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NUMBER

HMS ENDURANCE
at Port Stanley

Endurance Memo No. 29/71

10th April, 1971

FALKLAND ISLAND TOUR - PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME.

Sunday 11th April.

- 1600 Boat inshore to Public Jetty - bring off H.E.'s baggage.
- 1730 Boat inshore to Public Jetty - bring off H.E. and Mrs. Lewis.
- 1800 Weigh and Proceed.

Monday 12th April

- 0215 Anchor off Port San Carlos.
- 0840 Commence flying Duck Shooting party ashore. (8 volunteers)
- 0910 Fly H.E. ashore.
- 1000 Secure.
- 1035 Land Mrs. Lewis.
- Land Fishing party (10 volunteers).
- 1200 Party of 5 to lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Alan Miller.
- 1600 Boat leaves San Carlos with H.E. and Mrs. Lewis.
- 1800 Boat inshore to bring off 10 guests for dinner in the wardroom.
- 2230 Boat to land guests.
- Leave - 1300-1900 to the Starboard watch.

Tuesday 13th April

- 0500 Weigh and proceed.
- 1230 Arrive Hill Cove. ✓
- 1245 Boat to land H.E. and Mrs. Lewis.
- 1640 Boat to bring off H.E. and Mrs. Lewis.
- 1830 Boat inshore to bring off 6 guests for dinner in the wardroom.
- 2230 Boat to land guests. *up to*
- Leave - 1330-1800 to the Port watch.

Wednesday 14th April

- 0845 H.E. and Mrs. Lewis by Helicopter to Chartres. *H.E. MRL + 3*
- 0900 Weigh and Proceed. *CAPT + 5 FOR TEA. X*
- 1330 Anchor off Roy Cove.
- 1350 Boat to land Captain and Officers for Smoke.
- 1430 H.E. from Chartres to Roy Cove by Helicopter. *- X*
- 1700 Boat inshore to bring off H.E. and Mrs. Lewis.
- 1830 Boat inshore to collect guests for dinner in the Wardroom.
- 2300 Guests leave ship.
- Leave - 1435-1745 to the Starboard watch.

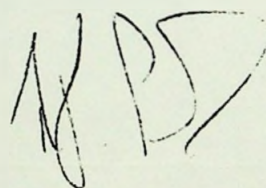
Thursday 15th April

- 0630 Weigh and Proceed.
- 0900 Anchor at West Point (renowned for its wild life).
- 0920 Boat inshore, land H.E. and Mrs. Lewis. Land Captain and Officers for Smoke.
- 1140 Boat inshore to bring off H.E. and Mrs. Lewis, the Captain and 6 guests for lunch in the Wardroom.
- 1330 Guests leave the ship.
- 1345 H.E. and Mrs. Lewis by Helicopter to Carcass.
- 1615 Weigh and proceed for Port Stanley.
- Leave - 1030-1515 to the Port watch.

Friday 16th April *SPM?*

- 0801 Anchor at Port Stanley.
- 0845 H.E. and Mrs. Lewis disembark.

- NOTES.
1. The programme is entirely dependent on the weather.
 2. Leave will be granted to the non-duty part of the watch as and when the weather allows.
 3. The duty watch will be required to hoist the Stancomb Wills on completion of the last trip every night.
 4. In the event of an organised entertainment ashore being offered special leave arrangements will be made.
 5. The boat routine for each visit will be published with Daily Orders each day.
 6. West Point is a Nature Reserve. The wild life there is said to be the best in the Islands - Shooting is not allowed.



R.J. CAMPBELL
COMMANDER
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

GOVERNOR'S CAMP TOUR ON-BOARD H.M.S. 'ENDURANCE' - 1971.

Sunday, 11th April

2000 Sail from STANLEY - H.E. to dine on-board

Monday, 12th April

0900 Arrive PORT SAN CARLOS - Manager - Mr. Alan Miller (Mrs. Miller)

Fishing Shooting etc.

Evening Dance on-shore?

Lunch - onshore.

Buffet Dinner on-board at 1830 - 10 guests

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Fishing, Shooting etc.

Lunch on-shore

Buffet Dinner on-board

Evening - Film show on-board or dance on-shore

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H.E. and Mrs. Lewis to lunch at CHARTRES

1330 'Endurance' arrives ROY COVE - Manager - Mr. Simon Miller (Mrs. Miller)

1430 ~~at~~ Mrs H.E. and Mrs. Lewis fly from CHARTRES to ROY COVE

Buffet Dinner on-board

Thursday, 15th April

0630 Depart ROY COVE

0900 Arrive WEST POINT ISLAND - Manager, Mr. Roddy Napier (Mrs. Napier)

Wild Life - No shooting.

Lunch on-board - 2 families

1330 Depart WEST POINT ISLAND

1400 Arrive CARCASS ISLAND - Manager, Mr. C. Bertrand (Mrs. Bertrand)

Wild Life - No shooting

1630 Depart CARCASS

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

HM Ships.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

WAP 15142—921 584578/790938 500 pds 12/68 Grp.782

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
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To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

FROM HMS ENDURANCE

PRIORITY

122434Z

YOUR 091345Z which regrettably I have just seen and much regret delayed reply. Most points conveyed in my previous signals.

2. Very many thanks for invitation to stay ashore and may I at this stage accept for Sunday night. A chance to break my duck on Monday should not be missed but I am now committed to lunch party on board. There are however several men who are keen fishermen in Endurance as you know.

No helicopter.

Time

R 311555z

Fm GXRH

To H E G F I

Info Col Sec

NP8901/02

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Request permission to ~~fire~~ fire a 17 gun salute to you on arrival 1215 local 2 Feb.

2. At what time would it be convenient for me to call on you. Could land at public jetty at 1235.

3. Would be very grateful if your formal return call could be delayed until March visit as ships company will be fully occupied embarking fuel. Humbly propose your return call at 1100 be informal and that you and Mrs Lewis stay for lunch =

1300

31/1832z rs

C/S. Please return this tel.

Thank you.

Pl. file on

N M Ships file.

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31/1

List of private persons in Stanley willing to entertain junior ratings from H.M.S. Endurance.

Message 111155Z March from Endurance to Colonial Secretary, paragraph 6 refers.

<u>Name and address</u>	<u>No of Ratings</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Mr & Mrs F. Dickenson, 7, Racecourse Road.	(2)	On 14th. (Preferably personnel connected with communications)
Mr & Mrs J. Bates, 1, Ross Road West.	(2)	On 13th, at 8 p.m.
Mr & Mrs M. Robson, 5, Philomel Street.	(2)	On 14th, 15th or 16th (Young guitarists)
Mr. & Mrs T. Felton, 34, Davis Street.	(2)	On 14th for supper at 7 p.m.
Mr & Mrs J. Stevenson, 12, Ross Road West.	(2)	Any day at any time.
Mr & Mrs J. Smith, 4, Hebe Street.	(2)	On 14th any time after 11 a.m. for lunch and supper.
Mr & Mrs I. Strange, 5, Ross Road West.	(2/3)	Saturday or Monday night (Wild life interests)

Anderson
for COLONIAL SECRETARY

Colonial Secretary's Office,
STANLEY.

13th March 1971.

CLA

R 311557z

Fm GXRH

To Col Sec

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My 311555z

If His Excellency and Mrs Lewis able to lunch in Endurance
would be grateful if invitations could be passed to
Mr and Mrs Sloggie and Captain Leicester to lunch also.

Boat at public jetty at 1250 =

31/1835z rs

*Got this / I have told the Endurance that my
wife is not here yet but that I will lunch*

on hand. Will you please inform Mr. Stoppie &

to Mr. Luntz

G.L.H.

31/1

Stoppie, in fact, Capt. Luntz, I understand, is
housed at Douglas Station. I have not contacted him.

2/12

H M Ships

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 17/1/71 Time: 2000 Received: Time

ROUTINE
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172000Z

FROM ENDURANCE TO GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS
INFORMATION NP 8901 AND 8902

April visit of Endurance to Falkland Islands. To take account of:

- (a) Start of visit being over Easter.
- (b) Requirement for inspection of Naval Party 8902 are all
C.O. Endurance
- (c) Desirable requirements to add one day to subsequent visit
(Montevideo) which has recently been cut by further day, proposed
dates and broad programme as follows:

	<u>Datetime</u>	<u>Event</u>
1	FM Wednesday 7th	Land survey party at Bull Road
2	AM Thursday 8th	Arrive Port Stanley. Disembark new Naval Party 8901 Operational inspection of Naval Party 8902 by Captain of Endurance, if possible in tactical setting arranged by C.O. NP 8901
3	AM Saturday 10th	Harbour inspection of NP 8902
4	PM Sunday 11th	Sail with H.E. for tour of settlements beginning A.M. Monday.
5.	PM Thursday 15th	Recover survey party Bull Road possibly while H.E. visits adjacent settlement
6	0830 Friday 16th	Arrive Port Stanley. H.E. disembarks. Embark old Naval Party 8901
7	1200 Friday 16th	Sail for Montevideo

2. For consideration: that H.E. join Endurance by helicopter A.M. 12th but
weather could jeopardise this.

3. Proposed detailed discussion regarding tour instructions.

LJC : Cypher

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Wednesday 2 Dec	Sail Port Stanley	
Friday 4 Dec	Arrive Elephant Island	Land Joint Services Expedition. Support Joint Services Expedition and survey in area.
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Thursday 18 Mch	Arrive South	Survey and liaison with bases in South Shetlands. Recover Joint Services Expedition.
Thursday 1 Apl	Sail Elephant Island	
Sunday 4 Apl	Arrive Punta Arenas	Operational Visit. Refuel. Disembark Joint Services Expedition. Embark re- lief Naval Party 8901.
Thursday 8 Apl	Sail Punta Arenas	
Saturday 10 Apl	Arrive Falkland Islands	Refuel. Disembark Naval Party 8901. Falkland Island tour.
Saturday 17 Apl	Sail Port Stanley	
Wednesday 21 Apl	Arrive Montevideo	Informal Visit.
Monday 26 Apl	Sail Montevideo	
Friday 30 Apl	Arrive Rio de Janeiro	Informal Visit. Refuel.
Tuesday 4 May	Sail Rio de Janeiro	
Wednesday 19 May	Arrive Gibraltar	Operational Visit
Friday 21 May	Sail Gibraltar	
Tuesday 25 May	Arrive Portsmouth	

IN TOR .. 1702Z POINTS BCAST 4 2 71
DIST X K1 S1 S2 CO MFB901/2 MI LOG
ACTION K1

PRIORITY/ROUTINE 041634Z FEB

FROM HODEX NAVY
TO ENDURANCE
INFO CINC WF

COLOMBIA SURVEYARY TANGIANG ISLANDS

OO WP 8901

MFB/MFM YOUR 041510 AND 040705

DECCA INFORMED.

2. NOX OF MR SKYRRE HAVE AGREED TO DUNEL FORT SHAWLEY. REQUEST
YOU ARRANGE FOR THIS TO BE PUT IN HAND BY CO WP 8901 WHO SHOULD
ARRANGE FOR SUITABLE SERVICE REPRESENTATION.

3. MOTHER OF DECEASED ANXIOUS TO HAVE PHOTOGRAPHS OF OPHIMONY.

REQUEST THIS BE ARRANGED AND PHOTOS FORWARDED AIR MAIL TO HOD
WP2 (FOR MR BLAKE) TOGETHER WITH PILLS WHICH WILL BE LIABILITY OF
DECA CO.

4. ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE LATER REGARDING HEADSTONE.

OUT S/S P/L D.E.T. TOD 0552Z 4 FEB 71
DIST X X1 X2 A1 N1 S1 LOG
ORIG CAPTAIN

PRIORITY 040525Z FEB
FROM HMS ENDURANCE
TO COMNCTN WHITEHALL
MODUK NAVY

UNCLAS NRY REQUEST FOLLOWING PRIORITY CC TELEGRAM BE PASSED TO
MR A.G. SKYRME, 2 CHARLTON VIEW PORTISHEED, BRISTOL BS 20 9NN:-
DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR SON MR A.G. SKYRME
BY DROWNING EARLY THIS MORNING 4 FEB HAVING FALLEN FROM NETTY IN
PORT STANLEY FALKLAND ISLANDS WHILST AWAITING BOAT TO HMS ENDURANCE
THE ADMIRALTY BOARD WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR PROFOUND SYMPATHY IN
YOUR GREAT LOSS. LETTER FOLLOWS.

040525Z FEB 71

OUT P/A S/S TOD I/T D.E.T. 4 FEB 71
DIST DIST X A1 LOG S2
ORIG CAPTAIN

IMMEDIATE 040705Z FEB

FROM HMS ENDURANCE
TO MODUK (NAVY)
INFO CINCPAC
COLONIAL SECRETARY F.I.

UNCLAS STAFF IN CONFIDENCE NAVY. NY 040530Z. LOCAL CORONER
DOES NOT AT PRESENT INTEND TO HOLD INQUEST. INTEND THEREFORE TO
HOLD LOCAL INQUIRY ONBOARD. PRELIMINARY EVIDENCE IS THAT NO (R)
NO NEGLIGENCE BY ANYONE INVOLVED.

2. REQUEST GUIDANCE IN FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS AS QPRN 1653/1654
DO NOT APPEAR TO COVER THIS CASE.

3. IN VIEW TIME AND DISTANCE INVOLVED MOST GRATEFUL IF MODUK
NAVY COULD ASCERTAIN EITHER DIRECT OR VIA DECCA WISHES OF NEXT OF
KIN AS TO DISPOSAL OF BODY. SHIP WAS DUE TO SAIL FROM PORT STANLEY
FOR PUERTO BELGRANO AT 041130Z BUT IS NOW REMAINING HERE PENDING
REPLY.

4. OPTIONS SEEM TO BE (A) FOR BODY TO BE BURIED IN STANLEY.
(B) FOR SHIP TO TAKE BODY TO PUERTO BELGRANO (ETA 7 FEB)
AND ARRANGE FOR ONWARD PASSAGE THENCE TO UK WOULD BE GRATEFUL

5. FROM ALL POINTS OF VIEW OPTION FOUR ALFA IS MOST PRACTICAL

6. WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE REPLY TO ENABLE
SHIP TO PROCEED SOONEST TO MEET ALREADY DELAYED PROGRAMME.

040705Z FEB 71

OUT S/S P/L TOD 0600Z D.E.T. 4 FEB 71
DIST X X1 A1 N1 LOG
ORIG CAPTAIN

PRIORITY 040530Z FEB
FROM HMS ENDURANCE
TO MODUK NAVY
INFO COLONIAL SECRETARY FAULKLAND ISLANDS
GINGWF

UNCLAS NVY. 1. RECRET TO REPORT DEATH DUE TO PROVING OF
MR. A.G. SKYRME, DECCA ENGINEER, AT APPROX 0030 LOCAL 4 FEB. FELL
FROM JETTY WHILST AWAITING BOAT TO SHIP AFTER NIGHT LEAVE. BODY
RECOVERED AT 0130 LOCAL AND NOW ONBOARD PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM
LOCAL CORONER.

2. NEXT OF KIN FATHER MR A.G. SKYRME, 2 CHARLTON VIEW, PORTISHEAD
BRISTOL BS 20 9 NN.

3. NEXT OF KIN INFORMED BY TELEGRAM AS IN MY 040525Z NOTAL.

4. REQUEST MODUK NAVY INFORM DECCA.

040530Z FEB 71

OUT S/S P/L TOD 0600Z D.E.T. 4 FEB 71
DIST X X1 A1 N1 LOC
ORIG CAPTAIN

PRIORITY 040530Z FEB
FROM HMS ENDURANCE
TO MODUK NAVY
INFO COLONIAL SECRETARY FALKLAND ISLANDS
CINCPF

UNCLAS NVY. 1. REGRET TO REPORT DEATH DUE TO DROWNING OF
MR. A.G. SKYRME, DECCA ENGINEER, AT APPROX 0030 LOCAL 4 FEB. FELL
FROM JEETTY WHILST AWAITING BOAT TO SHIP AFTER NIGHT LEAVE. BODY
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BRISTOL BS 20 9 NF.

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4. REQUEST MODUK NAVY INFORM DECCA.

040530Z FEB 71

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Date

A/c R.C.

To

"RESEARCH"

FROM

ACTING COMMODOR

YOUR 180001N

- (a) NOTED
- (b) APPROPRIATE. SUGGEST YOU FIRE SALUTE AT 0830 JUST BEFORE ANCHORING
- (c) and (d) O.C. 8902 DEALING
- (e) O.C. 8901 DEALING

2. SUGGEST YOUR CALL AT 1000 STANLEY TIME. CAR WILL MEET YOU PUBLIC JETTY.

3. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY RETURN CALL. WOULD 1100 BE CONVENIENT? GRATEFUL INDICATION METHOD OF CONVEYANCE.

4. SOCIAL PROGRAMME ACCEPTABLE WITH VARIATION AS PROPOSED TOUR 181701Z. AM INVITING INVITATIONS DRINKS AND COCKTAIL PARTY AS REQUESTED.

/ 5.....

Time

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				A/c H.O.
To				

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5. SPORTS REQUEST. FOOTBALL AND CRICKET BEING ARRANGED. WILL DISCUSS
SHOWING FISHING ON YOUR ARRIVAL.

JONES

LJC : P/L

Time

~~DECODE~~

TELEGRAM.

From H.M.S. Endurance

To NP. 8902

Despatched : 18th November

19 70

Time : 0001

Received :

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Time : (by Acting Governor) 1750

180001Z

INTEND

(a) E.T.A. 280830 (+3)

Departure 020830 December

(b) Firing salute Acting Governor on arrival if considered appropriate

(c) Destoring Monday 30th

Ammunition by helos

2 Landrovers and stores by lighter

(d) Fuelling p.m. Monday 30th

(e) Elephant Island Party Expedition a.m. Sunday 29th to p.m. Tuesday 1st December.

2. At what time would it be convenient to call on the Acting Governor on Saturday 28th, please.

3. Propose following social programme.

(a) 281230 Captain's lunch party for five guests on completion

return calls - request you arrange guests

(b) 281830 - 2000 Cocktail Party for 40 - request you arrange invitations.

(c) 291530 - 1730 Children's Party for 25/30 children.

(d) 301230 Further Captain's lunch party if considered desirable.

4. Sports Request:

One first XI and one second XI football match p.m. Saturday (and Sunday opportunities for shooting and fishing welcome.

5. Will continue 1200 G.M.T. comms schedule whilst in R.A.

LJC : P/L

Has OC 8902 supplies of combs.

Spam for CS

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched:

17/9/70

Time:

Received:

Time:

18/9/70

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Addressed Buenos Aires telegram 310 of September 17th and to Rio de Janeiro, Santiago, Falkland Islands.

Antarctic summer 1970/1971: Visits by H.M. Ship Endurance.

Unless you see objection Ministry of Defence propose that H.M. Ship Endurance's route to Antarctic for coming season should be as follows.

Buenos Aires: 19th-24th November (refuel and embark Joint Services Expedition to Elephant Island).

Port Stanley: Arrive November 28th en route to Elephant Island and points in Antarctica.

Punta Arenas: 4th-6th January 1971 (both will be refuelling visits)
and
5th-11th February 1971

Punta Arenas: 4th-8th April 1971 (refuelling and disembark Joint Services again Expedition: embark relief naval party)

/ Rio

Rio de Janeiro: April 30th - May 4th 1971.

2. Grateful if you could say whether you see any objection and where necessary obtain clearance local authorities.

C.S. Please note attached programme. Papers are in your retention. Programme has not yet been approved formally by MOD. Would you please have copies made for G.H. and SP7(2) + O/C BMS

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HMS ENDURANCE
at Portsmouth

225/1

Commander-in-Chief Western Fleet

20 July 70

*LM
18/9/70*

HMS ENDURANCE - PROPOSED PROGRAMME 1970/71 SEASON

1. The programme attached at Annex A is forwarded for approval and diplomatic clearance where applicable.
2. It will be noted that the programme does not include visits to the West Coast of South America, which are normally included in the season's programme of the Ice Patrol Ship. The reasons for this omission are:-
 - (a) The need to land the Joint Services Expedition on Elephant Island as early in the season as possible precludes the longer passage out via the West Coast.
 - (b) The equal need to recover the Expedition as late in the season as possible, precludes the possibility of leaving the Antarctic earlier than usual to allow the longer passage home via the West Coast.
 - (c) A later arrival home, having returned via the West Coast, will merely delay the sailing date for the Antarctic in the Autumn 1971.
 - (d) A mid season visit to the West Coast of South America will drastically reduce surveying time and also take HMS ENDURANCE far from Elephant Island. This seems undesirable in case of an emergency on the Island.

I R Bowden

I R BOWDEN
CAPTAIN ROYAL NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER

Annex: A. HMS ENDURANCE - Proposed programme 1970/71 season.

Copies to:

Flag Officer Carriers and Amphibious Ships
Hydrographer of the Navy
Ministry of Defence(Navy)(for DS 5)
Ministry of Defence(Navy)(for DNOT)
Ministry of Defence(Navy)(for DGST(N)(DFMT))

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Annex to HMS ENDURANCE's 225/1 of 20 July 70

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Tuesday 3 Nov pm	Sail Santa Cruz, Tenerife	Informal Visit. Refuel.
Thursday 19 Nov am	→ Arrive Buenos Aires	Embark Joint Services Expedition.
Tuesday 24 Nov	→ Sail Buenos Aires	Refuel
Saturday 28 Nov	→ Arrive Port Stanley	
Wednesday 2 Dec	→ Sail Port Stanley	
Friday 4 Dec	Arrive Elephant Island	Land Joint Services Expedition. Support Joint Services Expedition and survey in area.
<u>1971</u>		
Friday 1 Jan	Sail from South	Operational Visit. Refuel.
Monday 4 Jan	Arrive Punta Arenas	
Wednesday 6 Jan	Sail Punta Arenas	Survey and liaison with bases in Argentine Islands area.
Saturday 9 Jan	Arrive South	
Monday 1 Feb	Sail from South	Operational Visit. Refuel.
Friday 5 Feb	Arrive Punta Arenas (Mid season visit)	Maintenance period. Recreation.
Thursday 11 Feb	Sail Punta Arenas for South	Survey and liaison with bases in Crystal Sound/ Marguerite Bay area.
Wednesday 10 Mch	Sail from South	
Sunday 14 Mch	→ Arrive Port Stanley	Refuel
Tuesday 16 Mch	→ Sail Port Stanley	
Thursday 18 Mch	Arrive South	Survey and liaison with bases in South Shetlands. Recover Joint Services Expedition.
Thursday 1 Apl	Sail Elephant Island	
Sunday 4 Apl	Arrive Punta Arenas	Operational Visit. Refuel. Disembark Joint Services Expedition. Embark re- lief Naval Party 8901.
Thursday 8 Apl	→ Sail Punta Arenas	
Saturday 10 Apl	→ Arrive Falkland Islands	Refuel. Disembark Naval Party 8901. Falkland Island tour.
Saturday 17 Apl	→ Sail Port Stanley	
Wednesday 21 Apl	→ Arrive Montevideo	Informal Visit.
Monday 26 Apl	Sail Montevideo	
Friday 30 Apl	Arrive Rio de Janeiro	Informal Visit. Refuel.
Tuesday 4 May	Sail Rio de Janeiro	
Wednesday 19 May	→ Arrive Gibraltar	Operational Visit
Friday 21 May	Sail Gibraltar	
Tuesday 25 May	Arrive Portsmouth	

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched:

17/9/70

Time:

Received:

18/9/70

Time:

No. 310

CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Buenos Aires telegram 310 of September 17th and to Rio de Janeiro, Santiago, Falkland Islands.

Antarctic summer 1970/1971: Visits by H.M. Ship Endurance.

Unless you see objection Ministry of Defence propose that H.M. Ship Endurance's route to Antarctic for coming season should be as follows.

Buenos Aires: 19th-24th November (refuel and embark Joint Services Expedition to Elephant Island).

Port Stanley: Arrive November 28th en route to Elephant Island and points in Antarctica.

Punta Arenas: 4th-6th January 1971 (both will be refuelling visits)
and
5th-11th February 1971

Punta Arenas: 4th-8th April 1971 (refuelling and disembark Joint Services again Expedition: embark relief naval party)

*Please see what NA 8901, 8902, SPT
+ Harbour Master know. 14/9/70* Rio

CS
14
I have replied
"No objection"
14
19/9

After 2nd SPT
inform telephonically
11.15 on 2/9 77
SPT found at home.
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Rio de Janeiro: April 30th - May 4th 1971.

2. Grateful if you could say whether you see any objection and where necessary obtain clearance local authorities.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 19/9/70

Time :

Received :

Time :

EN CLAIR

No. 218.

Yourtel 310 to Buenos Aires. No objection.

HASKARD

23rd September

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From: The Colonial Secretary,

To: Supt. Posts & Tels. Dept.

Harbour Master.

Officer-in-Charge B.A.S.

H.M.S. Endeavour 1970-71 itinerary (proposed)

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Enclosed is a copy (to S.P.T. 2 copies) of the provisional itinerary for H.M.S. Endeavour 1970/71 southern season.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

(J.A. Jones)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

No. 0625/MIX

MEMORANDUM

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

23rd September 1970

From: The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: Supt. Posts & Tels. Dept. ✓

Harbour Master.

Officer-in-Charge B.A.S.

SUBJECT :- H.M.S. Endurance 1970-71 itinerary (proposed)

Enclosed is a copy (to S.P.T. 2 copies) of the provisional itinerary for H.M.S. Endurance 1970/71 southern season.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

C.S.,

Receipt of provisional itinerary is acknowledged thank you.

FA

S.P.T.
24.9.70

(J.A. Jones)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

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From: Captain I.R. Bowden, M.V.O., Royal Navy

HMS ENDURANCE
BFPO Ships

226/6

H.E. Sir Cosmo Haskard, K.C.M.G., M.B.E.,
Government House
Port Stanley
Falkland Islands

27 July 70

Dear Sir Cosmo,

I recently heard from Peter Buchanan that you would like six copies of the ENDURANCE/GREAT BRITAIN photograph taken by one of the former's helicopters. These I enclose and hope they are suitable.

I also take the opportunity of forwarding a copy of my proposed programme which I have sent to the Commander-in-Chief, Western Fleet for approval. This I hope will go through as forwarded. I thought it may be of interest to you so that you can see when we plan to be in the Falkland Islands, and when we hope to be available for you to tour the Islands, should you be planning to do so. I will of course signal the approved programme to you in due course.

*passed to
CS 18/9/70*

We are now in the middle of our annual refit in Portsmouth Dockyard. It is a frustrating time, but they are doing us very well. The whole ship's company will however be delighted to get to sea again for trials at the end of September, and away to the South in late October.

I rather got the impression from Peter Buchanan that you may have left the Falkland Islands by the time we arrive in the autumn. Having heard so much about you since I joined the ship, I hope this is not the case, but if it is true, I hope your last few months are all you would wish for.

Yours sincerely

Rodney Bowden.

- Enclosures: 1. Photographs of S.S. GREAT BRITAIN
2. HMS ENDURANCE's letter No. 225/1 dated 20 July 70

*CS Captain Bowden's letter & my reply
passed to you in return please
CS 25/9/70*

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14 September, 1970

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of 27th July enclosing the splendid photographs of Endurance and the Great Britain taken by one of your helicopters.

Although the Falkland Islands Biennial Report for 1970/71 will not be published until 1972 I expect that my successor will wish to have a copy of one of these photographs reproduced. May I take it that provided acknowledgment of Crown copyright is made there would be no objection to the photographs being published in this way. Perhaps you would be good enough when you arrive in Stanley to let the Colonial Secretary, who will then be Acting Governor, know the answer.

Thank you too for sending a copy of the proposed programme for H.M.S. Endurance. It looks as though you should have an interesting season and I am only sorry that my wife and I will not be here when you arrive. We have always greatly enjoyed the visits of H.M. Ships and have very happy memories of taking passage on a variety of occasions.

My successor is E. G. Lewis who is due to reach the Colony with his wife on 11th December but I hope that you will have an opportunity to meet him in England before you sail. The best way to make contact with him is through the Gibraltar and South Atlantic Department in the Foreign & Commonwealth Office.

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Captain I. R. Bowden, M.V.O., R.N.
H.M.S. Endurance,
B.F.P.O. Ships

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 22/9/70

Time :

Received : 23/9/70

Time :

No. 407

Confidential

221730Z

Following from Buenos Aires addressed to F.C.O. telegram no. 407 of September 22nd repeated to Rio de Janeiro, Santiago, Falkland Islands.

Your telegram no. 310: Visits by H.M. Ship Endurance. Can see no objections to proposed visits and will seek clearance of Argentine authorities.

LJC : Cypher

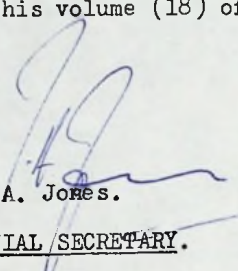
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Harbourmaster,

H.M.S. "Endurance" : 1970/71 Season.

H.M.S. "Endurance's" 1971 camp trip is to take place between 10th April (when she arrives in Stanley to refuel and disembark NP8901) and 17th April (when she sails from Stanley for Montevideo on conclusion of the camp trip). This allows for only a short camp trip, probably from 12th-15th April.

2. I shall be glad if you will study the itineraries of "Endurance's" and her predecessor's camp trip itineraries over the past five years and let me have, by 29th September, your proposals for a camp trip to cover the period 12th - 15th April, 1971. (You are being sent separately a copy of "Endurance's" provisional itinerary for 1971). ~~If feasible~~ The object should be to arrange a camp trip to visit places which have not been visited in the last five years, or not recently; but the itinerary will also need to be compact in view of the time factor as well as permitting a reasonable number of people to see "Endurance" and her crew (and vice versa).

3. When you reply, please attach this volume (18) of f. 0625 to your minute.


J.A. Jones.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

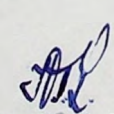
22nd September 1970.

AC.

C.S.

Settlements on the North West of West Falkland do not appear to have been visited by H.M. Ships during the past five years. I therefore submit the following programme:

- 12th April. Proceed to and visit PEBBLE ISLAND
- 13th April. Visit to HILL COVE
- 14th April. Visit to CARCASS ISLAND AND WEST POINT ISLAND.
- 15th April. Return to STANLEY.


H.M. 28.9.70.

H/M. Not a bad idea: but it would probably be a good thing for one E. Falkland Settlement to figure. What can you expect that would fit in with the itinerary you propose above?

17/29/70

~~13~~
C.S.

The answer would be to substitute Port San Carlos for Pebble Island. The proposed programme would then be:

- 12th. Proceed to and visit Port San Carlos
(Arrive mid afternoon)
- 13th Proceed to and visit Hill Cove
(Arrive about mid-day)
- 14th Full day at Carcass Island and West Point Island
(Early morning arrival)
- 15th Return to Stanley.

H.M. 1.10.70.

No. 0625/XIX

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

MEMORANDUM



30th September, 19 70.

From: Harbour Master,

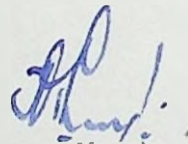
To: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- H.M.S. Endurance 1970/71 itinerary (proposed)

I acknowledge receipt of the above itinerary attached to your Memorandum dated 23rd September, 1970.


Harbour Master

Vol. XIX

H.M.S. "Endurance" 1970-71 Southern Programme

The programme for H.M.S. "Endurance" for the current season is at p.2. It provides for two visits to the Colony after your assumption of duty, one a short one in mid-March, the other from 10th-17th April for what is colloquially known as "Endurance's" camp trip'. Normally the Governor is embarked on "Endurance" for this trip and sometimes the Governor's wife.

2. A glance at p.437 in the previous volume of the file (attached) indicates "Endurance's" 1970 camp trip itinerary. A suggestion, by no means to be regarded as immutable, for a 1971 itinerary appears later in this minute. In 1970 the Governor consulted Executive Council at a meeting early in the year on the possible pattern of a camp trip and you may wish to do the same this year. The itinerary for the camp trip needs to be fixed up by around mid-February since, as can be seen from the file, a good deal of toing and froing is necessary to get the arrangements made and the Captain of "Endurance" has his arrangements to make as well.

3. A proposed 'camp trip' for "Endurance" for 1971 is:

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|------------|--|
| 12th April | Proceed to and visit Port San Carlos (pop. 52 incl. 18 children)
(Arrive mid-afternoon) |
| 13th | Proceed to and visit Hill Cove (pop. 52 incl. 14 children)
(Arrive about midday) |
| 14th | Full day at Carcass and West Point Islands (pops. 8, incl. 3 children and 9, incl. 3 children respectively)
(Early morning arrival) |
| 15th | Return Stanley. |

Carcass and West Point are inclined to have rough sea conditions in April, being very much orientated towards the prevailing westerly winds but pp. 12-15 indicate the rationale of the proposed itinerary while in addition "Endurance's" presence in these places might, provided she was fortunate with the weather, provide the opportunity for L/Comdr Campbell to carry out from the air the preliminary reconnaissance referred to at p. 70 in f. 1712. I think, in the circumstances, the bad weather risk is worth taking.

4. On "Endurance's" return here in March it will, as you will by then have assumed duty as Governor, be necessary for all protocol performed on her arrival at the beginning of the season to be repeated. Locally this consists of

- (1) Captain Bowden calling on you. His ship's boat is met at the Public Jetty by the G.H. car and Major Goss, A.D.C. who accompanies him to Government House for

- (a) a few minutes formal talk with you in drawing room;

- (b) 20 or so minutes informal talk (accompanied by coffee or drinks, according to your preference) in the sitting room.

/ (2)

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- (2) A half hour later your calling on Captain Bowden. Transport to "Endurance" (see pp. 29 and 33 in file) for you is normally by helicopter which collects you, with A.D.C., from the football field adjacent to G.H. Ceremony aboard "Endurance" consists of
- (a) your being piped aboard.
 - (b) greeting officers introduced by Captain Bowden
 - (c) receiving salute from Marine guard of honour
 - (d) inspecting guard
 - (e) receiving final salute
 - (f) being joined by Captain Bowden and taken to his day cabin for a glass and a half hour's talk before being delivered back to the football field by helicopter.

I have told Captain Bowden that on "Endurance's" very short visit in March the ship will not be expected to give a cocktail party but that he must expect that you will wish to give one at G.H. since it will be your first meeting with him and his ship's company.

- (3) Captain Bowden, on his first visit, expressed to me the hope that on the ship's next visit more would be done to entertain the lower deck. I promised to do what I could. Perhaps we could discuss this at your convenience.

(J. M. Jones)

~~3rd December 1970~~

4 Jan 1971

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched :

Time :

Received :

Time :

7/10/70

No. 434

Restricted

071800Z

Following from Buenos Aires.

Addressed F.C.O., telegram 434 of Oct 7th repeated Falkland Islands, Ministry of Defence, U.K. (.... C. in C., Western Fleet Endeavour and Sultan for Commander Hurley.

From British Naval Attaché, Buenos Aires, telegram IRM 071800, October.

My telegram 407 to F.C.O. (not to all): H.M. Ship Endeavour's visit to Buenos Aires.

Diplomatic clearance given for visit November 19th to 24th.

ENDOW

1JC : Cypher

Visits 46
H.M. Ships 16

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
				18/11/70
To	H.M.S. ENDURANCE			
FROM	ACTING GOVERNOR, FALKLAND ISLANDS			

HOPE THAT YOU AND SIX OF YOUR OFFICERS CAN ACCEPT INVITATION TO COCKTAIL PARTY SULLIVAN HOUSE 1830 SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER AND THAT YOU AND DIFFERENT SIX OFFICERS CAN ACCEPT SIMILAR INVITATION FOR TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER. BURLEY'S PARTY HAVE BEEN INVITED IN TWO GROUPS FOR SAME EVENINGS.

JONES

LJC : P/L

Time

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To

ACTING GOVERNOR

H.M.S. ENDURANCE

For Information to N.P. 8901 and 8902

ROUTINE

181701Z

Very many thanks for your signal and social arrangements which are gratefully accepted.

2. My 180001Z suggest ship's cocktail party takes place Sunday 29th November.

LJC : P/L

Time

~~SECRET~~

TELEGRAM.

From H.M.S. Endurance

To NP.8902

Despatched : 18th November

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Time : 0001

Received : " "

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Time : (by Acting Governor) 1750

180001ZN

INTEND

(a) E.T.A. 280830 (+3) ?

Departure 020830 December

(b) Firing salute Acting Governor on arrival if considered appropriate

(c) Destoring Monday 30th Ammunition by helos

2 Landrovers and stores by lighter

(d) Fuelling p.m. Monday 30th

(e) Elephant Island Party Expedition a.m. Sunday 29th to p.m. Tuesday 1st December.

2. At what time would it be convenient to call on the Acting Governor on Saturday 28th, please.

3. Propose following social programme.

(a) 281230 Captain's lunch party for five guests on completion return calls - request you arrange guests

(b) 281830 - 2000 Cocktail Party for 40 - request you arrange invitations.

(c) 291530 - 1730 Children's Party for 25/30 children.

(d) 301230 Further Captain's lunch party if considered desirable.

4. Sports Request:

One first XI and one second XI football match p.m. Saturday (and Sunday opportunities for shooting and fishing welcome.

5. Will continue 1200 G.M.T. comms schedule whilst in B.A.

LJC : P/L

From.: Lieutenant Commander M. J. Veal, Royal Navy

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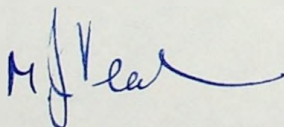
Naval Party 8902,
B.F.P.O. Ships,
London.

18 November 1970.

His Excellency The Acting Governor,
Government House,
Stanley.

HMS ENDURANCE COCKTAIL PARTY - 29 NOVEMBER 1970.

1. Enclosed is a suggested list of guests for
HMS Endurance's cocktail party on Sunday 29th
November.



M J VEAL,
Lieutenant Commander, RN.

Let mixed in discussion + how atp.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
				A/c H. O.
To	'ENDURANCE'			
FROM	ACTING GOVERNOR			

YOUR 180001ZN

- (a) NOTED
- (b) APPROPRIATE. SUGGEST YOU FIRE SALUTE AT 0830 JUST BEFORE ANCHORING
- (c) and (d) O.C. 8902 DEALING
- (e) O.C. 8901 DEALING

2. SUGGEST YOUR CALL AT 1000 STANLEY TIME. CAR WILL MEET YOU PUBLIC JETTY.

3. I WOULD LIKE TO PAY RETURN CALL. WOULD 1100 BE CONVENIENT? GRATEFUL INDICATION METHOD OF CONVEYANCE.

4. SOCIAL PROGRAMME ACCEPTABLE WITH VARIATION AS PROPOSED YOUR 181701Z. AM ISSUING INVITATIONS LUNCHES AND COCKTAIL PARTY AS REQUESTED.

Time

/ 5.....

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				A/c H.O.
To				

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5. SPORTS REQUEST. FOOTBALL AND CRICKET BEING ARRANGED. WILL DISCUSS SHOOTING FISHING ON YOUR ARRIVAL.

JONES

LJC : P/L

Time

WTe *WTS* phoned in 24/11 to say hee. football/cricket ending with the complaints were. *WTS* keen OC 8902 supposed to be arriving. *7/7/11*

0625/XVIII

20th November 70

To: Superintendent of Education,

From: The Acting Governor,

STANLEYN.M.S. Endurance: Childrens Party, 15.30 - 17.30, Sunday, 29.11.70

The annual childrens party on "Endurance" is arranged for 1530 - 1730 on Sunday, the 29th of November 1970.

2. "Endurance" this year is transporting the Joint Services Expedition to the Elephant Island Group and for this reason her initial call at Stanley is some two weeks earlier than usual. Her visit, through circumstances over which we have no control, takes place at a weekend. Inevitably this means that some of the social engagements connected with the visit have to take place on Sunday. Doubtless this is as aggravating for the crew of "Endurance" as it will be to those of us ashore who are actively involved but I am sure everyone of public spirit will co-operate on this annual occasion.
3. 25 to 30 children are invited. I shall be obliged if the usual selection of those to take part may be made and the usual liaison with the ship established by you on the day of her arrival in order to ensure smooth arrangements for the childrens party on the following afternoon. This will greatly facilitate matters for the Captain who has, effectively, only Monday and Tuesday, 30th November and 1st December, as working days for transferring stores, fuelling and so on, during which time also the Joint Services Expedition has to arrange to test all its equipment, etc.
4. "Endurance" arrives here at 0830 on Saturday, 28th November.

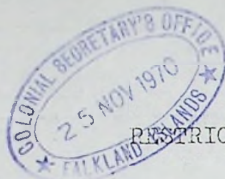
(H.L. Board)
for ACTING GOVERNOR

FA

P/S In "Ports of Ships" file (with you) & file to be handed to me.

J 23/11

CYPHER/CAT A
ROUTINE SANTIAGO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 275



RESTRICTED

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TO FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
26 OCTOBER 1970

RESTRICTED. 261430Z.

ADDRESSED TO F.C.O. TELEGRAM NO. 275 OF 26 OCTOBER REPEATED FOR
INFORMATION SAVING TO BUENOS AIRES, RIO DE JANEIRO AND FALKLAND
ISLANDS.

MY TELEGRAM NO. 239: H.M.S. ENDURANCE VISITS.

DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE OBTAINED FOR VISITS TO PUNTA ARENAS.

F.C.O. PASS SAVING TO BUENOS AIRES, RIO DE JANEIRO AND FALKLAND
ISLANDS.

MR. HILBYARD

[REPEATED AS REQUESTED]

FILES
AM. D.
MR. HANKEY

COPY TO:
POLAR REGIONS SECTION,
CORNWALL HOUSE.
MISS B. SNELLING DS 5, M.O.D.

RESTRICTED

CYPHER/CAT A
ROUTINE SANTIAGO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 275

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TO FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
26 OCTOBER 1973

RESTRICTED. 261430Z.

ADDRESSED TO F.C.O. TELEGRAM NO. 275 OF 26 OCTOBER REPEATED FOR
INFORMATION SAVING TO BUENOS AIRES, RIO DE JANEIRO AND FALKLAND
ISLANDS.

MY TELEGRAM NO. 239: H.M.S. ENDURANCE VISITS.

DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE OBTAINED FOR VISITS TO PUNTA ARENAS.

F.C.O. PASS SAVING TO BUENOS AIRES, RIO DE JANEIRO AND FALKLAND
ISLANDS.

MR. HILDYARD

[REPEATED AS REQUESTED]

F I L E S

AM. D.

MR. HANKEY

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CORNWALL HOUSE.

MISS B. SHELLING DS 5, M.O.D.

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EN CLAIR

RIO DE JANEIRO TO FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

TELNO 371

3 NOVEMBER 1970

UNCLASSIFIED 032010Z

ADDRESSED TO F.C.O. TELEGRAM NUMBER 371 OF 03 NOVEMBER
REPEATED FOR INFORMATION SAVING TO BUENOS AIRES, SANTIAGO AND
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

p. 4
YOUR TELEGRAM NO. 310 TO BUENOS AIRES.

CLEARANCE RECEIVED.

F.C.O. PLEASE PASS SAVING BUENOS AIRES, SANTIAGO AND FALKLAND
ISLANDS.

SIR D. HUNT

[REPEATED AS REQUESTED]

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AMERICAN DEPT.

MR. HANKEY

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CORNWALL HOUSE

MISS B. SNELLING

DS5., M.O.D.

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ZCZC AIR 27/1

ENDURANCE 56 25 1200GMT

HEGFI

ROUTINE 252159Z NOV FROM ENDURANCE TO CINCFW INFO MODUK
NAVY FOCAS GOVERNOR FI UNCLAS KHK QRRM 3649 .

PROPOSE TO FLY ACTING GOVERNOR OF FALKLAND ISLANDS BY
HELICOPTER TO PAY RETURN CALL ON ENDURANCE 28 NOV .

2 . FLIGHT IS CONSIDERED IN THE NAVAL INTEREST . 3 .

SUITABLE BOAT NOT AVAILABLE

CO ENDURANCE

COL 252159Z CINCFW FI 3649 28 2 3 CO

192000Z NOV.
UNCLASSIFIED.

FROM...MP 8901/2
TO.....ENDURANCE.

RPG CAPTAIN AND OFFICERS 1200 TUESDAY 1st DEC. REGRET NO
SOLIDS.

REPLY FROM END.

YOUR 192000Z WMP CAPTAIN AND OFFICERS 011200H DEC.
NO SOLIDS ALL SAME AS BA VISIT.

FROM NOMAD TO ENDURANCE.

WHAT AMOUNT DIESEL AND AVCAT DO YOU REQ?

REPLY. NIL AVCAT REQD. DIESEL 100 TONS AT MOST.

FOR JOINT SERVICES EXPED. 140 GALLONS PARAFFIN,
GASOLINE FOR GEMINI OUTBOARD AND GENERATOR 90 GALLS.
DRUMS WILL BE PROVIDED ON ARRIVAL. *Passed to FIC*

26 NOV 1970

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RE NE...251030Z NOV
FROM.....NP 8901/2
TOENDURANCE *
UNCLAS.

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1. LIST OF OFFICERS ON BOARD.
 2. RPC OCRM +LTCDR LOWE+OBSERVER+2nd PILOT TO SUPPER 28th NOV
FROM CO 8902 AND OCRM.
 3. REQ FINAL REQS FOR SPORT,CRICKET?,FOOTBALL STANLEY v 1st
XI . MARINES v 2nd XI. SQUASH SAT/SUN AFTERNOON.
 4. PASS TO CAPTS SEC. WOULD IT BE CONVENIENT FOR CO8902 AND
OCRМ TO CALL ON CAPT AT 090028th, IF SO DOES HE REQ SWORDS
AND MEDALS.

ANS ALL ARRANGED.

CP(S)ARDEN.A.

25 NOV 1970

FROM...ENTURANCE

TO.....NP 8901/2

REF YOUR SPORTS SIG OCRM, FLT CDR, 1st AND 2nd PILOT
ACCEPTED WILL ARRIVE FROM GOVERNMENT COCKTAIL PARTY.

2. SPORT 1st XI 1500 SAT 28th, 2nd XI SUNDAY 29th 1500, ^{FOOTBALL SEC INFORMED}
SQUASH SATURDAY 28th 1430- 5 STRINGS.

CRICKET 20 OVERS 1730 TUES 1st DEC, ^{CRICKET SEC INFORMED}

3. CO 8902 AND OCRM CALL ON CAPT 0900 28th NEG SWORDS, MEDALS

4. REQ L/ROVERS BE LANDED ON SAT 28th NOV, <sup>ARMED WITH
PIC</sup>

5. MARAUDER(A) CAN WE USE AS LIBERTY BOAT. (B) WILL YOU PROVIDE
^{NO BSM MARAUDER UP} CREW

6. CAN YOU ARRANGE FIRING RANGE FOR RM DET FOR TUES PM.

7. INTEND TO FLY HEADSTONE TO MOODY BROOK AM SAT 28th.

8. YOUR WORKING PARTY B MONDAY 30 TO BE ON BOARD 0800,

EXPECT TO LAND AMMO 0930 APPROX. ^{BY HELICO}

DIST....OC 8902..OCRM..A/GOV..LOG.

CPL(S) ARDEN.A.

25 NOV 1970

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From CINCLWF

TO HMS ENDURANCE

Info MOD London, FOCAS and Governor F.I.

Your KHK 242159Z November - APPROVED.

Time

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IN TOR 0624Z POUNDS B'CAST 29 11 70
DIST OOW EOG

PRIORITY 290327Z NOV
FROM CINC WF
TO UN-NUMBERED WFGM

LCN COLOURS ARE TO BE HALF MASTED TODAY SUNDAY 29 NOV 70
AS A MARK OF RESPECT TO THE LATE ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET
SIR MICHAEL LEFANU

Not ALCs instructed to carry by usual signals
to Capt. Bowden on 29.11.70.

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IN TOR 0632Z POUNDS B'CAST 29 11 70
DIST X2 LOG

ROUTINE 281900Z NOV
FROM MOD NAVY
TO ALL SHIPS AND AUTHORITIES

LHC PERSONAL FROM FIRST SEA LORD.

I KNOW THAT THE WHOLE FLEET, THE ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARY AND ALL NAVY
DEPARTMENT CIVILIANS WILL BE DEEPLY DISTRESSED TO LEARN OF THE
SUDDEN DEATH OF ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET SIR MICHAEL LEFANU AFTER A
VERY SERIOUS ILLNESS.

I HAVE CONVEYED ON YOUR BEHALF OUR MOST HEARTFELT SYMPATHY
TO LADY LEFANU IN HER PRECIOUS LOSS IN WHICH WE ALL SHARE

CRONICA

19th November

Pirate Ship Once More in Port

This continues in a similar vein to the previous cutting p. 38 referring to modern day pirates disguised as scientific investigation on Elephant Island and to Bowden and his staff as pirates passing through Argentinian territory.

Nowadays the excuse given is study of topography, geology etc - anything of practical interest to Her Majesty's Government.

CRONICA

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20th November

Let Us Not Forget Argentinian Heroes were on Elephant Island

It is public knowledge that here in Buenos Aires newly-arrived from England are fourteen representatives of the British armed services who form part of a scientific expedition whose objective is Elephant Island in the Antarctic. The enterprise will make use of "Endurance" which will take them to Elephant Island where the British mission will remain for five months and will leave for their destination from Buenos Aires next Tuesday.

For the instruction of our readers we would say that the Island is mountainous and permanently covered with snow.

An Omission

The fact that a British mission is undertaking a task of this nature would have attracted more attention if emphasis had been placed on the hero, Shackleton. He was also on a scientific mission and made a geological collection of scientific interest.

And the Argentinians? Are they not to be remembered among those who risk their lives in the service of their country. It was for this reason that in search of precise information we checked with the National Antarctic Office headed by General Jorge Leal in order to provide ourselves with data to repair the omission of any reference to Argentina's role. The Argentinians also played a leading part and it would be unpatriotic to forget them. During the Antarctic campaign of the summer, 1957/58 the Argentinian Antarctic Institute Group 2 landed in Potter Cove 25th May Island (of the South Shetland Group, one of which is Elephant Island) in order to carry out geological, petrological and meteorological surveys. This Group consisted of Shauer - geologist, Scholten, meteorologist, Pourcade - petrologist and Spairani - Assistant.

The Group disembarked on 1st December, 1957 and remained on the Island till 7th March, 1958. The work of this Expedition is published in No. 8 of the Argentine Antarctic Bulletin. However, the work was not limited to the 25th May Island and the geologists, Shauer and Pourcade were taken to Elephant Island on the survey vessel, "Ohiriguan" under the command of Captain Barbadoris to carry out scientific investigations. On 21st February, 1958 a motor boat commanded by Lieutenant Panigardi landed these geologists in Cape Rowet and collected rock samples but did not stay long due to bad weather conditions and a strong swell which upset the boat. The rocks collected were gneiss and quartzite.

The information is given in "....." dated "....." produced by Shauer.

Praise of real achievement is usual but particularly when it concerns Argentinian achievements and even more so when it concerns what belongs to us such as The Malvinas.

CRONICA

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20th November

Peaceful Landing from a Pirate Ship

Argentine shores with a tradition of welcoming visitors who come to us filled with hope are being invaded by pirates. Not perhaps as in the time of the freebooters with wooden leg and black patch over the eye but pirates nevertheless. Yesterday under the guise of being engaged in scientific investigation or ~~the~~ of commercial enterprise they reached our shores and are now preparing to visit our Antarctic taking with them a British Expeditionary team.

Today "Endurance", a Royal Naval ship, arrived under the command of a real corsair, I. R. Bowden. The ship will remain in port till Tuesday next on which day it will sail for Elephant Island in the South Atlantic with Bowden and his men together with the Expedition team to survey areas which are, whatever anybody says, Argentinian.

CLARIN

20th November, Page 22

Reference is made to the situation of Elephant Island — whether it is in the sector claimed by Argentina. The Naval Attache said it was. Captain Bowden referred to the necessity for determining the precise location of the Island on charts.

LA NACION

Page 9, 20th November

Reference is made to the attempt to be made by the Expedition on Elephant Island in establishing the relation of the Island to the Andes chain.

Reference is also made to the question of whether the Island is situated in the area claimed by Argentina; and to the fact that Captain Bowden referred in English to the "Falkland Islands". This was translated as "Malvinas".

*p. 36-40 translated & extracted from excerpts from
Argentinian Spanish language newspapers based to me
by Capt. Bowden of "Endurance".*

*J
12/20/11*

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CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

S.1320 h (Rev. July 1963)

NO UNCLASSIFIED REFERENCE OR REPLY

OUT S/S GENKEY B.E.V. TOD I/T 1/12/70
DIST I X1 S2 G1 LOG (SHAND FOR G.F.I.)
OPNS NAVIGATING OFFICER
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ROUTINE 011530Z DEC
FROM HMS WIDURANCE
TO GENOW
GOVERNOR PALMYRA ISLANDS
INFO MODUK FAVY
FOCAS
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R E S T R I C T E D MED/EDB/CAF. INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIRST PERIOD SOUTH
2 DEC TO 4 JAN.

1. 020830P SAIL SEATTLE FOR ELEPHANT ISLAND WITH U.S.B. EMBARKED.
2. ARRIVE ELEPHANT ISLAND 4 DEC AND COMMENCE DISEMBARKING U.S.B.
3. SHIP WILL BE WORKING WITH U.S.B. SURVEY TEAM BETWEEN KING GEORGE ISLAND AND ELEPHANT ISLAND THROUGHOUT PERIOD UNTIL 31 DEC, THEN SAILING FOR POINT ARTHUR ARRIVING 4 JAN.
4. INTEND TO ANCHOR FOR CHRISTMAS IN POTTER COVE KING GEORGE ISLAND.
5. ANTICIPATE R/V WITH ARA BAHIA AGUIRES ON ABOUT 26 DEC FOR MAIL

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R E S T R I C T E D PPD/KDE/OUT. INFORMATION FOR "FIRST PERIOD SOUTH
2 DEC TO 4 JAN.

1. 020630P SAIL STANLEY FOR WHEATLAND ISLAND WITH T.S.E. EMBARKED.
2. ARRIVE ELEPHANT ISLAND 4 DEC AND CONTINUE DISSEMBLING T.S.E.
3. SHIP WILL BE WORKING WITH T.S.E. SURVEY TEAM BETWEEN KING GEORGE ISLAND AND ELEPHANT ISLAND THROUGHOUT PERIOD UNTIL 31 DEC, THEN SAILING FOR PORTA ARCTICA ARRIVING 4 JAN.
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041530Z DEC.

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Visits of H.M. Ships

PUBLIC NOTICE

By kind permission of Captain I.R. Bowden,
M.V.O., R.N., H.M.S. Endurance will be open to
visitors between 4.30 and 5.30 p.m. tomorrow
Tuesday. Boats will leave from the Public Jetty.

It is regretted that children under the age of
16 years cannot be accommodated.

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HMS ENDURANCE 443/437 8 0900 PART 1CF 2

GOVERNOR FI

UNCLAS ROUTINE 072359Z DEC FROM HMS ENDURANCE TO CINCPAC
INFO MODUK NAVY FCCAS GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS
LEO/FFD/KHE ELEPHANT ISLAND STOP
NUMBER ONE . SUMMARY OF EVENTS AS FOLLOWS 8 FRIDAY 4TH .

ARRIVE IN PERFECT WEATHER RECCE ALL PLANNED TRIG POINTS
ON NE AND SE COASTS OF

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EI AND W COAST OF CLARENCE ISLAND (CLI) . LANDED TWO TONS
JSE STORES EAST END OF EI AND THREE MAN JSE CLIMBING TEAM
ON CLI . FULL GALE BY SUNSET . SATURDAY 5TH . UNSUCCESSFUL
RECCE OF TRIG POINTS ON GIBBS GROUP OF ISLANDS DUE TO HIGH
AND

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ANCHORAGE IN LEE UNDER CLIFFS BELOW JSE MAIN CAMP DISEMBARKED
ELEVEN TONS OF STORES INCLUDING HUT TO CAMP SITE THEN REMAINED
AT ANCHOR OVERNIGHT . SUNDAY 6TH . LANDING OF LAST TWO DUMPS
OF STORES ON WEST-COAST EI

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FRUSTRATED BY WEATHER , BUT LATER CDR BURLEY . FIVE MEMBERS
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SHIP SPENT NIGHT SOUNDING IN UNCHARTED WATERS . MONDAY 7TH
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FOG . 2 . DISEMBARKATION OF USE AND THEIR STORES NOW COMPLETE
AND TO SCHEDULE . TASKS OF ENDURANCE UNTIL DEPARTURE FROM
AREA ON 1ST JAN WILL BE (A) MOVEMENT AND SUPPORT OF TIG
POINT SURVEY PARTIES AGGEN ON TRIANGULATION OF ALL ISLANDS
IN EI AREA . (CB)

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HMS ENDURANCE 443/437 8 0900
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SURVEY SOUNDING OF LARGE AREAS OF UNCHARTED WATER AROUND
ISLANDS . 3 . MAIN IMPRESSIONS SO FAR ARE (A) THE RUGGED
PRACTICEDUR OF EI A D OLI BOTH OF WHICH ARE VERY MOUNTAINOUS
AND ALMOST COMPLETELY ICE CLAD WITH MANY ENORMOUS GLACIERS
UP TO 4 MILES WIDE AND 350 FEET

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HIGH AT THE COAST . THE VIEWS DURING THE FEW CLEAR AND SUNNY
HOURS RIVAL THE BEST IN THE ALPS . (CB) THE WEATHER WHICH
CHANGES HOURLY AND WHICH IN FOUR DAYS HAS INCLUDED EVERY
VARIATION EXCEPT BLIZZARD . TEMPERATURES BETWEEN 2 AND
5 DEGREES CENTIGRADE . (CC) THE

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APPARENT ABUNDANCE OF PENGUINS SEAL AND SEA BIRDS (CD) ADMIRATION
FOR USE WHO HAVE MANY DIFFICULT TASKS IN ARDUOUS CONDITIONS
AHEAD OF THEM . 4 . ENDURANCE KEX 042327Z AND LEO/KEX
061640Z ALSO REFER .

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FROM ENDURANCE TO CINCPAC

Information MODUK Navy, FOCAS, Governor Falkland Islands, LEX/FFD/KME

Elephant Island (E.I.) Sitrep No. 2 covering period 8 through 17th December.

Main Task Support of Trig Point Survey Parties around E.I. Clarence Island (C.I.) and Gibbs Island using ships surveying team and six members Jse. First four days progress slow because strong moist winds from Atlantic produced low cloud and poor visibility. Latter six days whole area dominated by anticyclone over Antarctic Peninsular giving moderately southerly winds, perfect visibility and the sun.

Excellent progress resulted completion of E.I. and C.I. traverses (14 Trig Stations) yesterday and 80 per cent Gibbs Island Group extension K6 Stations) by today 17th December.

2. Rapid progress has required intrusion flight operations which have now continued 14 days without break since arrival E.I.

3. Throughout period parties of ships company, mostly R.M. detachment, camped ashore for 2 days each, close to use main base;

Employment (a) assistance to JSE including professional protective stone wall round hut.

(b) sledge expeditions with JSE into hitherto unexplored hinterland to set up intermediate store dumps.

(c) Arctic training.

4. Secondary task of ship sounding provided numerous excitements, several shoal areas and one group of rocks dangerous to navigation.

5. 2200 miles steamed on task to date. 65 flying hours and 22½ tons stores lifted by helicopters.

6. Now proceeding for 24 hour break in Potter Cove, King George Islands. A latter parties probably in sites over Christmas when ship expects to be in Potter Cove.

7. News of 17 bags U.K. mail expected shortly in Argentine Naval Ship "Bahia Aguirre" and ferried from Buenos Aires well received.

LJC : P/L

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PRIORITY GOVERNOR

FALKLAND ISLANDS

221400Z FM ENDURANCE TO CINCPAC INFO FOC AMPHIBIOUS
SHIPS MODUK NAVY GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS KMF/LEQ/KHA
PCS 221200Z 6030S 6010W 318-12 PROCEEDING
TO CAPEHORN AREA TO ATTEMPT R/V WITH YACHT
BRITISH STEEL . THREE PAIRS OF SURVEYORS FOUR
JSE OFFICERS ONE GCRM OFFICER AND ONE PETTY OFFICER

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(REMAIN CAMPED ON GIBBS ISLAND) BRIDGEMEN ISLAND
AND MELVILLE PEAK ON KING GEORGE ISLAND . 2
INTENDS REMAINING IN CAPEHORN AREA UNTIL R/V
OR 262359Z WHICH EVER LATER THEN RETURNING TO SOUTH
SHETLANDS . (A) TO RECOVER SURVEY PARTIES
(B) FOR POSTPONED CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES
PROBABLY 30 DEC

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(C) FOR LIAISON WITH JSE BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR PUNTA
ARENAS 1 JAN

COL 221400Z 221200Z 6030S 6010W 318-12

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Addressed F.C.O. telegram 317 of 29th December repeated to Buenos Aires, Santiago and Montevideo.

Your telegram 240 of 23rd December.

Lewis' travel.

Probable disembarkation arrangements will be by 'Endurance' launch at 0950 after Acting Governor accompanied by A.D.C. has been helicoptered aboard at 0900 to give Governor-designate final briefing on arrival ceremony arrangements.

JONES

LJC : Cypher

Embargoed till broadcast at 1930 hours Tuesday, 29th December

It is announced from Government House that the Governor-designate, Mr. E. G. Lewis, O.B.E., is expected to arrive at Stanley on Friday the 8th of January by H.M.S. 'Endurance'.

It is planned that disembarkation from H.M.S. 'Endurance' will be at 9.50 a.m. on the 8th of January with arrival at the public jetty at 10 a.m. Thereafter the programme for the arrival ceremonies will be as already published.

Copy for Books of Hope file.

~~Y.L.~~

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Minutes pp. 15-17.

I informed Capt. Borden at end Minute that I considered you would wish to make the camp trip in 'Endurance' this year. (You will also wish to consider whether you want to make arrangements for your wife to accompany you on it.) However, I have not yet discussed any proposed itinerary in Executive Comt. You may wish to hand out one or two members personally before deciding what to propose in Executive Comt.

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From H.M.S. ENDURANCE

To GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS

Despatched : 31st December 1970 Time : 1200

Received : 19 Time :

R310200Z From Endurance to C-in-C WF info Moduk Navy Focas Admiralty London S.W.1

Elephant Island sitrep number three (and final) covering period 18 through 30th December. Main tasks -

(A) completion Gibbs Island group triangulation
(B) extension of triangulation from King George Island to Gibbs Island (76 miles) via Bridgeman Island by observed triangle and measured distance.

2. Off to good start after receipt 17 bags Christmas mail collected from Esperanza Base (Argentinian) on 18th. Reasonable weather allowed completion (A) above 19th by 21st siting of two - man survey teams completed on Bridgeran (Lieut Cdr Campbell and PO Elton) and Melville (JSE). Former one large cinder with no shelter except by digging hole in top with pick axe and placing tent and gear within but survived two days force 8 - 9 winds and blizzard. Latter snow peak comfortable except team in white out six days out of nine.

3. Endurance absent from area 22nd to noon Christmas day on Yacht British Steel business, then in Potter Cove King Island until a.m. 27th.

4. Recovered Bridgeman 27th and Gibbs 28th Melville team trapped in low cloud but brought out with gear late p.m. 29th by Lieutenant Norman and five RM detachment after 1000 ft climb in 5 yard visibility.

5. Task one (B) above and Endurance participation in Elephant Island area survey now completed except assistance to JSE in March 1971 to measure some heights for accurate interpretation of air photographs.

6. Today 30th Closed Point Wild, site of Endurance ships company home April to August 1916 and obtained photo coverage on perfect sunny day. Then final liaison with JSE main base. Now proceeding Maxwell Harbour King George Island for liaison with Russian and Chilian bases until 010115 local Jan before departure to Punta Arenas.

7. Ships company in good heart after rewarding month. Weather has been our ally

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FROM ENDURANCE TO ACTING GOVERNOR

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

081420Z

Heli operating conditions deteriorated. Regret helo will not now be in shore until between 1250 and 1300. E.T.A. Port Stanley confirmed at 1415.

LJC / P/L

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To

ENDURANCE

FROM GOVERNOR

FOR CAPTAIN BOWDEN

MANY THANKS TO YOU PERSONALLY AND TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE SHIP'S COMPANY
FOR MAKING MY VOYAGE FROM PUNTA ARENAS SUCH AN ENJOYABLE ONE STOP I LOOK
FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON YOUR RETURN

LEWIS

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To GOVERNOR

FROM URANCE

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091500Z

Thank you for your kind message. It was an honour and great pleasure to have you on board your future flagship.

2. We look forward to welcoming you and perhaps Mrs. Lewis for a longer stay some time in the future.

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Annex A to the Commanding Officer HMS ENDURANCE's letter 225/1 dated 25 June 1970

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME - HMS ENDURANCE - 1970/71

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>1970</u>		
Tuesday 27 Oct	Sail Portsmouth	
Sunday 1 Nov pm	Arrive Las Palmas	Refuel
Tuesday 3 Nov pm	Sail Las Palmas	
Thursday 19 Nov am	Arrive Buenos Aires	Refuel. Embark Joint Service Expedition
Tuesday 24 Nov	Sail Buenos Aires	
Saturday 28 Nov	Arrive Port Stanley	Refuel
Wednesday 2 Dec	Sail Port Stanley	
Friday 4 Dec	Arrive Elephant Island	Land Joint Service Expedition. Support Joint Service Expedition and survey in area
<u>1971</u>		
Friday 1 Jan	Sail from South	
Monday 4 Jan	Arrive Punta Arenas	Refuel
Wednesday 6 Jan	Sail Punta Arenas	
Saturday 9 Jan	Arrive South (Crystal Sound)	Crystal Sound/Marguerite Bay triangulation
Monday 1 Feb	Sail from South (Marguerite Bay)	
Friday 5 Feb	Arrive Punta Arenas (Mid season visit)	Refuel. Maintenance period. Recreation
Thursday 11 Feb	Sail Punta Arenas for South	Survey Crystal Sound/Argentine Island area.
Wednesday 10 Mch	Sail from South	
Sunday 14 Mch	Arrive Port Stanley	Refuel
Tuesday 16 Mch	Sail Port Stanley	
Thursday 18 Mch	Arrive South	Surveying in South Shetlands, recover Joint Service Expedition.
Thursday 1 Apl	Sail Elephant Island	
Sunday 4 Apl	Arrive Punta Arenas	Refuel. Disembark Joint Service Expedition. Embark relief Naval Party 8901.
Thursday 8 Apl	Sail Punta Arenas	
Saturday 10 Apl	Arrive Falkland Islands	Refuel. Disembark Naval Party 8901. Falkland Island tour.
Saturday 17 Apl	Sail Port Stanley	
Wednesday 21 Apl	Arrive Montevideo	Refuel
Monday 26 Apl	Sail Montevideo	
Friday 30 Apl	Arrive Rio de Janeiro	Refuel
Tuesday 4 May	Sail Rio de Janeiro	
Wednesday 19 May	Arrive Gibraltar	
Friday 21 May	Sail Gibraltar	Refuel
Tuesday 25 May	Arrive Portsmouth	

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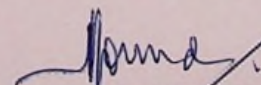
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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 28th, 29th and 30th OCTOBER 1970

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20. H.M.S. ENDURANCE

Council noted that H.M.S. "Endurance" was scheduled to arrive in Stanley on 28th November. In addition to her normal operations she would assist with the Joint Services Expedition to Elephant Island. It was expected that her camp tour this season would be restricted to a short period between 10th and 17th April, the date on which she is due to leave the Colony for Montevideo, Rio de Janeiro, Gibraltar and the United Kingdom. ✓


CLERK OF COUNCILS

Not Sir / Will you please speak on the 11th Nov

H.M.S. "Endurance" 1970-71 Southern Programme *13/11*

The programme for H.M.S. "Endurance" for the current season is at p.2. It provides for two visits to the Colony after your assumption of duty, one a short one in mid-March, the other from 10th-17th April for what is colloquially known as "Endurance's" camp trip'. Normally the Governor is embarked on "Endurance" for this trip and sometimes the Governor's wife.

2. A glance at p.437 in the previous volume of the file (attached) indicates "Endurance's" 1970 camp trip itinerary. A suggestion, by no means to be regarded as immutable, for a 1971 itinerary appears later in this minute. In 1970 the Governor consulted Executive Council at a meeting early in the year on the possible pattern of a camp trip and you may wish to do the same this year. The itinerary for the camp trip needs to be fixed up by around mid-February since, as can be seen from the file, a good deal of toing and froing is necessary to get the arrangements made and the Captain of "Endurance" has his arrangements to make as well.

3. A proposed 'camp trip' for "Endurance" for 1971 is:

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|------------|--|
| 12th April | Proceed to and visit Port San Carlos (pop. 52 incl. 18 children)
(Arrive mid-afternoon) |
| 13th | Proceed to and visit Hill Cove (pop. 52 incl. 14 children)
(Arrive about midday) |
| 14th | Full day at Carcass and West Point Islands (pops. 8, incl. 3 children and 9, incl. 3 children respectively)
(Early morning arrival) |
| 15th | Return Stanley. |

Carcass and West Point are inclined to have rough sea conditions in April, being very much orientated towards the prevailing westerly winds but pp. 12-13 indicate the rationale of the proposed itinerary while in addition "Endurance's" presence in these places might, provided she was fortunate with the weather, provide the opportunity for L/Cmdr Campbell to carry out from the air the preliminary reconnaissance referred to at p. in f. I think, in the circumstances, the bad weather risk is worth taking.

4. On "Endurance's" return here in March it will, as you will by then have assumed duty as Governor, be necessary for all protocol performed on her arrival at the beginning of the season to be repeated. Locally this consists of

- (1) Captain Bowden calling on you. His ship's boat is met at the Public Jetty by the G.H. car and Major Goss, A.D.C. who accompanies him to Government House for
 - (a) a few minutes formal talk with you in drawing room;
 - (b) 20 or so minutes informal talk (accompanied by coffee or drinks, according to your preference) in the sitting room.

/ (2)

(2) A half hour later your calling on Captain Bowden. Transport to "Endurance" (see pp. 29 and 33 in file) for you is normally by helicopter which collects you, with A.D.C., from the football field adjacent to G.H. Ceremony aboard "Endurance" consists of

- (a) your being piped aboard.
- (b) greeting officers introduced by Captain Bowden
- (c) receiving salute from Marine guard of honour
- (d) inspecting guard
- (e) receiving final salute
- (f) being joined by Captain Bowden and taken to his day cabin for a glass and a half hour's talk before being delivered back to the football field by helicopter.

I have told Captain Bowden that on "Endurance's" very short visit in March the ship will not be expected to give a cocktail party but that he must expect that you will wish to give one at G.H. since it will be your first meeting with him and his ship's company.

(3) Captain Bowden, on his first visit, expressed to me the hope that on the ship's next visit more would be done to entertain the lower deck. I promised to do what I could. Perhaps we could discuss this at your convenience.

(J. A. Jones)

3rd December 1970

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I have sent you a loose bundle about the sub. office. which we hope Mr Clapp will lead.

2 May I request that you now have a look at W. XVIII attached below which indicates the sort of sports, entertaining which goes on both ashore & afloat on an 'Endurance' camp trip. (But nothing can be done about arrangements until the itinerary itself is decided.)

Best Sir,
We shall and we will visit the Landmark
in Aker on the 21st. I am in hand with the

Leicht Bunte Anzeigung in der Anzeigung

G. S. L. 15 Jan

6.5. 57
DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 17/1/71 Time: 2000 Received: Time

ROUTINE
CONFIDENTIAL
172000Z

FROM ENDURANCE TO GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS
INFORMATION NP 8901 AND 8902

April visit of Endurance to Falkland Islands. To take account of:

- (a) Start of visit being over Easter.
- (b) Requirement for inspection of Naval Party 8902 are all
C.O. Endurance
- (c) Desirable requirements to add one day to subsequent visit
(Montevideo) which has recently been cut by further day, proposed
dates and broad programme as follows:

	<u>Datetime</u>	<u>Event</u>
1	PM Wednesday 7th	Land survey party at Bull Road
2	AM Thursday 8th	Arrive Port Stanley. Disembark new Naval Party 8901 Operational inspection of Naval Party 8902 by Captain of Endurance, if possible in tactical setting arranged by C.O. NP 8901
3	AM Saturday 10th	Harbour inspection of NP 8902
4	PM Sunday 11th	Sail with H.E. for tour of settlements begin A.M. Monday.
5.	PM Thursday 15th	Recover survey party Bull Road possibly while H.E. visits adjacent settlement
6	0830 Friday 16th	Arrive Port Stanley. H.E. disembarks. Embark old Naval Party 8901
7	1200 Friday 16th	Sail for Montevideo

2. For consideration: that H.E. join Endurance by helicopter A.M. 12th but
weather could jeopardise this.

3. Proposed detailed discussion regarding tour instructions.

LJC : Cypher

See 67

MR Exco. agreed proposed 'Endurance' camp. Finerary at
p.55.

Action To ask settlements concerned if they agree.

By ACI P. draft appropriate telegram.

7/2/71

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Minutes of Executive Council Meeting No. 1/71.

held on 21st and 22nd January 1971.

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12. H.M.S. ENDURANCE - ITINERARY

Council noted that it was proposed that H.M.S. Endurance should visit the following Camp stations with His Excellency the Governor embarked between the 11th and 15th April 1971:

Port San Carlos
Hill Cove
West Point Island
Carcass Island

Bourne
ACTING CLERK OF COUNCIL.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

WAP 15-821 585968/704663 500 pds 9/69 Grp.782

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			25.1.71
To	WEST POINT ISLAND			HO a/c

Weather permitting propose HMS Endurance visits West Point Island on 14th April stop Grateful early indication whether visit would be convenient and whether entertainment could be arranged

COLONIAL SECRETARY

JE

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS**SENT**

WAP 15 821 585968/704663 500 pads 9/69 Grp.782

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			25.1.71
To	STAT MANAGER CARCASS ISLAND			HO a/c

Weather permitting propose HMS Endurance visits Carcass Island on 14th April stop. Grateful early indication whether visit would be convenient and whether entertainment could be arranged.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

JE

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS**SENT**

WAP 1514-321 585968/704663 500 pds 9/69 Grp.782

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			25.1.71
To	STAT MANAGER FORT SAN CARLOS			HO A/C

Weather permitting propose HMS Endurance visits yours with
Governor embarked during afternoon 12th April stop Grateful
early indication whether visit would be convenient and
whether entertainment could be arranged

COLONIAL SECRETARY

JE

Reply at 62

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS**SENT**

WAP 15148 4821 585968/704663 500 pads 9/69 Grp.782

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			25.1.71
To	ESTATE MANAGER HILL COVE			HQ A/C

Weather permitting propose HMS Endurance visits yours with Governor embarked during afternoon 13th April stop Grateful early indication whether visit would be convenient and whether entertainment could be arranged

COLONIAL SECRETARY

JE

Time

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From MANAGER PORT SAN CARLOS

To COLONIAL SECRETARY STANLEY

Despatched : 27th January 19 71 Time :
Received : 27th January 19 71 Time : 0900

Delighted to welcome His Excellency and Endurance
12th April. Will write details proposed entertainment by
first chance possible could include Teal Shoot Smylie
Creek

ALAN MILLER

PL: JE

See 60

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT

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WAP 15142—821 584578/790938 500 pds 12/68 Grp.782

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

To

HMS ENDURANCE

PERSONAL FOR THE CAPTAIN

29 JANUARY

WOULD YOU PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT I CAN DO FOR YOU AND THE SHIP WHEN YOU
CALL ON TUESDAY. I HOPE YOU AND YOUR OFFICERS WILL BE FREE TO COME TO

DRINKS ON TUESDAY EVENING. LEWIS

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

P1676 P4416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				A/C H. O.
To	INSURANCE			
FROM	ACTING GOVERNOR			

YOUR 180001N

- (a) NOTES
- (b) APPROPRIATE. SUGGEST YOU FINE MAINTEN AT 0630 JUST BEFORE AUCTIONING
- (c) and (d) C.C. 8902 DEALING
- (e) C.C. 8901 DEALING

2. REQUEST YOUR CALL AT 1000 STANLEY TIME. CAR WILL MEET YOU PUBLIC JURY.

3. I WOULD LIKE TO PAY RETURN CALL. WOULD 1100 BE CONVENIENT? GRATEFUL
INDICATE METHOD OF CONVEYANCE.

4. SOCIAL PROGRAMME ACCEPTABLE WITH VARIATION AS PROPOSED YOUR 181701Z. AM
ISSUING INVITATIONS DINNER AND COCKTAIL PARTY AS REQUESTED.

Time

/ 5.....

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
				A/c H.O.
To				

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5. SPORTS REQUEST. FOOTBALL AND CRICKET BEING ARRANGED. WILL DISCUSS SHOOTING FISHING ON YOUR ARRIVAL.

LJC : P/L

JONES

OKS. Home p. 58. Will you pl.
start copying & hearing with P/S on
arrangements for "Bulwer's" 1911 Camp trip. J/3/2

Time

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

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CHECK BOX

LINE 1

LINE 2

VPC8

LINE 3

DE GXRH

LINE 4
ROUTING
INDICATORS

PRECEDENCE-ACTION	PRECEDENCE-INFO	DATE-TIME GROUP, MONTH
ROUTINE	ROUTINE	251746Z JAN.

FROM ENDURANCE

TO GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS.

INFO

Routed by

Time.....

Perforated by

Time.....

FOR SINGLE TRANSMISSION

Transmitted to

Channel No/System

Time.....

Operator

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

(Messages referring to a classified
message must be classified
RESTRICTED or above).

RESTRICTED

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SERIAL No.
(if used)

RTT

MY 172000Z JAN PARA 1(C) AND (vii).

REQUEST APPROVAL IN PRINCIPAL TO PROGRESS PLANNING OF VISIT

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OPERATORNAME IN
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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 27/1/71

Time : 1430

Received :

Time :

FOR ENDURANCE
FROM GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS
RESTRICTED

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YOUR 172000Z JANUARY

PROPOSED PROGRAMME SUITABLE AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO JOINING YOU FOR TOUR
OF SETTLEMENTS.

LEWIS

LJC :

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ZCZC NR 61/178

FOXBAY 21 27 0900

ETAT

COLONIAL SECRETARY

PORTSTANLEY

WE WILL BE VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE ENDURANCE GRATEFUL

YOU COULD ADVISE APPROX LENGTH OF STAY AND NUMBERS TO BE ~~XX~~
ENTERTAINED

MANAGER HILLCOVE

NNNN

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

RECEIVED

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D66984 837 250 pads 9/70 C.P. Ltd. Gp. 3831

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
458	Carcass Island	33	0835	29.1.71.

To

Colonial Secretary Stanley

We all welcome visit of Endurance 14th April but much regret cannot
arrange entertainment as settlement too small stop request no shooting
party stop will explain further later

Bertrands

PJW

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS**RECEIVED**

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D669953 87 250 pads 8 /70 C.P. Ltd. Gp. 3631

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
462 3	West Point	12	0945	29.1.71.

To

Colonial Secretary Stanley

We welcome visit Endurance 14th April stop writing

Napier

PJW

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

RECEIVED

D6688 987 250 pads 9/70 C.P. Ltd. Gp. 3631

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
425	Port San Carlos	30	0900	27.1.71.

To

Phone Colonial Secretary Stanley

Delighted to welcome H.E. and Endurance 12th April stop will write details proposed entertainment by 1st chance stop possible could include teal shoot Smilles Creek

Allan Miller

Phoned PJW

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

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WAP 15142-821 584578/790938 500 pds 12/68 Grp.782

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To

HMS ENDURANCE

A/C H.O.

YOUR R 311555Z

PERMISSION GRANTED FOR 17 GUN SALUTE.

2. SUGGEST YOUR CALL ON ME BE AT ABOUT 1245 AND THAT AS YOU SUGGEST

MY RETURN CALL BE INFORMAL AT 1300 STAYING FOR LUNCH. MY WIFE IS NOT
YET WITH ME BUT WILL ARRIVE ON THE NEXT DARWIN IN EARLY MARCH. COLSEC
WILL INVITE OTHER GUESTS AS REQUESTED. LEWIS

*OK for Heads of Ships f.b.e.
1. Hq. FDC is arranging for gun salute
2. to be returned
3. FDC informed*

M/12

Time

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From C.O. ENDURANCE

To GOVERNOR PORT STANLEY

Despatched : 31 st January 19 71 Time :

Received : 31st January 19 Time :

Request permission to fire a 17 gun salute to you on arrival 1215 local 2nd February.

2. At what time would it be convenient for me to call on you. Could land at public jetty at 1235.

3. Would be very grateful if your formal return call could be delayed until March visit as ships company will be fully occupied embarking fuel. Humbly propose your return call at 1100 be informal and that you and Mrs Lewis stay for lunch

C.O. ENDURANCE

PL: JE

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57C for Vents of Cape pte, 05.19 -
with you?
JH

NR114

310030Z FROM ENDURANCE TO HE G FI

UNCLAS YOUR 291230Z AND 301200Z . WE ARE DELIGHTED MR LEWIS
WILL BE ACCOMPANYING YOU FOR SETTLEMENTS TOUR . MOD (NAVY)
APPROVAL BEING SOUGHT . 2. KIND INVITATION FOR TUESDAY EVENING
GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED BY MYSELF AND OFFICERS

*Not seen / Still not indicated as to whether will now being made
Mr. G. of calls were settled. JH
B. H. 31/1/70*

R 314535Z

FM OXRN

TO H B O F I

Info Col Sec ✓

NP8901/02

"

Request permission to fire a 17 gun salute to you
on arrival 1215 local 2 Feb.

2. At what time would it be convenient for us to call on
you. Could land at public jetty at 1135.

3. Would be very grateful if your formal return call could
be delayed until March visit as ship's company will be fully
occupied embarking fuel. Humbly propose your return call
at 1100 be informal and that you and Mrs Lewis stay
for lunch -

R 311557z

Fm GXRH

To Col Sec

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My 311555z

Actioned



If His Excellency and Mrs Lewis able to lunch in Endurance would be grateful if invitations could be passed to Mr and Mrs Sloggie and Captain Leicester to lunch also.

Boat at public jetty at 1250 =

31/1835z rs

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Cables 'CARLOS PORTSTANLEY'
PORT SAN CARLOS,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,
SOUTH ATLANTIC,
Via Montevideo

30th. January 1971.

Colonial Secretary,
Secretariat,
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

Visit of HMS. Endurance to PSC. 12th. April.

Further to my telegram in reply to yours advising of pending visit of HMS Endurance with His Excellency the Governor. We would be delighted to welcome the Royal Navy here and especially His Excellency.

Obviously nothing concrete can be planned in the way of entertainments until we know how many hours the ship will be here, but the following are thoughts which have crossed my mind.

1. Teal Shoot at Smylies Creek 40 minutes Landrover drive from the Settlement for H.E., Captain and officers. For this we need at least 3 hours clear from the time the party leaves this house until we arrive back again. Helicopters could assist here.
2. Fishing up the river. The ships pinnacle can easily reach Curlew Creek about 30 minutes away from the Settlement. Some quite good fishing may be had here provided the tides are right. Good fishing may also be had further up at Johns Rincon, but for this either Helicopters or Landrovers would be required.
3. Fannings Island at the estuary of the river is also quite well worth a visit having a colony of Seals at its western end.
4. Shooting of Upland geese. Plenty are to be had within easy walking distance of the Settlement.
5. General look around the Settlement seeing how we operate our lives and industry.

I had hoped to hold a Teal Shoot this year with the farm owner, Mr. Norman Cameron coming to visit us this Summer. But unfortunately we have just received the news of his tragic death, and since he himself when managing this place often had the Navy here for this sort of occasion, I feel sure he would wish us to do the same

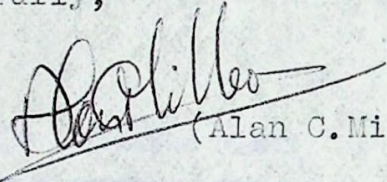
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in his absence. HMS Protector used to drop here anchor down the estuary near the smaller of the two tussac islands, but since in the past there has been a 'Bay' class frigate right inside our harbour, I feel sure there would be plenty of room for Endurance. If the Captain could see his way to coming inside it would be much appreciated by all the people here, **most** of whom have never seen the ship.

No doubt you or the ship will be contacting us again in due course.

Yours faithfully,


(Alan C. Miller).
Manager.

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S.1320 h (1000) July 1963)

NO UNCLASSIFIED REFERENCE OR REPLY

OUT TOD .. 1228Z POUNDS S/SS 1 2 71
DIST K XI SI S2 LOG

ROUTINE 311600Z JAN
FROM ENTURANCE
TO MODUK NAVY
CINC WF

R E S T R I C T E D HAS. GOVERNOR OF FALKLAND ISLANDS PLANS
TO EMBARK IN ENTURANCE 11 TO 16 APRIL TO TOUR FALKLAND SETTLE-
MENTS. HIS EXCELLENCY HAS EXPRESSED WISH THAT HIS WIFE ACCOMPAN-
Y HIM DURING TOUR.

2. FOR MODUK NAVY REQUEST APPROVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORRN 1384
TO EMBARK MRS LEWIS. SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE.

3. FOR CINC WF REQUEST APPROVAL FOR ALLOWANCE OF THIRTY FIVE
SHILLINGS PER DAY EACH DURING PRESENCE ON BOARD, ORRN CHAPTER 14
TABLE 14 - 2/1D) REFERS.

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S.1320 (Rev. July 1963)

NO UNCLASSIFIED REFERENCE OR REPLY

OUT TOD 2216Z POUNDS S/S 2 2 71
DIST X X1 X2 S1 S2 NO E1 LOG

IMMEDIATE 022000Z FEB
FROM ENDURANCE
TO CINC WF
INFO AS PORTSMOUTH
CFM PORTSMOUTH
SMA
MOD UK NAVY
BNA BUENOS AIRES
DA SANTIAGO

R E S T R I C T E D KOT/DAU OPDET.

- A. 8 INCH LUBOIL DRAIN PIPE FROM MAIN ENGINE SUMP TO MAIN ENGINE COIN TANK
- B. PIPE CRACKED THROUGH 120 DEGREES, AND EXTENDS 1 INCH INTO SUMP FRAME. ONE
- C. QUARTER INCH CRACK ALSO EVIDENT POSITION 180 DEGREES FROM LARGE CRACK
- C. CONSIDER SHIPS STAFF CAN ONLY EFFECT TEMPORARY REPAIR TO ENABLE SHIP TO PROCEED PORT WHERE PERMANENT REPAIR CAN BE CARRIED OUT, PERMANENT REPAIR BEYOND SHIPS CAPABILITIES.
- D. FUTURE PROGRAMME POSTPONED UNTIL PERMANANT REPAIR.
- E. BURMEISTER AND WAIN MAIN ENGINE HANDBOOK PLATE XXII RIGHT HAND DRAWING BH. CRACKING AROUND PIPE UNDER AFTER END FRAME OF STRAINER. BELIEVE HANDBOOK HELD DGS ME SECTION BATH.
2. SHIPS APPRECIATION OF POSSIBLE REPAIR BASE WILL BE SIGNALLED.

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NO UNCLASSIFIED REFERENCE OR REPLY

78C

OUT TOD .. 2319Z POUNDS S/S 2 2 71
DISP X X1 X2 S1 S2 NO Y1 LOG

IMMEDIATE 0222210Z FEB

FROM ENDELRANCE

TO CINC WD

INFO BNA BUENOS AIRES

DA SANTIAGO

AS PORTSMOUTH

CIN

SMA

MOD UK NAVY

RESERVED KOD/DAU. NY 022000Z. CONSIDER:-

(A) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO EFFECT PERMANENT REPAIR ARE:-

(I) TANK CLEANING FACILITIES FOR DRAIN TANK.

(II) BURNING FACILITIES FOR TOPS OF DRAIN TANK AND BOTTOM OF SUMP

(III) FACILITIES TO FABRICATE INSERT IN SUMP AND NEW PIECE OF 8 INCH PIPE APPROX 3 FEET LONG.

(IV) GRADE ALPHA WELDER TO REPLACE INSERT.

(B) TASK CAN ONLY BE SATISFACTORILY DONE BY MAJOR REPAIR ORGANISATION.

2. FACILITIES AT POSSIBLE REPAIR PORTS AND SPENDING TIME FROM PORT SPANLEY AS FOLLOWS:-

(A) MONTEVIDEO (4 DAYS) EXCELLENT

(B) BUERTO BALDRANO (3 DAYS), ARGENTINE NAVAL BASE, PROMISING FOLLOWING TELECON WITH BNA BA WHO IS REQUESTED TO COMMENT IN DETAIL,

(C) PUNTA ARENAS (2 DAYS) KNOWN TO BE INADEQUATE.

3. ANTICIPATE COMPLETION OF TEMPORARY REPAIRS AT PORT SPANLEY AM THURSDAY 4 FEB

4. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AND TIDCLEAR IF SHIP REQUIRED TO PROCEED TO PORT OTHER THAN PUNTA ARENAS.

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

From :

The Captain.
HMS Endurance

Date :

3 Feb 71.

To :

Secretary to
Governor F.I.

The following signals, mainly concerning the defect in HMS ENDURANCE and her future programme have been sent / received up to about 1600 today Wednesday. Further signals, which have been passed since, will be landed before the ship sails at 0830 tomorrow Thursday and delivered to you.

E. J. H. Zeb /

R.B.

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NO UNCLASSIFIED REFERENCE OR REPLY

IN GRPS T.O.R., 1420Z. N.B. 3/2/71

DIST:- X. X1. A1. H1. E1. LOG.

ACTION:- CAPTAIN & NAVIGATOR.

IMMEDIATE 031025Z FEB

PRIORITY

FROM CINC WF

TO BNA BUENOS AIRES (RADIO)

HMS ENDURANCE

INFO MOD UK NAVY

DA SANTIAGO

AS PORTSMOUTH

CTM PORTSMOUTH

S.M.A.

R E S T R I C T E D. MOD/DAU/KRK. ENDURANCES 022210Z FEB. PARA :

PUERTO BELGRAN PREFERPED. SUBJECT HIS CONCURRENCE BNA REQUESTED
SEEK DIPCLEAR AND MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

2.. ARGENTINE DIPCLEAR REQUEST HAS MOD UK NAVY AND FCO APPROVAL

031025Z.

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

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IN TOR .. 0633Z POUNDS BCAST 3 2 71
DIST X K1 S2 NO E LOG

IMMEDIATE 030115Z FEB
FROM BRITNAVAT BUENOS AIRES
TO ENDURANCE

TELNO 030115Z TEL KKK/DSZ 030115Z
YOUR TELECON, FULL FACILITIES EXIST PUERTO BARRIO, POSSIBLE
ADEQUATE FACILITIES EXIST USQUALA. WILL CONFIRM ON RECEIPT OF
YOUR SIGNAL WITH DETAILS. FORSEE NO ENTRY PROBLEM.
MICHAEL HADON.

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

S.132 (Rev. July 1963)

NO UNCLASSIFIED REFERENCE OR REPLY

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OUT TOD 1210Z S/S POUNDS 3 2 71
DIST X X1 X2 S1 S2 NO E1 LOG

IMMEDIATE
PRIORITY 030815Z FEB
FROM ENDURANCE
TO CINC WF
INFO BWA BUENOS AIRES
DA SANTIAGO
MO UK NAVY
AS PORTSMOUTH
CFM
SMA

R E S T R I C T E D KOD/DAU, MY 022210Z KOD/DAU PARA 2(B), FOLLOWING TELECON
~~PUERTO BELGRANO AND POSSIBLE ADEQUATE FACILITIES~~
BWA BUENOS AIRES REPORTS FULL FACILITIES EXIST USHUAIA. HE INTENDS TO CONFIRM
ON RECEIPT DETAILS IN MY 022210Z AND STATES NO ENTRY PROBLEM FORESEEN.

2. ALTHOUGH USHUAIA MORE CONVENIENT TO FUTURE PROGRAMME DISADVANTAGES ARE:-
- (A) POSITION ON BEAGLE CHANNEL AND CLOSENESS TO MINOR CHILEAN NAVAL BASE PUEFTO WILLIAMS COULD CAUSE EMBARRASSMENT.
 - (B) NO KNOWN CIVIL AIR SERVICE MAKING TRANSFER AND RECEIPT STORES AND MAIL FROM PUNTA ARENAS AND UK DIFFICULT.
 - (C) MINIMAL FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR SHIPS WITH SEASON BREAK
3. MO UK NAVY REQUESTED TO PASS TO BWA BUENOS AIRES AND A SANTIAGO

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

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S.1320 h (Rev. July 1963)

NO UNCLASSIFIED REFERENCE OR REPLY

OUT S/S GFS TOD 2007Z D.E.T. 3 FEB 71
DIST X X2 A1 S1 S2 E1 N1 LOG
ORIG CAPTAIN

IMMEDIATE 031615Z FEB
FROM HNS ENDURANCE
TO CINCWF
INFO BNA BUENOS AIRES
DA SANTIAGO
MODUK NAVY
SMA
CFM PORTSMOUT

R E S T R I C T E D KOD/DAU/KRK MY KOD/DAU 030815Z. AMEND
FIRST SENTENCE TO READ FOLLOWING TELECON BNA BUENOS AIRES REPORTS
FULL FACILITIES EXIST PUERTO BELGRANO AND POSSIBLE ADEQUATE
FACILITIES AT USHUAIA.

2. YOUR KOD/DAU/KRK 031025Z. INTEND SAILING PORT STANLEY
041130Z ETA PUERTO BELGRANO 071200Z

3. AT PRESENT ANTICIPATE REMAINING PUERTO BELGRANO ABOUT ONE
WEEK TO COVER OPDEF AND SHIP WORK.

031615Z FEB 71

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

S.13201 (Rev. July 1963)

NO UNCLASSIFIED REFERENCE OR REPLY

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OUT S/S GENKEY 3/2/71 BEN TOD 2325Z
DIST X A1(X1) X2 S1 S2 E1 N1 R1 LOG
ORIG CAPTAIN

PRIORITY 032101Z FEB

FROM MEDURANCE

TO BNA B.A.

R E S T R I C T E D SUBJECT TO FINAL DIPCLEAR PROPOSE FOLLOWING PROGRAMME ALL
TIMES LOCAL (+3) DATES FEBRUARY.

(A) SUNDAY 7TH

0200 ETA No8 BUOY. EMBARK PILOT AND LIAISON OFFICER IF AVAILABLE

0400 ANCH & OFF PUERTO BELGRANO

0830 WEIGH AND PROCEED UP HARBOUR

0900 SECURE ALONGSIDE (TUG ASSISTANCE)

(B) MONDAY 8TH

A.M. CALLING PROGRAMME AS ARRANGED BY YOU FOLLOWED BY LUNCH PARTY FOR 5.

(C) SATURDAY 13TH.

SAIL PROVIDING REPAIRS COMPLETE.

2. WILL HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE EARLY DURING VISIT IF CONSIDERED DESIRABLE.

3. GLADLY HOLD COCKTAIL PARTY FOR UP TO 100 IF YOU WISH. TIMING PREFERABLE EARLY
DURING VISIT BUT ALTERNATIVELY EVENING BEFORE DEPARTURE.

4. REQUEST:

(A) CONFIRM WHITE UNIFORM.

(B) CLEARANCE TO USE LANDROVER 37RN37. INSURANCE PROVIDED.

(C) PROVISION OF THREE TELEPHONES AND NAVAL RATING INTERPRETERS.

(D) 12 TONS FRESH WATER DAILY.

(E) LOCAL EQUIVALENT £5000 STERLING IN NOTES EQUIVALENT TO £5 AND £1

(F) TWO SHIPS CHANDLERS CALL AM 8 FEB RE PROVISIONS.

(G) CLEARANCE TO OPERATE SHIPS HELICOPTERS EACH FLIGHT BEING CLEARED ATC AUTHORITIES.

5. SPORT AND ENTERTAINMENT. SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS AS REQUESTED IN BUENOS AIRES
VISIT LETTER.

6. COMMUNICATIONS REQUEST CLEARANCE IN YOUR 061800Z NOV.

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From ENDURANCE

To MOD UK NAVY

Despatched : 4th February 1971 *Time :*

Received : 19 *Time :*

Immediate 041357Z Feb.

From Endurance to Mod UK Navy info Colonial Secretary Falkland Islands

Unclass Nvy My Nvy 040530Z

Request religion Mr Skyrme to be confirmed soonest

ENDURANCE

JEPL

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OUT S/S P/L D.E.T. TOD 0552Z 4 FEB 71
DIST X X1 X2 A1 N1 S1 LOG
ORIG CAPTAIN

PRIORITY 040525Z FEB
FROM HMS ENDURANCE
TO COMMCHN WHITEHALL
MODUK NAVY

UNCLAS NAVY REQUEST FOLLOWING PRIORITY CC TELEGRAM BE PASSED TO
MR A.G. SKYRME, 2 CHARLTON VIEW PORTISHEAD, BRISTOL BS 20 9NW:-
DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR SON MR A.G. SKYRME
BY DROWNING EARLY THIS MORNING 4 FEB HAVING FALLEN FROM JETTY IN
PORT STANLEY FAULKLAND ISLANDS WHILST AWAITING BOAT TO HMS ENDURANCE
THE ADMIRALTY BOARD WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR PROFOUND SYMPATHY IN
YOUR GREAT LOSS. LETTER FOLLOWS.

040525Z FEB 71

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B. A. 4/2

OUT S/S P/L TOD 0600Z D.E.T. 4 FEB 71
DIST X X1 A1 M1 LOG
ORIG CAPTAIN

PRIORITY 040530Z FEB
FROM HMS ENDURANCE
TO MODUK NAVY
INFO COLONIAL SECRETARY FALKLAND ISLANDS
CINCPF

UNCLAS NVY. 1. REGRET TO REPORT DEATH DUE TO DROWNING OF
MR. A.G. SKYRME, DECCA ENGINEER, AT APPROX 0030 LOCAL 4 FEB. TELL
FROM JETTY WHILST AWAITING BOAT TO SHIP AFTER NIGHT LEAVE. BODY
RECOVERED AT 0130 LOCAL AND NOW ONBOARD PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM
LOCAL CORONER.

2. NEXT OF KIN FATHER MR A.G. SKYRME, 2 CHARLTON VIEW, PORTISHEAD
BRISTOL BS 20 9 NN.

3. NEXT OF KIN INFORMED BY TELEGRAM AS IN MY 040525Z NOTAL.

4. REQUEST MODUK NAVY INFORM DECCA.

040530Z FEB 71

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OUT P/D S/S TOD I/T D.E.T. 4 FEB 71
DIST DIST X A1 LOG S2
ORIG CAPTAIN

IMMEDIATE 040705Z FEB

FROM HMS ENDURANCE
TO MODUK (NAVY)
INFO CINCPAC
COLONIAL SECRETARY F.I.

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UNCLAS STAFF IN CONFIDENCE NAVY. NY 040530Z. LOCAL CORONER
DOES NOT AT PRESENT INTEND TO HOLD INQUEST. INTEND THEREFORE TO
HOLD LOCAL INQUIRY ONBOARD. PRELIMINARY EVIDENCE IS THAT NO (R)
NO NEGLIGENCE BY ANYONE INVOLVED.

2. REQUEST GUIDANCE IN FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS AS QPRN 1653/1654
DO NOT APPEAR TO COVER THIS CASE.

3. IN VIEW TIME AND DISTANCE INVOLVED MOST GRATEFUL IF MODUK
NAVY COULD ASCERTAIN EITHER DIRECT OR VIA DECCA WISHES OF NEXT OF
KIN AS TO DISPOSAL OF BODY. SHIP WAS DUE TO SAIL FOR PORT STANLEY
FOR PUERTO BELGRANO AT 041130Z BUT IS NOW REMAINING HERE PENDING
REPLY.

4. OPTIONS SEEM TO BE (A) FOR BODY TO BE BURIED IN STANLEY.
(B) FOR SHIP TO TAKE BODY TO PUERTO BELGRANO (ETA 7 FEB)
AND ARRANGE FOR ONWARD PASSAGE THENCE TO UK WOULD BE GRATEFUL

5. FROM ALL POINTS OF VIEW OPTION FOUR ALFA IS MOST PRACTICAL

6. WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE REPLY TO ENABLE
SHIP TO PROCEED SOONEST TO MEET ALREADY DELAYED PROGRAMME.

040705Z FEB 71

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To

HMS ENDURANCE

*OK If there is no more suitable one, these
lets. can go into the hands of Hk Chaps etc. JPH*

PERSONAL TO CAPTAIN

I WAS DEEPLY SHOCKED TO HEAR THE NEWS ABOUT DEATH OF MR SIGHEME, THE
DECCA ENGINEER WHOM I MET WHEN I TRAVELLED WITH YOU FROM PUNTA ARENAS.

2. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ASK MODUK NAVY TO CONVEY MY
CONDOLENCES AS GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF TO THE FATHER.

LEWIS

see 87

Time

IN TOR .. 1702Z POUNDZ BCAST 4 2 71
 DIST X X1 S1 S2 CO NP8901/2 M1 LOG
 ACTION X1

PRIORITY/ROUTINE 041631Z FME

FROM HODEUK NAVY
 TO ENDURANCE
 INFO CINC WF

COLONIAL SECRETARY FALKLAND ISLANDS
 CO NP 8901

WBB/NEW YOUR 041510 AND 040708

DECCA INFORMED.

2. NOT OF MR SEYMOUR HAVE AGREED TO BURIAL PORT STANLEY. REQUEST YOU ARRANGE FOR THIS TO BE PUT IN HAND BY CO NP 8901 WHO SHOULD ARRANGE FOR SUITABLE SERVICE REPRESENTATION.

3. MOTHER OF DECEASED ANXIOUS TO HAVE PHOTOGRAPHS OF CURRENTLY. REQUEST THIS BE ARRANGED AND PRINTS FORWARDED AIR MAIL TO WCD NP2 (FOR MR BLAKE) TOGETHER WITH BILLS WHICH WILL BE LIABILITY OF DECCA CO.

4. ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE LATER REGARDING HEARSTONE.

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To
GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS

4TH FEBRUARY 1971
FROM HMS ENDURANCE
ROUTINE
0413020

Thank you for your kind signal regarding the tragic death of Mr. Skyrme.
Your condolences to his next of kin have been passed as requested.

Time

HMS ENDURANCE. 88
at Port Stanley,
4th February 1971.

10.11/4/2
Your Excellency,

I write to thank you for your great interest in us all in ENDURANCE during our short visit, and especially for your generous hospitality. We really very much enjoyed your cocktail party and the delightful and relaxed dinner party last evening. I am of course the lucky one who went to both and so am especially thankful.

It is a great sadness that the visit should end with the death of Adrian Skyrme, the Decca engineer. It is really very tragic and the immediate outcome on our immediate programme is not clear at the time of writing.

We all look forward to our March and April visits, especially the latter, and will hope the boat on in good form by then. Thank you again.

Yours sincerely

Rooney Bowden

PRIORITY..050129Z FEB.

FROM.....ENDURANCE

TO.....MODUK NAVY

INFO.....CINCWF, COL SEC FI, NP 8901.

UNCLAS.MBB/MBW/NVY

YOUR MBB/MBW 041631Z.

THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD IN PORT STANLEY CATHEDRAL AT 2130Z YESTERDAY. ATTENDED BY HE GOV, THE FOUR DECCA ENGINEERS, EMBARKED ENDURANCE, AND GUD REPRESENTATION OF LOCAL INHABITANTS AND ENDURANCE SHIPS COMPANY.

BODY OF MR SKYRME LANDED AT 2300Z AND SHIP SAILED 2330Z IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS. FUNERAL EXPECTED SATURDAY 6th AND WILL HAVE NP 8901/2 REPRESENTATION.

2. REQUIREMENTS IN PARA 2 REF, WILL BE ARRANGED BY C08901.

3. MY NVY 040705Z PARA 1. AFTER ENQUIRIES DURING DAY BY SHORE AUTHORITIES NO INQUEST HELD. REPORT OF BOARD OF INQUIRY HELD IN ENDURANCE WILL BE FORWARDED SOONEST.

UNCLASSIFIED.MBB/MBW/NVY.

DIST...OC 8902..OCRM..COL SEC FI, LOG.

CPL(S) ARDEN. A.

5 FEB 1971

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FROM MOD UK NAVY.			PREFIX GR
TO ENDURANCE, CINCF, COL SEC FI, NP 8901.			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
INFO			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER MBB/MBW
			SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

ACROSS WRITE	YOUR 041510 AND 040705 DECCA INFORMED.	5
	2. NOK OF MR SKYRME HAVE AGREED TO BURIAL PORT STANLEY REQUEST YOU	10
	ARRANGE FOR THIS TO BE PUT IN HAND BY CO NP 8901 WHO SHOULD ARRANGE	15
	FOR SUITABLE SERVICE REPRESENTATION.	20
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PRECEDENCE-ACTION ROUTINE XXXXXXXXXX	PRECEDENCE-INFO DEFERRED	DATE-TIME GROUP 062238Z FEB	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
FROM MODUK NAVY		PREFIX GR	
TO NP 8902		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED	
INFO CINCWF, COL SEC FI.		ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER MBB/MBI	
		SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	

ACROSS WRITE	YOUR MBB/MBI 051410Z FEB. DEATH CERTIFICATE AT PRESENT HELD BY CO NP 8902	5
	WHO IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD AFTER FUNERAL. DELAY TO BE EXPECTED AS NEXT	10
	MAIL LEAVES FALKLANDS 26 FEB.	15
	2. PERSONAL EFFECTS BEING RETURNED AS REQUESTED.	20
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The Commanding Officer
HMS STANBROOK

4 February 1971

Sir,

1. We have the honour to submit our report of the findings of the Board of Inquiry held onboard HMS STANBROOK between 0900 and 1100 today, as directed by you in enclosure 1, to enquire into the circumstances of the death by drowning of Mr. Adrian SKYNN of Bacon Limited.
2. We have recorded the sequence of events in Appendix 1.
3. A diagram showing the area in which the incident occurred is at Appendix 2.
4. Summaries of evidence given to the Board are enclosed at Appendix 3. A complete transcript of questions and answers is held on tape, and can be produced on paper if required.

Conclusions:

5. We conclude from the evidence heard that Mr. SKYNN accidentally fell from the Public Jetty, and that this may in part have been due to being under the influence of alcohol.
6. In the absence of a post mortem we can only accept the Medical Officer's presumption that death was caused by drowning.
7. We further conclude that rescue operations started promptly but were hampered initially by the absence of adequate lighting, which might conceivably have made it possible to locate Mr. SKYNN in time to save his life.

Recommendations:

8. Ship Standing Orders state that an Aldis Lamp should normally be carried in the STANBROOK WARD, but it is apparent that in practice this precaution has been allowed to lapse. We recommend that all ship's boats should always carry an Aldis Lamp.
9. It is recommended that a Jetty patrol should be landed from about 2100 onwards to guard against similar accidents occurring in the future.
10. It is recommended that representations should be made to the local authorities that a guardrail should be erected around the edge of the Public Jetty and the Jetty lighting improved for reasons of safety.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants

W. J. Wilkinson
W J WILKINSON
LIEUTENANT, ROYAL NAVY

H. W. D. Leicester
H W D LEICESTER
CAPTAIN ROYAL MARINES

H. J. Vial
H J VIAL
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER
ROYAL NAVY

STAFF IN CONFIDENCE

*Mark for BL on
'Endurance's' letter.*

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Ref: 0625/XIX

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

9th February 1971.

To: A.C. Miller, Esq., Port San Carlos
L.G. Blake, Esq., J.P., Hill Cove
C. Bertrand, Esq., Carcass Island
R.B. Napier, Esq., West Point Island
J.P. Oliver, Esq., North Arm

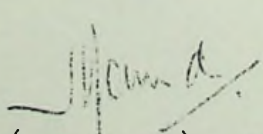
For information: Captain I.R. Bowden, M.V.O., R.N., H.M.S. Endurance
All Members of Executive and Legislative Councils
A. Sloggie, Esq., Stanley
R.G. Vinson, Esq., J.P., Darwin Harbour
Capt. H.W.D. Leicester, Royal Marines
Lt. Cdr. M. Veal, Royal Navy

Visit of H.M.S. Endurance to Camp Stations

As already agreed with those principally concerned, it is hoped that H.M.S. Endurance will be able to visit certain camp stations during April, with H.E. the Governor and Mrs Lewis embarked.

2. The provisional itinerary is as follows:

Sunday, 11th April	Sail Stanley p.m.
Monday, 12th April	Arrive Port San Carlos mid- afternoon Sail Port San Carlos p.m.
Tuesday, 13th April	Arrive Hill Cove mid-day Sail Hill Cove p.m.
Wednesday, 14th April	Arrive Carcass Island a.m. Call West Point Island Sail West Point Island p.m.
Thursday, 15th April	Arrive Bull Roads p.m. (H.E. and Mrs Lewis will visit North Arm)
Friday, 16th April	Arrive Stanley a.m.


(H. L. Bound)
for COLONIAL SECRETARY

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8 FEB 1971

ROUTINE..051410Z FEB.
FROM.....MODUK NAVY.
TO.....ENDURANCE, NP 8901.
INFO.....CINCWF, COL SEC FI.

UNCLASSIFIED. MBB/MBI.

1. ENDURANCES 041301Z MESSAGE OF CONDOLANCE TO BE PASSED NOK PERSONALLY BY DECCA REPRESENTATIVE SATURDAY 6th.
2. ENDURANCES 041357Z RELIGION CHURCH OF ENGLAND.
3. ENDURANCES 050129Z DECCA INFORMED.
4. PRESUME COLONIAL SECRETARY WILL REGISTER DEATH UNDER CONSULAR PROCEEDURE DEATH CERTIFICATE AND PERSONALXX EFFECTS TO BE RETURNED BY HAND OF DECCA ENGINEER B ANTONIAZZI.

UNCLASSIFIED. MBB/MBI. 051410Z FEB.

DIST..CO 8902..OCRM..SHP..LOG.
MNE(S) ADAMS P.

8 FEB 1971

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From H.M.S. ENDURANCE

To COLONIAL SECRETARY FALKLAND ISLANDS

Despatched : 9th February 1971 *Time :* 1900

Received : 10th February 1971 *Time :* 1000

Unclas MBB/MBI 081618Z

Decca Engineers at present in Buenos Aires awaiting flight
United Kingdom.

2. My MBB/MBI 06228Z also refers

ENDURANCE

PL: JE

COL/SEC

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PRIORITY.. 081618Z FEB.
FROM.....MODUK NAVY.
TO.....NP 8902.
INFO.....ENDURANCE, CINCPAC, COL SEC.

UNCLASSIFIED. MBB/MBI.

ENDURANCE 062238Z REQUEST INFO INTENDED MOVEMENTS DECCA
ENGINEERS. B ANTONIAZZI SHOULD BRING DEATH CERTIFICATE AS
WELL AS PERSONAL EFFECTS.

UNCLASSIFIED. MBB/MBI. 081618Z FEB.

DIST..CO 8902..OCRM..SHP..LOG.
MNE(S) ADAMS P.

90 FEB 1971

COL SEC

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ROUTINE..091900Z FEB.

FROM.....ENDURANCE.

TO.....NP 8902, MODUK NAVY, COL SEC FI.

UNCLASSIFIED. MBB/MBI.

YOUR MBB/MBI 081618Z DECCA ENGINEERS AT PRESENT IN BUENOS
AIRES AWAITING FLIGHT TO UK.

2. MY MBB/MBI 062238Z ALSO REFERS.

UNCLASSIFIED. MBB/MBI. 091900Z FEB.

DIST..CO 8902..OCRM..SHP..LOG.

MNE(S) ADAMS P.

10 FEB 1971

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From H.M.S. ENDURANCE

To STANLEY RADIO PORT STANLEY

Despatched : 9th February 1971 Time : 1200

Received : 9th February 1971 Time :

Routine 071130Z SVC.

Due to frequency clearance only one schedule per day can be done with Falklands. This will be the 1200Z sked with VPC. Please pass any traffic for GXRH through VPC

RADIO SUPERVISOR GXRH

PL: JE

Bn 4. 8. 71 (91A)

Colonial Secretary.

Port Stanley.



R.B. Napier. 98

West Point Island.

7th February 1971.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your telegram regarding visit of H.M.S. Endurance to West Point in April 1971.

You ask what entertainment we can offer, as you perhaps know only one other family besides ourselves live on West Point. However I presume you mean fishing etc. There are however no streams suitable for fishing on West Point, and I have to request that no shooting takes place.

We can of course show them the colonies of Albatross and Penguins and other wildlife.

We will look forward to having Endurance visit West Point very much indeed. If you have any suggestions as to what we can do for the visit I would be pleased to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R.B. Napier", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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18th February

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Dear Sir,

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I refer to my circular dated 9th inst. regarding the proposed camp tour of His Excellency and Mrs Lewis on board H.M.S. Endurance. The Bull Roads Survey and subsequent visit to North Arm was a last minute addition to the original programme and unfortunately it was impossible to advise you in advance.

I should now be pleased to learn if Thursday the 15th April would be convenient for the proposed visit.

Yours faithfully,

P

(H.T. Luxton)
for COLONIAL SECRETARY

The Manager,
NORTH ARM.

JE

Y.E.,

The following is a summary of replies received from camp stations to be visited by 'Endurance' in April (with the exception of North Arm which we may expect later):

(1) West Point Island

The proposed visit is welcome. However, as was only to be expected with a keen conservationist, Mr Napier is not offering any shooting. Nor are there any streams on West Point, so fishing cannot be offered either. With only two families on the island, entertainment in the home is not feasible.

But the point of putting West Point and Carcass on 'Endurance's' itinerary was first, to show the flag in a couple of isolated spots, and second to allow the ship's company to see our wildlife under good conditions. West Point has colonies of albatross, penguins, and so on, and Mr Napier will be glad to show them to 'Endurance'. For the rest, you may think we might ask Mr Napier if he could entertain yourself, Mrs Lewis, Capt. Bowden and one or two officers to smoko: the ship will, I assume, entertain the Napiers to a meal aboard.

(2) Carcass

has not yet sent us a full reply. However, as with West Point, there will be no shooting. Wildlife can again be expected to be the main attraction.

(3) Fort San Carlos

The visit of 'Endurance' is welcomed. Subject to the length of the ship's stay it is proposed to arrange -

- (a) a teal shoot at Smylie Creek for you, Capt. Bowden and officers. 40 minutes by landrover from the settlement.
- (b) fishing up the river. Curlew Creek. 30 minutes by launch from the settlement.
- (c) also fishing at John's Rincon. Landrovers or helicopters needed for transport.
- (d) nature visit to Fannings Island at river estuary (seal colony).
- (e) Upland Goose shooting. Plenty to be had within easy walking distance of settlement.
- (f) general look round settlement to see the way of life.

The Manager, Mr Alan Miller, states that 'Protector' used to anchor down the estuary but that 'Bay' class frigates have anchored in the harbour itself. If 'Endurance' could do likewise it would be much appreciated.

(4) Hill Cove

Welcomes visit. Wishes to know length of stay and members to be entertained before proposing programme.

2. I suggest we ask 'Endurance' by signal what is the anticipated length of stay at each port of call on the basis of the programme at p. 55, adding that details of the programme - entertainment, etc., will be discussed while 'Endurance' is here in March. Simultaneously we can telegraph the settlements thanking them for their co-operation and saying we will get in touch with them about details after 'Endurance's' mid-March visit to Stanley.

f B.
C.S.

22nd February 1971

FA

Not Ben, Thank you and please go ahead as you suggest in para 2

*/ E.C.H.
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To

HMS ENDURANCE
FROM GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS

9th March 1971

WOULD YOU PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO DURING YOUR STAY HERE FOR REFUELLING. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NIGHT OR TWO ON SHORE JEAN AND I WOULD BE PLEASED IF YOU WOULD STAY WITH US. I WILL KEEP MONDAY FREE IN CASE BY SOME MISCHANCE WE FIND OURSELVES ON THE MURRELL OR THE MARLO. 2. IF THE SHIP'S COMPANY IS FREE FOR ANY SPORTING ACTIVITIES PERHAPS YOU COULD ALSO LET ME KNOW.
LEWIS

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To	STAT MANAGER POINT SAN CARLOS HILL COVE CARCASS IS. WEST POINT IS. For/c			

Thank you for co-operating in arrangements proposed for the forthcoming camp visit of HMS Endurance stop I will telegraph you further with details after the ship visits Stanley next week

Colonial Secretary

Time

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To	ETAT MANAGER NORTH ARM			Hoa/c

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My letter 0625/XIX of 18th February 1971 stop Would be grateful to learn
whether 15th April convenient for proposed visit

Colonial Secretary

Time FA

Reply at 111

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			11.3.71.
To	ETAT CO ENDURANCE			Hoa/c

Should be grateful to learn expected length of stay at each port of call
 during your forthcoming camp visit stop Your ⁵⁷ 172000Z of January 1971
 refers stop Propose discussing details of programme during your next
 visit to Stanley

Colonial Secretary

Time FA

By 13. ³ 12. 71.

PUBLIC NOTICE

H.M.S. Endurance is expected to reach Stanley at 4.30 p.m. tomorrow and to leave early on the morning of Tuesday, the 16th.

On the conclusion of their second spell of the season down south members of her crew will particularly appreciate receiving hospitality in private homes in Stanley. Householders who would like to offer hospitality are asked so to inform the Senior Clerk at the Secretariat, telephone No. 41, by noon tomorrow. When doing so, they are asked to give their addresses and to indicate the nature of the hospitality they are offering, and the time and date for which it is offered. On H.M.S. Endurance's arrival the names of those members of the public offering hospitality to her crew will be conveyed to the ship which will make arrangements for the offers to be taken up.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

12th March 1971.

Ref: 0625/XIX.

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*file on ships
H.M. be
p/s.
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ROUTINE..111155Z MAR.
FROM.....ENDURANCE.
TO.....COLONIAL SECRETARY.
INFO.....NP 8901/2.

UNCLASSIFIED.

ETA PORT STANLEY 131600 LOCAL (TO BE CONFIRMED)SAILING 160730.

2. DOES HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR WISH ME TO CALL ON ARRIVAL PLEASE?

3. IF CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE HE OFFICIAL RETURN CALL OUTSTANDING FROM LAST VISIT COULD TAKE PLACE AM 15th.

4. PROPOSE TO LAND SURVEY PARTY CONSISTING OF 1 OFFICER AND 7 RATINGS AT BULL ROADS 16th MARCH TO 7th APRIL REQUEST OWNERS OF LAND AT BULL POINT, HAWKE HILL AND DE VILS POINT BE INFORMED AND PERMISSION OBTAINED FOR THE PARTY TO CAMP AT BULL COVE AND ERECT FLAGS AS NECESSARY IN THE AREA. BOAT WILL BE MOORED IN BULL COVE.

5. DOES HE WISH TO HOLD A MEETING ON APRILS SETTLEMENT TOUR ? FROM SHIPS POINT OF VIEW AM MONDAY 15th WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT.

6. WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR MAXIMUM INVITATIONS TO JUNIOR RATES FOR VISITS TO PRIVATE HOMES DURING SHIPS VISIT.

DIST..CO 8902..OCRM..SHP..COL SEC..LOG.

MNE(S) ADAMS P.

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Reply
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To

HMS ENDURANCE
FROM GOVERNOR

11th March 1971

108 106
YOUR TELEGRAM OBVIOUSLY CROSSED MY EARLIER ONE. I WOULD PREFER TO POSTPONE
MY OFFICIAL RETURN CALL UNTIL YOUR APRIL VISIT BY WHEN GOD AND MY TAILOR
WILLING I WILL HAVE A UNIFORM. I SUGGEST THAT ON THIS OCCASION YOU ALSO MAY
WISH TO DISBURSE WITH THE CALL ON MR. 2. WE SHALL DO OUR BEST FOR THE JUNIOR
RATINGS. WE ARE EXPECTING YOU FOR LUNCH ON SUNDAY.

LEWIS

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From C.O. ENDURANCE

To COLONIAL SECRETARY PORT STANLEY

Despatched : 12th March 19 71 Time :

Received : 12th March 19 71 Time :

Routine 121217Z

From Endurance to Colonial Secretary.

Your 111400Z.

Length of stay at settlements very tentative so far. Suggest this discussed at tour meeting which have proposed take place Monday 15th March. Request you confirm time and date on letter.

ENDURANCE

PL: JE

His Excellency Governor Lewis
Government House.
Stanley.

North Arm.
Lafonia.
9-3-71.

J.P.W.

Your Excellency.

May I beg to
confirm my wife's invitation sent by
R/T on 22nd February; to both
yourself & Mrs. Lewis.

It will give us great pleasure to
see you both on your proposed visit
during your round tour of the Islands
in H.M.S. Endurance.

Yours faithfully

J. P. Lewis.

List of private persons in Stanley willing to entertain junior ratings from H.M.S. Endurance.

Message 111155Z March from Endurance to Colonial Secretary, paragraph 6 refers.

<u>Name and address</u>	<u>No of Ratings</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Mr & Mrs F. Dickenson, 7, Racecourse Road.	(2)	On 14th. (Preferably personnel connected with communications)
Mr & Mrs J. Bates, 1, Ross Road West.	(2)	On 13th, at 8 p.m.
Mr & Mrs M. Robson, 5, Philomel Street.	(2)	On 14th, 15th or 16th (Young guitarists)
Mr. & Mrs T. Felton, 34, Davis Street.	(2)	On 14th for supper at 7 p.m.
Mr & Mrs J. Stevenson, 12, Ross Road West.	(2)	Any day at any time.
Mr & Mrs J. Smith, 4, Hebe Street.	(2)	On 14th any time after 11 a.m. for lunch and supper.
Mr & Mrs I. Strange, 5, Ross Road West.	(2/3)	Saturday or Monday night (Wild life interests)

Anderson
for COLONIAL SECRETARY

Colonial Secretary's Office,
STANLEY.

13th March 1971.

CLA

NOT: Original handed to duty officer, H.M.S. Endurance and endorsed to the effect that the ship was expected to make arrangements to take up the offers.

13.3.71

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To

COLONIAL SECRETARY STANLEY

YES QUITE CONVENIENT BUT VISIT NOT QUITE CLEAR

MANAGER

Note To be arranged after KE has settled
camp trip details with AC "Enderman". J 12/3

EMc

Reply at 105

Time

114

YK

Like sent to you as you will wish to
definit your meaning on it before your meeting
with Capt. Bowden on Monday, 12/3, to settle the
details of "Endicott's" camp trip.

J/12/3

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
To	CINCWF, GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS FROM HMS ENDURANCE INFORMATION MODUK NAVY, FOGAS			
	161430 FEBRUARY ROUTINE			
	Intentions for third period South 21st February to 14th March.			
	A. Arrive Argentine Islands 21st February recover survey team and boat.			
	B. 22nd Feb - 27th Feb Crystal Sound area carrying out traverse and visiting Adelaide Island Base.			
	C. 28 Feb - 9th March Marguerite Bay area triangulation and sound turbulence Stonington Base.			
	D. 10th March Rendezvous with R.R.S. Bransfield for flight familiarisation			
	E. 11th March land survey team and boat South Shetlands.			
	F. 12th March Deliver mail Elephant Island			
	G. 14th March Arrive Port Stanley			
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161430Z FEB.

FROM HMS ENDURANCE

TO CINCPAC, GOV FI.

INFO MODUK NAVY, FOCAS.

INTENTIONS FOR THIRD PERIOD SOUTH 21 FEB TO 14 MARCH.

A. ARRIVE ARGENTINE ISLANDS 21st FEB RECOVER SURVEY TEAM AND BOAT.

B. 22 FEB - 27 FEB CRYSTAL SOUND AREA CARRYING OUT TRAVERSE AND

VISITING ADELAIDE ISLAND BASE.

C. 28 FEB - 9TH MARCH MARGUERITE BAY AREA TRIANGULATION AND SOUND

TURBULENCE STONINGTON BASE.

D. 10th MARCH RENDEZVOUS WITH RRS BRANSFIELD FOR FLIGHT FAMILIARISATION

E. 11th MARCH LAND SURVEY TEAM AND BOAT SOUTH SHETLANDS

F. 12th MARCH DELIVER MAIL ELEPHANT ISLAND

G. 14th MARCH ARRIVE PORT STANLEY.

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CPL(S)

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ROUTINE..081436Z MAR.

FROM.....MODUK NAVY.

TO.....NP 8901.

INFO.....CINCWF, ENDURANCE, COLONIAL SEC FALKLAND ISLANDS.

UNCLASSIFIED. MBB/MBI.

REQUEST CONFIRMATION DEATH CERTIFICATE AND PHOTOS FORWARDED
IAW YOUR 081800Z FEB REFERS.

UNCLASSIFIED. MBB/MBI. 081436Z MAR.

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MNE(S) ADAMS P.

10 MAR 1971

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17/12/3

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

FROM HMS ENDURANCE

PRIORITY

121434Z

103

YOUR 091345Z which regrettably I have just seen and much regret delayed reply. Most points conveyed in my previous signals.

2. Very many thanks for invitation to stay ashore and may I at this stage accept for Sunday night. A chance to break my duck on Monday should not be missed but I am now committed to lunch party on board. There are however several men who are keen fishermen in Endurance as you know.

No helicopter.

J/C The Rank of Mike Chapin ple 17/12/3

Time

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To HMS ENDURANCE
FROM GOVERNOR

13th March 1971

We are having a cocktail party on Monday night and we hope that you and the wardroom officers will be able to attend.

LEWIS

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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To				
GOVERNOR				
FROM HMS ENDURANCE				
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ROUTINE

131420Z

YOUR 131300Z

With much pleasure Wardroom Officers and myself Cocktails 1845 - 2000 Monday 15th

2. Also w.m.p. one officer lunch tomorrow Sunday.

3. I hope it will be convenient for me to arrive Government House after matins at the Cathedral tomorrow Sunday.

Time

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From ENDURANCETo COLONIAL SECRETARY PORT STANLEY

Despatched : 16th March 1971 Time :

Received : 16th March 1971 Time :

Routine 161345Z March

From Endurance to Governor Falkland Islands

Info Colonial Secretary

Thank you very much for your generous hospitality to the Wardroom Officers and to myself during the last 2 days.

2. The arrangements made for the private entertainment of some of the junior ratings was very much appreciated and equally enjoyed.
3. We will look forward to our next visit.

ENDURANCE

PL: JE

1971

1971 "Tahiti" 1971 Camp Hoge

Earlier today I passed to you - the "Tahiti" to Camp Hoge. And
has now come from H.E. with a instruction
for Hoge to be drafted, for his conversion,
along with the other of first arrangements &
time & getting ^{particulars of} apology to the
who are no longer present in the Ministry.

2 There has been a draft for going
to H.E. on Tuesday, 1971

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6.4.17/3 122
Suggested programme for Camp Tour of H.M.S.

'Endurance' with H.E. and Mrs. Lewis

Sunday, 11th April. 2000 ✓ Sail from Stanley - H.E. to dine on-board

Monday, 12th April. 0900 ✓ Arrive PORT SAN CARLOS - Mr.Mrs.Alan Miller.
Fishing Shooting etc.
Evening dance on-shore ?
Lunch - on-shore
Dinner(Buffet) on-board at 1830 - 10 guests

Tuesday, 13th April. 0600 Depart PORT SAN CARLOS
1200 Arrive HILL COVE - Mr.Mrs.L.G.Blake
H.E. and Mrs.Lewis to embark by helicopter
if 'Endurance' behind schedule.
Lunch - on-shore
Fishing, Shooting etc.
Buffet Dinner - On-board ✓
Evening - Film show on-board or dance on-shore? ✓

Wednesday, 14th April. 0600 Depart HILL COVE
0900 Arrive CARCASS ISLAND - Mr.Mrs.C.Bertrand
Wild Life
Smoko on-shore
Lunch on-board - 2 families.
1430 Depart CARCASS ISLAND
1500 Arrive WEST POINT ISLAND - Mr.Mrs.Roddy Napier
Wild Life
Smoko on-shore
Dinner on-board followed by film show
(2 families) ✓

Thursday, 15th April 0630 Depart WEST POINT ISLAND
0930 Arrive ROY COVE - Mr.Mrs.S.Miller
Lunch On-board
1300 ~~1430~~ Depart ROY COVE
1400 ~~1500~~ Arrive CHARTRES
Dinner On-shore
2000 Depart CHARTRES

Friday, 16th April 0800 Arrive STANLEY

Note Visit to New Island may be substituted if weather is unfavourable
on 14th or 15th.

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TELEGRAM.

From ENDURANCE

To MOODY BROOK

Despatched : 12th March 19 71 *Time :* 1308

Received : 19 *Time :*

Info Colonial Secretary.
121308Z ETA anchorage 1330 local

1. Request mail 1345 local.
2. Can fueling be arranged for this afternoon.
3. Will Falkland Islands Company store be open.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From C.O. ENDURANCE

To COLONIAL SECRETARY PORT STANLEY

Despatched : 17th March 1971 Time : 0017

Received : 17th March 1971 Time :

Routine 170017Z

Following further consideration of tour programme produced by Mr Luxton a.m. yesterday 15th March after discussion with His Excellency the Governor Falkland Islands and C.O.

Endurance suggest ammendments as follows.

Tuesday 13th 0500 depart Port San Carlos 1230 arrive Hill Cove, Wednesday 14th 0845 H.E. and Mrs Lewis to Chartres by Helicopter 0900 depart Hill Cove 1330 arrive Roy Cove 1430 H.E. and Mrs Lewis fly Chartres to Roy Cove returning to ship as convenient by boat or Helicopter. Buffet dinner on board Thursday 15th 0630 depart Roy Cove 0900 arrive West Point 1330 depart West Point 1400 arrive Carcass 1630 sail Carcass alternative for 15th (unlikely to be required as ship will probably be safe in either West Point or Carcass and programme could be carried out by Helicopter). 0630 depart Roy Cove 0930 arrive New Island 1330 sail New Island

C.O. ENDURANCE

PL: JE

P.T.O.

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H/M.

Please speak early Thursday 18/3. I was under the impression that full details had been settled in discussion (H.E./O.C. Endurance/yourself) and that you were drafting telegrams (which H.E. wishes to vet before they issue) to settlements

J.A.J. 17/3/71

H.E.

Drafts for
your approval.

17/3

C.S. Henceforth final! programme for H.E.'s conf
your outline H.M.S. Endurance. Draft
telegrams to the conf managers concerned also
attached.

18/3

Dear Sir,

- Please advise and will you please follow up
with other telegrams regarding that anything that now
(1) be done for the volume in the way of righting would be
unfavourable (2) Please also advise that to all members of the change

18/3/71

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TELEGRAM.

From H.M.S. ENDURANCE

To COLONIAL SECRETARY PORT STANLEY

Despatched : 18th March 19 71 Time : 1205

Received : 18th March 19 71 Time :

Routine 172232Z March.

From H.M.S. Endurance to CINCFW

Info Moduk Navy Colonial Secretary Falkland Islands.

Focas KHK QRRN 3649.

Request approval to fly H.E. Governor of Falkland Islands and Mrs Lewis in ships helicopters as necessary during annual tour of Colony 11-15 April.

2. Use of helicopter essential to complete programme of visits to settlements on North West coast of West Falkland Islands. Restricted waters on weather side, and necessitates ships anchoring up to 10NM from camps.

3. H.E. Governor Falkland Islands has particularly requested that Mrs Lewis accompanies him on visits to settlements

C.O. ENDURANCE

Reply at 136

Y.E.

PL: JE

Above f.y.i.

2. H/M is working on drafting telegrams to settlements on the final plans for the camp trip.
J.A.J. 18/3

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TELEGRAM.

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From H.M.S. ENDURANCE

To GOVERNOR FALKLANDS

Despatched :	17th March	19 71	Time : 1220
Received :	19th March	19 71	Time :

Routine 162240Z

From Endurance to C-in-C.W.F.

Info Moduk Navy Focas Governor Falklands Unclas.

Report for period 19th February - 16th March.

21st February arrived Argentine Islands to recover detached survey party which had progressed H.1.4. in northern approaches Grandidier Channel 22-28 February in Lallemand Fjord Crystal Sound progressing triangulation link up. First two days perfect weather and good progress then snow, wind and low cloud base almost stopped work with two parties on 1500ft peaks in permanent whiteout. Had heard that Southern British Bases required 400 seals for dog meat and offered to assist. Two B.A.S. personnel Adelaide Base flew to adjacent ice field in Otter and transferred Endurance by helicopter to instruct. Work soon started amongst ice flows and usual adept team of experts emerged from ships company. Total tally 25 seals including 3 leopards stopped on foredeck and delivered Stonnington 1st March. Survey teams recovered 28th February but H.1.3 not quite completed. 1-8th March. Marguerite Bay to start triangulation for H.1.1 in preparation probable hifix and sounding next season. Slow progress due bad weather but completed traverse dion. Kirkwood, flyspot compass in lands. Visited Stonnington twice and Adelaide once for afternoon leave, to meet Huskies and liaise with personnel. Whole area remarkably free of pack ice but had one afternoon in it reaching 68 degrees 49 mins south thought furthest south yet for Endurance. 9-11th March 9th alongside R.R.S. Bransfield new B.A.S. ship (6000 tons - complement 36) Argentine Islands. Very impressed by size luxury and sophistication for less than £2,000,000. Deck landing trials carried out and her Officers briefed on helicopter safety requirements. Thereafter good liasion at all levels. Sailed next morning black plimsoll line each side funnel but large "R.R.S. Branston Pickle" Bransfields ship side p.m. 11th off Elephant Island to deliver and collect mail and land H.O. to see scalded member of expedition recovering well. 13th March. Arrived Port Stanley for fuel and two days break. In company with Italian yacht Guiseppe II (60 tons, lateen rig) Captain Ajmone-Cat just completed season in Antarctic now on passage to Italy

C.O. ENDURANCE

PL: JE

H/A

See H/A memo p. 4 & table following caption:

- (1) Dispatched telegram at 6:30 p.
- (2) Draft let for all collections to be received as required by (2) of H/A memo.
- (3) Draft on Econ. Information Commission embodying the first camp trip program for 'Endurance'.

J 2/12

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			22.3.71
To	EPAT MANAGRE ROY COVE			MO A/C

ME and Mrs Lewis would like to visit Roy Cove during forthcoming camp tour stop. Suggested programme as follows: stop 1330 14th April Endurance arrives Roy Cove 1430 ME arrives Roy Cove by helicopter buffet dinner onboard for up to 6 guests depart 0630 15th April stop. Please confirm convenient.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Reply 144

Time

JE

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			22.3.71
To				HO A/C
STAT MANAGER WEST POINT ISLAND				

Further my telegram 11th following is programme for visit
of HE and Mrs Lewis onboard Endurance stop Arrive West
Point Island 0900 15th April stop Lunch for two families
onboard

COLONIAL SECRETARY

JE

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	STANLEY			22.5.71
To	STAT MANAGER CARCASS ISLAND			HO A/C

Further my telegram 11th Following is programme for visit
of Endurance with HE and Mrs Lewis on board stop Arrive
Carcass 1400 15th April and depart at 1630

COLONIAL SECRETARY

JE

Time

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	STANLEY			22.3.71
To	ETAT MANAGER HILL COVE			HO A/C

Further my telegram 11th following is programme for visit of
HE and Mrs Lewis onboard Endurance stop 1230 13th April
Endurance arrives Hill Cove stop HE to lunch onshore stop
Buffet dinner onboard for up to 6 guests stop Endurance
departs 0900 14th April

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

JE

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			22.3.71
To	STAT MANAGER PORT SAN CARLOS			HO A/C

Further my telegram 11th following is programme for visit
of JEC and Mrs Lewis per Endurance stop arrive Port San
Carlos 0900 12th April stop HE to lunch on shore stop
Buffet dinner onboard for up to ten guests stop Depart
Port San Carlos 0500 13th April

COLONIAL SECRETARY

JE

Reply 145

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			22.3.71
To	ETAT MANAGER CHARTRES			EO A/C

HE and Mrs Lewis would like to visit Chartres during forthcoming camp tour of Endurance arriving by helicopter at 0900 14th April and departing again 1430 stop Please confirm convenient

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Reply 121

JE

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			25.5.71
To	ETAT MANAGER NORTH ARM			EO A/C

Due to revised programme of Endurance regret not possible
visit you in April as scheduled atop Please accept apologies
for inconvenience

GOVERNOR

JIC

Time

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To

FEAT MANAGER - PORT SAN CARLOS, CARCASS ISLAND - WEST POINT ISLAND

PORTHOLDING VISIT ENDURANCE STOP ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE IN THE WAY
OF SIGHTSEEING ETC FOR THE RAILINGS WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

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Psy

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To

HEAT MANAGER - HILL COVE, ROY COVE, ~~REDACTED~~, VUE

FORINGOMING VISIT ENDS AND STOP ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE BY THE
AY OF SIGHTS BEING ATO FOR THE HATE OF WOULD BE HONOR AND TOWNSHIP

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

C.S.

Draft Ex.Co.Memo and follow-up telegram herewith:
Previous telegrams now despatched.

Ex.Co.Information Memorandum

Honourable Members are advised that the programme for
H.Es. Camp Tour on-board H.M.S. 'Endurance' has been revised
as follows:

Sunday, 11th April - Depart STANLEY
Monday, 12th April - Visit PORT SAN CARLOS
Tuesday, 13th April - Visit HILL COVE
Wednesday, 14th April - Visit CHARTRES and ROY COVE
Thursday, 15th April - Visit WEST POINT and CARCASS ISLANDS
Friday, 16th April - Return to STANLEY

Due to operational changes in 'Endurance' programme the
proposed visit to North Arm had to be cancelled. "

- - - - -

Telegram to Managers concerned with visit:

Forthcoming visit of Endurance stop Anything that can be
done in the way of sightseeing etc. for ratings would be
much appreciated.

[Signature]
22/3

*H/M. T.Y. Please issue telegram: then pass pt to
S/C for letters to Exco / Legco. to be faxed. J 23/3*
C.S. Telegrams dispatched accordingly. J 24/3

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TELEGRAM.

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From C in C WESTERN FLEET

To H.M.S. ENDURANCE

Despatched : 23rd March 19 71 Time : 1312

Received : 24th March 19 71 Time : 1215

ROUTINE 231312 March

From C in C W.F.

To H.M.S. Endurance

Info MODUK Navy FOCAS Colonial Secretary Falkland Islands.

HBC. Your 172232Z March.

Approved with pleasure.

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PL: JE

*Note: Above rec'd by telephone from Moody Brook Camp
this afternoon. J. 24.3.71.*

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

INF. 5/71

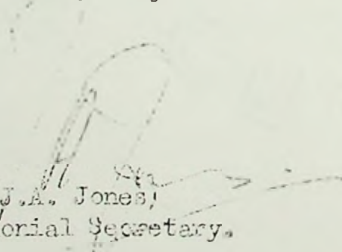
H.M.S. ENDURANCE CAMP TOUR 1971

Memorandum by the Colonial Secretary

Honourable Members are advised that the programme for the Camp Tour of His Excellency the Governor and Mrs Lewis on-board H.M.S. 'Endurance' has been revised as follows:

Sunday, 11th April	-	Depart STANLEY
Monday, 12th April	-	Visit PORT SAN CARLOS
Tuesday, 13th April	-	Visit HILL COVE
Wednesday, 14th April	-	Visit CHARBRES and ROY COVE
Thursday, 15th April	-	Visit WEST POINT and CARCASS ISLANDS
Friday, 16th April	-	Return to STANLEY

Due to operational changes in 'Endurance' programme the proposed visit to North Arm had to be cancelled.


(J.A. Jones)
Colonial Secretary.

File Ref: 0625/KK

24th March 1971

JG

Harbour Master.

There was a query from authorities regarding the telegram at 136. This has now been cancelled as far as that form is concerned?

J. f. C.S.
26.3.71.
—

C.S.
Everything now in order.
W. 28/3

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			29.5.71
To	STAT PRIORITY CO ENDURANCE			EC A/C

Assuming necessary arrangements can be made with Consul and agents at Punta would Endurance be able to bring avgas 80/87 octane in drums from Punta to Stanley as our avgas supply situation critical step Situation has defence implications

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Copy to 0625/XIX ✓

JE

Time

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TELEGRAM.

From H.M.S. ENDURANCE

To COLONIAL SECRETARY PORT STANLEY

Despatched : 30th March 1971 Time : 1130

Received : 30th March 1971 Time : 0955

PRIORITY 301130Z March

From Endurance to Colonial Secretary.

Your 291505 can lift 150 drums. Will be required for embarkation
early a.m. Monday 5th April

ENDURANCE

PL: JE

Copies to D.C.A.
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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			30.3.71
To	MP CO EMPLOYER			NO A/C

Avgas most grateful your co-operation an endeavouring to
organise and will keep you advised

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Copies to D.C.A.

0270/D

Time

JE

The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.



¹⁴⁴
BERTRAND & FELTON Ltd.
ROY COVE,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

26th March 1971.

Dear Sir,

¹²⁸ Thank you for your telegrams, re the visit to Roy Cove of H.M.S. Endurance. We will look forward to meeting the Governor and Mrs Lewis.

If it is possible, I would be grateful if you would inform me how many, apart from H.E. and Mrs Lewis, and the captain, we can expect ashore for tea, as my wife does not have any domestic help at the moment.

With regard to sightseeing for the ratings, we do not have any penguin rookeries near the settlement, but they are welcome to come ashore and walk around, and possibly get a cup of tea.

Yours faithfully.

[Signature]

Manager.

*H/M In receipt
attention 2/3*

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PORT SAN CARLOS,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,
SOUTH ATLANTIC,
Via Montevideo

The Honourable J. A. Jones,
Colonial Secretary,
Secretariat,
Stanley.

26th. March 1971.

Dear Sir,

Visit of HMS Endurance to Port San Carlos
with H.E. the Governor.

132 Thank you for your further telegrams re the above. We are delighted that it has been decided that Endurance should spend the whole day here at Port San Carlos with His Excellency and Mrs. Lewis.

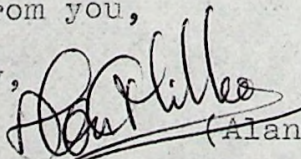
My letter of 30th. January outlined various possibilities in the way of entertainment, both for the ratings and Officers. We are not geared to entertaining a great number of People so that the crew will have to rely largely on their own initiative, but we can probably arrange a guide to direct the pinnace up the River to a suitable fishing spot for those members of the crew whose desire. Fannings Island is also quite well worth a visit having seals at its western end. They may also shoot Upland geese anywhere except within the immediate area of the houses in the Settlement.

Since the ship is scheduled to arrive here at 0900 hours on 12th. April it should be possible to arrange a Teal Shoot to Smylies Creek during the morning, returning to my house for lunch at about 1.30 pm., if His Excellency so wishes. For this we require about 12 guns. This operation can be arranged more efficiently if helicopters were available for shifting personnel quickly into position. If not we would use two Land-Rovers. My wife would be delighted to entertain Mrs. Lewis in the meantime.

My wife and I should be delighted to go on board Endurance for a buffet dinner with guests, who may number four.

I look forward to hearing further from you,

Yours sincerely,


(Alan C. Miller)
manager.

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WEATHER WHICH HAS BEEN BAD FOR LAST FORTNIGHT COMPLETELY

CLEARED EARLY AM TODAY AND RAPID EVACUATION IN PERFECT

WEATHER AND MINUS 7 DEGREES ACHIEVED.

2. INTEND ARRIVING DECEPTION Is AM TOMORROW SUNDAY FOR AERIAL

PHOTOGRAPHY FOLLOWING LAST YEARS EARTHQUAKE AND ONE DAYS R&R

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To
HMS ENDURANCE - CAPTAIN
FROM GOVERNOR

29th March 1971

GRATEFUL IF IN DUE COURSE YOU COULD LET ME KNOW YOUR ETA STANLEY. YOU ARE
MOST WELCOME TO STAY A NIGHT OR TWO IN THE SHACKLETON ROOM IF YOU FEEL LIKE
A BREAK. LEWIS

Reply at 151

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To

IMS ENDURANCE
FROM GOVERNMENT, FALKLAND ISLANDS

29th March 1971

GRATEFUL PASS FOLLOWING TO COMMANDER BURLEY. I CONGRATULATE YOU AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE EXPEDITION ON A MOST SUCCESSFUL OPERATION AND I AM ONLY SORRY THAT I WILL NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN. HAVE A GOOD TRIP HOME. LEWIS.

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YOUR LETTER 26 MARCH RE VISIT ENDURANCE STOP GRATEFUL LEARN
MAXIMUM NUMBER YOU CAN PERSONALLY ENTERTAIN

COLONIAL SECRETARY

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VISIT TO PORT SAN CARLOS STOP GUIDE AVAILABLE FISHING PARTY BY LAUNCH
STOP DUCK SHOT SHOOTING PARTY ABOUT 12 GUNS - WOULD HELICOPTER BE
AVAILABLE FOR THIS EXERCISE STOP QUERY STOP ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT BY
LAND ROVER

COLONIAL SECRETARY

R.M. 16A

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched:

Time:

Received:

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FROM ENDURANCE TO GOVERNOR
ROUTINE 391639Z March
INFO NP 8901/2
MY 315635

Apart from Good Friday the forthcoming visit to Port Stanley seems fairly busy but could call on you at 1445 Thursday 8th if convenient and should you wish it. Respectfully request your outstanding call on Endurance could follow at about 1515 if desired. Helicopter could be available if required.

2. Request pleasure of company of Your Excellency and Mrs. Lewis for informal drinks on board at 1830 Thursday 8th.

¹⁴⁷
3. Your 301230Z. Very many thanks for kind invitation. May I accept for night of Saturday 10th.

LEWIS



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ROUTINE..311635Z MAR.

FROM.....ENDURANCE.

TO.....COL SEC.

INFO.....THE GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLAND, NP 8901/02.

INTEND PROGRAMME FOR VISIT TO PORT STANLEY 8 - 11 AND 16
APRIL AS FOLLOWS:-

DATE	SER	TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
8th	1	0700	ETA	NIL
<i>Canceled</i> x 2	0800-1430		INSPECTION OF NP 8902 BY CO ENDURANCE	NP 8901 AND ENDURANCE PARTICIPATING
	3	0800	FUEL 180GONS DIESO	STARBOARD SIDE
	4	0830	DISSEMBARK 150 MEN AVCAT	COL SEC 291305Z REFERS. LIGHTER REQUIRED PORT SIDE FORWARD NEW NP 8901 ASSISTING BOAT ASSISTANCE REQUIRED
	5	1430	DISSEMBARK NP 8901	
	6		BLANK	
	7		BLANK	
	8	1630	STANLEY SHIELD FOOTBALL	GROUND REQUESTED
	9	1830	CO ENDURANCE INFORMAL DRINKS PARTY	BOAT LEAVES PUBLIC JETTY 1825 GUEST LI FOLLOWS
9th	11	1630	2nd XI FOOTBALL	GROUND AND OPPONENT REQUIRED
10th	21	0830	EMBARK CARGO FOR UK	CO 8901 TO COLLATE AND ARRANGE LIGHTER AND LOADING
	22	0900-1300	INSPECTION NP 8902 BY CO ENDURANCE	TIME OF TRANSPORT FROM PUBLIC JETTY TO BE CONFIRMED BY CO 8902

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	23	1400-1700	SHIP OPEN TO VISITERS	WEATHER PERMITTING AND IF RECOMMENDED APPROVED BY COL SEC
	24	1400	CRICKET OR RUGBY MATCH	GROUND AND OPPONENTS REQUIRED
	25	1930	INFORMAL WARDROOM PARTY	GUEST LIST FOLLOWS
11th	31	1400	RUGBY OR CRICKET MATCH	OPPOSITE TO SER 24 GROUND AND OPPONENTS REQUIRED
	32	1730	HE GOV AND MRS LEWIS EMBARK ENDURANCE	TIME TO BE CONFIRMED SHIPS BOAT
	33	1800	ENDURANCE SAILS FOR SETTLEMENT TOUR	TIME TO BE CONFIRMED
16th	41	0800	ENDURANCE ANCHORS PORT STANLEY	
	42	0845	HE GOV AND MRS LEWIS LEAVE ENDURANCE	SHIPS BOAT TO PUBLIC JETTY
	43	0900	NP 8901 START EMBARK TO ENDURANCE	BOAT ASSISTANCE REQUIRED CO 8901 TO ARRANGE
	44	1200	ENDURANCE DEPARTS PORT STANLEY	

 DIST..COL SEC..HE GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLAND.
 MNE(S) ADAMS P.

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PRIORITY..011600Z APRIL

FROM.....ENDURANCE

TO.....CINCF.

INFO.....GOVFI, COLSECFI, MODUK(N), DEFATSANTIAGO, CONSUL P. ARENAS

NP8901/2, FPD LONDON.

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URGENT REQUIREMENTS WITH DEFENCE IMPLICATIONS BY GOVERNOR
FALKLAND IS. FOR ENDURANCE TO LIFT 150 DRUMS AVGAS PUNTA ARENAS
TO PORT STANLEY AND DESPATCH DEFENCE ATTACHE SANTIAGO REPORTS
PURCHASE AND AVAILABILITY LIKELY DELAY DEPARTURE ALL THAT?
DELETE UP TO 3 DAYS AFTER PLANNED DATE PM 5th APRIL.
INTEND COMPLYING.ETD WILL BE SIGNALLLED IN DUE COURSE.

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HMS ENDURANCE
at Punta Arenas

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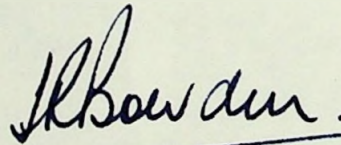
The Commander-in-Chief, Western Fleet
Eastbury Park
Northwood
Middlesex

3 January 1971

HMS ENDURANCE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

Reference: Western Fleet's Administrative and General Order No. 0702.

1. A summary of the main activities of HMS ENDURANCE between 27 October 1970 and 4 January 1971 is forwarded in accordance with the reference.
2. The regrettable length of the report reflects the number of interesting events which occurred in the period. These were:-
 - a. The first visit to Buenos Aires by the Ice Patrol Ship for a number of years.
 - b. The Elephant Island operation involving the Joint Services Expedition and a challenging survey task.
 - c. The Rendezvous with the yacht BRITISH STEEL off Cape Horn.
3. The ship achieved all which had been optimistically planned, helped very largely by surprisingly good weather.


I R BOWDEN
CAPTAIN ROYAL NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures: 1. Annex A - Report of Proceedings
2. Annex B - Summary operations and visits.
3. Annex C - Extract from Argentinian Newspapers CRONICA
4. Annex D - Photographic Record.

Copies to: Hydrographer of the Navy
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Ministry of Defence (Historic Section)
British Naval Attache, Buenos Aires
British Defence Attache, Santiago (Negative Annex D)
His Excellency, The Governor of the Falkland Islands

THE PASSAGE

1. Before departure for the ship's third Antarctic season a Recommissioning Service and families day was held in Portsmouth on 21 October. It was an honour and pleasure to have the Right Reverend Launcelot Fleming, the Bishop of Norwich officiating at the service and afterwards meeting the families. He was the chaplain and geologist to the British Graham Land Expedition of 1934-37 and therefore most interested in the ship and her activities. It was planned to proceed to sea during the afternoon with the families embarked, but unfortunately a last minute engine room defect prevented this taking place.
2. Unusually, the outward and homeward passages for this season's programme were planned through the Atlantic, so that no visits to the west coast of South America were included. The main reason for this was the Joint Services Expedition and their need to be landed and recovered from Elephant Island as early and late in the season as possible. The visits on the outward passage consisted of two days at Teneriffe, five days at Buenos Aires and four days at Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands.
3. The ship sailed on 27 October for Santa Cruz, Teneriffe. A trials party, consisting of officers from Ministry of Defence (Navy) and Royal Aircraft Establishment Bedford was embarked to prove modifications to the Flight Deck designed to facilitate aircraft landing on the sloped deck in rough weather. Unfortunately from this point of view, the weather on passage was so good that it was never given a test to its full limits, but it was a success to the extent it was tried.
4. Throughout the 5 day passage to Teneriffe and the subsequent 16 and 4 day passages to Buenos Aires and Port Stanley, ocean soundings were taken using the deep echo sounder, and regular bathythermograph observations using the recently fitted 'Plessey expendable bathy' were made. The latter is proving a great success and saves considerable effort and time. In addition, one detailed investigation lasting 7 hours was carried out on a reported in the approaches to the River Plate. Flying and other individual exercises were continued whenever opportunity offered. A feature of the latter passage were the activities of the Joint Services Expedition, led by Commander M K BURLEY MBE Royal Navy, which had embarked at Buenos Aires. This was primarily devoted to breaking out part of the 15 tons of expedition stores embarked at Portsmouth, and sorting out their personal, camping and climbing gear and making up dumps in various parts of the ship in preparation for off-loading on arrival at Elephant Island. Piles of unusual and expensive looking equipment were to be seen around the ship and the Expedition members were blessed with favourable weather throughout so that much of the work could be done, on the upper deck. It gave the ship's company great pleasure to have the Expedition on board and the interest and enthusiasm they engendered were to pay handsome dividends when the evolutions for off-loading the Expedition and its stores arrived. The skirl of bagpipes played by Captain Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw yr, Royal Highland Fusiliers, was also appreciated by at least some of the ship's company, but fitted easily into the wide open spaces of the South Atlantic and the bleakness of the Falkland Islands.
5. The favourable weather between Buenos Aires and the Falkland Islands was mentioned above, but the most remarkable feature of the whole passage between Portsmouth and Elephant Island, 7900 miles, was that apart from 20 hours, in the entrance of the River Plate, good weather blessed the ship throughout. There was however sufficient swell from time to time to show that the addition of bilge keels, which were not fitted during 1969/70 season, has reduced most markedly the rolling motion of the ship which previously gave so much anxiety and discomfort.

VISITS

Teneriffe

6. The visit which lasted from a Sunday to a Tuesday was intended as a short break during the long passage to Buenos Aires. It served its purpose admirably and on the whole was enjoyed by the ship's company. A comprehensive calling programme had been arranged by the British Consul and the usual ceremonial, social and sporting activities took place. The Spanish officials both civil and military were very friendly and the subject of Gibraltar was never raised. On several occasions I gained the impression that most of the problems of the Spanish mainland should not be allowed to interfere with the way of life in the Canary Islands.

7. Although Santa Cruz is the port and main town of the island, the centre of social activity is centered in the tourist centre of Puerto de la Cruz some 18 miles over the hills by road. A bus loaned by the civic authority for half a day was a great help, but relatively few were able to take advantage of it. The general opinion from the English inhabitants was that for a brief visit to the Canary Islands by a naval vessel, Las Palmas would be preferable.

Buenos Aires

8. This was the first visit to Buenos Aires by the Ice Patrol ship for a large number of years, and came about primarily on the initiative of the British Naval Attache, encouraged I learn by His Excellency The British Ambassador, Mr. Michael Hadow, CMG. The reason was the recent thawing of relations between Argentina and Great Britain on the Falkland Islands problem, reflected in the discussions in London in the summer 1970 on the means of improving trade and communications between the former and the Falkland Islands. Certainly the ship was anxious to call there and regarded it as the highlight of the 1970/71 season visits.

9. No problems were encountered during the passage of the River Plate and following the National Gun Salute, the ship secured alongside in the Darsena Norte which is the best berth available in the Port.

10. An excellent programme for the five day visit had been prepared by the Embassy staff. Apart from the call on the British Ambassador, calls were restricted to two senior Argentinian Flag Officers. The only other formal ceremony involved two wreath laying ceremonies in the city, one in honour of General San Martin and the other of Almirante Brown. Cricket and soccer matches were arranged and the ship acquitted herself well.

11. The usual official social events took place on board and ashore, although neither Argentinian civic authorities nor Navy offered anything the latter on the basis that it was the end of the financial year; this however detracted nothing from their quite outstanding co-operation and friendliness. At the request of the British Naval Attache the number of guests to the ship's Cocktail Party was increased to 160, which included a large proportion of Argentinian Naval officers and their wives.

12. His Excellency the British Ambassador told me that the ship's visit coincided with the presence of a 3 man delegation from the Falkland Islands. The visit was a follow up to the London talks and was aimed at discussions to improve trade and communications. One of the members of the delegation, Mr Gleadell a former Governor of the Falkland Islands had an Argentinian arrest warrant in force against him on charges of 'illegitimate association, kidnapping, rebellion and robbery.

His presence in the country was regarded by some of the population as unfortunate and the incident was the subject of much scurrilous comment in the newspaper Cronica, which has long been campaigning 'Malvinas (Falkland Islands) for Argentina'. ENDURANCE and her company, His Excellency considered, could well come under verbal and possibly sabotage attack during her visit for her connection with the Falkland Islands and those parts of Antarctica which some Argentians regard as their own, but this did not occur. However the day after the press conference on board, the ship and I as Captain, described as a Pirate Ship and a real Corsair respectively (see Annex B) did not get good publicity in that particular paper, entirely for our part in the coming Elephant Island expedition. It must be added that the numerous other daily journals reported the facts and generally gave the ship, her activities and the Joint Services Expedition a good press. The ship was open to visitors on two occasions one for the British community and again to the general public. On the latter occasion 4,500 people came on board in 3 hours. Precautions were taken against possible sabotage, but there were no incidents.

13. The entertainment offered to officers and men during the visit was outstanding and was greatly appreciated, though fully testing the stamina of all concerned. Perhaps the contributions of the Reverend Eric Casson and Father Alex Dalpiaz who run the Protestant and Catholic Missions deserve special mention the former ran a buffet dance on the first night of the visit which was so popular that the ship's company asked for a repeat the evening before departure. Another classical event was that organised for the entire Royal Marine Detachment by Mr and Mrs Wallisley, the former being a Royal Marine during World War II. The invitation was to an Asado (barbecue). The detachment of 1 officer and 12 Royal Marines arrived by bus which drew up alongside a swimming pool in a magnificent garden, stepped out to the strains of 'A Life on the Ocean Wave', to be met by their hosts and fifteen beautiful girls, the pick of Buenos Aires, and all bikini clad. All agreed next day that it could only happen once in a lifetime.

14. The Joint Services Expedition under Commander M K BURLEY MBE Royal Navy had arrived in Buenos Aires two days before HMS ENDURANCE. Their programme had been separately arranged, but they took part in several of the formal and informal ENDURANCE functions. They joined the ship the day before she sailed from Buenos Aires, complaining only that they were less fit than when they arrived there.

15. After a memorable five days, it is pleasant to recall that His Excellency the British Ambassador expressed his pleasure at the success of the visit. Certainly the ties between the two navies were strengthened and a number of hydrographic and logistic liaisons cemented which will undoubtedly be of assistance in the future; the first, delivery of a Christmas mail to the South Shetlands in ARA BAHIA AGUIRRE has already materialised.

Port Stanley

16. The ship paid a four day visit to Port Stanley from 28 November to 2 December 1970. She arrived in unusually bright, sunny and windless weather, and it remained so throughout the four days. The hovercraft of NP 8902 escorted the ship into harbour. A 17 gun Salute was fired on arrival to the Acting Governor, Mr. A Jones and calls on him were paid and returned the same forenoon. The ship fuelled and unloaded 10 tons of ammunitions by helicopter and 1½ tons of stores and a new Land Rover for the Naval Parties. The usual 'first of the season visit' lunch, cocktail and children's parties were held and a number of sporting events arranged. This visit is always popular with those members of the ship's company keen on Exped and rough shooting, mainly for hare, and several took advantage of the fine weather to exercise themselves.

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I visited Naval Parties 8901 and 8902 and experienced my first trip in a hovercraft, including a short voyage in the open sea. The sea conditions were moderate and the craft behaved impressively. The morale in both naval parties was high, and they had no particular problems.

17. The Joint Services Expedition landed for two days, for a long distance march, and to test all their camping gear. This not only gave a short period of breathing space in the wardroom but also satisfactorily proved to the over-heated members of the Expedition that their gear would be useless in anything but cold conditions.

THE FIRST PERIOD IN THE ANTARCTIC - ELEPHANT ISLAND.

18. HMS ENDURANCE sailed from Port Stanley on 2 December, arriving off the north coast of Elephant Island two days later, after yet another suprisingly quiet passage. The day of arrival started perfectly, with clear visibility, blue skies and the sun, so that the full extent of the rugged beauty of Elephant and Clarence Islands, and the surrounding scattered icebergs could be seen and appreciated by the ship's company and expedition members. These few hours were most inspiring and got the operation off to a fine start.

The overall plan required the following to be achieved:-

- a. Landing two small dumps of expedition stores and reconnoitering planned triangulation points in the areas past which the ship steamed.
- b. Landing a 3 man climbing team on Clarence Island to conquer the highest peak and then transfer to the main Joint Services Expedition Camp.
- c. Disembarkation of the expedition hut, 11 tons of stores and bulk of Joint Services Expedition members at their main camp.
- d. Landing and support of six 2 man (three Joint Services Expedition and three HMS ENDURANCE) survey teams at 21 triangulation stations on 5 main islands and several off-lying rocks.
- e. Landing and support of 2 man survey teams at 2 additional triangulation points on Bridgeman Island (785 ft) and Melville Peak (1900 ft) on King George Island.
- f. Landing and support of 2 man altimetry teams around islands to assist contouring.
- g. Sounding while proceeding on passage around the islands.

19. HMS ENDURANCE was programmed to spend the period 4 - 31 December progressing the planned tasks, but could return in the latter half of March 1971 to attempt uncompleted work. In the event, tasks (a) - (d) were completed in the first three days as had very optimistically been hoped, and the remaining tasks, except (f), completed by 31 December. The main factors which enabled this to be done were:-

- a. eight days of good weather and visibility when rapid progress was possible.
- b. fourteen days of concentrated flying by the two helicopters, led by Lieutenant Commander R A W LOVE Royal Navy, often in difficult conditions and operating to inaccessible and marginally safe sites.
- c. the tenacity and enthusiasm of the ship's and Joint Services Expedition survey teams led by Lieutenant Commander R J CAMPBELL, Royal Navy and Captain J P ELDER, Royal Engineers, who had often to live in exposed and completely isolated sites for several days at a time, then, immediately on return to the ship, be lifted to another triangulation point.

20. When the ship was working in the immediate vicinity of Elephant Island, parties from the Royal Marine Detachment and other volunteers were landed to assist the Joint Services Expedition, for Antarctic survival and ski-ing training and recreation (walking, ski-ing and observation of penguin rookeries and seal colonies). Numbers were limited as boat transport ashore proved impracticable because of a continual low swell, so that helicopters only could be used.

21. During December the ship spent $2\frac{1}{2}$ days in harbour, including $1\frac{1}{2}$ at Christmas, anchored in Potter Cove, King George Island, which is ideal in every respect for a recreational period. Landing by boat is safe and the hinterland provides good walking, ski-ing and rock climbing. During the first day in Potters Cove, 18 December, RRS JOHN BISCOE, run by the British Antarctic Survey, was in company and in the late afternoon there was an unexpected visit by nine Russians and Chileans from the Bellingshausen and Presidente Frei bases, including the two base leaders; they arrived in the original picket boat with the hammer and sickle painted on the funnel. A hectic evening ensued which was in the best traditions of international friendship between nations south of 60°S the Antarctic Treaty Area. It was fascinating to meet an American marine microbiologist who was about to leave the Russian base after nearly a year's exchange service. The following day HMS ENDURANCE proceeded to an Argentinian base Esperanza on the northern extremity of the Antarctic Peninsular to collect her Christmas mail. As there were a few hours in hand she continued on to Petrel Base on Dundee Island to rendezvous with the Argentinian Naval Transport BAHIA AGUIRRE which had brought the mail from Buenos Aires. Calls were made on both bases and the ship, and the usual welcome and friendliness were encountered. BAHIA AGUIRRE, which is scheduled to return to the mainland earlier than HMS ENDURANCE, kindly agreed to take the latter's outgoing mail and deliver it to the British Embassy, Buenos Aires.

22. Following the rendezvous with the Yacht BRITISH STEEL which is reported below, and Christmas in Potters Cove, ENDURANCE sailed to recover three survey parties which had spent a week over Christmas on hill tops (900-1900ft) carrying out a long range extension of the triangulation from King George Island to the Elephant Island group. This required periods with visibility up to 90 miles which fortunately occurred. The completion of this latter task completed all which ENDURANCE and the Joint Services Expedition survey teams had most optimistically set themselves, and will ensure the accurate charting of the Elephant Island Group both on the earth's surface and as islands; at present there are errors of several miles in both respects.

23. The last two days of this period in the South Shetlands were spent visiting Cape Wild, on Elephant Island, where the ENDURANCE ship's company lived for four months in 1916, a final call on the Joint Services Expedition main camp, and fraternising with the Russians and Chileans at the Bellingshausen and Presidente Frei bases on King George Island. The latter are sited 200 yards apart, with a small football pitch between. Two teams from the ship landed p.m. on New Year's Eve and played the Chileans who had a few Russians playing for them; teams and spectators were well entertained afterwards.

24. The ship sailed for a two day visit to Punta Arenas at 0115 on 1 January 1971, after representatives from the three nations had thrice welcomed in the New Year, Russian style in their base/0001 (Moscow time) at 1800, English style in ENDURANCE at 0001 (BST) at 2000 and Chilean style in their base at midnight. It was a unique, happy and inspiring day clearly much enjoyed by all members of each nation.

(RENDEZVOUS.....Cont)

RENDEZVOUS WITH YACHT BRITISH STEEL

25. On 21 December a brief mention on the BBC news of BRITISH STEEL, sailed by Chay Blyth on a westward circumnavigation of the world, and reported to be 300 miles south of Buenos Aires, caused me to consider attempting a rendezvous with him. For the following reasons, it was decided to leave the Elephant Island area for Cape Horn:-

- a. The Director of Public Relations (Navy) had foreseen the possibility of an encounter and asked HMS ENDURANCE to rendezvous if reasonably convenient; also Yorkshire Television had provided several thousand feet of film to cover the occasion.
- b. The speed of advance of survey work around Elephant Island permitted the ship to be away three or four days, providing three camp parties were left behind to complete one particularly difficult part of the survey.
- c. A rendezvous would undoubtedly cause interest in the United Kingdom and had considerable public relations potential. It might also provide a morale boost for Blyth before he tackled the most hazardous part of his voyage.
- d. If a rendezvous was not successful immediately, there was the possibility of spending Christmas in a sheltered bay near Cape Horn, and it was thought desirable for that day to be spent in harbour.

26. HMS ENDURANCE sailed from King George Island area pm on 21 December and after an uncomfortable transit of Drake Passage started a search pattern at midday on 23rd along his probable track. To our astonishment, two hours later at 1400 he was heard on 2182 KHz (International Calling and Distress) and two-way contact was established immediately. Two hours later BRITISH STEEL was in sight, by which time the weather had become almost completely calm, except, for a long swell, clouds had dispersed and the sun was shining.

27. Chay Blyth was clearly delighted to meet up with some of his countrymen especially in so remote a part of the world. He was pleased to talk on the radio of his experiences, his present situation and hopes for the future. The seaboot was lowered to deliver a Christmas present and collect his tapes and film records to date, and the helicopters were launched for photography. After three hours in his area, and reassured by his quiet yet apprehensive confidence, and a good weather forecast, HMS ENDURANCE left BRITISH STEEL ghosting to the westward, and set course for King George Island and Christmas. She anchored at 1330 on Christmas Day in Potters Cove.

Annex B to the Commanding Officer, HMS ENDURANCE's letter 226/1 dated 3 January 1971

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS AND VISITS

<u>DATES</u>	<u>VISIT/OPERATIONAL AREA</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
27 October	Sailed Portsmouth	
1-3 November	Visit to Santa Cruz, Teneriffe	
19-24 November	Visit to Buenos Aires	Embarked Joint Services Expedition and Fuelled.
28 November 2 December	Visit to Port Stanley Falkland Islands	Arrival on station. Deliver Cargo to NP 8901/2 Fuelled
4-21 December	Elephant Island area	Disembarked JSE and stores. Progressed Survey of islands in the area.
22-25 December	Rendezvous with Yacht BRITISH STEEL off Cape Horn	
26-31 December	Elephant Island and King George Island areas	Completion of Survey work Support of JSE Liaison with foreign bases
4 January	Arrived Punta Arenas	Fuelled.

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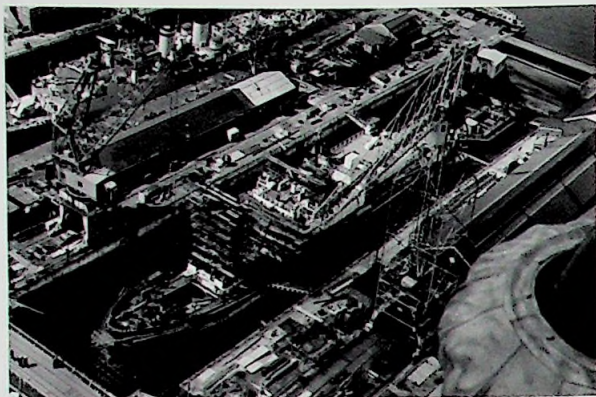
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20th November

Peaceful Landing from a Pirate Ship

Argentine shores with a tradition of welcoming visitors who come to us filled with hope are being invaded by pirates. Not perhaps as in the time of the freebooters with wooden leg and black patch over the eye but pirates nevertheless. Yesterday under the guise of being engaged in scientific investigation or commercial enterprise they reached our shores and are now preparing to visit our Antarctic taking with them a British Expeditionary team.

Today 'Endurance' a Royal Naval Ship arrived under the command of a real corsair, I. R. Bowden. The ship will remain in port till Tuesday next on which day it will sail for Elephant Island in the South Atlantic with Bowden and his men together with the Expedition team to survey areas which are, whatever anybody says, Argentinian.



On completion of the refit



ENDURANCE embarked the Filton S.C.C.
for the Sea Trials



She then embarked the Flight off
Portland



and underwent a 4 day work up ...



before returning to Portsmouth for a reunion
with the ENDURANCE survivors, 1914 - 1916.
The 1914 and 1970 versions of an A.B., the
Chief Officer and the Cook (and the
Expedition Leader)



and Commissioning Day



ENDURANCE arrived Teneriffe one evening for 2 days



after wich there was plenty of time for continuing the work up.



Fun....



and games.....



In Buenos Aires on 19 November



calls were paid and returned



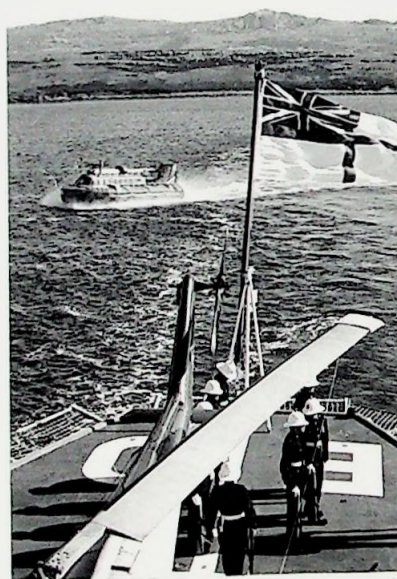
....wreaths were placed



and a healthy co-operation developed between the A.R.A. and the R.N.



The Joint Services Expedition joined before sailing



and their stores were landed by hovercraft for a dummy run in the Falkland Islands



A week later ENDURANCE was off Elephant Island



& JSE stores were lifted ashore



The first tent was erected in a 55 knot wind ...



The Leader surveyed the site,



The Expedition hut was lifted ashore,



and next day the main camp at Dump C was established.



The Surveying Teams were then landed at some interesting sites to progress the triangulation.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 3/4/71

Time :

Received :

Time :

No. 94

PRIORITY

PLAIN LANGUAGE

INFO HMS ENDURANCE

Endurance telegram 012029Z received from you refers to FCO 011000Z to Endurance. Unable trace this telegram in F.C.O. Please obtain and send further details.

LJC : P/L

TO PRODRONE LONDON SWI

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FROM ENDURANCE

ETAT PRIORITE 031505Z APR

FROM ENDURANCE TO FCO

INFO GOVFIO UNCLASORTTO

CANCEL MY 012029Z REFERENCE

NOW ~~RECEIVED~~ held

CPL(S) ARDEN. A.

THIS PASSED VPC 4TH APRIL FOR TX.

● DECODE.TELEGRAM.

FromC.O.....ENDURANCE.....

ToH.E.....GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS

Despatched : 5th April 1971 Time : 1435

Received : 5th April 1971 Time : 1109

Routine 051435Z April.

From Endurance.

To His Excellency the Governor.

InforColonial Secretary Naval Party 8901/2

At least 75 drums available for loading late p.m. today Monday. To wait further 75 involves delay at Punta Arenas of several days. Intend to sail 060945 to arrive Bull Roads to collect Survey Party 080630 and Port Stanley 081800.

2. Further signal to amend my 311635Z March will be made but serial 2 is cancelled.

ENDURANCE

PL: JE

● DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched:

Time :

Received :

Time :

TO ENDURANCE
FROM GOVERNOR

5th April 1971

I AM GLAD THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO LOAD AT LEAST 75 DRUMS OF AVGAS. WE LOOK
FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THURSDAY.

LEWIS

LJC : P/L

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 5/4/71

Time :

Received :

Time :

FROM GOVERNOR TO ENDURANCE

If you are free Alastair Sloggie and myself thought you might be interested in taking a few hours off for fishing on Friday. We hope your acceptance for staying with us on Saturday 10th still stands.

lewis

LJC : P/L

160

ROUTINE..051840Z APR.

FROM.....ENDURANCE.

TO.....COL SEC.

INFO.....GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLAND, NP 8901/02.

 152 AMEND 311635Z MAR READ IN 5 COLUMNS TIMES LOCAL.

DATE	SERIAL	TIME	EVENT	REMARKS
8th	1	1800	ETA	
	2-8	EVENTS CANCELLED		
9th	10	0830	DISSEMBARK 8901	BOAT ASSISTANCE
			AND COMPO	REQUIRED
	12	0815	FUEL 180 TONS	STARBOARD SIDE
			DIESO	
	13	0830	DISSEMBARK 90	LIGHTER REQUIRED
			DRUMS AVGAS	PORT SIDE FORWARD
	11	1630	STANLEY SHIELD	GROUND REQUIRED

10th AND 11th AS PER PROGRAMME.

SERIAL 9 AS PER PROGRAMME.

 DIST..HE GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLAND, COL SEC.

MNE(S) ADAMS P.

5 APR 1971

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From LUXTON CHARTRES

To COLONIAL SECRETARY PORT STANLEY

Despatched : 6th April 19 71 Time : 1400

Received : 6th April 19 71 Time : 1625

173 Proposed visit 14th April convenient please advise soonest
total numbers expected

LUXTON

PL: JE

Reply

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From MILLER ROY COVE

To COLONIAL SECRETARY PORT STANLEY

Despatched : 6th April 1971 Time : 0900

Received : 6th April 1971 Time :

149 Your telegram re visit Endurance. Can accommodate
Governor and Mrs Lewis plus Captain and 5 Officers
for tea

MILLER

✓
PL: JE

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From H.M.S. "Endurance"

To The Colonial Secretary

Despatched : 7th April 19 71 Time : 12.30

Received : 7th April 19 71 Time :

Routine date time group 071230Z April

Regret that owing to aircraft delays latest mail serial not on hand on sailing although departure delayed 4 hours to connect.

Consul Punta Arenas re-routing to Montevideo.

(For Stanley there is one bag of air parcels and 2 bags~~t~~ airmail.)

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From H.M.S. "Endurance"

To The Colonial Secretary

Despatched : 7th April, 1971 Time : 12.40
Received : 7th April, 19 71 Time :

Routine 071240Z April.

150 Your 011400Z April Duck Shoot

Request following amplified information:

- (a) Who will make up party
- (b) What distances are involved
- (c) When and for how many

4/5 miles 12

Reply 167

DECODE.

165

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE *to* GOVERNOR

Despatched: 6/4/71

Time: 1801

Received:

Time:

FROM ENDURANCE TO GOVERNOR

YOUR 051955Z.

Very interested in fishing Friday and looking forward to
Shackleton Room Saturday 10th. Very many thanks for both.

LJC : P/L

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

166

From H.M.S. ENDURANCE

To TO COLONIAL SECRETARY PORT STANLEY

Despatched : 7th April 19 71 Time : 1810

Received : 7th April 19 71 Time :

Routine 0718100 April.

From Endurance to Colonial Secretary.

Would be most grateful if shops in Stanley could be asked if they
could open p.m. Saturday.

ENDURANCE

PL: JE

✓
H.C.
8/4

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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WAP 15142—821 584578/790938 500 pds 12/68 Grp.782

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			7/4
To	ETAT CO ENDURANCE VPCRADIO		Phones to VPC 071645z	

YOUR 071240Z DUCK SHOOT STOP

- (a) HE YOUR HOST AND PARTY OF UP TO TWENTY FROM ENDURANCE AS SELECTED BY YOU.
- (b) DISTANCE FOUR TO FIVE MILES
- (c) 120930 STOP LUNCH FOR SHOOTING PARTY AT PORT SAN CARLOS 1330 APPROXIMATELY.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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WAP 15142—821 584578/790938 500 pds 12/68 Grp.782

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	Psy			7/4
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To	ETAT CO	ENDURANCE	VPCRADIO	'Phoned to VPC 071645'
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YOUR 051840Z SERIAL 13 AVGAS WILL BE DISEMBARKED BY FORREST

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To	H. E. AND C. S. FROM ENDURANCE			
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8th April 1971
ROUTINE 081310

E. T. A. Anchorage 1600 local.

Time

DECODE.

For HM Ships 170
file

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 8/4/71

Time: 1415 ? Received: 1030

Time:

FROM ENDURANCE TO GOVERNOR
UNCLASSIFIED

With much pleasure dinner on Saturday night for myself. Much regret another officer not available as wardroom is holding its Farewell Port Stanley party. Could I possibly bring the President of the Senior Rates Mess, Fleet Chief Petty Officer Fell.

LJC : P/L

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To				
ETAT MANAGER CARCASS ISLAND				

HE AND MRS. LEWIS WILL NOW PROBABLY VISIT YOU BY HELICOPTER FROM
WEST POINT STOP ENDURANCE WILL ADVISE ~~YOUR DIRECTOR~~ DETAILS DIRECT

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

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FALKLAND ISLANDS**SENT**

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To				
ETAT MANAGER HILLCOVE VQZ				

GRATEFUL ADVISE ENDURANCE DIRECT NUMBER YOU CAN ENTERTAIN FOR LUNCH
AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENTERTAINING RATINGS

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

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FALKLAND ISLANDS**SENT**

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	Psy			10/4

To

ETAT MANAGER CHARTRE VQZ

YOURTEL 6TH PARTY WILL CONSIST OF HE MRS LEWIS FOUR OFFICERS AND FOUR RATINGS

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

Misc.

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				12.4.71.

To

C.O. ENDURANCE

FOR INFORMATION H.E. TOTAL POPULATION WEST POINT ISLAND FIVE ADULTS AND
THREE CHILDREN

COL SEC

Time

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FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT

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WAP 15142—821 584578/790938 500 pds 12/68 Grp.782

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				12/3
To				
ETAT MANAGER NORTH ARM				

SURVEY PARTY FROM ENDURANCE REQUEST PERMISSION TO CAMP IN BULL COVE
AREA FROM 16TH MARCH TO 7TH APRIL AND TO ERECT FLAGS AS NECESSARY FOR
SURVEY OF AREA STOP GRATEFUL EARLY REPLY

HARBOUR MASTER

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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WAP 15148-821 585968/704663 500 pads 9/69 Grp.782

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			16.4.71
To	LTF H.M.S. ENDURANCE			EO A/C

Congratulations upon a successful season and thanks for many acts of courtesy and kindness stop Para two We look forward to greeting you and your ships company anew towards the end of the year

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

JE

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. n7

CHECK BOX

LINE 1

LINE 2

LINE 3

LINE 4

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INDICATORS

DE

PRECEDENCE - ACTION

PRECEDENCE - INFO

DATE-TIME GROUP, MONTH

ROUTINE

ROUTINE

161640Z APRIL

FROM **GOVERNOR PALLANES**

TO **ENDURANCE**

Routed by.....

Time.....

Perforated by.....

Time.....

FOR SINGLE TRANSMISSION

Transmitted to.....

Channel No./System.....

Time.....

Operator.....

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

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classified message must be
classified RESTRICTED or
above).

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DIG

SERIAL No.
(if used)

BT

// ON YOUR DEPARTURE FROM STANLEY AND AT THE END OF THIS SEASONS OPERATIONS

DOWN SOUTH I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND ALL ON BOARD ENDURANCE

FOR THE EFFICIENT WAY IN WHICH YOU HAVE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED YOUR VARIOUS

TASKS.

YOU HAD A VERY HEAVY PROGRAMME OF WORK AND A TIGHT SCHEDULE AND IT REFLECTED

GREAT CREDIT ON THE SHIP THAT YOU HAVE KEPT TO THIS SCHEDULE AND YET COMPLETED

WHAT YOU SET OUT TO DO. HERE IN THE ISLAND YOU WILL BE MISSED DURING THE

NEXT FEW MONTHS AND NO ONE WILL FORGET THE HELP YOU GAVE US IN UPLIFTING

AVGAS FROM PUNTA.

FOR WIFE AND MYSELF IT WAS A FITTING CLIMAX THAT WE SHOULD HAVE HAD THIS

PLEASURE OF TRAVELLING ON THE ENDURANCE DURING THE PLSA WEEK AND I WOULD

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OPERATOR

NAME IN
BLOCK LETTERS

MESSAGE FORM

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LINE 4

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INDICATORS

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MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS

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(if used)

LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR THE HOSPITALITY AND THE VARIOUS COURTESIES EXTENDED

TO US BOAT. LIKE US THE PEOPLE IN THE CAMPS WILL LOOK BACK WITH GREAT PLEASURE

ON YOUR VISIT. GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL AND THOSE ON BOARD WHO ARE RETURNING

NEXT SEASON CAN EXPECT A WARM WELCOME ON THEIR ARRIVAL BACK IN STANLEY.

*1/11 De ans amt official report on business activities
of "Endurance".
BU 1/9*

[Signature]

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OPERATOR

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BLOCK LETTERS

C.S.

For your information the camp tour went off very well and, in spite of difficult weather conditions, the "Endurance" managed to keep right on schedule.

2. However, I think that these tours require more detailed planning at an earlier date and I would be grateful if the file could be brought up to me on the 1st September by which time we will have heard the details of the "Endurance" plans for next season.

B.H.

16.4.71

S/L

For pty. (I have in fact already marked the file for B.H. to see on 1/9.)

J 17/4

Su 1. 9. 71.

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TO HEGFI			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
INFO 1614/			ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER
			SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

ACROSS	Very many thanks for your	5
	161640Z.0	10
WRITE	We have all enjoyed the	15
	1970/71 Season and found	20
	it a rewarding period	25
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TO				SECURITY CLASSIFICATION				
INFO				ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER				
				SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS				
ACROSS WRITE	Especially we were honoured						5	
	to carry you to the F.I						10	
	in January and being under						15	
	your command since						20	
	2. After some leave we will						25	
							30	
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FROM				PREFIX GR			
TO				SECURITY CLASSIFICATION			
INFO				ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER			
				SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			
ACROSS	be looking forward to our						5
	return to our proper station						10
	with its many + varied tasks						15
							20
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WRITE							30
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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 17/4/71

Time :

Received :

Time :

No. 121
RESTRICTED
ROUTINE
TO F.C.O.

H.M.S. Endurance, the ice patrol ship, left Stanley yesterday en route for home via Montevideo and Rio.

2. In a farewell message to the ship I congratulated Captain Rodney Bowden and the ship's complement on the efficient way they had carried out all the tasks allotted to them and also for the manner in which they had kept to a very tight schedule. The visits of the "Endurance" to Stanley and the camp settlements have been an outstanding success and particularly valuable at this time when the morale of the Islanders is in need of a boost.

3. You may wish to inform M.O.D. Navy.

LEWIS

Bu. 1. 9. 71.
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To

HMAT ADMIRALTY LONDONSW1

A/C H. G.

7th May 1971

FOLLOWING FOR ENDURANCE/GARRI . I HAVE SENT A CHEQUE FOR TEN POUNDS TO RICHARD CAMPBELL WHICH WILL BE AWAITING YOUR ARRIVAL IN PORTSMOUTH AND I HOPE THAT ON YOUR WAY HOME TO THE UK THE WARDROBE WILL HAVE A DRINK ON ME.

LEWIS

Time

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pl. file on HM

ships

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HMS ENDURANCE
at Sea

226/1

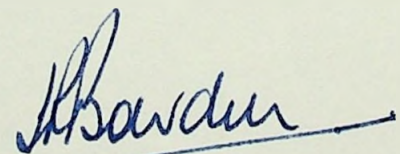
Commander-in-Chief Western Fleet

31 March 71

HMS ENDURANCE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

Reference: Western Fleet's Administrative and General Order No. 0702.

1. A summary of the main activities of HMS ENDURANCE between 4 January and 31 March 1971 is forwarded in accordance with the reference.
2. It has been a busy, interesting and rewarding period during which every planned task for the season was successfully achieved with two very minor surveying exceptions. This is exceptional, and was possible because of the good weather and freedom from pack ice which was generally the case around the Antarctic Peninsular this year.
3. One major Engine Room defect caused the ship to be diverted to Puerto Belgrano in the Argentine for her mid-season Self Maintenance Period instead of Punta Arenas. This very successful visit to the Argentine Navy's main base was valuable in that it is now known that there is, within easy reach of the ship's operational area, a port with every facility in case they should ever be needed in the future.
4. The period was only marred by the tragic death by drowning whilst ashore in Port Stanley, Falkland Islands on 4 February of one of the Decca Hifix engineers embarked in HMS ENDURANCE for return passage from the Antarctic to the South American mainland. This has been reported separately.



I R BOWDEN
CAPTAIN ROYAL NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER

Copies to: Hydrographer of the Navy
Flag Officer Carriers and Amphibious Ships
His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands
Director General Naval Recruiting
Ministry of Defence, Historic Section
British Naval Attache, Buenos Aires
Defence Attache, Santiago (Minus photographs)

Enclosures: Annex A - Summary of operations and visits
Annex B - Report of Proceedings
Annex C - Photographic Record

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Annex A to the Commanding Officer HMS ENDURANCE's 226/1 of 31 March 1971

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS AND VISITS

<u>DATES</u>	<u>VISIT/OPERATIONAL AREA</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
6 January	Sailed Punta Arenas	Governor, Falkland Islands (designate) embarked
8-9 January	Visit to Port Stanley	Fuelled.
11-12 January	At Punta Arenas	Awaiting mail and stores.
15-30 January	Argentine Island Area	Survey Operations Liaison with US & British Bases. Landed detached survey party before departure.
2-4 February	Port Stanley	Fuelled Temporary repair to Engine Room Defect
8-14 February	Puerto Belgrano	SMP and repairs to Engine Room defect.
21 Feb-10 March	Crystal Sound and Marguerite Bay	Recovered detached Survey Party. Survey operations Liaison British Bases
13-16 March	Port Stanley	Fuelled Landed detached Survey Party at Bull Road on departure
19-29 March	South Shetlands area	Survey operations and evacuation of JSE from Elephant Island

INTRODUCTION

1. This report covers the second, third and fourth Antarctic periods of the 1970/71 season of HMS ENDURANCE. It extends from 4 January 1971 when the ship arrived at Punta Arenas following the December period in the Elephant Island area previously reported, up to 31 March 1971 when she was next on passage to Punta Arenas on completion of the season's work in the Antarctic.

2. The planned programme was altered three times, for the following reasons:-

- a. The requirement in early January to proceed from Punta Arenas to Port Stanley to carry Mr. E G LEWIS His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands (designate).
- b. The additional visit to Port Stanley for one night in early February to refuel with Avcat, whilst on passage to Punta Arenas for the Self Maintenance Period. This visit had to be extended to 2 days to make temporary repairs to the Lubricating Oil Drain Pipe from the sump of the Main Engine, and then a further half a day following the sad death of one of the Decca Engineers embarked in the ship.
- c. The necessity to change the port planned for the Self Maintenance Period, Punta Arenas, to Puerto Belgrano, to allow a permanent repair to be carried out to the Lubricating Oil Drain Pipe.

3. The result of these changes was to reduce the time 'on station' in the Antarctic from 87 days to 75 days. In the event the overall effect to the planned surveying tasks was negligible, as throughout the January, February and early March the weather was outstandingly good and work progressed quickly and was almost uninterrupted. Not once whilst south was there a need to change the planned programme of tasks because of ice or bad weather conditions; and this is most unusual.

HYDROGRAPHIC WORK

4. Between 15 and 30 January the ship continued sounding in the North Western and Western approaches to the Argentine Islands which had been progressed during the previous two years. For this survey two Decca Hi-fix slave stations were established ashore and the ship continued day and night sounding for twelve days, most of it in glorious sunshine, calm seas and with the ice covered Peninsular mountain range visible for up to 70 miles to the North East and South West. At the same time as sounding, the helicopters were fully occupied flying two-man survey parties off to various islands and inaccessible points to progress certain triangulation requirements of the Hydrographer and the Director of Overseas Surveys..

5. Except inshore, around the Argentine Islands, the area was almost free of ice, and it was possible to complete a number of areas which could not be done last year because of icebergs. Several shoal areas were found and investigated, but none required JAMES CAIRD, the survey boat, to be lowered for final sounding out. The latter however did good work on one particularly calm day when it proceeded ahead of the ship in completely uncharted waters to give warning of dangerous water. The hoisting in and out of the survey boat by main derrick is a risky evolution in a seaway, and it is a relief to learn that next year the ship will have davits for both her large boats. Altogether during this period about 1750 square miles of sea were surveyed and triangulation work carried out at 22 points in the area.

6. Before sailing from the Argentine Islands on 31 January, a detached survey party of seven, with the First Lieutenant (the Senior Surveyor) in charge, was landed with the survey boat in the Argentine Islands. They were based in 'Wordie Hut, an old, but still well found, Expedition hut, close to the existing British Antarctic Survey Base. During the ship's absence for her Self Maintenance Period, which lasted until 21 February, the party surveyed some 50 square miles in the Southern approaches to the Argentine Islands. Once again the weather favoured the work; the only factor against them was the large number of icebergs in that area which effectively blocked the line of sight of many of the surveying marks.

7. The next survey period lasted between 21 February and 9 March and was divided between a difficult triangulation task for the Director of Overseas Survey in the mountains south of Crystal Sound, and a triangulation task in Marguerite Bay, preparation for the bigger task next year perhaps, of setting up Hi-fix in the area and starting accurate sounding in the area. Both these tasks required the now familiar technique of landing two-man parties by helicopter together with surveying equipment, tents and rations for a week or ten days, erecting marks and then waiting for them to complete their observations. Sometimes this is done in a day, sometimes, because the weather closes in, it may take a week. Radio contact is established at regular intervals to ensure all is well.

8. Apart from two perfect days at the beginning of the Crystal Sound survey the weather was mixed with periods of gales with snow, and others of calm and intermittent visibility. This made progress of the work slow but it was eventually completed except for one set of angles and a measured range at the highest point in the former area. Once again ice in the open seas was marked by its absence, in complete contrast to last year when the ship could not even enter Marguerite Bay.

9. Before leaving the Falkland Islands on 16 March for the last period South a party under Lieutenant J A K GREEN, Royal Navy, the second surveying officer, together with the Survey Motor Boat JAMES CAIRD was landed to survey in the Bull Roads area. It is expected to recover them on 7 April. The last survey period took place between 18 and 26 March and coincided with the start of the evacuation of the Joint Services Expedition from Elephant Island. The task was limited to completion of altimetry work on Clarence Island and the manning of three high and inaccessible points on King George Island to complete the tying in of the long Elephant Island extension with a series of angles and range measurements. The former was completed, the latter only progressed because of bad weather. This is the second year running when work in the north of the Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetlands has more or less come to a halt after mid-March, and it is a lesson for future seasons planning. It is noticeable that both Argentinian and Chilean ships clear the area in late February or early March, and no doubt the weather is the reason.

10. Surveying in the Antarctic during the season as a whole has gone very well, with all tasks completed except for two sets of measurements, this is far better than was ever hoped for and therefore is considered satisfactory.

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SUPPORT FOR THE BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY

11. There has been a marked decrease in the requirement for ENDURANCE to support the British Antarctic Survey this season. The reason is that British Antarctic Survey have had two ships working in the area, one of them RRS BRANSFIELD which only left Southampton on her maiden voyage in early January. Requests and offers accepted have therefore been of a minor nature, as for example:-

- a. Transport of small quantities of mail and stores between the Falkland Islands, Punta Arenas and the bases.
- b. Survey Range measurements in the Marguerite Bay area.
- c. Sealing to provide meat for the huskies at Stonnington and Adelaide Bases.

12. A close liaison with British Antarctic Survey personnel wherever they are met has been an important and welcome aspect of the season as indeed it always needs to be. At least one visit has been paid to each base in the ship's survey areas and the personnel have been entertained on board and, time permitting, they have reciprocated. A unique opportunity arose to take all twelve members of the Argentine base to the United States base at Palmer Station, some 34 miles away, for a few hours on Sunday 24 January. Each station knew each other very well, having had a weekly radio show for the previous eleven months, and were delighted to be able to meet each other just before each base started major personnel changes.

13. Conversely when it was clear that there would be several days of relative inactivity in Crystal Sound whilst the survey parties were working in the mountains, British Antarctic Survey were asked if they would like assistance with sealing which was becoming a problem for them. They accepted and agreed to send two base personnel from Adelaide to teach us how to do it. This was achieved by a transfer on an icefield between a British Antarctic Survey Twin Otter aircraft and an ENDURANCE helicopter. The two 'FIDS' remained nearly a week and soon had an enthusiastic team of 'do-it-yourself' sealers from the ship's company who finally bagged 25 for subsequent delivery to Stonnington Base.

14. The last and most interesting meeting with British Antarctic Survey was the rendezvous with RRS BRANSFIELD on 9 March off the Argentine Islands. ENDURANCE berthed alongside her, feeling very small against this large and magnificent ship. She has a big helicopter pad at the stern, but no hangar or helicopter at present. After her officers and crew had been briefed on flight deck requirements and procedures, one of the ENDURANCE helicopters did several deck landings and the Master and crew were grateful for the familiarisation. By the time ENDURANCE sailed early next morning, both ships companies knew each other very well.

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Punta Arenas

15. HMS ENDURANCE visited Punta Arenas from 4-6 January and again on 11 January. The former was the first visit of the season and the usual salutes, calls and social, sporting and wreath laying ceremonies were arranged. It was a great advantage for the British Naval Attache to embark with the Chilean Naval Liaison Officer 24 hours before arrival, at the eastern end of the Beagle Channel. He had flown in a Chilean Naval aircraft from Punta Arenas to Puerto Williams, the Chilean Naval Base on Navarin Island and brought the ship's mail with him. Puerto Williams has potential as an advance base for mail and urgent stores should the ship need them whilst in the Antarctic and it is planned to visit it on 2 April to improve the link.

16. The attraction of Punta Arenas as a break after a month or more in the Antarctic seems to decline each year. The town grows more dirty, the recreational facilities are limited, the English inhabitants or those who are interested in the visit of ships, reduce, and now there is a Marxist leadership the future looks even more bleak. I called on the Communist mayor and he returned it. He was broad minded, a great character and preferred whisky to coffee at Stand Easy, but the confidence of the few British subjects and Chilean Navy in the outcome of his Government's activities was at a low ebb. Certainly I believe the ship should not plan to visit Punta Arenas for periods longer than two days once or twice a season. It must be said however that the Chilean Commander-in-Chief (3rd Naval Zone) and all his officers and men were very friendly and hospitable and they clearly enjoy the occasional meeting with the Royal Navy. They were also most generous in the provision of transport and recreational facilities during our visits, and in accommodation and communications facilities to an officer left in Punta Arenas in January to trace stores and mail.

17. The ship's second visit to Punta Arenas 11/12 January was very brief and followed the passage to Port Stanley to give passage to the new Governor of the Falkland Islands. Its object was to collect the delayed Christmas mail and see urgently needed spares for a defective radar.

Port Stanley

18. Short calls of either one or two days have been made to Port Stanley on three occasions. These visits provide an opportunity for giving help and support to Naval Parties 8901 and 8902, for showing a Naval presence to the people, for discussions with His Excellency the Governor and the British Antarctic Survey local headquarters, and for recreation and fuel. It was a particular honour being asked to give passage to His Excellency to Port Stanley to take up his appointment in early January.

19. Unfortunately the visit in early February was marred by the discovery of a major Engine Room defect and then the tragic death by drowning of Mr SKYRRE, one of the Decca Engineers embarked in ENDURANCE. Both these have been reported separately. Suffice to say the sympathy of His Excellency the Governor and a considerable number of the local community who attended the memorial service in the Cathedral before the ship sailed for Puerto Belgrano were greatly appreciated.

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20. During each visit to Port Stanley this season The Colonial Secretary has discussed the question of Russian fishing vessels being reported within the territorial waters of the Falkland Islands. On one occasion in January the ship's Flight followed up one report and sighted a mother ship and one trawler to the north of the islands well outside the limit. Later the same day, ENDURANCE closed the area and circled the two ships which were alongside each other seven miles off shore. They were transferring boxes of fish and seemed cheerful and friendly. They had clearly taken the seamanlike precaution of sheltering in the lee of the islands to enable transfers to take place, and it is not thought that their motives are any more hostile.

Puerto Belgrano

21. A visit to Puerto Belgrano from 8-14 February, instead of Punta Arenas, became necessary because of the Engine Room defect referred to in paragraph 2c and 19 above which required major dockyard support to make a permanent repair. Although very little was known of Puerto Belgrano, the quick decision taken by the Commander-in-Chief Western Fleet based upon some advice from the British Naval Attache, Buenos Aires, who had only been in the appointment one month, proved a very sound one. The port is the main base of the Argentine Navy and was built as such. In the immediate vicinity are full dockyard, armament, repair and supply facilities, training establishments, first class social and recreational clubs, and married and bachelor quarters on a lavish scale. The layout had been carefully planned and even after being in existence for 70 years, there is plenty of space for everything.

22. The majority of the major units of the Argentine Navy were in harbour giving summer leave and they include ARA INDEPENDENCIA (ex HMS WARREIOR now paid off and up for sale), ARA 25 DE MAYO (ex HMS VENERABLE and Hr Ms KAREL DOORMAN) and ARA LA ARGENTINA (a FIJI Class Cruiser), now being converted into the Cadet Training ship; a detailed report on ships in harbour and some of the dockyard facilities has been forwarded to the Commodore, Intelligence.

23. After HMS ENDURANCE had fired the national salute and another to the Senior Flag Officer, she berthed alongside and was met on arrival by the appropriate dockyard officers who immediately arranged for the necessary work to rectify the defective Lubricating Oil Drain Pipe, as indeed they did for a number of smaller items which were already known to be defective and others which required repair as the Self Maintenance Period proceeded. Everyone in the Dockyard from the Captain in charge downwards were exceptionally helpful and anxious to do their best. As their Navy is made up of ageing ships from many nations they are adept at repairs and manufacture of replacements, and this was ideal for the various items of old commercial equipment which ENDURANCE needed repaired.

24. I called on the Captain of the Base and on the Captain of the Dockyard, and the former suggested that I would probably not wish to call on any Admirals of which there were three in the area, or the civil authorities, as he thought the ship would wish the visit to be as informal as possible. I took this to mean that the Admirals and Lord Mayor of Bahia Blanca would not wish to be seen to associate with a ship whose main interests were in the Falkland Islands and that sector of the Antarctic which they claim to be theirs. (The British Naval Attache however was expected to call on the senior Flag Officer and duly did so). This former attitude certainly did not apply to Captain's level and below for the friendliness, co-operation and hospitality shown to the ship's company and myself was quite outstanding. We all really enjoyed the visit, the sun and warmth and the fresh food, much of which we took away with us. In retrospect I consider a visit of this sort at the mid-point of the Antarctic season is a most important part of the ship's programme.

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25. The visit included more than the usual social and sporting activities and the generous provision of transport, which although added to the dockyard bill covering facilities and repairs was much appreciated. The bill in fact amounted to only £994 which was considered very good value. In addition, a number of other stores and facilities were willingly provided by or through the Argentine Navy at little cost, and in some cases free.

26. A most pleasant surprise on departure was the band and huge crowd which turned out on Sunday evening to see the ship away. We were all very touched. In event of major defects in future, there is little doubt that Puerto Belgrano would be able to cope and that the ship would enjoy going there and indeed would be welcomed.

THE JOINT SERVICES EXPEDITION TO ELEPHANT ISLAND.

27. Until the last fortnight of the period covered by this report of Proceedings HMS ENDURANCE only encountered the Joint Services Expedition once during each period South, to collect and deliver mail and provisions but additionally was in contact by radio almost every night when in the Antarctic. On 19th March, the ship arrived off Elephant Island and gathered four Joint Services Expedition surveyors, and having been debugged they joined in the next ten days surveying activities around Elephant and King George Islands. Finally between 26 and 27 March the remaining 11 members of the Team and their stores were collected from various points around the island and embarked for their return to Punta Arenas en route for the United Kingdom. The final lift off occurred on the first fine day for a fortnight, and it was as perfect a day as 4 December when the ship and JSE first arrived at Elephant Island. It seemed a fitting end to an operation which the ship has enjoyed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK

28. At Punta Arenas and Puerto Belgrano, press conferences were arranged. Attendance at these has varied but they have invariably produced extensive, and always favourable, local publicity.

29. Since early January, twenty one home town stories have been released to Director, Public Relations (Navy). This number includes some group shots of typical Antarctic activities; ie playing football on an ice shelf, ships divers amongst seals, beer bar on an ice -floe. Written releases, supported by extensive photographic coverage, on the Joint Services Expedition and ship-helicopter-survey activities in the Antarctic have also been forwarded to Director Public Relations (Navy) and the Editor, Navy News.

THE SHIP AND HER COMPANY

30. The ship continues to prove her suitability for the tasks she performs; her performance in heavy weather has been particularly impressive. Apart from the big Engine Room defect reported above and a complete failure of the Mark 23 Gyro there have been no major problems, due mainly to the ingenuity of the senior technical rates and the excellent provision of spare gear and stores items by air from the United Kingdom. Availability of the helicopters has been outstanding.

31. Morale onboard has remained consistently high and behaviour ashore and onboard has been generally very satisfactory.

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Home for 2 Surveyors for 1 week
Marguerite Bay



Setting up Hifix Slave-Winter Island

MISCELLANEOUS



Russian trawler and Mother ship off
Falkland Islands



Bows into the Crystal Sound Ice Shelf



Secured alongside a floe - Crystal Sound

SUPPORT OF BAS

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Argentine Islands Base



Proceeding to US Palmer Station through Lemaire Channel with Argentine Islands Base FID's embarked.



Ship's Company sealers - Crystal Sound



Part of the haul of 25



Close liaison with BAS - RRS BRANSFIELD and HMS ENDURANCE



ENDURANCE flight - the first ever deck landing on BRANSFIELD

VISITS



To Punta Arenas, in the Beagle Channel



The Communist Mayor calls at Punta Arenas



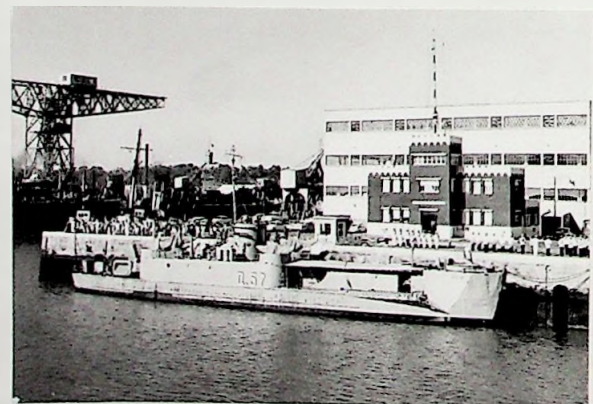
Wreath laying ceremony at Punta Arenas the R.I. Detachment



Ship's Company enjoying another popular Chilean pastime.



Mr E C LEWIS the Governor Designate arrives at Port Stanley



Part of a Sunday evening farewell from Puerto Belgrano

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JSE striking camp at their main base.



Evacuation of JSE



JSE - the beginning -
December 1970



JSE - THE END! - March 1971

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We have received a telegram from the Governor of the Falkland Islands stating that H S Endurance left Stanley on 16 April en route for the United Kingdom on completion of her current tour of duty in the South Atlantic.

2 In his farewell message to Captain Rodney Bowden and the ship's complement, the Governor congratulated them on the efficient way in which they had carried out all tasks allotted to them.

3 The Governor has asked us to tell you that the visits of HMS Endurance to Stanley and outlying settlements have been an outstanding success and particularly valuable at this time when the morale of the Islanders is in need of a boost.

(G F Kinnear)

R S Edmonds Esq.,
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The Right Honourable
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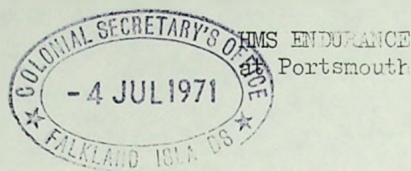
Sir

1. I have the honour to report that HMS Endurance, the Royal Navy's ice patrol vessel under the command of Captain R Bowden RN, paid a visit to Montevideo from the 20th to the 25th of April 1971 on her return from the Antarctic.
2. A copy of the programme arranged for the visit is enclosed. The usual courtesy calls were made, plaques exchanged, respects paid and entertainment given and returned. All this provided an opportunity to strengthen further the long established links between the Royal Navy on the one hand and the Uruguayan Navy and people on the other. The visit also provided an opportunity to re-provision the ship and effect minor repairs; and for the ship's complement to enjoy a break on shore. The generally disturbed state of the country did not allow of the opening of the ship to visitors.
3. The length of the visit again proved to be about right. The press and radio coverage was both ample and complimentary, highlighting the technical and scientific nature of the ship. The visit was undoubtedly a success. Captain Bowden and his officers and crew are to be congratulated on the appearance of their ship and the bearing of the company.
4. I am sending copies of this Despatch to Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador in Buenos Aires and to the Governor of the Falkland Islands, without the enclosure.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient servant

J P I Hennessey

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Commander-in-Chief Western Fleet
Eastbury Park
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Middlesex

26 May 71

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

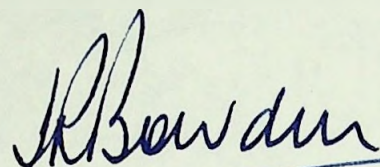
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1. A report of proceedings of HMS ENDURANCE between 31 March and 25 May 1971 is forwarded. It reports the main events which occurred from the time of leaving the Antarctic for the last time, through His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands' Tour of the settlements, to the homeward passage to Portsmouth which the ship reached on 25 May.
2. The programme proceeded as planned and although it was an eventful period, there is nothing exceptional on which to report.
3. Looking at the 1970/71 Antarctic Season as a whole, the following observations are forwarded as worthy of note and for further action if considered valid, and where appropriate.
 - a. The fact that HMS ENDURANCE became closely connected with an Expedition and had a productive part to play in its activities gave a great boost to the season, particularly at its start.
 - b. The "support of the British Antarctic Survey" role of the ship is reducing with the advent of their second regular ship, RRS BRANSFIELD. There is still however an important part to play.
 - c. In spite of improving relations with the Argentine, the Falkland Islanders still feel comforted by the presence in the general area of an H.M. Ship. They do not think they see enough of her, but are very hospitable when she is present.
 - d. It is strongly felt that the ship's visits during the season to Buenos Aires, Puerto Belgrano and two Argentine Antarctic bases have contributed to a thawing of relations between Argentine and Great Britain. In naval circles in the former there only appears to be encouragement for further visits by HMS ENDURANCE.
 - e. There is no doubt that the ship and her company benefitted by an unscheduled visit to Puerto Belgrano for her Self Maintenance Period at the seasons midway point. It is planned to propose a similar visit in next years programme.
 - f. The air transport arrangements for the Joint Services Expedition and new and old Naval Parties 0901 in April 1971 were uneconomical in money and time, in spite of advanced warning of the requirements. It is recommended that on the next occasion there are a number of lifts to be arranged, one naval department/authority co-ordinates them to achieve a more satisfactory solution.

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- g. Every South American country speaks Spanish except Brazil. The inclusion of at least one Spanish interpreter in the complement of HMS ENDURANCE would be quite invaluable. Separate arrangements are being made to improve the facilities on board for officers and men to teach themselves the language.



I R BOWDEN
CAPTAIN ROYAL NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER

- Annexes A. Report of Proceedings
 B. Summary of Operations and Visits.

Copies to:- Hydrographer of the Navy
 Flag Officer Carriers and Amphibious Ships
 Ministry of Defence (Historical Section)
 Director General Naval Recruiting
 His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands
 British Naval Attache, Buenos Aires
 British Naval Attache, Rio de Janeiro
 Defence Attache, Santiago.

Annex A to the Commanding Officer, HMS ENDURANCE's letter 226/1 of 26 May 71

Introduction

1. This report covers the period from the end of the fourth and final Antarctic period (the end of March 1971) until the ship's arrival back at Portsmouth on 25 May 1971. The detailed programme which progressed in accordance with that planned is given at Annex B but broadly consisted of:-

- a. A final visit to Punta Arenas to disembark the Joint Services Expedition, and collection of the new Naval Party 8901.
- b. A week in the Falkland Islands devoted mainly to the tour of the Settlements by His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands and Mrs Lewis.
- c. The return passage to the United Kingdom which included visits to Montevideo, Rio de Janeiro and Gibraltar.

Departure from the Antarctic

2. HMS ENDURANCE sailed from Deception Island after a 20 hour visit on 29 March for her tenth and last crossing of Drake Passage. Some hours were spent on Hydrographic Instructions 9(a) and 20/69 but the memorable part of the passage was the weather. The Antarctic provided two days of the worst weather of the whole season as a parting gesture, and it was a relief to get into the shelter of Cape Horn in the early hours of 1 April. Later that day the British Defence Attache and a Chilean naval liaison officer were picked up from a Fast Patrol Boat at the eastern end of the Beagle Channel and at 1630, the ship arrived alongside the new jetty at Puerto Williams. This small naval port is on the north side of Navarin Island; it has only been in existence about twelve years and is the base for naval patrol forces in the disputed waters of the Beagle Channel. These forces are mainly four modern Fast Patrol Boats, fitted with torpedo tubes built in USA. The base is commanded by a Chilean naval Captain and there are about 300 men, women and children who live there. Adjacent to the port is an airstrip with an almost daily service to and from Punta Arenas, operated mainly by the Chilean Naval Air Arm using old DC 3's. It is this service which twice during the season has carried the ship's mail and the British Defence Attache for transfer to HMS ENDURANCE, some 24 hours before arrival at Punta Arenas. It could, in emergency, be extremely useful for evacuation of a seriously sick man or for delivery of urgent stores when the ship is down in the Antarctic.

3. The Chilean Navy as usual showed their great friendliness and hospitality to officers and men, and they enjoyed visiting a Royal Navy ship and playing football against a different team. At the end of the 24 hour visit, it was felt that in future they would do their utmost to help the ship in any way they could; this sentiment was repeated by the Commander-in-Chief, 3rd Naval Zone, Admiral BUZETA, in Punta Arenas a few days later.

4. HMS ENDURANCE arrived at Punta Arenas pm on 3 April. His Excellency the British Ambassador, Mr David Hildyard, was in Punta Arenas on a routine visit throughout the ship's 2½ day stay so that the calling and entertainment programme for such a short visit was higher and more concentrated than usual both on board and ashore. Also the visit was complicated by Sunday 4 April being Election Day and a strict curfew being imposed requiring all public places, restaurants and bars to be closed for nearly 24 hours. As mentioned earlier, the Commander-in-Chief, 3rd Naval Zone, all his staff and ships in company showed great friendliness and interest.

5. A sad farewell.....

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A sad farewell to the Joint Services Expedition members, whom were by now well known and admired throughout the ship, took place on 4 April, and later in the day the 36 Royal Marines of Naval Party 8901, fresh from the United Kingdom, arrived on board. The ship sailed on 6 April, having delayed sailing 18 hours to await and embark 90 drums of Avgas required urgently by the authorities in Port Stanley, and which was arranged at very short notice just before arrival at Punta Arenas.

6. Early on 8 April the detached survey party led by Lieutenant J A K GREEN which had been landed at Bull Roads, at the south end of East Falkland Island on 16 March was recovered and the ship arrived at Port Stanley later that day.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR's TOUR

7. On Easter Saturday I inspected Naval Party 8902 and the following afternoon His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands and his wife, Mrs Lewis embarked, and the ship sailed for a five day tour of the farm settlements in the West Falkland Island. This is the windward island and all the communities, except one, selected for this years tour were on the windward side of that island. Some apprehension was therefore felt in the ship about the feasibility of the tight programme, even though approval had been given to use the helicopters. In the event by dint of some diversions whilst on passage, adjusting times of sailing to meet increasing wind conditions and considerable use of the helicopters the full programme was not as planned. Happily the weather also remained kind throughout and His Excellency, Mrs Lewis and those officers and men who were able to land enjoyed sunny and generally warm conditions. The normal days routine was for His Excellency, Mrs Lewis and several ship's officers to call on either one or two settlements each day, to be entertained to lunch or a "smoko" (over-sized tea), and for the days hosts together with several other couples living in the settlements to visit the ship in the evening for a buffet supper. On two occasions the visit ashore included shooting and fishing which was greatly appreciated.

8. HMS ENDURANCE returned to Port Stanley on 16 April for His Excellency and Mrs Lewis to disembark and for the old Naval Party 8901 and final items of cargo for the United Kingdom to be embarked. She sailed at noon for the long haul back to Portsmouth, calling at Montevideo and Rio de Janeiro for five day visits and Gibraltar for a 1½ day visit.

AIR TRANSPORT TO AND FROM SOUTH AMERICA

9. One of the least satisfactory series of arrangements with which HMS ENDURANCE became involved during the season were the air transport arrangements to and from the United Kingdom in April for the Joint Services Expedition and the new and old Naval Parties 8901. The dates for the three events were known several months beforehand and were colated and forwarded in HMS ENDURANCE's 671/1 of 16 Nov 70 to as many naval authorities as possible to try to achieve maximum economy at the planning stage. In the event the arrangements were not only uneconomical financially, but also wasted a very considerable number of man days mainly requiring parties of 16 and 35 respectively to be kept waiting in various parts of South America for about a week for their return to England. It is appreciated that RAF Transport Command is somewhat inflexible, but it seems probable that given four or five months notice and with one naval authority responsible for co-ordinating the requirements and applying the necessary pressure early enough, be it to RAF or to the Air Charter authority, a more economical solution would be forthcoming.

MONTEVIDEO

10. HMS ENDURANCE arrived at Montevideo on 20 April and berthed in the vicinity of the Uruguayan Naval Base. It was soon evident, as was to be expected, that the events which overshadowed all else were those concerned with the Tupamaros, the subversive movement responsible, amongst other things, for the kidnapping some four months previously of the British Ambassador, Mr Jackson. As is well known the Tupamaros are currently very active and during the ship's visit several incidents took place; it was on two occasions, however, made clear by militant young men to members of the ship's company ashore that HMS ENDURANCE was not a target, although this naturally meant no relaxation of the security arrangements made primarily by the Uruguayan Navy, and those made by the British Embassy when I travelled in uniform.

11. In spite of the.....

11. In spite of the internal situation in the city a normal ship's visit programme had been prepared by the British Charge d'Affaires, Mr J HENNESSEY, which included all the usual calls, wreath laying, sporting activities, visits, childrens party and entertainment, all of which was much enjoyed by the ship's company, and I believe by the Uruguayans, the British Embassy staff and community with whom we came in contact. The British Charge d'Affaires made his official entertainment for the ship's officers on the Queen's Birthday and was the first diplomatic occasion since the kidnapping of the British Ambassador. It was held at the Residence and was a splendid evening. The ship was not open to visitors for security reasons.

12. The Uruguayan Naval Authorities, both ashore and afloat, went out of their way to be friendly. They obviously are interested in buying new ships, preferably from the United Kingdom, but it seems unlikely that they will be able to afford a great deal for some time to come. The Uruguayan Minister of National Defence, Doctor Garcia CAPURRO who lunched on board, and several senior officers, asked detailed questions on how easiest could they qualify as a member country of the Antarctic Treaty, an area in which they obviously have an interest, partly no doubt due to their neighbours in Argentina and Chile already being members of the "club". Finance however is again likely to be their stumbling block.

RIO DE JANEIRO

13. The ship arrived at this magnificent harbour on Thursday 29 April on a beautiful sunny day. The visit got off to a warm start as the Brazilian Navy had, upon request, three times informed us by radio that the rig was "Blues". Needless to say on arrival it was "Whites".

14. Apart from the calls, and official entertainment on board and ashore, and the ship being open to visitors, the British Naval Attache had arranged a fairly easy few days which was much appreciated. Several sports fixtures took place and there was a generous number of private invitations from the British community and others. On Sunday 2 May the ship was open to visitors and over 5000 people arrived on board, with many others having to be turned away. This suprising number was probably due to some good press work beforehand by the British Embassy.

15. Apart from official calls, liaison with the Brazilian Navy centred on visits by cadets from the Naval Academy and exchange visits with the very imposing Hydrographic Office. Admiral GITAHY, their Hydrographer, who is very highly regarded in naval circles, spent two hours on board ENDURANCE; he showed great interest and asked some very searching questions.

16. In retrospect, the ship's company rated Rio de Janeiro as the most enjoyable visit of the season, and unlike last year considered it to be less expensive than most places. Undoubtedly one of the main factors this year was the weather which remained good throughout.

GIBRALTAR

17. This 1½ day visit was planned as a break in the long passage home, and to clean up the ship before arrival at Portsmouth. It was a purely routine visit with the usual calls and some exchange of entertainment. The ship's company enjoyed the visit and particularly the chance to shop.

18. Before departure the late Aide de Camp to His Excellency the Governor, a Captain in the Black Watch, and the Bisley Team from the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers were embarked for passage to the United Kingdom.

THE HOMEWARD PASSAGE

19. Apart from the visits to Montevideo, Rio de Janeiro and Gibraltar, the homeward passage was uneventful. Flying exercises, a full programme of internal exercises and evolutions and passage sounding took place. An interesting encounter with a Kotlin Class Destroyer (No. 476) which took place on 17 May in position 31°40'N 10°33'W has been reported separately. The ship arrived at Spithead early on 25 May and later that day entered Portsmouth with families embarked after an absence of exactly seven months. Of these 211 days, 175 days have been spent underway and a distance of 36,100 miles steamed.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK

20. The routine for press conferences on board whilst in South America is now well exercised. This combined with a natural interest in the ship's activities ensures considerable press activity. During the visits covered by this report this has been entirely favourable.

21. In Montevideo one officer was interviewed on the afternoon women's programme. The press in Rio de Janeiro was particularly extensive thanks to some very good advance work by the Embassy Press staff.

22. In Gibraltar the Chronicle printed a half page account of the ship's activities with photographs supplied by the ship, and a ship supported programme was put out on the local radio.

THE SHIP AND HER COMPANY

23. The availability and servicability of the ship, her equipment and the helicopters with one exception has remained at a very high level. The one major defect was the failure of the cooling machinery to the Cold Rooms four days before arrival at Montevideo. It could not have occurred at a better time for they were practically empty prior to restoring before the homeward passage, but it highlighted how dependent the ship is upon reliable and efficient main refrigeration systems. A separate submission asking for new refrigerator compressors to be fitted in place of the existing worn compressors (of an old commercial design) has been forwarded.

24. Morale on board remains high, as is to be expected at this stage of the season. The number of defaulters resulting from the three visits has however been higher than earlier this year, but perhaps this was to be expected after a very full and busy season with considerable pressures, and with a total of £11,000 saved by the ship's company and held in National Savings Bank deposits and safe custody by the Supply Officer after leaving the Antarctic.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS AND VISITS

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Visit/Operational Area</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
29 Mar	Deception Island and passage	Continued H.I.No. 9a (search for Svip Rocks)
30 - 31 Mar	Drake Passage	Hydrographic investigation west of Cape Horn
1 - 2 April	Visit to Puerto Williams	Liaison with Chilean Navy
3 - 6 April	Visit to Punta Arenas	Disembark Joint Services Expedition. Embarked new Naval Party 8901 and 90 drums Avgas
6 - 8 April	Passage to Falkland Islands	Re-embarked survey party from Bull Road
8 - 11 April	Visit to Port Stanley	Disembarked new Naval Party 8901 and Avgas. Fuelled. Inspection of Naval Party 8902.
11 - 16 April	His Excellency the Governor's Tour	12- Port San Carlos (by helo) 13 - Hill Cove 14 - Chartres (by helo) Roy Cove (by helo) 15 - West Point Carcass (by helo)
16 April	Visit to Port Stanley	Embarked old Naval Party 8901. Sailed for Montevideo.
20 - 25 April	Visit to Montevideo	Disembarked old Naval Party 8901
29 April - 4 May	Visit to Rio de Janeiro	Fuelled
19 - 20 May	Visit to Gibraltar	
25 May	Arrived Portsmouth	

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