

C. S.

NAVAL & MILITARY
(Force 132) (Misc.)
MISCELLANEOUS
(General)

DEF/FID/6#19

19₄₆.

No. 19/46.

Manager, Falkland Is. Co.

SUBJECT.

1946.

18th February

Previous Paper.

BARBED WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS LEFT IN VICINITY OF

STANLEY BY FALKLAND ISLANDS FORCE.

MINUTES.

1. Letter from Manager, Falkland Islands Co. of 18. 2. 46

(2)

E.C. For your observations on red (1) pl.
Can you say how much of this barbed wire
still remains uncollected in the vicinity of
Stanley, and what would be the approximate
cost to complete clearance?

W. J. C. S.
19/2/46.

(3)

Honorable Colonial Secretary.

The main quantity of unchained barbed
wire is on the Navy Point Peninsula west of
Cordery Hill. The stakes were sold to & removed by
Mr. Hutchinson & it is now a huge serpent of
loose wire which moves its position in each gale.
Other than this the bulk of the wire has been
chained except round batteries (Mount Low, Charles
Point & Canopus) & here I think its retention is
desirable. Loose wire is properly protected
it does not form such a menace to cattle &
sheep, although the admission of this claim will
possibly start a flood of similar ones from anyone
who owns a horse or cattle.

Subsequent Paper.

Provided

2. - Provided the C.G. Dept tractor could be borrowed
I think the work at Fairy Cove area could be
cleared at not exceeding £50.

Ans. H.

20.2.46.

(4)

y/c.

I submit recd (1) and minutes at (2) & (3) pl.
I think that with the exception of that surrounding
F.I.J.F. Batteries, the clearance of all other barbed wire
should be completed immediately, the cost being charged
to XXI War Expenditure, (see Item) "Field Works" from which
the F.I.C. claim for £11.12.6 could also be paid.

2. Will y/c approve this expenditure, pl.

Sh. J. C.

21.2.46.

21/2/46

(5)

C.C. H.C. has approved the necessary expenditure.
Will you please proceed as in (4)

Sh. J. C.

22.2.46.

(6)
Innumerate Colonel Dunsen.

Noted for n.a.f.y. I assume you will
pass necessary voucher for £11.12.6.

Ans. H.

11.3.46.

Letter to Manager, Auckland Is. Co. Ltd. of 12.3.46 7. 1a.

(1)

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851)

REGISTERED 1902

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

Stanley.

18th February, 1946.



Sir,

Confirming my conversation with the Honourable the Executive Engineer, I have the honour to advise you that a considerable quantity of barbed wire entanglements has been left in the Company's Fairy Cove ground. This is causing injury and death to sheep which get caught in it. To date, 20 sheep have been lost. Of this number only 5 sheepskins have been recovered the remainder being rendered worthless and torn through the animals ineffectual struggles to extricate themselves.

I have the honour to request that the barbed wire be removed as soon as possible.

I submit the enclosed claim for compensation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. R. Smith

Manager.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

19/46.

Copies to Treasury and E.E. for inf.

12th March,

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Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 18th of February, 1946, regarding sheep losses sustained by your Company in barbed wire entanglements on Fairy Cove ground, I have the honour to inform you that the work of removing this wire will be carried out at an early date by the Public Works Department.

2. A voucher in the sum of £11. 12. 6. represents compensation for sheep lost through entanglement in the barbed wire has been passed to the Treasury for payment to your account.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

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Manager,
Falkland Is. Co., Ltd.,
STANLEY.