

NAVAL

DEF/GUN/1#7

1922

C.S.

No. 349/22

Officer in Charge  
Naval W/T Station

SUBJECT.

1922

NAVAL GUNS IN FALKLAND ISLANDS

21st April

Custody of:

Previous Paper.

*MS/7 308/21 912/91*

MINUTES.

*Letter from Officer in Charge Naval W/T Station  
of 21st April 1922 Encl (1)*

*Yr. Submitted for use machines*

*ttttt 26/4/22*

*H.C.S.*

*I thought the guns had already been  
taken over: so then got a ~~copy~~ paper on  
the subject in either C.S.O. or G.O. series? I  
recalled that they were to be sent by  
Colonial Govt.*

*Sr.*

*26 April 1922*

*A. J. [Signature]*

*C.E. Have you at any time received info  
to take over the care of these guns? tttttt 2/5/22*

Subsequent Paper.

Letter from O.I.C. Naval W/T Station d 2nd May 1922 - Encl (2)

The Hon Colonial Secretary.

No I have not at any time received instructions to take over the guns.

R. R. Basely.  
Colonial Engineer.

3/5/22.

Yr. Submitter

10/5/22

Letter from O.I.C. Naval W/T Station d 5th May 1922 (3)

H.C.S.

I have spoken to O.I.C. W/T. Advise please see minutes on (3).

M.  
5 May 1922

Minute from Col Engineer d 9th May 1922 - Encl (4)

Yr. Submitter for information

10/5/22  
M.

H.C.S.

The Chief Engineer should be responsible for seeing that these guns are properly taken care of when necessary he may have assistance of gunners from the ship.

M.  
11 May 1922

Chief Constable,

Please note and pass to  
the Harbour Master

ttttt 18/5/22

Harbour Master

noted and passed to you  
D/O Sullivan  
Chief Constable

The Hon. Col. Secretary.

noted & returned likewise -

Colin Esweeney,  
Harbour Master

17/5/22

S. of S Despatch No 71 of 19<sup>th</sup> June 1922 — Enc? (5)

Y.S.  
Submitted.

2. The position is that :-

- (1) The two 6 in B.L. guns on Sapper Hill and Hunt Lane are being preserved by this Government as in this list.
- (2) The Q. F. 3 pr. sub-calibre gun is at the Chamber and has not yet been landed.
- (3) The Q. F. 12 pr. was taken over by the Volunteers <sup>over</sup> at the beginning of the war and is now at the James.
- (4) The 3 pr. Hotchkiss is temporarily at the James.

3. The only for the Sw<sup>t</sup> device  
to purchase is the 12 pr. ?

ttttt 25/8/22

H.C.S.

Reply may be made in sense  
that

(a) when Naval W/T station was closed  
down arrangements were made for the  
care + preservation of the two 6 inch guns  
+ manning.

(b) The 3 Pdr Q.F. Hotchkiss which was  
mounted in aft position has been replaced  
by another gun of the same pattern  
which is supplied by Admiralty; and  
that the two 6 inch calibre guns are ~~not~~  
in custody of her but required by Col  
Galt.

(c) Col Galt is prepared to make purchase  
the Q.R. 12 Pdr as a piece of equipment  
as with the Admiralty.

H.C.S.

16 Sept 1922

Despatch to S of S. no. 112 of the  
19th September, 1922. Encl. (6)

Minute from O.P. Naval Depot  
of 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 1923

Encl (7)

Y.R.

Submitted.

2. There is no record here of  
Mr. Neave's memo of the 21<sup>st</sup> of December.

3. The Colonial Government  
took over the fees and mountings:  
nothing was said at the time about  
spare parts nor was any receipt given  
for them.

4. In the Admiralty letter of the  
12<sup>th</sup> of June therein an enquiry is made  
as to "whether the ~~best~~ <sup>best</sup> arrange-  
ments could be made for the care  
and preservation of these two black  
fees and mountings together with  
the spare parts appertaining and  
side arms"

5. In the reply <sup>6</sup> nothing was said of  
spare parts etc.

6. To inform Mr. Neave that the  
Government has not taken over the  
spare parts of the two fees but that  
it is prepared to do so <sup>for care and preservation</sup> and to give  
a receipt if a complete list is made  
out?

Telly 1/3/23

Letter to O.P. Naval Depot  
March 14/23  
works 2/3/23

Letter from O.C. Naval Works of 6<sup>th</sup> March 1923 - (9)

Copy of letter of 21<sup>st</sup> December 1922 — Encl (9a)

Y.S. submitted.

The exemption in (9<sup>a</sup>) that the Govt. has had any responsibility for the spare parts will have to be repudiated!

Y.S. certainly  
Y.S. M.

May the Chief Constable be instructed to take them over in accordance with an inventory to be prepared by O.C. Naval Works?

Y.S. M.

~~TTTTT~~ 8/3/23

Y.S.  
9 March 1923.

Letter to O.C. Naval Works, 12/3/23. Encl. (10)

Copy to Colonial Engineer, 12/3/23

Copy to Chief Constable, 12/3/23.

C.S.

Will you kindly store these spares and also the mounting of a 3/4".  
five from the number. They are being sent over next week

Obtained from  
Col. Engineer. by  
request. note  
23/3/23  
H.S.

~~TTTTT~~ 16/3/23

Letter from O.C. Naval Depot of 16<sup>th</sup> March 1923 — Encl (11)

Copy of Inventory — Encl (11a)

Chief Constable

Will you please see (11) Lucin  
and sign the three copies of the  
inventory if they are in order.

Will you also where the gun  
sight, referred to as having been  
taken by this Government and not  
returned, now is.

T. J. Sullivan 24/3/23

Hon Col Secretary

- 1/ inventory as taken by me  
signed 3 copies.
- 2/ Gun sight referred to is at  
present in my charge.
- 3/ Letter from Commander Gerritt  
of Aug 5 1922, states that there is  
also a spare Gun Cover, tho I did  
not see while taking inventory of  
spare parts.

T. J. Sullivan  
Chief Constable

13/4/23

S of S. despatch No 16 of 8<sup>th</sup> February 1923 - Encl (12)

O.J.C./C.S.O.

~~There~~ A marker could not be found locally  
for replacement scrap from working up plan.  
2. Draft despatch herewith. M. 30 April 23

Despatch to S. of S. No. 60 of 20<sup>th</sup>  
April, 1923. ————— Encl. (13)

V.P.

Submitted for information was  
regarding the dumping of the  
two guns. Mr. Sullivan spoke to  
me about this matter this afternoon

G.R.B.  
Dickson  
12 July 1923

- (1) To report when the  
spares for the 6" guns have  
been received into store by  
this Government
- (2) To await reply to the despatch  
in the matter of dumping

Atttll 12 July 1923

Colonial Engineer.

Have spares yet been received  
into store?

G.R.B.  
Dickson  
13 July 1923

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

No spares have, as yet, been  
received into Store.

*Mr. Bascher*  
Colonial Engineer.

16/7/23.



Inside Minute Paper.

Chief Constable.

Will you please report when  
spares for the 6" guns are placed  
in store.

G.R.H.

D.C. Secy

17 July 1923

Hon Col Secretary

1) Naval Guns <sup>parts</sup> will be got  
over to Gov Store after mail  
arrives, when steam will be  
on the cranes

2) I respectfully request that  
two gun covers for the 6" <sup>id</sup> P.L. Naval  
guns at present in the Colony be  
requisitioned from the Admiralty  
as the present covers are much  
weather worn

D/o Sullivan

Ch. Constable

14/8/23

3/6. Submitted.

G.R.H.

D.C. Secy

14 Aug 1923

Despatch to S of S. no. 112 of 16<sup>th</sup>  
August, 1923. Encl. — (14)

Chief Constable

To note

G.M.B.

Di'fsee

17 Aug 1923

Hon Col Sec

noted

G.M.B.

Ch Constable

18 Aug 1923

5 of 5 despatch No 59 of 19<sup>th</sup> July 1923 — Encl (15)

Chief Constable

To note

Have spares yet been  
delivered to Store?

G.M.B.

Di'fsee

15 Oct 1923

Hon Col Secretary

Spare parts have not  
yet been stored.

Seeing that 6 inch sub.  
calibre and 3 pounder Hotchkiss  
has got to be dumped they  
could be removed direct  
from Cambre St. Sullivan

Ch Const.

19-10-23

V.E.

Submitted

G.M.B.

Di'fsee

19 Oct 1923

*W.L.W.*

Refr to O/C Volunteer force

*H.H.H. 21 Oct '23*

O/C Defence Force

Referred

*W.L.W.*

*Di/Sec*

*22 Oct 1923*

H.C.S.

The 3 pounder Hotchkiss if in good condition may be put to some use in the Defence Force, I would like to take it over providing that no charge is made to the Govt, for the Gun.

*W.L.W. Secy.*

O/C F.I.D.F. Octr. 23rd. 23

*W.L.W. Submitted.*

*W.L.W.*

*Di/Sec*

*24 Oct 1923*

Please ask C.R. whether there is any market locally for scrap metal

*H.H.H. 25 Oct. '23*

Colonial Engineer

Referred

*W.L.W.*

*Di/Sec*

*26 Oct 1923*

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

As far as I am Aware there is no market locally for scrap metal.

2. Scrap metals such as copper, brass etc. have been sent to England, but, seeing the present freight charges, it is most doubtful if the price realized would cover expenses.

If shipped per Whaling Factory at greatly reduced freight, (perhaps free freight), it might be possible to sell scrap metal in England at a profit.

*R. B. Ashley*

Colonial Engineer.

26/10/23.

*49  
V. Submitted  
C.R. 13  
Di/Sec  
27 Oct 1923.*

*Let the sub. calibre and  
3 pr. Hotchkiss and mounting be  
dumped the breech mechanism  
being retained and a despatch be  
sent informing the S. O. that  
this has been done and that there is  
no market locally for the disposal  
of scrap*

*T. T. T. 30 Oct. 23*

*Chief Constable.*

*For necessary action. Will  
you please make arrangements with  
Harbour Master.*

*C.R. 13  
Di/Sec  
31 Oct 1923*

To The Harbour Master

When will it be convenient to have the use of the Penguin for the dumping of the sub-calibre & 3 powder Hotchkiss?

T/O S  
Ch Const

21  
1.11.23

To. The Col of Constable.

At such time as convenient to you -

Say. 1. p.m. This day.

2. The sub-calibre is not on charge to this Department.

Colin E. Hooley.  
Harbour Master.  
1.XI.23.

Hon Col Secretary

Sir.

1) I hereby certify that the ~~so~~ 6 inch sub-calibre and the 3 pr Hotchkiss gun have been dumped by me in deep water in Port William the breech mechanism of the 3 pr is stored in Harbour Master store

2) all spare parts together with telescopic sights belonging to the 2 6 inch guns have this day been stored in the Col. Government store by me.

T/O S  
Ch Constable

24-1-24

Despatch to S of S. No. 18 of 1st February, 1924. Encl. (16)

S of S. despatch No 118 of 14 Dec 1923 - (17)

Submitted  
17 Feb 1924

See [unclear]

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S of S. despatch No 41 of 28<sup>th</sup> Apr 1924 - Encl (18)  
Letter from Admiralty of 26<sup>th</sup> Apr 1924 - " (18A)

Y.B.  
Submitted

To dump the mechanism?

14 July 24  
15 July 1924

Letter from Mr A.A.P. deane of  
12<sup>th</sup> July 1924 - Encl (19)

Chief Constable,

Will you please make  
arrangements for dumping the  
breach mechanism.

2. Will you also please take  
delivery of the two covers for 6"  
guns and sign receipts.

A.W. Brown  
for Colonial Secretary  
16 July 1924

Hon Col Secretary

The 3 pounder breach  
mechanism will be dumped  
in Port William, first time  
the launch goes out. I will  
report

Gun covers received and  
placed in Gov store, receipts  
handed over to Officer in charge  
of Naval Works

30-7-24

A.W. Sullivan  
Ch Constable

Minute from Col Engineer of 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1924 - Encl (20)

V.P.

Encl 20 gives the total recent expenditure on the guns at Sappers Hill and Mount Lowe. As it is not desired to charge this to the Admiralty, the Mess Contingencies Vote (XV. 19.) might bear the charge. Your vote has recently been relieved of the charges in respect of charitable relief to Mr Robb and Mrs Bernsten.

G.P. 1924  
for sb  
" Oct 1924

H.P.S.

Mrn Cont: Lawrence Wilkins did the work in their spare time it was on the understanding that they should be paid. Expenditure may be charge to Head XV Am. 19.

1924  
16 Oct 1924

Colonel Engineer,

Your note. I shall be much obliged if you will prepare transfer vouchers for material for signature in this department.

G.P. 1924  
for sb  
20 Oct. 1924

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

Noted.

2. Transfer Voucher, in duplicate, herewith accordingly for signature and return.

*W. Royce*

*W* Colonial Engineer.

22/10/24.

Colonial Engineer.

Transfer vouchers signed  
herewith.

*W. Royce*  
*for C.E.*  
*22 Oct 1924*

The Hon. Col. Secy/

Thank you. Signed vouchers  
withdrawn.

*W. Royce*  
*W. Col. Secy*  
*22/10/24*

Minute from H.E. the Ag. Governor, 18.10.26.

21.

Chief Constable.

For reports, please, accord.

*W. Royce*

*Ag. Col. Secy*

21. 10. 26.



C.S.O. No. 249/22

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 9.

Hon Col Sect  
Sir,

with reference to His  
Excellency's minute of 18 inst  
I beg to state that these covers have  
been put on by Const Swain and  
Earl and tied down with wire,  
owing to the high winds and  
the bleak position of these guns  
it is impossible to keep covers on  
them.

seeing that the guns are blocked  
at the muzzle and breach ends, and  
that the barrels are filled with  
universal grease, I am of the opinion  
that if the guns were painted twice  
a year and discard the covers, the  
guns would be quite alright

I am Sir

your Obedient Servant  
D/O. Sullivan  
Ph Constable

22-10-26

Yrs. Submitted. The Chief Constable tells me  
that the chafing of the barrel of the gun by  
the cover and wire rope tends rather to  
damage than to protect it.

Yrs.  
23.10.26.

H.C.

I should be glad if Commander Amedroz,  
Harbour Master, would inspect the Naval Guns  
at Sapper Hill and Mount Low at an  
early date, and furnish his recommendations  
I particularly mention "at an early date" as  
any work, such as painting etc., could be  
done by the personnel of the "Atterton"  
during their present enforced absence due to  
their vessel being "out of commission".

2. Commander Amedroz should also  
inspect the "spare parts" in the custody  
of the Chief Constable

D.  
32 Oct. 1926

Harbour Master,

To you accordingly please.

*[Signature]*  
of Lt. Col.

23.10.26.

18.1.27.

Subjt

I regret this paper was mislaid, & this inspection has not yet been carried out  
[Monitors.]

J. P. Secy

g. I. [Signature] I have spoken to Capt

Amedroz who will arrange to carry out the inspection of these guns at as early date.

*[Signature]*

18.1.27.

1. I note that this mat<sup>r</sup> has been with Harbour Master nearly three months, and no action taken. This stands against

Commander Amedroz.

2. [Signature] I will advise [Signature] of inspection  
18 Jan. 1927

Harlow Parker.

To Sec.

Mullis  
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19. 1. 27.

G. W. Sec.

20. 1. 27.

Submit

Spec. & which. Report will be forwarded

W. Anderson.

W. Anderson.

W. Anderson.

To W. Sec.

G. W. Sec. 10. 2. 27

To 20. 1. 27.

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Harlow Parker.

please submit a written  
report on the condition of these farms  
and parts in conjunction of your  
previous reports already made.

2. If you have not yet been  
able to arrange to visit to 11<sup>th</sup> low  
an interim report on the condition of

The Sapper's Bill for at the parts should  
 be made.

3. In view of the approaching visit of  
 H.M.C.S. "Cephalon" kindly deal with this  
 matter as early as possible.

J. Muller  
 Cpt. Col. Sec.

1. 2. 27.

1. 2. 27.

Submitted

The Gun on Sapper's Hill requires re-leading in certain  
 parts, another coat of grey paint, & I consider the canvas  
 cover over the muzzle is only a chafe & should be  
 removed.

The working parts of these two guns are very dirty &  
 will be given a thorough overhaul by Gunner of "Highting"  
 & inspected, & a list of the gear made for future reference

D. Rhodes.  
 Lt. Colonel

To Col. Secy

G.P. Submitted. Re Harbour Master should

arrange for the above work to be carried  
 out as early as possible and in any

case before the arrival of H.M.S. "Cephalon"

on 25. 2. 27. The canvas covers should

be removed as recommended.

2. I trust that it will be possible to take similar action in regard to the fuel at that Low. As soon as the repairs to the "Penguin" are sufficiently advanced for the craft to run under her own steam the Harbour Master should experience no difficulty in ensuring that this is done.

3. The inventory is filed in this A.P. as vol 11<sup>a</sup>: The articles actually in store should be carefully checked against this.

W. J. M.  
2.2.27.

B. J. M.  
2 Feb. 1927

Harbour Master

For necessary action accordingly please.

W. J. M.  
G. G. Sec.

3.2.27

5/2/27.

Submitted

Clearing of park is now being carried out.

Re para. 2. As soon as "Penguin" is running I will inspect the  
Gun on his door.

Re para. 3. This will be done. I have taken a copy of inventory

Wheeler.

H. Maslin.

To Col. Secy.

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Submitted.

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7. 2. 27

8 Feb. 1927.

4 21. 2. 27

6 8. 2. 27.

Harbour Works

Action is required

from or Sapper's Hill as indicated

in your minute of 1. 2. 27 at

directed by His Excellency's minute of

2. 2. 27 has been taken please

21. 2. 27/27

22/2/27.

Submitted  
The Gun on Sappers Hill has been thoroughly painted  
& the canvas muzzle cover removed

Meredith.  
H. Maslin.  
∞

The Lt. Secy.  
∞

49. Submitted.

2nd

22. 2. 27.

Act. Report regarding the Mount Low Gun  
can now be awaited.

23  
13 Feb. 1927.

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23. 3. 27.

23. 2. 27.

Harlow Clarke

Have you got had an opportunity  
of inspecting the Mount Low gun, please?

Mullin.  
24. 3. 27

24. 3. 27

29. 3. 27. Submitted, to, but this will be done this week & report forwarded.

Meredith. H. Maslin.  
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To Lt. Secy.  
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<sup>4</sup>/<sub>6</sub> 9. 4. 27.

6 29. 3. 27.

6. 4. 27. Submitted; I inspected the 6" Gun on hi' day on 4. 4. 27. The Gun is in good condition, but I think it should have a coat of grey paint & the canvas cover removed as was done in the case of the one on Paffer's Hill. I will have this done at the first opportunity & report forwarded on completion.

W. Medley, W. Medley.

To C.O. Secy.

9. 8. Submitted. Various matters should

be recorded.

W. Medley

8. 4. 27

8 April, 1927

Various matters

Record, please

W. Medley

ccy. Lt. Col.

8. 4. 27

12. 4. 27. Submit  
I will report when this is done.

W. Medley, W. Medley.

To C.O. Secy.

Y. 2. 5. 27

6 12. 4. 27

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Harbour Master,

Has the work referred to in  
your memo of 6/4/27 yet been done?

W. H. B. G.  
O. J. S. S.  
3rd May 1927.

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2. 5. 27. Subst. not yet. I hope to get this done as  
soon as all the Whaling fleet have been checked.

W. H. B. G.  
O. J. S. S.

To C. S. Secy

Harbour Master

For further report please

W. H. B. G.  
O. J. S. S.  
23 May 1927

11. 7. 27. Subst. this work is now completed.

W. H. B. G.  
O. J. S. S.

To C. S. Secy

Y. 11. 10. 27  
6 12. 7. 27

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Harbour Master.

Please do not omit  
to take advantage during the  
coming months of suitable opportunities  
to inspect these guns.

J. Muller

13. 10. 27

25. 10. 27. Submit, which.  
This will be done & reported.

Mander.  
H. Mander.

To C.S. Secy.

7. 12. 12, 27.

6. 26. 10. 27.

Harbour Master.

Has it been possible  
for you to inspect these guns

G.S. Secy.  
13/12/27.

16. 12. 27. Submit not yet Mander.

Harbor Master

B.F. 15/1/28.  
A.P. 19/12/27

For report to the Comd

please

Yr  
A.P.

17. 1. 28.

21. 1. 28. Subit

Report will be forwarded as soon as possible.  
I should like to visit the "Penguin" for the 6" gun

A.P.  
A.P.

To C.P. Secy.

Harbor Master

When may report be

expected. A.P. 17  
for C.P.  
21. 28.

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23. 3. 28

L 23. 1. 28.

A.P. 31/3/28.

A.P. 23/3/28.

3. 4. 28.

Very shortly the "Penguin" is coming.

A.P.  
A.P.

To C.P. Secy.

4. 4. 28. I inspect the 6" gun on the 1st day this morning. It is in good condition & does not require attention at present.

A.P.  
A.P.

To C.P. Secy.

Harlowe Parker

And the "Puffer"

kill " gun, please ?

W. H. H. H.

16. 4. 28.

17. 4. 28.

Submitted

I inspected the 6" gun at Saffers Hill this morning. It is in good condition & does not require attention at present.

W. H. H. H.

W. H. H. H.

To C.S. Sect.

G. P. Schmitt.

W. H. H. H.

20. 4. 28.

H. C. S.

W. H. H. H.

M. H.

$\frac{21. 28}{4}$

$\frac{4}{8}$  21. 10. 28

Le 23. 4. 28

Offr. Secy.

Please see Harbor Master

to submit further inspection reports in  
due course.

JWS

24. 10. 28

Harbour Master,

Will you please submit  
further inspection reports on  
the 6" guns in due course.

C. S. D.  
for C. S.  
24/10/28

29. 10. 28. Submit  
which. Reports will be sent.

M. M. M.  
W. M. M.

J. O. Secy.

Off. 31/12/28  
C. S. D. 31/11/28

Harbour Master

Off. 31/11/29  
C. S. D. 29/11/28

y  
b. 15.3.29

b. 31. 1. 29.

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Harrow Marks "reminded" verbally  
for time to time but no report  
received.

Re C.C.L. saw the gun on  
Jeffer Hill on 5.2.29. He seemed  
satisfied with its condition but of the  
opinion that before long it would require  
repairing  
~~re-painting~~ etc. etc.

b.f. 15. 5. 29  
b. 18. 3. 29 (before arrival of  
H.M.S. "Justice")  
b.

Y.E.  
I have made arrangements with  
Ratcliffe to mount the gun on Mt. Loam  
on Monday if the weather is suitable.

and the gun on Sapper Hill on some other early convenient day.

2 Accounts will be submitted to Ordnance Dept. Admiralty in connection with this work which it is estimated should cost ~~between~~

£ 3. 17/- as follows.

- |                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Paint 2 gals @ 17/-        | 1. 14/- |
| 2. Waste,                     | 3/-     |
| 3. Labour, 2 men 2 day @ 10/- | 2. 0.   |
|                               | <hr/>   |
|                               | 3. 17/- |

W.H. 13  
Ag. C.S.  
25. 1. 29.

H.C.S.

approved. you will credit H. m's vote with item 3?

M.

$\frac{25.29}{5}$

Gen. Sec. Secretary

oucher in the above sum prepared & passed to Treasury. "Paying In" form also prepared & passed to Treasury for credit of Head IX Misc. but Head 10 Unforeseen (vide Treasury Receipt No. 5920 of 31/8/19. ~~10000~~ 31/8/19

PA, 2. 1. 24

Letter from W. H. Allan Esq. 31/1/20 (27)

P.A.

Ind

3. 1. 31.





H.M.W/T Station, Falkland Islands.

21st April 1922.

S/22.

Sir,

Instructions have been received from the Admiralty that the Naval Guns at present in the Falkland Islands are to be retained pending decision as to policy for shore defences of the Falkland Islands.

2. It is requested that a representative of the Colonial Government may take charge of this armament which consists of 2 - 6" B.L.Guns (situated one on Mt.Lowe and one on Sappers Hill) 1 - 3 Pdr. Q.F.Hotchkiss with pedestal and mounting (now in Government Drifter "Afterflow") and one Sub Calibre Gun for use with 6" B.L.

The Sub Calibre Gun is at the Naval Camber, but would be transferred to the Government Dockyard for custody.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Lieutenant Commander R.N.  
(Officer in Charge)

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands.



H.M.W/T Station, Falkland Islands.

2nd May 1922.

No.S/22.

Sir,

With reference to my letter No.S/22 of 23rd April 1922, regarding custody of Naval Guns, I should be glad if you would favour me with an immediate reply, in view of my early departure from the Colony.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Lieutenant Commander R.N.  
(Officer in Charge)

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands.

344/22- (3)  
H.M.W/T Station, Falkland Islands.

5th May 1922.

No.S/22.

Your Excellency,

With reference to telephonic conversation yesterday on the subject of 6" Guns on Mount Lowe and Sappers Hill, I have the honour to submit the following.

Both these guns are at present on my Ordnance Account. Previous to taking over charge from Lieutenant Thomas R.N., a six monthly account of naval guns and ammunition was forwarded to the Admiralty, this report including the 6" guns in question, but at this time they were not included in the Ordnance Account, although still apparently under the charge of the naval authorities.

They were taken on charge by me for accounting purposes only and included in the Ordnance Account. There is no correspondence whatever relating to these guns at H.M.W/T Station nor have I any orders regarding their upkeep.

2. These guns were painted and covered by H.M.S. "Dartmouth" in November 1920, and it is considered that if they were painted every two years, they should remain in their present condition, care being taken first to paint over any signs of rust with red lead.

The

His Excellency

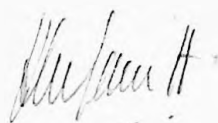
The Governor & Commander in Chief,  
Falkland Islands.

The bores of the guns will need no attention for a considerable time as both the breech and the muzzles are completely sealed.

The breech blocks and telescopic sights, together with one box of spare parts, one box of running out gear, and one spare gun cover are at present at the Naval Camber.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,



Lieutenant Commander R.N.  
(Officer in Charge)


H.P.S.

This can be placed in C.S.O. paper.

2. O.I.C. W/T. reports gun at St. Louis inspected in end of March + nothing appears to be done there.

3. With regard to gun on Sappas Hill: The Chief Comdr. only a few weeks ago painted one with Red lead + re-fixed canvas cover.

4. O.I.C. W/T. wishes a formal receipt for purposes of accounting + will send in the necessary form.



5 May 1922

P.S. Two 3Pr. guns are to be left the one of which is in Atlantic. Am

No.

MINUTE.

(4)

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

..9th.. May.....1922.

*From* The Colonial Engineer.

*To*

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

(C.S. 349/22)

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

I beg to enclose herewith Demand Note for the 2 6" guns; one at Sapper Hill and the other at Mt. Lowe.

Lieut. Commander Garrett required to receive receipt for above before leaving so I gave receipt accordingly.

*R. B. Basely*  
Colonial Engineer.  
9/5/22.

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S. - 549. (Revised—February, 1918.)

# Demand, Receipt, or Supply Note for Occasional Supplies.

H.M.S. "....." } Required from .....  
 at ..... } Received from .....  
 Date ..... 191..... } Supplied to .....

## Stores.

Pat-tern No.	Article	Denomi-nation	Quantity	Value (See Note †)			Packages		
				£	s.	d.			
	Guns 6" R.L. 40 lbs.								
	III B.D. 70 lbs 7 1/2	No	2						
	Sub. Cable for use with 6" R.L.	No	1						

Signature of } Supplying .....  
 Officer } Receiving .....  
 Rank .....  
*Lieut. Commander*

\* Here insert Description of Stores.

† In the case of supplies and transfer of Naval Stores from one Ship to another, the Officer supplying the Stores is to insert the value of the articles supplied on the voucher before sending it for signature to the Accounting Officer of the Ship receiving the Stores.

When this form is used as a Demand the Captain's approval must be inserted.

Copy

No.G.5218/22.

ADMIRALTY, S.W.1.

12th June, 1922.

Sir,

I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to the closing down of the Naval W/T Station at Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, that the following guns with mountings were landed in connection with the defence of the Station and for other purposes during the War, viz:-

	<u>No.</u>
B.L. 6-inch. Mark VII	2
Q.F. 3-Pdr.Sub-calibre 6" VII	1
Q.F. 12-Pdr.8-cwt.	1
Q.F. 3-Pdr.Hotchkiss	1

and that the only guns and mountings now required for Naval Service are the two B.L. 6-inch Mark VII.

2. I am to enquire whether arrangements could be made for the care and preservation of these two 6-inch guns and mountings, together with the spare parts, appurtenances and side arms, pending a decision as to the future scale of attack for the Falkland Islands and for the local authorities to be asked whether they are prepared to make an offer for the other guns, mountings and spares referred to in paragraph (1).

I am, etc.,

(Sgd) W. V. Baddeley.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
Downing Street.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO. 112.

6  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

19th September, 1922.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 71 of the 19th of June, transmitting a letter from the Admiralty on the subject of the guns landed in this Colony in connection with the defence of the Naval Wireless Telegraph Station and for other purposes during the war.

2. At the time of the closing down of the Wireless Station arrangements were made locally for the care and preservation of the two 6 inch Naval Guns and mountings by the Colonial Government.

3. This Government desires to purchase the U.S. 12 Pdr. 3 cwt. gun at a price to be agreed upon with the Admiralty. This gun is now in use at the Jason Islands for the protection of the seal fishery and I shall be glad if you will be good enough to instruct the Crown Agents to pay such sum as may be arranged.

4. The 3 Pdr. Hotchkiss and the 3 Pdr. Sub-calibre 6" guns are in the custody of but are not required by the Colonial Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

H. L. S. CHURCHILL, M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

J. Middleton.



7



27th February, 1923

No: 699/23.

Sir,

With reference to my memo No: 612/22 of 21st December, 1922 on the subject of sighting gear etc: appertaining to the guns situated on Mount Low and Sapper's Hill, I beg to request that I may be informed as to when it is proposed to remove the gear from the Camber store shed.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. B. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name of the sender.

Officer in Charge of Works.

The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.

549/22.

2nd March,

25.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 690/25 of the 27th of February and to inform you that there is no record of the receipt in this office of your memo No. 612/22 of the 21st of December.

2. On the 8th of May last the charge of two 6" B.L. guns and mountings was taken over by this Government from the Officer Commanding the Naval Wireless Station. By Admiralty letter G. 5218/22 of the 12th of June to the Colonial Office, an enquiry was made as to whether arrangements could be effected locally for the care and preservation of the two six inch guns and mountings, "together with the spare parts, appurtenances and side arms." The Colonial Government had no information as to the whereabouts of such spare parts, etc.; it may be presumed that the sighting gear to which you refer is among the appurtenances of the guns.

3. I am to inform you that the Government is prepared to receive custody for preservation, of any appurtenances of the guns, provided that a list and description of such articles are furnished at the time of handing over.

I am, Sir,

The Officer-in-Charge of Works,

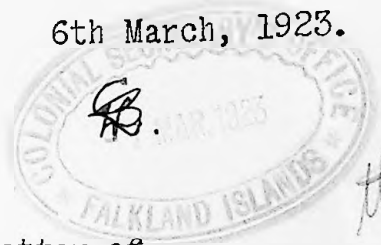
H. M. Naval Depot,

Stanley.

Your obedient servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton,  
Colonial Secretary.

6th March, 1923.



No: 713/23.

Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter of 2nd inst: and enclose herewith copy of my No: 612/22 of 21st December last, which apparently went astray in transmission after leaving this office.

2. I have no list of the spare parts of the 6 inch guns in question but an inventory can be prepared and handed over to your representative with the spares.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*Stanley*

Officer in Charge of Works.

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Encl:

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OFFICER IN CHARGE OF WORKS.

H. M. NAVAL DEPOT,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.  
21st Decr. 1942.

No: 612/22.

Sir,

With reference to the 2 No: guns situated on  
Dapper's Hill and Mount Low respectively left in the  
custody of the Colonial Government by the Naval  
Authorities, please note that as previously pointed  
out to your officials a quantity of spare parts  
including sighting gear is lying at the large coal shed  
at the Harbor, and I shall be glad if you will give  
instructions for them to be removed to Colonial Government  
store as my department is unable to assume any  
responsibility for them.

Yours truly,



Officer in Charge of Works.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

349/22.

12th March,

25.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 713/25 of the 6th instant, forwarding a copy of your memorandum of the 21st of December last on the subject of spare parts of two 6 inch guns stated to be in the coal shed at the Camber. The articles in question are the property of the Admiralty and have at no time been handed over to the Colonial Government; it is therefore assumed that they are in your custody. As stated in my letter of the 2nd of March, the Government is prepared to take them over from you for preservation and the Chief Constable has been instructed to make the necessary arrangements with your Department. He will sign a receipt for them if you will be good enough to cause them to be delivered at the Government Store.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. A. P. Neave, Esq.,  
 Officer-in-Charge of Works,  
 H. M. Naval Depot,  
 Stanley.

H. Henniker-Heaton,  
 Colonial Secretary.

16th March, 1923.

No: 729/23.

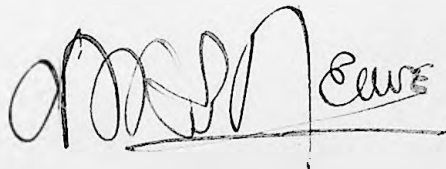
Sir,

With reference to your letter No: 349/22 dated 12th March, 1923 I beg to enclose inventory of spare parts for the two six inch guns.

This inventory has been compiled in conjunction with the Chief of Police and to the best of our knowledge correctly describes the articles in question. The articles have not at any time been handed over into my custody and as they are essentially integral parts of the guns without which the guns are quite useless I naturally assumed that they were included with the care and maintenance of the two guns which was arranged between the Colonial Government and the Officer in Charge, H.M. W/T Station on the closing down of the latter establishment without reference to this office.

The inventory is in triplicate and I shall be glad if you will have them receipted and signed on behalf of the Colonial Government, returning two copies to my office and retaining one for your records.

Yours truly,



Officer in Charge of Works.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Encl:

PALMLAND ISLANDS.

INVENTORY of Spares for 6" guns handed over to the  
Colonial Government, Palmland Islands.

<u>Quantity.</u>	<u>Description.</u>
2 No/	Battery boxes, night sight.
2 No:	Brackets, side, for telescopic sights.
2 No:	" " with range indicator
4 No:	Cranks.
1 Set.	Cramp locking gear.
3 sets.	Revolver and rotating gear.
3 No:	Grips, pistol.
1 No:	Key, fuse.
1 No:	Key, "T", brass, large.
2 No:	Keys, universal.
10 No:	Loads for night sights.
2 No:	Tompkins.
2 No:	Projectile carriers.
2 No:	Sponges.
4 No:	Spanners, gun.
2 No:	Tomkins.
4 No:	Telescopic gun sights, in wood cases, 2'6" x 3' x 4'.

*Mr. W. Ottway & Co. for gun*  
*1 No. Box spare parts to sight.*  
*Dumped in deep water 16/3/23*  
*Vide my minute in 24/1/24*  
*Ernest D'O Sullivan*  
*Chief Quartermaster*  
*12/4/23*

Stock No: 56915.  
 " " : 39264.  
 W. Ottway & Co. No: 1072.

Note. 1 No: gun sight taken from Gun Store by Colonial Government, and not returned, in connection with a court case in December, 1922.

The above list to the best of my knowledge correctly describes the articles.

*Vide para 2 ←*  
*of Chief Constable's*  
*minutes of 13.4.23.*  
*on page 4. JWS 2/2/27.*

*W. Ottway & Co.*  
 Officer in Charge of Works.  
 16<sup>th</sup> March 1923.

DUPLICATE

12

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

DOWNING STREET,

NO. 16

8 February, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 112 of the 19th September and to transmit to you the accompanying copy of correspondence with the Admiralty relative to the disposal of certain naval guns in the Falkland Islands.

Encl (6)

Fr Admy. 24 Jan.  
To " 8 Feb.

2. You will observe that the Crown Agents have been instructed to pay the sum of £200 for the purchase of the 12 pr. 8 cwt. g. F. gun, etc.; and I shall be glad to receive your observations on the question of the disposal of the guns mentioned in paragraph 2 of the letter from the Admiralty of the 24th January.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

(Signed) DEVONSHIRE

GOVERNOR,

J. MIDDLETON, ESQ., C.M.G.,

etc. etc. etc.



G.17683/22

ADMIRALTY,

24th January, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 24th November 1922, No.56924/22, relative to the disposal of Guns landed in the Falkland Islands for defence of the Naval Wireless Station, during the late war, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State, that Their Lordships are prepared to agree to the 12-pdr 8-cwt Q.F.Gun, carriage and limber being retained at a total price of £200.

I am also to enquire in regard to the 3-pdr Hotchkiss gun and mounting and 3-pdr sub-calibre gun which are not required, whether arrangement can be made for their disposal by sale after mutilation or, if this is not possible, by dumping in deep water; also, whether the breech mechanisms and spare parts could be broken up in the Falkland Islands and the resultant scrap sold there.

I am etc.

(Signed) V.W. BADDELEY

The Under Secretary of State  
Colonial Office,  
Downing Street S.W.1

4392/23

Downing Street,

8 February, 1923

Sir,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th January (G.17683/22) relative to the disposal of certain guns in the Falkland Islands, and to request you to inform the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that the Crown Agents for the Colonies have been authorised to transfer to Naval Funds the sum of £200 in respect of the purchase etc., of the 12-pdr 8 cwt. Q.F. Gun, ~~carriage and limber~~, which the Government of the Colony desire to retain for the protection of the seal fishery.

2. A copy of your letter is being sent to the Governor for consideration of the question of the disposal of the guns mentioned in paragraph 2.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) H. J. READ

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 60.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

30th April, 1923.

My Lord Duke,

With reference to Your Grace's despatch No. 18 of the 8th of February, I have the honour to state that it would not be possible to find a market locally for the 3-pdr Hotchkiss gun and the 3-pdr sub-calibre gun after mutilation but that arrangements can be made for dumping them in deep water.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

P.C., K.G., G.C.H.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 112.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

16th August, 1923.

My Lord Duke,

Desp. from S. of S.  
No. 71 of 19th  
June, 1922.

Desp. from Governor  
No. 112 of 19th  
September, 1922.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin on the subject of the care and preservation of the two 6 inch naval guns in this Colony, I have the honour to request Your Grace to cause the Admiralty to be asked to send out two new gun covers as the present covers are reported to be much weather worn.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

P.C., K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

COPY.

ADMIRALTY, S.W.1.

10th July, 1923.

Ref.No.G.8903/23.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 14th June 1923, No.27899/23, relative to the disposal of guns landed in the Falkland Islands for defence of the Naval Wireless Station during the late war, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you for the information of the Secretary of State, that Their Lordships desire that arrangements be made for the Q.F. 3-pdr Hotchkiss and sub-calibre gun bodies to be dumped in deep water, as it is not possible to find a market for them, also that the Q.F. 3-pdr mounting be dumped if there be no market for it.

I am to add that Their Lordships assume the breech mechanisms will be broken up and disposed of as scrap and desire to be informed when the disposal of the gun bodies, breech mechanisms and mounting has been effected.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) V.W.Baddeley.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
Downing Street, S.W.1.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 18.

16  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

1st February, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to the Duke of Devonshire's despatch No. 59 of the 19th of July, I have the honour to report that the 3-pdr Hotchkiss and sub-calibre gun bodies were dumped in deep water on the 24th of January.

2. As it was not possible to find a market locally for the mounting of the 3-pdr Q.F., it has been dumped with the gun. The breech mechanism has been stored pending further instructions as there are no means of disposing locally the material as scrap.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Hemiker-Heaton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

copy

49390/23

Downing Street,

19th October, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 10th July (G.8903/23) and to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the 16th August Admiralty, the accompanying copy of a despatch from the Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands regarding the care and preservation of the two 6" Naval guns in the Colony, and to ask that two gun covers may be supplied as requested.

2. The Crown Agents for the Colonies would arrange to forward the covers to the Colony.

I am, etc..

(sd) G.Grindle.

THE SECRETARY,

ADMIRALTY.

py  
G.15476/23

Admiralty, S.W.1.

6th December, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 19th October 1923, No.49390/23, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies that arrangements have been made for the two gun covers required for the 6" Naval guns in the Falkland Islands to be manufactured at Chatham Dockyard.

2. The necessary arrangements for the shipment of the covers will be made by the Admiralty.

3. A copy of this letter has been sent to the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

I am, etc..

(sd) V.W. Baddeley.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
London, S.W.1.



Copy

G. 5516/24

Admiralty, S.W.1.

24th April, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to Colonial Office letter dated 7th April 1924, No. 15531/24 forwarding a copy of a letter from the Governor of the Falkland Islands, relative to the disposal of a 3-pdr Hotchkiss Q.F. gun, and mounting, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you for the information of the Secretary of State, that the breach mechanism of the gun is not required for any service, and to request that it may be similarly disposed of by dumping in deep water.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) V.W. BADDELEY.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,

COLONIAL OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W.1.

*Copy for retention*

Port Stanley,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

14th July, 1924.

Received from the Officer in Charge of  
Works, H.M. Naval Depot, Falkland Islands,  
2 No: canvas gun covers for fixing over  
the 6" guns on Sapper's Hill and Mount Low.

*W. Sullivan*  
*Chief Constable*

The Officer in Charge of Works,  
H.M. Naval Depot,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

12th July, 1924.

No: 1257/24

FALKLAND ISLANDS - Covers for 6" Guns.

Sir,

With reference to conversation will you please note that the two new canvas covers recently supplied by the Admiralty will be handed over to the Colonial Government on the 14th inst: for fixing over the 6" guns on Sapper's Hill and Mount Low.

I shall be glad if you will have the attached receipt (in duplicate) signed and returned to this office.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



Officer in Charge of Works.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Enclosure.

Receipt. In duplicate  
(To be returned).

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

C.S. No.....

MINUTE PAPER.

Departmental Number.

From...The...Colonial Engineer...

Date...29th September, 1924.

To...The Hon...Col...Secretary...

Painting and covering Naval Guns.

Reference Numbers.

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

I beg to submit the following particulars of expenditure in connexion with placing new covers on and painting of Naval guns.

Gun at Sapper Hill.

Materials.

To one gallon paint..... £. s. d  
0. 17. 2

Labour.

(14/8/24) To S. Wilkins, 8 hrs @ 1/- ..... 8. 0

(16/8/24) To J. Lawlor, 3 " " " ..... 3. 0 £1. 8. 2

Gun at Munt Lowe.

Materials.

To one gallon paint..... 17. 2 11.

Total..... £2. 5.

*R. S. Ascher*

Colonial Engineer.

29/9/24.

(21)

No. \_\_\_\_\_

MINUTE.

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



18<sup>th</sup> Oct ..... 1926

To Naval Secretary

From

Acting Governor

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Yesterday in the course of a walk to Lapper's Hill we had a look at the Naval Gun shells mounted there. I believe that this gun is "on charge" of the Colonial Government, and is looked after usually by the Police. The canvas cover for the breech is in very bad condition, and when we saw it yesterday it had been blown off.  
2. Please ask Chief Constable for a report

(Keep Acc.)  
(M.P. 3149/22)  
Governor's minute  
of 11. May 1922. Page 1.  
M.P. 3149/22

District

31<sup>st</sup> December 1930

To The Hon

Colonial Secretary

Sir The Quinny Officer of H.M.S

Danae would like to see any  
Correspondence you may have in  
Connection with the life of the 6"  
Guns on Jaffers Hill & how

He said it was essential

so that he would then be able to  
tell how many shells had been fired  
etc. and reckon the life of the Bore.  
of the Guns. I am sure

Your obedient servant

D. M. Allen