

C.S.

SECRET

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19₄₃.

No.

S/8/43.

C.S.O.

SUBJECT.

19₄₃.

27th August.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH WEST FALKLAND THROUGH
THE FACILITIES OF THE FALKLAND
ISLANDS FORCE.

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Chief Censor

I have discussed the questions arising out of Capt. Sandeman's broadcast with H.K. and we propose to carry the matter any further.

2. The 3rd para of (5), however, does not clear up the general question to my satisfaction. I should be glad of your observations and a copy of any written directions you may have received at any time from the Force Hqs.

K.B.
27/8

(8)

~~AC/~~
~~Under the words of intent of the~~
~~Force Hqs. instructions in a minute~~
~~in P.O. instructions.~~

H.C.S

(7) is a copy of the list of subjects prohibited in correspondence by the Army. The word "unit" presumably refers to any aggregation of soldiers which can be described by their official title - e.g. R. Es. or by a recognizable nickname - e.g. "Supper".

J.P.D.
-CC. 4. 12. 43

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10. " to _____

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p.c.

Subject:- Intercommunication.

To:- The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary.

Ref.No.WPS/Sigs/V/9.

To ensure speedy and easy transmission of your communications to V. Falkland, can you please arrange that all traffic be written or typed on AF C2128, a supply of which accompanies this.

Where the text of a message exceeds the number of group spaces on one form, it can be continued on a second, and where P/L is being used, there is no necessity to make each word a separate group per group space.

Stanley,
25th. February, 1943.



W.P. Sandeman

Lt. R. Signals,
C.C. Signals,
Falkland Islands Force.

2.



Subject:- Communications.

To:- Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley.

Ref. WPS/S/1.

Ref. your Camp Bulletin No.22, will you please arrange that AF C2128, when completed is signed in the appropriate space by the originating officer.

W.P. Sandeman
Lt. R.Signals,
O.C. Signals.

Falkland Camp,
Stanley. 13 March 1943.

Copy to:- G.S.C. III.

Subject: Weekly Broadcast over Army Wireless
System.

3.

122/CR/Z/159/6

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary.

SECRET

1. Your attention is called to two breaches of security which occurred during your broadcast on Sunday 22 Aug: (a) mention was made of the shooting match between Stanley ladies and W. Yorks Regt thus disclosing identity of unit serving in this Colony, (b) mention was made of the expected arrival of s.s. Fitzroy during the course of this week. —

*no. Discarded with
M.O.I.C.*

2. It is requested that the texts of all future broadcasts over the Army system be submitted to this H.Q. 24 hours before the broadcast is to be made.

Stanley.
24 Aug 43.
RCP.



Colonel,
Commander,
Falkland Islands Force.

Copy to: Naval Officer in Charge.

No. 24/43.

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

SECRET.

MINUTE.

4.

24th August, 19 43.

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Officer Commanding,

Falkland Islands Force,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

Red 3.

With reference to your letter of the 14th August 1943 of the 24th August I shall not be receiving the Military Transmitter for any further broadcasts as far as I am aware and I take this opportunity of thanking you for being so kind as to allow me to use it. Perhaps you would also be so good as to convey to the C.O. signals and the members of his unit my very grateful thanks for their excellent co-operation.

2. There appears to be some misunderstanding in regard to your Security requirements. The Chief Censor informed me recently and now confirms that he was advised verbally by your Headquarters that mention of a unit was no longer censorable provided that it was not revealed. This appears to conflict with your minute under reference and I think you will agree that it would be advisable for Government to be provided with more explicit advice as to what is and is not censorable in regard to Military matters.

K. G BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

Copy to Chief Censor and N.O.I.C., for information.

Subject: Weekly Broadcast over Army Wireless System

122/CR/Z/159/6 (5)

S E C R E T.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary.

In reply to your 24/43 dated 24 Aug 43, your remarks re your use of the military transmitter are much appreciated.

You may not have realised that I am responsible for any breaches of Security made over the air by one of my wireless transmitters, hence my request for the text of future broadcasts

There are no grounds for misunderstanding about Security requirements. On arrival of the Force, the Chief Censor was given clear instructions, and these have been altered in no way since then. The remark in the last sentence of your letter therefore does not apply.

Stanley.
26 Aug 43.
RCP.

W. H. Hayes
Colonel,
Commander,
Falkland Islands Force.

- (i) Strength, moral or physical state, or organization of our forces, including any comment on the absence or presence in the theatre of war a unit or formation, or disclosure regarding the formation to which any unit is attached or belongs.
- (ii) Location or movement of any naval, military, or air force or detachments, arrival or lack of reinforcement.
- (iii) Armament or equipment of any kind.
- (iv) Distinguishing signs used for the identification of formations, units, and their transport.
- (v) Plans and forecasts or orders for future operations, whether known or merely rumoured or surmised.
- (vi) Communications - such as the use, condition, or probable extension of roads, railways, or other transportation facilities, bridging operations, etc.
- (vii) State of the maintenance services, including any reference to reserves.
- (viii) Position or description of billets, bivouacs or camps,
- (ix) Casualties before official publication.
- (x) Effect of any action by the enemy. Any remark which might tend, if published, to encourage the enemy, to cause despondency in our forces or people, or to incite a feeling of hostility among the people in the theatre of war or in neutral countries.
- (xi) Criticisms and statements calculated to bring into disrepute our forces or those of our allies.

DECODE.

(9)

TELEGRAM.

From The Hon. R. C. Pole-Evans, Port Howard,

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 11th December, 19 43. *Time*: ...

Received: 11th December, 19 43. *Time*: 12.30.

I beg to inform you too that this forms office and telephone is being used for wireless traffic on west. Had thought you would have had the courtesy to advise me regarding same. I reserve the right to keep the office and telephone at this firms disposal reply immediately.

POLE EVANS.

16.
GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				11. 12. 43.

To

POLE HWMS
NEW ZEALAND.

Red 9
BEFORE MILES' LEAVE WAS APPROVED SUPERVISOR WAS ASSURED THAT YOU
HAD KINDLY AGREED TO COOPERATE IN THIS MATTER STOP QUESTION BEING
OF DEPARTMENTAL CONCERN WAS NOT REFERRED TO ME STOP MISUNDERSTANDING
RIGHTED STOP I NATURALLY APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS AND TRUST THE
TEMPORARY INCONVENIENCE IS NOT TOO GREAT.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

DECODE.

(11)

TELEGRAM.

From S. Miller Esq., Roy Cove.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 14th December 19 43 Time:

Received: 21st. December 19 43 Time:

Please inform me how I am to telegraph Stanley as Military Station
Port Howard today refused my messages unless they were very urgent.

Miller Roycove.

This communication now reestablished.

2.2.43.

KB