

C.S.

Secret.

WAR/W2H/4#10

1940

No.

S/17/40

Rear Admiral S.A.D.

SUBJECT.

1940

14<sup>th</sup> March.

Minefield.

Previous Paper.

Draft orders for the York Point-  
Arrow Point Minefield.

MINUTES.

1-2 Letter from Rear Admiral S.A.D 14.3.40

Yh.

Submitted.

MCH  
C.S.

15.3.40.

Pl. ask O.C. D.F. for his  
instructions

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O.C. Defence Force.

Referred please.

MCH  
C.S.

16.3.40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

Subsequent Paper.

Submitted that a copy of the draft orders be  
given to me for issue to W.C.C. local  
In conjunction with No 10 all shipping has  
been warned a certificate obtained from owners  
as clearing without further  
W.C.C. 18.3.40.

H.

Submitted. May a copy  
of the Secret document be  
issued?

meH  
cl  
18.5.40

Certainly

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Copy of C made and sent to  
Defence Force.

meH  
cl  
18.5.40

Letter to Rear Admiral, S.A.D., of 19/3/40. 3.

H.

Letter Submitted

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19.5.40

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H.M.S. "HAWKINS",

14th March 1940.

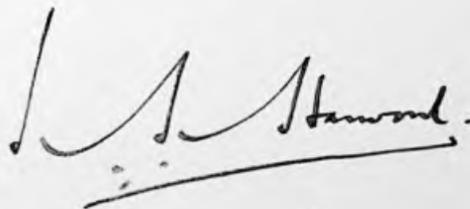
No. 0312A.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration draft orders for the York Point - Arrow Point Minefield.

If you concur, it is requested that these orders may be issued to the Watchkeepers at Arrow Point Battery.

I have the honour to be,  
Your Excellency's obedient servant,



REAR ADMIRAL.

His Excellency  
the Governor of the Falkland Islands,  
Government House,  
PORT STANLEY.  
(Copy to: Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
Falkland Islands).

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ORDERS FOR MINEFIELD WATCHKEEPERS AT ARROW POINT  
BATTERY.

1. A line of mines Type M.B. has been laid covering the entrance to the boom between York and Arrow Points. The control cable has been landed at Arrow Point.
2. The Control switch for the approach minefield is marked "LIVE" and "SAFE". When it is to "LIVE" the mines are dangerous, when it is to "SAFE", the mines are safe.
3. The Control Switch is not to be "LIVE" unless there is a watchkeeper awake at Arrow Point Battery.
4. When watch is being kept at Arrow Point, the switch is normally to be kept "LIVE".
5. When a friendly ship is between the bearings of Kelly Rocks and Ordnance Point, the switch is to be put "SAFE" and left "SAFE" until she is outside these bearings.
6. It is unlikely that the firing device will be actuated by small or wooden-hulled local craft, but for greater safety, the same precautions are to be observed for these as for ships.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
19th March, 1940.

FAULKLAND ISLANDS.

N.F. No. S/17/40.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 0312A of the 14th March, 1940, submitting for my consideration draft orders for the York Point - Arrow Point Minefield.

2. I concur with the orders, and have caused them to be issued to the Officer Commanding the Defence Force for necessary action.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) *H. Hemmick Heaton*

Governor.

The Rear Admiral,  
Commanding the South American Division,  
H.M.S. "Hawkins".