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1945.

No. 126/45

Supervisor, E. & T.

SUBJECT.

1945.

6th November

Previous Paper.

RESUMPTION OF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

WITH NORWAY.

MINUTES.

1. Excerpt from Minute from Sup. E. & T. of 6. 11. 45

Y.B.

(2)

Submitted, pl.
OB.

7. XI. 45.

3. Telegram No. 287 to S. of S of 10. 11. 45.

by 20/11/45.

4. Telegram No. 294 from S. of S of 1. 12. 45.

(5)

S.B.T. To note red(4) pl. You will no doubt wish to inform S.B.T.

Sh. B. T.
6/12/45.

Hon. Col. Sec. (6)

Red (4) noted.

South Georgia Radio advised.

Submitted herewith copy of Service Telegram received today from administration of Norwegian telegraphs. Request authority to notify S Georgia Radio to commence direct service as early as possible Pls.

Subsequent Paper.

Jim
for E.T.T.

Telegram from Adm. of Norwegian Telegraphs of 7.12.45 7.
(8)

S.O.T. I have discussed (6) & (4) with H.C. who has given his approval to your request at (4).

Ph. J. S.
11.12.45

Hon. Col. Sec. (9)

Ref (6) & (7) South Georgia notified. Thank you.
Copy enclosed.

Ph. J. S.
11/12/45

Copy of Service telegram to S. G. Radio of 11.12.45

9.10.

Telegram from Magistrate, S.G. of 13.12.45

11.12.

(12)

S.O.T. To see red (11) pl. Will you inform Gentel Oslo accordingly. On return of this M.P. I will extract x of (11) to pertinent file & pass to you for your obs.

Ph. J. S.
15/12/45.

Hon C S.

(13)

Gentel Oslo will be informed that we regret being unable to establish the service at the moment.

Ph. J. S.

DE-S

17/12/45

Minute from Supervisor, E. & J. of 17.12.45 14.

Telegram No. 121 to Magistrate, S. G. of 19.12.45

" " 301 from S of S of 20.11.45 16.

(17)

S.O.T. To see (16) pl. ?

Ph. J. S.
28/12/45

(18)

15.
B.M. 2/1/46

19. Service message from Oslo of 12. 1. 46.
20. Minute from S. E. & T. of 12. 1. 46
21. Telegram No. 8 to Magistrate, S. E. of 22. 1. 46
22. " " 10 from S of S of 19. 1. 46.
23. ^{for} Telegram No. 8 from Magistrate S. E. of 23. 1. 46
(24)

Sb.T.
Ref: (23) pl. ?
Sb. G. S.
26/1/46

(25)

Hon. C.S.

Rates via Bergen are as before were.

26. Telegram No. 14 to Magistrate, S. E. of 29. 1. 46.
27. " No. 17 from " " " 29. 1. 46
28. ^{for} " No. 23 " " " 5. 2. 46
(29)

Sb.T.
Ref: (20) what is the position, pl. ?

Sb. G. S.
5/2/46

(30)

Hon C.S. The only rate via Bergen for Norway is telephone per word. There is no deferred rate except via HK.

The notice referred to shows the rates laid down by Cable & Wireless Ltd, but we have published in the official list of Land Stations that coast charge is 60 cts and Bergen is listed as being 44 cts coast charge.

The rate of 1.04 francs has been agreed with Norwegian Administration Oslo.

R.H.
DEPT
5. 2. 46

Telegram No. 18 to Magistrate, S. & of 6. 2. 46.

31.

" No. 26 from " " " 7. 2. 46.

32.

(33)

S.E.T.

Re: (32) pl. ?

~~M. P. S.~~
8/2/46

(34)

From C.S.

The information required has been understood by the operators who have been running the WTS station for years at S. Georgia.

1. To avoid competition Cable & Wireless decided that rates from S. Georgia to Bergen direct should be as published in Govt. Notice No 33 March 7th 1935.

while this rate was suitable to Cable & Wireless Ltd., no attempt was made by them to ascertain what views the Norwegian Administration had on the subject. It was just taken for granted.

In practice the telegrams were accepted as deferred, but as Bergen had no deferred service these same telegrams had to be sent to Bergen as ordinary.

2. Rates now between S. Georgia & Bergen are
ordinary 10^s per word
adv 6^s per word

No other class of service exists except through Cable & Wireless.

3. A Revision of rates to Bergen will be made to conform to exchange requirements at a later date.

~~M. P. S.~~

S.E.T.

11. Feb. 1946

Telegram No. 25 to Magistrate, S. & of 13. 2. 46.

35.

36. Tel. No. 167 from S. of S. of 29.8.46.

(37)

S.E.T.

Yn. a on (36) pl.

Sh. J. C. S.
2/9/46.

(38)

Hon. C.S.

Ref Red 36.

(a) 289 words per day

(b) 86 words per day.

It should be realised that as direct services with Bergen was Not resumed until 18 Jan 1946, the figures in (a) were taken from traffic handled via London Circuit. Had Bergen - F.I. link been operative, daily number of words would definitely have been increased through the cheaper facilities being available.

S.H.

P.E.T.

2.9.46

39. Tel. No. 261 to S. of S. of 3.9.46.

S.H.
2/9/46

(1)

EXCERPT FROM MINUTE FROM SUP. E. & T. DATED 6th NOV. 1945

(Original filed in M.P. 66/35)

The Norwegian authority at Bergen Radio has asked whether we can resume communication with Bergenradio LGM and if on the same terms as before the war. Bergen is anxious to start traffic as soon as possible.

On receipt of the above I approached the Naval authorities and so far some twelve days have elapsed with no indication that the service will be resumed. The Whaling season is starting and Revenue derived before the war was considerable and I presume will not be less now. In addition to working Bergen there will be Norwegian ships to attend to as well.

... ..

In the meantime Bergen is still awaiting our reply. Is it possible to authorise South Georgia to work Bergen and ships pending a favourable reply from the Admiralty, or a decision is reached about the Govt. establishing their own commercial station.

(Intld.) A.M.

S. E. & T.

6/11/45

DECODE.

Copy to S. E. & T. for inf.

TELEGRAM.

M. Ps. 142/44 & 126/45.

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From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : November 10th 19 45 Time : .

Received : 19 .. Time : ..

Recd 9. M.P. 142/44 - Restoration of telegraph service between the U. K. & European theatres
No. 287.

In view of the Secretary of State's circular telegram saving dated May 28th, 1945 enclosure thereto authority is sought to re-establish direct radio telegraphic service between South Georgia and Bergen Norway on the same basis as existed before the war.

2. The whaling season is now starting and direct communication with Bergen as well as with ships engaged in the whaling industry is most desirable.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

*See recd (22)
M.P. 142/44*

DECODE.

No. 294.71.

TELEGRAM.

M. P. s. 126/45 & 142/44.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: December 1st 19 45 Time: 17.10.

Received: December 2nd 19 45 Time: 09.30.

Recd 3

No. 294. Your telegram No. 287. Question of direct service with Bergen is being examined and reply will be sent as soon as possible.

With regard to service with ships private messages are not at present admitted but there is no objection to a service restricted to messages on essential business of ships. It is hoped it will be possible to introduce a service of private radio telegraph in January. In the meantime messages of an urgent or compassionate nature if officially sponsored may be passed to or from Master of a ship.

It is hoped this will resolve difficulty of Salvesen and Company who have represented Government Station South Georgia has been refusing to accept messages for "Southern Venturer"

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

7

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
SVC A 71	GENTEL OSLO			
To	POSTMASTER			
	PORTSTANLEY			

PROPOSE TO REESTABLISH DIRECT RADIO COMMUNICATION BETWEEN STATION
BERGENRADIO AND FALKLAND ISLANDS AND SOUTH GEORGIA AND TO ADMIT XLH MESSAGES
ON SAME CONDITIONS AS PREVIOUSLY REGARDS.

Time 1600/7/12/45

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

9
10

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
SVC	PORTSTANLEY			11/12/45
To	O. I. C.	ZBH RADIO		

NORWEGIAN ADMINISTRATION OF TELEGRAPHS WISHES REESTABLISH
 DIRECT RADIO COMMUNICATION WITH ZBH ON SAME CONDITIONS AS PREWAR
 STOP XLH TRAFFIC INCLUDED STOP ZBH HAS BEEN AUTHORISED TO
 COMMENCE DIRECT SERVICE WITH BERGEN RADIO FORTHWITH STOP
 DIRECT SERVICE VPC BERGEN IS AS YET UNAUTHORISED

Time

TEL OFFICE

DECODE.

No. 155.

M.P. No. 126/45.

11

TELEGRAM.

From Magistrate, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 13th December, 19 45 *Time:* 13.15

Received: 13th December, 19 45 *Time:* 16.00

X | No. 140. Operator in Charge South Georgia W/T Station informs me that
(1) request have been received from Telegraph Office that ZBH should commence
service direct with Bergen forthwith and (2) such service impracticable for
following reasons (a) transmitter is low power and out of date when commun-
ication has been possible Bergen reported unfavourably on signal strength
(b) suitable time would be between 2100 and 0200 GMT which for most part is
occupied with VPC and ship routines (c) owing delay in shipment acid from
Stanley accumulator bank incapable prolonged service anticipated some 2000
telegrams for transmission during December." 2 he enquires as to possibility
installation up to date transmitter and receiver at early date particulars of
which could be submitted I strongly support this and consider it expense
warranted stop." If approved full report can be sent by mail. 3. Am address-
ing you separately regarding unsatisfactory practice communicating instructions
to ZBH and staff direct from Stanley.

MAGISTRATE.

transmitted to
M.P. D./20/45.

No.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted.)



MINUTE.

17th December 19 45

To Hon Colonial Secretary

From Supervisor E & T Dept

Stanley

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The following service message has been received from the W/T Station South Georgia. "What is copying fee on TM telegrams to Norway please".

As the Magistrate resents any communication direct to the Operator in Charge at South Georgia W/T Station from this office, I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the following message sent to South Georgia.

"Your service message 3/13 Dec copying fee is as contained in the Handbook for Wireless Telegraph Operators dated Washington 1927 ~~xxxx~~ Section 50 Multiple Addresses."

AM.
S E & T
17.12.45

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

19. 12. 45.

To

MAGISTRATE SOUTHGEORGIA.

DEP 1/0

No. 124. FOLLOWING FROM SUPERINTENDENT ELECTRICAL & TELEGRAPHS BEGINS:-
YOUR SERVICE MESSAGE 3/13 DECEMBER COPYING FEE IS AS CONTAINED IN THE
HANDBOOK FOR WIRELESS TELEGRAPH OPERATORS DATED WASHINGTON 1927 SECTION
50 MULTIPLE ADDRESSES STOP ENDS.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

DECODE.

No. 597.

TELEGRAM.

M.P. 126/45.

(16)

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: December 20th 1945 *Time:* 16.00.

Received: December 21st 1945 *Time:* 09.30.

Cod 3

No. 301. Your telegram No. 287. I agree re-establishment on same basis as existed before the war of direct radio telegraph service between Falkland Islands and/or South Georgia and Bergen.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G. T. C.

DECODE.

Svc. 179.

TELEGRAM.

(19)

From..... OSLO, Norway.

To..... Administration, Port Stanley.

<i>Despatched :</i>	January 12th	19 46	<i>Time :</i>	..
<i>Received :</i>	January 14th	19 46	<i>Time :</i>	09.30.

Your telegram 19/12 1945 would be thankful to know when service might be re-established.

No.

126/45

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted.)



MINUTE.

19th January, 19 46

To — Hon Colonial Secretary

Stanley

From

Supervisor E & T Dept

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Direct W/T service was resumed with Bergen LGN yesterday the 18th January. Can the W/T Station at South Georgia be notified through the Magistrate please.

AM.
S E & T
19.1.46

DECODE.

(22)

No. 5.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: January 19th 19 ⁴⁶~~45~~ *Time:* 00.05.

Received: January 20th 19 46 *Time:* 09.30.

M.P. 2/11/44
No. 10. Your telegram No. 6. See my telegram No. 301 as regards service with Bergen and my telegram No. 304 as to service with ships. *Red 16 2/11/45*

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G. T. C.

Copy to Supervisor E. & T. for inf.

21

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched: January 22nd 19 46 Time: .

Received: 19 .. Time: ..

No. 8. Following from S.E.T. begins: Direct W/T service with Bergen resumed between V.P.C. and Bergen 18th January. Ends.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G. T. C.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

12/45
(23)

From The Magistrate, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: January 23rd 19 46 *Time:* 22.00.

Received: January 24th 19 46 *Time:* 10.00.

Reel 22.

No. 14. Your telegram No. 8. Grateful for particulars of
any change in rate from South Georgia to Bergen.

MAGISTRATE.

G. T. C.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

26

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : January 29th 19 46 Time : 15.30.

Received : 19 .. Time : ..

Reel 23.

No. 14. Your telegram No. 14. Rates South Georgia to Bergen
are as before war.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G. T. C.

DECODE.

(27)

TELEGRAM.

From The Magistrate, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : January 29th 19 46 Time : 19.07.

Received : January 30th 19 46 Time : 10.00.

No. 17. My telegram No. 14. Grateful for early reply. Necessary that public be informed of rate to Norway. Service message has been received from Bergen refusing to accept LC & N.L.T. telegrams from South Georgia.

MAGISTRATE.

G. T. C.

*Crossed with (24)
nfa*

DECODE.

● No. 43.

TELEGRAM.

28

From The Magistrate, South Georgia.

URGENT.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : February 5th 1946 *Time :* 16.10.

Received : February 5th 1946 *Time :* 14.35.

Red 27

No. 23. My telegram No. 17. Grateful for early decision.

Public tendering deferred telegrams in accordance with Government Notice No. 33 March 7th 1935 but Bergen does not accept such telegrams.

MAGISTRATE.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

^{E+T}
Copy to Supervisor, for information.

(31)

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : February 6th 19 46 Time : 11.00.

Received : 19 .. Time :

Recd 28

No. 18. Your telegram No. 23. S.E.T. states only rate for Norway via Bergen is 10d per word and that there is no deferred rate except via United Kingdom. The Notice to which you refer shows rates laid down by Cable & Wireless Limited. In the official list of Land Stations Falkland Islands and South Georgia coast charge is shown at 60 cents and Bergen at 44 cents. The rate of 1.04 francs has been agreed with Norwegian Administration Oslo and is the same as before the war.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

No. 76.

TELEGRAM.

32

From The Magistrate, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : February 7th 19 46 Time : 18.05.

Received : February 8th 19 46 Time : 10.00.

Reel 31

No. 26. Your telegram No. 18. I should be glad if you would confirm that rate for all telegrams sent direct to Bergen is now 10d a word or that code telegrams should be at rate of 6/10th of 10d as laid down in Postmaster General's handbook. Receipt books here from 1935 to outbreak of hostilities show rates were charged as in Government notice referred to in my telegram No. 23.

MAGISTRATE.

G. T. C.

DECODE.

Copy to Supervisor E. & T. for information.

TELEGRAM.

(35)

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched: February 13th 19 46 Time:

Received: 19 .. Time: ..

Red 32.

No. 25. Your telegram No. 26. Present rates between South Georgia and Bergen are

- (1) Ordinary 10d per word
- (2) Code 6d per word.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

36

TELEGRAM.

No. SS 36.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Acting Governor.

Despatched : August 29th 1946 Time : 20.05.

Received : August 30th 1946 Time : 09.30.

No. 167. Falkland Islands W/T Station. G.P.O. wishes to know the average daily number of words passed over Port Stanley - Bergen link during
(a) the peak 1945/46 whaling season and
(b) now.

If detailed figures not available please state average daily number of telegrams in each instance.

G. T. C.

Reply at Recd 39 : SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

M. P. 126/45

39

From His Excellency the Acting Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : September 3rd 19 46 Time : 15.00.

Received : 19 Time :

Red 36

No. 261. Your telegram No. 167. Falkland Islands W/T Station

(a) 289 words per day

(b) 86 words per day

As direct service with Bergen was not resumed until 18th January, 1946 information in (a) compiled from traffic handled via London circuit but daily number of words would have been increased had Bergen-Falkland Islands link been in operation.

G. T. C.

GOVERNOR.

DRM.