

C.S.

POSTAL & TELEGRAPHIC.

(Telegraphic)  
(Electric Light)  
(Miscellaneous)

MED/BRO/2#14

19 42.

No. 116/42.

C.S.O.

SUBJECT.

19 42.

26th August.

Previous Paper.

INTERFERENCE CAUSED TO RADIO

RECEPTION.

MINUTES.

1. Letter from Mr. M. Robson of 17. 6. 41.

Sup. E. & T., (2)  
For your observations, please.

A.I.F.  
for C.S.  
23. 6. 41.

Hon. Col. Sec., (3)

Red 1 seen.

This trouble has been investigated and we have endeavoured to make some adjustment but, the suppressors we have will not suit this machine.

I spoke to Mr. Shackle about buying a suitable anti-interference unit from the makers of his hair clipper and I understand that he has sent to U.K. for a suitable device

Until this device arrives there is nothing we can do with the materials available.

A.M.  
Sup. E. & T.  
23. 6. 41.

4 Letter to Mr. M. Robson of 24. 6. 41.

5 Letter from Commander Martin of 6. 5. 42.

Supr. E. & T., (6)

A similar complaint was made by Mr. M. Robson at Red 1. Can you do anything to overcome this annoyance, please.

L.W.A.  
for C.S.  
6. 5. 42.

Subsequent Paper.

Hon. Col. Sec., (7)

Mr. Shackle did not receive a noise suppressor from the U.K. The makers merely saying he should approach the electrical suppliers. Mr. D. W. Roberts bought an



instrument from Monte Video and this was fitted only recently on the day Commander spoke to me this unit was not in the circuit but it was connected up that same evening I understand.

There is still very considerable interference with the suppressor in use and it may not be possible for us to make much if any improvement. A further report on this will be submitted after we have made an examination of the machine with additions to the present suppressors.

A.M.  
Sup. E.&T.  
7. 5. 42.

Letter to Commander R. B. Martin of 8. 5. 42.

Letter from Mr. E. F. Lellman of 25. 8. 42.

Supr. E & T. (10)  
Ref. to (9) & final para. of your minutes above, are you now able to submit a further report or suggestions for the elimination of this annoyance?

*Ref. to (9) 26/8/42*

Hon. Col. Secretary.

(11)

We have done all we are able to do in this connection. and I regret that there is little or no improvement. The only suggestion I have to offer is to grant Mr. Shackel a permit to obtain a suitable unit from Buenos Aires as to have the machine withdrawn from service. and sent to Montevideo for experts to fit suitable suppressors. I do not think it is normal for these machines to such an extent as this one, to interfere, otherwise they would have no market. Electric fittings should not be allowed to be used if they cause interference?

Supr. E & T.

(12)

*Ref.*

*Supr. E & T.*

*26. 8. 42*

X above secures the best thing Wdo. V Shackel can carry on with hand clippers in the interval. The Com. Auth. will issue the necessary permit if you show him this file. Please arrange accordingly & advise the writer of (9).

RB  
26/8.



Letter to Mr. E.F. Hellman of 10.9.42.

18.

Supr. E & T.

To note pl.

~~For C.S.~~  
10/9/42.

Hon Col Sec.

Noted. Thank you

R.M.

P.E.T.  
15/9/42

Letter from Captain of General Staff Falkland Is. Force of 12/11/42.

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A.C.S.

I have asked Mr. Jones to see Capt. Hunter explain  
the action being taken, & I have informed Mr. Hunter  
that accordingly.

K.B.  
13/11

p.a.

Letter from Captain of General Staff, F.I. Force of 19/11/42.

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(22)

Hon C. S.

The attention of Mr. Shackel has been  
drawn to the F.I. Defence Reg. 1939, Section 8, and  
I have requested him not to use the electric clippers  
as from this afternoon 3pm.

Mr. Shackel was informed that this dept is  
endeavouring to obtain a suitable anti-interference  
unit.

R.M.

P.E.T.  
20. 11. 42.

p.a.

(23)

Supr. E & T.

You have asked for this M.P.

~~For C.S.~~  
27/4/43.

Hon C.S.

The hair clipper is not <sup>now</sup> being used

R.M.

P.E.T.  
P.A.



Inside Minute Paper.

Hon Col Secretary,

I have approached Mr Shackel as at 11. K., and he informs me that he requires the machine for his work and does not see his way clear to work without the electric clipper. However he assured me that he will not use the machine during the news reception period in the evenings and apart from that endeavour to use the clipper as little as possible.

Mr Shackel is prepared to buy a suitable clipper and if the Competent Authority is going to Buenos Aires, and a permit is granted, it may be possible to obtain a suitable machine.

For your instructions pl.

RM.

S E &amp; T.

9.9.42

P.S.

Until some definite action is decided upon it will be difficult to give a satisfactory reply to the writer of Red (9).

RM.

(14)

H.C.S.

I have discussed this matter with Supr. E. & T. There is no power to force Mr. Shackel to discontinue the use of his electric clippers, and due to the increased work which he now undertakes, he declines to do so even for the brief interval required for their overhaul in Montevideo. It is considered that it would be in the best interests of all concerned if Government arranged for the Falkland Islands Co., to purchase a suitable machine either in Montevideo or Buenos Aires, and to this end Mr. Mercer has made provisional arrangements which now await confirmation or otherwise. As it is proposed to order by this mail, Mr. Mercer would be grateful for an early decision.

A/A.C.S.

9/9/42.

(15).

AES

C.A. to issue necessary permit, in order to write of (9) accordingly.

K.B.  
10/9

C.A.

Will you please issue the necessary licence on application.

(16).

W.S.S.

License duly issued.

(17)

M.B. Lanth.

A/A.C.S.  
10/9/42.



309/30

385/31.

John Street  
Planting.  
17-6-41

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10,  
Honble Colonial Secretary  
Planting.

Sir,

I wish to lodge a complaint against Alex Shackle Barber, who uses an Electric clipper which causes so much interference to my Radio set that I have to shut it off when he is using them.

This has been going on now for 9 months at least. I have complained to the Electrical Department several times, but they don't seem to be able to do anything to stop this annoyance.

Shackle is quite aware that these clippers are a nuisance to people nearby as well as to me.

I do not wish to interfere with his livelihood but only ask that this annoyance could be suppressed during the times the London news & talks come through.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully  
Michael Gibson J.P.

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(4)

24th June,

41.

Sir,

*Red #1.*

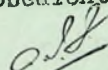
I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th of June, 1941, and to inform you that the question of interference caused by Mr. Shackle's hair clippers has been investigated by the Electrical Department but the suppressers used by that department are not suitable for this particular machine.

2. I am to add, however, that on the suggestion of the Supervisor, Electrical and Telegraphs Department, Mr. Shackle has ordered from the United Kingdom a suitable anti-interference unit which it is hoped will overcome the annoyance caused.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

M. Robson, Esq., J.P.,  
STANLEY.





Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

6th May, 1942.

Sir,

I should be grateful if some action could be taken to eliminate the very great interference to reception by private W/T receivers caused by Mr. Shackle's use of an electric hair clipper.

I have been in communication with Mr. Mercer with no result, and feel that some official action is necessary to safeguard sufferers from this kind of thoughtlessness.

License holders pay their subscriptions in good faith, and I think are entitled to protection against this kind of thing.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

RB Marki.

Commander, R.N.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary,  
The Falkland Islands.

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MF/385/31.

8th May,

42.

Sir,


Red 5.

With reference to your letter of the 6th of May, 1942, I am directed to inform you that subsequent to your communication with the Supervisor, Electrical & Telegraphs a noise suppressor purchased from Montevideo was fitted to Mr. Shackle's electric hair clipper, but that although the noise was reduced there is still very considerable interference to broadcast reception. However Mr. Mercer is examining the machine with a view to making additions to the present suppressor.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

Commander R.B. Martin, R.N.,  
STANLEY.



(52) (9.)



PORT STANLEY,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

25th August, 1942.

Sir,

I beg to enquire whether anything could be done to eliminate the present annoying interference caused to radio reception by Mr Shackel's electric hair clippers.

During the last week reception of News Bulletins, War Commentaries and Talks has been practically impossible owing to the almost continuous oscillation from these clippers.

I would be glad to know whether owners of Radio Sets, who pay an annual Licence of ten shillings, are entitled to protection against such annoyance.

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

*William*

The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.



10th September,

42.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 28th of August, 1942, re: interference caused to radio reception by Mr. Shackle's electric hair clippers, I have to inform you that an endeavour is being made to purchase a new machine which will eliminate the present interference. In the meantime Mr. Shackle has assured the Supervisor, Electrical and Telegraphs Department that he will not use the present machine during the news reception periods in the evening, and will curtail its use at other time as much as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. F. Lellman, Esq.,  
STANLEY.

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Colonial Secretary.



Project: Military W/T Communications - Electrical Interference.

122/CR/Z/159/6.

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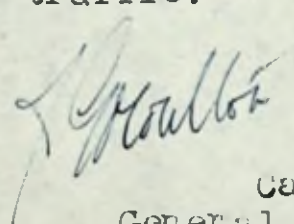
The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary.  
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Officer Commanding Royal Signals reports that he is experiencing considerable radio frequency interference on all military W/T sets operating within approximately one mile radius of Port Stanley.

This interference has been traced, with the assistance of the Supervisor, Electrical & Telegraph Department, to an electric hairclipper operated by Mr. Shackel, who keeps a hairdressing establishment in John Street. All possible steps have been taken to electrically suppress this apparatus but without result, and the radio frequency interference is now so bad that it is impossible to read W/T signals when this hairclipper is in use.

The authorities in England have power to prohibit the use of any electrical apparatus which produces radio frequency interference on official W/T sets, but as it is understood that no such law exists in this Colony, will you please say what steps can be taken to put a stop to this interference to military W/T traffic.

Stanley,  
12/11/42.  
HNB.

  
Captain,  
General Staff,  
Falkland Islands Force.

Copy to: O.C., R.Sigs.



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Subject: Military W/T Communications  
Electrical Interference.

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122/CR/Z/159/6.

The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary.  
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*Recd 19*  
Reference this Headquarter's  
letter 122/CR/Z/159/6 dated 12 Nov. '42.

The Force Commander considers  
that the radio frequency interference  
to military W/T sets caused by the  
hairclipper operated by Mr. Shackel  
cannot be permitted and he wishes you  
to take appropriate action under  
Defence Regulations Falkland Islands  
1939, Section 8.

With reference to para 2 of the  
above-quoted letter, it is emphasized  
that the worst feature of this interfer-  
ence is the fact that signals cannot now  
be received from the West Island, when  
the hairclipper is being used.

Stanley,

19/11/42.

HWB.



*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
General Staff,  
Falkland Is. Force.

Copy to: O.C., R.Sigs.