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SUBJECT :

HONOURS:

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY - recommendations.

CONNECTED FILES.

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Honours - Procedure for the submission of recommendations

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File 0107

ALKLAND ISLANDS
(COLONY)
ESPATCH
o. 98.

No. 0107

26th November 1948

Sir,

I have the honour to invite your attention to the following act of gallantry as reported to me, and attested by, Commander H. Kirkwood DSC. RN. who was an eye-witness:-

On the 9th October, 1948, the M. V. John Biscoe was lying at No 34 Berth, Southampton Docks. Shortly before midnight J. M. Anderson was returning to the ship with another seaman A. Reive; the former ascended the gangway which was at a very steep angle owing to the tide, and turned to see Reive (who had an injured arm) fall between the quay and the ship's side. The fall was also witnessed by J. Smith, AB., on board, who at once jumped over the ship's side to Reive's assistance while Anderson seized the lifebuoy near the gangway, threw it to Smith, and then joined the latter in the water. Neither Reive, Smith nor Anderson could swim.

The Officer of the Day, Lieut. G. R. Slaughter, RN, was awakened by the cry of "man overboard" and immediately dived over the side where he was able to secure a line around Reive, by then unconscious; Reive was hoisted aboard and Lieut. Slaughter then assisted Smith and Anderson, who were in difficulties, to the ship's side.

Reive, who was removed to hospital, undoubtedly owes his life to the exertions of his shipmates and all three of them perhaps to the prompt action of Lieut. Slaughter. I beg, therefore, that you will bring this incident to the notice of the Royal Humane Society for such mark of recognition as that body may consider appropriate.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient, humble Servant,

Wm. Bluffel
Governor.

The Right Honourable Arthur Creech Jones. F.C.M.P. etc etc
Secretary of State for the Colonies.
Church House. Westminster. S.W. 1.

Send in duplicate.
Copy to Com. Kirkwood.

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the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 10th March, 1949

No. 44 Saving.

HONOURS.



in 0107
SEPARATE:
File

Your despatch No. 98 of the 26th November, 1948.

I forward herewith six of the forms supplied by the Royal Humane Society for use when recommending an act of bravery for recognition.

The Society have asked that forms should be completed in respect of the action taken by Lieutenant Slaughter when he went to the aid of seamen Reive, Anderson and Smith, who were in danger of drowning, and that they should be accompanied by statements of eye-witnesses.

I should also be glad to learn whether, as Lieutenant Slaughter is a member of the Royal Navy, the act has been reported to the Admiralty, since, should Their Lordships decide to reward the services of Lieutenant Slaughter for this action, the Society would have no power to make an award.

SECRE.

F&BU copy to Cm. Viscount.

mc

20/4.

the Office Administering the Government of
the Colonies

Capt. Kirkwood.

recd. pt.
Kib.
26/4.

Capt. John Biscoe.

In order that consideration of the
recommendation may not be too long
delayed it would be well to forward
~~copies~~ statements of eyewitnesses
at X on 2.

Kib.
26/4.

Apparently six copies
of the forms should be
completed.

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Survey Vessel "John Biscoe",
Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey,
At Port Stanley.

25th April 1949.

Sir,

With reference to the enclosed communication from The Secretary of State for the Colonies, I have the honour to submit for your consideration the attached Royal Humane Society recommendation form in respect of Lieutenant G.R. Slaughter R.N.

2. Copy of my original report to Your Excellency dated 22nd October 1948 is also attached, this gives the full details of the nature of the accident and the rescue as required by The Royal Humane Society.

3. Reference paragraph 3 of The Secretary of State for the Colonies communication, this act has not been reported to the Admiralty as Lieutenant Slaughter is serving on loan from the Admiralty to the Crown Agents for the Colonies for The Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. [Signature]

Commander R.N. In Command.

His Excellency The Governor of
The Falkland Islands,
G.Miles Clifford Esq. C.M.G. O.B.E.,
Government House,
Port Stanley.

CS.

Necessary admin pt. [Signature]

(Span forms to be kept for future requirements)

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Capt "John Biscoe"

In order that consideration of the recommendation may not be too long delayed it would be well to forward statements of eye witnesses at once on 2.

2. Apparently more than one form should be completed - suggest at least in duplicate.

Kth.
26/4.

Record.

Comdr Kirkwood informed me that in his experience - about 10 recommendations - one form only is necessary and the report of the Comdg Officer sufficient.

Kth.

28/4.

Issued. H.C. 29/iv

Y.P. Spk Stt submitted pl.

Kth.
29/4.

Up to him!

c. I. ref: 3107/B

C. O. ref: 26362/1/49.

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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: 27th May, 1949.

No. 71 SAVING. COLONY HONOURS.

2. Your Saving Telegram No. 44 of 10th March, 1949.

I am returning herewith form duly completed in respect of the action taken by Lieutenant Slaughter together with a statement by his Commanding Officer which the latter assures me is all that is necessary in this case.

2. The act had not been reported to the Admiralty as Lieutenant Slaughter is serving on secondment from the Admiralty to the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey.

GOVERNOR.

Handwritten signature and date:
3/5/49

26563/1/49

Your Ref: F.I. No.0107.

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COLONIAL OFFICE,

THE CHURCH HOUSE,

WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.

29 OCTOBER, 1949.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

(COLONY)

HONOURS

NO. 93

Sir,

Separate

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No.98 of the 26th November, 1948, and to transmit to you the following awards made by the Royal Humane Society:-

Testimonial on Parchment.

1. Able Seaman James Hugh Anderson.
2. Able Seaman James Terence Smith.
3. Lieutenant George Richard Slaughter, R.N.

Resuscitation Certificate.

Engine Room Artificer Fred Cordingley.

2. I shall be glad if you will arrange for the presentation of these awards and furnish me, in due course, with a report of the ceremony.

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

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten initials]

[Handwritten signature]

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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A.C.S.

Defer presentation until H.E.
is better. Biscoe will be in
again about Xmas



21/1/49

BU

(1) 31/12/49.

J.E.

Would you care to have the presentation
of these R.H.S. around one day before the
Biscoe sails, perhaps Dr. Staden's N.B.E.
at the same time?

A.C.S. R note.
4/1/50

J.E.
21/1/50

Col. Kitchener is I think arranging for
Salisbury from now we could do them all at the
same time. MC 3/1-50.

BU 6/1/50

7.

A.C.S.

Presentation of R.H.S. awards postponed. H.E. wishes to take them with him on the picnic in case opportunity offers for presentation at, say, Deception.

2) Presentation to Dr. Sladen of N.R.E. will take place on picnic to-morrow morning, Saturday, at 11.0 a.m. Cdr. Kirkwood has notified Dr. Sladen. H.E. will require an A.D.C. Pl arrange for medal to be there (it is in your custody, I think).

6/1/50.

A.C.S.

The 4 R.H. Documents App. pt

W. J. G.
6/1/50

I presented the awards on the 4th on board John Brown; the envelopes at cases are merely forms of application for future awards.

W.C. 7/iii

A.C.S.

Pl f.v. saving in reply to page 6, para 2.

8 MAR 1950

P.I. Ref: 0207/B.
C.C. Ref: 26563/1/49

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

15th March, 1950.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 54 COLONY.

Sir,

With reference to your predecessor's Honours Despatch
No. 93 of 29th October, 1949, I have the honour to inform
you that I presented the Royal Humane Society Awards to
the persons named on the 4th March, 1950, on board the
"John Biscoe" at Stanley.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

(Sgd.) MILES CLIFFORD.

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
JAMES GRIFFITHS, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

P.A. 

DRM.

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MCS I submit draft despatch for approval,
please

M. G. S.
7/2/52

Y.E. Papers 8+9 on P/543 attached.

Draft despatch at cover etc. P
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I am not too hopeful about this, but let it go.

hc 10/iii

Recd
P
11/3

(10)

11th March, 1952.

FALSTAND ISLANDS.

No. 78. CASEY.

Sir,

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I have the honour to invite your attention to a report which I have received from the Harbour Master on an incident which occurred on the night of the 6th of November, 1951, in which the life of an employee of the Colonial Development Corporation was saved by the prompt and efficient action of the "Mite" of this Government's motor vessel "Falconet".

2. I should be grateful if the incident could be brought to the notice of the Royal Humane Society, and in this connection I enclose a copy of the approved form of application duly completed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Reply at 11

(Sgd) Miles Clifford

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE,
OLIVER LITTLETON, F.R.S., M.S.O., M.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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The Harbour Master's Office,
PORT STANLEY.
Falkland Islands.

31st January, 1952.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report concerning an incident at Ajax Bay on the night of November 6th, 1951.

Mr S.M. Rutter, Second-in-Command of the Falkland Islands Government Motor Vessel "Philomel", was returning to his ship from shore leave in Ajax Bay at approximately 2230 on November 6th, 1951, when he noticed three members of the staff of the Colonial Development Corporation's Freezer project launch and get into an eight foot dinghy belonging to the site with the intention of pulling to the M/V "Philomel".

As he considered this party to be too inexperienced to be safe in so small a boat, he immediately ordered the Mechanic of his ship, who was with him at the time, to start the engine of the Government launch "Alert" so that he could follow up the dinghy in case of a mishap.

Owing to the Mechanic's unfamiliarity with the "Alert's" engine the dinghy actually overturned before the launch left the jetty, but nevertheless Rutter was very prompt in rescuing the three men from the very cold sea, assisted by another boat from the Auxillary Ketch "Envelope" which was also laying in the anchorage.

The three survivors were taken aboard the M/V "Philomel", one of them being unconscious and partly drowned. Rutter started to apply artificial respiration under the direction of his Commanding Officer. A first aid man from the shore station arrived on board and advised that the unconscious man was already dead. Despite this discouragement Rutter persisted with his treatment and after twenty minutes some signs of life were observed. The man did not regain full consciousness until about five hours later.

It is obvious to me that the man's final recovery was entirely due to Rutter's prompt and efficient action, given in spite of the adverse opinion of the local first aid man, and I would like to commend his efficiency to you with the recommendation that the attention of the Royal Life Saving Society, Desborough House, 14 Devonshire Street, London W.1., be drawn to his action.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. G. G. G.

Harbour Master

15/8
21/12
30/1/52

Bu. *[Signature]*



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COLONIAL OFFICE,

FAKLAND ISLANDS

THE CHURCH HOUSE,

HONOURS

GREAT SMITH STREET,

NO. 131 COLONY

WESTMINSTER.

10 July, 1952



Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 78 Colony of 11th March bringing to notice the prompt and efficient action of Mr. S.M. Rutter, Mate of the M.V. "Philomel" in restoring life from drowning by means of resuscitative treatment, following a boating accident at Ajax Bay on the night of 6th November, 1951, and to inform you that the Royal Humane Society have awarded a Resuscitation Certificate to Mr. Rutter.

2. I am to inform you that I have been advised by the Royal Humane Society that, [owing to the death of His Late Majesty who was Patron of the Society, it will be necessary to take the Royal Pleasure on a successor to the Patronage and thereafter to cause new plates to be ordered and engraved. For this reason a very considerable delay must be expected between this notification and the despatch of the award itself.] It is therefore inadvisable for any arrangements to be made for presentation until after the actual receipt of the award.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

Order of the Ruler

*C.S. See draft suitable
note informing Rutter,
also broad cast idc.
14/8*

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FAKLAND ISLANDS.

*See Draft letter to Mr R
as back cover, p.
C.S. as amended
15/8
16/8*

18th August, 52.

Sir,

I am directed, and have pleasure in doing so, to inform you that on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor the Royal Humane Society have awarded to you a Resuscitation Certificate in recognition of the prompt and efficient action taken by you in restoring life from drowning by means of resuscitative treatment, following a boating accident at Ajax Bay on the night of the 6th of November, 1951.

2. Owing to the death of His Late Majesty who was Patron of the Society, it will be necessary to take the Royal Pleasure on a successor to the Patronage and thereafter to cause new plates to be ordered and engraved. For this reason a very considerable delay must be expected between this notification and the despatch of the award itself.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J.E. Briscoe

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Mr. S.M. Rutter,
a/k "Penelope",
STANLEY.

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See.

Drop note for Broadcast. Announcements - as back cover

D. f.a., pl.

8/18/8.

a.c.s.

Issue, I have crossed out last part of para 2. it reads better without it.

J
19/8

Office

Confirm with Messenger that he has delivered (13) & then fair Broadcast Notice for Drury's next issue

Mr H

Yes.

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20/8.

BROADCAST NOTICE.

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ROYAL HUMANITARIAN SOCIETY AWARD.

We learn that the Royal Humane Society have awarded Mr. S.W. Rutter (the Skipper of the auxiliary ketch "Penelope") a Resuscitation Certificate in recognition of the prompt and efficient action he took in restoring life from drowning, by means of resuscitative treatment, following a boating accident at Ajax Bay last November.

It will be recalled that Mr. Rutter's immediate application of artificial respiration saved the life of an employee of the Colonial Development Corporation who had been rescued from an overturned dinghy.

22nd August, 1952.

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COLONIAL OFFICE,

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

THE CHURCH HOUSE,

HONOURS

GREAT SMITH STREET,

NO. 25

LONDON, S.W.1.



26 February, 1953

Sir,

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I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 78 Colony of the 11th March, 1952 and to transmit to you the following award made by the Royal Humane Society:-

Resuscitation Certificate, to:

Silvester Manfred Rutter (Port Stanley)
for restoring a man to consciousness by
applying artificial respiration, on the
6th November, 1951, at Ajax Bay.

2. I am to request that you will be good enough to
arrange for this award to be presented in a suitable manner
and that you will furnish me, in due course, with a report
of the ceremony, for the information of the Society.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

*Replied
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Oliver J. ...

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

*Mr. Rutter did not come to Stanley for
to Committee - B.U. 20/6 B.U. 2/6*

*B.U. 20/8
15/9*

JE

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(12) & (16)

We will try to find an occasion when he better is next in Spain.

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Find out when he is next coming in please - ultimately I will present it ad them as my next visit.

YE

(16)

MC

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Ad

FRA.

Must decide ofc. of course. The articles will be sent to the index under vol. for suitable letter.

Thankyou

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MC 14/VIII

JE the contents of cover to cover

14th August, 53.

Madam,

I am directed to forward to you for your retention the Royal Humane Society's Resuscitation Certificate awarded to your late husband for his action at Ajax Bay on the 6th of November, 1951, and at the same time to express Government's deep sympathy to you and your family on your sad bereavement.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Mrs. M. Rutter,
STANLEY.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

18th August, 1953.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 151 COLONY.

HONOURS

Sir,

16 I have the honour to refer to your Honours Despatch No. 25 of 26th February, 1953, on the subject of the award of the Royal Humane Society Resuscitation Certificate to Silvester Manfred Rutter.

2. It is with regret that I have to inform you that Mr. Rutter lost his life at sea on 10th August when travelling to Stanley to receive a formal presentation.

3. In view of her recent bereavement the Certificate has now been handed over to his widow without ceremony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Sgd.) C. Campbell

GOVERNOR.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
OLIVER LYTTLETON, P.C., D.S.O., P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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26563/1/53 C.S.D. "B."

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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0104/c

The Secretary of State for the Colonies presents his compliments to the Officer Administering the Government and has the honour to call attention to the despatch noted below to which no reply has been received.

The Church House,
Great Smith Street, S.W.1.

194 . **16 SEP 1953**

No.	Date	Subject
25 Honours	26.2.53 Benson P.	Award of the Royal Humane Society's Resuscitation Certificate to Silvester Manfred Rutter. (Port Stanley) see p. 19 16/10/53

3rd November, 54.

Sir,

I am directed to state that your prompt action during the recent boating disaster at Fox Bay which undoubtedly saved the life of Noel Poole has been brought to the notice of His Excellency who wishes to add his commendation to that of the Coroner.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Previous correspondence to
21 & 22 in Coroner's Court
ALB 7/54.

UP
3/11/54.

Mr. E. S. Smith,
Fox Bay.

u.f.s. Supt. Posts & Tels. Dept.

3rd November,

54.

Sir,

I am directed to state that your action in attempting to rescue James Hume during the recent boating disaster at Fox Bay has been brought to the notice of His Excellency who wishes to add his commendation to that of the Coroner.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Mr. C. Perry,
FOX BAY.

P.A.
1/10/54
1/11/54



Town Council Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
South Atlantic.
15th August, 1957.

TC/96

Sir,

It has lately been brought to my attention by the Stanley Town Council that an act of gallantry was performed in the Falkland Islands in March, 1955 and questions were asked if any representations had been made to you with a view to an award being made to the rescuer.

2. I have searched the records in this office but cannot find any trace of any information having been sent to you though I have reason to believe that a start was made in sending you the details but this seems not to have been effected fully. At this late date I am forwarding to you such information that I can gather and I am instructed to enquire if the Royal Humane Society would still consider this case or if, in your opinion, too much time has elapsed since the incident occurred for you to review the case. I must point out that I can discover no signed statements made at the time - though this does not mean that none exists - but that there is ample evidence that the case can be supported by persons of impeccable character.

3. On the night of the 28th March, 1955, at about 11.20 p.m. a man named J. Pettersson fell off the tug 'Hookey Walker' (which was carry liberty men back to their ship 'Wave Prince') into the water. This took place in Port William which is the outer harbour to Port Stanley. Timothy John Dobbys, who was one of the crew of the 'Hookey Walker' jumped fully clothed into the water and brought Pettersson back to the tug - the crew of the tug hauled Pettersson on board and gave the usual assistance so that his immersion should not have adverse effects

4. One record, made at the time, suggests that Dobbys swam sixty or seventy yards but others suggests that the distance was about fifteen yards to the man in the water and another fifteen yards back to the tug. Whatever the distance was there appears to be no doubt of the veracity of the main accounts of the rescue.

5. It is unfortunate that some of the eye-witnesses are

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16.8.57

away from the Falkland Islands and it may be some time before it will be possible to get signed statements from them.

6. I would be glad if you would advise me if you would wish to have all the relevant information which can be sent to you later or if, owing to the passage of time, the limit of delay has been reached. The present address of the rescuer is :

Tomothy John Dobbysn 1 Factory Hill,
Glannire, Co. Cork, Eire.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J.J. Handsaker
(J.J. Handsaker)

Town Clerk.

~~The Secretary,
Royal Humane Society,
Watergate House, York Buildings,
Adelphi, W.C. 2 London.
(copy to follow by sea-mail)~~

✓ Copy (for information) to the Honourable, The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*Re
27/9*

F. I. ref: 2052

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: 31st January, 1961.

No. 40. SAVING. COLONY.

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I enclose for appropriate action Royal Humane Society Application Form together with a signed statement of the Chief Constable concerning the attempts made by Mr. Charles Desmond KENNEDY to rescue two persons trapped in a submerged car last winter.

I should be grateful for an additional 6 copies of the application form.

received at
h.c.

Reply at 22.

GOVERNOR

DRE/PH

FOR CASES WHERE ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION HAS BEEN EMPLOYED

Many interesting restorations from apparent death have been communicated to the Committee with no other narrative than "that the means recommended by the Society were employed." But, in order to ascertain the real efficacy of the methods so adopted, a more minute history of the case would be very acceptable, especially with reference of the following data, viz. -

The time of actual submersion.

The appearance of the body.

Resuscitative process employed.

The first and progressive symptoms
of returning animation.)

The time from the commencement of
the restorative plan to a return
of animation.)

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY

INSTRUCTIONS to APPLICANTS for the REWARDS of the SOCIETY, setting forth the particulars of the Case of Charles Desmond KEENLEYSIDE who risked his life attempting to rescue Peter John MILLER and Efraim GALLARDO at PORT STANLEY on the 14th June, 1960.

1. Full Names (Block Capitals), Address, Age and Occupation of the Salvor or Salvors.	Charles Desmond KEENLEYSIDE, 48 Davis Street, Stanley, Falkland Islands Aged 39. Stevedore.		
2. Did any other person or persons assist in the Rescue or attempted Rescue? If so, state their Full Names (Block Capitals), Addresses, Ages and Occupations.	Many people assisted in the actual operation, but only KEENLEYSIDE entered the water.		
3. Full Name (Block Capitals), Address, Age and Occupation of the Person saved.			
4. Time of Day, Date, and Full Name of Place at which the Accident occurred.	5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 14th June, 1960 at the East Jetty, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.		
5. Exact particulars of how the Accident happened, and in what manner the person was reached.	5. A saloon motor car plunged off the Jetty and submerged in the harbour. A rowing boat went to the scene and KEENLEYSIDE lowered himself into the water many times in an attempt to release the two trapped occupants.		
6(a). <u>If the Sea</u> , give the state of the wind, weather, sea, tide or currents or 6(b). <u>If in a Dock, Canal, Lake, Pond, or Reservoir</u> , its NAME, BREADTH, DEPTH AND SIZE. or 6(c). <u>If in a River</u> , state its NAME, BREADTH and DEPTH, and whether any Tide or Stream was running.	6.		
7. The DISTANCE from the shore or bank of the spot where the Rescue took place, and the DEPTH AT THAT SPOT.	6 yards from jetty. seven feet	Total distance the rescuer had to swim to effect the rescue	Nil
8. Was a Life-buoy or any other available appliances used in the Rescue?	Rowing boat used to take rescuers to scene.		
9. The precise nature of the RISK INCURRED by the salvor or Salvors	The temperature of the sea at this time of the year is 43 degrees and the land temperature was freezing.		
10. How long the person rescued had been in the Water, and state of when rescued. (P.T.O.)			
11. Where taken to; who was sent for; who came; what was then done, and what kind of treatment was adopted.	Artificial respiration was carried out until the Doctor arrived and certified life extinct.		
12. The statement of the person saved should, if possible be sent		Can the person saved swim or not?	
13. Has application been made to <u>any other Society</u> for reward, or is there any intention of doing so? if so, state Name.	No	Has Rescuer any previous awards from <u>this Society</u> ? If so give date.	
14. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (on behalf of Salvor)	Note: Newspaper Cuttings may be sent with this form but cannot be accepted as part of it or as evidence.		

It is essential that all Christian names of Rescuer be given and all questions answered accurately and as fully as possible

This Form must, whenever possible, be accompanied by signed statements of one or more Eye-witnesses, who should add their Profession or Trade and Address, and state fully the precise nature of the Salvor's or Salvors' extensions, showing the personal risk incurred. This application to be verified by the Commanding or other Superior Officer.

FOR PARTICULARS OF THE LATEST
CASE ONLY

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_____ COMMITTEE

Case _____

Reward made _____

DISPOSAL OF AWARD.

Date _____

Sent _____

To _____

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to the Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, Merchant Navy, or Constabulary.

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Chief Constable's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

21st January 1961

Statement of W.S. Walton, Chief Constable, Falkland Islands Police Force,
who saith :-

" On Tuesday 14th June 1960 at 5.35 p.m. I received information that a motor car had plunged off the East Jetty. On my arrival there, two people had already managed to escape from the car, but Peter John MILLER and Efraim GALLARDO were still trapped. The car was lying on its roof, submerged, with the wheels uppermost. A rope was obtained and fastened to my Landrover and by reversing in booster gear, the car was pulled onto its side. Mr Charles Desmond KEENLEYSIDE, a stevedore, who had arrived at the scene in a small rowing boat, lowered himself into the water, opened a door and managed to release Peter John MILLER. He was rowed ashore and I applied artificial respiration until the Doctor certified life extinct. Meanwhile KEENLEYSIDE had repeatedly dived into the water, which at this time was only 43 degrees, in an attempt to find the other passenger Efraim GALLARDO. It was very dark at the time and conditions ashore were near freezing and it was until 6.3 p.m. that KEENLEYSIDE managed to locate the second passenger, a period of 33 minutes after the accident had occurred. The body was brought ashore, artificial respiration given, without success. During this 33 minutes, KEENLEYSIDE was in the icy water and although in no danger of drowning, the risk to his health from the constant immersion was considerable.

On Friday 17th June 1960 I was present at the inquest held at Port Stanley and after giving a verdict of accidental death, the Coroner added the following rider :-

" I would commend all those who took part in the rescue operations and in particular Mr Charles Desmond KEENLEYSIDE whose courageous attempts to save the lives of the two unfortunate young men is worthy of the highest praise."

Signed.



Chief Constable.

Saving

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 10 MAR 1961

No. 21 Saving



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Your Saving No. 40/61.

S.C. I enclose, as requested, 6 copies of the Royal Humane Society's application form.

Your recommendation in respect of Mr. C. D. Keenleyside has been referred to the Society although the application form was unsigned. I have explained the delay that would result if the form were returned to you and I anticipate that it will be accepted without the signature.

SECR.

BU
25/3/61

BU 15.5.61
BU 9.6.61

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NOTES AS TO THE AWARDS
OF
THE ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY.

AMENDED BY THE ANNUAL GENERAL COURT,
10TH MAY, 1949.

1. **The Stanhope Gold Medal** awarded only at the General Court for the best case exhibiting the greatest gallantry during the past year.

2. **Silver Medal or Silver Clasp** awarded for gallantly saving life from drowning, from dangerous cliffs, or from asphyxia in wells, etc., under circumstances of very great danger and personal risk to the Salvor or Salvors.

3. **Bronze Medal or Bronze Clasp** awarded for courage and promptitude in saving life from drowning, dangerous cliffs, or from asphyxia in wells, etc., under circumstances of great danger and personal risk to the Salvor or Salvors.

4. **Testimonials on Vellum** for saving life from drowning, from dangerous cliffs, or from asphyxia in wells, etc., under circumstances of considerable personal risk to the Salvor or Salvors.

5. **Testimonials on Parchment** for promptitude in saving life from drowning, from dangerous cliffs, or from asphyxia in wells, etc., where there was some personal risk to the Salvor or Salvors.

6. Notwithstanding that risk is the criterion normally governing awards the Committee may, in cases where outstanding skill is displayed in effecting a rescue, make a higher award than the degree of risk alone would justify.

7. **Pecuniary Awards** of sums up to £5 may be granted in special cases, the total of such awards not to exceed £40 in any one year.

8. **Resuscitation Certificates** for restoring the apparently dead from drowning or asphyxia.

"In Memoriam" Testimonials on Vellum may be presented at the discretion of the Committee to the relatives of those who lose their lives in attempting rescues, and such cases should therefore be reported to the Society for consideration.

N.B.—**Unsuccessful attempts** in saving life from drowning, from dangerous cliffs, from asphyxia in wells, etc., or in restoring animation, are considered by the Committee, and awards are given on the merits of the case.

CASES RECOGNIZABLE FOR AWARD

BY

THE ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY

AS

AMENDED BY THE ANNUAL GENERAL COURT,
10TH FEBRUARY, 1942.

The following is a definition of cases recognizable by the Society for Honorary Reward :

1. All Rescues or Attempted Rescues (*a*) from Drowning anywhere at Sea, including the Coasts, in Rivers, Lakes, Canals, Docks, Wells, Reservoirs or Mines ; (*b*) from Dangerous Cliffs or other Heights, provided that the Rescues or Attempted Rescues involve a certain amount of Personal Risk, and excluding cases which fall within the Charter of the Royal National Life-Boat Institution, or in localities where there is a recognized Humane Society.

2. All cases of Exceptional Bravery in Rescues or Attempted Rescues of persons from death by Asphyxia in Wells, Blast Furnaces, Sewers, and confined spaces where foul gas may endanger life, excluding those cases which fall within the scope of the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire.

3. Cases where life has been restored from Drowning or Asphyxia by means of resuscitative treatment.

4. The Society will not make an award in any case where there is near relationship of the rescuer to the rescued, unless the Committee consider that there are special circumstances to justify an exception being made.

The Society does not take cognizance of cases outside the British Isles where foreign subjects are concerned, unless either the Rescuer or the Rescued is a British subject, in which case it may do so.

LIMIT OF TIME FOR REPORTING CASES.

It is particularly requested that all applications for the Society's Honorary Rewards in cases occurring in the British Isles be sent to the Secretary within **two months** after the date of the occurrences, otherwise they cannot be recognized. It is a source of regret to the Committee that in an increasing number of cases this time limit is disregarded.

If the rescues, or attempted rescues, occur at a distance from the British Isles, this time limit may be extended, but **eighteen months** after date is the maximum.

FOR CASES WHERE ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION HAS BEEN EMPLOYED

Many interesting restorations from apparent death have been communicated to the Committee with no other narrative than "that the means recommended by the Society were employed." But, in order to ascertain the real efficacy of the methods so adopted, a more minute history of the case would be very acceptable, especially with reference to the following data, viz.—

Name/s of person/s effecting resuscitation.

The time of actual submersion.

The appearance of the body.

Resuscitative process employed.

The first and progressive symptoms }
of returning animation. }

The time from commencement of }
the restorative plan to a return }
of animation. }

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY.

INSTRUCTIONS to APPLICANTS for the REWARDS of the SOCIETY, setting forth the particulars of the Case of _____ who risked his/her/their life/lives in rescuing or attempting to rescue _____ at _____ on the _____ 19____

1. Full Names (Block Capitals), Address, Age and Occupation of the Salvor or Salvors.	
2. Did any other person or persons assist in the Rescue or attempted Rescue? If so, state their Full Names (Block Capitals), Addresses, Ages and Occupations.	
3. Full Name (Block Capitals), Address, Age and Occupation of the Person saved.	
4. Time of Day, Date, and Full Name of Place at which the Accident occurred.	
5. Exact particulars of how the Accident happened, and in what manner the person was reached.	
6 (a). If the <u>Sea</u> , give the state of the wind, weather, sea, tide or currents. or 6 (b). If in a Dock, Canal, Lake, Pond, or Reservoir, its Name, Breadth, Depth and Size. or 6 (c). If in a River, state its Name, Breadth and Depth, and whether any Tide or Stream was running.	
7. The Distance from the shore or bank of the spot where the Rescue took place, and the Depth at that spot.	Total distance the rescuer had to swim to effect the rescue.
8. Was a Life-buoy or any other available appliances used in the Rescue?	
9. The precise nature of the Risk incurred by the Salvor or Salvors.	
10. How long the person rescued had been in the Water, and state of when rescued. [P.T.O.]	
11. Where taken to; who was sent for; who came; what was then done, and what kind of treatment was adopted.	
12. The statement of the person saved should, if possible, be sent.	Can the person saved swim or not?
13. If the information is available it is requested that information may be given as to whether Salvor is a member of a Youth Organisation.	Name of organisation and standing as member.
14. Has application been made to any Government Department or any other Society for reward, or is there any intention of doing so? If so, state Name.	Has Rescuer any previous awards from this Society? If so give date.
15. Signature of Applicant (on behalf of Salvor).	NOTE.—Newspaper Cuttings may be sent with this form but cannot be accepted as part of it or as evidence.

It is essential that all Christian Names of Rescuer be given and all questions answered accurately and as fully as possible.

This Form must, whenever possible, be accompanied by signed statements of one or more Eye-witnesses, who should add their Profession or Trade and Address, and state fully the precise nature of the Salvor's or Salvors' exertions, showing the personal risk incurred. This application to be verified by the Commanding or other Superior Officer, in so far as it applies to the Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, Merchant Navy, or Constabulary.

N.B.—Cases occurring **within the British Isles** must be reported to the Secretary within **two months** after their date, otherwise they will not be recognised for an Award. Eighteen months is the maximum allowed for cases from abroad.

Offices—WATERGATE HOUSE,
YORK BUILDINGS, ADELPHI,
LONDON, W.C. 2.

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G. W. M. GROVER,
Colonel, R.M. (retd.),
Secretary.

FOR PARTICULARS OF THE LATEST
CASE ONLY.

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_____ Committee.

Case _____

Reward made _____

DISPOSAL OF AWARD.

Date _____

Sent _____

To _____

bu. 17.7.6 (mail)

CONFIDENTIAL

OSA/CB 190

Your ref:- 2052

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Saving

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 25 JUN 1961

No. 48 Saving



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My Saving No. 21/61.

Royal Humane Society Awards.

The Society's Testimonial on Vellum has been awarded to Mr. Charles Desmond Keenleyside.

The award will be forwarded for presentation as soon as it becomes available. Preparation of awards takes some three months.

SECER.

Bu 27.10.61 (mail)

CONFIDENTIAL



OSA/CB 190

COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Your reference..... 2052.....

15 SEP 1961

FALKLAND ISLANDS

HONOURS

No. 79



Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my Confidential Savingram No. 48 of the 5th June and to transmit to you the accompanying Testimonial on Vellum awarded to Mr. Charles Desmond Keenleyside by the Royal Humane Society.

I have to request that you will be good enough to arrange for the formal presentation of this award to Mr. Keenleyside and notify me, in due course, of the date and place of the ceremony in order that the Society may be informed.

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

Sirin Mack J.

Reply at 39.

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*y.e. Submitted
R 27/10/61*

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Does Mr. K. know of this award?

GPA. 6.10.61

GOVERNOR
SIR EDWIN ARROWSMITH K.C.M.G.,
etc. etc. etc.

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*y.e. not get as 31
was marked Confidential.*

R 01/10/61

*SEPARATE
ENCLOSURE
Ack/MS*

Hes

Mr. K. may now be informed of
this award, and told a formal presentation
will be made at a suitable opportunity

JRA 6.10.61

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9th October,

61.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Royal Humane Society has been pleased to award you their Testimonial on Vellum for your praiseworthy efforts in connection with the tragic accident at the East Jetty in June, 1960.

2. A formal presentation of the Testimonial will be made by His Excellency the Governor at a suitable opportunity.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) R.H.D. Manders.

Presented at home

8-12-61

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. C. D. Keenleyside,
STANLEY.

DRM/ETH

*BU with file on
Mr Green and MBE*

BU 9-11-61

BU News 14.12.61

*0107/E/V attached
HCS spoken BU 24.11.61 1.12.61*

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NEWS ITEM

At 11.10 a.m. on 8th December 1961 His Excellency presented the Insignia to Mr. William John Grierson. Mr. Grierson, as will be remembered, was appointed to be a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire on the Queen's Birthday 1961.

Immediately afterwards His Excellency presented to Mr. Charles Desmond Keenleyside a Testimonial on Vellum awarded by the Royal Humane Society for his gallantry on the 14th June 1960 when a motor car had plunged off the East Jetty trapping two of the passengers. It was dark and the temperature of the water was 43 degrees but Mr. Keenleyside was in the water for 33 minutes until he had succeeded in bringing both the trapped persons to shore though in both cases life was extinct.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

15th December, 1961.

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Government House,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

18th December, 1961.

FAULKLAND ISLANDS
NO. 210 COLONY
HONOURS

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 79
of the 15th September, 1961, and to inform you that I
presented the Testimonial on Vellum awarded by the Royal
Humane Society to Mr. C. D. Keenleyside, at a formal
Ceremony held at Government House on the 8th December, 1961.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

(Sgd) E. P. Arrowsmith.

GOVERNOR

The Right Honourable
Reginald Vaudling, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

FH

Law
20/12/61

No. _____
It is requested that in any reference to this memorandum above number and date should be quoted.



3rd July, 1963 19

To: Hon. Colonial Secretary

From: Superintendent of Police

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Commendable act: Frederick Eddie Whitney.
Fire at No.6 Fitzroy Road, Stanley.

I submit for your consideration the following report regarding a fire which took place on the 20th January, 1963 at No.6 Fitzroy Road, Stanley.

At about 5.30 am on the morning of the 20th January, 1963 Frederick Eddie Whitney looking out of his window at 3 Philomel Place observed smoke and flames coming out of a house, No.6 Fitzroy Road, about 100 yards away. He immediately ran to the house and found flames and smoke bursting through the back doorway of the kitchen. As the smoke cleared momentarily saw Mr. A. D'Arcy standing in the kitchen in the place where flames were licking the floor. Whitney dived in and attempted to pull D'Arcy out through the back door. Unfortunately his hand slipped on the bare arm of D'Arcy as the burnt skin came away. Smoke and flame forced him back to the door, but he turned a second time and succeeded in grabbing D'Arcy pulling him through the door clear into the open, in the process, burning himself on forehead and hair. He then carried D'Arcy to the house next door, called the occupants to help, and dashed off to raise the alarm at the nearest telephone.

As a Volunteer Fireman he made what efforts he could to tackle the perimeter of the fire until the arrival of the Brigade 6 minutes later. He then continued to fight the fire until it was doused.

It would appear that Mr. Whitney in rescuing the occupant of the house acted in a courageous manner without thought to his own danger or safety when entering the blazing kitchen. I consider that Mr. Whitney deserves a special commendation or award for his action at this fire.

H. W. Gray

Superintendent of Police.

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✓ g.s. May we put up this case to the Royal Humane Society?
The procedure is laid down and we fill up the appropriate forms.
2. S.P. should, I think, take the initiative in future in promptly reporting any case in which the members such recommendations may be considered in future.

8/2/63

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JWA 9.7.63

42.

now please try to get statements of
eye witnesses and get form filled up.
we should get it off by 4th march

5th 9/7/63

S.P.

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— would you pl. obtain statements
from eye witnesses. Mr. Whitney & Mr. D'Arcy.

The attached form is relevant to sea
rescue only but since we have no proper
form for the present case it is proposed
to forward this one as modified. Wd. you
pl. complete the form as far as possible
in draft.

9.7.63

H.C.S.

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— Statements attached. Form completed in pencil
as far as possible. Should there be any indecipherable
remarks I can verify.

K.W.G. 11/7/63

F. I. ref: 0107/E

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: 12th July, 1963.

No. 119 SAVING. COLONY.

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I enclose for appropriate action Royal Humane Society Application Form together with signed statements concerning the rescue by Mr. Frederick Eddy Whitney of Mr. Albert D'Arcy from a burning house.

GOVERNOR

DRM/TB.

Chief Constable's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

3rd July, 1963..... 19.....

Frederick Eddy Whitney,
3, Philomel Place,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Occupation: Storekeeper & Driver, Falkland Islands Company Limited.
Aged 45 Years.

States:-

At about 5.30 a.m. on the morning of the 20th January, 1963, I was looking out of the window of my house at 3 Philomel Place. I saw smoke and flames coming out of a house, No. 6 Fitzroy Road, not far away. I dashed straight off to see what was happening because no one seemed to be about. There was smoke and flames pouring out of the back door and the whole kitchen seemed to be blazing. The smoke cleared for a moment, I saw Bert D'Arcy standing in the middle of the kitchen with flames all round him and on the floor I called out to him but he did not move. I thought I could get to him and jumped in to try and grab him. I caught hold of his arm but his skin came away in my hand. It was too hot and ducked back to the door - he called out to me, then I had another go and managed to pull him out through the back door outside. He could just stand but was badly burned. He seemed far gone but recognised me and he wanted to go back into the burning house. I helped him along to the house next door belonging to the Hallidays. They came quickly and looked after him taking him inside. I ran off to telephone the Exchange to call the Fire Brigade. After that I went back to the burning house to see what I could do about keeping the fire down until the firemen arrived. I am a volunteer fireman so fell in with them to put the fire out when they arrived a few minutes later. It took about an hour to put it out. All the inside down stairs was burnt out and upstairs badly scorched, the roof caught but we saved that. I was working for two or three hours with the Brigade at the fire. I was scorched on my hands and face when I went in to pull Bert D'Arcy out but I did not go to the hospital for treatment.

Read over to the witness and stated by him to be true.

Signed *R. Gray*
Superintendent of Police

I have read the above statement and it is correct.

Signed *F. E. Whitney*
(Witness)

FALKLAND ISLANDS POLICE

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Tel : STANLEY 95.
96.

Your ref

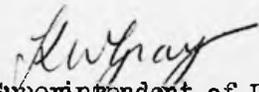
Our ref

*Chief Constable's Office,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.*

10th July.1963

I confirm that the contents of the statements recorded from Mr. F.E. Whitney and Mr. A.W. D'Arcy conformed with the situation as I found it on the morning of the 20th January at about 5.40am when I arrived at the scene of the fire. I attended in the evacuation of D'Arcy to hospital from the house next door, and also interviewed Mr. Whitney while fire fighting was going on.

In consultation with the Chief Fire Officer at the scene it would appear that the outbreak of the Fire took place in the kitchen and that the major conflagration there in the initial stages lead ultimately to the gutting of the other lower rooms. The rapid spread of the fire could be said to be due to the extensive wood panelling and partitions of the kitchen, which in fact was a lean to of the stone house proper.


Superintendent of Police.

Statement of Witness Rescued:

Superintendent of Police
Stanley.

Albert Nicholas D'Arcy
6 Fitzroy Road, Stanley
Falkland Islands.

10th July, 1963

Occupation: Accounts Clerk, Falkland Islands Company Ltd.
Age 35 years.

States:

On the evening of the 19th January, 1963 about 15 guests came to my house No.6 Fitzroy Road for a party to celebrate my birthday. The party continued till about 4 a.m the following morning when the last guests departed. The party was mainly in the kitchen where I used the table there as a bar for drinks. I retired to my bed at about 4.30 a.m in a downstairs bedroom.

The next thing I knew was being awakened by the strong smell of smoke, I dashed out of bed to find the cause and I discovered the whole kitchen was in flames. I tried desperately to put out the flames with blankets but these immediately caught fire and I was being burned and becoming choked with smoke and unable to find my way out of the house. Then I heard someone calling out to me but I could not see him. This person came through the smoke and flames to pull me away but had to retreat and again returned grabbing me quickly half carried me to the kitchen back door. When I got outside I recognised Fred Whitney - I think he was slightly burned too. I was in a state of shock and choking and did not really know much about what was happening. I did not see anyone else. He then helped me across to the next door house of Mrs. Halliday who rendered first aid while Whitney went off to call the Fire Brigade.

I know nothing more as I had passed out and did not become conscious until much later. I suffered second degree burns of my back, legs, arms, and face. I have been in hospital for five months and a week. I believe I would have died if I had not been rescued by Fred Whitney at that moment as the flames were fierce.

Read over to the witness and stated by him to be true.

Signed *R. Gray*
Superintendent of Police

The above statement is true.

Signed.

A. D'Arcy

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²
Fredrick Eddy Whitney

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Albert D'Arcy

Stanley, Falkland Islands

20th January,

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1. ^E
FREDRICK EDDY WHITNEY
3 PHILOMEL STREET, STANLEY
STOREMAN DRIVER, F.I.C.

AGE 45

2. No

3. ALBERT D'ARCY AGED 35 YEARS
6 FITZROY ROAD, STANLEY.

CLERK,
FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY, STANLEY

4. 5.30 a.m. 20th January, 1963
House: 6, Fitzroy Road, Stanley.

5. A lighted cigarette left burning is believed to have caused combustable materials in the kitchen to ignite. Flames had gained a hold on wooden walls and lino floor when occupant attempted to douse fire with blankets which themselves were ignited. D'Arcy, the rescued person was reached from centre of kitchen, through flames and smoke, 12 feet from back door.

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12 feet

9. Entering blazing kitchen from outside, passing through flames and thick smoke in danger of falling debris and burning timbers, SEVERE BURNS ASPHYXIA-TION BY SMOKE.

10. Asleep on outbreak of fire in down-stairs bedroom, aroused too late to avoid second degree burns on back, arms, legs, face attempting to put out fire.

11. Taken next door by rescuer, who called for fire Brigade.

12. attached Mr. A. N. D'ARCY

13. No

14. No

514/40
No BU 30.1.63

Our Ref. GEN/GB.33
Your Ref. 0107/E

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Saving

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 31 JUL 1963

No. 71 Saving



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Your saving No.119 of 12th July.

Gallantry Award

bc
The recommendation contained therein seems more suitable for award by Society for the Protection of Life from Fire. Enclosed herewith therefore, is appropriate recommendation form for completion, which should be returned to us.

SECR

Reply at 52.

A.P.

50 a

Would you kindly complete
the attached form please,

L.G.

23.9.63

50 b

HCS

Done pl

July 24.9.63

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE FROM FIRE

HAND-IN-HAND OFFICE 278-282, HIGH HOLBORN, W.C.1

INSTITUTED 1836

Report on the action of FREDERICK EDDY WHITNEY in connection with a Fire at NO. 6, FITZROY ROAD, STANLEY on the 20th JANUARY, 1963.

1. Situation of Premises where Fire occurred	DETACHED DWELLING HOUSE - 2 STOREY, NO. 6, FITZROY ROAD, STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.
2. Date of Fire	20th JANUARY, 1963.
3. Time of outbreak	5.30 A.M.
4. Cause and extent of Fire, and how extinguished	A LIGHTED cigarette left burning among combustible materials in kitchen. Ground floor gutted. STANLEY FIRE BRIGADE.
5. By whom occupied and trade (if any) carried on	ALBERT D'ARCY Clerk, FALKLAND ISLANDS CO.LTD. DWELLING HOUSE ONLY.
6. Number of floors in building, including basement and attic.	TWO
7. Number of inmates at time of Fire	ONE
8. Number of persons rescued	ONE
9. Their names, ages, and occupations	ALBERT D'ARCY. AGE 35 years. Clerk employed by FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY LTD, STANLEY.
10. Extent of injury, if any, and whether death ensued	SECOND DEGREE BURNS - back, arms, legs, face. Recovered.
11. From which storey were they rescued?	GROUND FLOOR, KITCHEN.
12. Names, addresses, ages and occupations of Rescuers	FREDERICK EDDY WHITNEY, 3 PHILOMEL STREET, STANLEY. STOREMAN/DRIVER, FALKLAND ISLANDS CO. LTD.
13. If injured, give particulars, and state how long incapacitated for work	MINOR BURNS TO FACE AND HANDS NOT INCAPACITATED
14. If application has been made to or Awards have been granted by any other Society, state details	NO

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15. state briefly what actually occurred and how the rescue was effected.

At about 5.30 a.m. on the morning of the 20th January, 1963, Frederick Eddy Whitney was looking out of the window of his house at 3 Philomel Place, Stanley. He saw smoke and flames coming out of a house, No. 6 Fitzroy Road, about 100 yards away. He dashed out to see what was happening - no other person appeared to be about at that hour. He found that smoke and flames were pouring out of the back door and the whole kitchen seemed to be blazing. As the smoke cleared for a moment, he saw the occupant of the house, Albert D'Arcy standing among the flames in the middle of the kitchen. He called out to him but D'Arcy made no move. Whitney made two attempts to jump in through the flames to reach D'Arcy - the first attempt to grab him failed as his arm slipped when skin came away from his body. Beaten back by the flames to the door, he made a second attempt and succeeded in pulling the occupant out through the door. The man was in a severe state of shock but he managed to get him to the nearby house. He, Whitney was fortunate to be only slightly burned, handed over the rescued person to neighbours and ran to the nearest telephone to call the Fire Brigade, returned to the burning house to do what he could until the arrival of the Brigade a few minutes later. As a volunteer fireman he worked with the other firemen to douse the flames.

It was subsequently established that the fire broke out in the kitchen, a wooden structure adjoined to the stone portion of the house proper. The flames were clearly intense at this point, walls and partitions heavily charred. Therefore, to have entered the blazing kitchen, pass into the flame and smoke, in danger of falling debris and timbers, the rescuer Mr. Whitney would have faced extreme danger to himself.

(Sgd) K. W. Gray.

Superintendent of Police

24. 9. 63.

From our personal knowledge of the circumstances of this Fire, or from the result of our best enquiries thereon, we believe the above statement to be essentially correct.

(Sgd) L. Gleadell.
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Date 24 September, 1963.

F. I. ref: 0107/E

C.O. ~~RETECK~~ ref: GEN/GB.33

SAVING TELEGRAM.

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

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 25th September, 1963.

No. 147 SAVING. COLONY

50 Your Savingram No. 71 of the 31st of July, 1963.

Gallantry Award.

51 I enclose the recommendation form duly completed.

It would be appreciated if a further six forms could be forwarded in case a similar claim may arise in the future.

Reply at 53

GOVERNOR

DRM/FH

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20.12.6

Saving

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 9 OCT 1963

No. 105 Saving

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Your Saving No.147 of 25th September, 1963

Awards by the Society for the Protection of
Life from Fire.

b.c.

Enclosed are three recommendation forms for awards by the Society. It is regretted that more forms cannot be provided, as they are in short supply.

SECEP.

See 20.12.63

note

Saving

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 2/ October, 1963

No. 115 Saving

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Your savingram no. 147 of the 25th September.

Awards by the Society for the Protection
of Life from Fire.

The next meeting of the Trustees of the Society will not be held until early January. You will be advised of their decision as soon as possible.

SECEP

L.G.

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COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Your reference O107/E

Our Ref. GEN/GB. 33



31 March, 1964

HONOURS

FALKLAND ISLANDS

No. 28

Sir,

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SEP. ENCL

I have the honour to refer to your saving No. 147 of 25th September, 1963, and to transmit to you the accompanying framed Certificate awarded to Mr. Frederick E. Whitney by the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire.

I have to request that you will be good enough to arrange for the formal presentation of this award to Mr. Whitney and notify me, in due course, of the date and place of presentation, in order that the Society may be informed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

Duncan Sandys

ACS Safe



Glass shattered

otherwise undamaged

Reply at 60.

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FW requested to repair glass

certificate.

D. H. W.

15.4.64

BD 24.4.64

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Thank you

SB W.

GOVERNOR,

SIR EDWIN ARROWSMITH, K.C.M.G.,

ETC., ETC., ETC.

Frame now repaired



1st May, 1964.

The Colonial Secretary presents his compliments and requests that you attend at Government House at 10 a.m. on Saturday the 2nd of May, 1964, when His Excellency the Governor will present the Certificate awarded by the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire.

You are requested to report to the Private Secretary not later than 9.55 a.m. You may be accompanied by your selected guest.

Mr. F. Whitney,
STANLEY.

WHE/IM.

F.I. Ref: 0107/E
Your Ref: GEM/GB.53

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Government House,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

2nd May, 1964.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO. 88 - COLONY

HONOURS

Sir,

SS

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 28 of the 31st of March, 1964, and to inform you that I presented the Certificate awarded by the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire to Mr. F. E. Whitney at Government House on the 2nd of May, 1964.

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

(Sgd) E. P. Arrowsmith.

GOVERNOR

The Right Honourable
Duncan Sandys, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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Superintendent of Police
Satnley

2nd June 1964

Sir,

Commendable Act. Mr.M.D.Dubar, Camp Teacher.

I have the honour to call your attention to a commendable act on the part of Mr.M.D.Dubar, a Camp Teacher on holiday from Fitzroy, who rendered valuable assistance during rescue operations at the East Jetty on Saturday, 30th May when two seamen fell into the water.

Mr.Dubar on learning that a person was missing in the sea under the jetty , volunteered his services to swim and dive down among the piles. In the prevailing water temperature near freezing point, among kelp weed, he made two dives under water in an effort to locate the missing person.

I would recommend that this act be recognised in the form of a Letter of Commendation.

I am

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Superintendent of Police

The Honourable Colonial Secretary
Secretariat, Stanley.

See 62

4th June, 1964.

Sir,

I have the honour to thank you, and commend you, for your unselfish and gallant action in diving into the cold and heavy stream waters of Stanley Harbour last Saturday, the 30th May, 1964, when you attempted to save the life of the late Mr. Roland Watson, a member of the crew of R.M.S. 'Darwin'.

Any attempt to save life is commendable, but under local conditions, the personal risk is greater, and your action all the more praiseworthy.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(W.H. THOMPSON)
OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

M.D. Dabar, Esq.,
STANLEY.

u.f.s. Supt. of Education,

WHI/IN.

Supt. of Police

Please arrange for R.H.S. application form to be completed.

fan
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No. BSL2/64

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MEMORANDUM.

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

5th June, 19 64

To: The Officer Administering

the Government,

STANLEY

From: Supt. of Education,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Mr. Michael Dubar

May the following signal please be made to Chadwick, Volens., London, from Superintendent of Education.

'Dubar greatly distinguished himself by twice diving into dangerous icy sea to attempt rescue of drowned youth. A most courageous action.'

H. H. H. H. H.

Superintendent of Education

Yes

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Wt. P2809 5/61

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8.6.64

To

etat VOLLENS LONDON

HOA/c

For Chadwick from Superintendent of Education stop Dubar greatly distinguished himself by twice diving into dangerous icy sea in attempt rescue drowned youth stop A most courageous action

Colonial Secretary

Copy to S/E

DD/LH

Law

8.6.64

Y.E.,

On Saturday the 26th June when working cargo on the Fitzroy jetty Mr. Brian May, a non-swimmer, fell into deep water and panicked. Mr. George Thompson, who can only just swim, jumped into the cold water, swam six or seven yards to May and kept him afloat until other people could get a boat and line to them.

This has been confirmed by W.F. Summers the Acting Overseer at Fitzroy and Sloggie of the Falkland Islands Company.

Though it does not rate for a gallantry reward or a certificate of any kind I recommend a congratulatory letter from Government House.

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of last year.

1st July, 1965.

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Done
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6 July, 1965.

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It has come to my notice that on Saturday 26th June when cargo was being unloaded at Fitzroy you jumped into the sea and swam to the assistance of Mr. Brian May and kept him afloat until other people could get a boat and a line to you.

I write to commend you for your unselfish and gallant action in going to the rescue of Mr. May. Any attempt to save life is praiseworthy but in this case your action was all the more commendable by virtue of the extreme coldness of the water.

Please accept my congratulations and my thanks for setting such a fine example to others.

LA

George Thompson, Esq.,

Original sent via Mr W.A. Young to Mr Thompson
Copy sent to Mr Young for information

LA 6/16

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