

C.S.

Secret.

WAR/W2H/3#2

19 39

No.

5/35/39

Naval Headquarters  
Sierra Leone.

SUBJECT.

41

1939  
8<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup>

Previous Paper.

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Concentration of Germans  
reported in Southern Argentine  
and activities of German  
ships in S. America.  
Threatened German Campaign  
in South American waters

MINUTES.

Telegram from S.H.O. Sierra Leone.

Telegram from British Embassy,  
B. Axis 9/9/39.

Telegram of 9/9/39 from Embassy B.A.

Notice advising women and children  
to leave Stanley.

Mr. Robertson asked to arrange  
that Cape Meredith Light be  
extinguished.

Telegram sent to Port Stephens  
Station.

MCH  
CS

9. 9. 39.

Subsequent Paper.

Telegram to H.M. Charge d'Affaires  
of 9/9/39.

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1/6.

Submitted.

McH

cd

9. 9. 39.

~~10/9/39~~

Instructions to Customs Officer regarding  
destruction of Secret books in the  
event of an attack on Colony.

7-8

Telegram to Governor from Simonstown  
recd 10/9/39.

9.

Notice to public. Broadcasted at  
2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on 11<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup>

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Telegram to Mr R.C. Pole Evans  
of 11/9/39 regarding people going to  
Port Howard

11.

S.S. "Lilroy" sailed midnight on  
11<sup>th</sup> Sept. with people for Salvador  
Waters and Port Howard.

~~Telegram to Commodore S. Am. Division~~

~~of 10/9/39~~

See 12/12/39

Telegram from R.C. Pole Evans OBE. 12/9/39.

13.

1/6.

Submitted.

McH

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12. 9. 39.

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S/35/39

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. ....

13A

Telegram from Opto. Free Bay  
of 14/9/39. Not understood.  
"Lafonia" returned to Stanley  
before telegram received.

met

See C/12/39

~~14. Telegram to S. of S. of 17/9/39.~~

~~14A. Telegram to S. of S. of 17/9/39.~~

15-17

Telegrams to H.R. the  
Governor.

Yr.

Submitted.

met

CS

24.9.1939.

Communicated to I.N.O. by me

Will 25/9

18

Telegram from Manager Port  
Howard 13.X.39.

19.

Telegram to Manager Port  
Howard 16.X.39.

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Authorisation from Mr. Whitney  
of 16.10.39.  
Treasury.

To note. Amounts might  
be placed on deposit please

met

CS  
18.X.39.

Hence

It is observed that Red

(19) States the amount at thirty shillings per week while Red (20) gives it as twenty-five shillings!

Is the weekly deduction to be placed on deposit for the credit of Port Howard Str. please?

*Ediff*  
18/10/39

Telegram to Manager, Port Howard of 18/10/39.

21.

" from " Fox Bay of 20/10/39.

22.

" to Manager Port Howard of 29/10/39.

23.

*Yh.*

Uniforms were asked for on 17<sup>th</sup> September, vide red 14 A.

*McH*  
*CS.*

25. X. 39. Incl: 10 C

See C/12/39.

Telegram from Mr. Ambassador, B. Aires 24  
25. 10. 39.

Telegram from Naval Attache B. Aires 25

Minute from Mr. the Governor of 26. X. 39. 26

Captain Weir.

Please see Mr's minute and for necessary action please

*McH*  
*CS.*

26. X. 39.

Hon. Col. Sec.

H.E.'s minute seen  
and outline of plan is being  
drawn up.

Have also spoken with H.E.

DAN  
30/10/39

27. Telegram from El Canager, Port Howard 24.10.39.  
28. ————— Pole-Evans of 28.10.39.

y/h.

Red 28 submitted.

2. Presumably persons who  
desire to do so may return  
to Stanley at their own  
expense?

McH  
CJ

31. x. 39.

Yes. They have always, I think,  
known that they can do that.  
Some (e.g. Whiting, who boarded  
Lapua, returned when they found  
that they would have to pay their  
own passages.

The position is that Govt. will  
pay for the return passages, when

the situation has cleared up and the probability of an attack is remote; the position as it is at present has not altered from the time when the evacuation took place. Individuals wishing to return <sup>may</sup> ~~must~~ ~~therefore~~ do so <sup>but at their own expense</sup>.

Please telegraph substance of above to the manager P/Holland.

~~ttttt~~ 1/11/39

Telegram to R.C. Pole-Evans, Esq. O.B.E., 2/11/39. (29)

Mr. Army Service Corps

To note

mcH  
2. XI. 39.

Hon. Col. Sec.

noted

~~mcH~~

2/11/39

Letter from W.H. Clement, Esq. of 28. 10. 39.

30-31.

See 5/19/39 regarding German warships

mcH  
CS

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34. Minute from H. the Governor 23. XI. 39  
32-33 Scheme for evacuation of Stanley.

O/C. Defence Force  
Adjutant.                      A. J. D.

To see and for next Defence  
meeting.                      MCH

                     C. J.  
23. XI. 39.

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Noted, thank you.

                      
O.C. Defence Force.

35-36.

Letter from Mr. A.R. Scharen. of 2.12.39.

yk  
Submitted. Other persons  
have made verbal enquiries  
as to getting their families  
back as they say they  
cannot afford to keep  
two homes. In this  
connection ref 29 was  
sent to Mr. Polo Evans.

2. Mr. Polo Evans also  
made representations to me  
and asked if Govt. would  
not now be prepared to  
pay return passages of those



wishing to return. He pointed out  
that some families were short  
of boots and clothes so apparently  
they could not afford to purchase  
them.

met  
CS

7. XII. 59.

Please discuss early with Mr Roberts:  
Could not Lapina be diverted on her  
return to pick up the walrus

~~title~~ 5/12/59

JH. I have spoken with Mr Roberts  
regarding this. He can arrange for  
"Lapina" to call at Port Howard,  
and Salvador water and possibly  
Darwin on her next voyage from  
Montevideo but it depends on  
the date "Lapina" will leave  
Montevideo. He would prefer to  
wait until he has that  
information.

met  
CS

11. XII. 59.

By telegram Mr. Barclay  
plans that endeavours are being made  
for Lapina to call on her return to  
Antarctica

Telegraph to Mr. Barclay  
asking him to take the vessel for  
that purpose if it is found practicable  
on the vessel to call.

Public which might issue but it  
will be necessary to say that this service will be  
carried out only if found possible. Ed. says yes

~~title~~ 12/12/59



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37. Telegram from S.O.I. Montevideo 13/12/39.
38. Government Notice No. 84 of 14. 12. 39.
39. Telegram to Mr. Pole-Evans of 14. 12. 39.
40. Letter to Mr. A.R. Scharen of 14. 12. 39.
41. Letter from R.C. Pole-Evans, Esq., of 5/12/39.
42. Letter to Manager, F.I.C., of 16/12/39.
43. Telegram from B.N.A. Buenos Aires 17/12/39.
44. ——— S.O.I. Montevideo 17/12/39.
45. ——— B.N.A. Buenos Aires 17/12/39.
46. ——— S.O.I. Montevideo 17/12/39.
47. ——— B.N.A. Buenos Aires 17/12/39.
48. ——— Montevideo 17/12/39.
49. ——— " " 17/12/39.
50. ——— Pole-Evans of 16/12/39.
51. ——— S.O.I. Montevideo 17/12/39.
52. Telegram to Pole-Evans of 20/12/39.
53. Telegram from Montevideo 25/12/39.
54. Minutes to H.E. the Governor of 31. 12. 39.
- do Minutes from H.E. the Governor of 1. 1. 40
- Landward Is. Co. Ltd informed also Douglas Station and Seal Inter.
- 55-60 Letter from Manager, Port Howard of 22/12/39.

by Telephone

Treasury.

What deposit is there in the Treasury made by Mr. Whitney.

MCH  
cl

5. 1. 40

Honed

The amount on Deposit  
at this date is £12-5-0, please.

W.D.P. 5/1/40

Treasury

£8-8-1 should be paid  
to the Hs. Coy. Whiting can  
sign for the total repayment  
and can be given a deposit  
receipt for the amount to  
Hs. Coy and the balance in  
Cash.

W.H.

5. 1. 40.

Honed

please Action taken accordingly.

W.D.P. 6/1/40

Letter to Manager, Port Howard of 10/1/40.

Letter from Mr. Geo. Osborne

(61)  
(62)

yf. Submitted. When the arrangement  
for bringing back evacuees was made  
I told the Hs. Coy 3<sup>rd</sup> cl: passages  
would be paid for by Govt. The Coy. confirm  
this and state that the Steward of  
the "Lafonia" informed all evacuees that  
3<sup>rd</sup> cl: was available free but that  
they would have to pay for victualling.  
The amount of 18/- represents the  
difference between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> cl: The  
Coy state that most of the evacuees  
came in 1<sup>st</sup> cl: and paid the difference.

2. No one was advised to return -  
vide Gov. Notice ref 38. Mr. Osborne

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Does not appear to have any  
claims.

mcH  
cl

22. 2. 40

The reply should be that it  
is regretted that it was not  
possible for Sw<sup>th</sup> to pay more  
than 3<sup>d</sup> class fares to and from  
Stanley

Httd 23/2

- 63. Letter to Mr. G. H. Osbourne of 26. 2. 40.
- 64. Letter from Mr. J. F. Short of 24. 2. 40.
- 65. Letter to Mr. J. F. Short of 27. 2. 40.
- 66. Letter from Edward Peck 26. 2. 40
- 67. Letter to Mr. A. R. Peck of 1/3/40.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Sierra Leone, .....

To His Excellency the Governor. ....

Despatched: 8th September, 19 39. Time: 1520.

Received: 8th September, 19 39. Time: ....

Admiralty No. 39 repeated to Governor, Sierra Leone  
" Gold Coast  
" Perim  
" Falkland Islands.

Naval Officer in Charge Simonstown (for acting) Commander-in-Chief, South Atlantic desirous of following received from Naval Attaché Buenos Aires begins :-

Following from reliable secret source that strongly suspect concentration German residents in South Argentine to be embarked as a force. Three German ships to co-operate: General Artigas which is at sea, Monte Pascoal due to leave six hours September 8th and Gloria which is raising steam. All ships have bunkers full.- 16000 capacity - excess provisions and extra 53 crew signed on here.

Fast four-engined FOCKE WULF of Condor air line making reconnaissance flights over River Plate and presumed to have given all clear to General Artigas.

At 6.30 hours September 7th German ship Parana in this port released two carrier pigeons and has others on board

Reported to Commodore Commanding South America Division, America and West Indies Squadron and H.M.S. "Ajax".

Message ends.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Buenos Aires, .....

To His Excellency the Governor. ....

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Despatched : 9th September, 19 39. Time : 0050.

Received : 9th September, 19 39. Time : ....

Following from His Majesty's Charge d'affaires at Buenos Aires  
to Governor Falkland Islands. Begins:-

There seems a possibility that a number of Germans are  
being concentrated in Southern Argentina for embarkation.  
Following ships may be employed General Artigas 11000 tons  
Monte Pascoal 14000 Gloria 60000 tons.

Commodore has been informed from time to time.

4 DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Buenos Aires, .....

To His Excellency the Governor. ....

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Despatched: 9th September, 19 39. Time: 0135.

Received: 9th September, 19 39. Time: ....

Begins:- Furtherance yesterday's. Following sent today  
to Naval Attache to Commodore.

If you consider Falkland Islands Garrison requires  
strengthening could send a number of ex-service men by  
LaFonia sailing Montevideo September 16th. Arms would  
have to be provided concurrently by one of H.M. Ships. ends.

(4)

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

It is considered desirable that non-~~combatants~~<sup>combatants</sup> should leave Stanley. Women and children are strongly advised to leave for the Camp for the present.

Transport arrangements will be made and also arrangements for billeting in the Camp.

Those who are prepared to take immediate advantage of this offer are to report to Captain Weir Mobilisation Officer at the Court Room, Town Hall in the following sequence and times.

Persons whose names begin with -

A.B.C.D and E. at 3 p.m. today.

F.G.H. I. and J. 5.30 p.m. today.

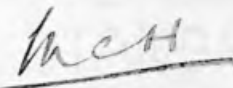
K.L.M.N.O. 4 p.m. today.

P.Q.R.S.T.U.

V.W.X. Y. Z 5 p.m. today.

Fathers or mothers will report for and on behalf of their families.

By Command of His Excellency the Governor.

  
Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Saturday 9th September 1939 .



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MANAGER PORT STEPHENS STATION

IMMEDIATE AND URGENT Please take immediate steps to  
put out the light at at Cape Meredith. It must be  
kept extinguished until further instructions.

Colonial Secretary.

(6)

TELEGRAM.

Telegram dispatched to Wireless Station in  
Secret Code at noon on the 9th Sepbr 1939.

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To H.M.Charge d'Affaires,Buenos Aires.

Your telegram No.55 concentration of Germans  
for embarkation in S.Argentine. It appears probable  
that the capture of the Colony is the objective. It is  
essential that I should receive earliest possible  
news of the whereabouts and movements of the ships  
referred to. Please telegraph immediately port from  
which embarkation is taking place.

Governor.

(7)

SECRET BOOKS - DESTRUCTION OF IN THE EVENT OF  
ATTACK ON THE COLONY.

Organization.

The Customs Officer will be responsible for the destruction of the books.

He will arrange for two men from the Port and Marine Department to get the Secret Books from the Senior Naval Officer (Lieut.-Commander Goddard, R.N.V.R.) and the Colonial Secretary and also from the Cypher Officer on duty at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

Arrangement.

Most of the Secret Books are already in bags. A hand cart or some other means of removing the books should be brought to the office. The books should then be immediately conveyed to the Dockyard Jetty where a boat should be held in readiness.

Signal for Destruction.

Immediately the Oil Tanks are blown up the Officer-in-Charge of the books will convey them to the centre of the Harbour and throw them over-board. It is preferable that bags should be in readiness to place books in (mail bags from the Post Office will do) some weight should be put in each before the books are put in.

MCH  
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

No.

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

MINUTE.

8  
September 9th 1939

From the Colonial Secretary

To The Customs Officer.

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I am directed to inform you that His Excellency the Governor has directed that you should take charge of the destruction of Secret books and other documents in the event of an attack being made on the Colony. The accompanying instructions must be followed.

2. You should take immediate steps to arrange with the Port & Marine Dept. to have a boat in readiness at the Dockyard pier and also to provide you with two

men to assist in conveying the books from this Office  
to the pier. You should also obtain from the Postmaster  
3 or 4 mail bags and have weights put in them in readiness.

3. Please acknowledge the receipt of this Minute and  
Instructions direct to me.

*W. H.*

Colonial Secretary.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From SIMONSTOWN. IMMEDIATE 00.30 10th Sepbr 39

To GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Despatched : . . . 19 Time :

Received : 00.30 10th Sepbr 1939 19 Time :

ADMIRALTY FOR COMMANDER IN CHIEF SOUTH ATLANTIC AND  
GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS following for H.M.S."Ajax" from  
Commodore Commanding S.A.Division, America and West  
Indies Squadron, following received from Naval Attache  
Buenos Aires - Begins

If you consider Falkland Islands Garrison requires  
strengthening could send number of ex-service men  
by "Lafonia" leaving September 16th. Arms would have to  
be provided by one of H.M. Ships Ends.

Provided Ambassador Buenos Aires raise no political  
objection I recommend this, ask approval for H.M.S."Ajax" to  
land necessary rifles and ammunition and as many machine  
and lewis guns as can be spared.

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GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
11th September, 1939.

It was reported to the Government on Saturday the 8th instant that three German passenger ships were being got ready in the Argentine to proceed to sea. It was understood that as they were bunkered to capacity the object was to endeavour to break through the British patrols and reach Germany.

The possibility that these vessels might risk a raid on the Colony could not be disregarded. The scale of the defences against lightly armed merchant vessels is such as to leave no room for fears of the raid being successful. At the same time it was considered desirable to give all persons who wished to do so, the opportunity of leaving Stanley for the Camp.

It should be emphasized that though it is not wholly impossible that a landing could be effected it is extremely improbable that it could be carried out successfully. In any event there would always be sufficient time for a limited number of people in Stanley to proceed to the camp after an alarm was given.

To summarize the position the Government is confident that any attempted assault by any force in adjacent waters could be defeated.

This opportunity is taken to repeat the warning given by the Governor in his Address on Saturday evening the 2nd of September, against false rumours being spread about to alarm people. A report was circulated for instance that H.M.S. "Ajax" had been sunk. If the author of that rumour can be found he will go to prison. Those who spread such rumours without due enquiry are also liable to punishment.

By Command,

*M. G. Finlayson*

Colonial Secretary.

*Broadcasted and  
placed on Notice Board.*

*MCH*



Spoke Mr. Maves. He cannot  
send by Wireless phone  
and said sending from  
Sapho Hill would not be  
successful. He pointed  
out that it would not  
be secret and would  
be picked up by any  
ship in the vicinity.  
He recommended cyphers  
used by the Defence  
Force to Mr. Maves.

W.H.  
C.

11. 9. 59.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, .....

To Mr. Hyles, Fox Bay, for transmission to Mr. Pole-Evans,  
Port Howard.

Despatched : 11th September, 19 39. Time : ...

Received : ... .. 19 ... Time : ...

Number of non-combatants are leaving Stanley tonight for various  
stations in the Camp. The Governor will be glad if you will  
make arrangements to receive 60.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Recd 12  
filed in C/12/39.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* Mr. Myles, For Bay.

*To* Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched* : 12th September, 19 39. *Time* : 9.30.

*Received* : 12th September, 19 39. *Time* : 1030.

Following from Pole Evans. Quite prepared to receive 60  
or more.

MYLES.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

13 A

From Operator, Fox Bay.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 14th September, 19 39. Time: 9.45.

Received: 14th September, 19 39. Time: 1100.

Hewing advises vessel arrived morning 14th September

expect arrive ? a.m. 15th September advise ?

OPERATOR.

No action  
mch

Recds 14 and 14 A.  
removed and filed  
in C/12/39.

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

## RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
<u>167</u>	B.A.	38/37	1644/24	

To  
H.E. The Governor Falkland Islands. Immediate

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COME. TO Staff Officer, Intelligence Freetown, for C.in C. Africa  
and H.M.S. Cumberland, repeated Governor F.I. for Commodore S.A.D.  
My 1230 Sept 24th (this <sup>is</sup> No. 166). Later information confirms it.  
The report is probably convincing. It is much the most definite  
so far received.

168 From Santos Words 15/14 Time 1725/24  
COMMODORE via Governor Falkland Islands.  
Arrival British ship GQVB-Navasota September 24th.

169 From Montevideo Words 14/13 Time 1815/24  
To Governor Falkland Islands & Commodore S.A.D.  
British tanker 'Olwen'-GLDE sailed p.m. today Sunday.

170 From Admiralty Words 40 Time 1915/24  
To Staff Officer Intelligence Freetown Sierra Leone for  
C.in C. Africa, Commodore S.A.D., H.M.S. Cumberland, H.M.S. Havock  
H.M.S. Hotspur, repeated to H.M.S. Ajax & Captain in Charge  
Simonstown.  
To Governor Falkland Islands from Admiralty.  
With reference to the British Naval Attache, B.A. 1915 Sept 24  
News has been received that the 'Monte Pascoal' is not  
repeat- is not at Montevideo.

W/T asked to repeat all the above either to Commodore or unaddressed  
as indicated.

Doc. WIERS

Time

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

**RECEIVED.**

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
166	Buenos Aires	87/86	1449	1939 24th Sept

To

IMMEDIATE

GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Staff Officer (Intelligence) Freetown Sierra Leone Commander-in-Chief Africa Station H.M.S. Cumberland repeated Governor Falkland Islands for Commodore Commanding South America Division America & West Indies Squadron from British Naval Attache Buenos Aires.

Following report from secret sources recognised as reliable.

A rendezvous of German ships has been arranged for Thursday 28th September position 9 degrees 9 minutes South 16 degrees 3 minutes West. Ships may include Westfalen, a cruising submarine, General Artigas, Monte Pascoal, Poseidon. It has been learned that Poseidon is capable of 22 knots and is armed. Drifter Sea Breeze left Mar del Plata 21st September. 1230/24

W/T asked to repeat to Commodore at routine period.

WHS

Dec. J/N.

Time

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
165	B.A.Stat	109/168	14/25/24	
To				
H.E.Governor Falkland Islands.				

From Naval Attache, Buenos Ayres.

Following received from Magellanes, via Freetown not mentioning other addressees.

BEGINS.

I am informed from a reliable source that the Chilean ship CBAY-Austral is leaving for Isla Paciencia in Admiralty Sound Straits of Magellan on September 23rd. She is loading 600 bags of Flour, 200bags of Sugar also cylinder and other oil.

As there is only a small population there I suspect a possible base for provisioning enemy ships. The Managers of the Line are Germans.

ENDS.

In my opinion the disappearance of all potential raiders points to their hiding themselves in those waters. I suggest that armed raiding whalers are the best types of vessel for ferretting them out. Lever Bros. whalers are believed to be wintering southabout. Last year they left on about Oct. 23rd.

Time



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TELEGRAM.

164/39 P  
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From Port Howard, West Falkland.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 13th October, 19 39. Time: 1500.

Received: 14th October, 19 39. Time: 1200.

Mrs. Whitney has been pestering us regards buying stores definitely she does not get anything on tick here she has wired her husband for an allowance he has not replied please have the matter attended to and advise us.

HOWARD.

Manager  
Port Howard.  
Whitney paid here £1 yesterday  
and has arranged to pay here  
from his wages thirty shillings  
weekly to pay for stores.  
Supplied by you to his wife.  
Colbert

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary.

To Manager, Port Howard.

Despatched : 16th October, 1939. Time : 12.00.

Received : , , , 19 , , , Time : , , ,

Whitney ~~was~~ paid here £1 yesterday and has arranged to pay here from his wages thirty shillings weekly to pay for stores supplied by you to his wife.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

My telegram 16<sup>th</sup> October  
showed and twenty five  
shillings and now  
thirty shillings from Whitney  
C.

Pr & S. Wiley 16 11-39 (2)

W. J. Lellman PWH

En-

I hereby authorize the transfer of 25 shillings per week to Mrs. Whitney during her stay in the camp deducted from my wages.

G. Eady Whitney

Hon Col Sec,

Submitted. this amount will be deposited in the Treasury, weekly.

Dec.  
for Ex. Chg.  
17/10/39

1/10/39  
30/-

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* The Colonial Secretary.

*To* Manager, Port Howard.

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*Despatched :* 18th October, 1939. *Time :* ...

*Received :* ... .. 19 .. *Time :* ...

My telegram 16th October should read twenty five shillings  
and not thirty shillings from Whitney.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(21)

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

164/39  
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*From* Mr. Clement, Fox Bay,

*To* Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched:* 20th October, 19 39. *Time:* 2000.

*Received:* 21st October, 19 39. *Time:* 1130.

Mrs. Whitney and family living in our cook house in Port Howard can you assure me that they will be removed early in November as we need the building for our gang.

CLEMENT.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From*..... The Colonial Secretary.

*To*..... The Manager, Port Howard.

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*Despatched* : 23rd October, 19 39. *Time* : ...

*Received* : ... .. 19 ... *Time* : ...

Manager Packe Bros has asked that Whitneys be removed from Cook House owned by his firm. Grateful if you can make some arrangements.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

250.

24

From H.M.Ambassador, Buenos Ayres.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: Buenos Ayres 25.10. 19 39 Time: 1537

Received: Cypher Office 26.10. 19 39 Time: 0055

Confidential Addressed Foreign Office Telegram No. 276.  
Repeated  
~~Addressed~~ Washington and Governor Falkland Islands (also for Commodore  
Figures by air mail to Rio de Janeiro Santiago de Chile Monte Video.

All secret information (as already reported in Naval Attache's letter W D I and telegram 1830 October 13th.) has tended to depend on the theory that German campaign of frightfulness in these waters if it took place at all would not take place till the end of this month.

It is significant that according to official communique in today's press German Ambassador officially warned Minister for Foreign Affairs yesterday of dangers incurred by Argentines in travelling "on French or British commercial vessels committing acts which may necessitate the use of arms against them" i.e. presumably all defensively armed vessels.

H.M.Ambassador  
Buenos Ayres.

W/T Station requested to repeat to H.M.S. Exeter for Commodore.

DECODE.

No. 255 From B.A.

TELEGRAM.

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From British Naval Attache. Buenos Ayres.

To H.E.The Governor Falkland Islands.

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Despatched: 25th October 19 39 Time: 14301915

Received: 19 Time:

My 1330 October 25th also intended for your own information.



From His Excellency the Governor

to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

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*Confidential*

A scheme for the immediate  
evacuation of Stanley in case of  
alarm should be prepared.

Please ask Captain Wier to take  
it in hand. He might have an  
outline ready by the time of the  
next Defence meeting. He should  
speak to me first.

Wier 26/4/35

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* Manager, Port Howard, \_\_\_\_\_

*To* Colonial Secretary. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Despatched:* 24th October, 19 39. *Time:* 1215.

*Received:* 24th October, 19 39. *Time:* 1230.

Surely Backes Manager can make arrangements to keep Whitneys  
until he commences shearing we will do our best after that.

HOWARD.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Pole-Evans, Port Howard,

*To* Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched* : 28th October, 19 39. *Time* : 20.00.

*Received* : 29th October, 19 39. *Time* : 1000.

Non Combatants here wish me to appeal to you on their behalf  
for their return to husbands and homes as soon as possible  
kindly reply.

POLE EVANS.

● DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,  
Operator, Fox Bay for  
To R. C. Pole-Evans, Esq., O.B.E., Port Howard.

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Despatched: 2nd November, 19 39. Time : ...

Received : ... .. 19 ... Time : ...

Following for Pole-Evans, Port Howard begins. Your telegram  
28th October Government will pay return passages of persons  
evacuated when situation has cleared up and probability of an  
attack is remote. The position has not altered from the time  
the evacuation took place. Individuals wishing to return may  
do so but only at their own expense.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

ADIOS TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, STANLEY.

20th. October.

Mrs. Whitney and family living in our cookhouse at Port Howard.  
Can you assure me that they will be removed early in November as  
we need the building for our gang.

*Packe Bros. & Co. Limited*  
*For Bay of Islands.*

S/34/39  
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28th. October, 1939.

The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Sir,

I have to confirm my two radios of 20th. and 25th. October respectively, and which are enclosed on a separate sheet.

S/35/39 { 2. In respect to my radio regarding Mrs. Whitney and family, the building that they are occupying is our cookhouse at Port Howard and this will be needed for our own gang at lambin marking and I trust that the Government intend to remove these people before the first week in November.

To S/40/39 { 3. It would seem that the main objection to the German prisoners coming here, as voiced by the men working on this station, is, that a rumour has spread that there men going to South Georgia for the whaling season, and the camps are to be left to get along as best they can.

I cannot think that the rumour is true, or that the Government has so little regard for the farming industry, as to let potential labour leave these Islands for employment elsewhere, when they might be employed with greater advantage on the farms.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. H. Clement*

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EVACUATION OF STANLEY IN THE EVENT OF AN  
ENEMY ATTACK WITHOUT WARNING.

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1. The most likely time for an enemy attack to take place would be dawn, and the time of its duration whether successful or not would be a matter of hours, say not more than three or four.
2. There would be no time for evacuation by sea.
3. Apart from the danger of shell and machine gun fire etc. the possibility of fire especially on a windy day would make it desirable that women, children and elderly men should leave the town at once.
4. For this purpose motor vehicles will be made available to transport Evacuees to various points of safety between Stanley and the ends of the roads leading to the Two Sisters, Pony's Pass, and Eliza Cove.
5. As it is most likely that Evacuees would return to the Town soon after the completion of any possible military or naval action, probably before night-fall, it does not seem desirable that they should, in the main, attempt to go farther afield than the ends of the roads aforementioned.
6. The distance between the Sisters and the Estancia is considered too great for any but the strongest women and children to attempt on foot especially if the weather is unsettled.
7. Bender's Woolshed would afford temporary shelter for some, as would Browning's Woolshed on the Pony's Pass road.
8. It is considered that places of comparative safety could be quickly reached by people on foot in peat banks immediately behind the Town, and as many as possible might be recommended to take this course.
9. Rations calculated to be sufficient for at least 24 hours should be carried by everyone, and warmest clothing should be worn.
10. Two Wardens will be allotted to each of the four main streets running East and West, and it will be the duty of these officers to use to the best advantage the vehicles provided, for the quiet and orderly transport of the Evacuees.

The/

The streets are :- 1. Surf Bay Road

2. Davis Street

3. John Street

4. Ross Road.

The Wardens, eight in number and one motor driver, will be found from the Civilian Employes of the Agricultural Department, thus leaving all Defence Force members free for military duties.

11. A suitable officer will be appointed to assist the Police to direct Motor and Pedestrian traffic to allotted destinations.



H.C.V.

In file - a scheme of vaccination  
prepared by Capt. Weir at my request  
It shd. be circulated for next meeting  
of Defence Committee to O.C.D.F. + Capt. Head.

H.H.H. - 23/4/39

Stanley  
Falkland Isles

2nd December. 1939

To the Hon Colonial Secretary

Sir,

I am writing to ask you, if the Government could not arrange to provide the means, and make arrangements, for the return of my wife and family to Stanley

The position of my wife is most unsatisfactory she informs me that she & the children are short of clothes & boots, & there appears to be no hope of a boat for a considerable time.

My wife was also refused a passage by Lieut-Commander Goddard.

Apart from the fact that the position of my wife is unsatisfactory, I find it quite impossible on wages to keep two homes & there seems to be no reason to keep them any longer out of Stanley

at Dawsons

I hope, Sir, you will place my position, and the unsatisfactory <sup>state</sup> of my wife and family, before His Excellency the Governor, and trust that he will give the necessary instructions for their return as I can see no reason for their continued absence. and I find it impossible to provide the money to keep my family in camp, and myself in Stanley

I trust, Sir, that the request contained in this letter, will lead to a speedy return of my family to Stanley

I am, Sir

Your obedient servant  
A. R. M. Saren

CS  
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(37)  
No.212.

From S.O.(I) Montevideo.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 13th December, 19 39. Time : 1134.

Received : 15th December, 19 39 Time : 1215.

VERY URGENT. IMMEDIATE.

To all N.C.S.Officers and Reporting Officers East Coast of South America from Staff Officer (Intelligence) Montevideo.

Comodore reports Pocket Battleship 034 degrees South 049 degrees West course 275. Suspend all sailings until further notice.

1037/13.

No. 84.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
14th December, 1939.

It is hereby notified, for general information, that if it is found possible the s.s. "Lafonia" will call at certain Ports on the East and West Falkland on her way from Montevideo for the purpose of bringing in persons who were evacuated and wish to return to Stanley.

The Government will pay the passages of evacuees returning.

By Command,



Colonial Secretary.

M.P. S/35/39.

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

**SENT.**

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

14/12/39.

To

POLE-EVANG

PORT HOWARD.

IF IT IS FOUND PRACTICABLE FOR LAFONIA TO CALL AT PORT HOWARD TO  
BRING IN EVACUEES WILL YOU INTER VESSEL.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

6/35/39.

14th December,

39.

Sir,

Red 36

With reference to your letter of 2nd December, 1939, I have to inform you that endeavours are being made for the s.s. "LaFonia" to call for persons evacuated from Stanley on her return from Montevideo.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W.H.*

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. A. R. McLaren,  
STANLEY.

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 39.

(41)

The Hon. Colonial Secretary

Sir

The following people  
are on our Station -

Mrs McLaren & children

James Binnie

Mrs J. Binnie & children

Mrs T. Lee & children

Mrs Goodwin & children

Mrs Whitney & children

are at Packer & to whom

we are supplying

Stores to -

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

W B R Evans



8/35/39.

16th December,

59.

Sir,

With reference to our conversation regarding the possibility of the s.s. "LaFonia" calling at certain ports on the East and West Falkland on her return voyage from Montevideo for the purpose of bringing in evacuees, I have the honour to request that you will inform me when you are in a position to do so whether it will be possible for calls to be made and, if so, at what places.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*meH*  
Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
The Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,  
STANLEY.

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DECODE.

No. 336

TELEGRAM.

From ~~B.N.A. Buenos Aires at Montevideo.~~

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 17th October, 19 20 Time : 1526.

Received : 17th October, 19 20 Time :

URGENT. Most immediate. B N A

Admiralty requested \_\_\_\_\_ ? Rear Admiral S.A.B. B.N.A.  
Buenos Aires from B.N.A. Buenos Aires at Montevideo.

German armed ship ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE leaving harbour.

1917/17.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 339.

From S.O.I. Montevideo.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 17th December, 19 39. Time : 1832.

Received : 17th December, 19 39. Time :

Immediate D N R

Rear Admiral S.A.D. From S.O. (1) Montevideo.

German ship "TACOMA" weighing cables.

1020/17.

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(45)  
No. 342.

TELEGRAM.

From B.N.A. Buenos Aires at Montevideo.

To His Excellency the Governor.

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Despatched : 17th December, 19 39 Time : 2010

Received : 17th December, 19 39 Time : 2115.

B K R Urgent. Very urgent. Most immediate.

Admiralty repeated \_\_\_\_\_ ? Rear Admiral S.A.D B.N.A Buenos Aires asst. Naval Attache Rio de Janeiro from B.N.A. Buenos Aires at Montevideo.

German Armoured Ship AD ISAL GMSF ERBE turned West

German ship "LASH" working cables.

1939/17

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TELEGRAM.

(46)  
No. 336.

From S.O.(I) Montevideo.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 17th December, 19 39 Time : 1700.

Received : 17th December, 19 39. Time :

Rear Admiral commanding S.A.D. from S.O.(I) Montevideo.

German Armoured ship ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE has landed this afternoon Sunday 32 wounded who have (been taken?) to Military Hospital.

1700/17.

Dec. AN.

TELEGRAM.

No. 337.

From B.N.A. Buenos Aires at Montevideo.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 17th December, 19 39. Time : 1745

Received : 17th December, 19 39 Time : 1720.

B N R Urgent Most Immediate.

Admiralty repeated to \_\_\_\_\_? Rear Admiral commanding South American Division, British Naval Attache Buenos Aires, Assistant Naval Attache Rio de Janeiro from British Naval Attache at Montevideo.

Over 700 men and baggage with some provisions have now been transferred from German Armoured ship ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE to German ship "TACOMA"

An indication that German Armoured ship ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE may scuttle herself is that a Motor Launch has been lowered fuelled hoisted and there has been knocking derricks topped up and slings that also German owned tug and lighters have left Buenos Aires this morning Sunday for Recalada.

As pressing for internment German ship "TACOMA" on grounds she is now Naval transport.

German Armoured ship ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE now weighting cables.

1720/17.

Dec. AM  
JEM

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From.....

Monte Video

To.....

H.E.

349  
Urgent

Despatched :

2150/17

19

Time :

BNR

Received :

0015/18

19

Time :

Admiralty repeated E in C S. Africa and Rear Admiral SAD from  
BRAMA at Monte Video

German A.S.Graf Spee crew in German ship TACOMA are being  
transferred to Argentine lighter.

2107/17

JMH

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Monte Video

344

To H.M. The Governor

Despatched : 2035/17 19 Time :

Received : 2123/17 19 Time :

Graf Spee has blown herself up 2254. roughly 6 miles from  
Monte Video Harbour. British Naval Attache.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Pole-Evans, Fox Bay,

*To* Colonial Secretary.

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*Despatched* : 16th December, 19 39. *Time* : 0900.

*Received* : 18th December, 19 39. *Time* : 1500.

Your message 14th I am extremely grateful for I will  
certainly enter vessel.

POLE EVANS.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 335.

From S.O. (I) Montevideo.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 17th December, 19 39. Time : 1635.

Received : 17th December, 19 39. Time :

Admiralty reported to ? Rear Admiral S.A.D.  
B.N.A. Buenos Aires, Assist. Naval Attache Rio de Janeiro  
from S.O. (I) Montevideo.

Between 300 and 400 men from German Armoured ship  
ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE are being transferred to German Ship  
"TAUCHER".

Further developments will be reported as soon as  
possible.

15/12/17.

Dec. All.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Colonial Secretary,

*To* Mr. PoleEvans, Port Howard.

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*Despatched:* 20th December, 1939. *Time:* ...

*Received:* ... .. 19 ... *Time:* ...

Your telegram 16th December request that vessel be  
despatched with as little delay as possible.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

MV

H.E.

520

BNR

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RAC BAD from SOI Monte Video.

My 2052/20 ----

Report from Assistant NA RIO begins--

Secret source A2 neutral in contact with German commerce and shipping states that Germans at Rio are buying no commodities other than fuel oil all shipping convoy plans having been wrecked by failure of G.S. Graf Spee. They await further instructions from Germany. Repeatedly declared in 2 intercommunicating German circles that the oil fuel is for G.A. Admiral Scheer or other warship on the way. Nazis received a telegram from Berlin 21st. Dec. Quote "German goods for South America now on way in South Atlantic" Ends

1816/24

RETURN TO STANLEY OF PERSONS EVACUATED.

Y.E.

Many people I understand wish to return to Stanley by the present round trip of the s.s. "Lafonia". The vessel calls at Salvador Waters on the outward trip this means that persons from there will be some time on the ship and in consequence passages plus victualling will be expensive.

Those who wish to come now instead of waiting for a more direct opportunity might perhaps have their passages paid but not victualling ?

*MCH*  
C.S.  
31.12.39.

I quite agree.  
Will you please have this telephoned at once to Salvador. Govt is not prepared to return the evacuees until there is an opportunity for a direct passage, but will pay fares only if any wish to come in who were evacuated.  
F. I. C. ok. also be informed

*[Signature]* 1/1/39

PORT HOWARD,  
WEST FAULKLANDS,  
S. AMERICA.

Dec 22nd. 1939.

Dear Sir,

In reference to Mrs Whitney's Store account we beg to forward this to date & will be glad if you will have the money owing, placed to our Credit with the Falkland Island Co., Ltd., & notify us regards this.

I am instructed to inform you of this firms appreciation with the way you have dealt with the subject of getting these people into Stanley for Christmas.

I have the honour, to be sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES LOWE & CO. LTD.,

John Pole Evans Manager.

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Original

PORT HOWARD,

WEST FALKLANDS,

Mrs Whitney

October

1939

Dr. to J. L. WALDRON, LTD.

Grt	18	1 Tin	Cocoa	2	5
		" "	Baking Powder	1	4
		" "	Jam	1	4
		" "	Marmalade	1	4
		" "	Pepper	1	4
		" "	Butter	2	2
		" Bar	Soap	1	1
		" Packet	Candles	1	1
	20 lbs		Sugar	3	7
				16	2

Grt	28	20 lbs	Sugar	4	-
		2 "	Tea	5	-
		1 Tin	Jam	1	4
		" "	Marmalade	1	4
		" "	Quaker Oats	1	5
		2 "	Butter	4	4
		1 Packet	Salt	-	3
		" "	Candles	1	1
				15	2

Carried forward. £ 1 15 2

Mrs Whitney

Original.

PORT HOWARD,

WEST FALKLANDS,

2/. (58)

Mrs W Whitney

November

1922

Dr. to J. L. WALDRON, LTD.

Brought forward. £1 15 2

Nov	4	1 tin	Cookers Oats	1	5	
		" "	Baking Powder	1	4	
		" "	Apple Rings	4	10	
		" "	Butter	2	2	
		1 Packet	Soap	1	3	
		" "	Persil		7	
		1 Bag	Flour = 100 lbs.	18	6	

£3 5 3

Nov	11	10 lbs	Sugar	2	-	
		1 tin	Cookers Oats	1	5	
		" "	Syrup	1	7	
		" lb	Tea	2	5	
		1 Packet	Salt		3	
		" "	Persil.		4	

Carried forward

£3 13 6

Mrs Whitney



Original

PORT HOWARD,

3/ (57)

WEST FALKLANDS,

Mrs W Whitney

November

1939

Dr. to J. L. WALDRON, LTD.

Brought forward £ 3 13 6

Nov 18 10 lbs Sugar  
1 " Tea  
2 " Rice  
1 Tin Spice  
" " Ginger  
" " Cocoa  
" " Jam  
" " Marmalade  
" " Butter  
" " Quakers Oats  
" " Syrup  
" " Raisins  
" Packet Persic  
" " Macaroni  
" Bottle Limetta

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Nov 25 1 Pair Boots  
10 lbs Sugar  
1 " Tea  
" Tin Baking Powder  
" " Syrup  
" " Cocoa  
" Packet Macaroni  
" " Asprais  
2 Pair Socks

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Mrs W Whitney

Carried forward £ 6 6 6

Original

PORT HOWARD,

WEST FALKLANDS,

4/50

Mrs W. H. Hiney

December

1939

Dr. to J. L. WALDRON, LTD.

Brought forward £ 6 6 6

Dec

2 1 Pr Childrens Rubbers  
 2" Socks  
 10 lb Sugar  
 1 1/2 in Bakers Oats  
 2" Cocoa  
 1 Packet Salt  
 1 " Sunlight Soap  
 1 " Persil  
 1 Bottle Pickles

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Dec

4 5 lb Sugar  
 1 " Tea  
 2" Rice  
 1 1/2 in Syrup  
 2" Bakers Oats  
 1 " Baking Powder  
 1 Custard Powder  
 1 Packet Macaroni  
 1 Bottle Sauce.

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Carried forward.

7 19 -

Mrs W. H. Hiney

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PORT HOWARD,

WEST FALKLANDS,

54/ (55)

Mrs W. Hutney

December

1939

Dr. to J. L. WALDRON, LTD.

Brought forward. £ 7 19 -

Dec.

16

5 lb Sugar  
1 Bottle Keros  
1 tin Nixolene  
1 lb Tea  
1 tin Syrup  
2 1/2 lbs

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2 8

obtained ~~from~~ Total.

£ 8 8 1.

I have ~~from~~ the above mentioned goods  
from Messrs James Lovegrove Waldron Ltd.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs W. Hutney

8/35/39.

10th January,

40.

Sir,

*Red60*  
With reference to your letter of the 22nd of December, 1959, I have the honour to inform you that the sum of £8. 8s. 1d. has been paid to your credit with the Falkland Islands Co., Ltd., in payment for stores supplied by your firm to Mrs. Whitney.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W.H.*  
Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
Port Howard Station,  
WEST FALKLAND.

The Hon Col Secretary

Sir,

(62)

Stanley.

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 1940.

I hereby enclose an account for which I do not think I am liable. My wife & family were advised by the Government, to go to the camp as evacuees, on the understanding, that their fares would be paid & if they took enough food for the voyage, their board, in the camp, would be paid for 2 weeks. They were left out there for 4 months without any attempt being made to bring them back. The only chance of a direct run in during that period, they were advised by the Government not to come in, as there was just as much danger Stanley as before, & as I had 16 weeks board to pay in the camp, I honestly do not think I am called upon to pay the extra expense incurred on a 3 weeks' trip round the West Falkland, when they were advised to return to Stanley.

I am

Sir,

yours respectfully

Geo. H. Deborne.  
— F.

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S/35/59.

26th February,

40.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 18th of February, 1940, I am directed to inform you that it was not possible for the Government to pay more than 3rd Class fares for evacuees to and from Stanley.

2. The arrangement made with the Falkland Islands Company, Limited, was that any person wishing to return to Stanley by the long trip would have their passage paid but not victualling. No person was advised by the Government to return to Stanley.

3. The account forwarded by you is returned herewith.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*MCH*

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. G. H. Osborne,  
STANLEY.

Osborn Cottage

Stanley Feb 24. 1940

to

The Hon Col Secretary's

Dear Sir

I am enclosing this account due to the Falkland Island Company for your information as my wife went to the camps on the advice of the Government on the understanding that the fare would be paid both ways by the Government. Therefore I do not consider myself liable to pay the extra expenses by taken my wife all around the west Falkland when she was advised to return to Stanley.

I am Dear Sir

Yours respectfully

The Hon Colonial Secretary  
port StanleyJohn J. Short  
Stanley

S/35/39.

27th February,

40.

Sir,

*Red 64.*  
With reference to your letter of the 24th of February, 1940, I am directed to inform you that it was not possible for the Government to pay more than 3rd Class fares for evacuees to and from Stanley.

2. The arrangement made with the Falkland Islands Company, Limited, was that any person wishing to return to Stanley by the long trip would have their passage paid but not victualling. No person was advised by the Government to return to Stanley.

3. The account forwarded by you is returned herewith.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*McH*

Colonial Secretary.

John F. Short,  
STANLEY.



(66)

S/36/39-

Stanley  
26/2/40.

The  
Hon. Col Secretary.  
Sir

I am attaching an  
account received from the Falkland Islands Co.  
And also a letter received from Mr. Newing  
of the Evacuation Committee.

I am requesting that the Government  
settle the account for the reasons  
stated in the letter sent to Mr.  
Newing.

I am  
Sir

Yours Obedient-Servant  
Capt. A. R. Peck  
F. J. D. F.

S/35/39.

1st March,

40.

Sir,

*Red 66.*

With reference to your letter of the 26th of February, 1940, I am directed to inform you that it was not possible for the Government to pay more than 3rd Class fares for evacuees to and from Stanley.

2. The arrangement made with the Falkland Islands Company, Limited, was that any person wishing to return to Stanley by the long trip would have their passage paid but not victualling.

3. The account forwarded by you is returned herewith.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Met*

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. A. R. Peck,  
STANLEY.