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Harbour Haster's Office, Stanley.

21 6 March. 1922.

To the Hon. Col. Secretary, Stanley.

Sir,

I beg to submit the attached report on the the Establishment of an armed guard on the E Elephant Jason Island, in connection with the Protection of the Fur Seal Rockeries of the Falkland Islands.

The Guard was fully established on the afternoon of the 18th, instant.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Harbour Master

REPORT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ARMED GUARD ON THE ELEPHANT

JASON ISLAND? WEST FALKLAND.

In connection with the protection of the Fur Seal Rookeries of the Falkland Islands the H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" left Stanley on the 22nd, February for the Elephant Jason Island, the largest known Fur Seal rookery, to establish thereon an armed guard.

Owing to adverse weather conditions which were experience de a landing was not effected until the morning of the 27th, February upon which day the guard, all material for the erection of the Guard House etc together with firearms, ammunition and provisions were landed.

The landing was effected in a small bay on the N.E. extre - me of the island. A rocky beach from which from which the land ran up to a height of 150 feet shows sea level. This slope was covered by thick tussed (6/10 feet high) to a depth, from the beach, of 300 yards-(300) emerging on to clear camp ground.

A temporary camp was made on the foreshore of the landing place and on the following day, the 28th, February, a survey of the position having been made, a cutting through the tussac was commenced in order that material etc, might be transported from the fereshere to the site chosen for the erection of the Guard House, which site was a further 200 yards above the frunge of the tussac belt which surrounds the island.

Very great difficulty was experienced owing to the thickness of the tursec and the large dimensions of the begs to be cut and moved to one side.

The cutting was completed on the evening of the 2nd of Lerch.

On the following days the transport of material from the beach was preceded with, assistance was rendered by the crew of the "Afterglow" when ever it was practicable. The carrying of the material was difficult swing to the steepness of the accent and the nature of the ground.

. The work of erection of the Guard House was completed on the afternoon of the 9th, March when the House was occupied.

Adverse weather prevented the rendering of assistance by the "xxxxx" "Afterglow" impracticable until the morning of the 18th March.

During the period of awaiting the arrival of the patrol Vessel the work of building augunition houses and a W.C. was proceeded with.

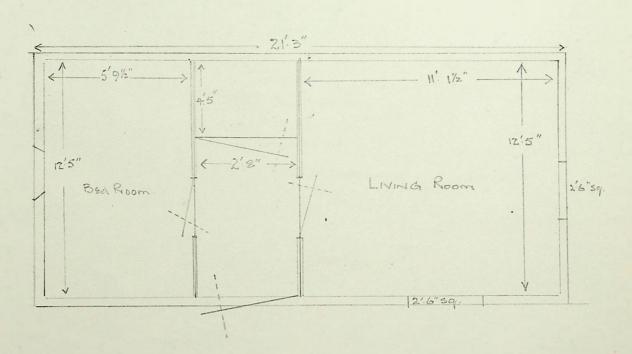
On the arrival of assistance from the Patrol Vessel the 12 ndr Field dur was hauled up through the tussec, assembled and hauled across the island to a resition on the S.W. side, in the vicinity of which a Flagstaff with yard has been erected.

Guard House.

Situated at the N.E. extreme of the Island on sleping ground.

House is built facing North and is sheltered from S.W. through South to

N.E. by very high rocky ground. The following is a plan of the house as erected and fitted.



Out buildings in vicinity of house.

- 1 Wood, iron roofed and littled as a W.C..
- 1 Iron, wood lined, fitted as Amounitien Hut.

Cattle Peddock.

A paddock has been made - apprex 40 yards square - and enclosed by a four wire fence.

DATE	TIME	REMARKS
Feby.		
22	6.15 211	Left Stanley.
		Considered adviscable owing to adverse weather to make Shag Is anchorage.
	Noon/15	Arrived & anchered Shag Is.
23	7*15 ma	Weighed and proceeded
	5.05 թա	Heavy Sea Arrived Sanders Is.
	9.09 hm	MILLAGE Desirents Tr.
24	9.00	Weighed and Proceeded
	1*10 plu	Arrived West Peint Is
		Took on board lifebeat.
25		Wind S.W. 5 Considerable S.W.ly sea
	ALL DAY	Landing E. Jason impracticable. Constructed Fresh Water reservoir and dam and laid
		pipes to facilitate Patrol Vessel watering.
26	5.50 am	Weighed and proceeded to the E.Jason
	8.15	Arrived E.Jason Very considerable S.W.ly gwell.
	n /c	Landing impracticable.
	8.45 10.30 Alu	Abandoned attempt to land material etc. Arrived West Point Is.
27	6.00 am	Weighed and placeaded to E.Jason
		Landed all materials, provisions, Firearms, Amounition etc.
		E. Jasen Guard, Govt Carpenter, and Harbour Master
		landed. "Afterglow" sailed with orders to carry out
		programme drawn out by the Govt Naturalist.
28	6.00 and	N.W. 3/4. Foggy. Commenced cutting passage through tussac
	Noon	S.E. 4 Foggy
	\$-00 pia	Fog cleared Proceeding with cutting.

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DATE	TINE	REMARKS
March		
1	6.00 011	S.W./W 3 be Heavy dew during night. Very hazy;
	Noon	Proceeded with cutting through tuseac S.W. 4 bc fine a clear
	8.00 mg	South 2/3 be line a clear
2	6.0 am	W.S.W. 4/5 fine weather, hazy. Proceeded with cutting through tustac.
	8.00	W.S.W. 3/4 fine hagy weather.
	2.00 nm Finis	hed cutting through tusac, 300 yards from beach to ringe of tusac belt.
	II G	Commenced carrying material up to site of House.
	4.00 nm	
	8.00	W.S.W. 2 Cloudy weather. San calmdo 1/2 Foggy
3	6.00 an	W.S.W. 2 slight haze.
	8.00	W.S.W 3/4 bc can smooth.
	11.30	"Alterglow" arrived, landed two men to assist. J. Watts relieved H. Roberts
		Corrying up maderial
	Moon 3.15 pm	W.S.W. 3/4 passing banks log. " arterglow" cailed
	0.20 /13	Fog increasing
4	6.00 аш	Calm dense fog
	Noon /	Proceeded corrying un moterial Eog clearing
	4.00 pm	Placing miles, mlates, framing etc
	8.00	Fine clear weather
5	6.00 am	The state of the second
	Noon	Sly 1/2, bc, Sea calm
	4 -	proceeding with placing frames atc
	4.00 711	Sly 1/2, bc, Sea calm Shirted came to unper fringe of tuss c
6	6.00 am	S.W. 3 Cloudy. Sea smeeth.
		Proceeding with erection of Guard House
	Noon	N.W. 4 bc Sea sucoth Proceeding with erection of Guard House
	4,0 nm	W.N.W 2/3 be see smeeth
	8.0 mia	All iron work completed S.S.W. 4 line clear weather
	O . C . Mu	Commenced laying flooring
7	6.00 am	S.W. 4/5 be fine clear weather
	10.45 010	Proceeding with erection of House. " Afterglew " errived
	Noon	W.S.W. 4 Sea smooth. Fog bank to Stard
		J.White relieved J.Watts Carrying up material
	3.00 pm	" Afterglow " sailed
		For increasing
	8.00 pts	Fleoring completed and partitions placed S.W. 2/3 Fog bank rising and falling
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DETE	TIME	REMARKS
March		
8	6.00 am	S.W. 2/3 bc fine weather
		proceeding with House
	Noon	S.W. 5/6 fine and clear
	4.00 pu 8.00	S.W. 6 fine hazy weather W.S.W. 6/7
		".b.". 0/1
9	6.00 am	W.N.W. 6 Light N.W. swell
	Noon	N.W. 6 haze increasing,
		Proceeding with House
	4.00 pm	N.W. 7/8 Thick Fog
	()	Stove fixed in House, Fire lighted.
	8,00	W.N.W. 7/8 Passing banks fog
		Shifted into XXXXX and occupied house. Guard House erection completed
		dusid house election completed
10	6.00 am	W.S.W. 5/6 Foggy weather , drizzle
•	Noon	Sly 4 Foggy weather. Heavy rain at times.
		Building W,C, and amounition But
	4.00 pm	S'S'W' 4 cloudy. Weather classing.
	8.00	S.S.W. 2 Hazy. Rain at times
11		Heavy rain during the night
	6.00 am	W.S.W. 2/3 slight haze, sea smooth.
	MXXXXX	", b. ". A/O ELIGITO MAZO, COM BRIGO OIL
	8.00	W,S,W, 5 Increasing S.W. swell, passing
		rain squalls.
	70.00	" Afterglow " arrived,
	4 - 4 5	Landing of a sistance impracticable
	10,18	" Afterglew " sailed
	Noon	S.W.6 Considerable S.W. swell, passing rain squalls.
	4,00 nia	S.W. 4/5 Confused S.W. see and Swell
		Brected Fagataff with yard.
	0.00	S.W. 3 Sea smooth
12	9.00 Um	S.W. 6 be Threatening to Westward, consider ble
		Landing impracticable.
	2/3 pm 4 mast	ted Steamer, Steer ing West, 10 miles off.
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13/17		Weather conditions rendering landing impracticab
		Continuous gale from S.W./W.S.W. with very high
		S.W. sea, breaking on landing place in green
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		Lining boards, cement, rope etc placed ready to
		chip by " Afterglew" to Stanley, washed away.

DATE	TIME	REMARKS
Merch 18	6,00 Am 9.30	W.S.W. 3/4 be passing squalls to S'ard, Sea smooth, "Afterglow " arrived. Landed every available man.
	Noon	Hauled gun un to upper fringe of tustac belt W.S.W. 5 bc fine clear weather. Slight S.W. swell Hauked gun across Island to position
	5, 4 5 pm	Guard being fully established, all with the except - ion of the Guard, subarked in the " Afterglow". " Afterglow " Sailed.
20	2.3 0 pm	Arrived Stanley

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From

(It is requested that, in any reference to this letter, the above Number and the dute may be quoted.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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		30th March, 19	22.
To	Harbour	Master,	
		Stanley.	

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st March and to thank you for your report on the establishment of an armed guard on the Elephant Jason Island, for the protection of the Fur Seal Rookeries.

H. Henniker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.