGE PLEASE ADVISE.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

SS

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R. &amp; S. Ltd.

153700

## NAVAL MESSAGE SECURITY WARNING

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For use in  
Cypher or  
Coding Office  
only.

THIS MESSAGE MUST BE PARAPHRASED AND THE  
DATE TIME GROUP REMOVED BEFORE BEING REPRO-  
DUCED IN PRINTED ORDERS, POSTED ON NOTICE  
BOARDS OR RELEASED TO ANY PERSON WHO IS NOT  
A BRITISH OR U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL. NO  
REFERENCE IS EVER TO BE MADE TO THIS MESSAGE  
IN AN UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE.

Originator's Instructions:  
Indication of Priority,  
AIDAC, NOTWT  
(For Exercise).  
FO:

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FROM:

BIGBURY BAY

C. I. C. A. W. L. (R) 27.

THOUGH GOVERNOR NATURALLY PREFERS EXCHANGE OF GUARDSHIP DUTIES  
AND TRANSFER OF ROYAL MARINES SHOULD OCCUR AT STANLEY, IF IT  
WOULD ASSIST YOU IN DISPOSING PRISONERS WE WOULD RAISE NO OBJECTION  
IF EXCHANGE TAKES PLACE AT MONTVIDEO, ON UNDERSTANDING THAT ONE  
OR OTHER PRISONER COULD REACH PALMALABO WITHIN 5 DAYS.

=171530Z.

DISTRIBUTION. CAPTAIN. NAVIGATING OFFICER FOR GUARD LOG.  
MAJOR EDWARDS. 2 COPIES COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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Coding Office.

Date.

THX.

LOVE. P. O. W. L.

TUE. 1/2.

17.6.53.

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TELEGRAM.

419

*From* The Colonial Secretary

*To* First Lieutenant, H.M.S. Bigbury Bay.

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<i>Despatched :</i>	20th June,	19 53	<i>Time</i>	1150
<i>Received :</i>	.....	19 ..	<i>Time :</i>	.....

It is regretted that the building formerly used as shore signal station is now required for other purposes. Grateful you discuss alternative accommodation if required with Superintendent of Works.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

'Phoned by A.C.S. 1150/20th.

P/L.

SS

420

SECRET

BIGBURY BAY  
INFO F7. ADMIRALTY

FROM. C IN C A W I

YOUR 171539Z AND 171635Z NINETEEN TO ADMIRALTY.

PRESENT PROPOSAL IS THAT YOUR DETACHMENT SHOULD TRANSFER TO VERNAN BAY  
AND RETURN TO BERMUDA IN THAT SHIP HAVING BEEN RELIEVED IN DECEMBER.

MY AWI 201/0415/1 OF 7th MAY TO ADMIRALTY ONLY REFERS.

2.. PROPOSALS FOR YOUR RETURN TO BERMUDA HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO ADMIRALTY  
AND WILL BE SIGNALLED TO YOU LATER.

3.. ADMIRALTY PASS TO.

191550Z.

171539. PROPOSALS FOR DISPOSAL OF MARINE DETACHMENT  
171635. BIGBURY BAY RELIEVED AT MONTEVIDEO.

TYPERX. TOR. 2225. LOWE. P.O.TEL.

DIST. CAPTAIN. NAVIGATING OFFICER FOR GD LOG.  
TWO COPIES BY SAFE HAND TO COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SECRET

SECURITY WARNING

SECURITY WARNING

THIS MESSAGE MUST BE PARAPHRASED AND THE  
DATE TIME GROUP BEING REPRODUCED IN PRINTED FORM. NO NOTICE  
BOARDS OR RELEASED TO ANY PERSON WHO IS NOT  
A BRITISH OR U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL. NO  
REFERENCE IS EVER TO BE MADE TO THIS MESSAGE  
IN AN UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE.

Second copy of  
this signed  
23/6

23/6

Pa



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NAVY MESSAGE

421

UNCLASSIFIED ROUTINE.

TO:- COLONIAL SECRETARY.

FROM:- BIGBURY BAY.

Intend four inch bombardment practice on SEAL  
ROCKS, 0900 to 1200, Thursday 25th.

2. Request you inform Harbour Master and other  
authorities.

See 422

2 3 1 4 5 0.

Dist:- 1,3, 2 copies Colonial Secretary.

P/N

P/L

TOD 1442

JF

23.6.53.

422

UNCLASSIFIED ROUTINE.

TO:- COLONIAL SECRETARY      FROM:- RIGBURY HAY.

My 231430. Owing to forecast of S.W. gale,  
gunnery practices have been postponed 24 hours.

= 2 4 0 0 3 0 0.

Ref:- Intend bombardment practice on SEAL ROCKS.

H/M      P/L      TOD I/T      JF      24.6.55.

Pa

## NAVAL MESSAGE.

For use in  
Signal  
Department  
only

By Habb.

423

Originators Instructions  
(Indication of Priority,  
Intercept Group, etc.)

NOT W/T.

Codress Plain dress

No. of  
Groups

TO :

Colonial Secretary.

FROM :

Bigbury Bay.

A C R O S S

W R I T E

Please inform His Excellency that repairs are  
satisfactory and that ship is now ready for  
service

Commanding Officer.

Ph. 1700

4/25  
VI4/25  
VI

System  
Hand.

P/L Code or Cypher  
P/L.

Time of  
Receipt Despatch  
PM.

Operator  
ART.

P.O.O.W.

Date  
24/6/53

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424

H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY

at Port Stanley.

27th June, 1953.

No. 406/C5

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, THE SECRETARIAT, STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

(Copies to: The Colonial Postmaster, Port Stanley.

The Senior Meteorological Officer, Port Stanley.)

H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY - RADIO SCHEDULES.

The following radio routine has been arranged between H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY and Stanley Radio (VFC) from A.M. Monday 29th June, 1953 until the ship's return to Port Stanley.

2. VFC - Constant watch on 4500 kc/s from 1215 to 0200 G.M.T.

H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY - Constant 24 hours watch.

3. No special meteorological schedules have been arranged. These will be requested if specially desired. H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY will transmit, via VFC, daily weather report if requested by the Senior Meteorological Officer.

*1. Forward*

LIEUTENANT R.N.  
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER.

*Pa. 29/6*

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H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY

OUTLINE PROGRAMME FROM 27 JUNE - 24 JULY, 1953.

27 June In harbour at Stanley.

28 In harbour at Stanley.

29 (Mon.) A.M. Sail for bombardment on Seal Rocks, Major R.M. as F.O.B. and other Gunnery practices. Enter harbour and embark Major R.M., then sail about 1600 for Falklands.  
NIGHT. Darken ship and carry out night firing on Eddystone Rock. Harbour Master is requested to warn settlements of firings.

30 (Tues.) A.M. Commence search of Jason Islands.  
NIGHT. Anchor off Jasons or as required for search.

1 July (Wed.) A.M. Continue search of Jasons and Sedge.  
NIGHT. Anchor at West Point (Hope Harbour), Embark meat.

2 (Thursday) A.M. Spare day for search.  
NIGHT. Anchor at a convenient settlement with Goose shooting, supply ship with geese.

3 (Friday) A.M. Exercise landing parties, and demolitions.  
P.M. Sail for Stanley.

4 (Saturday) A.M. Arrive Stanley, and secure alongside oil barge alongside Camber. Falkland Island Company is requested to have barge in position.

5 (Sunday) }  
to }  
16 (Thursday) }  
Alongside Camber, preparing ship for Coronation celebrations at Darwin and for passage North.

7 (Tues.) Ship's Company dance.

17 (Friday) 0715 H.E. the Governor and Lady Clifford embark (Salute will not be fired).  
0730 Sail for Darwin.  
1245 Arrive Darwin to attend Coronation Celebrations. Dress ship.  
1315 H.E. gives luncheon party on board.  
1500 H.E. and Lady Clifford disembark. 17 gun salute to be fired. Ceremonial guard to be mounted ashore to receive H.E. as he lands.  
NIGHT Ship to be illuminated.

18 (Sat.) At Darwin. Ship to be dressed by day: illuminated by night.

19 (Sunday) 0745 H.E. and Lady Clifford embark.  
0800 Sail for Stanley via Lively Is.  
1000 Arrive Lively Island. Embark meat.  
1530 Depart Lively Island.  
1930 Arrive Stanley.  
1945 H.E. and Lady Clifford disembark.

20 (Mon.) In harbour at Stanley.

21 (Tuesday) Sail for rendezvous with H.M.S. VERYAN BAY, and squadron exercises.

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27.6.53.



CONFIDENTIAL

426.

(2)

22 July  
(Wed.)      A.M. H.M. Ss. VERYAN BAY and BIGBURY BAY arrive Stanley.  
Whaler with O.O.G. to be sent on arrival  
P.M. H.E. the Governor and Lady Clifford give dance for officers of  
both ships.  
Complete with all fuel.

23  
(Thurs.)      In harbour at Stanley. Examination for L.S. and P.O.

24  
(Friday)      A.M. Sail for Montevideo.

Notes:      (1) This programme supercedes that dated 8.6.53.  
                  (2) The search of the Islands to the N.W. of the Falklands is  
OPERATIONAL and so persons issued with this programme are  
requested to treat it as CONFIDENTIAL until 2nd July.

Distribution.

H.E. the Governor (through the Colonial Secretary).  
Colonial Secretary ( 2 copies )  
Colonial Postmaster.  
Harbour Master.  
Manager, Falkland Island Company.  
All Officers, H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY.

*Lat.*

27.6.53.

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427.

H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY

at Port Stanley.

13th July, 1953.

No. 446/C5

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, THE SECRETARIAT, PORT STANLEY.  
THE COLONIAL POSTMASTER, PORT STANLEY.

H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY - RADIO SCHEDULES.

On sailing for Darwin with His Excellency the Governor embarked, and until his return to Stanley, H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY will maintain watch on 4.5 mc/s from 1215 to 0200 G.M.T. daily.

2. It is requested that arrangements may be made for this frequency to be maintained by Stanley radio on P.M. Saturday 18th July and P.M. Sunday 19th July, 1953.

*W. Townsend*

LIEUTENANT R.N.  
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER.

*W.S.*

*alone*

*Spoke*

*S.P.T.*

*who*

*confirms*

*15-7.*

*AcP*

*P20*

*confirm  
Orange*

*with CAP*

*that*

*this can be done*

*10 8.15*

*1427*

SECRET

428

Office of the Commander-in-Chief,  
America and West Indies Station,  
Admiralty House,  
Bermuda.

19th May, 1953.

A.W.I. No. 0415.

THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.S. VERYAN BAY.

(Copies to:

The Secretary of the Admiralty  
(A.W.I. No. 223/0415)

His Excellency,

The Governor and Commander-in-Chief,  
Falkland Islands.

The Naval Attache,  
Buenos Aires.)

SAILING ORDERS - H.M.S. VERYAN BAY

Being in all respects ready for sea, H.M.S. VERYAN BAY, under your command, is to proceed at 1130Z on Monday 25th May to Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Route

2. Direct as safe navigation permits, in accordance with my signals timed 291626 April and 291634 April.

Speed

3. Normally you should proceed at economical speed.

Falkland Islands

4. On arrival at Port Stanley you are to relieve H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY and give His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands any assistance that he may need for the security of the Islands and Dependencies, placing yourself at his disposal whenever you consider this desirable.

Royal Marines

5. You are to embark from BIGBURY BAY her detachment of 1 Officer and 32 Other Ranks Royal Marines. This detachment is normally to remain on board, but may be landed periodically for training.

Movements and Reports

6. You are to signal me (repeated Admiralty) your intended movements and any deviations therefrom in addition to the signal required by A.W.I.O. 2605. While you are at the disposal of His Excellency the Governor these signals are to be classified 'Restricted' or higher as requisite.

7. You are to signal to me about once a fortnight, a brief resumé of the situation in the Falkland Islands and Dependency Bases and a short report of your activities.

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Fuel

8. (a) Furnace Fuel. All stocks should be tested and compared with Admiralty specifications before being embarked. If any appreciable differences are noted the oil should be kept separate.
- (b) Lubricating Oil. Except at Bermuda there are practically no stocks of Admiralty Compound Oil on the Station, but Shell produces a very good alternative called "Nautilus 72" which can be mixed, and has already been used and approved of by this class. In view of the high lubricating consumption every convenient opportunity should be taken of topping up, and a deck cargo should be embarked at the last port of call before Port Stanley to maintain the stocks at the latter port.

Press Releases

9. If security permits and if the Governor agrees, anything of news value may be signalled to Chief of Naval Information (R). Director of Naval Intelligence and me without delay.

Communications

10. (a) Guard Broadcast Love until crossing the equator when watch should be shifted to Broadcast SA. Your intended time of shifting watch to Broadcast SA is to be reported 24 hours previously to Admiralty, C-in-C America and West Indies, C-in-C South Atlantic, CANFLAGLANT, CANAVHED and B.N.S. Washington. Thereafter reports in accordance with A.W.I.O. 2605 are to include C-in-C South Atlantic as an information addressee.
- (b) Should Broadcast Love become unreadable at the Southern Extremity of Area Easy you are to act in accordance with A.F.O.S. 1/53 Section WA Paragraph 3(b).
- (c) Maintain constant L/S watch on 500 kc/s.
- (d) One edition of a Six-Way One-Time Pad Set (S.P. 02392) is held by H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY. It is to be obtained from her during your turn over period.
- (e) If difficulty is experienced in clearing signals on Ship-Shore wave, Falkland Island's W/T (V.P.C.) may be used. Frequencies are as follows:-

405 Kc/s }  
500 Kc/s } between 1200Z and 0200Z

Falkland Island W/T works routine periods with London at 2100Z and 0001Z daily.

Now 3 Schedule

2 & 1200Z

Security

11. There is no objection to the destination of the ship being revealed and it should be regarded as the normal relief of the frigate stationed in the South Atlantic. The presence of Royal Marines in the Falkland Islands area is not to be mentioned.

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12. The Argentine Government has laid claim to certain British territories in ANTARCTICA and the history of the disputes in this area is attached as Appendix 'A'. As the Antartic Bases (see Appendix 'B') will be icebound until late in November, it is unlikely that incidents will occur there until then.

13. It is possible that the Argentines may, at any time of the year, attempt to set up an administration in some remote part of the Falkland Islands themselves, thus adding weight to their claim to this territory. If this occurs His Excellency the Governor will direct you as to your course of action.

Policy

14. His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands will inform you as to the present Government policy on official protests to be issued to any foreign intruders. When drafting protests you are to bear in mind that our complaint is against unnotified visits by foreign warships to our ports and not to their mere passage through territorial waters to which, provided it is innocent, there is no objection in International Law.

15. If a situation arises whereby you have to retaliate with force in the absence of the Governor, you must use your own discretion and will, of course, have my support. In any case of doubt or difficulty you should refer to me if time allows.

16. You are to acknowledge receipt of these instructions by signal quoting "A.W.I. No. 0415 acknowledged".

*William Andrews*

VICE-ADMIRAL.

Appendices:

- (a) Historical Background to Claims in Antarctica
- (b) Location of Bases.

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APPENDIX 'A'

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND TO CLAIMS IN ANTARCTICA

In the 19th century expeditions to the Antarctic were sent out to profit from the great wealth of seal and whale life there and a number of territorial claims were made by explorers of many nations. By far the best authenticated were British. Due to the risk of extermination of the fur seal the British Government in 1908 officially claimed sovereignty over a segment of the Antarctic continent and over many of its off-lying islands. This territory is now known as the Falkland Islands Dependency. The principle island groups in the Dependency are the South Shetlands, South Orkneys, South Sandwich and South Georgia.

In this century there have been many British scientific and exploring expeditions in our segment. The last one before the war made extensive sledging journeys in Graham Land between 1934 and 1937. This activity ceased when war broke out but warships visited the Dependencies occasionally in search of German raiders.

In 1942 an Argentine expedition visited Deception Island and claimed an area of the Antarctic most of which lies within our own claimed area. A British warship was sent to the island to remove the signs of the Argentine visit but in 1943 the Argentines again visited Deception as well as other places. To combat this Argentine infiltration the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey was established (originally under the Admiralty, but later transferred to the Governor of the Falkland Islands). The Survey's first expeditions in 1944 established permanent bases on Deception Island and at Port Lockroy and in succeeding years established more to bring the present total to six.

In 1947 - 48 the Argentines established their first permanent base (Melchior) and H.M.S. NIGERIA was sent to the area from South Africa to support the Governor of the Falkland Islands whilst he caused protests to be delivered to the Argentines and to the Chileans who had also set up a base for the first time at Discovery Bay.

The Argentines and Chileans have continued to set up new bases against which we have protested both through the Foreign Office and on the spot.

However, to prevent the risk of incidents the three Governments concerned have, for the last four years, agreed not to send warships South of 60° latitude apart from such naval movements as have become customary. This is known as the Bramuglia (or Tripartite) Pact and in effect confines us to one frigate down south while allowing the other two countries considerable (though not heavily armed) forces.

In January 1953 the Argentine and Chilean expeditions established huts on the British air strip on Deception Island. These huts, together with two Argentine Naval ratings, were removed by a party of Royal Marines from H.M.S. SNIPE in February 1953. This incident may well lead to retaliations by either or both Governments during the 1953 - 54 season.

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Appendix 'A' (Continued)

In the season 1951 - 52 the Argentines prevented the "JOHN BISCOE" landing stores at Hope Bay and even fired shots over the heads of her landing party. H.M.S. BURGHEAD BAY was therefore sent to the area to support the "JOHN BISCOE".

The actual areas claimed by the two countries are:-

Argentine: From the pole to 60°S between 25°W and 74°W.

Chile: From the pole to 60°S between 53°W and 90°W.

South Georgia thus lies outside these areas and there have been no incidents there. There are British, Argentine and Norwegian shore whaling stations in the island which support a large population in summer and fairly considerable winter maintenance parties.

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APPENDIX 'B'LOCATION OF BASESBRITISH

		<u>Nature of Work</u>	<u>Complement</u>
A	Port Lockroy	Inospheric	5
B	Deception Island	Met.	6
D	Hope Bay	Survey, Geology & Medical	10
F	Argentine Islands	Met.	5
G	Admiralty Bay	Met.	5
H	Signy Island (South Orkneys)	Met, Biology	5
M	South Georgia	Met.	3

ARGENTINEBase NameLocation

Not known	Melchior	
Primero de Mayo	Deception Island	12?
Esperanza	Hope Bay	
Almirante Brown	Paradise Harbour	
Orcados	Laurie Island (South Orkneys)	
	Met.	
San Martin	In Marguerite Bay certainly, possibly Debenham Islands	
Not known	Half Moon Island (Livingstone Island).	

CHILEAN

Arturo Prat

Discovery Bay (Bahia Soberania)  
in Greenwich Island.  
Cape Legupil.  
Paradise Harbour.

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From Bigbury Bay.

To Colonial Secretary.

Unclassified Routine.

Please convey to His Excellency and all our other friends in the Colony, our best wishes and thanks for their kindness and hospitality.

D.T.G. 24 1227 Z.

Hand to Col. Sec 2 copies.  
P/L T.O.D.I/T.

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I have replied suitably

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Fa B'card : —

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In a letter <sup>conveying</sup> ~~conveying~~ his  
<sup>His Excellency</sup>  
thanks, through ~~me~~, to the people of  
the Colony, Commander Sutherland of ~~Victoria~~  
Bigbury Bay wrote :

" All the guardships for the  
Falkland Islands & Dependencies,  
before us, had passed on the word  
that the Falklands were a fine place  
to be, where the people were friendly  
to the Navy and keen on having  
the Navy visit them. We have  
found that this is a gross under-  
statement — everywhere we have been



met with almost embarrassing  
friendliness and overwhelming  
hospitality whether in the  
Camp or in Stanley.

U.S. feels that listeners  
will be glad to know of  
this generous tribute and  
will share with him happy  
recollections of a friendly  
and helpful ship's company.

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BROADCAST NOTICE.

In a letter conveying his thanks, through His Excellency, to the people of the Colony, Commander Sutton of H.M.S. Bigbury Bay wrote:-

"All the guardships for the Falkland Islands and Dependencies, before us, had passed on the word that the Falklands were a fine place to be, where the people were friendly to the Navy and keen on having the Navy visit them. We have found that this is a gross understatement - everywhere we have been met with almost embarrassing friendliness and overwhelming hospitality whether in the Camp or in Stanley."

His Excellency feels that listeners will be glad to know of this generous tribute and will share with him happy recollections of a friendly and helpful ship's company.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
STANLEY.

28th July, 1953.

*Sent to News Rdr. 28/7/53  
WA 28/7*

*See - what are those at 4.00  
Q 28/7  
Sorry - wrong dip  
WA 28/7*



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H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY

at Port Stanley.

21st July, 1953.

*Rcd. 25/7/53*

No. 462/C7

Sir,

Correspondence on the following subjects have been transferred to the Office of Captain(F), Seventh Frigate Squadron, H.M.S. VERYAN BAY.

Aircraft Operations in the Falkland Islands.  
Loan of Diesel winch to the Falkland Islands Government.  
Report on Steam roller at Stanley.  
Ship and Aircraft reporting system in the Falkland Islands.

2. It is requested that any further correspondence on these subjects may be addressed to him.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

*AWF Sutton*

Commander R.N.

His Honour the Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

*29/7*

*29/7/53*



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CONFIDENTIAL PRIORITY.

TO:- C IN C A.W.I. (R) ADMIRALTY, F.7.

FROM:- BIGBURY BAY.

Number one boiler sixteen water wall top casing  
bricks cracked and broken away. Number two boiler  
similar defect to a lesser degree.

2. Renewal will entail disturbing twenty per cent  
of front and back walls. Work is beyond capacity  
of ships staff and necessary bricks and materials  
are not carried.

3. Defects came to light as a result of bricks  
breaking away during four inch firings. Intend  
postponing all gunnery and depth charge practices  
until defects are made good. Normally one, and  
at most two, sprayers will be used in boilers  
until further notice, thus restricting speed to  
11.5 knots.

4. Propose postponing quarterly full power trial,  
now due.

5. My proposals regarding repairs follow.

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has been reached  
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C IN C AWI INFO ADMIRALTY F7

BIGBURY BAY

MY 212207Z.

HAVE INFORMED GOVERNOR THAT REPAIRS MIGHT TAKE TEN TO FOURTEEN DAYS FROM DATE OF BEING TAKEN IN HAND.

2. HE FEELS VERY STRONGLY THAT SHIP SHOULD REMAIN IN VICINITY FALKLANDS UNTIL RELIEVE PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF UNEXPLAINED INCIDENTS REPORTED IN MY 231237Z APRIL AND 212109 MAY LATTER NOT TO ADMIRALTY. HE CONSIDERS THAT IF REPAIRS HAVE TO BE EFFECTED BEFORE RELIEF PUNTA ARENAS SHOULD BE SELECTED IN PREFERENCE TO MONTEVIDEO IN VIEW OF GREATER PROXIMITY TO FALKLANDS.

3. MY INFORMATION ON PUNTA ARENAS IS SKETCHY. I HAVE CONFIRMED WITH FALKLAND ISLAND COMPANY WHOSE SHIP FITZROY IS REFITTED PERIODICALLY AT MONTEVIDEO THAT LATTER PORT COULD UNDERTAKE WORK.

4. I AM SENDING DETAILS OF DEFECTS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR REPAIR TO NAVAL ATTACHE BUENOS AIRES VIA EMBASSY MONTEVIDEO BY SAFE HAND DUE MONTEVIDEO 28 MAY.

5. PROPOSE REPAIRS BE DONE AT MONTEVIDEO ON RELIEF BY VERNAN BAY.

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N.A.SANTIAGO IN CHILE  
INFO C IN C A W I .F7. RNO BENIUDA  
ADMIRALTY. N.A.BUENOS AIRES.

FROM. BIGJURY BAY

C IN C A W I's 231600Z PARA 2.

16 WATER WALL TOP CASING BRICKS ON NUMBER ONE BOILER CRACKED AND BROKEN AWAY.

NUMBER TWO BOILER HAS SIMILAR DEFECT TO LESSER DEGREE. ALL WATER WALL BRICKS WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE RENEWAL.

2. BRICKS ARE SECURED TO PORTABLE PANELS, TWO PANELS AT FRONT AND TWO AT BACK OF EACH BOILER. PANELS ARE LINED WITH THREE QUATER INCH THICK NEWTEMPHEIT, LAYER OF THIRTEEN BRICKS 1 1/2 INCH THICK (NEWPAKEX), AND LAYER OF THIRTEEN BRICKS 2 1/2 INCH THICK (WILDISH).

BOILERS ARE ADMIRALTY THREE DRUM YATROV DESIGN.

4.. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT REMOVAL OF PANEL MAY DISTURB ADJACENT BRICKS, IN WHICH CASE LATTER WILL ALSO REQUIRE RENEWAL.

5.. ESTIMATE REQUIREMENTS OF MATERIAL FOR REPAIRS ( EXCLUDING PARA 4. ABOVE) IS

- (A) NEWTEMPHEIT 3/4 inch, EIGHT STRIPS TWO FEET LONG 5 1/2 inches WIDE.
- (B) BRICKS. Laid IN THREE COLUMNS.

ADMIRALTY PATTERN NUMBER.	SIZE.	NUMBER REQUIRED.
10313W.	9 x 5 1/2 x 2 1/2 inches.	104.
10857 (NEWPAKEX).	9 x 9 x 1 1/2 inches. (OUT).	104.
- (C) FIRECLAY THREE CWT.
- (D) CRUSHED FIREBRICK FINE 2 1/2 CWT.
- (E) CRUSHED FIREBRICK COARSE 1/2 CWT.

6. ADJACENT BRICKS (PARA 4. ABOVE) ARE ADMIRALTY PATTERN 10386W 18 x 9 x 2 1/2 inches (OUT)

7.. FOR N.A. BUENOS AIRES ONLY. MY 315/R8 OF 22 MAY WHICH SHOULD ARRIVE EMBASSY

HOWEVER FOR YOU 28 MAY PER SS FITZROY INCLUDES SECTION OF BRICKWORK DETAILS.

MATERIALS LISTED IN APPENDIX "A" Caters FOR PARA 4. ABOVE. REQUEST COPY BE FORWARDED TO N.A. SANTIAGO.

8.. ADMIRALTY PASS TO N.A.BUENOS AIRES AND SANTIAGO.

DIST. CAPTAIN. 1ST LT. ENGINEER OFFICER.  
REF.. MATERIALS ETC FOR BOILERS.

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ADMIRALTY. BIGBURY BAY. N.A. SANTIAGO CHILE  
INFO N.A. BUENOS AIRES. INFO BERMUDA. F7.

FROM. CINC A W I.

IF IT IS DIPLOMATICALLY PERMISSIBLE I MAY REQUEST TO SEND BIGBURY BAY TO PUNTA  
ARENAS FOR REPAIRS TO BOILER BRICKWORK.

2.. BIGBURY BAY IS TO SIGNAL NAVAL ATTACHE SANTIAGO DETAILS OF DEFECTS AND  
MATERIALS REQUIRED.

3.. N.A. SANTIAGO IS REQUESTED TO STATE WHETHER MATERIAL AND FACILITIES CAN BE  
MADE AVAILABLE AT PUNTA ARENAS.

4.. ADMIRALTY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM ME WHETHER HER VISIT OF THIS NATURE TO  
CHILE WOULD NOW BE ACCEPTABLE. MYO51500 NOT TO ALL OR NEEDED REPEARS.

5.. ADMIRALTY PASS TO NAVAL ATTACHE BUENOS AIRES AND SANTIAGO.

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REFERENCE... NOT HELD.

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HMS V.B. 443

9<sup>th</sup> August.

Extracted to

Steamroller file 0825/H

Dear Campbell.

Steam-Roller.

My Engineer Officer has looked at it. He says the boiler is absolutely 'caput', & that there are not the materials or skilled labour here to repair it. We could not do it onboard, even if we had the materials, as we haven't the workshop facilities, nor the proper labour. He says the rest of the thing is pretty reasonable. He agrees with previous opinion that the best course would be to get a new diesel one: if you want this one repaired, you would have to send the boiler to Munka Vides. What the relative costs are, we have no idea.

ONE Extract to 0825/H  
Steam-Roller file

Communications.

We are now connected to your telephone exchange. (Though the 'call-up' is not 100% yet, I believe). This is an excellent arrangement provided the gales don't blow away the telephone bury.

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Experience should shortly reveal  
this!

Expect to see you one day this  
week

Yours sincerely

Wendham Ham.

W. H.  
J. H.





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With the Compliments of the  
Commanding Officer H.M.S. VERYAN BAY.

18th August 1953

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H.M.S. VERYAN BAY,  
at Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

17th August, 1953.

PROGRAMME FOR H.M.S. VERYAN BAY.

H.M.S. Veryan Bay intends to visit the West portion of the West Falklands during the week commencing August 23rd.

2. Following is projected programme:-

<u>ARRIVE.</u>	<u>PLACE.</u>	<u>LEAVE.</u>
	Stanley.	A.M. 24th August.
P.M. 24th August.	Speedwell Island.	A.M. 25th August.
NOON 25th August.	Port Stephens.	A.M. 26th August.
NOON 26th August.	New Island.	A.M. 27th August.
NOON 27th August.	Roy Cove.	A.M. 28th August.
A.M. 29th August.	Stanley.	

3. It is intended to "Attack" PORT EGMONT CAY about 1830, 28th August Illuminants and 4" guns may be fired.

4. The objects of the visit are:-

- (a) To embark beef at Speedwell.
- (b) To visit settlements.
- (c) To examine the Passage and perhaps other islands.

5. The programme is liable to modification in the event of unfavourable weather.

6. Mails for delivery and despatch will be carried.

*R. W. Hare*  
(R. W. HARE)  
CAPTAIN

Pay 28/8

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR  
OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

COLONIAL SECRETARY. (3 Copies)

HARBOUR MASTER  
POST MASTER.

MANAGER, FALKLAND ISLAND COMPANY.

See 4445

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TELEGRAM.

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From Mr. Miller, Roy Cove.

To Colonial Secretary.

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Despatched : 22nd August, 19 53 Time 0830

Received : 22nd August, 19 53 Time : 0945

Please convey to Captain Hare our appreciation  
to hear of proposed visit of ship 27th/28th August.  
Hope to hear further of time of arrival to make  
arrangements for hospitality ashore.

MILLER.

(Manager, Roy Cove).

Copy sent to Capt. Hare now c.s.

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copy to S.F.

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25th August, 55.

Sir,

*X. See from 29/1 in 0625/III*  
I am directed to inform you that the Government agreed in the past to store a quantity of cold weather clothing for the Admiralty free of charge, and this responsibility was assumed by the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey.

2. The Survey are however at present suffering from an acute shortage of storage space and the position will not have improved until March, 1954.

3. I am to suggest therefore that this clothing might be transferred temporarily until March, 1954, or permanently, to the charge of the Falkland Islands Company, the Admiralty Agents, and I am to request that you will be so good as to take the matter up with the Commander-in-Chief.

4. Government could still arrange to store and inspect the "Arctic" as opposed to the "winter" cloth but you may consider it undesirable to separate the two categories.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant

The Commanding Officer,  
H.M.S. Veryan Bay.

*Reply at 449 on 10/1/55*  
(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL STORES









Vice-Admiral Sir William Andrewes,  
K.B.E., C.E., D.S.O.



OUR SWORDS WE BARE  
OUR SPIRITS DARE

PASSARO-1718 - LOUISBOURG - 1745  
OF INDIA & TRINCOMALEE-1782-83  
GIBRALTAR - 1801  
KADE OF TOULON - 1803-05  
GO - 1806 - COPENHAGEN - 1807  
DMENT OF ALCIERS - 1816  
DMENT OF ALEXANDRIA - 1882  
JUTLAND - 1916

Commander R.G. Toswell, C.B.E.