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MISCELLANEOUS
(Armistice)
(Miscellaneous)

19 43.

No. 137/43.

H.E. the Governor.

SUBJECT.

19 43.

8th September.

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ARMISTICE WITH ITALY. AND THEIR
DECLARATION OF WAR WITH GERMANY

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 8th September, 19 43. *Time:* ...

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

No. 183. On this great occasion of victory over the
Italians may I be permitted to submit to His Majesty the
humble congratulations of the Falkland Islands and myself
and a fresh expression of our loyalty and affection.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

BROADCASTING NOTICE.

The following is the text of a telegram which was despatched by His Excellency this afternoon to the Secretary of State for the Colonies :-

On this great occasion of victory over the Italians may I be permitted to submit to His Majesty the humble congratulations of the Falkland Islands and myself and a fresh expression of our loyalty and affection.

Secretariat,
STANLEY.
8th September, 1943.

8th September, 1943.

Dear Colonel Hynes,

On this great occasion of the unconditional surrender of Italy I should like to take the opportunity through you to congratulate the Army for their magnificent work. We always have been proud of your achievements and today we are prouder still.

May God continue as your Guardian and be with you until the day of your undoubted conquest of the greater and more formidable enemy.

Yours sincerely,

~~K. G. BRADLEY~~ *K.G.B.*

Colonel W. H. Hynes,
Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Force,
STANLEY.

8th September, 1943.

Dear Commander Martin,

On this great occasion of the unconditional surrender of Italy I should like to take the opportunity through you to congratulate the Navy for their magnificent work. We always have been proud of your achievements and today we are prouder still.

May God continue as your Guardian and be with you until the day of your undoubted conquest of the greater and more formidable enemy.

Yours sincerely,

~~K. G. BRADLEY~~ *Awc*

Commander R. B. Martin, R.N.,
Naval Officer-in-Charge,
STANLEY.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 206.

From SECRETARIAL OFFICE OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 8th September 19 45. Time: 18.15.

Received: 8th September 19 45. Time:

MOST IMMEDIATE.

Armistice with Italy being announced by General Eisenhower at 17 30 today. Text will follow. Please make no announcement pending further instructions.

Secretary of State.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 240.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 8th September 19 43. Time: 20.10.

Received: 9th September 19 43. Time:

MOST IMMEDIATE.

CIRCULAR No. 88. In case not received from other sources following is text of Eisenhowers announcement regarding conclusion of hostilities Italy. Begins. The Italian Government has surrendered its armed forces unconditionally, as Allied Commander in Chief I have granted a military armistice the terms of which have been approved by the Governments of the United Kingdom, United States of America and Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, thus I am acting in the interests of the United Nations. The Italian Government has bound itself to abide by these terms without reservation. The armistice was signed by my Representative and the Representative of Marshal Badoglio and becomes effective this instant instant. Hostilities between the Armed Forces of the United Nations and those of Italy terminate at once. All Italians who now act to help eject the German aggressors from Italian soil will have the assistance ^{and support} of the United Nations. Ends. Following is text of message by Marshal Badoglio to Italian people begins. The Italian Government recognising the impossibility of continuing the unequal struggle against the overwhelming power of the enemy with the object of avoiding further and more grievous harm to the Nation has requested an armistice from General Eisenhower Commander-in Chief of the Anglo American Allied Forces. This request has been granted. The Italian forces will therefore cease all acts of hostility against the Anglo American Forces wherever they may be, they will however oppose attacks from any other quarter. Ends.

Secretary of State.

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TELEGRAM.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 8th September 19 43. Time: 20.12

Received: 8th September 19 43. Time:

MOST IMMEDIATE.

No. 89. With reference to my telegram No. 87 Circular I942.

Termination of hostilities with Italy does not imply that Italy ceases to be an enemy country and the formal state of war continues until the signature of the final Peace Treaty. All Administrative Commercial measures taken on the entry of Italy into the War should therefore remain in force pending instructions to the contrary.

Secretary of State.

Colonial Office Out Table.



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Office of
The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
Falklands.

9th September, 1943.

Your Excellency,

Thank you for your message to the
Royal Navy, which I have passed to the Admiralty and
the Commander-in-Chief, South Atlantic.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. B. Mackie".

~~Commander, R.N.~~
(Naval Officer-in-Charge)

His Excellency The Governor,
Government House.



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Headquarters,
Falkland Islands
Force.

9th September, 43.

Dear Sir Alan,

On behalf of the Army, I thank
you for your message of high appreciation
of the Army's victories, in which all
ranks here take great pride.

The victories in the Middle East
and in Europe will give us all added
stimulus for the great tasks which still
lie before us.

*Yours sincerely,
B. H. H. H. H.*

To:- His Excellency,
The Governor of the Falkland Islands.

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Office of
The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
Falklands.

11th September, 1943

Your Excellency,

In reply to your message of appreciation
of the efforts of the Navy I have the honour to forward the
attached signal from the Commander-in-Chief, South Atlantic.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient servant

RB Martin

Commander, Royal Navy.

His Excellency The Governor,
Government House.

NAVAL MESSAGE.

NOTED 11 SEP 1943

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Originators Instructions:
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For Exercise).

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO: BRIC F.I. (R) COMBAT

FROM: C-in-C S.A.

Please pass following to H.E. The Governor:

Your message of congratulations to the Navy on the capture of the remainder
of Italy is much appreciated. All on the South Atlantic Station,
although actual fighting has not reached the Falklands, we know the great
contributions the Islands are making towards the war effort and we admire the
fortitude with which the Islanders have faced the isolation and difficulties which
the war has brought upon them.

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TO:

NOIC F.I. (R) C-in-C N.A.

FROM:

ADMIRALTY

Your 091352. Request you will express to His Excellency Their Lordships

appreciation of his kind message which will be promulgated in Fleet Orders.

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Your Excellency

Admiralty's 111503 passed to you.

R. B. H. H. H.
Commander, R.N.
(Naval Officer-in-Charge)

His Excellency The Governor,
Government House.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 143.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 13th September 19 43. Time 22.30.

Received: 14th September 19 43. Time:.....

Circular No.90. In case not received from other sources following is text in full of armistice with Italy. Begins. (I) Immediate cessation of all hostile activity by Italian armed forces. (2) Italy will use its best endeavours to deny to Germany facilities that might be used against the United Nations. (3) All prisoners or internees of the United Nations immediately to be turned over to the Allied Commander in Chief and none of these may now or at any time be evacuated to Germany. (4) Immediate transfer of the Italian Fleet and Italian aircraft to such points as may be designated by the Allied Commander in Chief with details of disarmament so prescribed. (5) Italian merchant shipping may be requisitioned by the Allied Commander in Chief to meet the need of the Military and Naval programme. (6) Immediate surrender of Corsica and all Italian territory both of islands and mainland to the Allies for such use as operational bases and other purposes as the Allies may see fit. (7) Immediate guarantee of free use by the Allies of all air fields and naval ports in Italian territory regardless of the rate of evacuation of Italian territory by German forces these ports and fields to be protected by Italian Armed Forces until this function is taken over by the Allies. (8) The Immediate withdrawal to Italy of Italian Armed Forces from all participation in the current war from whatever area wherein they may now be engaged. (9) Guarantee by the Italian Government that if necessary it will employ all available armed forces to ensure prompt and exact compliance with all provisions of the armistice. (10) The Commander in Chief of the Allied Forces reserved to himself the right to take any measures which in his opinion may be necessary for the protection and interests of the Allied Forces for the prosecution of the war and the Italian Government binds itself to take such administrative or other action as the Commander in Chief may require and in particular the Commander in Chief will establish allied military government over such parts of Italian territory as he may deem necessary in the military interests of the Allied Nations. (II) The Commander in Chief Allied Forces will have full right to impose the measures of disarmament, demobilisation, demilitarisation. (12) Other conditions of political, economic and financial nature with which Italy will be bound to comply will be transmitted at a later date. (13) The conditions of the present armistice will not be made public without the prior approval of the Allied Commander in Chief. The English version will be considered the official text. Ends.

Secretary of State.

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From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.
To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR. M.P. 133/43.

Despatched : 15th September 1943. *Time* : 11.20.

Received : 16th September 1943. *Time* :

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No. 85.

Your telegram No. 185 has been laid before the King who desires that an expression of His sincere thanks for the message contained therein may be conveyed to you and people of the Falkland Islands.

Secretary of State.

C.T.C.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
22nd September, 1943.

His Excellency the Governor directs the publication, for general information, of the following telegrams exchanged between His Excellency and the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the occasion of the Italian Armistice :-

From His Excellency the Governor to the
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

"On this great occasion of victory over the Italians may I
"be permitted to submit to His Majesty the humble congratulations
"of the Falkland Islands and myself and a fresh expression of our
"loyalty and affection".

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies
to His Excellency the Governor.

"Your telegram has been laid before the King who desires
"that an expression of his sincere thanks for the message
"contained therein may be conveyed to you and people of the
"Falkland Islands".

2. The following are the texts of telegrams received on the same occasion from Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and the Commander-in-Chief, South Atlantic, in reply to a message of congratulations sent by His Excellency to the Forces :-

From the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

"Request you will express to His Excellency Their Lordships
"appreciation of his kind message which will be promulgated in
"Fleet Orders."

From the Commander-in-Chief, South Atlantic.

"Your message of congratulations to the Navy on the
"of the surrender of Italy is much appreciated by all on
"South Atlantic Station.

"Although actual fighting has not reached the Falkland Islands
"know the great contributions the Islands are making to the
"war effort and we admire the fortitude with which they
"have faced the isolation and difficulties which the war has
"brought upon them".

By Command,

Kenneth B. ...
Colonial Secretary

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No. 296.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

M.P. 137/43.

Despatched: 2nd October 19 43. Time: 21.15.

Received: 5th October 19 43. Time:

IMPORTANT. Circular? No. 97. SECRET. With reference to my Telegram
No. 89 Circular.

Red 7.

Policy of His Majesty's Government towards Italians voluntarily arriving in British Territory since the surrender must necessarily be somewhat uncertain in the present political situation of Italy itself. Pending the decision on certain major questions of policy the following procedure should be adopted as temporary and provisional measures subject to confirmation or modification later.

2. Civilians other than merchant seamen. Civilian new - comers should be interned on arrival under Royal prerogative as enemy aliens pending examination of their bona fides from the point of view of willingness to collaborate in the Allied War Effort. Reason of internment should be explained and treatment during internment should be as lenient as security requirements permit, Those who can safely be released and can maintain themselves should be released subject to the minimum restrictions compatible with security and their own personal safety.
3. Merchant seamen and service personnel whether new arrivals or not are legally Prisoners of War but extent to which they should be treated as such is under consideration. Meanwhile following provisional arrangements for new arrivals in these categories have been agreed by the United Kingdom departments concerned.
4. Naval personnel. Naval Commanders in Chief have been instructed to regard ships and their crews are being kept on their ships under Italian flag. Naval Commanders in Chief have discretion to permit such personnel to go to a 9938 it could be escorted where necessary. Treatment of such personnel should therefore be left to the Naval Commanders in Chief.
5. Merchant seamen. It is desirable so far as possible they should be dealt with by the Naval Commanders in Chief in way as Naval personnel, subject to their satisfying appropriate Security Authorities of their intention to co-operate. Italian merchant seamen recommended 3099 interned may be removed from their ships and interned
6. Escaped personnel. Should be treated as far as possible on the same lines as Naval personnel i.e. left to local Air Authorities where these exist, otherwise left to local Military Authorities.
7. Military personnel. Similar treatment of Italian Military personnel arriving voluntarily since the surrender of Italy should be left to local British Military Authorities.
8. Qualification relates to Italians voluntarily arriving in British Territory since the surrender. Policy as regards Italian Civilian Nationals already in internment before the surrender is not repeat not affected. In other words, P for continue interned or restriction should be individual reliability in each case, although it is appreciated ~~ixix~~ that the changed situation may well have appreciable bearing on the original reason for internment.

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9. Any expense incurred in respect of Civilians other than Merchant seamen should be borne by the Colonial Government in the first instance. Generally the question of incidence of the cost of all categories is under consideration.

Secretary of State.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 162.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

<i>Despatched :</i>	13th October	19 43.	<i>Time :</i>	15.15.
<i>Received :</i>	14th October	19 13.	<i>Time :</i>

MOST IMMEDIATE.

Circular No. 102. MOST SECRET.

At 16.00 hours British Summer Time October 13th Badoglio is expected to declare War on Germany. If such announcement is made statement of the terms contained in my immediately following Telegram Circular will be made simultaneously in London, Washington and Moscow.

2. Pending further notification this does not repeat not affect instructions already sent in Circulars/ Telegrams No. 89 and 97.

Secretary of State.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 188.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 13th October 19 43. Time: 17.00.

Received: 14th October 19 43. Time:

Red 16. MOST IMMEDIATE. Circular No. 103. MOST SECRET. My immediately preceding Telegram following is the text draft statement begins.

The Governments of Great Britain, the United States and Soviet Union acknowledge the position of the Royal Italian Government as stated by Marshal Badoglio and accept active co-operation of the Italian Nation and Armed Forces as a Co-belligerent in the War against Germany. The military events since September 8th and brutal maltreatment by the Germans of the Italian population, culminating in the Italian Declaration of War against Germany have in fact made Italy a Co-belligerent and American British and Soviet Governments will continue to work with the Italian Government on that basis. The three Governments acknowledge the Italian Governments pledge to submit to the will of the Italian people after the Germans have been driven from Italy and it is understood nothing can detract from the absolute and untrammelled right of the people of Italy by constitutional means to decide on democratic form of Government they will eventually have.

The relations of Co-belligerency between the Governments of Italy and the United Nations Governments cannot of itself affect the terms of the recently signed (terms) which retain their full force and can only be adjusted by agreement between the Allied Governments in the light by which the Italian Government may be able to afford to the United Nation's cause. Ends.

Secretary of State.

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