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SUBJECT.

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9th December

Previous Paper.

Telegrams exchanged between H. E.
the Governor and British Vice-Consul
Punta Arenas on the Occasion of the
10th Anniversary of Falkland Islands Battle.

MINUTES.

*Telegram from British Vice Consul, Punta Arenas
of 8th December 1924 — Encl ①*

*Telegram to British Vice Consul of
9th December 1924 — " ②*

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*Telegram from Brit: Vice Consul, Punta Arenas
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Subsequent Paper.

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(1)

TELEGRAM.

From : The British Vice-Consul, Punta Arenas, Chile.

To : His Excellency the Governor.

Dispatched : 8th December, 1924. Time.10.20
am

Received : 9th December, 1924. Time.10.35
am.

GOVERNOR

PORT STANLEY.

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TACLUAOALB BLINTGNULC CLAUT.

Meaning:

British Vice-Consul Ex-Service men British Community
respectfully beg to send Your Excellency and inhabitants
of the Colony hearty good wishes tenth anniversary of
the battle of the Falkland Islands.

British Vice-Consul.

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TELEGRAM.

From : His Excellency the Governor

To : The British Vice-Consul, Punta Arenas, Chile.

Dispatched : 9th December,

192 4. Time. 2.45
pm.

Received :

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BRITCONSUL
PUNTAARENAS.

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UTUYVOGBOV TAGLUAOALB MIDEZUJLIE GUVNEGNUZO

Meaning:

Request you will convey to the ex-Service members of the British community from myself and the people of the Colony our cordial appreciation of your message of good wishes on the tenth anniversary of the memorable victory.

Governor.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

9th December, 1924.

The following telegrams exchanged between His Excellency the Governor and the British Vice-Consul, Punta Arenas, are published for general information :

From British Vice-Consul to the Governor.

"British Vice-Consul and ex-service men of British Community respectfully beg to send Your Excellency and inhabitants of the Colony hearty good wishes tenth anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands."

From the Governor to British Vice-Consul.

"Request you will convey to the ex-service members of the British Community from myself and the people of the Colony our cordial appreciation of your message of good wishes on the tenth anniversary of the memorable victory."

TELEGRAM.

From : The British Vice-Consul, Punta Arenas.

To : His Excellency the Governor.

Dispatched : 12th December,

1924. Time 2 p.m

Received : 13th December,

1924. Time 11.20 a.m.

GOVERNOR

PORT STANLEY

YOPEVIVVOJ IJNUS (? IJNUS) UCOCO CLAUT

Meaning: [Faint text]

With reference to your telegram 9th December last group undecypherable. Please repeat.

British Vice Consul.

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TELEGRAM.

From : ~~His~~ His Excellency the Governor

To : The British Vice-Consul, Punta Arenas.

Dispatched : 16th December, 1924. Time: 3 pm

Received : 1924 Time.

BRITCONSUL
PUNTA ARENAS.

YOPLOKYVOJ IKUJFYBAK IHPAW

MIDDLETON.

Meaning:

With reference to your telegram of 12th December last group should read Governor.

Middleton.

The Church of St. James

PUNTA ARENAS.

THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE FALKLANDS.
FOUGHT AND WON ON DECEMBER 8TH, 1914.

REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

*They took with them their lives, and gave them willingly, asking
for no return.*

HYMNS

G OD save our gracious King, Long live our noble King, God save our King, Send him victorious, Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us, God save our King.	Father, in heaven above, Look on us in Thy love, Make wars to cease, Here—may we firmly stand For Thee and Fatherland; There—join the noble band, Where all is peace. Amen
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There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell
What pains He had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to Heaven,
Saved by His Precious Blood.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin.
He only could unlock the gate,
Of Heaven, and let us in.

Oh, dearly, dearly has He loved,
And we must love Him too,
And trust in His redeeming Blood,
And try His works to do. Amen.

O Valiant Hearts, who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank to war
As who had heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had you gave,
To save mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
While in the frailty of our human clay
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.

Still stands His Cross from that dread hour to this,
Like some bright star above the bright abyss;
Still, through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes
Look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

These were His servants, in His steps they trod,
Following through death the martyr'd Son of God;
Victor He rose: victorious too shall rise
They who have drunk His cup of sacrifice.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our Dead,
Whose Cross has bought them and whose Staff has led—
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing Land
Commits he Children to Thy gracious hand. Amen.

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, Whose voice the waters heard
And hush'd their raging at Thy word,
Who walk'dst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid the storm didst sleep:
Oh hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, Who didst brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour:
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea. Amen

*Rest Eternal; Grant to them, O Lord:
And let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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British Vice-Consulate,
Punta Arenas, Chile.
19th December 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm my telegram of the 8th instant, as follows :-

"British Vice-Consul ex-service men British community respectfully beg to send Your Excellency and inhabitants of Colony hearty good wishes 10th anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands".

2. I regret that in this telegram I omitted the word "and" between "ex-service men" and "British community".

3. I beg to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's telegram of the 9th instant, as follows :-

"Request you will convey to ex service members British community from myself and people of the Colony our cordial appreciation of your message of good wishes 10th anniversary memorable victory".

4. In view of my omission, referred to in paragraph 2, I have taken the liberty to alter the copy of Your Excellency's telegram as sent to the local press. The amended copy reads as follows :-

"Request you will convey to ex service men and British Community (rest as in paragraph 3).

5. I sincerely

H. E. The GOVERNOR
AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS,

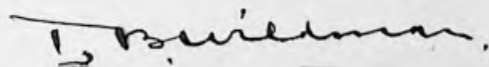
S T A N L E Y, F.I.s.

5. I sincerely trust that Your Excellency has no objections to my action. The whole idea of commemorating in Punta Arenas the 10th anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands was to endeavour to bring home to the British Community here and more especially the Falkland Islanders, who have made their home in this Territory, their dependency on the Empire. The ex-service men thoroughly realise this but the civilian element who, generally speaking, did nothing during the war except make money, regard the battles won and the sacrifices made by the fighting forces of the Crown as things quite apart from themselves.

6. While specially mentioning the ex-service men, I also wished to associate the rest of the community with the message, in order that they too might feel that they are part and parcel of the Empire, although they may live on foreign soil.

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7. A special service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving was held on the 7th instant in the local Anglican Church, a full account of which will be found in the "Magellan Times" of the 10th instant. Two copies of the Hymn paper used at this service are forwarded herewith.

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


British Vice-Consul.

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31st December, 24.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to acknowledge and to thank you for your letter MI/846/24 of the 19th of December, with enclosures relative to the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Falkland Islands Battle.

2. I am to confirm my telegram of the 9th of December conveying His Excellency's warm appreciation of the action taken by the British community of Punta Arenas at your instance. The Governor has no doubt that the close ties which unite that community with the people of the Falkland Islands will be strengthened by the incident.

3. I am to add that His Excellency has read with much interest the account of the Memorial Service held in St. James' Church on the 7th of December, and of the presence of the Governor of the Territory and the military and naval commanders.

I have the honour to be,

T. B. WILDMAN, ESQ.,

Sir,

H. B. M. VICE-CONSUL,

Your most obedient servant,

PUNTA ARENAS,

CHILE.

H. Henniker-Heaton.

Colonial Secretary.