

MISCELLANEOUS.

(Museum)

No. 6/1940.

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1940.

Captain, H.M.S. "Exeter"

SUBJECT.

1940.

19th January.

Previous Paper.

PIECE OF DAMAGED PLATING FROM H.M.S. "EXETER"  
PRESENTED TO THE COLONY FOR EXHIBITION IN THE  
MUSEUM AT STANLEY.

MINUTES.

1. Letter from Capt. F.S. Bell of 8.1.40.
2. Minute from H. G. the Governor of 18.1.40.
3. Letter to Capt. F.S. Bell of 9.1.40.

Chairman Public Museum.  
To note.

*M.H.*  
*es.*

20.1.40

A.C.S.

Noted please  
*J. G. Harrison*  
20.1.40

*P.A.*  
*22/1/40.*

Subsequent Paper.

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H.M.S. "EXETER",  
8th January 1940.

No.204.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to request, in view of the close associations between the Falkland Islands and H.M.S. "EXETER", that you will give permission for a piece of damaged plating to be presented to the Colony for exhibition in the Museum at Stanley.

The plating has been cut from the lower deck of H.M.S. "EXETER". It was damaged by an eleven inch shell fired by the German Armoured Ship (Pocket Battleship) "ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE" in the action of 13th December 1939.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's,

Most obedient servant

*J. Steel*  
CAPTAIN.

His Excellency,  
The Governor of the Falkland Islands,  
Government House,  
PORT STANLEY.

From H. E.

(2)

For file and information  
of the members B.  
I thought it well to  
reply at once in anticipation  
of the agreement of the  
Board to accept the letter

W.H.H. 10/11/40

There is a  
Museum file,  
I think.

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Government House,  
Falkland Islands.  
9th January, 1940.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of the 8th of January informing me of your intention to present to the Colony for exhibition in the museum at Stanley a piece of plating from the lower deck of H.M.S. Exeter which was damaged by an eleven-inch shell fired by the German pocket battleship "Admiral Graf Spee" in the action of the 13th of December, 1939.

2. I wish to express the thanks of the Colony for the gift. It will be treasured in the museum as a reminder of a notable sea fight which has redounded so greatly to the glory of His Majesty's Navy.

3. You state that the gift is made in view of the close association between the Falkland Islands and H.M.S. Exeter. I can assure you that your gallant ship and men will always be remembered here with pride and affection.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(sqd) H. Hemmings Heston

The Captain,  
H.M.S. Exeter.