

C.S.

SEALING:-

Protection of Fur Seal.

1921

NAT/SEA/1 # 30

No. 953/21

Harbour Master

SUBJECT.

1921.

3th October,

(1) Recommends use of 12pdr Field Gun landed from H.M.S. Glasgow.

Previous Paper.

(2) Appointment of Armed Guard for Seal Rookeries

MINUTES.

Letter from Harbour Master 3th October, 1921. Encl (1)

*Y.S. Submitted*

*12/12/21*

*H.C.S.*

*to take any correspondence in the office about this gun plan?*

*Sh. 13 Oct 1921*

*Y.S.*

*Submitted*

*It has not been possible to trace any correspondence referring to this gun*

*15/12/21*

Subsequent Paper.

*H.C.S.*

*Will you please call enquiry with Mr. Muller from S.M. Division Dept. Sec as to whether*

Sights are in accordance with so arrangements  
are made for handing them over to Harbour  
Master.

Yr.

24 Oct 1921.

Harbour Master

I read the receipts herewith

Yr. Obedt

The Hon Col. Secretary.

Two back sights, one fore sight received.

Colm. E. Brooker  
Harbour Master  
5/10/21.

Yr. Obedt

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H.C.S. Re 12 p.m. you can be used for present  
as Jason Almond + ammunition for you  
for that purpose.

Yr.  
7 Nov 1921.

P.S. Will H.M. Kenley give Sgt Barnes ~~ammunition~~  
~~ammunition~~ a short course of instruction in the use  
of his new machine gun with mechanism.

Yr.  
7 Nov 1921.

Yr. Accordingly

Yr. Obedt 8/11/21

Please make an arrangement with Sgt Barnes through the  
Chief Constable

The Hon. Col. Secretary.

I have interviewed Serg<sup>t</sup> Barnes and it would appear that he is adverse to undertaking armed guard duties.

Colin Atwoodly.  
Harbour Master.  
12/20/21

J.P.

Harbour Master

Will you please speak in this

TTTTT 22/11/21

The Hon. Col. Secretary

I have interviewed Serg<sup>t</sup> Barnes and submit that he may be granted the opportunity of a personal interview.

Colin Atwoodly.  
Harbour Master

23/11/21

J.P. Submitted.

I am what the Harbour Master tells me Serg<sup>t</sup> Barnes would not be a satisfactory person to place in charge of the guard. He has reflected at great length to the D.P., a number of demands with respect to (1) provision for his family, (2) special allowance in view of his having an independent command and (3) arrangements in his opinion necessary in the event of any disableness (4) fears that his health will not stand the strain.

3. Sgt G.L. considers that Sgt. Barne  
should be detailed for the duty - I will  
write G.L. permission see him and instruct  
him to formulate in writing any questions  
he wishes to raise. He believes strongly  
I understand that he cannot be  
sent out against his will. That is not  
the case: he engaged on for service in  
the Falkland Islands and not in Stanley  
The Harbour Master does not  
anticipate any difficulty in getting a  
suitable man for charge of the post.

24/1/21

H.C.S. <sup>advantage</sup>  
I have taken an opportunity, which  
occurred today, <sup>on board</sup> of providing out to  
Sgt Barne that under clause 4 of his  
agreement (M.P. 704/1919) he is required  
to "reside in such place & occupy  
himself in such manner as shall be  
required by the Government" x x x x x  
and that he "shall devote his whole time  
& attention to the service of the Government  
& use his utmost exertions to promote  
the interests of the Government."

2. I have further informed Sgt Barne  
that in view of his attitude regarding the arrangement

Under which he was to proceed to  
Stephens Jason I do not consider  
him fitted for the duties which I  
had intended to assign to him.

3. The H.M. may now employ 3 men  
for duty as guards at ~~Stephens Jason~~  
at rates of pay provided in Schedule.

4. It is not possible to say at present for  
what period they will be required to  
continue at Stephens Jason but if they  
are withdrawn temporarily & their  
work be then satisfactory, employers  
will be found for them at Stanley, if they  
desire it, pending their return to  
<sup>such reserve</sup>  
Mrs. ~~Phillips~~ a very strong and useful  
reserve. They will also be liable for  
duty in Affluence of their services on  
requirement.

H.M.

12 Dec 1924.

Harbour Master

in action plan

Tull 12/12/24

The Hon. Col. Secretary.

Information as contained in para 4 of His Excellency's Minute. 12 Dec 1921 will be given to applicants

2. It is not anticipated that any difficulty will be found in the selection of suitable men.

3. In view of the present anticipated arrangements I would submit that Guards are not valid on until after return of Patrol Vessel.

Colin Estropey

Harbour Master.  
16/12/21.

Yf.

Submitted for approval

ttttt 20/12/21

M.

21 Dec 1921.

P.S. As Hamilton may require one please to accompany him.

M.

21 Dec 1921

Notes  
ttttt 20/12

MINUTE PAPER.



Departmental Number.

From The Harbour Master

Date 6th, October 1921

To The Hon. Col. Secretary

SUBJECT.

Protection of the Seal Rookeries

Reference Numbers. }

Sir,

In accordance with His Excellency the Governor's instructions I beg to report that the gun in the Customs shed is a Naval, 12 pdr 12 cwt, Field Gun.

This gun was apparently landed from the H.M.S. " Glasgow " after the battle of Coronel and was placed into charge of the F.I. Volunteers.

I am given to understand that ammunition for this gun is in the Magazine Valley magazine and that the sights are probably in the armoury.

Two guns in the charge of the O/C of the W/T station are Naval 3 pdrs, no ammunition is available.

Of these two guns one was landed from the H.M.S. " Petersfield ", the other was surveyed by the H.M.S. " Weymouth " and is stated to be in good condition.

I would venture to suggest that the 12pdr 12 cwt would be an easier weapon to be handled on the Elephant Jason Island as the Field carriage and limbers are complete and this would not necessitate a mounting being constructed.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Harbour Master