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SUBJECT :

VISIT OF H.M. SHIPS.

CONNECTED FILES.

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H.M.S. VERNAN BAY,
at Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.
8th September, 1953.

PROGRAMME OF H.M.S. VERNAN BAY.

WEEK COMMENCING 13TH SEPTEMBER.

H.M.S. Vernan Bay will visit the Falkland Sound during the week commencing 13th September.

2. The intended programme is:-

<u>September 14th.</u>	0700	Sail from Stanley.
	1600 (Approx)	Arrive SAN CARLOS.
<u>September 15th.</u>	A.M.	Land Royal Marines for route march (if weather is suitable).
	P.M.	Move to Port San Carlos.
<u>September 16th.</u>		Spare Day.
<u>September 17th.</u>		Move to FOX BAY.
<u>September 18th.</u>	1200	Sail from FOX BAY.
	1830 (Approx)	Night exercise with Shag Rock as target
		Illuminants and armament may be fired.
	2359 (Approx)	Arrive Stanley.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

COLONIAL SECRETARY. (3 Copies).

HARBOUR MASTER.

POST MASTER.

GENERAL MANAGER, FALKLAND ISLAND COMPANY.

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

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

7th September 1953.

No:

Sir,

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Thank you for your letter No. 0625/IV
dated 25th August 1953.

2. Arrangements are in hand to transfer
all the Arctic and Winter clothing to the Admiralty
Wireless Station on Tuesday 8th September 1953.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. G. W. Hare

(R.G.W. HARE)
CAPTAIN, ROYAL NAVY

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THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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No.

MEMORANDUM.

451.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE
10 SEP 1953

+9th September, 19 53

Hon. Col. Sec.

Harbour Master.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

PASSAGES BY WARSHIP.

There are three men, three women and three children wanting passages to Ajax Bay as soon as Possible. If the Air Service carry the three women and three children on the same flight as the S.M.O. visits the North Camp, would it be possible to arrange for the men to be carried in the frigate please? Some of these people have bookings outstanding for over a month, and if this solution cannot be reached it may well be that they will have to wait for another month. The names of the men are:- A.G.Barton, W.Couts, J.Middleton.

for [unclear]

*pm - action
taken.
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H.M.S. VERYAN BAY,
at Port Stanley.

11th September, 1953.

No:- 836/12/A.

Sir,

449.

Further to my letter No. 835/12/A of 7th September, this action was taken on receiving the personal assurance of His Excellency the Governor that the Government would re-assume responsibility for storage and supervision of Admiralty Arctic and winter clothing when storage space becomes available in March, 1954.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R.G.W. Hare

(R.G.W. HARE)
CAPTAIN, ROYAL NAVY.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

B.V.F.

B.V. Feb '54.
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WITH THE COMPLEMENTS OF

THE

COMMANDING OFFICER

H.M.S. VERYAN BAY

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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H.M.S. VERNAN BAY,
at Port Stanley.

8th September 1953.

No. 834/F.7

THE GENERAL MANAGER.
FALKLAND ISLAND COMPANY LIMITED,
PORT STANLEY.
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Dear Sir,

I have been instructed by the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station to obtain a firm estimate of the cost of constructing a berth at which H.M. Ships could lie alongside off the present Camber on the North side of Stanley harbour.

The berth visualised would be five dolphins, 100 feet apart and 40 feet out from the Camber. The dolphins required should be of the three pillar type and the base of the bollards 15 feet above chart datum. Each should have a ladder from sea level which would lead to a small platform on top of the pedestal.

The centre three dolphins would be joined by 3 foot catwalk and the centre dolphin would have a substantial 6 foot ramp leading to the Camber.

The materials used for dolphins will naturally depend on local supplies but they should be strong enough to hold a 3,000 ton ship, length 350 feet with a draught of 18 feet in a full gale with a 50% safety factor.

A rough sketch is attached.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) R. G. W. HARE

(R.G.W. HARE)
CAPTAIN, ROYAL NAVY.

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see (454) which
was sent to us for information.
I presume we will get an official
request i.e. of the scheme maker/ship
though it has not been any
deputation requiring this.

Noted. The 15. IX

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By (15) on
7.2.54

Colonial Secretary

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SHORE AND SHIP.

Arrangements have been made to pass messages between ship and shore as follows :-

Camp S/T Station 0830 to 1200 and 1330 to 1600

(Telephone Number 183)

Government Wireless Station between 1600 to 2200.

(Telephone Number 5)

See (452) 7.2.54
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The Commander-in-Chief,
America and West Indies Station,
Admiralty House,
Bermuda.

A.W.I. No. 551/2.

30th September, 1953.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I shall be relieved as Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station, and as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, on 28th October, 1953, by Vice-Admiral John Felgate Stevens, C.B., C.B.E.

At the same time H.M.S. SUPERB will be relieved as Flagship of the America and West Indies Station by H.M.S. SHEFFIELD.

Before leaving, I would like to thank Your Excellency and those serving under you for all you have done for me and for the ships on the America and West Indies Station during the period I have been in Command.

I have the honour to be,
Your Excellency,
Your Excellency's obedient servant,

William Andrewes

Vice-Admiral

He has seen
[Signature]

[Signature]

Bu (452) on
7.2.54 [Signature]

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File P.A.

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H.M.S. NEREIDE,

at Stanley,

Talkland Islands.

10th November, 1953.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS NO. 25.
SEPTEMBER 18TH - NOVEMBER 7TH, 1953.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the report of proceedings of Her Majesty's Ship under my command for the period September 18th to 7th November, 1953.

NARRATIVE.

2. After a farewell address by the Commander in Chief, South Atlantic, Vice Admiral Sir Peveril WILLIAM-POWELL, H.M.S. NEREIDE left SIMON'S TOWN at 1030 on Friday 18th September, 1953. A rousing send off was given the ship which had spent a period of seven years continuous service on the station, by representatives of the British and South African Services, Dockyard Officials and employees, friends and those wives and families who had not already left for England. It was indeed a sad occasion.

3. To say that the ship was stowed to capacity would be an understatement. The embarkation of six months allowance of Naval stores, Victualling stores, H.A.A.F.I. Stores and the requirements of the Royal Marines made it necessary to land all depth charges with the exception of two 10 charge patterns which were retained in the upper deck storages, and to use the depth charge magazine and all other magazines for the storage of stores. Ten tons of coal were stowed on the quarter deck. On leaving SIMON'S TOWN the ship was six inches deeper than her normal draught.

4. The passage across the South Atlantic Ocean was uneventful. With the exception of three days gales, the weather was good and the ship reached MONTEVIDEO with the planned margin 25 % fuel remaining.

5. NEREIDE entered the America and West Indies Station at 0600Z on Saturday 26th September and arrived off MONTEVIDEO at 1000 on Saturday 3rd October. After firing a National Salute, NEREIDE berthed at 1200 at "MIRAFLORES". The British Naval Attache, BUENOS AIRES, Captain P.J. HILL, Esq., Royal Navy and the British Vice-Consul, Montevideo, J.K. RAMFORD, Esq., came on board immediately on arrival to welcome the ship. It transpired that the ship arrived earlier than expected; this was due to the fact that although the E.T.A. was signalled as 1300 Z, it evidently arrived as 1300. This misunderstanding also resulted in a delay in the returning of our National Salute.

6. Although this visit was purely an operational one of short duration a comprehensive programme of official calls and entertainment had been arranged. Some delay occurred in fuelling as the hose connection supplied by the fuel lighter would not fit that carried by NEREIDE, and a suitable connection had to be made on board. To avoid a repetition in future, the British Naval Attache intends to have a connection made for local use to our design. Just before sailing I laid a wreath on behalf of the ship on the statue of GENERAL ARTIGAS the national hero of URUGUAY. This ceremony which I understand is usually impressive and well attended by the public, was marred on this occasion by the bad weather. The wreath provided by the British Embassy staff was certainly impressive.

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7. The arrangements made for our visit and the assistance given us by Her Britannic Majesty's Charge d' Affaires, Michael WARR Esq., the British Naval Attache, and the British Vice Consul were excellent and nothing was too much trouble. Details of this visit are contained in Appendix ABLE.

8. NEREIDE left MONTEVIDEO at 1200 on Tuesday 6th October, 1953. Over 150 bags of mail for the FALKLAND ISLANDS were embarked. A gale was blowing when the ship left but this had died down by the evening and thereafter the weather was calm but foggy.

FORT STANLEY.

9. NEREIDE arrived FORT STANLEY at 0830 on Saturday 10th October, 1953 and anchored in position 056° Cathedral Spire 4 cables close to H.M.S. VERYAN BAY, Captain R.G. HARE, O.B.E., Royal Navy. At 0945 I waited on Captain HARE and at 1030, accompanied by him, I called on His Excellency the Governor, SIR MILES CLIFFORD, K.B.E., C.M.G. A busy forenoon was concluded with a lunch party on board H.M.S. VERYAN BAY at which I was introduced to the Colonial Secretary COLIN CAMPBELL Esq., and Mrs. CAMPBELL.

SUNDAY 10th OCT.

TO

SATURDAY 17th OCT.

10. An inspection of my Ship's Company at Divisions by Captain HARE, on Sunday morning, was regrettably cancelled due to weather, but a programme of competitive general drills arranged for Monday forenoon was carried out, as planned. These drills were instructive and amusing and included, amongst others, weighing anchor by deck tackle, putting out fires ashore, boarding and searching a hulk for contraband and producing a dead duck. NEREIDE was beaten on points and I was most impressed with the speed at which it is possible to weigh an anchor by deck tackle in Bay Class Frigates. In the field of sport, honours were even; NEREIDE won the inter ship football by 3 goals to 1 and VERYAN BAY the rugger by 13 points to 3. On Monday evening I was entertained to dinner at Government House.

11. H.M.S. VERYAN BAY sailed for RIO DE JANEIRO at 0800 on Wednesday 14th October and NEREIDE assumed the duties of Guard ship.

12. The remainder of this week was spent in landing surplus stores to the ex Naval W/T station and in restowing the magazines. I was loathe to land anything but it was essential in order that the magazines could be worked. Two months ships supply of dry provisions were landed but all equipment and provisions for the Royal Marine detachment including their coal was retained on board. On the morning of Thursday 15th October I waited on His Excellency the Governor to discuss our future movements. I placed before him several alternative proposals for his consideration but nothing final has yet been decided and it is quite likely that NEREIDE will remain at STANLEY until as late as the middle of November. On the social side the members of the Colony Club gave a most successful cocktail party this evening to welcome the officers of NEREIDE.

SUNDAY 18th OCT.

TO

SATURDAY 24th OCT.

13. This week was devoted to training rather than to routine part of ship work. Every forenoon the ship's landing platoon was landed for instruction by the Royal Marine Corporals. Apart from the obvious benefit to our platoon, this instruction gave very good experience to these Royal Marine Corporals, who were working up to pass for Sergeant. In the afternoons classes in seamanship were arranged for Ordinary Seamen. It is intended that these classes should continue as and when the normal work of the ship permits.

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14. S.S. FITZROY arrived on Thursday 22nd October bringing mail and provisions. She also brought with her a number of Falkland Islanders who had been spending the summer in England. This day I took the opportunity of visiting the Royal Marine camp at the old Naval W/T station and of inspecting the lay apart stores there. The Royal Marines appear to be adequately housed and most comfortable. The lay apart stores would seem to have a reasonable degree of security and to be adequate for the requirements of the Navy here. At first sight I do not think that any inconvenience will be caused to the Navy by the sale of the shed at the oil fuel depot. Transport will however have to be hired from time to time.

SUNDAY 25th OCT.
TO
SATURDAY 31st OCT.

15. The ship was painted overall this week. S.S. FITZROY sailed on the evening of Tuesday 27th October for PUNTA ARENAS and opportunity was taken of despatching mail via the British Consul there. I am assured that mail sent in this way travels via SANTIAGO by air and is a secure route.

16. On the evening of Friday October 30th His Excellency the Governor and Lady CLIFFORD did me the honour of dining on board. Also in the party were The Reverend and Mrs GOULD, newly arrived in the Colony, and Mrs WHITE, the wife of the FITZROY's Captain.

17. Saturday October 31st saw the arrival of the Royal Research ship JOHN BISCOE, Captain JOHNSON. Immediately on her arrival she was boarded by my Officer of the Guard. JOHN BISCOE expects to remain in PORT STANLEY ten days before proceeding on her programme of the relief of the Antarctic Bases.

18. That evening I and my officers attended a reception at Government House given by His Excellency the Governor and Lady CLIFFORD to welcome the officers and scientists of JOHN BISCOE. Captain JOHNSON and I were invited to stay on for dinner afterwards.

SUNDAY 1st NOV.
TO
SATURDAY 7th NOV.

19. On Monday 2nd November I waited on His Excellency the Governor to discuss further the ship's future programme. Captain JOHNSON and Major EDWARDS were also present. The original intentions contained in Captain (F) Seven's 052330 October were now considered to be impracticable as the anticipated early break up of the ice had not materialised and whereas JOHN BISCOE could attempt her planned programme it was unlikely that NEREIDE would get very far before encountering pack ice.

20. His Excellency was most keen to seize the opportunity, whilst awaiting better conditions in the Dependencies, of paying a short farewell visit to SOUTH GEORGIA accompanied by Lady CLIFFORD. His Excellency was also most anxious for political reasons that Major EDWARDS should be present at DECEPTION as soon as possible and be joined there at the earliest opportunity by a portion of the Royal Marine Detachment. This force was to remain at DECEPTION until re-embarked by NEREIDE in late January 1954 for passage to the United Kingdom. Although I was not keen to detach EDWARDS from his whole force even for a short period I could see no strong objection as he could be re-embarked quickly in an emergency due to the central position of DECEPTION geographically. These intentions were signalled in my 021800 Z November and 021740 Z November.

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21. On receipt of your 041706 Z November I again waited on His Excellency. Reasons for change in ship's programme together with a small amendment to include a visit to SIGNY ISLAND were communicated in my 051730 Z November. His Excellency's reasons for EDWARDS' presence at DECEPTION was communicated in my 051700 Z November. I informed His Excellency that I did not consider the reasons to be compelling and implied this in paragraph 3 of my signal.

22. On receipt of Admiralty message 051203 Z November I re-appreciated the situation and had further discussions with His Excellency as to the best way to support JOHN BISCOE in the light of the present ice conditions and the suitability of a modified "Black Swan" class frigate for operations of this nature. Choice appeared to me to lie between (a) NEREIDE remaining at STANLEY until first hand reports on conditions were received from JOHN BISCOE, and (b) proceeding with original programme as far as SIGNY ISLAND and thereafter supporting JOHN BISCOE, ice conditions in BRANSFIELD STRAIT permitting, during her planned visit to HOPE BAY between 24th November and 2nd December. This latter course was selected because

- (a) Visits to known ice free bases was included
- (b) HOPE BAY area considered to be possible area of friction between F.I.D.S. Survey party and Argentine construction party. NEREIDE would be near at hand at this time.
- (c) Operations in ice area postponed a fortnight giving more time for settled conditions and firm reports on local conditions from JOHN BISCOE
- (d) It was the best that could be done under the circumstances in furthering the aim of supporting JOHN BISCOE during her tour of the bases, observing that frigate is required to operate in the Dependencies considerably earlier than is customary. I can find no record of a frigate proceeding to this area before January in the past.
- (e) Nothing is lost by visit to GEORGIA observing that fuel is available there and distances GEORGIA / BRANSFIELD STRAIT and STANLEY / BRANSFIELD STRAIT are similar.

These intentions were communicated in my 061830 Z November.

23. In the evening of Friday 6th November a dance in aid of Earl Haig's Fund was held ashore and was well supported by the Officers and Ship's Company of NEREIDE. His Excellency the Governor and Lady CLIFFORD attended. Prior to this function I gave a small private cocktail party on board.

24. I would like to conclude my first Report of Proceedings by recording that, my first impressions of PORT STANLEY are most favourable. The residents are most hospitable and friendly towards the Navy and there are reasonable facilities for the recreation and entertainment of the ship's company of a vessel of the size of a frigate. At present, shore going by my ship's company has not been on a large scale, this I believe to be due to a reaction from life on the SOUTH AFRICAN Station which will wear off in time, and to a general desire to save up money against their return to the United Kingdom. The high price of beer in relation to spirits is unfortunate, but in spite of this there have been to date only very isolated cases of drunkenness and the discipline of the ship's company and their conduct ashore has been excellent.

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Engineering.

25. The Engine Room Department have been fully occupied on routine maintenance but due to the continual short notice for steam refitting of auxiliaries is only partially possible. Choking of inlets by kelp was extensive on arrival but was greatly reduced as soon as the ship moved to the anchorage vacated by H.M.S. VERNAN RAY. Additional fine gratings fitted in main condenser and evaporator inlets whilst at SIMON'S TOWN have kept condensers and distillers clear but these gratings require cleaning every other day.

26. The motor boat ran well for the first three weeks of our visit but it was necessary then to install the spare engine. The reason for the failure of the original engine has not yet been discovered. Routine maintenance is carried out twice weekly. A sturdy harbour launch for use by the frigate guardship whilst at Stanley would be very useful, and apart from being a stand by would greatly reduce wear and tear on the motor boat. The 16 foot boat referred to in America and West Indies Station Order Book, Article 8113 is unserviceable and appears at first sight to be beyond economical repair. It is understood that a report on the state of this boat is being rendered by H.M.S. VERNAN RAY. Hire of local boats from the FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY is costly.

Health.

27. The health of the ship's company remains excellent. There have however been twenty cases of gonorrhoea during the period covered by this report; half of these were contracted at MONTEVIDEO, remainder were a legacy from SIMON'S TOWN.

28. This report is being concluded now due to impending departure of ship from STANLEY.

I Have the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

R. H. H. H.
COMMANDER.

COMMANDING OFFICER.

The Commander in Chief,
America and West Indies Station,
H.M.S. SHEFFIELD.

Copy to:- The Commander in Chief,
South Atlantic Station,
Simon's Town.

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Commanding Officer, H.M.S. NEREIDE's Report of Proceedings Number 25
dated 10th November, 1953.

A P P E N D I X A B L E.

M O N T E V I D E O. 3rd - 6th October.

Calls and Social Events.

Saturday 3rd October. 2130 I and five of my officers attended the 25th Anniversary Ball of the URUGUAYAN Naval Officers Club. This was a very lavish function which went on until 5 o'clock in the morning and was well attended. Prior to this we had been entertained by a Captain and Mrs Cross at their flat.

2. Sunday 4th October. 1115 I called on Capitan de Navio DODINO on board the Uruguayan Destroyer ARTIGAS and at 1145 the Captains and Officers of the destroyers ARTIGAS and URUGUAY were entertained on board NEREIDE. That evening I and six of my officers attended a most enjoyable evening party given for us at the British Embassy by Her Britannic Majesty's Charge d' Affaires and Mrs. WARR.

3. Monday 5th October. During the morning I paid the following calls accompanied by Her Britannic Majesty's Charge d' Affaires and Her Britannic Majesty's Naval Attache :-

- 1030 The Uruguayan Minister of Foreign Affairs, Senhor PITALUGA.
- 1050 The Uruguayan Minister of Defence, Senhor HINOYO TORRES.
- 1115 The Inspector General of the Uruguayan Navy, Contra Almirante JOSE CARLOS CORREA.
- 1145 The Prefect General of Marine, Contra Almirante ENRIQUE MILANS AGUIRRE.

4. 1300 I entertained on board to lunch Her Britannic Majesty's Charge d' Affaires, Her Britannic Majesty's Naval Attache, The President of the British Society, C. HORTON, Esq., M.B.E., The President of the British Club, J. CHRISTIE, Esq., M.B.E., and the Chairman of the SAYAGO Club, J. JONES, Esq.

1400 - 1700 Sightseeing trip for 60 members of my ship's company in buses provided by the Uruguayan Navy. During the afternoon NEREIDE was open to visitors, but being a weekday attendance was not good.

1500 Press Conference on board NEREIDE.

1630 I called on the Director General of the Port Administration Senhor LORENZI and at 1730 all those on whom I had called earlier in the day returned my calls on board.

1900 I gave a small cocktail party in my cabin which Her Britannic Majesty's Charge d' Affaires and Mrs WARR, Her Britannic Majesty's Naval Attache and Mrs. HILL-NORTON, The British Vice Consul and Mrs. BAMFORD and Captain and Mrs. CROSS attended. My officers attended a cocktail party given at the English Club after which they were entertained to dinner by members of the club.

2000 Dance for my ship's company at the Club BANCO COMMERCIAL. This was well attended and much enjoyed. Transport was again kindly provided by the Uruguayan Navy.

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APPENDIX A B L E.
(Continued).

SPORT.

5. Soccer. Sunday 4th October. Versus Cricket Club Won 4 - 2.
Monday 5th October. 2nd XI versus Norwegian Merchant
Ship IDEFJORD. Won 5 - 0. Nereide was presented with a very handsome
cup suitably engraved as a memento of the occasion. In return we
presented a Souvenir of the ship to each member of the IDEFJORD's
team.

6. Hockey. Monday 5th October. Versus Cricket Club. Draw 1 - 1.

7. Bus transport for all these games was kindly provided by
the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

GENERAL.

8. A most enjoyable but short visit during which both officers
and ship's company were very well looked after and entertained and I
cannot speak too highly of the general arrangements made on our
behalf. The behaviour of the ship's company ashore was excellent.

Pass.
21/11/55

~~BU 20/11/55~~

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Copy sent to H.M.S. Nereide.
Original in P/362/V

TELEGRAM.

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From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 10th November, 1953 Time : 0945

Received : 19.. Time :

No 144. SECRET. His Excellency arriving yours
16th November on board H.M.S. Nereide.

2. Please arrange with Salvesen to supply
warship with 100 tons of furnace fuel oil from
Leith on 17th. Confirm by telegraph.

SECRETARY.

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Reply at 459

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TELEGRAM.

To. ~~Xxxx~~ Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

From. ~~Xc~~ Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 11th November, 19 53 Time : 1445

Received : 19 .. Time :

457, No. 148. SECRET. My telegram No. 144. Governor indisposed
and departure delayed. Will keep you informed.

SECRETARY.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 12th November, 19 53 Time : 1200

Received : 12th November, 19 53 Time : 1345

No. 150. Your telegram No. 144. Secret. Confirmed if
oil fuel specific gravity 969 suitable.

ADMIN OFFICER.

Cypher/SS
Typed/CCG

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
To				12.11.53
COMMANDING OFFICER HMS MERIDE.				HCA/C

REFERENCE YOUR ENQUIRY REGARDING OIL FUEL STOP SUPPLY CONFIRMED PROVIDED
SPECIFIC GRAVITY 969.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

CONFIRMATORY COPY. PHONED TO R/T STATION 1525 ON 12.11.53.

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FROM.. C IN C A.W.I.

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ROUTINE

TO.... ADMIRALTY.

INFO:...F.7, ST AUSTELL BAY, NEREIDE, R.N.O. BERMUDA, GOVERNOR
TRINIDAD, GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS, B.A. RIO DE JANERO,
B.J.S.M. WASHINGTON.

PROPOSE FOLLOWING PROGRAMME FOR ST. AUSTELL BAY PROCEEDING TO
RELIEVE NEREIDE. READ IN FOUR COLUMNS. 50

<u>PLACE.</u>	<u>ARRIVE.</u>	<u>LEAVE.</u>	<u>FUEL.</u>
BERMUDA.	-	P.M. 28TH DEC.	-
(SAN JUAN.			
((PUERTO RICO)	A.M. 1 ST JAN.	A.M. 5TH JAN.	-
POINTE PIERRE.	P.M. 7 TH JAN.	A.M. 9TH JAN.	200 TONS.
(SAN SALVADOR.			
((BRAZIL.)	A.M. 19TH JAN.	P.M. 22ND. JAN.	-
RIO DE JANIERO.	A.M. 25TH JAN.	A.M. 1ST FEB.	450 TONS.
PORT STANLEY.	P.M. 8 TH FEB.	-	250 TONS.

CLEARANCE FOR VISIT TO SAN JUAN WILL BE OBTAINED LOCALLY.

2/...ESTIMATED DOLLAR EXPENDITURE IN POUNDS.

- A. 300
- B. 5 (?).
- C. BLANK.
- D. 30.
- E. 50.
- F. 50.
- G. 20.

3/...FUEL ALLOWANCES FOR YEAR 3,000 (?). ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE
TO 28 TH DECEMBER 380 TONS. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE TO 8 TH FEBRUARY
1,280 TONS.

4/...REQUEST MAILS BE DIVERTED ACCORDINGLY.

5/...THIS RE-ENCRYPTS MY 05 1901 .Z.

05 1925. Z.

SA TYPEX TOR. 1104 M 6-12-53.

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NO UNCLASSIFIED REPLY OR REFERENCE
IF DATE TIME GROUP IS QUOTED

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FROM:...ADMIRALTY.

ROUTINE. U/C.

TO:...OFFICER ADMIN THE GOVT. OF THE FALKLAND
ISLANDS.

INFO:...NEREIDE.

2 SPECIAL AIR BAGS M/FM 104 AND 105/1 ADDRESSED
TO OFFICER ADMIN THE GOVT. OF FALKLAND ISLANDS,
DESPATCHED 8 TH JANUARY, 1954.

REQUEST SIGNAL RECEIPT

07 1503.

WT PL TOR. 1817

M

7-1-54.

ACP

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What is all this -
explosive?

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From:- Admiralty.

Routine. U/C.

To:- Officer Admin the Govt. of Falkland Islands.

Info:- St. Austell Bay.

1 special bag H/FM 106/1 addressed to officer Admin the Govt. Falkland Islands despatched 8 th. January, 1954.

Request signal receipt

07 1502.Z.

Copy to Governor.

WT PL. TOR. 1920 H 7-1-54.

See

B on 462 - I hope not!

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KIV. 462

I suspect they are clarified bags for

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H.M.S. ST. AUSTELL BAY,
at Bermuda.

15th December, 1953.

No. H1/370.

Sir,

Visit of H.M.S. ST. AUSTELL BAY to the Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to inform you that H.M.S. ST. AUSTELL BAY, Commander B.C. Ward, D.S.C. and Bar, Royal Navy, will arrive off Port Stanley at 3 p.m. on Monday, 8th February.

2. It is intended to anchor in Stanley Harbour on arrival.
3. About 250 tons of furnace fuel oil will be required, but it is suggested that all arrangements can be made after arrival.
4. A Royal Marine detachment consisting of one Captain and 22 ranks, relief for the Falkland Islands Royal Marine Force, are embarked.
5. It would be much appreciated if you could make arrangements for H.M.S. ST. AUSTELL BAY to draw £1,500 in local currency on arrival.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(B.C. WARD)
COMMANDER-IN-COMMAND.

His Excellency, the Governor,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

H.M.S. ST. AUSTELL BAY.

H.M.S. ST. AUSTELL BAY was launched in November, 1944, and accepted for service in the Royal Navy from the builders, Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Ltd., of Belfast, in May, 1945, after taking exactly one year to build.

She is officially described as an Anti Aircraft escort frigate and is equipped with four 4" long range A.A. guns, in twin mountings, as well as various 40 m.m. close range weapons. Anti submarine weapons are also carried. The ship has a very long steaming endurance and a useful speed, her engines developing 5,500 H.P.

In July, 1945, she sailed from Plymouth to join the British Pacific Fleet but, while still on passage through the Mediterranean, Japan surrendered and the ship was ordered to Malta to join the Mediterranean Fleet.

In 1947 while on the Palestine patrol H.M.S. ST. AUSTELL BAY intercepted the S.S. SAN MIGUEL, carrying 800 illegal immigrants, and escorted her back to Haifa. During her service in the Mediterranean she towed the disabled merchantman S.S. WINCHESTER VICTORY into Malta and later took by a United States tanker until that ship floated off a shoal near Haifa.

In 1950 H.M.S. ST. AUSTELL BAY was sent on temporary exchange to New Zealand where she spent six months working with the Royal New Zealand Navy. Her return to Malta was via Australia, Singapore, Ceylon and Suez. On passage she towed H.M.S. BARLANE, of 750 tons, from Singapore to Malta without difficulty.

In 1951, as part of the Home Fleet, she became leader of the Seventh Frigate Flotilla and took part in the search for H.M. Submarine AFFHAIR.

In June, 1952, under the command of Captain The Earl Cairns, who was relieved by Commander B.O. Ward, D.S.O. and Bar, in April, 1953, H.M.S. ST. AUSTELL BAY joined the America and West Indies Squadron.

During her eight years of service in the Royal Navy, H.M.S. ST. AUSTELL BAY has steamed more than 160,000 miles.

H. M. S.

ST. AUSTELL BAY

List of Officers

H.M.S. ST. AUSTELL BAY

List of Officers

RANK	NAME	SENIORITY	DUTY
Commander	B. C. Ward, D. S. C.	30.6.51	In Command
Lieutenant Commander	J. H. Harvey-Jones N. B. E.	16.8.52	Executive Officer
Lieutenant Commander (E)	P. J. Arnold	1.5.52	Engineer Officer
Lieutenant (P)	P. R. D. Cort	2.8.47	Gunnery & Sports Officer
Lieutenant (N. D.)	T. O. Bevir	1.10.49	Navigating, Signals & Electrical Officer
Lieutenant	A. Malone	16.6.52	Correspondence & Anti-Submarine Officer
Surgeon Lieutenant	J. E. Way, M. B. , B. S.	1.12.50	Medical Officer
Acting Commissioned Gunner	R. D. Ham	30.5.53	Explosives Accounting Officer
Midshipman (R. N. V. R.)	J. W. Robertson	22.9.53	Under Training

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

A.W.I. No. 661/3
MEMORANDUM.

24th December, 1958.

**H.M.S. ST. AUSTELL BAY — PROGRAMME 28th DECEMBER, 1953,
to 8th FEBRUARY, 1954.**

The following programme for H.M.S. St. AUSTELL BAY is promulgated for information.

Place	Arrive	Leave
Bermuda		28th December
San Juan (Puerto Rico)	1st January	5th January
Pointe a Pierre	7th January	9th January
San Salvador (Brazil)	19th January	22nd January
Rio de Janeiro	25th January	1st February
Port Stanley	<u>8th February</u>	

2. H.M.S. St. AUSTELL BAY is commanded by Commander B. C. Ward, D.S.C.*, Royal Navy. She has a complement of 10 officers and 172 men.

3. Particulars of H.M.S. St. AUSTELL BAY are:—

Displacement — 2,400 tons.
Length — 307 feet.
Draught — 15 feet 3 inches.

J. F. Stevens,
Vice-Admiral.

DISTRIBUTION (overleaf)

HS Be see from (4.64)

20/1

See - do we know

who is in command?

He 20/1

*last sent to
4th. - 20/1*

Read from 464.

DISTRIBUTION

Admiralty

His Excellency The Governor of Bermuda

His Excellency The Governor of Jamaica

His Excellency The Governor of British Honduras

His Excellency The Governor of Trinidad and Tobago

His Excellency The Governor of British Guiana

His Excellency The Governor of the 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 the Falkland Islands

Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador, Rio de Janeiro

~~Her Britannic Majesty's Minister, San Salvador~~

Her Britannic Majesty's Consul, San Juan, Puerto Rico

The Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic and U.S. Atlantic Fleet

The Commander-in-Chief, Caribbean Command, Balboa

The Admiral, British Joint Services Mission, (Navy Staff), Washington, D.C.

The Canadian Naval Headquarters, Ottawa

The Flag Officer, Atlantic Coast

The Commander, Caribbean Area, Jamaica

The Senior Naval Liaison Officer, (U.K. Services Liaison Staff), Ottawa

The British Naval Attache, Rio de Janeiro

The British Naval Attache, Santiago, Chile

The British Naval Attache, Buenos Aires

The British Military Attache, Mexico City

The British Air Attache, Caracas

The Commanding Officers, H.M. Ships, America & West Indies Station

Captain (S) G. H. Stanning, D.S.O., Royal Navy, Headquarters, Supreme
Allied Commander, Atlantic

The Resident Naval Officer, Bermuda

The Colonial Postmaster, Hamilton, Bermuda

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

FromO.A.G.

ToADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

Despatched : 16/3/54 19 Time : 1600

Received : ... 19 Time : ...

No. 60. Warship calling yours about
23rd March. Passengers Spivey and
Monsignor Ireland latter on visit. Captain
will signal exact date and duration visit
later but unlikely he can spend more than
two days.

Cypher 'E': RMG

Copy to CSO. ✓

Original files in FDS 97/114

Past
17/3/54

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DECODE.TELEGRAM.

470

From H.M.S. St. Austell Bay.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 25th March, 19 54 Time 1115

Received : 26th March, 19 54 Time : 1400

Request following currency be available for collection
on Tuesday 30th March.

£1 notes 1000 in number £1000

10/- notes 400 in number £200. Total £1200.

Above shown to A/T who has a note of it.

SM.
26.3.54Pax
27/3/54P/L.
SM

This telegram was repeated to C. in C., A.W.I.
by Naval Cypher. Sent from Govt. House. 4

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 8.4.54

Time : 1030

Received :

Time :

2a 0051

SECRET No 103. Your Secret telegram No 97 of 1953.
Frigate. Vice Chief Naval Staff told me in London it
would greatly assist C. in C. if there were even a short
period during which guardship would not be required here.
Subject to views of Ambassador Buenos Aires I should
have no objection to a reasonable interval during winter
months. Addressed Secretary of State repeated C. in C.
A.W.I.

GOVERNOR

Cypher.
SM

see reply
at 0051/4

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

472

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				15.5.54
To				
CLEMENT FOX BAY				HOA/C

WARSHIP ARRIVING YOURS PM 2ND MAY TO MEET GOVERNOR AND DEPARTING PM
3RD MAY.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

SM

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

473

Number

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Words

Handed in at

Date

To

15.1.54

FM

LAYSON PORT STEPHENS.

HQA/C

WARSHIP ANXIOUS VISIT YOURS ARRIVING PM 30TH APRIL DEPARTING AM
2ND MAY STOP GLAD TO KNOW IF THIS CONVENIENT.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Record. Mr. Dineason is in Stanley & has
seen Brando. Lord.

Time

SM

22/4.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Handed in at

Date

15.4.54

To

DAVIS NEW ISLAND.

HOM/C

WARSHIP ANXIOUS VISIT YOURS ARRIVING PM 28TH DEPARTING AM 30TH APRIL
STOP GLAD TO KNOW IF THIS CONVENIENT.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				15.4.51
To				
MONK AND BERTRAND GARGASS XX ISLAND.				HOA/C

I CONFIRM WARGHIP VISITING YOURS 26TH APRIL.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

SM

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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476

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				15.1.54
To				
NAPIER WEST POINT ISLAND.				HQA/C

I CONFIRM THAT WARSHIP IS ARRIVING YOURS PM 25TH

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

SM

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				15.11.54
To				
POLE-EVANS PORT HOWARD.				HQA/C
WARSHIP ARRIVING YOURS 1700 23RD AND DEPARTING AM 25TH.				
COLONIAL SECRETARY				
Time				

Recd. 22/11

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FROM ST AUSTELL BAY
TO C.IN.C.R.F.I.
INFO ADMIRALTY
GOVERNOR FAULKLAND ISLANDS.

RESTRICTED PRIORITY

INTEND TOURING GAMES IN WEST FAULKLANDS LEAVING SEANTY 0700 FRIDAY
23RD APRIL AND RETURNING A.M. 24TH MAY.
THE GOVERNOR FAULKLAND ISLANDS WILL BE TAKING MESSAGE WITH ME TO FIRST
STOP THENCE PROCEEDING INDEPENDENTLY BY LAND UNTIL I PICK HIM UP AGAIN
ON THE 3RD.

D.T.C. 141356Z

DIST. CATE. NO. 1ST IE. GOVERNOR. LON.

8 MC/S CENEX TDD 0156Z GJL 15.4.54.

NO UNCLASSIFIED REFERENCE TO THIS MESSAGE IF DIG IS QUOTED.

Reply at 479

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FROM C.I.N.C.A.N.I.
TO ST AUSTELL BAY
INFO ADMIRALTY (FOR ENI)
GOVERNOR FAIRLAND ISLANDS.

RESTRICTED ROUTING

YOUR 111430 APPROVED.

2. ST AUSTELL BAY PASS TO GOVERNOR FAIRLAND ISLANDS.

D.T.G. 131222 Q

DEPT. CANT. HQ. GOVERNOR. IAGS.
REF. SECRET.

SA GRHX TOR 2223L GJG 13.4.54.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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480

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
6	New Island	12	1100	17.4.54.

To

Colonial Secretary Stanley

Received message very pleased to see warship regards

Davis.

See information

See

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17.4.54

Time

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
9	Carcass Island	9	1105	17.4.54.

To

Colonial Secretary Stanley

Thank you for message

Monk Bertrand.

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D
17.4.

Time
JC

KPV 480?
R.D.H.

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TELEGRAM.

482

From MGRM, Plymouth, (Major-General R.M.)

To Governor, Falklands.

Despatched : 27th April, 19 54 Time : 1543

Received : 28th April, 19 54 Time : 0845

Governor pass to R.M.detachment. Mother of RM 11831
MNE.D.G.Burch states she has received no news from
son since December 1953. Please state whether MNE.
Burch is fit and well.

MGRM PLYMOUTH.

R.E.S.

~~copy sent to Capt. Morris.~~
~~(C.C., R.M.)~~
~~under C.C.~~

~~Sms.~~
~~20/4.~~

Phoned by ACS to D/O Marines who
is replying direct via ~~14/4~~ St Ansell Bay
let 20/4

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P/L.
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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT

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Handed in at

Date

3. 5. 54

To

CAPTAIN ST. AUSTELL BAY

HQA/C

GLAD TO KNOW YOUR ETA TOMORROW

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY

Time

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
3	H.M.S. ST. AUSTELL BAY	etat 21	1925	3.5.54

To
GOVERNORS DEPUTY

WILL BE ARRIVING WITH H E 0800 WEDNESDAY STOP HE WILL PROBABLY BE
LANDING AT ABOUT 0900 AFTER BREAKFAST

RAM
5/5/54

Time

~~3.5.54~~

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Note

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156/40.

[Signature]

28/1/56.



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H.M.S. ST. AUSTELL BAY,
at Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

18th May, 1954.

Sir,

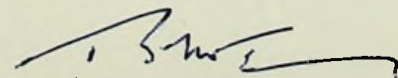
I have the honour to inform you that I wish to carry out a full calibre 4" Bombardment of Seal Rocks a.m. 28th May, 1954. Range would be about 5 miles and the firing towards the Southward. My observer would be stationed at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse. Full safety precautions would be taken.

It is requested therefore that I may be given His Excellency's authority to carry out this exercise.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(B.C. WARD)
COMMANDER-IN-COMMAND. B

The Honourable Colonial Secretary,
Secretariat,
Stanley.

PPsee 405
on Vol. II.

Ad. Have we any previous
PP - are there the rocks
which permission, Castell etc
consider a last sanctuary?

P.T.O. 1954

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H.B.S.

Yum B 487. These rocks were
bombarded by "Bigguny Bay" - pt.

see 405 Vol II.

WY 26/5

20th May,

54.

Sir,

487. I am directed to refer to your letter of the 18th of May, 1954, and to convey His Excellency's authority to carry out the exercise described therein.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Commanding Officer,
H.M.S. St. Austell Bay,
at STANLEY.

Copy with copy of letter under reply to
Harbour Master who is requested to issue
the usual warning notices.

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

TO :- ADMIRALTY (INFO) COMCARLESEAFRON ST. AUSTELL BAY F.7. E.N.O. HERMUDA
GOVERNOR FAULKLAND ISLANDS
GOVERNOR JAMAICA N.A. SANTIAGO DE CHILE
CIRCARIS COM: 15TH N.D.

UNCLASSIFIED ROUTINE
PROGRAMME

PROPOSE FOLLOWING FOR "ST. AUSTELL BAY" ON RELIEF BY "SIGSBURY BAY".

<u>ARRIVE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>LEAVE</u>	<u>FUEL</u>
END, JULY	PORT STANLEY	30TH. JUNE.	----
12TH. JULY	PUNTA ARENAS	6TH. JULY.	----
26TH. JULY	VALPARAISO	19TH. JULY.	260 TONS.
2ND. AUGUST	CALLAO	30TH. JULY.	170 TONS.
9TH. AUGUST	GUAYAQUIL	6TH. AUGUST.	----
12TH. AUGUST	CANAL	9TH. AUGUST.	----
21ST. AUGUST	KINGSTON	16TH. AUGUST	500 TONS
	HERMUDA		120 TONS.

2 ... ESTIMATED DOLLAR EXPENDITURE IS A.1000. S.NIL. G.NIL. D.450. E.70.
F.500. G.50.

3 ... ESTIMATED FUEL ALLOWANCE FOR YEAR 2400 TONS. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE TO
30TH. JUNE. 970 TONS. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE TO 21ST. AUGUST 1720 TONS.

4 ... REQUEST MAILS MAY BE DIVERTED ACCORDINGLY.

5 ... "ST. AUSTELL BAY" PASS TO GOVERNOR FAULKLANDS.

D.T.G. 18 2245. Z. ... MAY. ... 54.

S.A. F/L T.O.R. 1424.%. INR 19/5/54
DIST. CAPT. 1ST. LT. N.O. E.O. S.O. LOG.

P/A

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

TO:- ADMIRALTY (INFO) ST. AUSTELL BAY P.7. GOVERNOR FAULKLANDS

UNCLASSIFIED ROUTINE

MY 18 2245.Z.

CORRECT W.B. CALLAO TO READ :-

" 24TH. (R) 24TH. JULY."

2 ... "ST. AUSTELL BAY" PASS TO GOVERNOR FAULKLANDS.

D.T.G.....20 0141.Z.....MAY..54.....

REF :- ST. AUSTELL BAY CEVISE PROGRAMME (CALLAO 26th JULY TO 30th. JULY.)

S.A. P/L T.O.R. 1104.Z.

DJR

20/5/54

DIST. CAPT. 1ST. LT. E.O. N.O. S.O. LOG.

PA 100 490

Copy to J.C., R.M. 1.6.54.

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TELEGRAM.

492

From H.M.S. ST. AUSTELL BAY

To GOVERNOR

Despatched : 30/5/54 19 Time 1430

Received : 31/5/54 19 Time : 0900

Confidential. Request you will pass following message to Officer Commanding Royal Marines. "Assuming your platoon is relieved in November, 1954 report by signal to me :

- (A) Whether any alterations to complement are required in the relief platoon.
- (B) Details of any ranks of present platoon who wish to extend their service for a further tour."

Capt.
Morris:- At Fitzroy back Wednesday

Naval Cypher '15': RMG

Jan 16
Reply at 493

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TELEGRAM.

From GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY

To HMS ST. AUSTELL BAY

Despatched : 14/6/54 19 Time 1100

Received : ... 19 Time : ...

Confidential. Following from
Officer Commanding Royal Marines. Begins:

Your 301430.

(A) Suggested alteration to complement.
Colour Sergeant PWI to combine duties of Sergeant
Major and Sergeant PWI. Replace Corporal C2
by Marine C3. Corporal S2 and Marine D3 not
required.

(B) Ranks wishing to extend their service
for a further tour :-

RM 7516	Mne. Brighting J.D.
PO/X 6167	Mne. Bolder C.S.
RM 11831	Mne. Burch D.G.
PLY/X 5479	Mne. Sykes A.
RM 9040	Mne. Irish W.G.

Strongly recommend that no extension
be allowed. Message ends.
Naval Cypher '15': RMG.

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20/6/54

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Date

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MVTR stat 7

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1/6/52

To

Governor

F/I

eta

1400

tomorrow

friday

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Arrived 1300.

fo.

Time

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MA

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

TO :- ADMIRALTY (INFO) COMCARIBSEAFRON ST.AUSTELL BAY F.7. R.N.O. BERMUDA
GOVERNOR FALKLANDS ISLANDS GOVERNOR JAMAICA
N.A. SANTIAGO DE CHILE CINCARIB COM.15TH. N.D.

UNCLASSIFIED ROUTINE

MY 18 2245.Z. MAY AS AMENDED BY MY 20 2204 AND A.M. 09 1100.A. JUNE. NOT TO ALL I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY H.B.M.A. PERU THAT WHILE VISIT OF "ST.AUSTELL BAY" TO CALLAO IS WELCOMED, THE DATES PROPOSED COINCIDE WITH NATIONAL HOLIDAYS ON 28th, 29th, & 30th. JULY, WHICH IS UNDESIRABLE. TO AVOID THIS THE FOLLOWING AMENDED PROGRAMME IS PROPOSED.

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>ARRIVE</u>	<u>DEPART</u>	<u>FUEL</u>
PORT STANLEY	11-----	30TH. JUNE.	-----
PUNTA ARENAS	2ND. JULY	6TH. JULY	-----
VALPARAISO	12TH. JULY	17TH. JULY	260 TONS
CALLAO	22ND. JULY	28TH. JULY	170 TONS.
GUAYAQUIL	31ST. JULY	4TH. AUGUST	-----
CANAL	7TH. AUGUST	7TH. AUGUST	-----
KINGSTON	10TH. AUGUST	16TH. AUGUST	300 TONS
BERMUDA	21ST. AUGUST.	-----	120 TONS

2 ... ESTIMATED DOLLAR AND FUEL EXPENDITURE ARE UNEXPECTED.

3 ... REQUEST MAILS BE DIVERTED ACCORDINGLY.

4 ... ST.AUSTELL BAY PASS TO GOVERNOR FALKLANDS.

D.T.C.....24 1456.Z.....JUNE..52.....

REF :- CRUISE PROGRAMME.

S.A. F/L T.O.R. 2235.Z.. DJR 24/6/54

DIST. CAPT. 1ST.LT. N.O. E.O. S.O. GOV. F.I. ICG.

Copy sent to C.O. 28/6/54.

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DECODE.TELEGRAM.

From Britain, Punta Arenas, Chile.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 26th June, 1954 Time 1547

Received : 28th June, 1954 Time : 0900

IMMEDIATE Following for C.O. HMS St. AUSTELL BAY begins.
Please advise ETA and cash requirements. Admiral
inviting you and officers reception Friday evening
British Club Saturday evening. Can you conduct
church service Sunday.

BRITAIN.

Jels. from 495



497.

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

28th June, 1954.

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

PRACTICE BOMBARDMENT FIRINGS.

It is requested that permission may be given to
carry out practice bombardment firings on Seal Island
off Pembroke Point, Wednesday, 30th June, 1954.

The necessary safety precautions will be taken.

Reply 499

H.C. Martell

(H.C. MARTELL)
CAPTAIN, Royal Navy.

Copy passed to H.M. to issue usual
warning notice.

W.P.
29/6/54.

HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

AGRICULTURAL OFFICER Officer-in-Charge, Agric. Dept.	Vacant MR. A. RUTTER.
AUDITOR	MR. L. CLEADELL
COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS	MR. W. J. GRIERSON.
SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION	MR. E. M. Cawkell - on leave.
" " " (Acting)	MR. D. J. BRAYCOTT.
HARBOUR MASTER & DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION	MR. J. S. R. HUCKLE, D.S. C.
SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER	DR. R. S. SLESSOR, M.B., Ch. B.
CHIEF METEOROLOGICAL OFFICER	MR. G. A. BOWKINS.
COLONIAL SECRETARY	HON. MR. C. CAMPBELL
COMMANDING OFFICER, FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.	HON. MR. C. CAMPBELL
Adjutant, F.I. Defence Force	MR. D. W. O'Sullivan.
CHIEF CONSTABLE	MR. D. E. J. IKKINT - on leave.
" " (Acting)	SGT. J. MORRIS.
SUPERINTENDENT, POSTS & TELEGRAPHS	HON. MR. A. MERCER, O.B.E.
POSTMASTER	MR. E. ENESTROM.
SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.	MR. A. E. LIVERMORE.
TREASURER	HON. MR. J. E. BRISCOE.
REGISTRAR, SUPREME COURT.	MR. H. BENNETT, J.P.
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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

499

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

30.6.54

To

COMMANDING OFFICER HMS BIGBURY BAY

HOA/C

497

YOUR LETTER OF 28TH JUNE STOP NO OBJECTION TO YOU CARRYING OUT EXERCISE.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

CONFIRMATORY COPY. FORWARDED TO R/TSTATION 29th June

Time

H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY

List of Officers

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Seniority</i>	<i>Duty</i>
Captain	H. C. Martell	30- 6-52	Captain (F) 7th Frigate Squadron
Lieut.-Commander	S. M. de la P. Beresford, D.S.C.	16- 1-50	Executive Officer
Lieut.-Commander (P)	W. A. M. Ferguson, D.S.C.	1-11-53	For Training
Lieutenant	M. C. Danby	16- 7-49	Navigating Officer
Sub-Lieutenant	K. H. Gedney	1- 1-52	Supply Officer
Lieut.-Commander (E)	T. W. Sargent	1- 4-51	Engineer Officer
Surgeon Lieutenant	D. B. Williamson, M.B., Ch.B., R.N.V.R.	12-11-53	Medical Officer
Commissioned Gunner	G. Thompson	12-12-53	Armament Stores Officer
Midshipman	W. J. Hindson, R.N.V.R.	23- 2-54	For Training
Midshipman	P. A. Cullinan, R.N.V.R.	23- 2-54	For Training

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Copies pl
TELEGRAM.

501

From CAPTAIN, H.M.S. ST. AUSTELL BAY

To GOVERNOR, F.I.

Despatched : 30/6/54

19

Time : 1030

Received :

30/6/54

19

Time : 1035

(2)

Many thanks for your kind signal.
We are all most grateful for the kind
hospitality which we have received throughout
our stay in the Falkland Islands, and we
shall always remember this friendly Colony.
Very best wishes to you and everybody.

(1)
G.S. This is in reply to a signal to Cmdr U.
"Best wishes to you & all your ships boy". Can we
get it put on the air? Perhaps next Friday.
Copies sent to
B'Call Sec. 1/7/54
AES Cui to news reader
30/6
See 501

502

~~#~~ Mr. M.

copies at b.e.,
Sm.

1/7.

Sent to Lee B'cast Antee



503

H.M.S. ST. AUSTELL BAY,
at Port Stanley.

26th June, 1954.

Sir,

I have been instructed by the Commander-in-Chief to enquire of you whether you are in a position to resume charge of the stocks of Arctic and winter clothing at present stowed at the Wireless Station.

2. You will recall that when the Commanding Officer of the "Veryan Bay" arranged for the alternative stowage of this clothing in August, 1953, it was stated that the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey would be in a position to resume charge of this clothing in March, 1954. (Your letter No. 0625/IV of the 25th August, 1953, refers).

3. I should be grateful therefore if you could inform the Commanding Officer, H.M.S. Bigbury Bay, when the Falkland Islands Government will once more be in a position to accept responsibility for the stowage of this clothing.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. Ward

for
(B.C. WARD)
COMMANDER-IN-COMMAND.

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley.

(Copy to:-

The Captain (F), Seventh Frigate Squadron,
H.M.S. Bigbury Bay).

Buf

504

S/9.

503. Para 2 of W48 does not say
you wd be in a posn. to resume
change, Grateful for your obs.
on 503, pl.

W.F.C.
5/7

A.C.S.

The question was brought up yesterday by
H.E. and Captain Blankell. I am to take
charge of the clothing as soon as the F.I.C.
quit my backhaul, think they hope to do
so in two or three weeks time.

W.F.C.
6/7/54.

8th July, 54.

Sir,

503

I am directed to refer to the Commanding Officer, H.M.S. St. Austell Bay's letter of the 26th of June, 1954, and your discussion with His Excellency the Governor and the Secretary, Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey, and to confirm that the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey will again take over the storage of Naval Arctic and winter clothing as soon as the Falkland Islands Company move out of the Survey's warehouse; this they hope to do within the next three weeks.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

See 542

Commanding Officer,
H.M.S. Bigbury Bay.

Pa H
8/7



506

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

9th July, 1954.

No: 239/F7.

Sir,

I have been instructed by the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station to forward proposals for providing any necessary secure, bad weather berth for Frigates in Stanley Harbour.

I will be grateful if, with regard to this matter, you will say whether there would be any objection to laying a buoyed mooring for use by Frigates in mid-harbour, preferably 2 cables east of FENNELA, alternatively 2 cables west of FENNELA.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

H. C. Martell

(H.C. MARTELL)
CAPTAIN, Royal Navy.

Referring to

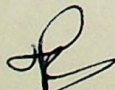
519
Reply at ~~519~~

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

To HM for
early comment
13/77

H.C.S.

I have discussed this with the N.O. of H.M.S. "Bigbury Bay" & we have agreed that should the R.N. decide to lay this buoy it should be two cables west of the "Sennia". The first choice of position would be in the direct line of vessels approaching the Government jetty from the Narrows & in consequence dangerous unless lighted which would incur unnecessary expense. The C.O. was to confirm that this ruling was satisfactory.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

508

From C in C.A.M.I., Warship Sheffield, via Bermuda Radio.To Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 12.7.54. 19 Time : 1457z
 Received : 13.7.54. 19 Time : 1600

C - C A W I . ?

From to information repeated W7
 Governor Falkland Islands, resident Naval
 Officer Bermuda, British Naval Attaché Buenos Aires,
 British Naval Attaché Rio de Janeiro - restricted.
 My 121443z para 6 not to all. Propose following
 short cruise by Bigbury Bay, read in 4 columns.

not
received

Place	Arrive	Depart	Fuel
Port Stanley	-	22nd July	-
Rio Grande do Sul	27th July	30th July	-
Porto Alegre	31st July	2nd August	-
Montevideo	4th August	8th August	-
Port Stanley	12th August	-	360 tons

2. Estimated dollar expenditure nil.
3. Estimated fuel allowance for (.....)
 2850 tons. Estimated expenditure to 22nd July
 1413 tons. Estimated expenditure to 12th August
 1770 tons.
4. Request mail may be diverted accordingly.
5. Admiralty pass to Foreign Office for
 re encryption and onward transmission to
 Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro.

Navy 6 BID: PMN.RMG.

H.C.S.

For your files please.

W.H.

24/7/54.

ACP

note for
mails.Mail arranged
from 0604/V

14/7

509

RESTRICTED

From.... C in C A & W.I.

121457 Z

To..... Admiralty

Info.... F.7
Governor Falkland Islands
R.N.O. Bermuda
B.N.A. Buenos Aires
B.N.A. Rio de Janeiro

PRIORITY

Restricted

Priority

By Secure Means

508

My 121443 Z para 6 not to all. Propose following short cruise for Bigbury Bay.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Fuel</u>
Port Stanley	Blank	22nd July	Blank
Rio Grande do Sul	27th July	30th July	Blank
Porto Allegre	31st July	2nd August	Blank
Montevideo	4th August	8th August	Blank
Port Stanley	12th August	Blank	360 tons

- (2) Estimated dollar expenditure Nil
- (3) Estimated fuel allowance ?? ?? ??
Estimated expenditure to 22nd July 1413 tons
Estimated expenditure to 12th August 1770 tons
- (4) Request mails may be diverted accordingly.
- (5) Admiralty pass to Foreign Office for re-cyphering and onward transmission to Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro

(121457 Z)

W/T SA's Interdepartmental
Cypher Gr 124

TOR 2231 Z

CYS

12/7/54

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RESTRICTED

From.... C in C A & W.I.

142004 Z

To..... Admiralty

Info.... B.M.A. Buenos Aires
 Governor Falklands
 R.N.O. Bermuda
 F.7

ROUTINE

RestrictedRoutineBy Secure Means

508 My 121457 Z. Naval Attache Buenos Aires has advised that date of sailing from Buenos Aires is not recommended. Propose to amend programme as follows.....

<u>Place</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Fuel</u>
Montevideo	4th August ?	9th August •	Blank
Port Stanley	15th August	Blank	360 tons

(2) Request mails be diverted accordingly.

Request Admiralty pass to Foreign Office, recypher for onward transmission to Buenos Aires

(142004 Z)

(121457 Z. Proposed programme for Bigbury Bay)

W/T SA's Interdepartmental
 Cypher Gr 80

TOR 1102 Z CYS 15/7/54

DECODE.

511

TELEGRAM.

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

To GOVERNOR

Despatched : 15/7/54 19 Time 1214

Received : 15/7/54 19 Time : 1600

Priority. From C.in C. A.W.I. to
Admiralty, information repeated British Naval
Attaché, Buenos Ayres, Governor, Falkland Islands,
Resident Naval Officer, Bermuda, F.7. Restricted.

My 121457. Naval Attaché, Buenos Ayres,
has advised that date of sailing from Buenos Ayres
is not recommended. Propose to amend programme
as follows. Read in three columns :

3/1/1/54

<u>Place</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Fuel</u>
Montevideo	5th August	9th August	-
Port Stanley	13th August	-	360 tons

2. Stores should be diverted accordingly.
Under the circumstances Admiralty pass to Foreign
Office re-cypher and onward transmission Buenos Ayres.
Naval '6' BID: RKE:PMN

A.C.S.
Telegram for you please
please. go and advise
that Buenos Aires. Also
have been everywhere as
Montevideo
16/7/54.

512

RESTRICTED

From.... C in C A & W.I.

160501 Z

To..... Admiralty

Info.... Naval Attache Buenos Aires
R.N.O. Bermuda
P.7

PRIORITY

Restricted

Priority

No Unclassified Reply or Reference
If the D.T.G. is quoted

Your 151821. Confirmed that Buenos Aires should read Montevideo.
(2) Admiralty pass to Foreign Office for recyphering and onward
transmission to Buenos Aires

(160501 Z)

(151821 was Admiralty's signal received in this ship as 152049 re
Bigbury Bay's programme)

W/T SA's S/S Gr 43

TOR 1103 Z

CYS

16/7/54

513

From.... Admiralty

152049 A

To..... C in C A & W.I.
F.7

RESTRICTED

PRIORITY

Priority

Restricted

By Secure Means

This is a repetition of Admiralty Message 151821 to C in C A.&W.I.
info B.N.A. Buenos Aires R.N.O. Bermuda F.7,

Your 142004. Reference to "sailing from Buenos Aires" not (R) not
understood. Request confirmation that Buenos Aires should read
Montevideo.

(152049 A)

W/T SA'S Typex Gr 89

TOR 2322 Z

CY3

15/7/54

2 copies to Sec to Governor by hand P.M. 16th July
16/7/54

Wingard has been to second addressee

(160328 A)

1 special has despatched 8.30. Wingard star.
1/16 5979/1 request signal receipt

Unclassified Routine

From..... Admiralty
To..... H.B.N.A. Montevideo
Info..... OA Govt Falkland Islands, Port Stanley

160328 A

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TELEGRAM.

From LINGEMAN, MONTEVIDEO

To GOVERNOR, FALKLAND ISLANDS

Despatched : 19.7.54. 19 Time 1130

Received : 20.7.54. 19 Time : 1130

RESTRICTED. Please pass
following to Captain, F.7. from Naval
Attaché. Request proposed estimated
time of arrival Whistle Buoy 4th August
and estimated time departure 9th August.

Col.'3':BID:PMN.

*Passed to Frigate by hand of
Midshipman Hindson - 20/7/54.*

May 20/7.

516

With the Compliments of the
Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey

ACS

Headquarters,
Base 'X',
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Could you please re-encrypt
this via London as we do not
hold a communicating pad with
Rio.

Amv. 22/7

Lee 517
-518

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517
TELEGRAM.

From H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY

To GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS

Despatched : 22/7/54 19 Time 1528 z

Received : 22/7/54 19 Time : 1500

Priority.

From Bigbury Bay to Governor,
Falkland Islands. Restricted. Please
re-encrypt and pass following to Naval Attaché,
British Embassy, Rio De Janeiro.

"From Bigbury Bay. Please arrange priority
air passage from Rio Grande do Sul to United
Kingdom ~~soonest~~ after ship's arrival Tuesday
for Clifford Wood. Advise Flight Number and
destination airport."

Naval Cypher '6':BID: RMG.

See 518

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 23.7.54 Time: 1130 Received: Time:

No 211. RESTRICTED. Following for Naval Attaché,
British Embassy, Rio de Janeiro.

From Bigbury Bay. Please arrange priority air passage
from Rio Grande do Sul to United Kingdom soonest after
ship's arrival Tuesday for Clifford Wood. Advise
flight number and destination airport.

GOVERNOR

See 517

28th July, 54.

Sir,

506

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 239/F7 of the 9th of July, 1954, and to state that there would be no objection to your laying a buoyed mooring two cables east or west of the "Fennia", provided that any mooring laid to the east should be lighted otherwise it would constitute a danger to shipping.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From C.in C., A.W.I. afloat. (Warship Sheffield)

To H.E.the Governor.

Despatched : 27th July, 19 54 Time 1620

Received : 29th July, 19 54 Time : 0845

It would be much appreciated if you could signal the following information.

- A. Date of sailing of JOHN BISCOE from U.K.
- B. Sailing dates of FITZROY or other supply ship from Montevideo between mid September and mid November.

C.in C., A.W.I. afloat.

A.C.S.

Obtain from S/P & P.I.C. & B.U.draft.
(Intld)C.C.

29/7.

Reply at 521

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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521

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				30.7.54

To

NAVYCOM BERMUDA (ATLOAT)

HQA/C

520 YOUR TELEGRAM 27TH JULY APPROXIMATE SAILING DATES A JOHN BISCOE FROM
UNITED KINGDOM 1ST OCTOBER 1954 B FITZROY FROM MONTEVIDEO 7TH SEPTEMBER
1954 17TH OCTOBER 1954 28TH NOVEMBER 1954 STOP NEWPARA 2 FALKLAND
ISLANDS COMPANY CRATER VESSEL SCHEDULED LEAVE UNITED KINGDOM ABOUT
BEGINNING NOVEMBER BUT IMPOSSIBLE THIS STAGE FORECAST EVEN APPROXIMATELY
MONTEVIDEO DEPARTURE DATE.

GOVERNOR

Time

CC/SM

Pak
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TELEGRAM.

52

From Warship BIGBURY BAY.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 12th August, 19 54 *Time* : 1230

Received : 12th August, 19 54 *Time* : 1200

Arriving Stanley 1100 Sunday 15th August. Please
arrange supply

Fuel Oil 550 tons. ✓

Lubricating Oil type OC 160 600 gallons. ✓

type OM 100 200 gallons. ✓

type OM 750 40 gallons. ✓

Hire motor boat for ship's use required on arrival ✓
and for three days.

Mail on board 117 bags. ✓

Cocktail party postponed to Sunday please inform
guests.

BIGBURY BAY

Reply 523

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

523

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				13.8.54

To

CAPTAIN, BIGBURY BAY (AT SEA)

HQA/C

522- YOUR TELEGRAM 12TH AUGUST STOP GUESTS INFORMED OF PARTY POSTPONEMENT
STOP HAVE ARRANGED FOR CLIO TO TRANSPORT ALL GUESTS FROM EAST JETTY
AT ~~1833~~ 1830 AND REQUEST YOUR HIRED BOAT COLLECTS GOVERNOR AT PUBLIC
JETTY 1840 STOP GRATEFUL CONFIRMATION.

COLONIAL

SECRETARY

Bury 14/8

Time

CC/SM

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

524

From C in C A.W.I.

To Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 11.8.54. 19 Time : 2112z
Received : 12.8.54. 19 Time : 1430

From Cin C A.W.I. to
Admiralty information repeated to F7,
Veryan Bay, Resident Naval Officer Bermuda,
Governor Leeward Islands, Governor Trinidad,
Governor Falkland Islands, Administrator Antigua,
British Naval Attaché Rio de Janeiro and
British Naval Attaché Buenos Aires.

RESTRICTED. Propose following for
Veryan Bay, proceed relieve Falkland Islands
guard ship. Inscribe in four columns.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Leave</u>	<u>Fuel</u>
Bermuda	-	4th Sept.	-
St. Johns, Antigua	8th Sept.	13th "	-
Pointe a Pierre	15th "	16th "	180 tons
George Town	18th "	24th "	-
Belem	29th "	29th "	180 tons
Salvador, Brazil	5th Oct.	8th Oct.	-
Rio de Janeiro	11th "	16th "	300 tons
Port Stanley	23rd "	-	210 tons

2. British Naval Attaché Rio de Janeiro
has been consulted on visit to Brazilian ports.
Visit to Uruguayan ports have been omitted
after discussion with British Naval Attaché
Montevideo because of recent visits by
Bigbury Bay and St. Austell Bay.

3. Decision oil fuel allowance for year
3218 tons estimated expenditure of oil time
of sailing to 4th September 320 tons. Estimated
expenditure of oil time of sailing to 23rd Oct.
1190 tons.

4. Estimated expenditure of hard currency
nil.

5. Request mail may be diverted accordingly.

6. (Pass to Foreign Office for recyphering
and onward transmission to Rio de Janeiro and
Superb).

Buenos Aires

COD: PMN.CR.

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TELEGRAM.

525

From H.B.M. Consul, Montevideo

To The Colonial Secretary

Despatched : 15th August, 19 54 Time 16.15

Received : 14th " 19 54 Time : 09.00

Restricted. Following for Doctor BIGBURY BAY.

Results all negative except THACKERAY whose Wassermann and Kahn positively weak.

CONSUL.

G.T.C. LJM
Typed: VP

Copy to Medical Officer, H.B.M. Bigbury Bay

K in reply to 523

526

No.

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

Confidential.

16th August, 1954.

To: Superintendent Posts & Telegraphs,

From: The Colonial Secretary.

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:-

Non delivery of telegrams.

I am directed to state that a number of telegrams addressed to H.M.S. Bigbury Bay shortly before her recent return were never received by her.

It is assumed that the inability to make contact with the warship resulted from technical difficulties for which no one is to blame but I am to express His Excellency's displeasure and concern over the fact that this office was not informed.

In the event considerable inconvenience was caused but you will appreciate that in certain circumstances a very serious situation could have arisen.

I am to enquire which officer should be held responsible for this omission and to request your recommendations for ensuring that there is no recurrence in the future.

Reply at 531.

(Sgd) C. Campbell.
Colonial Secretary.

Confidential.

16th August,

54.

To: Superintendent Posts & Telegraphs,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY

Communications with H.M.S. Bigbury Bay.

Arising out of the failure of the telegrams to reach H.M.S. Bigbury Bay I have discussed the question of routines with Captain Martell, as I have for long felt that there is a gap in our organisation in this respect.

As a result Lieutenant Danby will be contacting you to make a firm arrangement.

My idea would be one or two set routines per day for normal traffic but most important we should know what frequencies they guard for 24 hours so that we can always raise them in an emergency.

Whatever is finally arranged should be communicated to this office and to Secretary, Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey.

(Sgd) C. Campbell.
Colonial Secretary.

Reply at 528

Copy to Secretary, F.I.D.S.
CC/LJH.

Confidential.

Memorandum.

18 AUG 1954

17th August, 1954.

528

To. The Honourable
Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From. Superintendent

P & T Dept,
Stanley.

Subject. Communication with H.M.S. Bigbury Bay.

527 With reference to your Confidential Memorandum of 16th August, 1954 on the above subject, I beg to advise you that arrangements were made with a member of the telegraph department of H.M.S. Bigbury Bay for daily routines to be carried out as follows :-

At 12.30 GMT	VPC on 8107.5 kc/s	H.M. Ship on 8360 kc/s
At 20.30 GMT	VPC on 8107.5 kc/s	H.M. Ship on 8360 kc/s
At 00.30 GMT	VPC on 3600 kc/s	H.M. Ship on 4135 kc/s

I have to confirm that these schedules were strictly attended and that in addition calls were made on 417 kc/s as well as on 4.5 mc/s R/T.

2. Lieutenant Danby came ashore this afternoon and routines were arranged as follows :-

Whilst H.M. Ship is in port, communication will be by R/T on 4.5 mc/s. A loudspeaker being kept on this frequency only.

While away from port, H.M. Ship will attend daily at the following times.

At 12.30 GMT on 8350 kc/s.	VPC on 8107.5 kc/s
At 20.30 GMT on 4135 kc/s.	VPC on 3600 kc/s.

3. Lieutenant Danby was not aware of the arrangements referred to in my first para, but we agreed it is possible a misunderstanding could have been caused through handling Met traffic through VPC. While it is true VPC transmits Met traffic, this is actually keyed from the Met Station on VPC call letters.

A. Mercer

S.P.T.

17.8.54

See 530.

SPT Above took all night
but do you know the frequencies
on which warship is proceeding
24 hrs a day & can you call
her on those frequencies in an
emergency?

18/8

Hon C.S.

Lieut. Danby said his ship did not keep such a watch, but he does maintain contact every 2 hours with Simonstown and, he suggested we should send a request to the Admiralty via Dorchester. He said Admiralty will contact them through Simonstown within two hours.

I doubt whether you consider this arrangement satisfactory, because we are not working Dorchester continuously and a considerable time could elapse before we had London. I will write to the office concerned and advise you of the result.

DM. SP
19.8.54

0625/VI

20th August, 54.

CONFIDENTIAL

Sir,

I am directed to refer to our conversation on the subject of local communications with H.M. frigates and to state that the following arrangements have been made between the Superintendent, Posts and Telegraphs Department and Lieutenant Penby:-

Whilst H.M. ship is in port, communications will be by R/T on 4.5 mc/s. A loudspeaker being kept on this frequency only.

While away from port, H.M. Ship will attend daily at the following times.

At 12.30 GMT on 8300 kcs. VPC on 8107.5 kcs.
At 20.30 GMT on 4135 kcs. VPC on 3600 kcs.

2. I am to request your confirmation that this procedure is agreeable to you and that it will be observed by all frigates in the future.

3. During our discussion it was thought that VPC should be able to contact the warship in an emergency on a guarded frequency. It is understood however that you do not keep a continuous watch on any frequency and that your most regular schedules are two hourly with Simonstown. VPC could therefore only contact you via Dorchester (which is not worked continuously) and further delays would occur, though in an emergency it might be possible for VPC to work Simonstown (illegally) direct.

4. As it is felt that a foolproof method of contacting the guardship with the minimum delay should be available in the event of a sudden emergency it is suggested that this matter should be explored further and your views would be much appreciated.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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

Confidential.

Memorandum.

23rd August, 1954. 531

To.

The Honourable
Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From.

Superintendent Posts and
Telegraphs
Stanley.

Subject, Non delivery of telegrams.

With reference to your Confidential Memorandum of 16th August, 1954., on the above subject, I beg to report that the difficulty in communication was definitely through failure to attend to schedules arranged with the Stanley Station. In the circumstances however, I am satisfied to call it technical but it has had uncomfortable repercussions. 526

I appreciate that telegrams being delayed should have been reported to you but, that no report was made was caused by the awkward times of changing our watches. The watches change at 8 am and the incoming watch does not see the one outgoing and while each knew the position, one watch took it for granted that action had been taken by the other. It was always expected to make contact with the ship.

Stanley Station did work the ship on the morning of 12th August and one telegram was received but, the one telegram we did have on hand was not sent through an oversight on the part of our operator Gerald Biggs. It is realised this opportunity should not have been missed but the circumstances shewed that contact was established and normal service would proceed.

I have issued instructions to the Stanley Station, to report the traffic position each day to the Post Office to ensure there is no recurrence in the future.

A. Mercer

S.P.T.

23.8.54

RES I am prepared to write this
off as an oversight but I am concerned
that there is no repetition. I feel
there should be some report direct to this
Office & G.O. per discuss. 24/8

532

Record

S.P.I. is reporting to Dept. concerned
if & when Tel. Ops. are unable to pass
on a Telegram.

W 24/8/54

W.S.



COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Passengers to West

Dear Sir,

During the Beaver being temporarily out of Commission & no coasters going that way, there are quite a number of Wests stranded in Stanley and I was wondering if you would transport them on Monday. They will be going to all three stations you are calling at and will include women & children.

I would naturally make it a condition that they find accommodation ashore and ~~are responsible~~ while waiting for your next move & that they provide their own grub while on board.

Your assistance in this matter would be much appreciated.

P.S. What is the maximum you could manage? —
there might be anything from 8 to 20. Q

Yours

Chris

534

Mr Cambell

from Linn Dandy.

The Captain told me to come ashore + see you
about this ferrying -

He will take anyone including women and
children but would like to know the numbers
more exactly as soon as possible -

If there are any women and children we will
sail at 0800 on Monday 30th and go into
North Arm, Bay of Harbours for the night to
land all W + C. Then arrange with the
manager at North Arm to provide accommodation
for the night.

We will leave North Arm early on Tuesday and
arrive Port Stevens soon after lunch on the same
day.

Programme is then as before

<u>arrive</u>	<u>place</u>	<u>leave</u>
	P Stevens	AM Thursday
PM Thursday	For Bay	AM Friday
PM Friday	P Howard	PM Saturday
PM Saturday	P San Carlos	AM Tuesday
PM Tuesday	Stanley	

Mr Dandy

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SECRETARIAT NOTICE.

H.M.S. Bigbury Bay will be leaving Stanley at 08.00 a.m. on Monday the 30th August, 1954, for the following ports - North Arm, Port Stephens, Fox Bay, Port Howard and Port San Carlos.

Captain Martell has kindly consented to carry passengers for the West and ~~for~~ persons wishing to travel should submit their names to the Secretariat by noon to-morrow the 27th August, 1954.

536

TELEGRAM TO CAPTAIN H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY.

Following passengers wish to avail themselves
your kind offer:-

North Arm 1 male

Port Stephens. 1 female 3 children
1 male (Falkland Islands Company have
arranged with you).

Port Howard. 2 males, 1 youth. (*1 male cancelled*).

Grateful to be informed early whether you can ^{arrange} transport
from Government Jetty and embarkation time.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

C.S.

537

all passengers can be
accommodated. They should be at
Govt Jetty 0740 where ship's boat
will collect them.

Eng. Bay

Please broadcast at 6.30 p.m. and 7.15 p.m.

538

BROADCAST NOTICE.

The undermentioned passengers for H.M.S. Bigbury Bay should be at Government Jetty by 7.40 a.m. on Monday, 30th August:-

Mr. A. Jeffray

Mrs W. Berntsen and 3 children ✓

Mr. S. Reive. ✓

Mr. H. Johnson (*later cancelled*).

Mr. A. May ✓

Master B. May.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT~~539~~
539

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

28.8.54

To

CAPTAIN HMS BIGBURY BAYHCM/S

PLEASE CANCEL PASSAGE ONE MALE PORT HOWARD.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

WH/SM

Memorandum.

540

31st August, 1954.

To

The Honourable
Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From

Superintendent
Posts & Telegraphs Dept.
Stanley.

Subject. Naval Control Station.

I beg to submit that now the New Broadcasting Transmitter is in operation it has been found not necessary to remove the Government Receivers from the W/E Station to the Naval Control Station. There is no interference on our receivers and in consequence the Naval Control Station will not be required by this department.

A. Mercer.

Superintendent P & T

31st August 1954.

*See 354 -
0438/III*

H.C.S.

Ref 505. "Bigbury Bay" has enquired whether their clothing can now be restored at the Remote Control Station, west of Sullivan House, S.P.T. reports that he does not require the building - he asked for it at 354 in 0438/II - and is forwarding a memo. to this effect. I have spoken with S/F who is also finished with the hut. Draft s.f.c.

540

App'd as amended

1.8.54

not
31.8.54

Copy filed in 170/46 - P.I. Naval Wireless Telegraph Stn.

2nd September 54.

Sir,

104 in
170/46

I am directed to refer to my letter No. 170/46 of the 2nd of July, 1954, on the subject of the Remote Control Station and to state that this building is not now required for use by Government.

I am to request that you will be so good as to advise the Commander-in-Chief and to thank him, nevertheless, for his kind offer of a rent free loan.

505

2. With reference to my letter No. 0625/V of the 8th of July, 1954, it is understood that you intend to restore your Arctic and winter clothing at the Station and the Secretary of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey has been advised of this.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(S.S.) G. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY,

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

Copies to: Secretary, Falkland Islands
Dependencies Survey.

543

DCS

We have had no reply to 530 yet.

Shm
17/9/54

A.B.S.

Para 4 of 530. Have you heard pt.?

Wt 17/9.

No - By. Wash.

10/9
BU 25/9

SPT

(530)

Please send some last message
while workshop is out this time.

10/9

Ann C.S.

The workshop advised me this morning
that following routines will be required when vessel sails
at 1245 GMT ship on 8326 Kd/s VP on 8107.5 Kd/s
at 0130 GMT ship on 4463 Kd/s VP on 3600 Kd/s.
We will check on contacts made.

AM SPT
27.9.54

10/9

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

544

From C.in C., A.W.I.

To H.E. the Governor.

Despatched . 8th October, 19 54 Time : 1155
Received : 9th October, 19 54 Time : 0845

Admiralty information F7, B.N.A. Santiago de Chile,
Governor Jamaica, C.C.A., Governor Falklands, R.N.C.
VERYAN BAY come 15th ND Comcaribseasron Cincarib.
Propose following programme for BIGBURY BAY on
relief by VERYAN BAY read in four columns.

<u>PLACE.</u>	<u>ARRIVE.</u>	<u>DEPART.</u>	<u>FUEL.</u>
Port Stanley.		27th October.	
Talcahuana.	3rd November.	8th November.	200 tons.
Coquimbo.	10th November.	15th November.	
Talara (Peru).	22nd November.	24th November.	300 tons.
Canal.	28th November.	28th November.	
Montegobay (Jamaica).	1st December.	6th December.	
Bermuda.	11th December.		360 tons.

2. B.N.A. Santiago, Chile has been consulted on
visits to Chilean Ports.

3. Estimate fuel expenditure for year 3992 tons
estimate consumption of fuel to 6th December 3660 tons.

4. Estimate expenditure of hard currency in
sterling

(a) Nil

(b) Nil

(c) Nil

(d) Nil

(e) 30

(f) 450

(g) Nil

5. Request mails be diverted accordingly.

C.in C., A.W.I.
071440Z

P/L.
SM

H.S.S.

As this come P/L we may
pass on itinerary to News
Reader, pl?

Better not
really one
shouldn't ask ship
the news.

13/10

12/10

13/10

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

54.

From The C. in C., W.I.

To Priority H.E. the Governor

Despatched : 13th October, 19 54 Time : 1915

Received : 14th October, 19 54 Time : 0845

To VERYAN BAY info B.N.A. Rio de Janeiro Fox Seven
Governor Falklands R.W.O. Bermuda relief canteen
manager is being sent by air E.T.A. Rio de Janeiro
1100 local time 16th October. Sailing may be
delayed to embark him if necessary provided ETA
Port Stanley is not later than noon 24th October.

C. in C., W.I.

See 546

RY. ? Done

546

Write
across

37 Bermuda 26/24 1257 14/10/35 55

1st Lt. Governor Fl 60

Verjanby information governor 65

Laluklals bna Rio de Janeiro 70

131950 Bermuda Cancel my 75

131950 air passage Not Now 80

available stop 14/13/44 85

Circabi 90

95

BNA Fy RNC 100

105

Good 110

15 Nov 115

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135

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

547

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				15.10.54
To	CAPTAIN HMS BIGBURY BAY			HOA/C

GLAD TO KNOW YOUR ETA STANLEY

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY

CONFIRMATORY COPY.
PHONED TO W/T STATION 14TH OCTOBER.

Reply 548

Time

CC/SM

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

RECEIVED

548

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
2	BIGBURY BAY etat	21	1300	15.10.54

To

DEPUTY GOVERNOR STANLEY

ARRIVING DARWIN 1700 CAMP TIME ZONE PLUS 4 SATURDAY 16th STANLEY 1700
STANLEY TIME SUNDAY 17th

CAPTIAN

BIBGURY BAY

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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549

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
3	BIGBURY BAY etat	32	1350	15.10.54

To

COLONIAL SECRETARY STANLEY

PLEASE INFORM GILRUTH AT DARWIN ARRIVING 1700 CAMP TIME SATURDAY 16th
STOP HOPE GILRUTH HOUSEHOLD AND GUESTS WILL HAVE DINNER WITH ME AT
1930 BOAT WILL BE SENT

CAPTAIN

BIGBURY BAY

*Gilruth
Archibald
Stewart
H.A. L.* *Cecilia Elin dress*

Blower 1 PM Cent time

Net fishing at

Cinema show

*Marvell + other Col's lunch Sunday
Dance Sat night*

Time

TO

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number

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Words

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Date

15.10.54

FROM: GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY

TO: CAPTAIN HMS BIGBURY BAY (AT SEA)

HOA/C

GILRUTH VERY PLEASED TO ACCEPT YOUR DINNER INVITATION STOP PARTY WILL
 CONSIST OF GOVERNOR DOCTOR BLESSOR MR AND MRS GILRUTH AND DOCTOR AND
 MRS ASHMORE STOP GOVERNOR REQUESTS YOU WILL EXCUSE PARTY ~~MR~~ FROM
 CHANGING STOP NEWPARA 2 GILRUTH HOPES YOU AND OFFICERS WILL LUNCH
 WITH HIM SUNDAY STOP HE ALSO OFFERS GOOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR NET FISHING
 STOP NEWPARA 3 SETTLEMENT ARRANGING DANCE FOR SHIP SATURDAY NIGHT STOP
 NEWPARA 4 GILRUTH REQUESTS YOU CONTACT HIM ON R/T 1300 HOURS CAMP

Time

TIME SATURDAY TO CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS STOP NEWPARA 5 GRATEFUL YOU
 /SM KEEP ME INFORMED OF ANY CHANGE IN YOUR ETA STANLEY.

SECRET

551

KIV

545 (BU) ?

lbb

Yon query on 545 pl.?

12/16/10

- 1/10/11

552

Write
across

1 Warship Bigbury Bay 55

9 1235 17/10/34 60

etat - Deputy Governor 65

Arriving Stanley 2300 today 75
Sunday 80

Captain Bigbury Bay 85

✓ 100

Phoned 115

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				22.10.54

To

CAPTAIN HMS BIGBURY BAY (BY R/T)

HQA/C

GOVERNMENT HOUSE CAR WILL COLLECT YOU AND COMMANDING OFFICER VERNAN BAY
AT GOVERNMENT REPEAT GOVERNMENT JETTY TOMORROW MORNING.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

CC/SM



554

H.M.S. BIGBURY BAY,

at Port Stanley.

21st October, 1954.

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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

PRACTICE BOMBARDMENT FIRINGS.

It is requested that permission may be given for H.M. Ships BIGBURY BAY and VERYAN BAY to carry out bombardment firings using Seal Island off Pembroke Point as a target on Tuesday, 26th October. The necessary safety precautions will be taken.

It is further requested that transport for 2 spotters to be taken to Pembroke Lighthouse may be arranged. Times to be communicated by VERYAN BAY.

Ref

Draft approved, H.C. Martell

(H.C. MARTELL)
CAPTAIN, R.N.

to issue usual notice -
P.O. to arrange for
spotters. J.W.S.

Reply at 555

23rd October, 54.

Sir,

554

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 21st of October, 1954, and to grant permission for H.M.S. Bigbury Bay and H.M.S. Veryan Bay to carry out bombardment firings on Seal Island.

2. Transport for spotters will be arranged by the Public Works Department on receipt of times from H.M.S. Veryan Bay.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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

Copy to H.M. for issue of Warning Notice.

Copy to Superintendent of Works for necessary action.

LIST OF OFFICERS H.M.S. VERNAN BAY.

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<u>RANK.</u>	<u>NAME.</u>	<u>SENIORITY</u>	<u>DUTY.</u>
Commander.	L.R.P. Lawford, D. S. C.	30/6/50	In Command
Lieut. Commander.	C. H. R. Wynn	4/1/53	First Lieut. Gunnery Officer
Lieut. Commander.	R. H. Mocatta	1/4/54	Engineer "
Lieutenant (C).	D. Blair	11/5/47	Additional
Lieutenant (N).	R. D. Johnson	16/7/47	Nav. Officer.
Ty/A/Surgeon Lieutenant, R.N.V.R.	M. J. A. Davies	28/1/54	Medical "
Sub Lieutenant	A. R. Evans	1/5/52	Supply Officer
Sub Lieutenant	M. G. U. White	1/9/52	Additional
Ty/Sub. Lieutenant (L), R.N.V.R.	H. C. Wallace	25/7/54	Electrical Off.
Cmd. Gunner	P. Wood.	5/3/49	Explosives Accounting Off.
Ty/A/Sub Lieutenant R.N.V.R.	E. Jones.	3/4/54	Under Training
Midshipman, R.N.V.R.	R. D. G. Godfrey	3/4/54	Under Training

PAN
25/10

0825/v

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

The Public are hereby warned that H.M. Ships
will carry out bombardment firing practice at
Seal Island tomorrow.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
STANLEY.

25th October, 1954

DRM/JC

Item for News Reader

The following message was sent to the Commanding Officer, H.M.S. Bigbury Bay, from His Excellency the Governor:-

"GOODBYE, GOOD LUCK AND BEST WISHES FROM ALL
OF US IN THE FALKLANDS".

*John H.
28/10*

559.

3rd November, 1954.

Jack.
Dear ~~Gould~~
Dear Monsignor,

Commander Lawford very much regrets that he will be unable to take you to South Georgia on his forthcoming visit owing to lack of accommodation. Apart from three Government passengers he has a wardroom strength considerably in excess of any previous frigate.

He is however more than willing to take you should he make a trip at a later date.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

The Rev. J. Gould,
STANLEY.

✓ Monsignor J. Ireland,
STANLEY.

0625/V

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3rd November, 54.

To: Supt. Posts & Telegraphs,
Auditor,

STANLEY.

From: Colonial Secretary.

Visit to South Georgia.

The Captain H.M.S. "Vernan Bay" can accomodate you on the voyage to South Georgia and the approximate dates of the trip will be as follows:-

25th November	Depart Stanley.
28th November	Embark Governor at Deception Island.
2nd December	Arrive South Georgia via Signy Island.
7th December	Depart from South Georgia.
11th December	Return Stanley.

(Sgd) C. Campbell.

Colonial Secretary.

CC/JC

P.A.
M.P.
J.H.L.

CVO S H
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W. H. S.