

C.S.

SECRET

SHI/CUS/1#8

1929.

No.

S/4/29.

C. and America &
West Indies Station

SUBJECT.

1928.

21st December.

Previous Paper.

Establishment of Contraband
Control Service Base at
Stanley.

MINUTES.

1. Letter from C. and America and West
Indies Station, 21st December, 1928.
- 2-3. Letter from C. and America and
West Indies Station, 29th Sept. 1929.

4. I have gone carefully into this
matter and beg to report as follows:

2. There is no vessel belonging
to the port which could serve
effectively as a tug. The S/S
'Galkland' is the only vessel which
could go outside Port William.

She could not tow anything over
1000 tons and that only in

Subsequent Paper.

moderate sea and very little
wind. Inside Port William
and the Harbours she might
under favourable conditions
move vessels up to 3000 tons.

She has no towing gear.

3. The tug boat 'Kelp' is only
capable of moving vessels up
to 200 tons.

4 Particulars of these vessels
and of the two motor boats
belonging to the Falkland Islands
Company can be sent to Sir
Cyril Guller.

5 As Your Excellency is aware
there are no whale catchers with
headquarters at Stanley but four
such vessels could be obtained
within four days from South
Georgia from the fleet belonging
to Messrs Salvesen & Co and the

Santham Whaling & Sealing Company. It is not possible to earmark any particular vessels as the fleets are always changing. Four vessels of a type which could be stated would, however, always be available.

6. I understand whale catchers are quite serviceable as tugs in emergency, and can handle fairly large vessels in a good sea. In the case of no more suitable tug can be found I would suggest two extra whale catchers should be obtained.

from Santo Domingo in
case of emergency.

7. If your Excellency approves,
I will draft dispatch to
San Cristobal stating the
position as above explained.

OK 13
Ag. C.S.
28.1.30

Hon C.S.

Thanks you for the case you
have taken in the matter.
The S.S. Fleumer might
be available also. Draft
dispatch. AM
(28/30)
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8. Draft dispatch submitted.

OK 13
Ag. C.S.
31.1.30

AM
(31/30)
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Letter to C-in-C. America and West Indies Station. 1/2/30

Letter from C-in-C America and West Indies Station 9. 10
30 April 1930.

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H.M. S. Dragon
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Y. 20. 9. 30

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JH
 Submitted for information.

A.S. for C.S.
 19/1/34.

Hon. Col. Sec.
 Sec.
 MCH
 20. 1. 34

1.11/34
 20/11/34

Letter from Commodore, H.M.S. "Exeter", 5/4/35. 34.

Letter to M.R. Watson Esq., of 16/7/35. 35.

Letter from M.R. Watson Esq. 7/8/35 (36-8)

H.C.S.

The form which accompanied
 Red 34 has now been completed.
 & is on arrival of H.M.S. "Exeter"
 for delivery to the Commodore.

A.S. for C.S.
 13/8/35.

Yrs please.
 MCH
 14. 8. 35

B.F. 14. 9. 35
 MCH 14. 8. 35

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Sheet No. 4.

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Letter to Commodore A.E. Evans of 3/9/35

YH

Letter Submitted.

MCH
Ct.
3. 9. 35

RP
3/9/35

40. Telegram from Commodore, South America
Division, America and West Indies Squadron.
15/3/39.

41. Telegram to Commodore, Commanding
South America Division America and
West Indies Squadron. 15/3/39.

42. — do — from — do — 13/4/39

YH

Submitted.

M^r. J. D. beam

and M^r. W. Thompson both of
the F. L. S. Shipping Dept. have
such experience.

MCH
Ct.

14. 4. 39.

For better info the
Mr. beam can be recommended.
14/4/39

Telegram to Comodoro, S.A.D. 14/4/39. 43.
 S. of S. Secret despatch of 15 April, 1939. 44-45.
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Yh.
 Despatch submitted for
 Signature. mcH
CS
 25.7.39.

With 25/7

Excerpt from letter from C. in C.
 America & W. Is. Station of 7/39. (47)
 Letter from Mr. J. D. Creamer of 7/8/39. (48)

Yh.
 Submitted with 5/6/39.
mcH
CS
 10.8.39.

With draft of letter to
 Manager J. I. C.
 With 15/7

Conf. Letter to Manager, F. Is. Costa. of 16/8/39. 49
 " to J. D. Creamer, Esq., of 14/8/39. 50.
 " from J. I. Coy, 16/8/39. 51.

H.

Submitted for information.

WCH
CS

18.8.39.

~~WCH~~ 19/8See 5/6/37.51. Letter from Manager S. I. Co. 24/8/39

Noted.

WCH
CS

29.8.39.

53. Letter from Commodore South
American Division of 1st May
1939 (recd at Defence meeting
on 13th Sep^r 1939)54. Telegrams to Admiralty, Commander
in-Chief America and W. Indies
and Commodore South America
Division of 14/9/39.55. Telegram from Governor to S. of
S. of 7/9/3956. Telegram from S. of S. to
Governor of 8/9/39.

See 142/40.

Jh
Submitted. Gun mounting
plans for ships used for
contraband control are in the
folder in this file and are
similar to the plan produced
at the Defence meeting today.

2. With regard to red
(56) (15) of page 30 of O.D.C.
699 M. of May 1939 (war telegrams)
refers.

The Contraband list requires
to be published but I am unable
to trace here C.O. Secret Circular
despatch of the 23rd January 1939.
It may be in *Jh*'s safe.

met
C.S.
13.9.39

See 142/120.
P. 8/NO

~~11/11~~ 13/9
Senior Naval Officer
Referred to you.

met
C.S.
14.9.39

See *Jh* SNO 14/9/39

57 Circular unnumbered Series of
16/9/39.
58 Letter to Senior Naval Officer
of 16/9/39.

See 142/40. (58A - 59. Minute to Registrar - General of 18. 9. 39.)
60 Telegram from Magistrate S. Georgia
21/9/39.
61 Telegram to Magistrate S. Georgia
23/9/39.

~~Senior Naval Officer (C.C.O.)~~
~~To note reds 63 and~~
~~64 please.~~ ~~met~~
~~cl.~~

~~20. 9. 39~~
~~18. 9. 39~~
64. Secret despatch from S. of S
of 7. 9. 39. Secret copy 25
of Fitting out specification
for armed boarding vessels
and Guardships.

Senior Naval Officer.
To note reds 63 A
and 64, also red 63.
~~met~~
~~cl.~~
4. XI. 39.

65. Secret Despatch to S. of S of 8. 11. 39

Copies
26 and 27
in C.S. Safe
mch
4. XI. 39

63 A

C.S.O. No. 5/4/29

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 7

Hon. Col. Secretary.

There being neither Guardship nor Armed Bowdoy
Vessel at this base, I presume Reels 64 & 63A
do not apply.

I think Reel 63 only applies in the event
of an Eastern War in which event a
C.C.B. would be set up.

6/XI/39.

George W. Goldard. I ^{rep} ¹⁰⁰⁰
S 100

J.R.

Despatch submitted for
Signature.

W.H.
C.S.
8. XI. 39.

W.H. 5/11

(65)

Secret Despatch to S. of S. of 8. 11. 39.

66.

Letter from the F.B. Co. Ltd.

YH.

Submitted. It would appear
that no contraband control
base is to be set up here.

MCH
es

A suitable time for the
letter to arrive.

Ack. please

(53) does not appear to have been
acknowledged as requested
(64) the same

14. XI. 39
16/11/39

Letter to Manager, F. I. C., of 16. 11. 39.

67.

— — Commodore H. H. Harwood of 16. 11. 39.

68.

Despatch, Secret, to S. of S. of 16. 11. 39.

69.

YH.

Despatch and Letter
Submitted for signature.

MCH
es

15. XI. 39.

18/11
Secret telegram from S. of S. 13. XI. 39

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71. S. of S. Secret despatch of 15/9/39

H.

Submitted. Harbour Master
to Sec.

MCH
cl

15. XII. 39.

and retain a copy
of drawings

15/12

Harbour Master.

To withdraw two
copies of drawings.

MCH
cl

16. XII. 39.

72-73. S. of S. Circular Note of 9/9/39.

Honourable Colonial Secretary

Copies withdrawn please.

W. H. Charles
18. XII. 39

(74) Secret Despatch to S. of S. of 8. 1. 40.

H.

Despatch submitted for signature.

MCH
cl

9. 1. 40

9/1

Telegram from Cbag. S.C. No. 47 of 10/4/40. (75)

N.O.C. as Reporting officer.

To see Reds (60), (61) and (75)
for such action as is necessary.

C.I.S.
for
12/4/40

Telegram from N.O.C. to B.N.A. BA repeat RASAD.

00312/13.

(76)

Honourable Colonial Secretary

Action taken



S of S Circular Note of 14. 6. 40.

77-78.

Reds, 54-56, 58A-59,
62, 65, 70 72-73, and
77-78 withdrawn and
filed in M.P. No. 142/40.

Reds 57, 58, 60, 61, 63,
75 and 76 withdrawn
and filed in M.P. No. S/23/39.

Telegram No. 47. from S of S of 21/4/41 79.

N.O.C.

To see Red (79).

C.I.S.
for
24/4/41

Seen - Thank you

R.B.H. 25. 4. 41

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ADMIRALTY HOUSE,

BERMUDA.

21st December 1928.

SECRET.

A.W.I. 0639.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the question of the control of contraband in time of war on the America and West Indies Station is under consideration.

2. As it will often be impracticable or inadvisable in the conditions of modern warfare to board and search ships at sea, it will be necessary to establish bases on shore to which British, allied and neutral vessels can be diverted for the purpose of search for contraband of war. Such bases will be known as Contraband Control Bases.

3. The Admiralty have decided that in the event of a war in the Far East in which Britain is a combatant, it will be necessary to institute a contraband control base at Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

4. In connection with such a base the following craft will be required :-

- 1 guardship,
- 2 tugs,
- 8 drifters or other similar craft suitable for boarding duties at the base,
- 4 motor craft,

and also accommodation on shore for approximately thirty five officers and one hundred men.

5. The Commanding Officer of H.M.S. "Despatch" has been directed to ascertain during his forthcoming visit to Port Stanley whether suitable craft, which should be British owned, and suitable living and office accommodation for the base staff, are available at that port, which can be earmarked for the contraband control service in the event of war. It is requested that the Commanding Officer of that ship may be afforded facilities in carrying out this duty.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

*Yr M^{ty} { Commander Powell
Major Malcom
P/Comd Shore*

*4 151.2 "Despatch"
6. 2. 29.*

ps

L. Fuller

VICE-ADMIRAL,
Commander-in-chief.

His Excellency
The Governor and
Commander-in-chief,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Postal address:—
The British Naval Commander-in-Chief,
America & West Indies Station,
c/o H.B.M. Consul-General,
New York.

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Telegraphic address:—
NAVYCOM, BERMUDA.

H.M.S. "DESPATCH" at
St. Andrews, N.B.

29th September 1929.

A.W.I.0639H/4.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my letter A.W.I.0639 of 21st December 1928 and the conference held at Port Stanley in February last to discuss the establishment of a Contraband Control Service Base in time of war.

2. The question of whether craft employed in the whaling industry could be earmarked for emergency service, in view of the importance of whale oil, etc., has been raised with the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, who inform me that the general policy likely to be followed would be that of minimum interference with the industry of the South Atlantic. My Lords state, however, that since it is considered that contraband bases should be established as soon as possible after the outbreak of war, and as only whaling vessels appear available for the purpose, a certain amount of inconvenience to the industry appears to be inevitable, and the vessels considered necessary should therefore be earmarked. It is My Lords intention that any vessel required to return to its normal whaling employment should be replaced from other sources as these become available.

3. My Lords have decided to reduce the strength of the flotilla at Port Stanley at the outbreak of war from the numbers given in paragraph 4 of my letter quoted above to :—

One guardship,
One tug,
Four drifters or similar vessels,
Two motor craft.

4. In this connection I have the honour to request that Your Excellency will confidentially earmark one tug, four British owned catchers and two motor craft for the Contraband Control Service, and that their names and particulars may be communicated to me. The question of the provision of a guardship will be taken up further with My Lords.

5. In regard to accomn-

His Excellency
The Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
The Falkland Islands.

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A.W.I.0639H/4 of 29th September 1929- continued.

5. In regard to accommodation on shore for the base staff, of various alternatives put forward, the Admiralty have selected the large Admiralty coaling shed to be earmarked for this purpose, consideration of the question of its fitting out being postponed for the present.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. Fuller', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

VICE-ADMIRAL,
Commander-in-Chief.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SECRET.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

1st February, 1930.

Sir,

With reference to your Secret despatch A.W. 0639H/4 of the 29th of September, 1929, I have the honour to inform you that I have gone carefully into the question of the vessels available locally for the establishment of a Contraband Control Service Base at this port.

2. I find there is no vessel at Stanley which could serve effectively as a tug. In the circumstances I suggest that a whale catcher additional to the number required for boarding duties should be obtained from South Georgia for towing purposes. The voyage from the Dependency for such vessels occupies between four and five days. It is perhaps not realised that though the vessels of the two British Whaling Companies operating in the Dependencies are registered at Stanley the visits of these vessels to the port are infrequent and rarely of more than a few hours duration.

3. I attach particulars of the type of craft available. It is not possible to name and earmark any particular vessels as the whaling fleets are constantly changing.

4. I also attach particulars of other vessels suitable for service at the base. You will observe

VICE-ADMIRAL
SIR CYRIL FULLER, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION,
BERMUDA.

I/

I have included the s.s. 'Fleurus', belonging to the Tonsberg Whaling Company, of Tonsberg, Norway. Though not British owned this vessel is under contract for mail services with this Government. She would in my opinion be very suitable for boarding purposes.

6. It should be borne in mind that the number of craft normally employed in the Colony and the Dependencies is strictly limited to the requirements of shipping and the whaling industry and that the withdrawal of one or more of these vessels might cause serious inconvenience to the owners. The vessels mentioned would, however, help to establish the base at short notice and if necessary maintain it until such time as a permanent flotilla could be arranged.

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

(sgd) Arnold Hudson

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TYPE OF VESSEL EMPLOYED BY MESSRS. CHR. SALVESEN
AND COMPANY AND THE SOUTHERN WHALING AND SEALING
COMPANY AT SOUTH GEORGIA.

DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL.

STEEL WHALER WITH CRUISER STERN.

Tonnage - Gross	From 179 tons to 238 tons.
" - Nett	" 67 " " 88 "
N. H. P.	" 82 to 94.
I. H. P.	" 550 to 850.
Speed	11 knots to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots.

These vessels have no towing gear. This would have to be
supplied and fitted.

PARTICULARS OF CRAFT AVAILABLE AT STANLEY FOR
CONTRABAND CONTROL SERVICE.

S.S. "FLEURUS"

Gross Tonnage	355 tons.
Nett "	116 "
Dimensions	150' x 25' x 147'.
Quarter Deck.	79', Foc'sle 26'.
Cylinders.	12 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 35" 24" stroke.

N.H.P. 89.

Speed about 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ knot on 10 tons coal. Steamer carries about 450 tons D.W. including bunkers. Steamer has electric light and L.K.W. Wireless range about 400 miles.

Class 3/3 C 1.1. B.V.

S.S. "AFTERGLOW".

Gross Tonnage.	95 tons.
Nett "	40 "
Dimensions -	
	Length 86'
	Breadth 19'
	Depth 10'

Approximate Coal Consumption 24 hours full speed. 4 to 5 tons

Speed approximately 9 knots.

Bunker capacity. 19 tons.

Steam Capstan Yes.

Mounting for 3 pr. Hotchkiss gun is built in ship.

Engines - Vertical
Single screw.

MOTOR BOATS NOS. 1 & 2.

MOTOR BOAT NO. 1.

Carvel built

Length 29' 6".

Breadth 9' 3".

Depth. 5' 9".

20 brake horse power bolender engine.

Speed about 6 knots.

MOTOR BOAT NO. 2.

Carvel built.

Length 36' 3".

Breadth 9' 3".

Depth. 5' 9".

20 brake horse power lavhan engine.

Speed about 5 knots.

S.S. "FALKLAND".

Gross Tonnage. 452 tons.

Underdeck Tonnage 287 "

Nett Registered Tonnage 158 tons.

Dimensions.--

Length 152' B.P.

Beam 24' 9"

Depth Md. 12' 6"

Freeboard
amidships 4' 4½"

Machinery -

Compound expansion

High Pressure Cylinder 18"

Lower Pressure Cylinder 39"

27" stroke.

Working pressure 130 lbs. per sq. inch

Normal H.P. 97.

Speed about 9 knots.

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Admiralty House,
Bermuda.

30th April, 1930.

A.W.I.0639H/4.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter of 1st February, 1930, relative to the craft required in connection with the Contraband Control Base to be established at Port Stanley.

2. Your view that the duties of the tug and four drafters should be carried out by five whale catchers is concurred in. It will be sufficient that this fact should be noted for action when the emergency arises, and it should be unnecessary to earmark any particular craft at the moment.

I request that the proposed action in this connection may be treated as secret and not be communicated to the owners of whaling craft concerned.

3. With reference to paragraph 6 of Your Excellency's letter the inconvenience which would be caused to the whaling industry by the withdrawal of five catchers is fully appreciated by the Admiralty. The catchers would only be required at the outbreak of war and, as soon as replaced by other craft, would return to their normal work.

4. It is requested that the two motor craft shown in the enclosure to Your Excellency's letter may be noted confidentially for working with the Contraband Control Base. These craft will be shown on my returns to the Admiralty.

5. With reference to paragraph 5 of Your Excellency's letter, it is considered that it would be advisable not to take account of ss "Fleurus" in this matter as she flies the Norwegian Flag. Should however she change to British registry, her services would be of value.

6. It is proposed that S.S. "Afterglow" and S.S. "Falkland" should be inspected by The Commanding Officer of H.M.S. "Dragon" during the forthcoming visit of that ship to Port Stanley, with a view to ascertaining their suitability for the Contraband Control service. It is requested that that officer may be afforded the necessary facilities.

7. Referring to my letter A.W.I.0639 H/4 of 29th September, 1929, the Admiralty have informed me that the guardship for the base will be despatched from England in the event of war. It has been proposed that this ship should bring out material for fitting out the coal

His Excellency,
The Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
The Falkland Islands.

shed.....

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A.W.I. No. 0639H/4 of 30th April, 1930.

shed at Stanley for the Contraband Control Base staff and also bring out such portion of the staff as cannot be provided from station resources. Pending the arrival of the guardship, it will be necessary for steps to be taken to make temporary arrangements for the accommodation of the provisional staff, which will be sent to Stanley at the outbreak of war.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'L. S. Miller', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

VICE-ADMIRAL,
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

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SECRET.

S/4/29.

1st August,

30.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence exchanged between the Commander-in-Chief and the Governor the tenor of which is familiar to you, relative to the craft required in connection with the Contraband Control Base to be established at Stanley, I am directed to say that His Excellency would be grateful if you would be good enough to arrange for the s.s. 'Fleurus', of Norwegian register, but under contract with this Government and lying at present in harbour, to be inspected with the view to ascertaining her suitability for such service.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Colonial Secretary.

The Officer Commanding,
H.M.S. 'Dragon'
at Stanley.

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SECRET

SUBJECT - CONTRABAND CONTROL BASE, PORT STANLEY.

FROM..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.S. "DRAGON".

DATE..... 8 August 1930.

No.423/54/25.

TO..... The Commander-in-Chief, America and West
Indies Station.

(Copy to The Colonial Secretary, Falkland
Islands).

With reference to A.W.I. No.0639H/4 of 30 April 1930, it is regretted that the inspection of these two vessels has not been possible owing to the fact that S.S. "FALKLAND" was on a round mail trip to Magallanes and Montevideo and S.S. "AFTERGLOW" was at Albemarle Harbour, West Falkland, throughout the stay of H.M.S. "DRAGON" at Port Stanley.

From information obtained at Port Stanley, however, it appears that, although not in such good condition as S.S. "FLEURUS" (see below), these two vessels would be quite capable of carrying out the duties of drifters attached to a contraband control base.

2.- A suggestion was, however, received from the Governor of the Falkland Islands that another vessel, S.S. "FLEURUS" should be inspected with a view to ascertaining her suitability for such service.

This ship is of Norwegian register but under charter to the Falkland Islands Government. His Excellency the Governor expressed the definite opinion that no difficulty would be experienced in obtaining her services whenever required.

3.- S.S. "FLEURUS" was accordingly inspected on 2 August 1930. She belongs to the Tonsberg Whaling Company (Norwegian), is of the trawler type, in very good condition and absolutely seaworthy.

She was built at the end of the war in Savannah as a minesweeper for the French Navy, but was never handed over to them.

Her present occupation is under Falkland Islands Government Charter carrying mails, passengers and live sheep between the Falklands and South Georgia.

4.- It is considered that this vessel would be very suitable for carrying out the duties of an examination vessel at a Contraband Control Base.

Particulars are attached.

Percy W. Success
COMMANDER for
CAPTAIN.

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CONTRABAND CONTROL BASE, PORT STANLEY - PARTICULARS OF
S.S. "ELEURUS".

(Enclosure No. 1 to letter of H.M.S. "DRAGON" No. 425/54/25
dated 3 August 1930).

Gross tonnage - 400 tons (approx.)
Nett tonnage - 144 tons.

Dimensions:-

length - 140 ft
draught - 14-15 ft

Approximate coal consumption 24 hours - 3 tons at
8 to 9 knots.

Bunker capacity - 140 tons.

Machinery :-

Triple expansion reciprocating engine (single screw)
Engines made in Canada.

Boilers :-

1 cylindrical marine boiler - 20 tons capacity.
(carries 60 tons fresh water)

Dynamo lighting.

Fitted with W/T.

Complement :-

Captain
2 mates
2 engineers
4 seamen
3 firemen
1 steward
1 cook

TOTAL 14

There is sleeping accommodation for 6 passengers
in 3 2-berth cabins. There is also a small saloon.

Refitted at Montevideo 1928 after collision
with an iceberg.

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Admiralty House,
Bermuda,

AWI.0639/H/4.

4th November, 1930.

Sir,

With reference to Your Excellency's letter of 1st February, 1930, in which it was stated that the S.S. "Falkland" and the S.S. "Afterglow" would both be suitable for service at the Contraband Control Base, Port Stanley, should it become necessary to establish such a base in the Falkland Islands, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that these two vessels will be earmarked for this purpose, the former in lieu of the tug and the "Afterglow" in lieu of a drifter. This arrangement will make it possible to dispense with the services of two whale catchers which it would otherwise be necessary to requisition.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient servant

L. H. Duggan

VICE-ADMIRAL,
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

His Excellency

the Governor and Commander-in-Chief,

Falkland Islands.

✓ File 2

Spent N.C. 12

" Contraband Control Base "

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Postal address :—
The British Naval Commander-in-Chief,
America & West Indies Station,
c/o H.B.M. Consul-General,
New York.

CONFIDENTIAL

Telegraphic address :—
NAVYCOM, BERMUDA.

H.M.S. "Delhi",

at St. Vincent, B.W.I.,

18th January, 1932.



A.W.I. No. 0445.

Sir,

With reference to the attached list of craft at Port Stanley which have been earmarked for service in the event of war or emergency, I have the honour to request that Your Excellency will be good enough to arrange, if possible, for the following information in respect of these craft to be obtained :—

- (a) Whether fitted with W/T, giving, where possible, general details of the transmitter and receiver.
- (b) Whether W/T operators are available locally, and how many.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. H. Taggart".

His Excellency Sir James O'Grady,
K.C.M.G.
Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the
Falkland Islands.

VICE-ADMIRAL:

CONFIDENTIAL

Enclosure to A.W.I.No.0445 of 18th January 1932.

LIST OF VESSELS CONCERNED AT PORT STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SHIP.

OWNERS.

"Falkland"

Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.

"Afterglow"

Falkland Islands Government.

No.1 Launch

No.2 Launch

Falkland Islands Government.

(14)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.
14th April, 1932.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

S/4/29.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. A.W.I.No.0445 of the 18th of January, 1932, I have the honour to state that none of the craft in the list enclosed by you are fitted with wireless telegraphy apparatus at the present time. The apparatus previously installed on board the s.s. "Falkland" has been dismantled except for the aerials but no doubt in case of need an emergency set could be rigged. At no time have the remaining craft been fitted with wireless during their service in the Colony.

2. I have to add that no trained operators are normally available in the Colony but that in a time of emergency it should be possible, although not certain, to obtain, say, two operators trained or partially trained.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES O'GRADY.

VICE-ADMIRAL SIR V. H. HAGGARD, K.C.B., C.M.G.,
AMERICA & WEST INDIES STATION,
c/o H.B.M. CONSUL-GENERAL,
NEW YORK.

Admiralty House,
Bermuda,
4th June, 1933.

SECRET.
AWI.No.0445.



SMALL CRAFT AVAILABLE IN WAR OR EMERGENCY.

Sir,

I have had under consideration the number of small craft available in war or emergency at various ports within the limits of the America and West Indies Station. My office records, which have been compiled piecemeal over a number of years, require verification and bringing up to date.

The attached list shews the small craft noted as available at the Falkland Is.

I should be very grateful if Your Excellency would cause the following action to be taken :-

- (a) Delete any of the vessels indicated which will not now be available (e.g. broken up, changed nationality of ownership, foundered, worn out etc).
- (b) Add any other suitable craft that may be available.
- (c) Complete the enclosed Forms S.1359 (as amended) in respect of each vessel that will be available.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

W. E. Drax

Vice-Admiral,
Commander-in-Chief.

His Excellency
Sir James O'Grady, KCMG.,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief
of the FALKLAND ISLANDS.

ENCLOSURE TO A.W.I.No.0445 OF 4th.JUNE, 1933,
TO H.E. THE GOVERNOR OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Small Craft noted as Available in Event
of War or Emergency at
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Owners.</u>
"KELP"	Falkland Is.Coy.Ltd.
"FALKLAND"	Do.
"LAFONIA"	Do.
"AFTERGLOW"	Falkland Is. and Depend- encies Sealing Coy.Ltd.
"WILLIAM SCORESBY")	
"DISCOVERY II")	
No.1 LAUNCH)	Falkland Is. Government.
No.2 LAUNCH)	

L.S. Coy.

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SECRET.

S/4/29.

21st September, 53.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to request that you will be so kind as to supply as early as possible the particulars required to complete the attached forms in regard to vessels belonging to your Company.

2. I am to add that the information has been requested by the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station, for Admiralty purposes.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. J. J.
for Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable

L. W. H. Young, J.P.,

Manager,

Falkland Islands Company, Limited,

S T A N L E Y.

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)
REGISTERED 902.

AGENT FOR LLOYDS.

AGENTS FOR
THE PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

Stanley

27th September, 1933.

Sir,

With reference to your Secret letter 3/4/29 dated 21st instant, we now enclose the information required to complete the forms in regard to vessels belonging to our Company.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Manager.

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

S/S "LAFONIA"

HULL

1. LAFONIA - 161327
2. 25 First - 8 Third.
3. 13' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " - 7' 8"
4. No. 1. Hatch. One 6" x 10" double geared Winch
with central barrel and 2 - 12" warping
drums.

No. 2. Hatch. Two 6" x 10" ditto

No. 3. Hatch. One 6" x 10" ditto

Coaling Hatch. One 5" x 9" single geared winch
2 warping drums.
5. No. 1. Hatch. 2 Derricks 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tons WL each

No. 2. Hatch. 2 " 4 " " "

No. 3. Hatch. 2 " 3 " " "

Coaling Hatch. 2 " 2 " " "
6. (1) No.

(11) No.

(111) No.
7. Passengers and Cargo.

ENGINES.

1. Steam
2. 10 Tons.
3. 85 Tons.

WIRELESS.

1. Marine Electric Equipment Co. (Valve)
2. Both.
3. 370 - 450 and 500 KC Telephone 1364 KC.
4. September, 1931.
5. One KW.
1. Marine Electric Equipment Co.
2. 175 to 11500 KC.
3. September, 1931.

S/S "LAFONIA"

ELECTRICAL.

- (a) One Semi Diesel set B.5 KW 110 V.
- (a) " Steam " B.6 KW 110 V.

S/S "FALKLAND"

HULL.

- 1. FALKLAND - 123164
- 2. 10 First - 8 Third.
- 3. 13' 6" - 8' 0"
- 4. No. 1. Hatch. One 6" x 10" single geared winch
with central barrel and 2 - 12" warping
drums.
No. 2. Hatch. One 6" x 10" ditto
- 5. No. 1. Hatch. 1 Derrick 2 Tons WL.
No. 2. Hatch. 1 " 2 " "
- 6. (1) No.
(11) No.
(111) No.
- 7. 16.
- 8. Passengers & Cargo.

ENGINES.

- 1. Steam
- 2. 9 Tons.
- 3. 65 "

WIRELESS.

- 1. Marconi Co. (Spark)
- 2. W/T.
- 3. 370 - 500 K.C.
- 4. 1916
- 5. $\frac{1}{2}$ KW.
- 1. Marconi Co.
- 2. 10 to 1300 K.C.
- 3. 1916.

S/S "FALKLAND"

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ELECTRICAL.

a. Steam B.3 KW 100 V.

KELP.

HULL.

1. KELP - 146321
2. None.
3. 6' 0" - 5' 6".
4. One Tank 600 Galls.
5. No.
6. (1) Yes.
(11) Yes.
(111) Yes.
7. Three.
8. Harbour Towage.

ENGINES.

1. Steam.
2. $\frac{1}{4}$ Ton.
3. 2 Tons.

WIRELESS.

- (1) Yes.
- (11) -
1. Motor Boat No. 1.
2. 5.73 Tons.
3. -
4. No Record.
5. 29' 6"
6. 9' 3"
7. None.
8. 4' 6"
9. Nil.
10. No.
11. Yes.

12. One.
13. Harbour Work.

ENGINES.

1. Levman Motor Co.
2. Semi Diesel
3. No Record.
4. 20 B.H.P.
5. 10 Gallons.
6. 6 Knots.

WIRELESS.

- (1) No.
- (11) 4' 6" x 4' 6" x 3' 6" high.

HULL.

1. Motor Boat No. 2.
2. 6.53 Tons.
3. -
4. No Record.
5. 36' 3"
6. 9' 3"
7. None.
8. 4' 6"
9. None.
10. No.
11. Yes.
12. One.
13. Harbour Work.

ENGINES.

1. Bolinder Motor Co.
2. Semi Diesel.
3. 1926.
4. 20 B.H.P.
5. 10 Gallons.
6. 6 Knots.

WIRELESS.

- (1) No.
- (21) 4' 6" x 4' 6" x 3' 6" high.

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SECRET.

Particulars as to Hull

Name and No. of Ship. LAFONIA - 161827.

Accommodation for passengers

Draught (loaded) Draught (light).

No. of winches, if any, where
placed, and lifting power,
pull, speed and number of
barrels.

No. and position of derricks
carried (if any); also
their lifting capacity.

If supplied with (i) Towing gear

(ii) Salvage plant

(iii) Fire equipment.

Usual employment.

Particulars as to Engines.

Type. (Motor or Steam).

Consumption of fuel per day.

Bunker capacity.

P.T.O.

Particulars as to W/T.

Transmitting -

1 Maker's name and Type (spark or valve)

2 W/T or R/T

3 Frequency range.

4 Date when new.

5 Input power.

Receiving

1 Maker's name and type.

2 Frequency range.

3 Date when new.

Particulars as to Electrical supply.

(a) Type of dynamo; steam or Diesel,
Petrol/paraffin. (If none,
write "None").

(b) Output; voltage and current
capacity :-

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

22th September, 1933.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SECRET.

Sir,

With reference to your Secret despatch, AWL. No. 0445 of the 4th of June, 1933, I have the honour to inform you that all vessels indicated in the enclosure to your despatch are still available in the event of war and no additions to or deletions from the list are necessary. I would observe, however, that the two motor launches are owned by the Falkland Islands Company, Limited, and not by this Government.

2. I have to return the Forms S. 1359 which have been completed as far as possible in respect of each vessel that will be available.

3. It is regretted that certain particulars in regard to the R.R.S. "Discovery II" and the R.R.S. "William Scoresby" are not available.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. Joseph Kalkin
By Governor.

VICE-ADMIRAL THE HON.

R. P. E. E. DRAX, C.B., D.S.O.,

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,

AMERICA AND WEST INDIES STATION,

ADMIRALTY HOUSE,

BERMUDA.

Postal address:—

*The British Naval Commander-in-Chief,
America & West Indies Station,
c/o H.B.M. Consul-General,
New York.*

Admiralty House,
Bermuda.

21st November 1933.

Telegraphic address:—

NAVYCOM, BERMUDA.

SECRET

A.W.I. No. 0445.

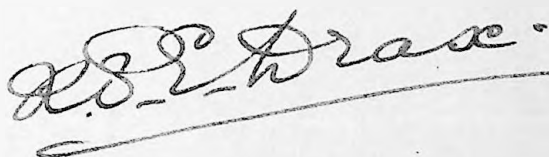
Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of Your Excellency's letter of 28th September 1933 forwarding details of small craft available at the Falkland Islands in the event of emergency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,



Vice-Admiral.

His Excellency

Sir James O'Grady, KCMG,

Governor and Commander-in-Chief
of the FALKLAND ISLANDS.



SECRET.

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H.M.S. "EXETER"

at Bermuda.

5th April, 1935.

No. 23117/357

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to a Conference held at Government House, Port Stanley, on 26th February, 1934, at which the drifter "Fort Richard" was mentioned. I would be very glad if particulars of that vessel could be inserted on the attached Form S.1333 and the completed form delivered to the Commanding Officer on the next occasion of a visit by one of H.M. Ships.

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

Commodore.

Via Excellency,

The Governor of the Falkland Islands,
Government House,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

8/4/29.

16th July, 35.

Sir,

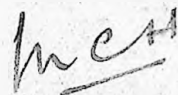
I am directed by the Governor to request that you will be so kind as to supply as early as possible the particulars required to complete the attached form in regard to the "Port Richard" belonging to your Company.

2. I am to add that the information has been requested by the Commodore H.M.S. "Exeter" for Admiralty purposes.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

D.R. Watson, Esq.,
Secretary of the Falkland
Islands & Dependencies
Sealing Company,
ALBEMARLE.

Albemarle,
7th August 1935.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Ref.No. 5/4/29

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Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 16th July and have pleasure in enclosing herewith particulars of the Port Richard as far as I am able to give.

The Admiralty No. of the ship is D.83.. The draught is 10½ ft light but as our cargo hold is in the fore part she draws less water loaded stern then rising.

Port Richard is now fitted with a dynamo and has their own light. The engines have been thoroughly overhauled and can make speed 10 knots.

I am,

Sir,

Yours obediently,

B.R. Watson.

Secretary Falkland & Dependencies -
Sealing Co.Ltd.

SECRET.Particulars as to Hull.

Name and No. of Ship. Port Richard. (formerly "Afterglow")
 Tonnage-Gross. 95. (255 3/4)
 Tonnage-Net. 40. 49.57
 When built. 1918
 Length (overall). 86'
 Breadth (overall). 19'
 Accommodation for passengers. Nil.
 No. of decks. 1.
 Draught (loaded) Draught (light) 10 1/2 ft.
 Propellers, number of 2. /
 (or Paddles).
 No. of winches, if any, where placed, and lifting power, pull, 1.
 speed and number of barrels.
 No. and position of derricks 1.
 carried (if any); also their lifting capacity. I ton.
 Fresh Water tanks. 4. 400 gallons.
 (No. and capacity.)
 If suitable for open sea. Yes.
 If supplied with (i) Towing gear. No.
 (ii) Salvage plant. No.

(iii) Fire equipment. No.

Number of crew. 10.

Usual employment. Sealing operations.

Particulars as to Engines.

Name of Builder. ~~Steam.~~ POLLIT & WIGZELL LTD.

Type. (Motor or Steam.) Steam.

Date when new. 1919

N.H.P., I.H.P. 275
If Oil Engines B.H.P.

Consumption of fuel per day. 4 to 5 tons.

Speed. 9 knots.

Bunker capacity. 19 tons.

General Information - Name and Address of owners.

The Falkland Islands & Dependencies
Sealing Company, Limited,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Any Other Information, including whether fitted with W/T.

Vessel is not fitted with W/T.

Mounting for 3 pr. Hotchkiss gun is built in ship.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

3rd September, 1935.

FAULKLAND ISLANDS.

S E C R E T.

Sir,

With reference to your letter, No. 0311B/987 of the 5th of April, 1935, requesting particulars of the drifter "Port Richard", I have the honour to return herewith Form S. 1359 which has been duly completed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

COMMODORE A. E. EVANS, O.B.E., R.N.,
H.M.S. "EXETER",
at STANLEY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From The Commodore, Commanding South America Division,
America and West Indies Squadron.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 15th March,, 19 39. *Time:* 09.15.

Received: 16th March, 19 39. *Time:* 10.30 a.m.

Request information whether there are any persons residing in the Falkland Islands who could act as interpreters at Contraband Control Base in war. Two interpreters would be required and they should be conversant with as wide a range as possible of European languages likely to be needed in dealing with merchant vessels.

Request early reply by telegraph to Bermuda.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Commodore Commanding, South America Division,
America and West Indies Squadron.

Despatched: 16th March, 19 39. *Time:* 4.15. p.m.

Received: ... 19 *Time:*

Your telegram 15th March reply is in the negative.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Commodore, Commanding South America Division,
America and West Indies Station.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 13th April, 19 39 *Time* : 14.20

Received : 13th April, 19 39 *Time* : 19.30.

A gentleman with shipping office experience is required for duty in manifest office Contraband Control Base in war. He would be granted a Commission as Lieutenant, R.N.V.R. Main duty examination of merchant ships' manifests and preparation of summaries for Admiralty.

Request you will telegraph whether Creamer or any other gentleman can be recommended early for this duty at Port Stanley.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Commodore Commanding South America Division,
America and West Indies Station.

Despatched: 14th April, 1939. *Time:* 16.00

Received: 19 *Time:*

Your telegram of April 13th person named can be
recommended.

(45)

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SECRET

Downing Street,

15 April, 1939.

Sir,

Recd ①
5/12/39.

With reference to my secret despatch of the 23rd of March, I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information and guidance in connection with the fitting out at Port Stanley of ships earmarked for Continental Control Service in emergency, a copy of a letter, with original enclosures, from the Admiralty.

2. I have to request that the receipt of this despatch and enclosures may be acknowledged.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Sgd) MALCOLM MACDONALD

GOVERNMENT

SIR HERBERT MENNIKER HEATON, K.C.M.G.,

etc., etc., etc.

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COPY.

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ADMIRALTY, S.W.1.

Ref. M.F.0650/39

3rd April, 1939.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

I am commanded by Mr Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to forward the accompanying two copies of the typical arrangement drawing D.N.C. 24/A.305, showing the position of guns and gun stiffening for the S.S. LAIRD'S ISLE fitted as an Armed Boarding Vessel, with the request that they may be forwarded to the Governor of the Falkland Islands, who should be informed that the drawing is for guidance only in connection with the fitting out at Port Stanley of ships earmarked for Contraband Control Service in emergency, and that arrangements should be varied to suit each vessel at the discretion of the local constructive officer supervising the work.

2. A similar drawing showing typical stiffening for an Armed Guardship will be forwarded shortly.

3. I am to request that receipt of this letter and enclosures may be acknowledged.

I am, etc.

(Sd.) C. B. Coxwell.

The Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office,

Downing Street, S.W.1.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

24th July, 1939.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

S E C R E T.

Sir,

Recd #5

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Secret despatch of the 15th of April, 1939, together with a copy of a letter, with original enclosures, from the Admiralty, on the subject of the fitting out of ships earmarked for Contraband Control Service in emergency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

(H4)

Extract from letter addressed to His Excellency the Governor
by Commander-in-Chief, America & West Indies Station.

Admiralty House,

Bermuda.

8th May, 1939.

AWI No. 0639H.

Sir,

With reference to my letter AWI No. 0616 (F) of 7th June 1938, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that Mr. J. D. Creamer has been earmarked for the duty of Manifest Officer at the Contraband Control Base which will be established at the Falkland Islands in war or emergency.

2. It is requested that Mr. Creamer may be informed accordingly.....

3.

4. Arrangements will be made for the instruction of Mr. Creamer in his duties as Manifest Officer during the visit of H.M.S. "Ajax" to the Falkland Islands in December 1939.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) Sidney Meyrick.

Vice-Admiral,
Commander-in-Chief.

His Excellency the Governor and
Commander-in-Chief of the Falkland Islands,
Government House,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

SECRET.

Port Stanley,

Falkland Islands,

7th August, 1939.

Sir,

I confirm our talk of Saturday regarding my receipt of Form N.A. 61 from the Commander-in-Chief, Bermuda, making provision for my appointment in certain circumstances as Manifest Officer here.

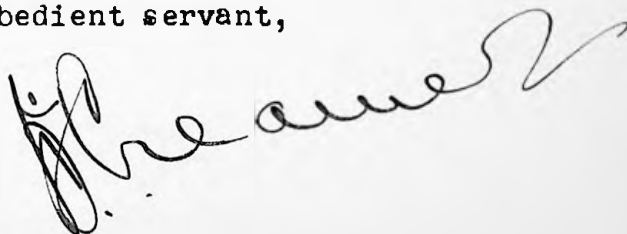
I have understood that the terms of my offer of voluntary service, made some two years ago, were that I would be prepared to assist the regular Cipher Officer(s) when help should be required and when my own work should permit. The appointment now provided for seems far removed from that understanding, and the terms of my engagement with The Falkland Islands Company preclude my accepting the post unless their express permission is first obtained.

I should be grateful if you would cause the proper authorities to be notified of the position, and in the meantime advise me what I should do with the Form N.A. 61 and its attached acknowledgment slip.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

S/L/29:

16th August, 39.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that in the event of war a gentleman with shipping experience will be required for duty as Manifest Officer at the Contraband Control Base.

2. The main duty of the officer would be the examination of merchant ships' manifests and the preparation of summaries for the Admiralty.

3. Considerable importance is attached to the selection of a suitable officer, who would be granted a Commission as Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

4. I am to state that His Excellency has recommended Mr. J. D. Creamer for the office and I am to enquire whether you will be good enough to authorize Mr. Creamer to accept the position.

5. In the event of your concurrence, arrangements will be made during the forthcoming visit of H.M.S. "Ajax" for the instruction of Mr. Creamer in his duties as Manifest Officer.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

meH

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,
Falkland Islands Company, Ltd.,
STANLEY.

S/4/29.

17th August, 39.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

Ked #8

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th of August, 1939, regarding your appointment in certain circumstances as Manifest Officer here, and to inform you that a letter concerning the matter has been addressed to the Manager of your Company.

2. In the meantime you should retain the documents referred to in your letter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

McH

Colonial Secretary.

J. D. Creamer, Esq., J.P.,
STANLEY.

(51)

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

Stanley.

17th August, 1939.

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S/4/29.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

Recd 49 I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 16th instant in connection with the proposed appointment as Manifest Officer (in certain eventualities) of a member of the staff of this Company.

The matter is being submitted in a confidential letter by Air Mail to the Managing Director of the Company for his consideration, and an early reply is being requested.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
for Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

Stanley.

24th August, 1939.

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S/4/29.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

Rea (51)

In further reply to your letter of 16th August addressed to the Manager of this Company I would add that, should a state of emergency arise before a reply from London is received about this matter, I agree to the appointment of Mr Creamer as Manifest Officer on the understanding that he will be allowed to carry on his usual work as far as possible.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

George W. Lodd
for Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

5/4/29.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SECRET.

Downing Street,

September, 1939.

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Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information and guidance of "fitting out" officers at Port Stanley, copies Nos. 25, 26 and 27 of the fitting out specification for Armed Boarding Vessels and Guardships.

2. The details of gun stiffening for 12 dr. guns shown on the typical arrangement drawing No. D.H.G. 24 A.305 (showing the position of guns and gun stiffening for the H.M. Laird's Isle fitted as an Armed Boarding Vessel) forwarded under cover of my secret despatch of the 15th April, are also applicable to Guardships.

3. I have to request that the receipt of this despatch and enclosures may be acknowledged in due course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Sd.) MALCOLM MacDONALD

GOVERNOR

SIR HERBERT HENDERSON HEATON, K.C.M.G.

etc., etc., etc.,

SECRET

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H.M.S. "EXETER",
at Bermuda.

1st May 1939.

S 14/39.

Your Excellency,

In accordance with the directions of the Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of Admiralty letter M.F.0650/39 dated 3rd April 1939 and drawing D.N.C. 24/A.305 showing the position of guns and gun stiffening for the S.S. "LAIRD'S ISLE" fitted as an Armed Boarding Vessel.

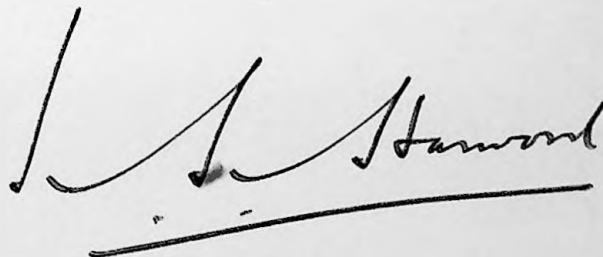
2. The Commander-in-Chief requests that this drawing may be retained in safe custody until required in connection with the fitting out of Armed Boarding Vessels for the Contraband Control Service in emergency.

3. In this connection, I would add that I have made representations that stiffening work on merchant ships can only be carried out at Port Stanley if finished materials are supplied, and, even then, the possibility of having to import additional labour to complete the work would need consideration at the time.

4. It is requested that receipt of this letter and drawing may be acknowledged to the Commodore, South America Division, c/o the Commanding Officer, H.M.S. "AJAX".

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,


COMMODORE.

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

COPY.

Any further communication
should be addressed to-

The Secretary of the Admiralty,
London S.W.1.

quoting "M.F.0650/39".

ADMIRALTY, S.W.1.

3rd April 1939.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean.
Commander-in-Chief,
China.
Commander-in-Chief,
East Indies.
Commander-in-Chief,
America and West Indies.
Commander-in-Chief,
Africa.
Commodore,
Malaya.
Captain-in-charge,
Bermuda.
Captain-in-charge,
Simonstown.
Warship Production Superintendent,
Scottish Area.
Warship Production Superintendent,
N.W. Area.
Warship Production Superintendent,
N.E. Area.
Warship Production Superintendent,
Southern District.

I am to forward for information, the accompanying
typical arrangement drawing D.N.C.24/A.305, in duplicate, showing
the position of guns and gun stiffening for the S.S. LAIRD'S ISLE
fitted as an Armed Boarding Vessel.

2. The drawing is for guidance only in connection with the
fitting out of ships earmarked for Contraband Control Service in
emergency, and arrangements should be varied to suit each vessel
at the discretion of the local constructive officer supervising
the work.

3. I am to request that receipt of the enclosures may be
acknowledged.

4. A similar drawing showing typical stiffening for an
Armed Guardship will be forwarded shortly.

BY COMMAND OF THEIR LORDSHIPS

(Sd.) C.B. COXWELL.

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THE PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

TELEGRAMS: FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY VIA RADIO

Stanley

13th November, 1939. 19

S/4/29.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence regarding the appointment of Mr J.D. Creamer to the post of Manifest Officer at the Contraband Control Base I am now able to advise you that Mr Creamer is authorised by the Company to accept the position.

It is understood that this will not wholly preclude him from carrying on his work in this Company's service.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. M. D. D. D.

Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

S/L/29.

16th November,

39.

Sir,

Red 66

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th of November, 1939, stating that Mr. J. D. Creamer has been authorised by your Company to accept the position of Manifest Officer at the Contraband Control Base here.

2. A further communication on this subject will be addressed to you in due course.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. H.

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,
Falkland Islands Co., Ltd.,
STANLEY.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. S/L/39.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

16th November, 1939.

Sir,

Red 63.
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 1st of May, 1939, transmitting a copy of Admiralty letter M.F. 0650/39 dated 3rd April, 1939, and Drawing D.N.C. 24/A. 505 showing the position of guns and gun stiffening for the s.s. "Laird's Isle" fitted as an Armed Boarding Vessel.

2. The drawing has been placed in safe custody.

3. I regret that through an oversight your letter was not acknowledged earlier.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) *H. Henniker Heaton*

Governor.

Commodore H. H. Harwood, R.N., O.B.E.,
H.M.S. "Ajax".

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

16th November, 1939.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SECRET.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Secret despatch of the 7th of September, 1939, transmitting for my information and guidance of "fitting out" officers at Port Stanley, copies Nos. 25, 26 and 27 of the fitting out specification for Armed Boarding Vessels and Guardships.

2. It is noted that the details of gun stiffening for 12 pdr. guns shown on the typical arrangement drawing No. D.N.C. 24 A.305 (showing the position of guns and gun stiffening for the s.s. "Lairdis Isle" fitted as an Armed Boarding Vessel) forwarded under cover of your Secret despatch of the 15th April, are also applicable to Guardships.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Sgd.) H. HENRIKSEN HEATON

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

SECRET

Downing Street,

16 SEP 1939 September, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying two "as fitted" prints, in duplicate, showing the bow defence in the Steamships Carpio and Sicilian Prince, respectively.

2. These prints are for the information and guidance of the officers concerned at Port Stanley in arranging paravane equipment in defensively equipped Merchant Ships when the existing ships derricks are used for working paravanes.

3. I have to request that the receipt of this despatch and enclosures may be acknowledged in due course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Sgd.) MALCOLM MacDONALD

OR

HERBERT HENNIKER HEATON, K.C.M.G.

etc.,

etc.,

etc.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SECRET.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

8th January, 1939

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Secret despatch of the 15th of September, 1939, together with two "as fitted" prints, in duplicate, showing the bow defence of the steam ships "Carpio" and "Sicilian Prince" respectively.

2. One set of the prints has been handed over to the Harbour Master for the information and guidance of that Officer.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Sd) H. B. MACKENZIE

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 21st April, 19 41. *Time* : 1941.

Received : 22nd April, 19 41. *Time* : 1030.

No. 47. Secret. In the event of a ship being ordered into Port Stanley for Contraband Control, please telegraph immediately, for submission to Contraband Committee, short summary suspected Contraband cargo, with indication of grounds for suspicion.

Telegram should be prefixed with the code group "MEWIL" meaning "following for Ministry of Economic Warfare",

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.D.C.O.