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POSTAGE STAMPS -

COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE - F.I. BATTLE.

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER

1212/11

Instructions governing new issue of postage stamps.

276/23.

Restriction of new issue of colonial stamps

O283/A

Postage Stamps - suggested design for new issue.

O283/D

- 1962 Commemorative issue (Radio)

O283/E

- 1963 Commemorative Red Cross issue.

FROM THE SECRETARY FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION



No. CM 20/272/01

6th April, 1962.

C I R C U L A R S A V I N G R A M

90 in 1212/II Colonial Office circular despatch Reference CM 269/01 of the 18th January.

POSTAGE AND REVENUE STAMPS

In paragraph 12 of the memorandum enclosed with the circular despatch under reference it was stated that the Crown Agents had revised their sales and publicity arrangements. As part of this revision they have carried out improvements to their Bulletin, a monthly publication for stamp dealers. They have asked for permission to reproduce occasionally in this magazine stamps in colour. The British Post Office have now agreed on their part to colour reproductions of stamps provided that the reproductions are sufficiently different in size from the original stamps as to avoid any likelihood of comparison with them and appear to be cancelled.

2. It may be that legislation in some overseas territories forbids reproduction in colour of stamps of the territory concerned either in the territory or elsewhere. I should be grateful if you would inform the Crown Agents by the 30th June whether reproduction in colour of the stamps of your territory is objectionable in any way. If they do not hear by the 30th June they will take it that there are no objections.

3. The Crown Agents wish to stress that only occasional reproduction in colour is intended, as the process is too expensive to be used regularly.

SETEC.

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Original filed in CSO 1212/II

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Am CS.

12/12/11

J.G.'s note at 34.

The 50th Anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands will occur on 8th Dec. 1964.

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16.4.63

So. E. submitted
for
16/4/64

F. I. ref: 1212/II

C. O. ref:

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 15th May, 1963.

No. 82 SAVING. COLONY

POSTAGE STAMPS, COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE

The 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands will be on December 8, 1964. This is the Falkland Islands' National Day and December 8 is recognised as a public holiday. The 50th anniversary seems very suitable for a commemorative stamp issue, but I would appreciate your views on whether there would be any political objection to commemorating a defeat of the German navy in this way.

GOVERNOR

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Reply at 5

ur ref. 1212/II



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~~AVI G~~

From the Secretary for Technical Co-operation

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date..... 1 JUL 1963



No. CM 270/48/01 Saving

~~4~~ 4 Your savingram No. 82 of the 15th May.

POSTAGE STAMPS, COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE.

On the assumption that that the stamp will simply commemorate the victory, and not be gratuitously offensive to the Germans, there is no objection to the proposed issue.

S E C T E C

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B.U. for HE: return please

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BU 29.8.63

I think there is mail for this file

no mail
JH
21/6/63

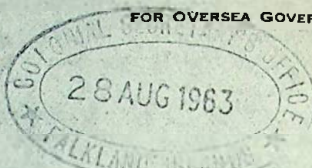
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THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE DATE OF THIS LETTER SHOULD BE QUOTED IN COMMUNICATIONS.

CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

G9/FALK IS 9478



4. MILLBANK.
LONDON, S.W.1.

INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."
TELEGRAM OVERSEA: "CROWN, LONDON S W 1"
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730
TELEX N. 24209

7th August, 1963

Dear Sir,

We have been informed by the Department for Technical Co-operation of their approval for the proposed issue to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands on December 8th 1964. We are, of course, most willing to give any help and assistance in the production of these stamps at all stages, as with the recent British Antarctic and South Georgia definitive issues. We look forward to receiving the design proposed for the stamp or stamps, together with the following details:-

- (a) Values
- (b) Quantities, to which we shall add those for sale from the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau.
- (c) The size of the stamp. If you have no preference we will suggest a suitable size.
- (d) The printing process. Here again, if you have no strong views we will suggest that which is most suitable for reproducing your design.
- (e) Whether you wish the design to be reproduced in one or two colours or in multi-colour.

The reply to (e) has bearing on (d) above, since, for example, the recess process by which both of the above mentioned definitive issues were produced is capable of printing only in one or two colours.

With this information, we shall be able to invite competitive quotations for producing the issue. Incidentally, if you require any assistance in securing suitable material on which the design of the stamps is to be based, or if you wish an artist to prepare a design for your approval, perhaps you will let us know.

Yours faithfully,

for the Crown Agents

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

P.M., Have you any view on a) to d) above, and has a design ever been mentioned please.

L.G.
17.9.63

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CROWN AGENTS FOR OVERSEAS GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

GETANK IS 2478

4 MILLBANK LONDON E.W.1

TELEGRAMS: OVERSEA LONDON E.W.1 TELEPHONE: LONDON 733

H.C.S.

H.E. and S.P.T., did I believe, discuss this issue but I don't know if there were any suggested designs.

For commemorative issues we are permitted up to four stamps to a total value of about 4/-d. Suggested denominations are inland rate, overseas surface rate, overseas airmail rate plus one other. In our case the applied rates would be 1d, 2 1/2d, 6d, 1/-d or 2/-d.

Size, colour, printing process etc. depends a great deal on the subjects we wish to portray. These points could I think be left in the capable hands of the Crown Agents.

The Battle Memorial is perhaps an ideal subject for an issue of this nature but it has unfortunately appeared on three of our previous issues. Admiral Stardee, should I think, appear somewhere on the set. A representation of Port William with the British Fleet is also a possibility.

Quantities, to which we shall add those for sale from the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau.

Postmaster

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Yours faithfully,

for the Crown Agents

The Colonial Secretary, Port Stanley, BARKLAND ISLANDS.

October 22, 1963.

(Dear Ferne,)

Please refer to your letter No. G9/FALK IS 9478 of August 7, about the issue of stamps to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands on December 8, 1964. We propose that this issue should be in the following values - 2½d. 6d. 1/- and 2/-. The designs suggested are :-

- 2½d. HMS Glasgow
- 6d. HMS Kent
- 1/- HMS Invincible
- 2/- Falkland Islands Battle Memorial.

This gives us one of each class of ships which took part in the battle. I am sure that the Admiralty must have photographs of them which they would make available. As to size, I think the stamps should be the same size as that of our definitive issue Birds of the Falklands, with the same Queen's Head and the small St. Edwards Crown above it. The 2/- stamp should be an upright one, as in our 1952 definitive issue. This is the best representation of the Battle Memorial that I have seen, and this representation should be used again. I think the ships should be shown in black, or very dark grey, against a white background, as in the case of our Birds in the definitive issue. We would like the stamps in two colours in the recess process. As to colours, I think the general motif should be red, white and blue. We have the white background and perhaps we could have two shades of red and two shades of blue. But you may perhaps feel that this would not be so attractive to collectors as four different colours, and I would appreciate your views on this point.

The designs are all simple, so I should not think it is necessary to employ an artist this time. Waterlows (De la Rue) made.....

R. FERNE, ESQ.
(Crown Agents,
London)

See 15714

made a very good job of our definitive issue and no doubt they will be tendering with others.

I wrote to you last March about the quality of the paper in Bradbury Wilkinson's production of our British Antarctic Territory issue. I thought this paper was thin and of poor quality, unlike our definitive issue for the Falkland Islands.

As to quantities, we had 250,000 6d. and 200,000 1/- and 2/- for our Radio Commemorative issue. Local sales amounted to 16,000 6d. 12,000 1/- and 11,000 2/-, and I understand that your sales were about 47,000 of each. This new issue might perhaps have rather more appeal, but I would not think that we could hope to sell more than 25,000 6d. and 20,000 1/- and 2/-. You will know best what your own sales are likely to be, but it does seem that we went rather high on the Radio issue.

(Yours sincerely,

Edwin Arrowsmith.)

B. U. for Mr. Thompson to see.
See B1 ^{L.G.}
23.10.63

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Thank you

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Bu. 16.3.64.

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CROWN AGENTS
FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

ADBEY 7730



4, MILLBANK,
WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, S.W.1.

29th November, 1963.

Dear Sir Edwin,

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? With reference to your letter of the 22nd October to Ferne and further to my letter of the 23rd November, we have now obtained a selection of photographs of the three vessels which took part in the BATTLE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS and I propose to ask De La Rue, Bradbury Wilkinson & Company and Enschede, the Dutch printers, to tender for producing this issue.

With regard to your suggestion of a red, white and blue theme, the recess process, as you are aware, limits us to two printings on each stamp. I suggest, therefore, that the ships be reproduced in black or dark grey on all values against a white background with, say, a red working on the 2½d. stamp, a contrasting red working on the 1/- stamp, a blue working on the 6d. stamp and a contrasting blue working on the 2/- stamp. Such a series would I fancy be quite attractive, but before we go out to tender to the firms mentioned, I would be glad to learn your further views.

I have noted the quantities you require. My colleagues in the Stamp Bureau consider this issue will be more popular than the RADIO COMMEMORATIVE but, even so, they have ordered slightly less this time i.e. 75,000 stamps of each value.

Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, K.C.M.G.

Yours Sincerely,
A. J. D. Simpson

(Sgd.) A. J. D. SIMPSON.

G9/Falkland Is. 9478/1 CROWN AGENTS
FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

ABEELY 7730

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4, MILLBANK,
WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, S.W.1.



12th December, 1963

Dear Sir Edwin,

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Further to my letter of the 29th November regarding the Battle of the Falkland Islands Commemorative Issue, the order books of the stamp printers mentioned in my letter are very full and, therefore, in order to avoid any delay, I have asked them to tender for this issue without awaiting your reply.

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I notice that your letter of the 22nd October to Ferne makes no mention of the quantity of 2½d. stamps required. I am assuming that you will need 25,000 of this value and I am asking the firms to tender accordingly, but I would be grateful for your confirmation that this is correct.

Yours sincerely
[Signature]

Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, K.C.M.G.,

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SPT For advice on para 2 pl

Reply at 17

Ans. I don't think we shall need 25,000 but to be on the safe side suggest 25,000 be confirmed 14.1.64

JAH/MPW

15.1.64

17th January,

64.

Dear Sirs,

14 I refer to your letter G9/Falkland Is. 9478/1 of the 12th December, 1963, addressed to Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, K.C.M.G., regarding the supply of stamps to commemorate the Battle of the Falkland Islands and note that tenders have been called for.

2. It is confirmed that the quantity of 2½d. stamps required is 25,000.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) H.L. Bound

for

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Jan 20 - 21

Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations,
4, Millbank,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Copy to SPT

BU 17.3.64

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CROWN AGENTS
FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS
ABBEY 7730

G9M/Falk. Is. 9478/1

4. MILLSANK,
WESTMINSTER,
LONDON. S.W.1

27th January, 1964.

Dear Sir Edwin,

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Further to my letters of the 29th November and 12th December, we have now received tenders from the various Recess printers for the proposed issue to commemorate the Battle of the Falkland Islands.

Bradbury Wilkinson have in fact submitted the lowest offer, which allowing for paper, Crown Agents' charges etc., would amount to approximately £2028 0s.0d., but they are unable to complete delivery before 9½ months which would be too late to catch the August sailing which would be necessary to meet your release date of the 8th December, 1964.

The next most favourable offer has been submitted by De La Rues which, again allowing for paper etc., would amount to £2593 0s. Od., and, subject to prompt acceptance, they can complete delivery in 18/24 weeks. A quotation was also obtained from Joh. Enschede en Zonen of Holland but they are slightly dearer than De La Rues price with a similar delivery period.

In the circumstances, I shall be glad to receive your confirmation that the order may be placed with De La Rue, and that the suggestions contained in my earlier letter of the 29th November are acceptable.

Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, K.C.M.G.,

Yours sincerely,
Simpson.

Reply 21/17

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Wt. P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To

etat CROWN LONDON SW1

HOA/c

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No. 47. For Simpson stamp issue yourlets January 27th and November 29th stop Agree accept Delarues tender but suggest stamps should be despatched in Shackleton or John Biscoe stop Agree proposals November 29th letter stop When will proofs be available query In write up in stamp bulletin please mention Coronel as well as Battle of the Falkland Islands

Governor

SST

To note pl

11.2.64

HGS

Thank you

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EPA/LH

By 26. 2. 64.

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CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

G9/Falkland Islands 9478

4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."
OVERSEA: "CROWN, LONDON S W 1"

TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730

TELEX NO. 24209

7th February, 1964.

Dear Sir,

Handwritten initials 'J' and 'pa' with a horizontal line below.

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I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter reference 1020/F. dated 17th January from which it is noted that 25,000 stamps of the 2½d. denomination will be required in connection with the proposed issue to commemorate the Battle of the Falkland Islands.

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Reply
4/19.

I am at present awaiting a reply to my semi-official letter to Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, K.C.M.G. of the 27th January, giving details of the tenders received in respect of this issue. As soon as a reply has been received we will be able to proceed with arrangements for the production of the issue.

Yours faithfully,

Handwritten signature of J. J. Hambro

for The Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

AJDS/IRB

IMPORTANT—See "Instructions to Firms Tendering" enclosed, or on reverse of Duplicate. THIS FORM is to be completed and delivered at latest by 1 P.M. on the date shown. The attached blue address slip must be affixed to the envelope, but other tenders or unrelated correspondence must not be included.

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TENDER

"B"

DUE 1 P.M. 14 JAN 1963

99 / FALKLAND IS. 9478/1

ADVICE OF ORDER PLACED

THE CROWN AGENTS
for Oversea Government and Administrations,
4, MILLBANK, LONDON, S.W.1.

Date of Issue:—18 DEC 1963

All letters to be addressed to the Crown Agents, the above reference being quoted.

Indent No. The Gov^t's. ltr. or Authority of 22.10.63.

Messrs. T. De La Rue and Co. Ltd.,
110, Bunhill Row,
LONDON, E.C.1.

A/c. to Mr. Ferne

Telegrams { Inland "Crown, Sowest, London"
Oversea "Crown, London"

Dept.

Telephone Abbey 7730
Telex No. 24209

TENDER for the supply of FALKLAND ISLANDS STAMP ISSUE

to Government of Falkland Islands

through the Crown Agents, their duly authorised agents.

ITEM No.	QUANTITY	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	RATE	AMOUNT
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Falkland Islands Stamp Issue

To producing a four value issue of postage stamps for the Falkland Islands commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands on the 8th December, 1964.

Denominations

2½d., 6d., 1/-, 2/-.

Design and colours

The designs for the three lowest values are to comprise the vessels which took part in the Battle and are as follows:-

2½d. - H.M.S. Glasgow

Inspector: **CROWN AGENTS' CONTROL** / Continued ...
- No inspection

Cost of articles specified on continuation sheet (if any) 2542 10 11

DW. Checked:— [Signature]

Total £ 2542 10 11

NOTES
(A) and (B) Discounts and trade allowances of every kind to be deducted here. If these are already allowed for in the price quoted, the tender must be marked net at (A) and (B).
The Crown Agents claim to be placed on the footing of the most favoured wholesale shippers and they will decline to deal a second time with any firm that does not so treat them.
(C) See Clauses 6 & 7 of General Conditions of Contract.
(D) Firms may also quote alternatively for delivery at any other port, e.g., Glasgow, Middlesbrough, Swansea, etc., at which they can deliver f.o.b. more cheaply than at either Liverpool or London.
(E) If economy can be effected by so doing, firm should quote for despatch by Parcel Post, sub-divided if necessary. (See "Instructions to firms Tendering".)
(F) Amend as necessary.

- (A) Trade and Shipping Allowances per cent. on £ =£
- (B) Cash discount for prompt payment per cent. on £ =£

- ADD:—
- (C) ~~Cost of packing and delivery f.o.b. LIVERPOOL~~ £
 - (D) ~~Alternative cost of packing and delivery f.o.b. LONDON (including para rates)~~ £
 - (E) ~~Alternative cost of packing and postage to~~ £
 - (F) Amount payable (including all charges) on } ~~LIVERPOOL~~ £
receipt of Bill of Lading } f.o.b. LONDON £ 2542 10 11
- or P.O. Certificate of Posting £ Plus paper and cases extra

DELIVERY PERIOD See page 3.

We hereby agree to supply, in accordance with the Crown Agents' General Conditions of Contract dated June, 1957, and where applicable, Special Conditions of Contract dated June, 1957, the articles above specified at the price set against each and at the total cost shown, which includes all charges and to deliver free on board ship, or despatch by post within the period stated from the date of order.

Signature for THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY LIMITED. Address 110 Bunhill Row, London, E.C.1.

Dated this 10th day of January, 1964. Tel. No. Telex No.

FOR USE IN CROWN AGENTS' OFFICE

Notes to firm:—

Acceptance 158
Delivery Due See page 3.

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C.E. }

PLEASE SEE PAGE FIVE BELOW.

Date of Order 14th February, 1964.

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Inspector to Note:—

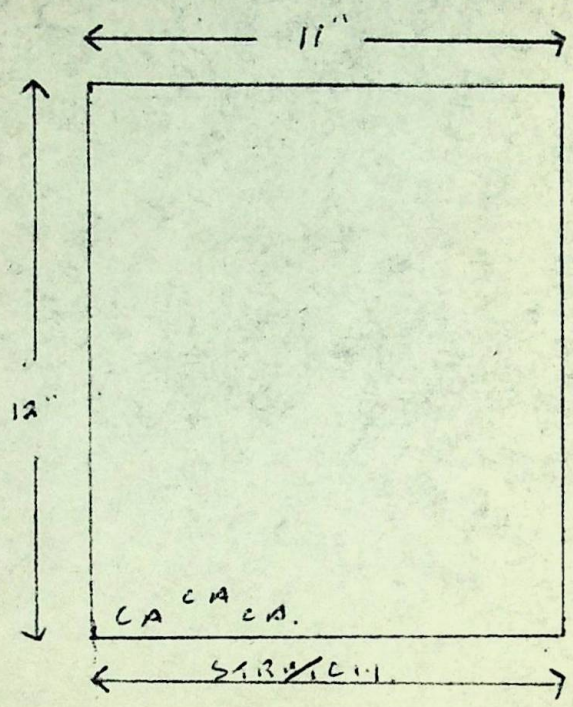
A.O.P. Address

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

(P).

C.A. HARRIS IS. 9/12/11 POSTAGE STAMPS

• CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE
OF THE HARRIS ISLANDS ON THE 8TH DECEMBER 1964.



C.A. BLOCK CAPITALS WATERMARKED PAPER. WATERMARK
PARALLEL WITH THE 11" MEASUREMENT. GREATER STRIKE
IN THE 11" MEASUREMENT

G9/ FALKLAND IS. 9478/1

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TO MESSRS T. De La Rue and Co.

ITEM No.	QUANTITY	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	RATE	AMOUNT																				
		6d. - H.M.S. Kent																						
		1/- - H.M.S. Invincible																						
<p>The design for the 2/- value is to comprise the Falkland Islands Battle Memorial. A portrait of H.M. the Queen surmounted by the St. Edward's crown is to appear on each stamp. The portrait to be used is the Dorothy Wilding (No. O/15957D) which appears on the current Falkland Island definitive issue of postage stamps. The legend "50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS" is to appear on each stamp together with the name of the vessel depicted on each of the three lowest values and the words "BATTLE MEMORIAL" are to appear on the highest value. The title "FALKLAND ISLANDS" and the value is to appear on each stamp. Each value is to be printed in two colours which will be notified to the successful tenderer. Photographs of the three vessels and a Falkland Islands postage stamp showing the Battle Memorial will be sent to tenderers in turn.</p>																								
<p><u>Process</u></p> <p>The stamps are to be printed by the recess process.</p>																								
<p><u>Size, format and set</u></p> <p>To be printed in the size 40 m.m. x 24 m.m. perforation to perforation in 60 set. The three lowest values are to be printed in horizontal format and the highest value is to be printed in the vertical format.</p>																								
<p><u>Paper</u></p> <p>The stamps are to be printed on Crown Agents' (block capitals) watermarked paper which will be supplied by the Crown Agents. Please state the size and quantity required and provide a sketch showing the dimensions and direction of greater stretch and the watermark.</p>																								
<p><u>Quantities</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Value</th> <th>For Falkland Is.</th> <th>For Bureau</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2½d.</td> <td>25,000</td> <td>75,000</td> <td>100,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6d.</td> <td>25,000</td> <td>75,000</td> <td>100,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1/-</td> <td>20,000</td> <td>75,000</td> <td>95,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/-</td> <td>20,000</td> <td>75,000</td> <td>95,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					Value	For Falkland Is.	For Bureau	Total	2½d.	25,000	75,000	100,000	6d.	25,000	75,000	100,000	1/-	20,000	75,000	95,000	2/-	20,000	75,000	95,000
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2 D.P.

40 x 23.8 mm.
Horizontal.
24 x 40 mm.
Vertical.

20 Reams
Size 11" x 12"
Sketch enclosed.

See page 3.

G9 / FALKLAND ISLANDS 9478/1

TO MESSRS.

De La Rue and Co.

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	RATE	AMOUNT
		<p><u>Interleaving etc.</u></p> <p>The stamps are to be numbered one up each duty and interleaved with wax paper. The quantities required for the Crown Agents' Bureau, however, are not to be numbered or interleaved.</p> <p><u>Delivery</u></p> <p>The stamps are to be released in the Falkland Islands on the anniversary of the Battle on the 8th December, 1964. The direct sailings to the Falkland Islands are very infrequent and, therefore, the stamps are required to be delivered in this country in early August, 1964, at the latest. Bearing this in mind, please quote delivery periods for -</p> <p>(a) Trial drawings) (b) Submission of colour proofs) (c) From approval of colour proofs to delivery of stamps)</p> <p><u>Costs</u></p> <p>Firm present day costs are to be quoted for:-</p> <p>(a) Artwork £203 0 0 (b) Printing material £1,841 0 0 (c) Production of the above quantities of stamps (to be shown as a rate per thousand stamps against each value). 25/6¹d per 1,000 stamps 498 1 3 (d) Numbering of 1,500 sheets. 2/8d per 1,000 sheets - 4 - (e) Interleaving of 1,500 sheets. 3/9d - 5 8</p> <p><u>General</u></p> <p>This contract will be subject to the Crown Agents' Security Printing Regulations.</p> <p>Colour proofs of each value are to be submitted in quadruplicate for approval before printing commences.</p> <p>13 full sheets of each value are to be provided without charge for use by the Crown Agents. These sheets of stamps are required for publicity purposes and should be delivered to the Crown Agents' Security Printing Control Officer at the start of each printing.</p>		
				2542 10 11

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TO MESSRS T. De La Rue and Co.

ITEM No.	QUANTITY	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	RATE	AMOUNT
		<p>Renewal of printing material, plates etc. as and when required is to be free of charge.</p> <p>Paper and tin lined cases extra.</p> <p>DW.</p>		

TO MESSRS.

De La Rue & Co.

ITEM No.	QUANTITY	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	ESTIMATED COST	RATE	AMOUNT
		Trail drawings:			
				4 weeks from receipt of order.	
		Proofs:			
				1st value 4 weeks, then 1 value per 2 weeks thereafter. (From approval of design).	
		Plates:			
				6/8 weeks from approval of proofs.	
		Stamps:			
				4/6 weeks from receipt of plates.	
<u>NOTES TO FIRM:-</u>					
<p>The vessels are to be in black or dark grey on all values against a white background with a red working on the 2½d. stamp, a contrasting red working on the 1/- stamp, a blue working on the 6d stamp and a contrasting blue working on the 2/- stamp. You are reminded that delivery is required in this country in Early August as there is a vessel leaving London towards the end of that month. The necessary material is enclosed and you should proceed at once with the preparation of trial drawings.</p>					

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March 10, 1964.

(Dear Pettitt,)

We are bringing out a special Commemorative Issue of Stamps on the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands on December 8, 1964. We would like to present complimentary first day covers to all survivors of the Battles of Coronel and the Falklands. Would you be kind enough to get on to the Admiralty and see if it is possible to get the names of survivors from Admiralty records? I mentioned this to Captain Ollivant and he suggested an approach through the Colonial Office would be the best way to get the machinery working.

(Yours sincerely,

Edwin Arrowsmith)

R. G. PETTITT, ESQ.

(Colonial Office)

Secretariat file.

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CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

G9/FALK IS 9478/1

4. MILLBANK,
LONDON. S.W.1

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON"
OVERSEA: "CROWN, LONDON S.W.1."

TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730

TELEX NO. 24208



24th February, 1964.

Dear Sir,

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and telegram of 11 February

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x | With reference to your letter 1220/F of the 17th January, we have placed the order with Messrs. Thomas De La Rue & Company for the preparation of the Falkland Islands issue of stamps to commemorate the Battle of the Falkland Islands, and we have told them that the stamps must be ready in time for shipment by the direct vessel the S.S. "A.E.S." which sails from this country towards the end of August. The vessels, the S.S. "SHACKLETON" and "JOHN BISCOE", mentioned in your telegram are not direct vessels and also do not sail until after the "A.E.S."

We expect the finished designs from the printers within four weeks and we will refer them to you for approval. However, in view of the limited time that is available, it is essential that we approve the proofs here. Perhaps you would kindly confirm that this will be acceptable to you. We would take the opportunity on receipt of the designs of referring them to the Maritime Museum for confirmation of their authenticity.

Yours faithfully,

for the Crown Agents.

Reply at 25

SP+T

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To see pl. No objection to approving proofs in London?

17.3.64

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

AEE

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No objection in this case. X is ridiculous - neither is the "AES" in this case as she carries Les Palmes.

18.3.64

CEB/NR

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CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

4 MILLBANK

LONDON (E.W.)



TELEGRAMS

Overseas "Crown Agents" London

TELEPHONE AREA 7130

TELEX NO. 8202

24th January, 1944

Kiv Invoices filed at 2/2.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of 15th of the 17th January, we have placed the order with Messrs. Thomas & Co. (London) for the preparation of the various labels of stamps to conform with the style of the various Colonies, and we have also seen that the stamps are ready for printing by the printer. The stamps are being sent to the printer by the first vessel that leaves London, which will be the "CROWN AGENTS" vessel, the end of the year. The vessel, the "CROWN AGENTS" and "CROWN AGENTS", mentioned in your telegram are not direct vessels and also do not call at the various Colonies.

We expect to receive the stamps from the printer within four weeks and we will refer them to you for approval. However, in view of the limited time that is available it is essential that we remove the stamps here. I hope you would kindly confirm that this will be acceptable to you. We would like the opportunity of receipt of the stamps of referring them to the printer in connection with their production.

Yours faithfully,

For the Crown Agents

Handwritten notes and signatures at the bottom of the page.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY
PORT AU PRINCE
ST. LUCIA

COPY

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'LAS RANAS', Balneario Solis, URUGUAY

21st March 1964.

Your Excellency,

Thank you for your appreciation of my notes on the HEROINA. I am glad to know that they are helpful.

I will try and get in touch with Hickling through the Navy Board, Wellington. He was, of course, in the first commission of the GLASGOW out here and therefore not present in the 1914 actions.

I think that the stamp issue commemorating the Falklands Battle is a great initiative and I shall look forward to getting a set. My son-in-law, Arturo Beare (ex-Maclean and Stapledon), is an enthusiastic collector and he will be writing to the Post Office, Port Stanley, for a set for himself.

I think I can help you in tracing survivors of the two battles. Vice Admiral Charles Gage Stuart, DSC, and I are, as far as I know, the only officer survivors of the cruisers engaged at Coronel. The Navy Board, Melbourne, may have Stuart's address. I have no information about the survivors of H.M.S. OTRANTO but perhaps the shipping line has.

The names of all officers who fought in the two actions are given at the end of Commander Spencer Cooper's book, 'The Battle of the Falkland Islands', a copy of which must surely (be) in the Colony Library.

The F.I. Battle Annual Reunion Dinner Society tries to keep touch with all officer survivors. Address of the Secretary is c/o The United Services Club, Pall Mall.

The British Legion in the three Home Ports, Chatham, Portsmouth and Devonport, can help you to trace ships' company survivors, especially Devonport which has, I believe, an annual dinner. The Admiralty would only be in contact with pensioners and would not register deaths of others.

(Yours sincerely

Lloyd Hirst)

Commander, R.N. retired.

Reply at 51

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

WT P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			23.3.64
To	etat CROWN LONDON SW1			HOA/c

22 No. 94. Yourlet G9/Falk Is 9478/1 24th February agree deal proofs London and ship AES

Secretary

WT/LH

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CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

G9/FALK IS 9478/1

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."

{ OVERSEA: "CROWN, LONDON SW1"

TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730

TELEX No. 24209



23rd March, 1964

Dear Sir,

bc.
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With reference to the Falkland Island issue of stamps to commemorate the Battle of the Falkland Islands and further to our letter of the 24th February, we are enclosing for your examination four trial drawings which have been prepared by Messrs. Thomas De La Rue & Company. As previously mentioned, we took the opportunity of issuing the designs depicting the Warships to the National Maritime Museum and in general they were very pleased with the designs. However, they have made one or two comments as follows:-

2.1/2d. - H.M.S. "GLASGOW"

The Museum has suggested that the gangway on the side of the vessel is painted out and that the broadside guns should be made clearer. The davits and the ensign have been omitted. The stern has been wrongly sloped and the masts are too low.

6d. - H.M.S. "KENT"

The foremast is too low. There should be a structure on the main mast and the gaff has been omitted.

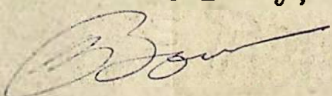
1/- - H.M.S. "INVINCIBLE"

The three funnels should all be the same height and the shape has also to be amended slightly. More detail is required on the vessels rear gun turrets.

We would like to make the comment that the colours are too close together and the Printers will be asked to make each colour more distinct.

If the designs meet with your approval, would you please return them as quickly as possible by air mail, confirming at the same time, that we can approve the colour proofs here to save time. The Printers, of course, will be asked to carry out the amendments mentioned by the Maritime Museum.

Yours faithfully,


for the Crown Agents

Proofs held
by P.M.
John 14.10.64
The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

CEB/MK

Reply at 29.

16th April, 64.

Dear Sirs,

Falkland Islands Commemorative Issue.

28 I refer to your letter G9/Falkland Islands 9473/1 of the 23rd March, 1964.

The issue is approved subject to the technical comments made by you. I agree that the colours are too close.

Yours faithfully,

Stamps enclosed

(Sgd.) W.H. Thompson

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations,
4, Millbank,
LONDON, S.W.1.

BO 25-7-64

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DECODE.

No. 21.

TELEGRAM.

From.....Crown Agents, London SW1.....

To.....Colonial Secretary, Stanley.....

Despatched : 21st April, 19 64. Time : 1433

Received : 22nd April, 19 64. Time : 0900

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Falkland Islands battle stamps grateful prompt reply
our letter 23rd March. Delay jeopardising delivery.

Crown

P/L : LH

BUF early

(HLB)

Reply at 31

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Wt. P2809 5/61

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To

PRIORITY

etat CROWN LONDON SW1

HOA/c

30 No. 128. Yourtel 21st battle stamps stop Designs approved stop Agree
 colours too close and authorise your final approval stop Proofs returned
 air 20th

Secretary

HLB/LH

No 39

Bu 25.7.64
(29)

April 20, 1964.

Dear Commander Hirst,

25 Thank you very much for your letter of March 21 and the information about tracing survivors of the Battles of Coronel and the Falklands. What you tell me is very helpful indeed and should solve this problem.

I expect you have heard on the News that the Admiralty has called for tenders for an Icebreaker to replace HMS PROTECTOR, but I do not expect we will see her down here for three or four years.

Yours sincerely,

Commander Lloyd Hirst, R.N.
'Las Ranas', Balneario Solis,
c/o British Embassy, Montevideo.

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I will take .
Advice to Secretariat to
note for my washing list.

added. -0762/IV
Haw

bu 25 7.6u

11th May, 64.

Dear Sir,

Information

For your information May the 31st will be the 80th birthday of Mrs. M.H. Creamer, O.B.E., of Kelpers, Upper Fourth Avenue, Frinton, Essex, who, as Mrs. Roy Felton, first sighted German warships off the Falkland Islands in December 1914, and alerted the British fleet in time to secure one of the outstanding naval victories of the 1914 - 1918 war.

This Government will be sending a congratulatory telegram to Mrs. Creamer.

The fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands on the 8th December this year will be marked by a special issue of postage stamps depicting ships of the British fleet which took part in the battle.

Details of these stamps may be obtained from the Crown Agents.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) D.R. Morrison

for COLONIAL SECRETARY

The Central Office of Information,
Hercules Road,
Westminster Bridge Road,
LONDON, S.E.1.

Copy in 0087

HT/IM.

BU 25 764

Roy Cove.
West Falkland Is.
S. Atlantic
6. May.

Dear Sir Edwin,

Hearing you mention in your speech about sending Anniversary stamps to surviving members of crews of ships taking part in battle 50 years ago I am venturing to ask if you think perhaps a gesture of some sort could be made to my Mother the heroine of the occasion. A message of greeting perhaps on the 8th December, or, as she is in failing health, perhaps for her 80th birthday on 31st of this month. I hope you will not think it presumptuous of me to suggest this, maybe it is already on the agenda anyhow. In case it is required the address is

Mrs N. H. Creamer O.B.E.

Kelpers II.

Upper Fourth Av.

Frinton. Essex.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing God Speed and Good Luck to you and Lady Arrowsmith and the hope that we shall meet again.

Yours very Sincerely
Betty Fuller

H.C.S.

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I enclose a letter from Betty Miller.

I think it would be a very good idea to send a message to Mrs. Creamer on her 80th birthday, making reference to the Battle, and I should be grateful if you could arrange for this to be done.

May 9, 1964.

TBA

Bill Giverson or someone like that can put you in the picture. I have replied to Betty Miller saying this will be done.

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c/c Draft telegram attached which please send on 28 May

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Bu 29/5/64
(36) H.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Wt. P2809 5/61

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To				HOA/c
etat MRS MH CREAMER KELPERS II UPPER FOURTH AVENUE FRINTON ESSEX				

It is a long time since the Battle of the Falkland Islands in which you played so great a part but we have not forgotten you stop On behalf of all the Islanders and the Government I send you our heariest congratulations on your eightieth birthday

Thompson Officer Administering the Government
of the Falkland Islands

VHT/LH

Reply at 38

BU 25.7.64 (2)

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 3.

From Mrs. M. Creamer, Frinton on Sea.

To His Excellency the Acting Governor, Port Stanley, Falklands.

Despatched :	1st June,	19 64.	Time : 1135
Received :	1st June,	19 64.	Time : 1030

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My warm gratitude to yourself the Government and my fellow Islanders for your birthday greetings.

Muriel Creamer

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4. 6. 64.

P/L : LH
(Intld.) HLB

Copied to Newsletter.

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5/6/64

Bei 25.7.64 (PS)
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CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

G9/FALK. IS. 9478/1

4, MILLBANK,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Telegrams: "Crown, London-S.W.1"
Telephone: Abbey 7730
Telex No. 24209

3rd July, 1964



Dear Sir,

A+B 30
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With reference to your telegram No. 128 of the 22nd April, we are enclosing for your records one proof of each of the 2½d and 6d values of the Battle of the Falkland Islands commemorative issue. We have approved the proofs here and hope that they meet with your own approval. The proofs of the remaining two values for your records will be sent in due course.

Yours faithfully,

for the Crown Agents.

Proofs held by P.M.

Done 14.10.64

Reply at 40

2/10 Reply Thank you. The proofs were with our approval & we think them excellent.

Tel? you pl

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Bu 20/9/64 (mail)

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Wt. P2809 5/61

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To				
	etat CROWN LONDON SW1			HOA/c

39 No. 210. Yourlet G9/Falk Is 9478/1 3rd July thank you stop The proofs meet with our approval and we think them excellent

Secretary

WHT/LH

Re 20/9/64 (mail)

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CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

G9/FALK IS 9478/1

Telegrams: "Crown, London-S.W.1"
Telephone: Abbey 7730
Telex No. 24209



4, MILLBANK,
LONDON, S.W.1.

22nd July, 1964

Dear Sir,

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With reference to the Battle of the Falkland Islands commemorative issue, and further to our letter of the of the 3rd July, we are enclosing one copy of each of the proofs of the 1/- and 2/- values. The proofs have been approved subject to the colours being darkened to provide a greater contrast ~~between~~ ^{with} the other two values. We hope you will like these proofs and the completed stamps will be despatched on the ss "AES" which is due to sail from this country in early to Mid-August.

Yours faithfully,

for The Crown Agents.

*Proofs held by
P.M.*

17 10 64

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The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

G9/FALK IS 9478/1

4, MILLBANK,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Telegrams: "Crown, London-S.W.1"
Telephone: Abbey 7730
Telex No. 24209



24th July, 1964

Dear Sir,

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A+B

With reference to our letter of the
22nd July, we unfortunately did not enclose the
proofs of the 1/- and 2/- values of the Battle
of the Falkland Islands commemorative issue and
we are therefore forwarding them herewith. We
apologise for this mistake.

Yours faithfully,

L. E. Burton

for The Crown Agents.

S.L.T.

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15.8.64

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[Handwritten signature]

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

By 4.9.64
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COLONIAL OFFICE

GREAT SMITH STREET, LONDON S.W.1
Telephone No. 1266, ext.



18 August, 1964.

45
b/f

Our reference:

FST 418/1

Your reference:

lf

Dear Mr Thompson,

Would you please refer to Sir Edwin Arrowsmith's letter of the 10th March 1964 to Mr. Pettitt (a copy is enclosed for ease of reference) about the proposal to present complimentary first day covers of the special 50th Anniversary Commemorative Issue of Stamps to all survivors of the Battles of Coronel and the Falklands.

AR6C

Our efforts to help in this matter have so far produced a list of names and addresses of surviving officers, a copy of which is enclosed. As regards the surviving ratings, you will appreciate from the enclosed copy of Ministry of Defence (Navy) letter of the 14th August 1964 that this part of the exercise presents more of a problem, and perhaps you would let me know whether you consider that the suggestion in paragraph 3 of the Ministry's letter should be pursued or whether, in view of the uncertainty of even a fair measure of success through advertising, you are content to settle for the list of officers only.

Yours sincerely,
E.M. Ware

(Miss E.M. Ware)

Review at 4.6.

W.H. THOMPSON, ESQ., M.B.E.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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March 10, 1964.

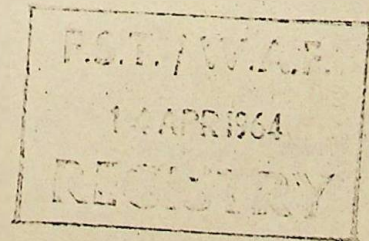
Dear Pettitt,

R. G. P.
D. W. 14/4

We are bringing out a special Commemorative Issue of Stamps on the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands on December 8, 1964. We would like to present complimentary first day covers to all survivors of the Battles of Coronel and the Falklands. Would you be kind enough to get on to the Admiralty and see if it is possible to get the names of survivors from Admiralty records? I mentioned this to Captain Ollivant and he suggested an approach through the Colonial Office would be the best way to get the machinery working.

Yours sincerely,

Edwin Arrowsmith



R. G. PETTITT, ESQ.



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Old Admiralty Building, Whitehall, LONDON S.W.1
Telephone: WHITEHALL 9000, ext. 1416

14 B

14 AUG 1964

14th August 1964

Please address any reply to
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
(Naval Personnel)
Division 2

and quote: N/N2/485/2/64/A
Your reference: (FST 418/1/01)

Sir,

(9)
1. I am directed to refer to your letter dated 8th May 1964, regarding the special Commemorative Issue of Stamps on the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands. The list of officer's addresses forwarded with your letter has been brought up to date as far as possible and is enclosed.

2. The position regarding ratings is much more difficult, several thousand of whom served in the twelve ships involved, which were as follows:-

At Coronel - 1st November 1914

HM Ships -
GOOD HOPE, MONMOUTH
GLASGOW, OTRANTO.

At Falkland - 8th December 1914

HM SHIPS -
KENT, CORNWALL, GLASGOW,
CANOPUS, BRISTOL, CARNARVON,
INFLEXIBLE, INVINCIBLE, MACEDONIA.

This matter has been thoroughly investigated, but it is considered that to scrutinise the records of survivors to determine which are alive today would involve an immense amount of research, primarily impracticable due to the time factor. It will also be readily appreciated that addresses recorded are now fifty years old and can hardly be considered reliable. Not all ratings would have been in receipt of pensions.

3. It is suggested that some form of advertising be used in this particular case as being likely to result in a more complete and speedier solution. Perhaps an invitation might be extended via the Press or Radio for survivors to apply for this issue. Their particulars could then be checked by the Record Office (N), Ministry of Defence, if necessary.

I am, Sir
Your obedient Servant,

IANS McDONALD.

The Under-Secretary of State
Colonial Office
Great Smith Street
London S.W.1

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FALKLAND ISLAND ADDRESS LIST

- Capt. T.H. Back, CBE
- ~~Commdr. H.H.G. Begbie, RN(Rtd) Deceased~~
- Capt. J.S. Bethell, CBE, RN
- ✓ Professor P.M.S. Blackett
- Commdr. J. Bostock, DSC, RN(Rtd)
- Commdr. M. Blood, RN(Rtd)

- Capt. G.D. Campbell, CBE, DSO
- ✓ Capt. C.A.H. Brooking, RN
- Vice-Admiral J.W. Carrington, DSO
- Admiral H.E. Dannreuther, DSO
- Rear Admiral R.M. Dick, GB, CBE, DSO
- Capt. A.D. Duckworth, RN(Rtd)

- Commdr. L. Gardner, OBE, RN(Rtd)
- Capt. E.G.G. Hastings, CBE, RN
- Commdr. R.C. France-Hayhurst, RN(Rtd)

- Commdr. Lloyd Hirst, OBE, RN

- Commdr. C.F. Laborde, RN(Rtd)

- ✓ Commdr. L.I.G. Liveson, RNR
- Capt. J.H. MacNair
- ~~Admiral Sir Alexander Madden, KCB Deceased~~
- Commander R. Mandley, RN(Rtd)
- Capt. K.B. Miller, RN(Rtd)
- Vice-Admiral R.D. Oliver, CBE, DSO
- Commdr. R.H.L. Orde, RN
- Lt. Commdr. L.H. Peppe
- ✓ Capt. G.T. Philip, CBE, DSO, DSC
- Commdr. P.J.M. Pinney
- ✓ Commdr. R.C.T. Roe, RN(Rtd)
- Rear Admiral B.L.G. Sebastian, CB
- Major R. Sinclair, RM
- Capt. E.W. Sinclair, RN(Rtd)
- Capt. H.E.M. Spencer-Cooper, MVO, RN(Rtd)
- ✓ Rear Admiral S.P. Start
- Capt. W.R.C. Steele
- Capt. R.R. Stewart, RN(Rtd)
- Commdr. D.A. Stride, RN(Rtd)
- Admiral C.G. Stuart, DSC
- Capt. C.C. Thorne, RNR
- Capt. J.K. Whittaker, RNVR
- Admiral H.A.B. Buchanan-Wollaston, CMG
- Admiral Sir Charles Woodhouse, KCB

- Commdr. R.T. Young, OBE, RN
- Rear Admiral O.W. Phillips, CBE, RN

- Capt. C.R.O. Burge, DSO
- Admiral H. Hickling, CB, CBE, DSO
- ✓ Surgeon Capt. T.B. Dixon, RNVR

- Blaisdon House, Nr. Longhope, Glos.
- ~~Willowfield, Little Sodbury, Bristol~~
- Easter Aberchalder, Gorthleck, Inverness
- Imperial College, Imperial Institute Road, S.W.7
- Wormshill House, Nr. Sittingbourne, Kent
- Little Trodgers, Westward Lane, West Chittington, Pulborough, Sx.

- 18 Mospsey Crescent, Epsom, Surrey
- 8 Queen Anne St., Portland Place, London W.1
- Forelands, Wallington, By Oxford
- Windy Croft, Hastings
- 52 Old Church Street, Chelsea, S.W.3
- Alder Shaw House, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent
- Woodhurst, Pear Tree Lane, Shorne, Gravesend
- Little Strede, Franfield, Sussex
- C/o Royal Bank of Scotland, Burlington Gdns, W.1 or C/o Mr. H.B. Howe, Browngable, Crawley Down, Sussex
- Belmont, Bagshot Road, West End, Nr. Woking, Surrey

- C/o S.L. Lloyd, Esq, Hoog Sind, Hershelwalk, Claremont, Capetown
- 7 Sloane Street, London, S.W.1
- Beacon Corner, Burley, Ringwood, Hants
- ~~Ostrook, Capel, Surrey~~
- Robins Hill, Totteridge Lane, N.20
- Cotteridge Hotel, Woking, Surrey
- Lochside, Yetholme, Kelso, N.B.
- 1/13 First Avenue, Hove 3, Sussex
- Passingford, Hartfield, Sussex
- Roemary Cottage, Rowledge, Farnham, Surrey
- Wentworth, The Moorings, East Present, Sussex
- 28 Ruskin Drive, Worcester Park, Surrey
- 58 Lynch Road, Farnham, Surrey
- Great Down, Belstone, Okehampton, Devon
- 43 Willett Way, Petts Wood, Kent
- 21 St. Petersborough Place, London W.2
- Home Side, Harrietsham, Kent
- Topflat, 2, Argyll Road, London, W.8
- Old Mill Cottage, Droxford, Hants
- 39 Fulham Park Gardens, S.W.6
- Ballyhivistock, Plettenburg Bay, Cape S.A.
- 15 Rowlands Avenue, Thames Ditton, Surrey
- Woodlane Cottage, Scale, Nr. Farnham, Surrey
- 3 Lucerne Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth
- Three Gables, West View Road, Wallington, Surrey

- Lane End, Dellquay, Chichester
- Hammer Vale Cottage, Hammer, Nr. Haslemere, Surrey

- 1 Wolverton Mansions, Ealing Common, London, W.5
- Clive, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand
- Avon Cottage, Bantham, Nr. Kingsbridge, Devon

22nd September, 1964.

Dear Miss Ware,

US

Thank you for your letter FST 418/1/01 of the 21st August, 1964, about the proposal to present complimentary first day covers of the special Battle of the Falklands stamp issue.

I am prepared to settle for the officers only list.

Thank you very much for all your work on this.

Yours sincerely,

Willoughby Thompson

(W.H. THOMPSON)

Miss. E.M. Ware,
Colonial Office,
Great Smith Street,
LONDON. S.W.1.

WHT/IM.

Stanley.
8th December, 1964.

His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands presents his compliments on this the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands, and has the honour to enclose for your acceptance, as a survivor of that great naval battle, a set of commemorative postage stamps.

(to all as at f.45C)

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CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

G9 / FALK IS 9478



4. MILLBANK,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Telegrams: "Crown, London-S.W."
Telephone: Abbey 7730
Telex No. 24209

10th September, 1964

Dear Sir,

With reference to the Falkland Islands issue of stamps to commemorate the Battle of the Falkland Islands and further to our letter of the 22nd July, the stamps* have been booked on the s.s. 'AES' which is due to arrive in the Falkland Islands about the 19th October. In view of this we will be grateful for your confirmation that the stamps will be released on the Anniversary date, the 8th December, 1964.

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Yours faithfully,

for the Crown Agents

*
2 1/2d - 25,800
6d - 25,800
1/- - 20,820
2/- - 20,820

Reply at 49

7th 08 on holidays - 9th?
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The Colonial Secretary,
Fort Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Wt. P2809 5/61

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	Stanley			13.10.64
To				
	etat CROWN LONDON SW1			HOA/c

48 No. 285. Yourlet G9/Falkland Islands 9478/1 10th September Falklands
 Battle stamps stop Release date 8th December confirmed stop If first day
 covers not shipped AES suggest shipment John Biscoe sailing Southampton
 21st October stop Please telegraph earliest when shipped plus quantity
 and selling price

Secretary

Copy to S/PT

JB/LH

INVOICE

(SUPPLEMENTARY COPY)

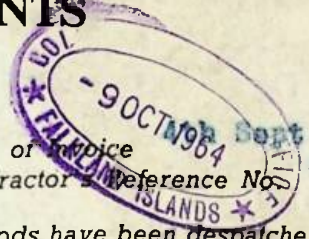
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THE CROWN AGENTS

Dr. to Messrs. **Thos De La Rue & Co. Limited,**
of (full address) **110, Bunhill Row, London, E.C.1.**

Crown Agents' Reference **G9/** The Gov's Ltr of
Indent No. **22.10.63.** to Mr Ferne.
Falkland Is. 9478/1.

Date of Invoice **Sept 1964.**
Contractor's Reference No. **6761.**



Special Account (if any) _____
Department _____

If goods have been despatched by post:—
Date of Posting _____
Post Office of Despatch _____
G.P.O. Serial No. _____

Shipped by **SS./MV.**

To be filled in by Contractor.

Item No.	Quantity	DESCRIPTION	Price	£	s.	d.
		<u>Commemorative Stamps.</u>	<u>Per M</u>			
1250	Sheets	2 ^d duty 60-act = 75,000 stamps	25/6	95	15	8
1250	"	6d duty " " = 75,000 "	25/6	95	15	8
1250	"	1/- duty " " = 75,000 "	25/6	95	15	8
1250	"	2/- duty " " = 75,000 "	25/6	95	15	8
		Paper		8	10	0
				391	12	8

We hereby certify that there has been no
reduction in the cost of wages or materials
during the continuance of this contract.

for THOMAS DE LA RUE & CO. LTD.

R. Rawling

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(Advice Copy)

THE CROWN AGENTS.



Charges due to the Stamp and Note Control Branch.

Reference ~~G9~~/Falkland Is 9478/1

Authy: THE GOV'S LTR of 22.10.63

~~Index No.~~

Special Account (if any)

Department

Date of Invoice 4.9.64

Date 14.9.64

CONTRACTOR Messrs. Thos. De La Rue & Co. Ltd.

~~Control of~~ Currency Notes @ ^{s. d.} per 1,000

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Inspection of Stamps @ 8d. per 1,000

Control of 300,000 Stamps @ 4d. per 1,000

£5. -s. -d.

RJ
G.54. CAL

Examined and passed.....*jo*.....

INVOICE

(SECOND ADVICE COPY)

THE CROWN AGENTS

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Dr. Messrs. **Thos De La Rue & Co. Limited,**
of (full address) **110, Bunhill Row, London, E.C.1.**

Crown Agents Reference **G9/ Falkland Islands 9473/1**,
Crown Agents Reference **G9/ The Gov's ltr of**
Indent No. **22.10.63. to Mr Ferne.**
~~Falkland Is. 9473/1.~~

Date of Invoice **4th Sept 1964.**
Contractor's Reference No. **6761.**

Special Account (if any) _____
Department _____

If goods have been despatched by post:—
Date of Posting _____
Post Office of Despatch _____
G.P.O. Serial No. _____

Shipped by **SS./MV.**

To be filled in by Contractor.

Item No.	Quantity	DESCRIPTION	Price	£	s.	d.
<u>Commemorative Stamps.</u>			<u>Per M</u>			
x 1250	Sheets	2½d duty 60-set = 75,000 stamps	25/6	95	15	8
x 1250	"	6d duty " " = 75,000 "	25/6	95	15	8
x 1250	"	1/- duty " " = 75,000 "	25/6	95	15	8
x 1250	"	2/- duty " " = 75,000 "	25/6	95	15	8
		Paper		8	10	0
				391	12	8

I hereby certify that the
above is in order.

[Signature]
SUPERINTENDENT,
STAMP & NOTE CONTROL BRANCH,
THE CROWN AGENTS

We hereby certify that there has been no
reduction in the cost of wages or materials
during the continuance of this contract.

for THOMAS DE LA RUE & CO. LTD.

WE CERTIFY THAT THE ITEMS MARKED X
HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE CROWN
AGENTS' STAMP BUREAU.

[Signature]
SUPERINTENDENT,
STAMP & NOTE CONTROL BRANCH,
THE CROWN AGENTS.

[Signature]
R. Rawling

INVOICE

THE CROWN AGENTS

15.10.64

mail from SO

P.M.

To see latest papers of

P.M.

15.10.64

C.S.

We hereby certify that there has been no reduction in the cost of any of the papers during the period of the contract.

THOMAS DE LA FAYE & CO. LTD.

15.10.64

DECODE.

No. 32.

TELEGRAM.

From Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, London.

To Governor of Falkland Islands Stanley Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 14th October, 19 64. Time: 1126

Received : 15th October, 19 64. Time:

Hope get name rating survivors battle writing.

Arrowsmith

P/L : LH
(Intld.) HLB

54
S.
W!
14.10.64

Bu 9
11.64

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

RECEIVED

PI6 24416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
19	London	54	1355	3.

To

Etat postmaster portstanley

Arranging despatch on Biscoe of 4 parcels plus 5 bags battle first day covers stop covers in bags to be franked and returned as surface mail in normal manner stop official covers and others in parcels to be franked and returned in bulk to Crown Agents Stamp Bureau stop Thanks

Crown

Reply at 56

Time RB.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Wt P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	P sy			3/11
To	ZKZ RTAF	CROWN	LONDON	

55

YOURS 3RD BATTLE FIRST DAY COVERS STOP PLEASE TELEGRAPH QUANTITY
AVAILABLE SALE LOCALLY AND SELLING PRICE

POSTMASTER

Reply at 57

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

RECEIVED

57

PIG 24416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
45/29	London	29	1435	4.11.64.

To

Etat postmaster portstanley

56 yr tel 3rd grateful you ensure local sales official first day covers do not exceed 1,000 stop 5,000 official covers forwarded stop selling price 4/8d each

Crown

Time

RB. DM

Telegram for this.

bu 9.11.64 (57)

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DECODE.

No. 63.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 6.11.64 Time : 1638 Received : 7.11.64 Time :

In Confidence.

205. For Thompson from Miss Ware.

46

Your letter 0283/F of September 22nd - battle Falkland Islands stamp issue.

Presume distribution of covers being made from territory.

In view age of survivors think it advisable to ask Ministry of Defence to check list of officers already forwarded in case of recent amendment. Will telegraph any alterations by the end of the month if possible. Grateful to learn your dead line for posting covers.

Secretary of State

Reply at 59

G.W.C. : IM
IH

Copy to S/PP
(Encld.) HLB.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 9.11.64 Time : 1530 Received : Time .

58

No. 156. Your telegram No. 203. For Miss Ware from Thompson. Battle stamp issue. Deadline for posting covers 28th December.

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Governor

P/L : HLB/LH

Copy to: S/PT

0283/F

DECODE.

No. 42.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London SW1.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 25th November, 19 64. Time : 1330

Received : 26th November, 19 64. Time :

Following for Governor from Arrowsmith begins
25 letters from battle survivors in Crown mail.

Crown

P/L : LH
(Intld.) HLB

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26.11.64

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DECODE.

No. 75.

TELEGRAM.

From Admiral Hickling Turanginz.

To Governor, Stanley, Falklands.

Despatched : 28th November, 19 64. Time : 1128

Received : 28th November, 19 64. Time :

Grateful arrange airmail six complete sets commemorative stamps mounted six long crowned envelopes post marked 8th December to Admiral Hickling Turangi letter cheque posted.

P/L : LH
(Intld.) HLB

Vice Admiral H Hickling CB CRE DSO

Turang
National Park
N. 7

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DECODE.

No. 34.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 2.12.64 Time : 1650 Received : 3.12.64 Time 0900

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In Confidence.

59

216. Following for Thompson from Miss Ware. Your telegram 156
Battle stamps issue.

Ministry of Defence advise as far as is known only amendments
necessary to list of officers are in respect of Admiral Sir A. Madden
and Commander Regbie, both deceased.

Secretary of State

Approved H

Deleted from dist.

C.T.C. : LH
(Intld.) HIE

Ch.

4-12-64.

P.M.

63

Treasury has taken out an Advance Warrant
to cover the purchase until the remittance arrives.

Would you pl. affix the stamps to the
covers at b.c. & mail to Admiral Hickling,
on F.D.C.

312.64

OCs

64.

Covers withdrawn / necessary action.

4-12-64

312

8th December, 1964.

Dear Mrs. Headford,

On this, the fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands His Excellency the Governor presents his compliments and asks you to accept the enclosed set of postage stamps and photograph of the Battle Memorial.

Very sincerely,

Willoughby Thompson

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mrs. A. Headford,
STANLEY.

WHT/IM.

8th December, 1954.

Dear Mrs. Anderson,

On this, the fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands His Excellency the Governor presents his compliments and asks you to accept in commensation of the part played in the battle by your late husband the enclosed set of postage stamps and photograph of the Battle Memorial.

Very Sincerely,

Willoughby Thompson

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mrs. C. Anderson,
STANLEY.

WHT/TM.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

6667.

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

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Despatched : 4th December, 19 64 *Time* : 64

Received : 5th December, 19 64 *Time* : 64

From Arrowsmith. Twelve more names battle survivors arriving 'Darwin' with Sumner.

Crown

P/L : IM

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

PI677 P4416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Stanley			10.12.64
To				
	etat CROWN LONDON SW1			HOA/c

No. 343. Falklands battle stamp issue stop Complete sell out 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d
denomination stop Are further supplies available from Bureau stocks

Secretary

Copy to: S/PT

JB/LH

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CS.
File read to
folio 68.
LH 14/12

0283/6
DECODE.

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No. 64.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London SW1.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 11th December, 19 64. Time : 1652

Received : 12th December, 19 64. Time :

68

Your No. 343. Bureau stock 2½d denomination also exhausted. Grateful you advise date of return despatch of first day covers.

Crown

P/L : LH
(Intld.) HLB
Copy to: S/PT

Reply at 71

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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P1677 P4416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Stanley			14.12.64
To	etat CROWN LONDON SW1			HQA/c

70 No. 349. Yourtel 11th first day covers leaving 29th December

Secretary

Copy to S/PT

HLB/LH

WHT/LH

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

14th December, 1964.

Dear Mrs. Luxton,

The First Elected Member for Stanley Mr. R.V. Goss has complained to me, on your behalf, about the recent issue of "Battle Day" Official First Day Covers and Stamps.

I can assure you that the Superintendent Posts and Telecommunications and the Postmaster are as concerned about the situation as Mr. Goss, says you are, and over which there was virtually no control. The public demand was quite unexpected, and, no one was to know that so many people would speculate in stamps. It is my view that recent advertisements in the Monthly Review offering one and three-pence for a six-penny Shakespeare stamp led many people, who would not normally bother their heads with stamps, to invest on a very large scale.

The number of stamps normally sold for postal purposes is very low, and a very high percentage of our stamp revenue (which is a very important item in our economy) comes from sales to collectors and dealers overseas.

This particular commemorative issue was in no way different to any other and the quantities ordered were based on previous sales. Commemorative issues are not allowed to remain on sale for more than three months from the date of first sale. Unsold stocks have to be destroyed.

Official First Day Covers, are an enigma, and to us something very new. Only once before have we, in the Colony, sold such an item and that was for the Shakespeare issue. The Shakespeare issue did not sell quickly and it took about a month to dispose of them. Over ordering to meet a chance demand is not a very wise thing to do. Government cannot, and must not, speculate with the taxpayers' money, and perforce, must at times tend towards the conservative.

With all this as a background I am sure you will agree that the Postmaster's action in restricting advance orders was a reasonable one. The overwhelming queue at the Post Office on the morning of the 8th of December was a complete surprise and something entirely new in our local postal experience.

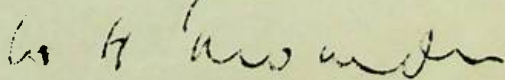
I am personally sorry that you did not get your official covers, but I hope you were at least able to stamp some of your own.

At Mr. Goss' request I have checked on Mr. Sydney Miller's order for Official First Day Covers and find that nothing was received from him, nor did the Postmaster ever refuse to supply him with covers.

I hope this goes some way to clearing up the matter.

We shall have to face all this again in the future and in the light of our newly gained knowledge we shall do all we can to provide all the First Day Covers required.

Yours faithfully,



(W.H. THOMPSON)

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mrs. C. Luxton, J.P.,
STANLEY.

Copies to all Executive Council and
Legislative Council members.



December, 1964.

d/o

On the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands, at which your distinguished father was present, I should be glad if you would accept the enclosed photograph of the battle memorial together with a set of the commemorative stamps which have been issued to mark the occasion.

I have learnt from Sir Edwin Arrowsmith of the great help which you have given in tracing the names of those still living who took part in the battle and you may be interested to know that we are sending sets of the stamps to a total of 188 officers and men whose names have been made available by the Admiralty and through the medium of the press.

The anniversary of the battle was marked in Stanley by a well attended morning service in Christ Church Cathedral which was followed by a march past of detachments from the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the Falkland Islands Defence Force and local youth organisations. Subsequently, at the battle monument a short ceremony was held at which prayers were said by the Church of England, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic padres. The monument was saluted by the Royal Naval Colour Party while helicopters of H.M.S. Protector flew past and a wreath was laid by Leading Stores Assistant Wage now serving in H.M.S. Protector, whose great-uncle was present at the battle.

May I take this opportunity to say how very much all of us here in the Falkland Islands value our connexion with the Royal Navy. 23rd January next will be the 200th anniversary of the date on which Captain John Byron, R.N., formally took possession of the Falkland Islands in the name of King George III and since that time our history has been closely associated with that of the Royal Navy in southern waters.

In the early days, nine officers of the Royal Navy were successively in charge of the British settlements at Port Egmont and at Port Louis and between 1855 and 1867 Captain T.E.L. Moore and Captain James Mackenzie were Governors. The work done by survey parties from the Royal Navy will be well known to you and Port Stanley has of course been a port of call and the station of a guardship for many years. The/...

Admiral Sir David Luce, G.C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E.

Copy to Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, K.C.M.G.
73 Rivermead Court,
Hurlingham,
London, S.W. 6.

The annual visits paid by H.M.S. Protector are, as you know, greatly appreciated and the spirit of friendly co-operation existing between the ship's company and those on shore could not be better. For this continued interest in the Falkland Islands we are indeed grateful.

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Yes Please work + let me have cards back in time to
reply by December.

73, Rivermead Court,
Hurlingham, London, S.W.6.

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LA 20/11

October 20, 1964.

CS for your file. NFA. 1 replied.
LA 24/12/64 ✓

Dear Haskard,

I hope you are now well settled in and that the Spring
is a good one. I wonder if you have yet had a chance to get some fishing.

I managed to get something in the Rex North Column in
the "Daily Mirror" about survivors of the Battle of the Falklands, which
has already produced about 50 names, and Sir David Luce, the First Sea Lord,
has sent me 43 names of GLASGOW survivors plus a few from the other ships.
Luce's father commanded GLASGOW in the battle and I think it would be a
good move to send Luce a FIRST DAY COVER. Perhaps you would think it a
good idea to get Joe King to print a nice message to go in the envelopes
you send to the survivors. I think this will all be very worthwhile
and will get the Falklands quite a few friends. I knew nothing about
the letter Miss Ware sent out to say that only the names of officer
survivors could be obtained. I will send you all I have already by
Malcolm Burley, who will be arriving ~~ix~~ to command the South Georgia
Expedition, and if I get more I will send you a telegram saying how many.
The Postmaster could then have the envelopes stamped as First Day Covers
and the names could be filled in after the December "Darwin" arrives.
I hope to write to you by that opportunity also about Nesbitt's TV
and Radio Sonde ideas.

All best wishes,

Yours ever, Edwin Arrowsmith.



His Excellency

C.D.P.T. Haskard, Esq. C.M.G.

Government House,

Falkland Islands,

South Atlantic.

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Sender's name and address:

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Commercial Section

11th Floor, African Life Centre,
2, St. George's St., Cape Town

Tel. 41-1466

P.O. Box 1346

Our Ref. RWH:MOC Your Ref.



November 20, 1964.

Dear Colonial Secretary,

We have been asked by our Trade Correspondent in Windhoek, South West Africa, Mr. M.A. Isaacson, whether we could, on a personal basis, obtain copies of new stamps which he understands will be issued in the Falkland Islands on December 8 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Battles in 1914.

Mr. Isaacson would like to have one of each of these stamps, which I understand will be valued at 2½d., 6d., 1s., and 2s., and has asked if they could be affixed to an envelope and sent to him by registered post. His address is P.O. Box 29, Windhoek, South West Africa.

b.c. I wonder if someone in your Office would kindly undertake to arrange this? I enclose a British Postal Order for 7s. 6d. which Mr. Isaacson has sent me, and should be very grateful for anything you can do.

Yours sincerely,

(R.W. HOWELL)

The Colonial Secretary, H.M. VICE CONSUL (COMMERCIAL)
Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS
South Atlantic Ocean

bu 10.1.65 (Binnie FDC)

DECODE.

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No. 58

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched :	22nd January,	1965	Time :	1629
Received :	23rd January,	1965	Time :	0900

Grateful you forward twelve first day covers of Battle Stamps for publicity purposes if possible.

Crown

Reply at 79 s/fe.

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we haven't any, have we?

PL:TB
(Intld) H.L.B.

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ACS

Regret we haven't.

29.1.65

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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P1677 P4416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Stanley			30.1.65
To				
	etat CROWN LONDON SW1			HOA/c

76 No. 25. Yourtel 22nd January regret no complete sets available

Secretary

ILB/LH

1st February, 65.

Dear Sir,

75

I refer to a letter from the British Consulate-General, Cape Town dated the 20th November, 1964, and enclose a First Day Cover obtained commercially and costing 7/6d.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. W.A. Isaacson,
P.O. Box 29,
Windhoek,
SOUTH WEST AFRICA

DMM/IM

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D. E. COFFER, ESQ., O.B.E.

D/501/33.

Our Ref.....

Your Ref.....

PALL MALL, LONDON, S.W.1

4th December, 1964.

Sir E. Arrowsmith
73 Rivermead Court,
Hurlingham,
London S.W.6.

Dear Sir Edwin,

84A

The attached copy letter has been received from our Branch Secretary at Napton. In view of the position it may be that this is a case in which a first day cover of the Special Edition of Stamps could be sent exceptionally.

Yours sincerely,

[Handwritten Signature]
Secretary Service Dept.

AG.

Reps at 82

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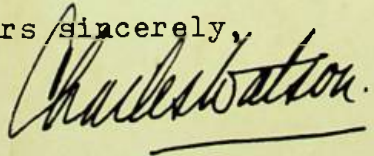
REF No	3	ADDRESS	C. Watson. Secretary NAPTON Nr Rugby.
AREA	BRITISH HEADQUARTERS		Dec 1st 1964

The Editor
The British Legion Journal,
49. Pall Mall,
LONDON. S, W.1.

Dear Mr Editor,

With reference to the report about the Falkland Islands and Coronel.

My brother William Watson who served 34 years in the Royal Navy and through the two wars was the youngest rating in the Falkland Island Battle at age 16. He joined the Navy in 1915 age 15 1/4 yrs and was on H. M. S. Cornwall at the above battle when four of the five German warships were sunk. I regret he died in the Naval Hospital at Chatham some years ago but as I have all his awards (including the C.G.M.) I would very much like the issue to place with my late brothers things if you can forward my name. I am our Branch Secretary, County Treasurer, Group President and hold the Legion's Gold Badge.

Yours sincerely,


Dear Sir,

Thank you for the letter
of _____ ^{the late Mr} about William Watson
manufactured your letter, which I to

A letter on to me arrived after
all such form sets of stamps were
exhausted

7-1- I enclose a photograph of
the Battle Memorial which was the
center for an anniversary celebration which
you might like to send on to
Mr Charles Baker.

Sincerely
Yours

CB

13th January, 1965.

Dear Secretary,

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Thank you for your letter P/501/33 of the 4th December, 1964, about the late Mr. William Watson.

Unfortunately your letter, which Sir Edwin Arrowsmith sent on to me arrived after all stocks of our sets of stamps were exhausted.

I enclose a photograph of the Falkland Island Battle Memorial which was the centre of our anniversary celebrations which you might like to send on to Mr. Charles Watson.

Sincerely yours,

COLONIAL SECRETARY

The Secretary,
Service Department,
British Legion,
Pall Mall,
LONDON, S.W.1.

WHT/IM.

PAA

"THE FIRS" 83
YEW TREE LANE.
BATH POOL.
NR. TAUNTON.
SOMERSET
30/12/64

Dear Sir,

I've been asked to write
and give you the names of four
more ratings who were present
at the sinking of the German
cruisers off the Falkland Islands
Dec: 8th 1914.

The following are the names &
addresses

A. E. Gooding.

H.M.S. No 9 Giffard Street.
Cornwall. TAUNTON.
Somerset
→

J. G. W. Bridder.

Official No

526458

NO 4 YEW TREE LANE.

H.M.S.

Corwall

BATH POOL.

TAUNTON.

SOMERSET

J. Thomas

Mill Cottages

H.M.S.

Corwall

Breech. St. Michael

Taunton

Somerset.

W. Hancock

No 4 Penzoy Avenue.

H.M.S.

Kent

Bridgwater

Somerset

I remain Yours

Faithfully
J. G. W. Bridder

C.S.

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Loose

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17/2

31/1/1965

5 Buller St

East Looe

Cornwall

England

Dear Sir

Just few lines to let you know that I
met a ex navy man that I was with in ship
H. M. S. Cranopus from Aug 3rd 1914 to late 1916
and he told me that he sent letter to you as he
saw it in the paper and that he was very pleased
with it as you know we fired the first shot at
the German fleet in the morning so I will come
two a close wishing you and the Island all the
best of luck

Yours

Sincerely
Luther Pengelly

seaman R. N. R.

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CS
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17/2

Mr. L. C. Himson of 61 Stanley Street, Lowestoft,
Suffolk, England, thanks His Excellency the Governor
of the Falkland Islands for the set of postage stamps
commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle
of the Falkland Islands, and as a survivor of that
great naval battle, has very great pleasure in accepting
them.

1st February, 1965.

Sender's name and address:

Mr. L. C. Himson,

61 Stanley Street,

LOWESTOFT, Suffolk, England.

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His Excellency the Governor of the

Falkland Islands,

Government House,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CS. Some of the news we have had about the 87
50th anniversary dinner might provide a
few paragraphs for the news letter. We might
also mention the names of those who have wanted
us for the sets of stamps.

Woodhurst

Peartree Lane

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2nd, February, 1965.

your excellency,

Sir, I have received today with
the greatest of pleasure your gift of a set
of the Battle of the Falkland Islands
commemorative postage stamps, a gift which
I much appreciate, the more so as my wife,
our two sons, are keen collectors of first
issues. But above all I appreciate the kind
thought behind the gift.

I still have vivid memories of my
only visit to your Islands as a newly-fledged
midshipman in H.M.S. "Cornwall", and of the
reception we received from the kindly
inhabitants of Port Stanley.

On the 8th December last I attended the
50th, a probably final anniversary dinner

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dinner and the outbreak of those able
to attend was very small, alas.

Again, Sir, my grateful thanks.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

your very sincere servant,

Sydney Gardner.

Commander, O.B.E., R.N., R^{etd}.

His Excellency the Governor,
The Falkland Islands.

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25 Peverell Park Road ⁹
Plymouth
DevonLH
27/4Tuesday 2nd Feb 1965. England.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much

for the commemorative stamps of the
fiftieth anniversary of the great
Naval Battle fought on December
8th 1914. They arrived on
Saturday 30th January; the day
of Sir Winston's funeral; the
architect of our great victory.
Best wishes to you and all the
people of the Falklands.

Yours faithfully

Stanley Holt.

Ex Mrs Cornwall.

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22 Bushy Mead B
Witley, Portsmouth
Hants
February 2nd 1960If used for broadcast,
permission of Mrs Pallini
should be asked first.His Excellency
The Governor, Falkland IslandsCH 27/4
Sir

Your letter of the 8th December at hand I thank you very much for sending the enclosed memento of the Battle of 50 years ago, which will be very much valued by me, and will be handed down to my son. I have very pleasant memories of Stanley. During my visits there in H.M.S. Glasgow I was always "at home" with M^r & M^s Summers. I am still corresponding with the daughter, M^s Pallini, and that after more than 50 years. I am over 83 years old, but memories of my days at Stanley are still very fresh and vivid.

Yours very sincerely

M^r A. E. Thorne.

From my diary 1914. X Mr. NFRHODES. C
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Dear Sir

Thank you and your people for the commemorative stamp issue, which I received on the 30 Jan. 1965. I am a little disappointed, that you had no H.M.S. Canopus on show; in my opinion with H.M.S. Canopus firing over board, it turned the German ship round and saved our Fleet from being cut off; in Pembroke streets, I wonder if any one can remember the funeral of the 6 Volunteers who were drowned; I was one of the firing party. Just before we left F.L.I. one of the men said that we would ~~for~~ have a gold medal for what we had done for the Island, I thank you again
Yours Sincerely
NFRHODES.

DISASTER, VICTORY, AND NOW . . .



Mr. Ernest Tilley
—"Echo" photo.

Stamps for shipmates in gallant Glasgow

PHILATELISTS will no doubt envy two Southampton men who have just received, in a Government of the Falkland Islands folder, four-stamp sets to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the famous World War I naval battle there.

The two men, Mr. ERNEST TILLEY, of Orpen-road, Sholing, and Mr. LUDOVIC COLE, of University-road, Southampton, were serving in the light cruiser Glasgow during the victorious battle of December 8, 1914, and in the disastrous Coronel action five weeks earlier.

Each bearing the head of the Queen, the stamps are for 2s., 1s., 6d. and 2½d. They depict, respectively, the battle memorial in the Falklands, the battle cruiser Invincible, the armoured cruiser Kent, and the Glasgow.

The "HMS Glasgow" stamp will, of course, be in greatest use, and that is only right, for that ship was on the scene not only at Coronel but also at the hunting-down, at Juan Fernandes, of the German light cruiser Dresden, which escaped the Falklands defeat.

Both of the old Glasgow shipmates—Mr. Tilley was chief stoker and Mr. Cole the armourer—are members of the Association Coronel. It has a reunion at Portsmouth on November 1—the anniversary of the battle — each year.

At Coronel, the German Vice-Admiral Graf von Spee's East Asiatic Squadron sank the outdated cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth. The only other ship, the armed merchantman Otranto, had withdrawn. Glasgow continued fighting until she received orders from the blazing, sinking Monmouth to retire.

Revenge came in the Falklands battle, when a British fleet, then comprising two battle cruisers, three armoured cruisers, two light cruisers and an armed merchant cruiser, were involved.

Von Spee went down with his

armoured cruiser Scharnhorst, and the armoured cruiser Gneisenau, the light cruisers Leipzig and Nurnberg, and two of the three German colliers were sunk.

Dresden was the only enemy naval ship to get away — but she did not survive for long.



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No. 10. THE POPLARS

FOVANT

Mr Salisbury
Wilt.

Dear Sir.

I am thanking you for the Commemoration Stamps, I received on 30 Jan, Sir Winston Churchill funeral day, that was a coincidence, for which we shall all remember, It was Sir Winston as 1st Lord of the Admiralty, that we survived the Falkland Island from the Germans, Thanking your Excellency

Yours
J. Johnson
Ex. R.N.L.I.
H.M.S Cornwall.

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Your Excellency,

I write to thank you very much indeed, for the kind thought, and very much appreciated present of the set of commemorative postage stamps, from the Falkland Islands, which arrived yesterday.

They will be greatly treasured, and are being framed, and hung with the water colour of the Battle, which I have had for many years.

On 50th, and last re-union of the surviving officers was a Great Success, and there were four of the King's Midshipmen, and one Lieutenant-Commander (N) of my old ship Cornwall. I often think

of the Falkland Islands, and Pat
Stanley, and wonder how much
things have changed since those
days in December 1914. I will
remember the wild geese and the
colonies of Penguins.

Again with very many thanks
indeed, I am - Sir,

Your obedient servant

Yours truly,
J. S. Bethell

(Captain J. S. BETHELL. R.N.)

No
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10 Carnglas Avenue f
Lycorch
Swansea
2nd Feb

Dear Sir

I received the Commemorative
Stamps etc. quite safe & it was a great
pleasure to receive them, it reminds me of old
time. I was in the Glasgow from 1912 to 1916.
She was a grand ship, with the best Officers &
Crew in the World. I was very proud to be there as,
a. et. B. S. G. We called at the Falklands Islands
very often, and taking part in the ~~staying~~ and boat-
racing they were master at both of these things,
I am sending some cuttings from the papers, I
50 years ago, hope they will interest you

Your Sincerely
et M. Palmer.

THE "DRESDEN" SUNK.

ACTION OFF JUAN FERNANDEZ ISLAND.

WHITE FLAG DISPLAYED.

The Secretary of the Admiralty makes the following announcement:

On 14th March, at 9.0 a.m., H.M.S. *Glasgow*, Captain John Luce, R.N., H.M. Auxiliary Cruiser *Orama*, Captain John R. Segrave, R.N., and H.M.S. *Kent*, Captain John D. Allen, C.B., R.N., caught the *Dresden* near Juan Fernandez Island.

An action ensued. After five minutes' fighting the *Dresden* hauled down her colours and displayed the white flag.

She was much damaged and set on fire, and after she had been burning for some time her magazine exploded and she sank.

The crew were saved. Fifteen badly wounded Germans are being landed at Valparaiso. There were no British casualties and no damage to the ships.

THE SHIPS ENGAGED.

The *Dresden* was a light cruiser of 3,544 tons displacement, dating from 1908. She carried twelve 4.1-inch guns, with a nominal speed of 27 knots. The *Dresden* took part in the action off Chile of November 13, when the armoured cruisers *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* sank the British cruisers *Good Hope* and *Monmouth*. On that occasion the *Dresden*, in company with the *Leipzig*, was engaged by the *Glasgow*, Captain John Luce; but in the heavy weather prevailing at the time the result was indecisive. In the action off the Falkland Islands of December 8, when Sir Doveton Sturdee's squadron defeated the German squadron commanded by Admiral von Spee, the *Dresden*, owing to her superior speed, escaped, the *Glasgow* at the time being occupied with the *Leipzig*, which was sunk by the combined fire of the *Glasgow* and the *Cornwall*, Captain Walter M. Ellerton.

On Sunday the *Dresden* was found by her old antagonist the *Glasgow*, Captain John Luce. With the *Glasgow* was the *Kent*, Captain John D. Allen. The *Kent* is an armoured cruiser of the old County class, dating from 1903. She is of 9,800 tons displacement, carrying fourteen 6-inch guns, with a nominal speed of 21 knots. In the action off the Falkland Islands the *Kent* sank the *Nürnberg*. The *Glasgow* is a light cruiser dating from 1910. She is of 4,800 tons displacement, carrying two 6-inch and ten 4-inch guns, with a nominal speed of 25 knots. The guns of the *Dresden* would stand no chance against the 6-inch guns of the British ships, which finished the action in a few minutes.

HOW CRADOCK WAS AVENGED.

FALKLANDS BATTLE.

“They're All At The Bottom.”

The events leading up to the Battle of the Falklands, in which Von Spee's squadron was sent to the bottom by Admiral Sturdee, are described by Mr Churchill in the extracts from his book appearing in “The Times” to-day.

The battle was an immediate sequel to the Battle of Coronel, described in yesterday's *Echo*. As a result of his success there Von Spee was in temporary command of the South American waters, and we had to prepare, says Mr Churchill, against a sudden blow at many points. In this grave need my mind immediately turned to wresting a battle-cruiser from the Grand Fleet.

But Lord Fisher was in a bolder mood. He would take two battle-cruisers—the Invincible and Inflexible. Sir John Jellicoe rose to the occasion, and parted with the two battle-cruisers without a word. They were sent to Devonport for refit, and left in the nick of time.

They coaled on November 28th at Abrolhos, where they joined and absorbed Admiral Stoddart's squadron—Camaron, Cornwall, Kent, Glasgow, Bristol, and Orama, and despatched Defence to the Cape, and without ever coming in sight of land or using their wireless they reached Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, on the night of December 7th.

Last of Von Spee.

After a few days at Valparaiso Von Spee and his ships vanished again into the blue.

Do not know what were the reasons which

led him to raid the Falkland Islands, nor what his further plans would have been in the event of success. Presumably he hoped to destroy this unfortified British coaling base and so make his own position in South American waters less precarious.

At any rate, at noon on December 6, he set off from the Straits of Magellan with his five ships to the eastward; and at about eight o'clock, December 8, his leading ship (the *Gneisenau*) was in sight of the main harbour of the Falklands. A few minutes later a terrible apparition broke upon German eyes. Rising from behind the promontory, sharply visible in the clear air, were a pair of tripod masts. One glance was enough. They meant certain death. (Only Dreadnoughts had tripods.)

The day was beautifully fine, and from the tops the horizon extended 30 or 40 miles in every direction. There was no hope for victory. There was no chance of escape. A month before another admiral (Cradock) and his sailors had suffered a similar experience.

A Shuck.

At 5 o'clock that afternoon I was working in my room at the Admiralty when Admiral Oliver entered with the following telegram. It was from the Governor of the Falkland Islands, and ran as follows:—

Admiral Spee arrived at daylight this morning with all his ships and he is now in action with Admiral Sturdee's whole fleet, which was coaling.

We had had so many unpleasant surprises that these last words sent a shiver up my spine. Had we been taken by surprise and, in spite of all our superiority, mauled, unready, at anchor? “Can it mean that?” I said to the Chief of the Staff. “I hope not,” was all he said. I could see that my suggestion, though I hardly meant it seriously, had disquieted him.

Two hours later, however, the door opened again, and this time the countenance of the stern and sombre Oliver wore something which closely resembled a grin. “It's all right, sir; they are all at the bottom.” And with one exception so they were.

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67. Pine Ridge
Barkston.
Surrey.
England.

Dear Sir/

I am writing to thank
you for the Commemoration Stamps
of which I am now in receipt.
I served aboard H. M. S. Kent
during the Battle of the Falklands
as a Royal Marine under
Capt Allen R. N. I am proud to
possess these Stamps and I shall
always remember the day when
Von Spee's Squadron was obliterated.

I Am Sir

Yours Thankfully, M. C. Marshall

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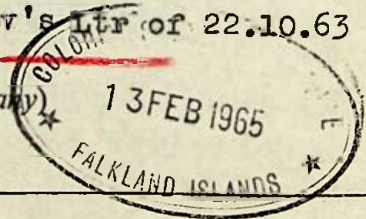
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From Crown, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

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"ICKLETON"
44, New Road. 92
PORT ISAAC.
Cornwall.
4th Feb. 1965.

Your Excellency.

May I take this opportunity to thank you very much for the gift of a set of commemorative postage stamps on the 50th anniversary of the Falkland battle.

This was a very pleasant surprise, much appreciated by myself & wife. Thank you.

Perhaps you may or may not know Admiral Sir David Luce & Lady Luce held an at home on board H.M.S. Victory to which the survivors of H.M.S. Glasgow were invited & much appreciated by them.

Wishing you & yours Sir, good luck & good health in the future.

Yours Sincerely, - A. G. P. H. I. T.
Cmdr R.N. R. N. RET.

3rd February 1965.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to write and acknowledge the gift of the Commemorative Stamp issue for the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands, and to express my deep appreciation of your gift and also of the kindness which prompted it. Also I would like to add that it will act as a lasting memory of a never to be forgotten occasion.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

George T. Philip

Captain R.N.

(Sub-lieutenant in H.M.S. INFLEXIBLE)

His Excellency,
The Governor of the
Falkland Islands.

Welwyn Garden 22651

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12 Pentley Park.
Welwyn Garden City.
Herts.

Feb. 4. 1965

Your Excellency

I am in receipt of the
Set of Commemorative Stamps
of the Falkland Island Battle
which I greatly appreciate
and acknowledge with grateful
thanks. A reminder of that great
| day, and the kind attention in
| Port Stanley Hospital afterwards

Yours faithfully
A. D. Scotchmer.

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Commander L. I. G. Leveson R.N.R.

Presents his compliments to the Governor

of the Azores Islands and his thanks you

for the brilliant thought of issuing and

sending to the surviving officers the

set of stamps which arrived in London

last week.

Fifty years is a long time but it does
not feel like it. X

L. Leveson

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5th February, 1965.

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Professor P. M. S. Blackett
thanks His Excellency the
Governor of the Falkland Islands
for his kind remembrance of the
Battle of the Falkland Islands,
and is most interested to have
the set of commemorative postage
stamps.

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58, Lynch Road,
Furnham,
Surrey.

Telephone 5565.

5th Feb. 1965.

Hon Governor,

Very many thanks for sending me the
Falkland Islands commemorative
stamps which I recently received and
which remind me so much of my
first visit to Port Stanley in H.M.S.
"Inflexible" on the afternoon of 7th Feb.
1914.

I left that ship in the autumn
of 1915, joined the "Glasgow" at the
Cape and then served about two
years on the South American Station
the first part of which was under
the command of Captain John Lee,
the father of the present first sea lord.

During that period we visited Port
Stanley a number of times and got to
know it quite well. I remember during
one visit meeting the late Sir Ernest
Stackleton, who arrived in some small

craft from Elephant, Island and was looking for someone to pick up the remainder of his crew.

Everyone in the ship liked liked the place as it was rather like going home and I remember particularly how we enjoyed the local beer which came from England and had to be fortified for the trip through the tropics. It really was something after the various substitutes one swallowed up and down the coast.

I expect you know that we held a final reunion dinner in London on Bro. 3rd East which was attended by about twenty of the remaining who were present at the action and it was a great pleasure to meet several old shipmates.

We were all very touched and gratified to receive during dinner the must have been one of Sir Winston Churchill's last messages of goodwill.

[I hope you do not mind my addressing you in a rather familiar manner but I do so much appreciate your kindness.]

Yours sincerely,

Brian Sebastian

H. M. S. G L A S G O W

(1912 - 1916)

ASSOCIATION CORONEL

PATRON MRS. LUCE

The 17th

Annual Dinner

at

Co-operative Cafe, North End

on

Friday, November 2nd, 1962

at 7.30 p.m.,

Chairman: Mr. H. Brightwell

Menu

(A Variety of little items necessary to be gone through)

SOUP

(Del Rio De la Plata y de las Aguas Chilianas)

ROAST TURKEY

(Del Banco Ingles y del Maldonado)

VEGETABLES

(Del Uruguay y de la Republica Argentina)

SWEET

(Azucar de Nictheroy y do Corcovada)

CAFE

(Negra y Bianca de Santos)

CERVEZA

(Del Tupynamba y de Port Stanley)

Toasts



H.M. THE QUEEN

(Our Beloved Ruler)

"OUR PATRON" MRS. LUCE

(Held in High Esteem)

ABSENT SHIPMATES

(Tho' far away, now in our midst)

Incorporating the 50th Anniversary
of the Commissioning of
H.M.S. GLASGOW
17th September, 1912
for further service on the
East Coast of South America



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YORK MINSTER YORKSHIRE CLOCK IN NORTH TRANSEPT

The clock works were made in 1750 by Henry Hindley, the famous York clock maker. The face, which dates from 1883, was designed by the architect, G. F. Bodley. The two men-at-arms, who strike the four quarters, belonged to the Minster's medieval clock. They are oak and were made in 1528.

The flag from H.M.S. Glasgow, with the mural tablet underneath, commemorates Rear-Admiral Sir. Christopher Cradock and the Battle of Coronel, All Saints Day, 1914.

Photograph by EDWIN SMITH YRKMR-19

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9 Bond Road
Bitterne Park
Southampton

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of
4 of the old crew of H.M.S. Glasgow.
We wish to thank you from the bottom
of our hearts for sending us along
the Commemorative Stamp issue
cards. How for minutes Sir think
we have forgotten those dear rocks
of the Falkland Islands. We have
here keep up our dinner at Portsmouth
each year, but last November we
had a ~~old~~ home aboard H.M.S. Victory
at Portsmouth with a recall from
Sir. Admiral David Bevel. First Lord
of the Admiralty, who is the son

of our late Captain, later Admiral
Glen Huie. At our dinner each
year we never forget to sing the
old song. One day down Port
Stanley the look out man did
see, the older folks of the Island
will remember that. I was
thinking Sir what ^{some} of the old crew
would give to visit the Falkland
Island again to say Hello to
some of the old people who
remember us, anyway perhaps
we are asking to much at our
time of life, remembering that our
oldest member is 88 and the
youngest 72, but they not to old
to come to Home each year which
we have promise to carry on until

it is Tea for Taro. However Sir please
give our love to all the Faisland
Islands people, I say our love
because we of Glasgow really
~~desire~~ to have for their help and
ing "Thank you" after the Faisland
batter, and also the great welcome
we got on our visits there before
the 1914 war. Well Sir thanking
once again for your kindness
I will close with my best wishes

Yours truly
Daisy

H. G. Whittington.

P.S My 2 grandsons would like to know
if there is any hopes of Pen Pals
from the Auckland Islands.

They are very keen on all sports
and attend all Southampton home
matches, their ages are 13 9 15 yrs
and their address is:

ALEC. WHITTINGTON. (15) ^{MAHCCHM} ~~NEWBORN~~ WHITTINGTON (13)

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THORNHILL

SOUTHAMPTON

ENGLAND

To
H.M. GOVERNOR.

Mrs. C. Smith
14 White Hart Lane
Portchester, Hants, England
5^A 2.1965.

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Dear Sir:

A Mr. F. SEAR. LATE R.M.L. 1. who served as a R.M. Private aboard H.M.S. KENT during the Battle of Falkland Islands, has shown me the set of Commemorative Stamps in Reference to the 50th Anniversary of the Battle. Sir, I would deem it a 'very great' honour if you could arrange for a similar set to be sent to me. You are enclosed an Article that I had the proud privilege of submitting to our Local Hampshire Telegraph, & further more I have given details on the Battle, as you will observe by my Article that I had the 'Great Honour' of giving the Opening Orders for the actual Battle, from 10.40. I after 10.40. to commence. After the Battle, our Royal Marine Band, came ashore & gave a selection of Music in the Islands Town Hall, & have

Mrs. C. Smith

14 White Hart Lane

Portchester, Hants, England

the assembly appreciated our efforts including
 the Liquid form!! in fact my Cap. Badge
 is still resting in the sea near where we
 Re Embarked. to return aboard. Am
 wondering if our Steam. Picket Boat is
 still in operation to the Island, you see Sir,
 our Main Deck was shot away & we
 could not hoist it aboard, so left it
 for the Islands use. I think the Governor's
 home was Nicholls or Nicholson during
 our timely visit. Sir, if there happens
 to be any inhabitants of the Island who
 still remember us playing I should like
 to hear from them, altho 70 years of age I am
 still employed as Relief Constable of Portchester-
 Castle, enclosed please find a Guide Book of
 any visitors from the Island happens this way

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I should be delighted to show them around
this wonderful Monument.

Sir. Please convey my Regards to any
who Remember us, & if you consider
worthy, you have my permission to
Reprint my Article & cutting.

Sir L. Am
Yours Truly

Smith

Lali.
Royal Marine Band
1508

"Most decisive naval battle of World War I"

Forty-eight years ago this week, during World War I, the naval battle of the Falkland Isles was fought between English and German squadrons.

Mr. Charles Smith, ex-Royal Marine handsman of 14, White Hart Lane, Portchester, who is assistant custodian of Portchester Castle, was serving in the ship that fired the first shot of the action.

Mr. Smith says that this battle was, in his opinion, the most decisive naval victory of World War I.

"And yet its anniversary is hardly ever remarked upon," he adds.

To remedy this, Mr. Smith has written for the Hampshire Telegraph his own account of the action:—

"After the Coronel disaster on November 3, 1914, when H.M.S. Good Hope and Monmouth were sunk by Admiral von Spee's Asiatic squadron, Lord Fisher, who had just succeeded Prince Louis of Battenburg as First Sea Lord, ordered Rear Admiral Sir Frederick Doveton Sturdee to raise his flag in H.M.S. Invincible, and, with H.M.S. Inflexible (two battle cruisers of the 3rd B.C. squadron) sail to Plymouth.

"Here we were to make ready to proceed to sea as soon as possible, which we did on November 11.

"Admiral Sturdee's command covered the South Pacific and the South Atlantic and was extended if necessary to any other water-way on which his quarry could be found and brought to action.

VICTORY CERTAIN

"On joining other ships at sea we had an avenging force so large as to make victory certain and so make amend for the Coronel defeat.

"We arrived at Abrolhus Reef to take in coal on November 27 and the next day we left in company with H.M.S. Glasgow, Defence, Carnarvon, Cornwall, Bristol, and Kent—the search for von Spee's squadron was now on in earnest.

"Our Capt. Richard Phillimore, in H.M.S. Inflexible, informed us then for the first time of our objective—to sink the German squadron consisting of Scharnhorst, Gneissau, Nurnberg, Leipzig, and Dresden.

On December 7, the Falkland Islands were sighted and we entered Port Stanley while the other cruisers began coaling in the outer bay of Port William.

"At daybreak, the colliers came alongside the two battle-cruisers. After we had taken in about 500 tons of coal a message was received saying that five columns of smoke had been seen on the horizon.

"Little did we know that it was the German squadron making for the Falklands when the guard ship H.M.S. Canopus opened fire

at 7.35 with her 12-inch guns, making them turn away.

"At 9.50, Canopus fired again when the enemy, ignorant of our presence, was steaming again towards the Islands.

"At last, we cast off the colliers and steamed out of harbour.

"Directly the enemy spotted our tripod masts they put on speed, turned away and tried to escape. But it was too late—we were too fast for von Spee's squadron, and on December 8, the action commenced.

"My duties were to pass all orders received from the main top to all turrets and my battle station was the silent cabinet of the fore transmitting station.

"H.M.S. Inflexible opened the action at 12.50 a.m.

"The first order I passed to the 12-in. guns was 16,000yds. towards the Leipzig. This salvo fell short and the enemy separated in an effort to escape.

"Our speed and gun-power prevented this, however, and the action became independent.

"Our third salvo hit the Scharnhorst below the water-line at 2.45. The range dropped to 15,000yds., closing quickly to 12,500.

HEELED OVER

"After we started firing lyddite shells Scharnhorst was badly hit and at 4 p.m. suddenly heeled over and went down. As other enemy ships were still firing, no survivors were picked up.

"We joined our flag ship H.M.S. Invincible and with H.M.S. Carnarvon, which had just rejoined the main body, opened fire on the Gneissau, sinking her at 5.40 p.m.

"All our ships lowered boats and picked up many of her crew, including Capt. Pockhammer.

"The remaining cruisers of our squadron accounted for Leipzig and Nurnberg. Dresden escaped to Cumberland Bay on the coast of Juan Fernandez, where she eventually blew up.

"Although the battle-cruisers have been mentioned so often, the highest praise should undoubtedly go to the smaller light cruisers, who were more evenly matched. On this occasion, the speed they maintained was a wonderful effort.

"H.M.S. Glasgow, the only ship to escape from Coronel, had helped to avenge that tragic action."

H.M.S. DEVONSHIRE

First of the Navy's guided missile destroyers, the £7,000,000 H.M.S. Devonshire, arrived in the Portsmouth area for the first time on Wednesday, and was due to enter harbour today. She will be in this area carrying out normal sea trials until next February.

Mr. Charles Smith is an ex-Royal Marine bandsman, serving for 15 years before becoming a victim of the Geddes "axe." During World War I he served in H.M.S. Inflexible and was at the Battle of the Falkland Isles, the Dardanelles, Jutland, and German East and West Africa. In World War II he was a lieutenant in the Home Guard at Portchester.

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Portchester Castle

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PORTCHESTER CASTLE lies on the North shore of Portsmouth Harbour, at the south end of Portchester village, about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile south of Portchester station and the Farcham-Chichester road (A27). Trains are about hourly each way. There are frequent buses to and from Portsmouth along the main road, and occasional buses to the end of the village.

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History

THE earliest known occupation of the site of Portchester Castle was by the military authorities of the Roman Empire, who built the fortress the greater part of which still stands. On the western, or landward side of the Roman fort, and well beyond its surrounding ditches, are certain further earthworks which have been supposed to be earlier than the Roman occupation: but excavation is necessary to settle this point.

The Roman fort dates from the end of the third or the early fourth century, and was one of the series constructed at that epoch to defend the coasts of the provinces of Britain from the raids of Saxon pirates. The series extended from the Wash to Spithead, and was under the command of a senior officer with the title of Count of the Saxon Shore (*Comes litoris Saxonici*): hence these forts are generally known as Saxon Shore Forts.¹ In the official list of functionaries of the Roman Empire of about the early fifth century (known as the *Notitia Dignitatum*) the name of Portchester is given as *Portus Adurni* and its garrison as a *Numerus Exploratorum*, or regiment of Scouts. All the Saxon Shore Forts were on the coast, generally of an inlet, to provide protection for an anchorage for ships of the Imperial fleet of which a part (known as the *Classis Britannica*) was based on Britain; and they contained military garrisons to chase and round up any raiders who might land.

After the withdrawal of the regular Roman forces from Britain in A.D. 410 (according to the usually accepted dating) history is silent about Portchester for six and a half centuries. It is next certainly mentioned² in Domesday Book (1081-7), where it is cited as forming part of the royal manor of Wymering, which was held by King Edward the Confessor before the Norman Conquest. And in this reference there is no mention of a castle, though the Roman walls were standing nearly complete. As a royal manor it was taken over by the Norman kings, but there is no evidence as to when the abandoned Roman fort was first converted by them into a castle. The earliest written reference to a castle is in 1153, and none of the medieval masonry of the castle itself need be earlier than that date.

Henry I however founded a small Augustinian priory in the south-east angle of the Roman Fort in 1133 (see below, p. 10), and it is possible

¹The Saxon Shore Forts of Burgh Castle (Suffolk), Richborough (Kent), and Pevensey (Sussex) are also in the guardianship of the Ministry of Works.

²There is a dubious mention of Portchester in the 'Burghal Hidage' of the tenth century.

that he also made a castle of sorts at the same time in the north-west angle. This may have been merely a moated and palisaded enclosure protecting a block of domestic buildings. On plan the existing moat does not appear to have been designed along with the curtain wall which it protects, and it may possibly belong to an earlier form of the castle. If that is so, then possibly the early building, of which scanty traces survive against the north curtain wall, may also belong to the earlier phase (see also below p. 9). This however is merely surmise, and the castle as it now stands dates from Henry II (1154-89) and later.

As a royal castle it was normally in the hands of a constable appointed by the Sovereign, but its position at the head of Portsmouth Harbour made it a convenient place of embarkation, and the Kings of England on their journeys abroad were constantly at Portchester. Records of the visits of Henry II, John, and Henry III are frequent. In the troubles at the end of John's reign the castle was surrendered to Louis of France, and in 1217 an order to destroy or burn it was issued, but apparently without effect. Edward I had little occasion to use Portchester, but sent thither some of the prisoners from his Scottish wars. In the reign of Edward II the danger of foreign invasion revived the military importance of the castle and it was fully equipped and garrisoned. In the latter part of his reign, when an expedition to France against Queen Isabel was intended, the King was much at Portchester. Edward III on his way to France only used the castle on rare occasions as a stopping place, preferring Southwick Priory, and it was the scene of no historical event of importance from this time until in 1415 the expedition which was to make history at Agincourt was assembled there. The occasion was further memorable for the detection and arrest of Richard Earl of Cambridge, Henry Lord Scrope and Sir Thomas Grey, who were plotting to put the Earl of March on the throne in the absence of King Henry V. Richard II had spent a great deal on the domestic buildings of the castle, and after Henry V it served less as a castle than as a royal country-house. Henry VIII and Elizabeth I so used it, but with the latter sovereign its function as a royal residence ends, and its later history is rather that of a military prison and hospital. In the Civil War it served once more as quarters for troops, but was never besieged. There were Dutch prisoners there in 1665, and in the latter part of the eighteenth century it was full of French prisoners, who have left on its walls many records of their presence. The last attempt to make use of the Castle was at the time of the Crimean War, when its suitability for conversion into a military hospital was discussed, only to be emphatically condemned. The last stage in its history was its transfer to the Commissioners of Works in 1926, to be maintained thenceforward as an ancient monument.

Description

The Roman Fortress. The Roman fortress at Portchester encloses an area of some nine acres, and although its use as the outer defences of a medieval castle has occasioned a great deal of refacing and repair, it has retained much of its original masonry. It is set out as a square of 200 yards, having gateways in the middle of the east and west sides, a wall with parapets and a wall walk, diagonal bastions at each angle, and four other bastions along each side, so that the original complement should have been twenty bastions, all rounded towards the field. Twelve of these, and two of the angle bastions, still remain, more or less patched and refaced. The bastions are not solid to the height of the wall walk (as they are at Pevensey) but are built hollow from the ground, though the lower parts of them were probably always intended to be filled in with earth. The masonry is of flint, with bonding courses of red brick or stone, and it is probable that the wall faces were originally finished in plaster with an admixture of pounded brick.

From the fifth century to the twelfth the fort stood abandoned, for there is no evidence to suggest that it was brought into use at all between the Roman and the Norman epochs. It is an eloquent testimony to the soundness of the Roman construction that in spite of this long period of decay the walls could be used with hardly any reconstruction to form the Outer Bailey of the Norman castle. The evidence of the structure itself shows that a certain amount of patching up of facework was done in many places, and some rebuilding of the parapets, and there are several medieval records of wooden defences being added to the turrets and walls. In 1369 fifteen bastions existed, which, allowing for the destruction in 1790 of the bastion nearest the Keep in the west wall, is the same number as now. This latter bastion, together with that in the north wall next the Keep, formed part of the defences of the Castle, and had medieval masonry in their upper parts, with *garderobes* across their angles of junction with the curtains.

When the buildings of the Augustinian Priory were being laid out by Henry I in the south-east corner of the fort (see below, p. 10), vents for the reredorter were cut through the Roman south wall, and are still to be seen, though the rest of the claustral buildings have long disappeared.

The encroachments of the sea have affected the eastward defences of the fort, but it appears to have been defended by single ditches on north and south, and probably on the east, and on the west or land side by double ditches. The principal damage to the Roman fort is at the

north-east, where a length of the wall from the angle bastion southwards towards the east gate is a reconstruction, built on the footings of the Roman wall in such a way as to show that the wall was ruined when the present work was begun. A record of 1338 suggests that the seaward defences were at that time imperfect.

Of the two gateways the west or land gate is in its lower part of twelfth-century date and nothing of any Roman gateway exists above ground, though this has now been proved to be its site. The east or sea gate is in its outer part of fourteenth-century date, but the inner half, projecting into the bailey, has been considered to be partly of Roman date, the round arch with its ironstone voussoirs being cited as evidence for this. But it is more likely to date from the time of the Norman castle.

In the centre of the north wall a small, round-headed postern-gate, rebated for a door on the outside, was cut into the Roman wall. This was later blocked up, but has been reopened.

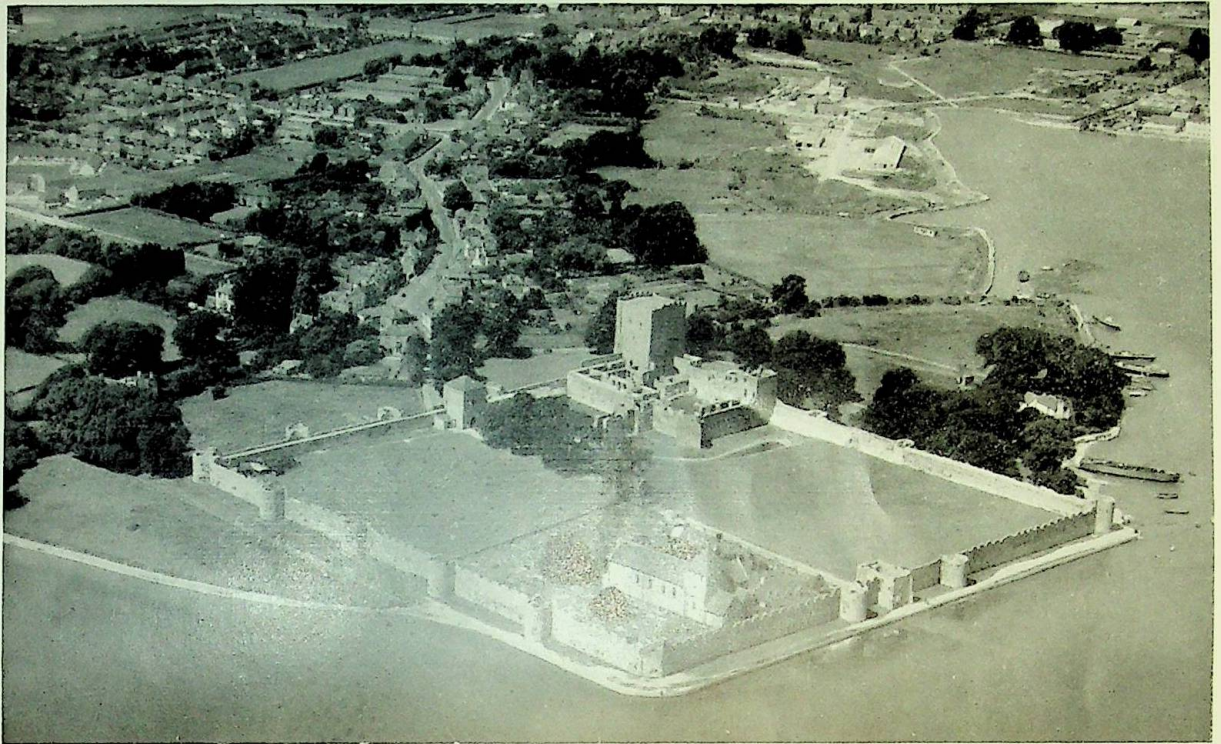
The area of the fort has never been systematically excavated, and no traces of internal buildings have been recorded. The length of the Roman occupation has yet to be determined, but there is so far no proof of any use of the site by the Romans before the building of the fort.

The Medieval castle. The castle (or what is more truly the Inner Bailey of the castle) occupies a rectangular area in the north-west angle of the Roman fortress, and covers roughly one-eighth of its area, the rest of which forms the Outer Bailey. The dimensions are about 130 feet north and south by 195 east and west. On the north and west the Roman walls form the defence, but are broken through in the north-west angle, where the Keep projects beyond their line. The south and east walls are of twelfth-century date, having a projecting rectangular tower at the south-east angle, and a gateway east of the centre of the south wall. The castle is defended by a ditch on the south and east which at high water is filled by a sluice through the Roman wall on the north. Between the ditch and the south front of the castle is a wide berm, to which access was possible from the gatehouse, and at the west end of the berm a twelfth-century doorway, afterwards blocked, was cut through the Roman wall, forming a sally port to the outer defences.

In the twelfth century the castle contained, in addition to the Keep, the usual domestic buildings, the hall, kitchens, chambers, and offices, but of these nothing is left except some footings on the north side of the bailey, and a length of walling at the west end of the southern range, where the existing Great Hall is now to be seen. The Norman building was of the same width as the present hall, and seems to have had somewhat the same arrangement, i.e. the hall was on the same site as now, but was a one-storey building; the remains of an ornamental wall



The Keep from the West

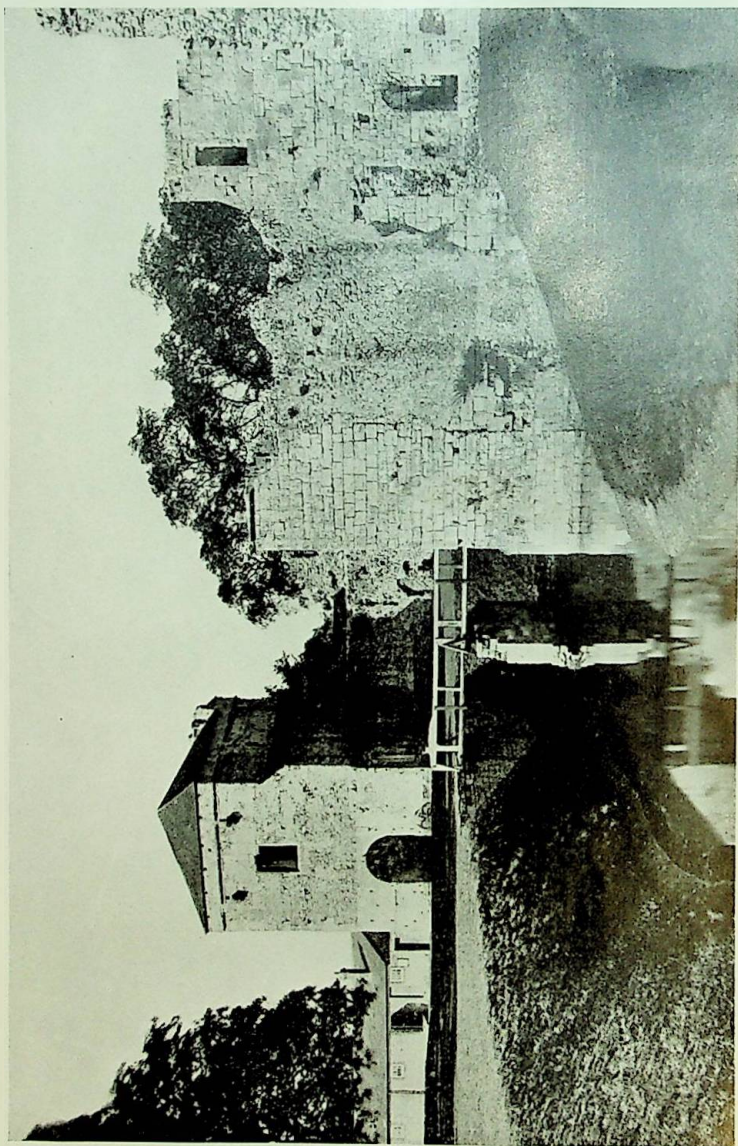


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The Roman Wall—South Side



The Land Gate and the Inner Gatehouse from the North-East

arcade in its north wall show that it must have been an important example of its kind.

The Keep or Great Tower is and was the dominant feature of the castle and dates, except for an added upper stage, from the time of Henry II. It was in existence in 1172, on the evidence of records, and its beginning may be assigned to somewhere about 1160. It is, at the base, 40 feet square within its walls, which are 8 feet thick, with tall plinths on the north and west faces, and pilaster buttresses at the angles and in the middle of these faces. On these two sides it projects beyond the line of the Roman walls which serve as curtains to the castle bailey, and at first it stood free on the south side also, having its forebuilding on the east. The Keep was originally of three floors, with the entrance as usual on the first floor, approached by a staircase in the forebuilding. The chapel occupied the south side of the forebuilding at first-floor level, and, balancing it on the north, but projecting beyond the line of the Roman wall, was a room which may have served as a guard-room, with a *garderobe* in its east wall. The staircase, which seems to have had wooden steps, rose from the level of the courtyard along the north curtain, turning southwards against the east wall of the Keep, and between the Chapel and the staircase there was a small cell on the ground floor, projecting originally beyond the east end of the Chapel. This cell was an afterthought, for its walls meet those of the Chapel and of the staircase with straight joints. It has a narrow window high up in its east wall, and there are traces of another in a similar position at the east end of the south wall: the high position of the windows, and the fact that the door had a draw-bar on the outside, show that this cell must have been used as a prison. The door at the foot of the stairs had two draw-bars on the inside, and there is a recess in the curtain wall for the door to open into.

The modern staircase follows the line of the old. From the half-landing a door led into the guard-room. This room had an oriel window added on its north side at the end of the fourteenth century; the projecting mass of masonry on the inside was the counterpoise to the projecting bay outside. From the landing at the head of the stairs doors opened into the first floor of the Keep and into the Chapel. The northern, or right-hand jamb of the doorway into the Keep is reconstructed. It had been much damaged and repaired in red brick during the occupation by French prisoners.

Of the Chapel nothing is left beyond the line of its roof above an arched recess in its west wall, and a small part of the south wall with the remains of a twelfth-century window. When in the last decade of the fourteenth century a range of buildings was erected against the south side of the Keep, a doorway was cut through the west end of the

south wall of the chapel to give access from the first floor of this range, and since its west end thus became a passage, the Chapel was slightly extended eastwards so that its east end came into line with that of the cell to the north of it, and the original east wall was demolished down to ground level.

At the same time a doorway was cut through the wall of the Keep at ground level below the Chapel, and a large doorway with a window to the east of it was made in the south wall of the substructure of the Chapel, to give access to the basement of the Keep from outside.

To the east and south of the Keep excavation has revealed some foundations which are marked out on the grass. These were of very slight construction, and can only have carried timber buildings, if any. Parts of them are contemporary with the Keep, and they may belong to a first lay-out of the forebuilding which was subsequently modified, or they may be the bases of the sheds used by the masons during the years when the Keep was being built, or they may belong to the buildings of the castle which existed for at least seven years and perhaps for twenty-five before that built by Henry II. Whatever buildings may have stood on these foundations were swept away when the Keep was finished.

Internally the Keep is divided into two parts by a diaphragm wall running east and west. All its floors were of timber, but in the basement arched stone vaults were inserted in 1398. The basement is lighted on three sides by pairs of double-splayed windows, and was originally reached only from the spiral staircase in the south-west angle of the Keep, but when the vault was inserted a doorway was cut through the east wall of the southern half, as already mentioned. On the inside this doorway has a four-centred stone head, but its jambs and outer arch have all gone, and were patched up in brick during the occupation by French prisoners in the late eighteenth century.

The first or principal floor has in its south wall two large windows with shafted jambs, opening to the western or solar range, but originally to the open air, since the twelfth-century domestic buildings stopped short of the Keep. Its southern room was therefore well lighted. In the south-east corner of this room is a well shaft, and at the south-west corner the staircase. In the north-east and north-west angles of the Keep are *garderobes*, that in the north-east angle serving the north room, the other by means of a wall passage serving the south room. This passage has had to have some heavy reinforcement inserted in it, as the wall above was unsafe. The north room has a fireplace in its north wall, the flue of which rises some ten feet in the wall, where it is domed over, and narrow slits are cut in the wall to allow the smoke to escape. The effect in a northerly wind must have been disastrous. The Keep was

originally roofed at this stage, and the weatherings of the roof-lines remain on the east and west walls, showing that there was a valley down the middle of each half. The outer walls rose above these roofs to a level battlemented wall-walk. Early in the thirteenth century the height of the Keep was increased by two stages, one floor being inserted at the level of the original roof-valleys, and one more above that. These additional floors were provided with two-light square-headed openings under round arches. The wall-heads were no doubt embattled on all sides and the present arrangement of flat-pitched embattled gables east and west is not older than the sixteenth century. The internal arrangements of the Keep were much altered in the eighteenth century, when it was fitted up to house prisoners from the French wars, and additional floors and wooden staircases were inserted. These added floors have now been removed, and the others have been reinstated at their proper medieval levels; but some of the beams of the added floors have been left in position. Numerous patches of brickwork and some crude painting on the walls survive from that epoch, and also a certain number of names scratched on the walls. The wooden staircases have been retained in the northern half to facilitate the circulation of visitors, but they have been re-adjusted to suit the medieval levels. They were, however, no part of the medieval arrangement of the Keep, which had only the one spiral staircase by which visitors now ascend.

Next in interest to the Keep are the domestic buildings on the south and west, which all date from the end of the fourteenth century, having been finished in the last year of Richard II's reign. They consist of the great hall, on the first floor over cellars, the buttery, pantry, and kitchen, and against the west wall the principal living rooms, also on the first floor. The hall is approached by a flight of steps in a projecting vaulted porch, the inner end of which opened to the screens; a little spiral staircase led up from the porch to the gallery over the screens. The hall had a flat-pitched roof covered with lead, and a stone of the carved cornice on its south wall gives the record of its height. It had a central hearth and a louvre over it, the fireplace in the south wall at the east end being a much later insertion. The room to the east was the kitchen, which extended right up to the roof and also had a central hearth with a louvre. The living rooms against the west curtain contained the King's chamber, the Queen's chamber, and the Exchequer chamber, and from the last a door led to the chapel in the forebuilding of the Keep, as described above.

The north-east Tower, called Assheton's Tower, was probably built by Sir Robert Assheton, who was constable in 1376, and is of three storeys, containing on its south side the principal *garderobes* or latrines of the castle. Westward from it ran a long building set against the

north curtain, which had a barrel-vaulted ground storey, and was in part of twelfth-century date. The upper parts were rebuilt about 1360, and again in the sixteenth century, but are now entirely ruined.

Southwards from Assheton's Tower, and returning against the south wall as far as the gateway, is a two-storey range built by Sir Thomas Cornwallis early in the seventeenth century, in late Gothic style with no trace of classic feeling: it doubtless contained lodgings for the officials in charge of the castle. It was also used for the French prisoners, and there are several patches of brickwork of that period in the walls. In front of the east range in the courtyard is the castle well.

The gatehouse is a composite structure showing four different dates of work. The oldest part is contemporary with the twelfth-century curtain and projected some twenty-three feet in front of it. Early in the fourteenth century a vaulted gateway was added, having a portcullis, stair turrets to the wall walk, and doorways opening east and west to the berm. The orders of the twelfth-century archway were replaced by fourteenth-century voussoirs. At the end of the same century, and probably at the same time as the rebuilding of the Great Hall, the gatehouse was again lengthened southwards and another portcullis added. Finally, early in the sixteenth century a further addition, with a recess for the porter, was made, and from this a wooden bridge crossed the moat as it does to-day.

The Priory. In the south-west angle of the Roman fortress an area slightly larger than that of the medieval castle was occupied by the church and conventual buildings of a small Augustinian priory founded by Henry I in 1133. Within a very few years, between 1145 and 1153, the priory was transferred to a more spacious site at Southwick, where now only the scantiest vestiges of it remain. The conventual buildings at Portchester were demolished, and the only traces of them which are left are the shoots of the reredorter mentioned above (p. 5). The church was retained as the castle chapel, and as a parish church, for which latter purpose it still continues in active use. It is almost entirely pure Norman in style, and is the earliest medieval building on the site.

Between the Priory church and the west curtain-wall there are the foundations of a long buttressed barn, lying north and south. These foundations are visible in dry seasons, but they have not yet been excavated. No other medieval buildings are known to exist within the Roman walls.

Glossary

Bailey. Courtyard or Ward.

Berm. Flat margin of ground between wall or bank and associated ditch.

Curtain. The wall enclosing a courtyard.

Garderobe. Latrine or privy.

Keep. Great Tower, or Donjon; normally used of eleventh- and twelfth-century buildings, but sometimes applied loosely to those of later date.

Postern. A back door.

Portcullis. An iron-shod wooden grille suspended by chains in grooves in front of a gate, and let down to ground level in time of necessity.

Voussoirs. Individual stones of an arch.

Reredorter. Latrines.

Screens. Wooden partition at the lower or 'kitchen' end of a hall. Between it and the kitchen, etc., lay the Screens Passage.

Solar. A sitting-room, adjacent to the upper end of a hall.

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




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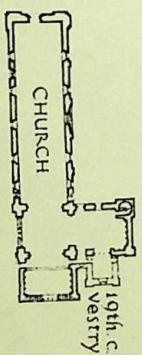
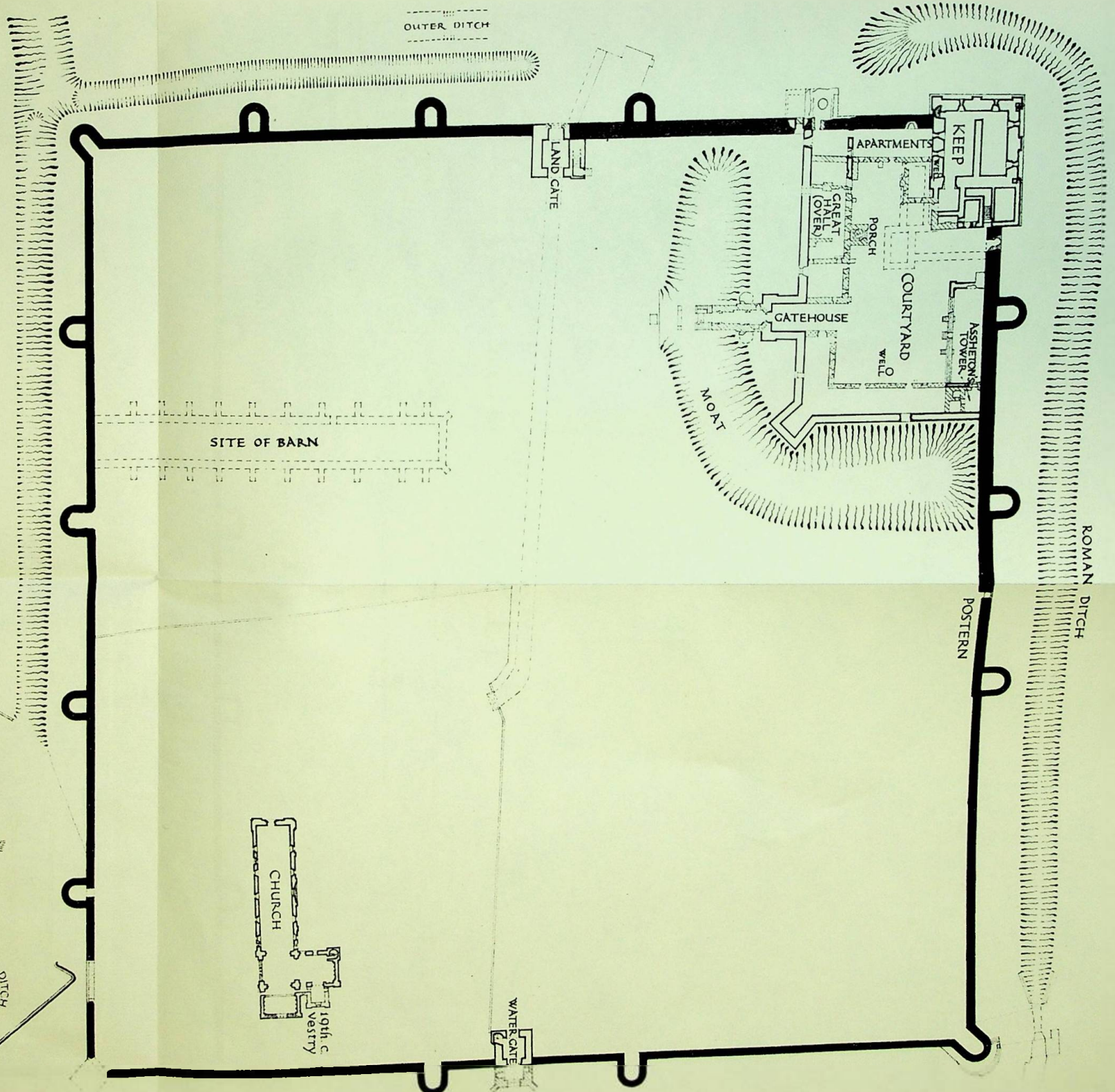
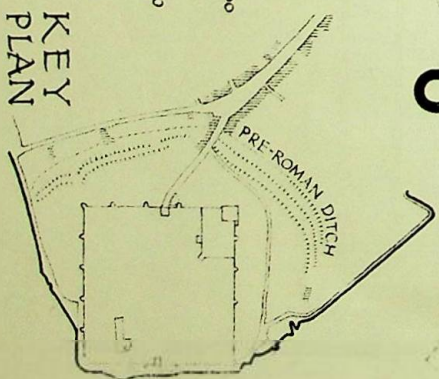
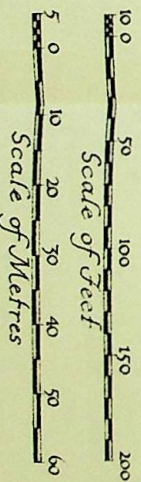
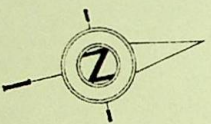
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Sir

Thank you & the inhabitants of the Falkland Islands for the wonderful souvenir on the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands

I am proud to say I had the honour to serve in H.M.S. "Glasgow" before & during the action under Captain Luce, also in the search for &

destruction of the German Cruiser Dresden

The commemorative stamp issue will, along with your card, receive a place of honour in my home

I must apologise for being so long in

acknowledging having received your wonderful Souvenir but when I say I have been on the Sick list for many weeks you will doubtless understand the reason.

Best wishes to you & all Falkland Islanders

R. H. Thompson Ex ERA.

15 Froemore Lane

LOVEDEAN

PORTSMOUTH

HANTS

HMS GLASGOW

1912-1916

Sender's name and address:

Ralph. H. Thompson.

15 Frogmore Lane.

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PORTSMOUTH HAMPS

Feb. 17th 1965

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His Excellency

the Governor of the Falkland

Government House Islands

South Atlantic

Moorings
28 Ruskin Drive
Worcester Park, Surrey.

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3rd February 1965.

Dear Sir,

It was extremely kind of you to send me the Commemorative Stamp Issue on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands.

We are naturally getting fewer and fewer and the numbers at our annual re-union dinners were few in number, on the 8th of December last, we held the final dinner. Naturally any of us who are left will meet together at times.

I have many recollections of Port Stanley although I have not been able to visit there since I left in the "Crown of Galicia" in charge of the German prisoners.

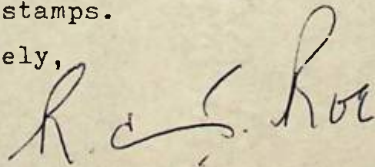
I was firstly in the "Good Hope" and we had quite a stay at the Islands before leaving for Vallenor Roads and Coronel. I was in charge of the party landed in Vallenor Roads and, of course, was not on the Good Hope when she was lost. I had been picked up by the "Canopus" and so was in her on the 1st Nonember and remained on her until after the battle at the Falkland Islands, when, as I have said I was put in charge of the prisoners in the Crown of Galicia.

The then Governor was very kind to me and my small party of survivors, and made certain that we got hold of clothing etc as we had lost everything in the Good Hope.

A pleasant recollection for me was when we were callibrating our guns from the outer harbour, I was stationed right out at the point and so were able to have lots of fun, and we wanted some, with the immense numbers of penguins there.

I can assure you, Sir, I am deeply appreciative of your kindly action in sending the stamps.

Yours sincerely,



C.D.P. Haskard Esq.

R.C.T. Roe. Commander R.N.

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9/2/65

19 Edgar Crescent
Portchester
Fareham
Hants

Your Excellency,

I should like to
acknowledge & thank you for set of
Stamps of the 250th Anniversary of
the Battle of the Falkland Islands in
which Dr. Cook part as I send in A.M.S.
Kent as a Royal Marine.

Thanking you once again & wishing
you all good health & good luck

Yours faithfully

J. Seal.

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Sender's name and address:

F. SKOL

19 EDGAR CRESCENT

PORTCHESTER

NR. FAREHAM HANTS

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H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

FALIKLAND ISLANDS

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80 Tuckersleigh Rd
MALVERN

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Worcestershire
9/2/65.

Dear Sir,

I write to thank his
Excellency the Governor for kindly
sending me the set of stamps
commemorating the Battle of the
Faldlands, they will ever be a
treasure to me & to pass on to
a Grand son who is already
making up a stamp collection.

I am now retired having
completed my term of service in
the Royal Marines and 26
yrs as an Instructor at a
Public School (Malvern College.)

Yours sincerely
B D Gascon

Homeside
Harrietsham

Kent

9 Feb. /65

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To
His Excellency the
Governor of the Falkland Islands.

Sir

Your kind and thoughtful gift
of the set of commemorative postage
stamps of the Battle of the Falkland Islands
is very much appreciated and I thank
most sincerely.

S. P. Sturt

Rear Admiral

46 BOBMIN ROAD,
WHITLEIGH,
PLYMOUTH,
DEVON, ENGLAND.

Stamps. I would very much
appreciate it if I can.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully
Stanley Gratton

ex C.P.O. Cook, R.N.
D/L. 1962.

The Secretary to
His Excellency the Governor,
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir,

I have noticed from excerpts
of local papers that His Excellency
the Governor has been tracing survivors
from the Battle of the Falkland Islands
which took place on December 8th
1914, to present them with commemorative
stamps.

I would respectfully point out
that I was an Officer's Cook, 1st
Class, Service No. D/L. 1962 serving on
H.M.S. Bristol at that time &
which took part in this Battle, &
I just wondered if it is possible
for me to have a set of these

Reply at 102

Sender's name and address:

MR. S. GRATTON

76. BODMIN ROAD,

WHITLEIGH,

PLYMOUTH, DEVON, ENGLAND

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Secretary to His Excellency
The Governor,

Governments House,
Falkland Islands

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TEL. HASTINGS 744.

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WINDYCROFT,
HASTINGS.

10th February 1965

UK 20/4/65
My dear Governor.

It was most kind of you to send me a set of commemoration stamps of the Battle of the Falkland Islands. Thank you very much for your letter and for them.

For many years the anniversary dinner has been held in the United Service Club, Pall Mall, London, for officers who took part in the battle, but no guests were invited and there were no speeches. It was decided that on the 50th anniversary a final dinner should be held and that on this occasion guests should be invited and speeches made by the Chairman and the Guest of Honour.

This dinner was duly held on the 8th December 1964. There were present 28 survivors and 13 guests, including the Guest of Honour, Admiral Sir David Luce the First Sea Lord. His father was in command of H.M.S. Glasgow at the time of the action.

The dinner was a great success and a most enjoyable function. I was asked to be Chairman for the occasion being the senior survivor from the battle-cruiser Invincible, the flagship of the Commander-in-Chief, Sir Doveton Sturdee. A number of telegrams were received and read out after the dinner from survivors who were unable to attend and from well-wishers.

The following two telegrams are of special interest -

From BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Tel. Hastings 744.

WINDYCROFT,
HASTINGS.

FROM BUCKINGHAM PALACE

TO Rear-Admiral H.E.Dannreuther D.S.O.

I am very grateful for the kind message that you sent me on the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Island. Please express my sincere thanks to all those attending the final re-union dinner this evening.

ELIZABETH R.

FROM KNIGHTSBRIDGE

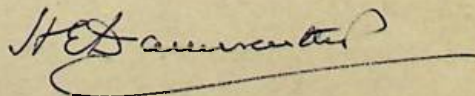
To Rear Admiral Dannreuther, United Service Club.

Thank you so much. I am glad that you are celebrating the famous victory of the Falkland Islands. All good wishes.

Winston S. Churchill .

Sir Winston's telegram must have been one of the last messages he sent out before his fatal illness. He was First Lord of the Admiralty at the time of the Battle.

Yours sincerely



P.T.O.

P. S.

My eldest son was my personal guest at the dinner. He has recently become the Commodore of the West Indian Station with head-quarters at Bermuda. He will be visiting most of the Islands and has recently been as far south as British Guiana and may possibly during his appointment visit the Falkland Islands though the Islands are outside the normal limit of his station.

His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands
Government House
The Falkland Islands.

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27/4/65ARMY & NAVY CLUB,
PALL MALL,
S. W. 1.
WHITEHALL 9721-8

Captain RA Steele RN, ret. has the honour to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of a set of postage stamps from His Excellency The Governor of the Falkland Islands, in Commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands, 8th December, 1914.

He greatly appreciates this gift and the kind thought which prompted it. The stamps are a very welcome addition to his collection as he has in fact none of the Falkland Islands. On the occasion of the visit in December 1914, there was little opportunity to purchase them.

10th February 1965.

20th March, 65.

Dear Sir,

100 Thank you for your letter of the 19th February, which arrived yesterday.

I am very sorry to say that all of the Battle Stamps have been sold and the issue is no longer on the market.

I am very sorry this should be so, and it is our very deep regret that you were not known to us at the time the stamps were distributed.

Yours faithfully,

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. W. Andrews,
50 Priary Road,
Lower Compton,
PLYMOUTH.

WIFE/IM

William Andrews.
50, Priory Rd.,
Lower Compton,
Plymouth.
England.

Feb 19^B 1965.

Your Excellency,

As a survivor of the Battle of Falkland Islands on Dec 8^B 1914, I would like to receive commemorative Stamp Issue.
I was serving on "H.M.S. Invincible" (Flagship) carrying the famous Vice Admiral Sir Dometon Sturdee c-in-c of all oversea fleets, for that special purpose. During the great battle my job was Orderly to the Admiral.
At that time I was a serving Royal Marine with four years service, afterwards serving another 26 years
My service papers show, Pte William Andrews ^{RMLI} Ply 15104
"G" Company, Royal Marines, Stonehouse, Barracks
Plymouth 2.

I Remain
yours faithfully
W Andrews.

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Sender's name and address :

Mr W Andrews,
50, Priory Rd.,
Lower Compton,
Plymouth;
England.

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To
His Excellency Governor of
Falkland Islands
Government House
Falkland
Islands.

Reply
at 104

19th March,

65.

Dear Sir,

103 Thank you very much for your letter of the 21st February, 1965, which reached me today.

I am extremely sorry to say that every stamp has been sold and not one remains. The Battle of the Falkland Islands commemorative stamp issue was unexpectedly popular with collectors all over the world, and even local residents were unable to obtain all they wanted.

I am enclosing a photograph of the Battle Memorial in Stanley which I hope you will accept as a memento of the Anniversary.

Yours faithfully,

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. S. Gratton,
76 Bodmin Road,
Whitleigh,
Plymouth,
DEVON.

WHT/IM

8/65
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20 Alton Grove
Portchester.
Fareham Hants.

Dear Sir

It has been brought to my notice by an old shipmate that you were presenting commemoration stamps in connection with the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Falklands Islands to all those surviving who took part in the battle. I wish to take advantage of this most generous gesture. I was serving in ~~the~~ Home Reserve ~~as a~~ young Royal ~~Marine~~ Marine and was No 2 of a 6" gun crew. I am particularly moved by your action Sir because for some unknown reason the Falkland Islands Battle never reached its rightful place in the naval history of World War I. The late beloved Sir Winston Churchill stressed its great importance. Had this battle been lost or, indeed, had it not been fought at all, the whole course of the war could have been altered. Just one German cruiser at large in the Atlantic cost us thousands of tons of valuable shipping and cargoes.

Yet the 50th anniversary of this great victory, the most decisive ~~naval~~ naval victory of any size during the whole of the war, went by in Britain without a word in the Press or on Television. I well remember the kindness of the Falkland Islanders sending us barrels of beer, cigarettes and tobacco and food on our first visit after the battle. Their kindness was deeply appreciated. My name rank was as follows L/Copt. Frederick Harold Jordan No. 15173. In conclusion I thank you very much indeed for your kindness in making this gift, and send to you and the Islanders my sincere good wishes.

I am Sir
Yours Sincerely
F. H. Jordan.

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Sender's name and address:

Mr. F. H. Jordan
20 Alton Grove
Portchester Fareham
Hants England.

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BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION
AIR LETTER
AÉROGRAMME



or Successor.
Sir Edwin Brown
His Excellency
The Governor
Government House
Falkland Islands

Reply
24-106

20th March, 65.

Dear Sir,

105 Thank you for your letter of the 8th February, which arrived yesterday.

I am very sorry to say that all of the Battle Stamps have been sold and the issue is no longer on the market.

I am very sorry this should be so, and it is our very deep regret that you were not known to us at the time the stamps were distributed.

Yours faithfully,

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. F. Jordan,
20 Alton Grove,
Portchester,
Fareham,
HANTS.

WHP/IM

52 Old Woodlands R^o.
Crownhill 107

The Governor;
Falkland Islands
Sir;

Plymouth.
24/2/65.

It was with great interest that I read the account & references to the Falkland Islands Battle of 8th Dec 1914, which appeared in our local Evening Herald.

I could give you the names of 2 other men as well as myself who were in ships in that action. One of these is now my brother in-law Mr Frederick Rakestraw of 11 Dunstone R^o, S^t Budeaux, Plymouth an ordinary seaman at the time of battle & the other a very close friend & neighbour of mine Mr Frederick Paltridge who was a leading cook. Both these men were on the Cornwall the ship which sank the Leipzig. I have visited the Mr Frewartha who was in the Carnarvon with me & it was from him that I collected the information I required to make an application for the Commemoration Stamps. I didn't recognise Mr Frewartha as someone I had been ship mates with but we proved each other by talking of the things that

Happened to our ship. In 1915
we ran aground on something near
Arbrothlas Rocks & this was a ~~big~~
for us. I happened to have been an
artificer diver & for my part in the
underwater repairs to our damaged
ship I later received a Mention - in Despatches
& recorded in London Gazette of
21 June 1918.

I've looked for something small to
send to vouch for my statements
& the only thing I could find short
of smothering my Paragraphs, was the
reference to Carnarvon & the Award,
which is included in this typed
recommend for an Instructor Diver's
job & which I eventually got.

Altogether I was in the Carnarvon
from June 1914 to Aug 1919 & for me
it was a wonderful 5 years.

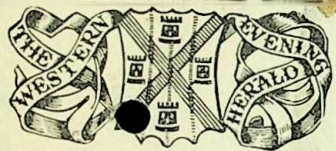
Hoping I have said sufficient to
be recognised & as one of the "Veterans"
of The Falkland Islands Battle &
would therefore be proud & pleased to
receive the Stamps.

Yours Obediently
Frederick Charles Valentine Walden

I have omitted Mr Fred
Paltridge's address:-

It is - 219 Crownhill Road
Crownhill
Plymouth.

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CORNISH EVEN' G TIDINGS.

MONDAY, FEB. 15, 1965.

Veterans in West

TWO veterans of the Battle of the Falkland Islands live 30 miles apart in the Westcountry, and probably don't know about it.

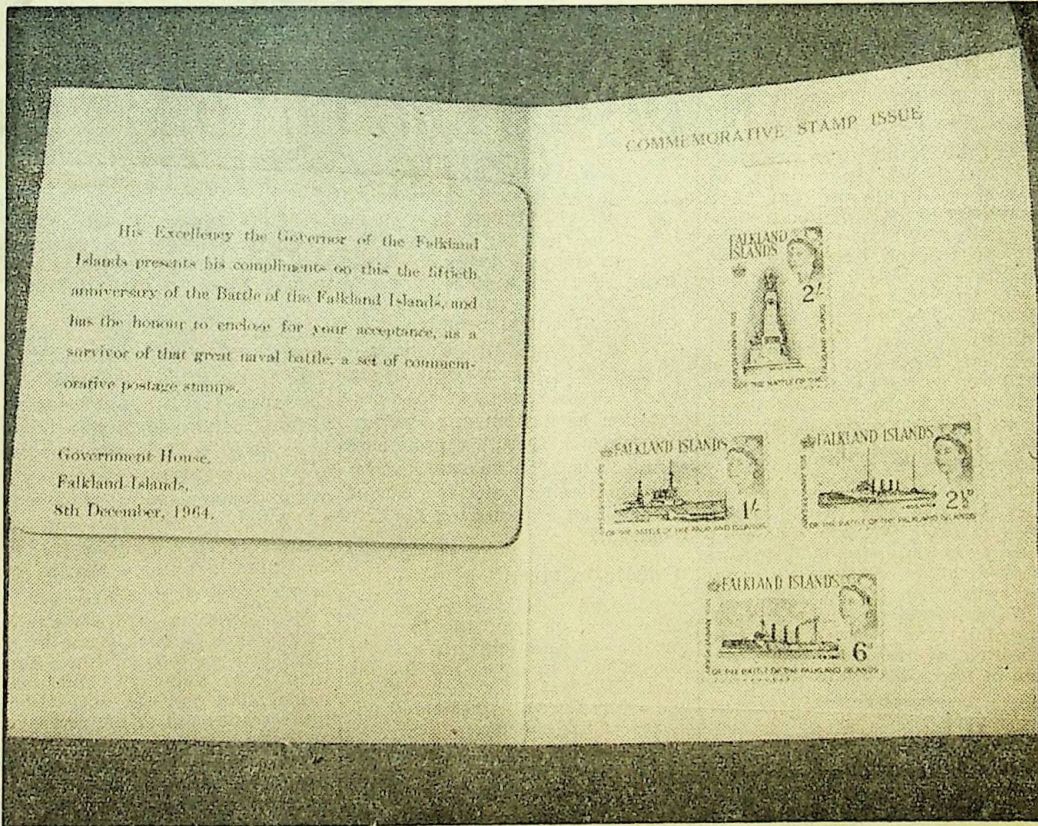
Recently I drew attention to Mr. James Henry Trewartha, of 7, Fremantle-place, Stoke, Devonport, when he received a set of commemorative stamps from the retiring Governor of the Falkland Islands, Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, who has been tracing survivors to present them with the stamps, issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the battle, which took place on December 8, 1914.

Now we hear through Mrs. J. R. Roberts, of 86, Salisbury-road, St. Jude's, that Mr. George Vinnicombe, of 8, Broadlands-road, Paignton, has also received a set of the stamps.

Born at Exmouth, Mr. Vinnicombe, now 84, has lived most of his life in Paignton. At the time of the battle he was chief quartermaster in H.M.S. Caernarvon, and is anxious to hear from any other survivor.

Mr. Trewartha, who will be 72 next month, was born at Hatrowbarrow, near Callington, and joined the Royal Navy in 1908, training at H.M.S. Impregnable, in the Hamoaze.

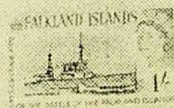
This collection of stamps commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands was sent to 85-year-old Mr. James Joseph Lillicrapp, who served aboard H.M.S. Canopus during the action. He died on November 20, 1964, before the stamps reached him. The stamps and his log-book containing reference to the battle (below) are now in the possession of his daughters and son, the Misses Milla and Eileen Lillicrapp and



COMMEMORATIVE STAMP ISSUE

His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands presents his compliments on this the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands, and has the honour to enclose for your acceptance, as a survivor of that great naval battle, a set of commemorative postage stamps.

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
8th December, 1964.



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His Excellency
The Governor of
Falkland Islands

Bedford Street
Bere Alston
Yelverton
Devon

24/2/65

Dear Sir

Very many thanks
for the nice set of Falkland
Island Stamp received a few
days ago. It certainly took
me back a few years.

I was a member of the
crew of H.M.S. Glasgow and
prior to the war paid several
visits to Stanley, where we were
always very welcome, we
used to enjoy the Duck shooting
also the Hospitality of the people

I should mention I was
then a Petty Officer,
I was an Able seaman in the
Glasgow. I suspect the enclosed
Post-Card* is a little out of date
but I found it among my
Collection of Cards. I had others
of the Reception & Sea Lions so
I shall not replace it back.

Thanking you very much for
the nice Collection of Stamps

Yours Very Sincerely
W. L. Weaver

* With me for reproduction. It shows
H.M.S. Nymphe in Stanley Harbour firing a
salute of 101 guns for the late Majesty Queen
Victoria, January 1901

in the Local Service a nice
Fire sent on Sunday Evening
the Visit to Church with
such a nice change to the
South American Ports we were
always showing the Flag to
After I returned to England
I served in the Grand Fleet at
Scapa taking part in Jutland
then being recalled for the
second World War served
in Malaya until the Jap
took over, then served on
the West Coast of Scotland
training troops for D. Day.

19th March, 65

Dear Sir,

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Thank you very much for your letter of the 24th February, 1965, which reached me today.

I am extremely sorry to say that every stamp has been sold and not one remains. The Battle of the Falland Islands commemorative issue was unexpectedly popular with collectors all over the world, and even local residents were unable to obtain all they wanted.

I am enclosing a photograph of the Battle Memorial in Stanley which I hope you will accept as a memento of the Anniversary.

Yours faithfully,

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. F. Waldern,
52 Old Woodlands Road,
Crownhill,
PLYMOUTH

WHT/IL

CS 109
LA 8/3

Pension No 3886
Official No 29431

Mr J. O'Neill.
22 Clifton Place
North-Hill
Plymouth
England

Feb 18/1965

Sir

I am writing to know, if I am eligible for the special stamps you are giving, to servicemen who took part in the "Falkland Island" battle, which took part on December 8th 1914. I was eighteen years, of age, and served in H.M.S. "Caernarvon", as Able seaman at the time we went into action.

I beg to Remain
Yours Truly,
John. O'Neill.

Reply 4110

C.S. Chequered ^{boats} ~~here~~. I suggest in swimming ^{boats}
for new ^{boats} ~~boats~~. Extracts of lion could be used
at all ^{we} ~~we~~ ^{but} ~~but~~ ^{request} ~~request~~.
From: - Rear Admiral C.G. Stuart.

Ballyhivisstock (P.O. Box 117).

Plattenberg Bay; C.P.

South Africa.

27 Feb. 1965.

Your Excellency,

I was so delighted, a few days ago, to receive the set of Falkland Islands stamps, commemorating the Battle of the Falkland Is, 8th Dec. 1914, which you so kindly sent me.

I had seen in a newspaper a short time ago a brief notice about the issue & was wondering how I could get hold of a set, or even a few extra sets of these.

~~photos~~

If it is possible to obtain 6 additional sets (with copies of your kind letter which accompanied the first set) I would be most grateful. I particularly want them for my 6 grandsons and, in case it may be possible, I enclose a cheque for £10 (on London) to cover the cost & if you will be good enough to donate any balance to one of your Islands "good causes" (or the whole of it if not possible) from "H. Mrs. Glasgow", 8th Dec. 1914 I will be most happy & obliged.

I much regret any apparent delay in this reply but it is not my fault as the mail takes

such a long time between the two places. I only received your letter on 22nd Feb.

Also, I apologize for not knowing your name &c but I have no recent book of reference to help me re this.

I very often think of the happy times we had in the old "Glasgow" in 1913-14 when we went to Port Stanley for a 2 or 3 weeks visit twice a year; the friendliness & hospitality of everyone was really something to be remembered for all time; I wonder if there

are still some who remember
us & would ^{wish} if so, to send
my greetings to them.

I am, your Excellency,

Yours, very gratefully,

Charles G. Stuart.

His Excellency
The Governor
The Falkland Islands.

19th March, 65.

Dear Sir,

1091 Thank you for your letter of the 18th February, which arrived yesterday.

I am very sorry to say that all of the Battle Stamps have been sold and the issue is no longer on the market.

I am very sorry this should be so, and it is our very deep regret that you were not known to us at the time the stamps were distributed.

Yours faithfully,

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Mr. J. O'Neill,
22 Clifton Place,
North Hill,
PLYMOUTH

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7 GROSVENOR CRESCENT,
LONDON, S.W.1.

2nd March, 1965.

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May I express to Your Excellency my great appreciation at your kind thought in sending me a set of commemorative postage stamps on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands.

I am greatly touched that you should have been kind enough to have sent those concerned this reminder of a great occasion. I must ask you to forgive me for so belated an acknowledgment but I have been on an extensive tour in the Far East and in South Africa for the Order of St. John and only arrived back during the last few days.

Royce Dick

His Excellency The Governor,
Government House,
Falkland Islands.

*CS
Newman?
64 1877*



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BY AIR MAIL
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His Excellency The Governor,
Government House,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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Sender's name and address:

THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE,
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Lytham 6568

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"Kinure,"

Westby Street,

Lytham,

Lancs.

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Bill S.

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MOC/DH

3rd. March, 1965

His Excellency,
The Governor of the Falkland Islands,
Government House,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for the Anniversary card, it brought back memories. It was quite a coincidence, I am at the moment writing a talk on the History of the Canopus and the Falkland Islands to give to my Rotary Club, of which I am a Founder President.

From joining H.M. ship Canopus on August 2nd. 1914 as a Fleet Reservist at Devonport, I kept a daily log which included the arrival of the Scharnhorst and Gneisaw from China, they were the two ships recognised by the Germans as the Crack Gunnery ships in the German Navy. The wireless operator and myself were very close friends hence I got the written reports which had been sent to the Admiralty on the Battle of the Falkland Islands. Incidentally I was a turret gunlayer in charge of the after turret, we had been practising long distance firing while at anchor and the signalman ashore reported that one of my twelve inch projectillies hit the Gneisaw on the stern and partly crippled her prior to her entering the battle. Our loss was Invincible one Glasgow one the Kent Five. I was one of party to land ashore for the funeral to bury the dead, it was most impressive, the people living in the Falkland Islands were most kind and considerate, they did everything

humanly possible to show their appreciation, Admiral Slurdee came onboard the Canopus and gave all the officers and men his deep appreciation for our part, he said he was reporting to the Admiralty that we would be marked down in History as the defenders of the Falkland Islands.

Hence I must call a halt, I had not intended going into all these details but as the Governor I thought you might be interested.

Yours truly,

M. O'CALLAGHAN.

Michael O'b.

Cd - presumably we have to say in as
all stamps have been issued and we regret
etc. Lh 17/3

JAN-6th

received 16/3/65

155 FOXHAYS RD
READING
BERKS
ENGLAND 113

Dear Sir

Forgive me for writing
to you direct. In Nov of last
year I saw an article in the
Daily Mirror by Rex North
that you proposed to give stamps
to commemorate the Battle of
Tallandub 50 years ago. I received
no reply when I wrote to him
I was interested as I happened
to be there, serving on board
H.M.S. Glasgow at the time as
Stoker F.W. Tizombe, Official No P/K 5474
I'm now 73 living at the above
address, yours respectfully,
F.W. Tizombe Reply at 114

Ref: 0283/F.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

17th March, 1965.

Dear Sir,

113

Thank you for your letter of the 6th January which arrived here yesterday.

I am very sorry to say that all of the Battle stamps have been sold and the issue is no longer on the market.

I am very sorry this should be so, and it is our very deep regret that you were not known to us at the time the stamps were distributed.

Yours faithfully,

W.H. Thompson

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. F.W. Titcombe,
155 Foxhays Road,
Reading,
Berks,
ENGLAND.

WHT/IM

CS (1) Head Office
(2) Dispatch to news-
lib? LH
3 March 18/3
1965.

24 HYDE ROAD
SHANKLIN
ISLE OF WIGHT.
ENGLAND.

His Excellency The Governor.

Sir,

Listening to the Radio last Wednesday
I heard the name of someone who was
on H.M.S. Carnarvon at the Falkland Islands
Battle on Dec 8th 1914 & that a special
set of Stamps was being issued to
any survivors, members of ships
who took part in the Battle. It
wasn't mentioned where one could get
these stamps & am writing you to see
if I could have a set, as I was in
the Battle.

I was a young Signaller in H.M.S.
Bristol & we were coaling when
the German Squadron was sighted.
How well I remember coming in from
the Collier & going straight aloft
& seeing the Greener & Kuremberg
sails the Island through the

Canopus opening. First with her
12 inch & we were getting up steam
to get out of harbour & eventually
the chase & the sinking of the Germans
with the exception of the Dresden
who was eventually sunk 5 months
later at Juan Fernandez
I hope there are still people in Port-
Stanley who can remember that day
& probably like myself part the
70 mark. One of the things I remember
is the wind that blows so much
& I suppose still does.

I think I am about the only one left
around here who was out there then,
several ship mates that I know have
passed on, so the march of time goes
on.

So Sir if by your good offices I
could be sent a set of these
stamps I would be grateful any
cost that would be involved
please let me know & I will forward
same. Yours sincerely

C. E. Martin.

115

Sender's name and address:

C. E. Martin
24 HYDIE RD
SHANNAN
15615 D. WIGHT. ENGLAN.

AN AIR LETTER SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY
ENCLOSURE ; IF IT DOES IT WILL BE SURCHARGED
OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

First fold here

Second fold here

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION
AIR LETTER
AEROGRAMME
SUMMER
More SAND!
SHANKLIN
ISLE OF WIGHT



Reply
at 116

HIS EXCELLENCY,
THE GOVERNOR
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS
PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

To open slit along here

20th March,

65

Dear Sir,

115 Thank you for your letter of the 3rd March, which arrived here yesterday.

I am very sorry to say that all of the Battle stamps have been sold and the issue is no longer on the market

I am very sorry this should be so, and it is our very deep regret that you were not known to us at the time the stamps were distributed.

Yours faithfully,

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. C.E. Martin,
24 Hyde Road,
Shanklin,
ISLE OF WIGHT

WHT/IM

Paa

CS file
Battle Stamp
117
LL
S.
2/14

d/o

15 April, 1965.

Thank you very much for your letter of 27th February which reached me by the last incoming mail. I fear that my reply will not leave here until 19th April. As you probably know, mails to and from the Falkland Islands are somewhat few and far between.

I was very glad to learn that you had received the set of stamps commemorating the Battle of the Falkland Islands. I am only sorry that I am not able to comply with your request for six additional sets. All the available sets of stamps for sending to those who took part in the Battle had been distributed long before I received your letter and the commemorative issue of stamps was withdrawn for sale to the public on 7th March. Indeed, it was impossible to purchase complete sets from the Post Office within two or three days from the 8th December, such was the demand for the stamps.

However, I have managed to obtain for you six first day covers from a local stamp dealer at 7/6d. each and I hope that these will go some way towards fulfilling your wish to obtain sets for each of your six grandsons. The covers are being sent to you by registered surface mail.

You very kindly sent me a cheque for five pounds on Glynn Mills & Co. and in accordance with your wishes I have handed the balance of £2. 15s. to the local swimming pool fund as from "H.M.S. Glasgow, 8th December 1914".

There is at present no swimming pool in the Falkland Islands and the number of deaths from drowning in these waters is comparatively high. There is, therefore, considerable enthusiasm for the construction of a swimming pool in which all those who are interested, particularly children, may learn to swim. So far £2,200 has been raised and I can assure you that your contribution will be very welcome.

There are, indeed, a number of people living in the Falkland Islands who remember very well the visits of H.M. ships prior to 1914 as well, of course, as those who remember the famous Battle. I have taken the liberty of having the following extract from your letter included in the local newsletter which is broadcast here once a week. "... I very often think of the happy times we had in the old Glasgow in 1913-14 when we went to Port Stanley for a two or three weeks visit twice a year; the friendliness and hospitality of everyone was really something to be remembered for all time; I wonder if there are still some who remember us and would wish, if so, to send my greetings to them".

CS

Rear Admiral C.G. Stuart, D.S.O., D.S. G.

CS.
You are arranging for the inclusion of an official receipt in the envelope and are also sending the covers by surface mail

done
W.1

CS
15/4

Cl. Battle Stamps file. ✓

118

me

7 May, 1965.

d/o

Thank you very much indeed for your long and interesting letter dated 13th March which reached Stanley with the incoming mail a few days ago.

Your letter has so many points of interest in it that I am arranging for it to be included in the local "Newsletter" which is broadcast on Friday evenings.

I do not doubt that people here will recollect the incidents to which you refer and, in due course, I look forward to writing to you again to let you have some news of those whom you may have met when you were here.

us

Lt. Commander O.S. Camfield, R.N. (Ret.).
88 Battenburg Avenue,
Portsmouth, England.

PAF

BU 24/6/65 -
please
14/6

% A. Beare, Esq

From : Commander Lloyd Hirst, O.B.E., R.N. retired.
~~to~~ Moulder Brothers, Solis 1480, MONTEVIDEO
Date : 21st May 1965
To : The Hon. The Postmaster General, Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands

Dear Sir,

I note in Sir Eugen Millington-Drake's book "The Drama of the GRAF SPEE", that the Government of the Islands is issuing stamps to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Falklands.

I was the Station Intelligence Officer in H.M.S. GLASGOW from 1911 to 1915 and so took part in the Battles of Coronel and the Falklands, being one of the three British Officer survivors of the former. In peace time we visited Port Stanley in February 1912, January 1913 and February 1914 and, of course, before and after the Battle.

During the February 1914 visit, being a qualified Admiralty Interpreter in Spanish, I helped to translate several Spanish documents for H.E. W.L. Allardyce, C.M.G. the Governor, for his pamphlet "The Story of The Falkland Islands".

I would therefore like to buy two sets of these stamps and I would be obliged if you would send them to your agents in Montevideo, Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon, who will be paid on their delivery to me by a sterling cheque on my London Bank.

The second set I propose to give to my son, Lieut. Commander Adrian Lloyd Hirst, R.N. ret'd., who went to Port Stanley first with the River Plate volunteers. As I organized that party, being then Assistant Naval Attache in Buenos Aires, he was No. 1 on the embarkation List. He then returned bringing materials for the repairs to H.M.S. EXETER and then remained for several months in the Islands as Naval Intelligence Officer.

Yours faithfully,

Lloyd Hirst

Commander, R.N. retired.

A.E.S.

I think you have a standard reply for these queries?

14/6/65

*Reply 120
+ 47*

17th June, 1965.

119 Thank you for your letter addressed to the Postmaster General which has been passed to me.

I regret that all the Battle of the Falklands stamps have been withdrawn from sale. However, First Day Covers costing 7/6d. each may be bought from the Kolvin Store, Stanley, so if you care to contact Mr. T. Binnie of that Store he will be able to forward the stamps.

It is interesting to note the connections you and your son have had with the Falklands in two world wars. Please accept our best wishes.

Commander Lloyd Hirst, O.B.E., R.N. (Ret'd.),
c/o A. Beare, Esq.,
Houlder Brothers,
Solis 1480,
MONTVIDEO

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See 136.

THE CROWN AGENTS 121
for Oversea Governments and Administrations,
Stamp and Note Control Branch.
4, MILLBANK, LONDON, S.W.1

Telegrams: "Crown, London-S.W.1"
Telephone: Abbey 7730
Telex No. 24209

G 9/ 28

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THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
PORT STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS

25th May 1965.

Dear Sirs,

The following Certificate of Destruction is submitted for your information and retention.

Yours faithfully,

B. E. Britton

for the Crown Agents.

CERTIFICATE OF DESTRUCTION

We hereby certify that the following obsolete printing material has this day been destroyed in our presence:-

Falkland Is. Postage & Revenue Stamps (E.R.11)
(Anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Is.)
(D.P. Process)

- + 4 Printing Plates Vignette
- | | | | |
|--------------|-----|-------|--------|
| | 2/- | No. 2 | 60 set |
| 2½d 6d & 1/- | | No. 1 | |
- + Plate No.1. 2/- duty condemned & destroyed 13th October 1964.

RJ

A. E. Moore Jr.
Superintendent
(Stamp and Note Control Branch)

B. E. Britton
Security Officer

Date... 14.5.65

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- 4 Original Vignette DIES for:-
2½d, 6d, 1/- & 2/- duties 1 set
- 4 Original Border DIES for:-
duties as above 1 set
- 4 Transfer Rollers Vignette
one duty on each 2 set
- 4 Transfer Rollers Border
one duty on each 2 set
- 4 Printing Plates Border
Duties as above all No.1 60 set

Contd..

A. G. Moore
.....
Superintendent

RJ (Stamp and Note Control Branch)

J. P. Britton
.....
Security Officer

Date... 14.5.65

THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER SHOULD BE
QUOTED IN COMMUNICATIONS.

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Telephone: Abbey 7730
Telex No. 24209



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CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

4, MILLBANK,
LONDON, S.W.1.

17/5/65

Dear Sir,

NAVAL BATTLE COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE 8/12/64.

attached

We enclose for your retention a folder containing
press cuttings concerning the above issue/4 of your postage
stamps.

These cuttings have resulted from the publicity
arranged by us immediately prior to the release date of the
stamps.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Jay". The signature is stylized with large loops and a dot over the 'y'.

for the Crown Agents.

Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
South Atlantic.

Mail from 121

124

SPT

To See from 121 pl.

JA

19/6/65

C.S. Seen thank you. ¹²⁵

"9. I note that Omnes, Lloyd-Hirst's
name appears on folio 45C. His stamps
must have gone astray.

⊕

21.6.65.

No. _____



MEMORANDUM

It is requested that in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

21st June, 19 65.

To: The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

From: Acting Postmaster,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- FALKLAND ISLANDS BATTLE ISSUE OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

The above issue of stamps have been withdrawn from sale and it would be appreciated if a Board could be appointed to check and destroy unsold stocks held. None of these stamps are stored in the Treasury Strong Vault.

J. Halliday
Acting Postmaster.

Ice

*Whom do you suggest?
Police man
and remove etc - how abt a team
wd it take more than a Sat. morning? - only abt
10 mins. PM says by 4 Folter
B. Sherris*

Ref: 0283/F.

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24th June,

65.

To: Mr. W. A. Felton,

From: Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

u.f.s. Superintendent of Police.

Destruction of Postage Stamps.

I have to inform you that you have been appointed Chairman of a Board of Survey to check and destroy unsold stocks of Falkland Islands Postage Stamps held by the Postmaster. You will be assisted by

~~Mr. Stanley~~ E. Williams

The Stamps must be destroyed by fire and a certificate of their destruction should be rendered to this office in triplicate.

The Survey should be undertaken before the 1st of July.

(Sgd.) D. R. Morrison

for COLONIAL SECRETARY

Copies to: S/P
S.P.T.
Audit

~~B. W. Shorrey, u.f.s. Ag. SMO~~

B. 28/6/65

IB.

E. Williams u/s P/S.

28/6/65

128

CERTIFICATE OF DESTRUCTION.

We hereby certify that we have counted and destroyed the following Falkland Islands Battle commemorative stamps:-

2347 @ 2/-	234. 14. 0.
41 @ 1/-	2. 1. 0.
13 @ 6d.	<u>6. 6.</u>
	<u>£237. 1. 6.</u>
	=====



W. Williams

E Williams

129
 Post master
 I have withdrawn a copy
 of the Destruction Certificate
 P. Williams

130

30.6.65

68 copy wld thank you
 30/6/65
 W Williams

Saving

X

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

To the Officer Administering the Government of

Date - 4 MAY 1965

No. 145 Saving



W 27/5

Falkland Island Stamps

ard

Enclosed are copies of letters received from the Rev. D. Gill of Ontario, Canada, concerning orders he has placed for stamps commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands, together with a copy of an interim reply which has issued from the Colonial Office.

It is requested that an early reply may be sent direct to the Rev. Gill, and a copy thereof forwarded to this department for information.

SECEP

SF

Reply at 132

131a

3 May

April, 1965.

FST.B.61

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Greenwood to refer to your letter of the 12th April 1965, and enclosures regarding Falkland Island Stamps, and to inform you that a copy of your letter and enclosures has been forwarded to the Governor of the Falkland Islands with the request that an early reply be sent direct to you.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) D. WELLMAN

THE REVEREND D. GILL,
The Rectory,
Creemore,
Ontario,
Canada.

131b

The Parish of Creemore

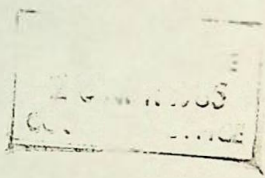
St. Luke's • Creemore
St. James' • • Lisle
Christ Church • Bamba

RECTOR: Rev. D. Gill

COPIES 705
TELEPHONE 126
466-2306

THE RECTORY, CREEMORE, ONTARIO

April 12, 1965



The Colonial Secretary,
Parliament Buildings,
London, England.

Dear Sir:

I would appreciate it very much if you would assist me in a problem in connection with the Falkland Islands.

I have sent letters to the Postmaster for postage stamps and I hav'nt received a reply of any kind. While the amount sent is small I still can't see why they do not answer the letters or if not able to supply my wants at least to let me know.

I have contacted our Post Office in Ottawa and so far to the best of my knowledge the money order has not been cashed.

I am enclosing copies of the letters I sent to them and you will notice that the first one sent is dated March 1964.

Please advise me if there is difficulty in making contact with this Colony, or perhaps the service is not good etc..

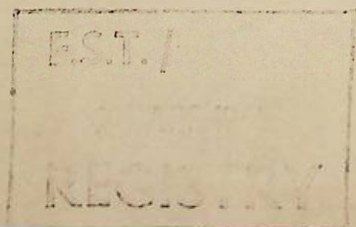
Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours very truly,

Rev. D. Gill.

Rev. D. Gill,
The Rectory,
Creemore, Ont.
Canada.

P.S. Perhaps this advice from our Post Office in Ottawa may help -- Postal money order service to the Falkland Islands is on the basis of what is known as the Advice List System through the intermediary of Great Britain.



Copy of letter sent to Falkland Islands

131c E11/1

March 21, 1964

Postmaster,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir:

Len 4^d (C.P.O. commission) = 7/8
26.5.65

I deposited with our Post Office and received an order B.62, 583,253 for the amount of 8/- which is being forwarded to your office.

Please send me the following stamps --

2 sets 50th Anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands.

Please use a complete set for return postage.

I will appreciate this very much. Thank you.

Yours truly,

Rev. D. Gill.

Copy of letter sent to Falkland Islands

13/d
E 1/11

January 23, 1965

Postmaster,
General Post Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir:

Please find attached to this letter a copy of a letter sent to you last March 21st 1964.

These stamps were issued to the best of my knowledge December 8th 1964 and up to the present I have had no reply.

I would appreciate it very much if I may have the stamps as per attached letter.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Rev. D. Gill.

Rev. Cice's remittance of 7/8th was received via C.P.O. Loren & was placed on deposit pending instructions as to its ~~purpose~~^{disposal}. His letter of 21.3.64 was not received. Rev. Cice's letter of 23.1.65 was received & the Postmaster replied on 1.4.65 explaining that the remittance was held but that his letter of 21.3.64 had not been received. The Postmaster went on to inform Rev. Cice that stocks of the FIB issue were exhausted & sought disposal instructions in respect of the remittance.

①
26.5.64

F. I. ref: 0283/F

C. O. ref: FST.B.61

132

SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 28th May, 1965.

No. 77. SAVING. COLONY

131

Your savinggram No. 45 of the 4th May, 1965.

Falkland Island Stamps.

132 a

A copy of the reply sent to the Reverend Gill is enclosed.

GOVERNOR

1329

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Ref: 0283/R

28th May, 1965.

Dear Reverend Gill,

I refer to a letter of reply sent to you by H.M. Secretary of State for the Colonies in Britain, regarding postage stamps issued by this Government.

I very much regret that I can add very little to the letter sent to you by the Postmaster of Stanley Post Office on the 1st of April, except to confirm that your letter of the 21st March 1964 was definitely not received here. Your letter of the 23rd January 1965 took a long time to reach the Falkland Islands and was replied to by the very first outgoing mail.

As the Postmaster explained to you your money order for eight shillings (less fourpence postal transfer commission) was indeed received here and is held pending instructions. It was not until your last letter arrived that the Postmaster was able to contact you.

With only about twelve inward and outward mails in a year, and with no external air service, mails often take a long time to reach the Falkland Islands. If a ship is missed by an hour the mail bag may have to wait for upwards of five or six weeks for the next mail boat. Delay in replying to letters is not because of any carelessness or indifference on the part of the Postmaster. The mail boat schedules dictate posting times.

It may be of help to you to know that mails from the North American Continent are often routed through South American countries but experience proves that letters addressed "via London" usually travel more speedily and more safely.

The Battle issue of stamps was sold out in a very few days and both the Superintendent of Posts and Telecommunications and Postmaster regret that you have been so disappointed.

Yours faithfully,

(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

The Reverend D. Gill,
The Rectory,
Creemore,
ONTARIO.

LS

Copy to: S of S

PAA

98

6/6 132a
or

63 LONDON 27/26 16 1653
ETAT POSTGEN PORTSTANLEY
EARLY SELLOUT 2½D BATTLE STAMP QUERIED BY TRADE STOP
PLEASE AIRMAIL RELEVANT FACTS RE LOCAL SALES AND
WHY DEMAND WAS SO HEAVY

CROWN

Reply at 132b

Time

21st July,

65

Dear Sirs,

Stamp Issues

132a I refer to your telegram of the 16th July concerning the early sell out of the Battle Issue 2½d Stamp.

Quite simply the sale was considerably underestimated. Local loyalty and patriotism is such that in 1964 when this Colony was the subject of much misinformed debate outside our shores, together with the realisation that Sir Winston Churchill would not live to see another Battle Day (he was deeply revered for his part in the Battle of the Falklands) and the occasion being almost the first big national event, fully prepared for and fully enjoyed, the public, almost to a man, purchased stamps, and the lower value was snapped up and posted all over the world.

There were also a couple of purchases to the extent of £30, one it is assumed by a gambler in stamps (and who can stop that?) and another by a charitable organisation.

Any suggestion by the Trade that this Government is concerned in, or would condone, any hanky-panky is firmly rejected.

Yours faithfully,

COLONIAL SECRETARY

The Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations,
4, Millbank,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Copy sent to SPT.

IM

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AND TELETYPE CODE THIS
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IN COMMUNICATIONS.

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G10/SB/ *Falkland Islands.*

CROWN AGENTS
FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS
AND ADMINISTRATIONS

4, MILLBANK,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."
OVERSEA: "CROWN, LONDON."

TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730

TELEX NO: 24209



JUN 1965

Dear Sir,

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We have pleasure in enclosing
particulars of sales etc. of your
"Battle Issue" - First Day Covers only
.....
stamps from *8-12-64* to
7-3-65

Yours faithfully,

for the Crown Agents.

*Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.*

STATEMENT OF FALKLAND ISLANDS BATTLE "FIRST DAY COVERS"

VALUE	2 nd	6 th	1 st	2 nd
NO OF STAMPS ISSUED FOR PREPARATION OF FIRST DAY COVERS	5040	5040	5040	5040
NO OF STAMPS (DAMAGED) AND DESTROYED (DESTRUCTION CERTIFICATE ATTACHED)	12	-	-	-
	5032	5040	5040	5040
DEFICIENCIES BY FIRM WHO PREPARED COVERS	8	20	20	20
GOOD STAMPS RETURNED AND USED FOR PUBLICITY AT SPECIAL PRESS RECEPTION	40	40	40	40
STAMPS USED ON FIRST DAY COVERS	4980	4980	4980	4980
NO OF COVERS COMPLETED AND DESPATCHED TO THE TERRITORY	4980	4980	4980	4980
NO OF COVERS RETAINED BY THE TERRITORY	1000	1000	1000	1000
NO OF COVERS RETURNED BY THE TERRITORY	3935	3935	3935	3935
NO OF COVERS SOLD	* 3919	3919	3919	3919
NO OF COVERS USED FOR PUBLICITY IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIAL PUBLICITY ARRANGED	16	16	16	16
	3935	3935	3935	3935
FIRST DAY COVERS RECEIVED SHORT BY THE TERRITORY WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE FIRM WHO PREPARED THE COVERS	45	45	45	45
	3980	3980	3980	3980

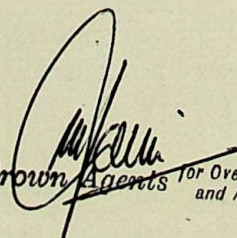
TOTAL SALES FROM 8.12.1964 TO 7.3.1965 * £ 726-13-4

AMOUNT CREDITED IN FEBRUARY = £ 698-5-10

CREDITED WITH FALKLAND ISLANDS BATTLE ISSUE IN ERROR = £ 4-9-0
IN FEBRUARY.

AMOUNT OUTSTANDING FROM AMERICAN SALES TO BE CREDITED ON RECEIPT = £ 23-18-6

£ 726-13-4


For the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations.

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON"
OVERSEA: "CROWN, LONDON"
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730
TELEX NO. 24209

CROWN AGENTS STAMP BUREAU,
4, MILLBANK,
LONDON, S.W.1.

G10/SB/Falkland Islands

Certified that the undermentioned unsaleable stamps
returned to the Bureau from the preparation of First Day Covers
have been destroyed by burning.

Battle Commemorative Issue

2.1/2d. - 12

A.K. Mitchell.
A.K. MITCHELL G10 Dept.

C.E. Freeman
C.E. FREEMAN G10 Dept.

CROWN AGENTS STAMP BUREAU
2 MILLBANK
LONDON S.W.1

134

SPT

To See 133 pl.

JA
28/7/65

als.

135.

Seen that you.

125 may require action

Ⓢ
30/7/65.

5th August,

65

Dear Sir,

120 Please refer to my letter of the 17th June regarding Falkland Island Battle Stamps. I have noticed since that your name was on the list supplied by the Ministry of Defence and your stamps were sent to Belmont, Bagshot Road, West End, Nr. Woking, Surrey.

Yours faithfully,

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Cdr. Lloyd Hirst, O.B.E., R.N.,
c/o A. Beare Esq.,
Houlder Brothers,
Solis 1430,
Montevideo,
URUGUAY

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CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS
AND ADMINISTRATIONS

G10/SB/ FALKLAND ISLS.



4, MILLBANK,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."
 { OVERSEA: "CROWN, LONDON."

TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730

TELEX NO: 24209

28 JUL 1965

Dear Sir,

137a

We have pleasure in enclosing

particulars of sales etc. of your

FALKLAND ISLS. "BATTLE" ISSUE

OF stamps from 8TH DECEMBER 1964 to

19TH MARCH 1965

Yours faithfully,

for the Crown Agents.

fm

COLONIAL SECRETARY

PORT STANLEY

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

See 142

FALKLAND ISLANDS "BATTLE" COMMEMORATIVE STAMP ISSUE.

SALES BY CROWN AGENTS FOR OVERSEAS GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

FROM: - 8-12-1964 — WITHDRAWAL DATE 7-3-1965.

DENOMINATIONS.	2½ d	6 d	1/-	2/-
STOCK RECEIVED AS PER REQN. NO. 9478/1	84160	80580	77280	82260
STAMPS USED FOR PREPARATION OF FIRST DAY COVERS.	5040	5040	5040	5040
SPECIMEN FOR PRESS		180	180	180
" " PUBLICITY	2	2	2	2
TOTAL NUMBER OF STAMPS SOLD	79104	58767	54609	54380
TOTAL NUMBER OF STAMPS UNSOLD AWAITING DESTRUCTION (DISTRIBUTION CERTIFICATE TO FOLLOW)	14	16681	17519	22718
TOTAL.	84160	80670	77350	82320
DEFICIENCIES & EXCESS ON FINAL COUNT FOR DESTRUCTION.	—	90	70	60
TOTAL NUMBER OF STAMPS DISPOSED OFF	84160	80580	77280	82260

AMOUNT CREDITED TO FALKLAND ACCOUNT

MONTH	AMOUNT		
	£	s	d
FEBRUARY	8,111	13	3.
MARCH	1,054	10	-
APRIL	1,088	4	9
MAY	162	-	-
TOTAL	10416	8	-
LESS AMOUNT FOR F.D.C. CREDITED IN ERROR	4	9	0
TOTAL	10411	19	0
LESS AMOUNT FOR Ceylon "Railway" CREDITED IN ERROR	9	18	0
TOTAL	10402	1	0
AMOUNT OUTSTANDING FROM AMERICAN DEALERS TO BE CREDITED WHEN RECEIVED	21	0	0
TOTAL	10423	1	0
DIFFERENCE ON FINAL ACCOUNTING TRANSFERRED TO YOUR ACCOUNT IN JULY	13	0	4
TOTAL	10436	1	4

TOTAL SALES: £ 10461-12-6

LESS 10% DISCOUNT ON MEDICAL MAILING ORDER DEDUCTED BEFORE TRANSFER AND NOT AFTER AS USUAL 25-11-2
10436-1-4

PM

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To see 137 pl.

JA

12/8/65

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B
16/8/65

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BRITISH LEGION



140.

PALL MALL, LONDON, S.W.1

Ref: P/501/21

19th July 1965

Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.



Dear Sir,

Another case has been brought to my notice of a veteran of the Falkland Island Battle. The man in question is Mr. A.H. Trevanion, now living at 'Lindis Cottage', West Hill, Charminster, Dorchester, Dorset.

The letter that I have received states that he recently heard on the radio that all known survivors of the Falkland Island Battle were to receive commemoration stamps. Mr. Trevanion served on H.M.S. Kent during the battle.

I do realise that you may well not have any sets of stamps left, but I am bringing the case to your notice in the hope that something can be done, for if you have no sets of stamps left which could be sent to Mr. Trevanion possibly you may be able to let him have a photograph of the Falkland Island Battle Memorial.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary, Service Dept.

M

See 146.

Sender's name and address:

Secretary,
Service Department,
BRITISH LEGION,
Pall Mall,
London, S.W.1.
England.

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OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

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Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Sour. 0283/F

c/o A. Beare, Esq.
Houlder Brothers
Solis 1480, MONTEVIDEO.

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Dear Mr. Marwin

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Thank you for your information about the Commemorative issue of stamps. I will order First Day Covers from Mr. Binnie, what ever they are. They sound like a guarantee required by a Banker before releasing an overdraft.

I am sorry that the 'Battle' stamps have been withdrawn from sale and I suppose it is indiscreet to enquire why. I hope it was not appeasement. If we cannot celebrate victories, why not cut down the oak in Battle Abbey commemorating the Battle of Hastings or blow up Trajan's Arch ?

While corresponding with H.E. The Governor about the history of the Argentine privateer HEROINA, he asked me to advise him how to get the addresses of survivors of the Battle so I was naturally looking forward to the issue.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lloyd Jones".

Commander, R.N. retdl

The Colonial Secretary

Stanley

FALKLAND ISLANDS

THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE
AND THE DATE OF THIS
LETTER SHOULD BE QUOTED
IN COMMUNICATIONS

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CROWN AGENTS
FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS
AND ADMINISTRATIONS

4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.

G10/ SB / Falkland

TELEGRAMS INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON"
OVERSEA: "CROWN, LONDON, SW1"

TELEPHONE: Abbey 7730 EXT.

TELEX NO. 24209



Dear Sir,

137

We refer to our letter of

..... 28/7/1965 and have pleasure

1429

in enclosing the destruction certificate
in respect of the unsold portion of your
Falkland "Baldie Issue" ... issue of stamps.

Yours faithfully,


for the Crown Agents.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

PORT STANLEY.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

1429

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO
THE SUPERINTENDENT
STAMP AND NOTE CONTROL BRANCH,
THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE DATE
OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.

STAMP AND NOTE CONTROL BRANCH,
4, MILLBANK,
LONDON, S.W.1.

G9/51B

August 10th 15

TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730.
TELEX. NO. 24209.

CERTIFIED that the undermentioned stamps withdrawn from
sale from the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau, have this day been
destroyed in our presence:-

FALKLAND "BATTLE" ISSUE

2½d	-	14 ✓
6d	-	16681 ✓
1/-	-	17519 ✓
2/-	-	22718 ✓

West
for Superintendent (Stamp & Note Control Branch)

D. Ray m.c. (17.80)

RJ

Mail from 140.

143

SPT

To see 142 pl.

JA
3/18/65

C.S.

144

See that you

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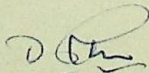
2.9.65.

for 8.9.65 (140)

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C.S.

140 Have you a Battle Memorial
photo?



29.9.65

27th September, 65

Dear Sir,

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eyes

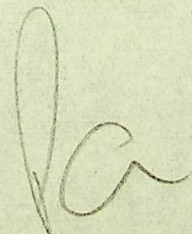
The Secretary of The Service Department of the British Legion has drawn my attention to the fact that as a survivor of the Battle of the Falkland Islands you did not receive a set of commemoration stamps. Unfortunately all the commemorative stamps have been issued or sold and none at all remain.

I am enclosing a photograph which I took recently of the Falkland Islands Battle Memorial and I hope you will accept this as a small memento of the occasion.

Yours faithfully,

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. A.H. Trevanion,
'Jindis Cottage',
West Hill,
Cherminster,
Borchester,
DORSET.



THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER SHOULD BE
QUOTED IN COMMUNICATIONS.

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CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

G10/PUB/1010/20

4, MILLBANK,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Telegrams: "Crown, London-S.W.1"
Telephone: Abbey 7730
Telex No. 24209



11th August, 1965.

W1 28/8

Dear Sir,

1320

Thank you for your letter C283/F of the
21st July about sales of the Battle Issue 2½d. Stamps.

We hope that you did not misunderstand the tenor
of our cable of the 16th July as between us and you.
Telegrams are of course always short and it sometimes
leads them to read curtly. However, certain sections of
the philatelic trade are making insinuations about
possible hanky-panky in either or both the Bureau and your
Post Office. This is of course nonsense but we were in
urgent need of the facts as you saw them.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. Clark".

for The Crown Agents

Reply at 148.

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
FALDLAND ISLANDS,
South Atlantic.

30th September, 65

Dear Sirs,

147 Thank you for your letter G10/PUB/1010/20 of the 11th August, 1965.

I appreciate telegrams are of necessity curt, but on looking back at my letter to you too I see it was likewise curt, but I assure you by accident and not by design.

We couldn't have a better or more companionable service than you provide and we are in fact very grateful for all you and your staff do for us.

Yours faithfully,

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations,
4, Millbank,
LONDON, S.W.1.

149

c/o A. Beare, Esq.
Houlder Brothers,
Solis 1480, MONTEVIDEO

From : Commander Lloyd Hirst, O.B.E., R.N. retired
TO ; The Colonial Secretary, Stanley, Falkland Islands
Date ; 21st October 1965

SUBJECT : Battle of the Falklands Stamps.



Dear ~~Sir~~ Mr. Morrison,

120 0136.

149 a

Thank you for your letter of 17th June, and of 5th August. I took the matter up with the Postmaster of the village of West End near Woking and I enclose ~~enclose~~ a reply from the Controller of H.M. Post Office.

In a letter to His Excellency the Governor I suggested that survivors of the Battle could be traced as follows.
Men - through the Barracks at their Home Ports or through the British Legion or through the Veterenas Association of the Battle at Plymouth.

Officers - through the Pension Office for those on pension. As for others, I gave him the address of an Annual Dining Association in London.

As His Excellency already had my address here, I assumed that my set would come here, or, if distribution was made by the Navy Department of the Ministry of Defence, to my Pension address but I see from your second ~~address~~ ^{letter}, that they were sent, unregistered, to a house which I rented for the very short time I was in England during the time of the Annual Dinner of 1960.

Apparently, the Post Office cannot now trace them.

If you have read Sir Eugen Millington-Drake's book, THE DRAMA OF GRAF SPEE, you will realise how intimately I was connected with the Battle of the Falklands and therefore how interested I am in getting a souvenir set as a gift from the Colony. I have bought a First Day Cover from the Kelvin Store but that is not the same as a presentation set. As you are in no way responsible for its miscarriage, I would be quite prepared to pay for it, provided it is accompanied by the gift letter.

Yours sincerely
Lloyd Hirst

P.S. Your predecessor, Mr. Boileau, was at one time so despondent at his isolation that he used to say that if he could find a tree in the island, he would hang himself. We offered him the use of one of the GLASGOW's yard arms, but he demurred that it was not the same.

Payment would be made in a sterling cheque to H.M. Consul here.

LeH

Reply at 150



THE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE
MOUNT PLEASANT POST OFFICE
LONDON E.C.1

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In any reply please quote: MP.90915/65

~~Your reference:~~

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September, 1965.

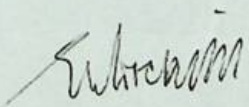
Dear Sir,

Your letter of 25 August addressed to The Postmaster, Bagshot Road, West End, Woking, has been referred to me.

I should explain that unregistered letters from abroad which cannot be delivered for any reason are returned, unopened and unrecorded, to the country of origin for return to sender. Moreover, we keep no record of ordinary letters in the post. Nevertheless we carefully classify all items found loose in the Post and in the event that the special set of stamps concerned may have become detached from the letter packet in question, we have had search made but without success.

I am sorry I cannot give you a more favourable reply.

Yours faithfully,


(E. W. DOCKRILL)
for Controller

Commander L. Hirst, O.B.E., R.N. Retd.,
c/o A. Bears, Esq.,
Houlder Bros.,
Solis 1480,
Montevideo,
Uruguay.

12th November, 65.

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letter of 21st October, 1965.

I am very sorry that your presentation set of stamps went astray but I regret there is nothing I can do regarding a replacement as our supply of the issue is now exhausted.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful and hope that you will appreciate the position.

Yours faithfully,

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Cdr. Lloyd Hirst, O.B.E., R.N.,
c/o A. Beare, Esq.,
Houlder Brothers,
Solis 1460,
MONTVIDEO

SWEET HILLS. 151
18 BALSAM PARK.
WINCANTON
SOMERSET.

CS. As his
name concerned
is an invalid,
can we provide
a photo of his
memorial, all
stamps being used
up? 14/10

August 29th 1965.

To

The Governor
Falkland Islands.
South America.

Dear Sir

When listening to the
Radio, in the Request
programme the other
day, the announcer reported
that sets of Falkland Is.
Stamps had been sent to

all known men alive
who served in the ships
out there during the war
of the Falkland Islands

My husband is still
alive, although a chronic
invalid. He served on
the "Glasgow" from 1910
to 1916 in South America
I should be so pleased
& grateful to you if he
may be sent the stamps
Especially on account of
his memories of his service
out there. It was the
part of the world during

his career he most enjoyed.
having served twenty-six
year in the Service.

Until his illness we
were both stamp collectors.

Thanking you so
much if you could
send him the stamps
others received

Yours gratefully
Charles. Doe.

27th October, 1965.

Doe
Dear Mrs. *Doe*,

Thank you for your letter of the 29th August addressed to His Excellency the Governor which has only just reached us here.

I am very sorry to tell you that we have no Falkland Island Battle Issue Stamps left at all. Unfortunately, from your point of view, the issue was an almost immediate sell out and many of us here even failed to get our own requirements.

Many people in the Falklands still remember the battle and have very happy memories of the sailors who came ashore from the various ships including H.M.S. Glasgow. Your husband would find great changes here except, perhaps, in the weather. The wind still blows furiously.

Please accept my sincere regret at not being able to send you stamps and please pass on to your husband our very best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mrs. C. Doe,
Sweet Hills,
18 Balsam Park,
Wincanton,
SOMERSET.

IM.

Telephone:
Hartfield 286

POWINGFORD,

HARTFIELD,

SUSSEX.

Nov^r 30th 1965.

CS
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11/1/66

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Lieut. Commander Peppé

Thanks this ~~is~~ ~~for~~ the Governor
of the Falkland Islands for his
very kind thought in sending
a set of commemorative stamps
of the action which was fought
on December 8th 1914. He
regrets that his acknowledgement
is so belated but wishes to
say how very much the
stamps are appreciated.

PC

Grandland
replies

14 Feb 1966

Coe A. B. Walter. J. Adams. No 106

"Inflexible" 154

114 Greenway
Horseshoe Park
Romford
Essex

Dear Sir

I & my wife recently celebrated our Golden Wedding this fact, & on account of my life including 14 years in the Royal Navy 6 1/2 years of which I served in the Battle cruiser "Inflexible" taking part in the Battle of the Falkland Isles, Dardanelles, & my husband was published in the local Newspaper, this brought letters from 2 of my old Shipmates, who I had not seen or heard of since the end of the 1914-18 War.

One of them wanted to know if I had received a set of stamps from you, issued on the 8th Dec 1954, the 50th Anniversary of the Battle. I did not, but I should be pleased & proud to receive a set from you, I do hope that they are still available, I am sure the other old shipmate I heard from would like a set too. He is, "ex Shipwright" A. C. Colston, 41, 3rd Ave, Stratgate, Wickford, Essex, thanking you in anticipation.

I am Sir

Yours faithfully

Walter. J. Adams - PA

Es.

My postcards left?

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16/2

Sender's name and address:

Walter J Adams
"Inflexible"
44 The Greenway,
Harold Park
Romford, Essex,
England.
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The Governor
of the
Bathurst Islands

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From : Commander Lloyd Hirst, O.B.E.
Royal Navy

c/o. Houlder Brothers (*% Arturo
Bever, Esq.*)
MONTEVIDEO

8th December 1967

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I write on the anniversary of the Battle of the Falklands to thank you for the authenticity card for my set of the Anniversary stamps. I was so sorry that my original set went astray.

I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the Official Report for 1964 - 1965. It gives an excellent authoritative idea of the well-managed affairs of the Colony.

The Colonial Report on my files is dated 1909 !!

Yours sincerely

Lloyd Hirst *B*



156

Charles Albert Lockyer

No 9 Fotherdy Crescent

Bishopdown

Salisbury

Wilts

31-1-68

CS. Can we send
a photo of battle
memorial?

LH 29/2

Dear Sir

I have been told that
you want to get in contact
with all the survivors of
those ~~that~~ took part in battle
of the Falkland Islands battle
I was serving in the Glasgow
in Coronel battle + the
Falklands Island on Dec 8th
1914. I am yrs Faithfully

Reply at 157. C.A. Lockyer

K 13002

5th March, 1968.

Dear Sir,

156.

Thank you for your letter of the 31st January, 1968.

It is quite true that we were trying to contact survivors of the Battle of the Falkland Islands, but unfortunately our attempts to do so took place in 1964, which as you know, was the fiftieth anniversary of the battle.

Our object was to present all survivors with a set of commemorative postage stamps. However, I am very sorry to say, all the stamps have been given away or sold and none are left for distribution.

However, please accept our very best wishes. The Battle is well remembered here, and the 8th of December is our Annual National holiday.

Yours sincerely,

(W. H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. C. A. Lockyer,
9 Fotherly Crescent,
Bishopdown,
Salisbury,
WILTS.

AA

207/1

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H. M. S. Gloger.
P.O. T Brenton T 22633
Address: 7. Cross Roads
Chobey
N. Walthamstow
Berkshire

File in J. W. Kettle stamps file.

See 159

4th January

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Dear Sir,

I refer to your enquiry regarding presentation sets of the Falkland Islands Battle Commemorative Issue Stamps.

2. It is quite true that we were trying to contact survivors of the Battle of the Falkland Islands, but our attempts to do so took place in 1964, which as you know, was the fiftieth anniversary of the battle.

3. Our object was to present all survivors with a set of commemorative postage stamps. Unfortunately, from your point of view, the issue was an almost immediate sell out and many of us here even failed to get our own requirements, and I regret, therefore, that none are now left for distribution.

3. However, please accept our very best wishes. The Battle is well remembered here, and the 8th of December is our Annual National Holiday.

Yours sincerely,

(L. C. Gleadell)
Acting Colonial Secretary

P.O. T. Breverton T22633,
7, Cross Roads,
Cholsey,
Nr. Wallingford,
Berkshire,
ENGLAND.

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183 Grange Rd
Gillingham ¹⁶⁰
Kent.

Oct 4th 1972.

To the Secretary of
Government General:

Dear Sir, I very recently had a visit of an old shipmate whom I had not seen since 1917 & he showed me the fiftieth anniversary memorial card of the Falkland Islands battle, issued to all those who took part in the action. As I served in HMS Inflexible I wondered if one might be sent to me. I would appreciate it very much.

Yours faithfully

Herbert Clark

X A.B. C/12509.

P.S. Is our old steam picket boat still in use.

H.C.

28th November 72.

Thank you for your letter of 4th October 1972 regarding the 50th Anniversary of the Falkland Islands Battle. Unfortunately all the Battle stamps have long since been sold and I am unable to obtain any for you.

2. You ask in your letter if the old steam picket boat is still in use. I am not sure which vessel you refer to but believe it could be the "Plym". If this is so then the vessel is no longer in use and has for many years been a derelict lying at the east end of Stanley Harbour near Whalebone Bay.

3. I am sorry I cannot be more helpful about the presentation set of Battle stamps and hope that you may be able to acquire this through a dealer in the United Kingdom.

(H. L. Bound)
for CHIEF SECRETARY

Mr. H. Clark,
183 Grange Road,
Gillingham,
Kent.

CB

Standard
letter from how
on.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of
the 6th June which arrived here
yesterday.

I am very sorry to say that
all of the Batale stamps have been
sold & the issue is no longer
on the market.

I am very sorry this should be
so, and it is our very deep regret
that ~~we could not~~ you were not
known to us at the time ~~our~~
the stamps were distributed

JH