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CORONATION OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II.

~~Defence Force~~ Representatives.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 20.9.52. Time : 1645. Received : 21.9.52, Time : 0845

No 106. CONFIDENTIAL. Colonial Military Contingent
in return Coronation Procession.

I propose suggest to Coronation Joint Committee that Falkland Islands should be one Officer and 3 other ranks. It is anticipated contingent will be guests of Her Majesty's Government during stay in this country but in accordance precedent Colonial Governments will be expected to bear cost passage.

Please telegraph whether you agree. It would also be convenient for accommodation planning purposes if you could give some indication breakdown by rank of this contingent.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

GTC
SS

KIV telegram at 921

ACB has approached SFC - Newton favors as many as possible & the other seem to want to await return of Thurston & O'Connell. There is not time however.

2) Both on passage grounds & public expense I don't think we should send more than 2 with the possible addition of Fleuret (see A.O. 86) as officer.

3) I would like Messrs Broun & O'Fallon to consider early.

a) whether Fleuret is still a serving officer - even if reserve.

b) If so, would he be suitable - or what about the other Fleuret?

c) What other two ^{or} could we send which would fit in with existing leave.

1) Bennett Arrives home about end of January - his leave should extend over this period

2) King? Can his leave be advanced?

4) If Kaitiaki approached SFC should make sailing bookings available to see if any other SFC members would also be on leave.

5) Have Broun & O'Fallon any other suggestions or views?

ACB to reply on Friday.

24/9

Spoke Jess.

26/9.

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From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 27.9.52. Time: 1000. Received: Time:

No 133. Your telegram No 106. In view passage difficulties occasioned by FITZROY's refit would like send contingent of three corporals drawn mainly from members already booked for leave, Ranks subject to final confirmation later. No suitable officer available.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

GTC
SS

See 13

MS
Re. see Mr. Barkell's (26)

10/10. BV 15/11/52

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J.H.

at p. 26. S/E's suggestion for Coronation letter.

It is a formidable list -

I think Guttridge for the present succeeded by his relief - Somerville will not be relieving in any case.

J.H. will find a time to discuss?

Further
action on
this in
1527/C

J.H.
11/7

BV (4) or 15/11/52
J.H.

Urgent

C.S. Letters should be sent
to Cpl W. Bennett &
Cpl J. King advising them
of their selection to represent
R.I.S. at Coronation &
asking them to confirm that
they wish to take part.

& I would like the question
of their pay & status to
be examined. O'Sullivan
seems to think that they are
taken on the active strength
or paid from military funds (we make up their pay).
but I don't think he really
see why this is necessary.

J
10/12

1527/B

11th December,

52.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that you have been selected to be a member of the contingent to represent the Falkland Islands Defence Force at the Coronation on 2nd June, 1953.

2. I am to ask you to confirm (in writing) as soon as possible that you are willing to take part.

I am,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) J. E. Briscoe

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

D. Bennett
Cpl. ~~V. T. King~~,
STANLEY.

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Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) J. E. Briscoe

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Cpl. V. T. King,
STANLEY.

9
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
13th December, 1952.

No. 1527/D.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 11th December, 1952, I have the honour to confirm that I am willing to be a member of the contingent to represent the Falkland Islands Defence Force at the Coronation on 2nd June, 1953.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J.P. Bennett

The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

A.C.S. Have others replied yet?
J.P. Bennett
17/12

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STANLEY,
Falkland Islands.

17th December, 1952.

Sir,

I have much pleasure in accepting the
honour of being a member of the F.I.D.F. Cor-
onation Contingent.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Vernon T. King (Cpl)

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY, Falkland Islands.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 19.12.52. Time: 1545 Received: Time:

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No 182. My telegram No 133. Falkland Islands Military Contingent.

Final breakdown of rank as follows:-

No.210 C.S.M.GOSS, R.V.(in charge)

No.184 Cpl.BENNETT, H.

No.161 Cpl.KING,V.T.

2. Grateful telegraphic instructions regarding uniform to be worn on parade and whether it is proposed to carry Colony Flag.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

See 13

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 25th December, 1952.

No. 259. COLONY.

11. My telegram No. 182 of 19th December, 1952. Falkland Islands Military Representatives at Coronation.

Grateful early information regarding following

- (a) arrangements for accommodation prior to and during Coronation.
- (b) as all are part time volunteers assume it will not be necessary to bring them "on strength" and treat them as active soldiers? It would simplify question of pay and allowances if they could be treated as civilians as two are Government officials on normal leave and other is civilian for whom Government would assume responsibility for salary while on duty. Normal leave salary payments through Crown Agents for the Colonies could be arranged.
- (c) discipline of contingent is covered by Ordinance No. 7 of 1920 and assume signed declaration by members to effect they realise they come under Army Act while on duty in the United Kingdom will suffice?

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

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From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR,

Despatched: 23.12.52. Time: 1100 Received: 24.12.52 Time: 0845

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No 141. Your telegram No 133. Military Contingent.

Strength Falkland Islands detachment has now been approved but no publicity should be given for the time being.

Review order should be worn if available. If not contingent should parade in best uniform possible. Rifles and bayonets will be loaned in the United Kingdom but belt and frogs should be brought. It is anticipated contingents as whole will receive preliminary training for about 10 to 14 days and suitable uniform for this purpose should also be brought. Colony flag will not repeat not be carried.

Y.N. 4. 29/12

SECRETARY OF STATE

W.N.

GTC
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From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 9.1.53 Time: 1115 Received: 10.1.53 Time: 0845

Unnumbered Circular of January 9th. CONFIDENTIAL.
Birmingham City Council propose to hold a ceremonial
parade and march past through city centre on Saturday
June 6th as part of local Coronation celebrations and
to enable citizens to see something pageantry of London
procession. They have suggested Colonial military
contingents should take part in parade. Expense would
be borne by City Council.

I feel this suggestion should be adopted if possible
and I shall be grateful if you will telegraph your views.

A tentative suggestion has also been made by Royal
Tournament Committee that small detachment contingents
should take part in finale nightly performance. Should
be glad of your views on this point also.

SECRETARY OF STATE

File & p.u. pl.
(Intld) J.B.
10/1

GTC
SS

Reply at 17

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 20.1.53 Time: 1715 Received: 21.1.53 Time: 1400

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No. 18. CONFIDENTIAL. Your telegram No. 239. Saving Colonial Military Contingents will be attached to R.A. Depot Woolwich for four weeks. 10 to 14 days prior to coronation will be spent in training of Contingents as a whole. Fortnight after the Coronation would allow Contingents to enjoy entertainments and hospitality which is being organised for visiting troops. While attached to R.A. Depot members of Contingent will be commanded by a Regular Army Lieutenant-Colonel serving with Royal West African Frontier Force must be regarded as active soldiers and will come under Army Act for discipline. They will not (repeat NOT) be paid from U.K. Funds. This matter is entirely for your Government and Crown Agents should be given clear instructions on this point.

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There would, of course, be no objection of Falkland Islands representatives are not attached for full period after Parade but it would be necessary for them to remain until June 6th if they are to take part in parade in Birmingham - see my telegram 9th January. Please telegraph your decision and furnish as early as possible names, numbers and ranks of your Detachment. - 11

GTC.
SS/CGG/WH.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

See 26

Riv. 14

G. H.

P. 14.

Messrs King & Sons. have no objection to an outing to B'ham, and no doubt Mr Bennett would be of the same mind.

This depends on what the committee decide then will

I doubt very much whether F.I. contingent would add any 'colour' to the B. Ken parade, but I see no objection in view of the reasons in dates.

With regard to taking part in the Royal Tournament - we are not told when this is to take place. Two of the contingent are officers on leave and it might upset their leave arrangements and we are responsible for Mr Sons's salary whilst he is on duty - A.C.S. tells me that F.I.L.F. are assuming responsibility for Sons's salary for some part of the time but we do not appear to have their agreement to this in writing.

p. 15. answers your 12. - It is not clear whether this asks for your decision or whether they are to be attached for 4 weeks or whether it is a decision on 14 that is asked for.

G.H. 26/1

- 1) I agree to the Birmingham parade
- 2) I think the Royal Tournament is over doing things with one small contingent & the fact that it will be cutting into home leave and we will wash this out.
- 3) The disallowance question seems adequately covered by Cap 19 Sec 46 (1). No need for signed declaration - they can just be advised.
- 4) We must advise co. that owing to Fitzroy's report on contingent cannot report for attachment until 17/5/53.
- 5) Bennett shall be kept in the picture.

Annice Sampson

See (20)

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From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 27.1.53 Time: 1559 Received: Time:

- 14 No 23. Confidential. Your unnumbered Circular January 9th.
2. No objection to this Colony's contingent taking part Birmingham parade.
 3. In view Coronation celebrations forming part of leave of absence of members of contingent are not in favour of Royal Tournament Committee's suggestion.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

G.T.C.
CGG

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From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 10.2.53 Time : 1845 Received : 11.2.53 Time : 0845

CONFIDENTIAL. Unnumbered Circular February 10th. Colonial Military Contingent.

In order to enable some territories not represented in Coronation procession by Colonial Military Force to have some representation approval has now been given by Coronation Joint Committee for a small group of armed Colonial Police to form part of Colonial Contingent in procession.

A selection has been made and I shall communicate separately with territories concerned regarding number of men to be sent. Malaya has already been dealt with as a special case.

It is fully realized this will not provide Colonial Police forces as such to be generally represented but concession has been made specific purpose indicated and there is no possibility extend it.

Not applicable for

SECRETARY OF STATE

File pl.
(Intld)J.B.

GTC

SS

Copy to Mr. H. Bennett, f.i.

1527/D

27th February,

53.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to refer to the attached Indent for 5 military uniforms and to inform you that the uniforms are required for members of the Falkland Islands Military Contingent who are to take part in the Coronation Procession on the 2nd of June, 1953.

2. Measurement forms are attached in respect of Company Sergeant Major Goss and Corporal King who are not due to arrive in the United Kingdom before the 17th of May, 1953. They are being instructed to call on you immediately on arrival and arrange fittings etc.

3. The third uniform is required for Corporal H. Bennett who is already in England and he is being instructed to call on you and arrange measurements direct with the tailors.

4. Six shoulder flashes are enclosed and I am to ask you to be good enough to arrange for these to be sewn on the uniforms together with the rank badges appearing on the Indent.

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. E. Briscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,
4, Millbank, Westminster,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

1527/D

27th February, 53.

Sir,

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I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a letter addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, and to ask you to proceed as in paragraph 3.

2. Regarding Falkland Islands Contingent generally, I am to inform you that they are to be attached, together with other Colonial Contingents, to the R.A. Depot at Woolwich for four weeks. Ten to fourteen days prior to Coronation will be spent in training of Contingents as a whole. While attached to the R.A. Depot members of Contingents will be commanded by a Regular Army Lieutenant-Colonel serving with Royal West African Frontier Force and will be regarded as active service soldiers. They will come under the Army Act for discipline. Falkland Islands representatives will not necessarily remain at the Depot for the full period after the Parade but it will be necessary for them to remain until the 6th June, on which day they are scheduled to take part in a Parade in Birmingham at the expense of the Birmingham City Council. The fortnight period at the Depot after the Coronation is in order to allow Contingents to enjoy entertainments and hospitality which is being organised for visiting troops.

3. The other two members of the Falkland Islands Contingent are due to arrive at Southampton on 17th May, 1953.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. E. Briscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.

H. Bennett, Esq., J.P.
"Malvina",
Stock Road,
Billericay.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 5.3.53 Time : 0915 Received : 5.3.53 Time : 0845

CONFIDENTIAL. Unnumbered Circular March 5th. Colonial Military Contingent.

Publicity regarding your contingent may be announced in local morning newspapers Friday March 6th. I shall be grateful for a copy of your announcement by air mail and biographical details members worthy individual public mention.

SECRETARY OF STATE

P.u. on file pl.

(Intld) J.B.

5/3

GTC
SS

*J.N. f.i.
at present NAN?
17/3 CS NAN. (21)
but there is admin expense on (5)
members of our contingent*

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① should be advised that they will be attached to R.A. Dept. Woodlark for about 14 days before the Coronation & sufficient days after it to enable them to do the Birmingham parade.

2) We should ask C.O. the exact date on which Bennett & King shall report & advise them the earliest date Gross can report.

18/3

RCS.
fnc. of 18/3.

Office
Pl. by a draft letter to Csm. Gross & Cpl. King on the lines of 20
8/14.

22nd April, 53.

Sir,

I am directed to confirm your selection as Warrant Officer in charge of the Falkland Islands Defence Force Coronation Contingent and that your passage has been arranged per s.s. "Fitzroy" sailing on the 24th of April, 1953.

2. On the date of your sailing from the Colony you will be paid from the Military Department at the flat rate of £400 per annum until the 24th of June, 1953, being the day prior to which you would normally be expected to leave the United Kingdom on the return voyage. The Crown Agents for the Colonies will be asked to arrange payment accordingly. You will again come on pay from Military sources from the date of your actual sailing from the United Kingdom until the day prior to your return to the Colony.

3. A uniform (battle dress) has been ordered for you and you should call on the Crown Agents for the Colonies immediately on arrival to arrange fittings etc. A copy of a letter addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies at the time is enclosed for information.

4. Regarding Falkland Islands Contingent generally, I am to inform you that they are to be attached, together with other Colonial Contingents, to the R.A. Depot at Woolwich for four weeks. Ten to fourteen days prior to Coronation will be spent in training of Contingents as a whole. While attached to the R.A. Depot members of Contingents will be commanded by a Regular Army Lieutenant-Colonel serving with Royal West African Frontier Force and will be regarded as active service soldiers. They will come under the Army Act for discipline. Falkland Islands representatives will not necessarily remain at the Depot for the full period after the Parade but it will be necessary for them to remain until the 6th June, on which day they are scheduled to take part in a Parade in Birmingham at the expense of the Birmingham City Council. The fortnight period at the Depot after the Coronation is in order to allow Contingents to enjoy entertainments and hospitality which is being organised for visiting troops.

5. The other two members of the contingent, Corporals H. Bennett and V.T. King, have been informed in the sense of paragraphs 3 and 4 above.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. E. Briscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.

22nd April,

53.

Sir,

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With reference to my letter No. 1527/D of the 11th of December, 1952, regarding the Falkland Islands Defence Force Coronation Contingent, I am directed to confirm that your passage has been arranged per s.s. "Fitzroy" sailing about the 24th of April, 1953.

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4. C.S.M. R.V. Goss will be in charge of the Contingent and Corporal H. Bennett will be the other member.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J. E. Briscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Cpl. V.T. King,
STANLEY.

Copy to C.S.M. Goss.

1527/D

24th April, 53.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to inform you that C.S.M. R.V. Goss, the Warrant Officer in Charge of the Falkland Islands Coronation Military Contingent is sailing for the United Kingdom on the 24th of April, 1953. He is scheduled to arrive at Southampton per R.M.S. "Alcantara" on the 17th of May, 1953.

2. C.S.M. Goss' salary is at the flat rate of £400 per annum and I am to ask you to be good enough to arrange payment at this rate for the period 24th April, 1953, to 24th June, 1953, both dates inclusive, debiting the Colony's General Account.

3. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to C.S.M. Goss with instructions to call on you and arrange accordingly.

4. C.S.M. Goss and his wife are to be provided with return passages per R.M.S. "Alcantara" on the 15th August, 1953 (your telegram of 10th April, refers).

59 m 0128

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J.E. Briscoe

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Reply int 35

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,
4, Millbank, Westminster,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 24.4.53 Time: 1515 Received: Time:

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No 83. Your telegram No 18. CONFIDENTIAL. Coronation
Military Contingent.

C.S.M.Goss and Corporal King of Falklands contingent sailing today and arriving Southampton per ALCANTARA 17th May. As both accompanied by wives would like them to have about five days to settle in before reporting to R.A.Depot. Please telegraph actual date on which contingent as whole should report in order they may be informed in advance. Third member Corporal Bennett already in United Kingdom.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

Be. 30/4/53.

GTC
SS



1527/D

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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

C.O. Ref: COR 55/65/01.

SAVINGRAMCIRCULAR 307/53.

2nd April, 1953.

RATES OF PAY FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL FORCES
ATTENDING CORONATION CELEBRATION

You will be aware that it is normal practice for members of local forces coming to the United Kingdom for courses of instruction to be given an allowance which will bring their pay up to British service rates. Authority has already been given for the payment of such an allowance to members of local Forces administered by the War Office who will be forming part of Colonial contingent at Coronation parade. The allowance is payable from date of embarkation for the United Kingdom to date of disembarkation on return.

2. It is clearly desirable that all members of the Contingent should have similar treatment in this respect and I should be glad therefore if you will consider whether such an allowance may be paid to members of

(To Federation of Malaya, Singapore, Hong Kong, North Borneo, Sarawak, Cyprus, British Honduras, British Guiana, Barbados, Bahamas, Trinidad, Bermuda, Fiji Mauritius, Falkland Islands, Leeward Islands and Windward Islands only)

your detachment

(To Kenya only)

the Royal East African Navy

(To Sierra Leone only)

the Sierra Leone Naval Volunteer Reserve

if this is not already covered by local regulations.

3. It is important that the Crown Agents for the Colonies should have early and precise instructions as to the rate of pay to be drawn by each member of your detachment and it would be advisable for the senior member of the party to be in possession of a copy of those instructions.

4. Officers and possibly Warrant Officers and Sergeants will be expected to pay normal messing charges.

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THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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5. This circular has been addressed to the governments of Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, North Borneo, British Guiana, British Honduras, Cyprus, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Hong Kong, Kenya, Leeward Islands, Mauritius, Sarawak, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Trinidad and the Windward Islands. It has been sent to the High Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya under cover of a separate despatch.

SE CER.

Copy to - Crown Agents for the Colonies.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 29.4.53 Time : 1140 Received : 30.4.53 Time : 0845

No 65. Your telegram No 83. Military Contingent.

Detachment should report to Coast Artillery Wing
Royal Artillery Depot Woolwich on May 21st.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				30.4.53
To	GOSS BIEROY.			HGA/G

See 31
 CONTINGENT AS A WHOLE SHOULD REPORT TO COAST ARTILLERY KING ROYAL
 ARTILLERY DEPOT WOOLWICH ON MAY 21ST STOP BENNETT BEING INFORMED
 SEPARATELY.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

CONFIRMATORY COPY. ORIGINAL PHONED TO W/T STATION BY A.C.S.
 1410/29th.

Time

SS

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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30.4.53

To

HAROLD BENNETT, MALVINA, STOCK ROAD, BILLERICAY

HOA/C

CORPORATION CONTINGENT AS A WHOLE SHOULD REPORT COAST ARTILLERY
 WING ROYAL ARTILLERY DEPOT WOOLWICH ON MAY 21ST.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

Mail at 27

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W.S.

27 - Goss is the only one really affected
but his salary is tied up at 25 & n.y. a is
necessary?

2. Para. 4 of 27 is a different matter & we shd.
authorize WPA to pay his (Goss') messing A/c
if this arises? - copy to Goss.

A.C.S.

2/6.

N.A.N. - Goss is on a substantial
rate of pay from us & should be able to
afford his own mess bills.

5/15

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From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 8.5.53 Time: 1800 Received: 9.5.53 Time: 0845

REPLY URGENTLY REQUIRED.

Circular Unnumbered (2) of May 8th. Coronation. It is hoped to arrange as in 1937 for wreath to be laid on Cenotaph by Officer Commanding Colonial Military Contingent and by Civil Representative Colonial territories. The military contingent as a whole would be present at ceremony which would probably be held at about 1245 on June 4th.

Suitable wreaths of standard size will be obtained from British Legion here and cost would be debited to funds of Governments concerned. The price these wreaths will probably be about £4 to £4. 10s. each.

3. It is proposed that cost of wreaths laid on behalf of military contingent should be borne equally by the territories represented in contingent. Grateful to know by telegram not later than May 14th whether you wish a wreath to be laid on behalf of your territory by Coronation representative and whether you agree sharing equally with other territories cost of wreaths for military contingents.

Reply at 34

SECRETARY OF STATE.

GTC/CGG.

Action taken in 1527

Original filed in 1527

Copy in 1527/D

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 11.5.53

Time: 1545

Received:

Time:

33

No 97. Your Circular Unnumbered (2) of 8th May. Coronation.

Wish wreath laid by representative and agree share
cost of wreaths for military contingents.

GOVERNOR.



GTC
SS

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.
THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.



4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1

P/398 (Coronation)

TELEGRAMS (INLAND: "CROWN SOWEST LONDON."
OVERSEAS: "CROWN LONDON.")

TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730.

30th June, 1953.

22 JUL 1953

Sir,

We have the honour to refer to your letter No. 1527/D of the 24th April, regarding salary payable to C.S.M. R.V. Goss, the Warrant Officer in charge of the Falkland Islands Coronation Military contingent, and to state that the following payments have been made by us:-

19th May	Period 24th April to 19th May	£28 4s. 2d.
27th May	" 20-30 May	£11 16s. 7d.
5th June	" 31st May to 6th June	£ 7 11s. 10d.
11th June	" 7th to 13th June	£ 7 14s. 10d.
23rd June	" 14th to 24th June	£12 4s. 5d.

The relevant debits will be found in our Falkland Islands accounts for May and June.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,

L. C. Mason
for the Crown Agents.
for the Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

ALJ.

HJE.



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C.O. Ref: COR 55/68/01

DESPATCH

CIRCULAR 588/53.

1527/D

THE CHURCH HOUSE,
GREAT SMITH STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.
27th June, 1953.

Sir,

CORONATION. COLONIAL CONTINGENT

It is with great pleasure that I have to inform you of the excellent impression which was made by all ranks of the Colonial Contingent on the day of Her Majesty's Coronation. As in 1937, the Contingent led the Procession in the return journey from Westminster Abbey to Buckingham Palace and, in spite of the weather, its fine soldierly bearing won the acclamation of the spectators and most favourable comment in the Press. Eight mounted officers drawn from the Contingent had the honour of forming the Queen's Colonial Escort during the journeys to and from the Abbey.

2. On the 3rd June the officers and other ranks of the Contingent were presented with the Coronation Medal by the Queen at Buckingham Palace. After the presentation the Contingent marched past Her Majesty.

3. On the following day the Contingent assisted in the ceremony of laying wreaths on the Cenotaph. A wreath was laid on behalf of the Contingent by the Commanding Officer. At the conclusion of this ceremony the Contingent marched to the Foreign Office Quadrangle where I had the honour and pleasure of inspecting it.

4. (To all except Malta).

On the 6th June the Contingent took part in a Ceremonial Parade through the City of Birmingham and I have received a letter from the Lord Mayor expressing his thanks and pleasure at the part played by the Contingent in this Parade and commenting on its excellent bearing. The Contingent was enthusiastically received by the spectators who were estimated to number 200,000.

4. (To all) I am proud to know that the Armed Forces of the territories for which I am responsible were represented by such a fine body of men and I sincerely hope that all ranks of the Contingent thoroughly enjoyed their stay in this country.

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5. This circular has not been addressed to the governments of Zanzibar, Brunei, St. Helena, Seychelles, New Hebrides, Gilbert and Ellice Islands and Tonga or to the Regional Organizations. It has been sent to the High Commissioner, Federation of Malaya, under cover of a separate despatch.

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

Oliver Tynter

*Ad
Despatch 36 sent to Adjutant General*

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3/7*

*Dear Thank you.
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4/7*

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TELEGRAM.

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From The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched . 18th August, 19 53 Time : 1255

Received : 18th August, 19 53 Time : 0845

ALCANTARA sailed fifteenth August add Goss, Coronation
Contingent, and wife.

CROWN.

Who else have we on ALCANTARA?
(Intld) J.B.
18/8

ACS.

Pl. see 67 in 0128 att.

J.B.
18/8.

P/L.
SS

KIV 35a

Copies in L/493, L/611, L/79, L/316 & 1527/D
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SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				20.8.53
To				
MAGSTABLE MONTEVIDEO				HSA/C

PLEASE ARRANGE ACCOMMODATION FOR FOLLOWING ARRIVING ALGANTARA B CLASS
DOCTOR RICHTER C OR D CLASS MESSRS CROWIN BLAKE MIDDLETON MR. MRS. GOSS.
COLONIAL SECRETARY

BU 28/8/53
Kiv 35a N.
BU 22/9/53
See 35a

Time

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DEPARTURE NOTICE

Company Royal Mail Lines,
America House, Collyer Quay,
S.W.1.

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Administration Falkland Islands 40

Account Falkland Islands

Appointment N/A R/L etc.
Member of

Committee Contingent
Departure Notices to:-

Colonial Secret.
Falkland Islands.

Name and Address of Passenger

R. V. Goss, Esq.,
37 EAST PARK TERRACE
SOUTHAMPTON

2nd class Passage to Montevideo via

for Mr and Mrs R. Goss

by Alcantara 435/7

leaving Southampton

on 15th August 1953

The Crown Agents have booked accommodation as shown. Special notes for Administrations or their Agents appear in Section 5 below.

The Passenger has been advised as follows

Your Passport has been returned to you under separate cover.

The Company has been advised as follows

Your attention is drawn to the following

Handwritten signature and date 22/8

DEPARTURE NOTICE

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Company Messrs Falkland Islands Co
120 Pall Mall
SW1.

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Administration 41
Falkland Islands
Account

Name and Address of Passenger

R. V. GOSS, Esq
37 EAST PARK TERRACE
SOUTHAMPTON

Falkland Islands
Appointment N/A R/L etc.
Holder of Certificate

Contingent
Departure Notices to:-

Passage to Port Stanley via
for Mr and Mrs Goss

X Colonial Secretary
Falkland Islands

by Fitzroy
leaving Montevideo
on 15th September 1953

The Crown Agents have booked accommodation as shown. Special notes for Administrations or their Agents appear in Section 5 below.

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The Passenger has been advised as follows

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The Company has been advised as follows

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Mr and Mrs Goss are travelling in the Alcantara leaving Southampton on the 15th August 1953

Your attention is drawn to the following

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BU. 18/1053
See BU 100-55 p.
BU - v. L.P. R

Falkland Islands

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The British Empire Service League have prepared a souvenir booklet for each member of the Colonial Coronation Contingent.

.....³.....copies of the booklet are enclosed and the League would be grateful if they could be distributed to those members of the.....*Falkland Islands Defence Force*..... who formed part of the Contingent.

Ref let me see me
25/5

Contingent file

H.B.S.
at Ec. pl.
with draft letter.

C.O. 1234/54 *hd*
29/5

See 43

1st June, 54.

Sir,

See 42

I am directed to enclose for your retention a copy of the Coronation Souvenir Booklet which has been received from the British Empire Service League for this purpose.

I am,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

4th - reply at

C. S. M. R. V. Goss,
Cpl. V. T. King,
Cpl. H. Bennett,
STANLEY.

PAH
2/6



No. 5 John Street,
Stanley.

4th June, 1954.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Dear Sir,

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Thank you for forwarding me the copy of the Coronation Souvenir Booklet received from the British Empire Service League. It recalled to me some very pleasant memories of contacts made during the Coronation period and of the wonderful sights and exciting times we experienced, in particular Coronation Day with all its splendour, its emotional moments, and the vast enthusiastic crowds I will remember as long as I am spared.

Thank you for giving me the honour of attending the Coronation and the opportunity to enjoy such a wonderful time.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. J. Goss.
C.S.M.
F.I.D.F.

MA