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Commandant General, SADF,
P.O. Box 47,
CAPE TOWN.

16 August, 1966.

Secretary for Defence

FIRE: MARION ISLAND

1. Your minute DC 858/1(OT) dated 5 August 1966 refers.
2. Neither the SADF flight nor the voyage of the President Kruger fall within the definition of "Search and Rescue". In the circumstances I agree that it be classified as training and that the costs incurred thereant be accepted as a debit against the Defence Vote. Charges are, however, being raised on the Department of Transport in respect of Defence stores and equipment landed at the Island which were not recovered by the RFA and for canteen stores provided by the SADF.

H.P. Laubscher
Comdt Gen
COMMANDANT GENERAL, SADF
(H.P. LAUBSCHER)

→ Commander Maritime Defence and
Chief of the Navy

Chief of the Air Force

For information. This office signal KG/242 of
8 Aug 66 and your replies thereto refer.

H.P. Laubscher
Comdt Gen
COMMANDANT GENERAL, SADF
(H.P. LAUBSCHER)



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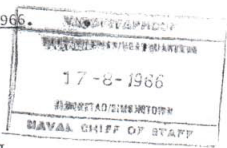
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9 August, 1966.



Chief of the Navy

ASSISTANCE TO MARION ISLAND PERSONNEL
JULY 1966

Attached are two copies of a letter A. 11/46/1 dated 28 July 1966 received from the Secretary for Transport and addressed to Commandant General, SADF.

[Handwritten signature]
Com Gen
CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF

Encl.

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Brand het ontstaan asgevolg van 'n paraffin verwamer wat gedurende die nag 25/6/66 tot 26/6/66, ongeveer 12 tot 1 v.m., wat vir droogkamer was om kledingstukke droog te maak.

Die verwamer is in droogkamer gelaat deur 'n Mnr. G.C. QUINN, en hy verklaar dat verwamer in goeie werkende toestand was en dat geen kledingstukke in onmiddellike nabyheid geplaas was nie.

Dit word vermoed dat verwamer onklaar geraak het. Wanneer bewus geword het van vuur was dit alreeds in 'n gevorderde stadium en alles is gedoen om dit te beveg maar was vrugteloos.

GISKRYF DEUR C.D. GROENEWALD SOOS GEKWOTEER
DEUR A.J. KRIEL WIE SE HANDE GESNY IS EN NIE
IN STAAT OM TE SKRYF.

A.J. KRIEL

(GETEKEN A.J. KRIEL)

Afskrif/WEW

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
GEWAARMERKTE AFSCRIF

P. Sun
..... Capt., S.A.N.
..... Capt., S.A.V.
Officer (Honorary)/Bevoegde, S.A.S. "President Krugersd."

wat bygedra het tot hierdie dramatiese redpoging, my Departement se opregte dank.

6. n Diensbrief word aan die Sekretaris van Verdediging beskryf in verband met die koste verbonde aan die redpoging. n Afskrif word aangeheg.

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Met vriendelike groete,

Danie Jaubert.

SECRETARIS VAN VERVOER.

S.A.S. PROSIMEE KRUGER,
ter S E E.

4 Julie, 1966

Vlootstafhoof,
 Vloot hoofkwartier,
SIMONSTAD.

VERSLAG OOR AFBRAND VAN GEBOU TE MARION
 FILAND DEUR LEIER VAN EKSPEDISIE.

Aangeheg hiermee verslag oor brand op MARION
 FILAND deur Mnr. A.J. KRIEL, leier van die ekspedisie vir
 deursending na die Sekretaris van Vervoer, asseblief.

B. van
KAPTEIN, S.A. VLOOT,
BEVELVOERDER.

/WEW

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VSH 2/14/5/9

Sekretaris van Vervoer.

Aangestuurd vir u verdere aandag.

A. van
 V I S E - a d m i r a a l .
 V L O O T S T A F H O O F .

Vloot hoofkwartier,
 Simonstad.

12 Julie 1966.



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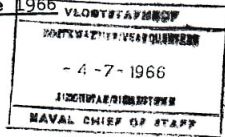
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30 June 1966



Naval Chief of Staff

MARION ISLAND - EMERGENCY SAAF FLIGHT

The attached copy of Commandant General's letter
HVS/206/2 of 29 June 1966 and addressed to Air Chief of Staff
may be of interest.

W. H. G. Co
Com Gen
A/CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF

HVS/206/2

15 80A
Kommandant-generaal, SAW,
Verdedigingshoofkwartier,
PRETORIA.

29 Junie 1966.

Lugstafhoof

INSAKE NOODVLUG NA MARION-EILAND

1. Ek verwys na telefoniese gesprekke tussen Brig RETIEF en Komdt DE LA REY aan die een kant en Kol LAUBSCHER aan die ander kant op 29 Junie 1966.
2. Die Minister en die KG, verlang dat hulle innige waardering vir die puik organisasie van die noodvlug na Marion-eiland aan u en u betrokke personeel oorgedra word - en in besonder vir die voorsorg wat daar gemaak is vir warm klere, kosvoorrade, mediese voorrade en selfs vuurhoutjies, niewetende wat presies daar skort nie. Baie geluk met hierdie suksesvolle onderneming en versienigheid.
3. Die Minister verlang ook dat indien die Departement van Vervoer besluit om publisiteit aan die aangeleentheid te gee, Sy Edele en die KG se waardering pertinent daarin uitgespreek word en veral klem gelê word op die voorsorgvoorsiening wat u en u personeel vir die manne op die eiland gemaak het.

*aan Brig Retief by
Lug 8th personeel
afgelees - P. 29/12/66*


Komdt-genl
KOMMANDANT-GENERAAL, SAW

See Enclous 5.647 a HVS/416/2/2/1

(79)

TZ: FL MB TOR...1240Z 06 JUL 66
1440B

DIST= F. X1. 4.

ACTION= S00

RUSHED= S00

ROUTINE= NFT/06

FM= SEK VAN VERVOER

TO= NAVCHIEF

UNCLAS= VIR AANDAG KOMMANDEUR MC MURRAY

U 060836Z X RADIOVERBINDING MET EILAND VIR DIE EERSTE KEER
VANOOGEND GEMAAK X DIT GAAN GOED OP DIE EILAND EN DIE BEAMPTES
DAAR HET DIE HOOGSTE LOF VIR KAPTEIN EN BEMANNING VAN PRES.
KRUGER X SAL LAAT WEEET OF VERBINDING BEHOU WORD X OP DIE STADIUM
NOG NIE SEKER OMDAT EILAND OP N BAIE LAE FREKWENSIE WERK

NFT/06 JUN

T/F PL MB TOD I/T 01 JUL 66

DIST_g ----- F₂ X1_g 4_g A₂ 1_g S₂ 1_g 3_g 7_g / X1

ROETINE-- 011248Z

FM- NAVCHIEF

TO_g ----- PRES KRUGER

UNCLAS- VOLGENDE VAN SEK VAN VERVOER ONTVANG VIR BEV MARION
ENGLAND. HAALAN. MATERIAL FOR RESTORATION OF GOVERNORS HOUSE AND
OLD RADIO BUILDING WILL BE SENT DOWN WITH RSA. COMMENT REQUESTED ON
WHAT MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE AND ANY FURTHER REQUIREMENTS.
DETAILS OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED REQUIRED. HAALAF

011248Z/JUL

T/P PL RAH

TOR..2124Z

30 JUN 66

2324B

DIST F X1 4/X

ROUTINE 301934Z
FM NAVCHIEF
TO PRESIDENT KRUGER

UNCLAS- FBOM DNOP.

TERRIBLY SORRY YOUR JULY RUN SHOULD TURN OUT TO BE A MARION ROLL BUT
THOSE DOWN UNDER WILL BE DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU!

2) WEATHER HERE IS PLAIN FOUL NORTHWESTERLY GALE

3) AS FOR ROTHMANS JULY MAYBE STORM KING IS A GOOD BET

4) IF YOU WISH ME TO PLACE YOUR JULY BETS PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU
WANT

5) RY VERSIGTIG

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T/F PL RAN TOR..1628Z
1028B

30 JUN 66

DIST F X1 4 A 1/X1

ROUTINE 301514Z

FM NAVCHIEF

TO MAR OP

INFO AFS YPT 35 SQD

UNCLAS- WELL DONE THE MARITIME AIR FORCE.

2) 35SQD IS TO BE COMMENDED ON THEIR EFFICIENT HANDLING OF THE
MARION ISLAND INVESTIGATION FLIGHT

301514Z/JUN

26

T/F PL RAH TOR..1628Z
1629B

30 JUN 66

DIST F X1 4 A 1/X1

ROUTINE 301514Z
FM NAVCHIEF
TO MAR OP
INFO AFS YPT 35 SQD

UNCLAS- WELL DONE THE MARITIME AIR FORCE.
2) 35SQD IS TO BE COMMENDED ON THEIR EFFICIENT HANDLING OF THE
CARION ISLAND INVESTIGATION FLIGHT

301514Z/JUN

T/P

PL

MB

TOR...1225Z

30 JUN 66

1425B

DIST- F, X1. 4.

ACTION- S00

RUSHED- S00

ROUTINE- NFT/30

FM- SEC FOR TRANSPORT

TO- NAVY SIMONSTOWN

UNCLAS- ATTENTION COMMANDER MACMURRAY X PLEASE REQUEST COMMANDER SAS PRESIDENT KRUGER TO

- (1) ESTABLISH DAMAGE TO MET APPARATUS FOR SURFACE OBSERVATION
- (2) ESTABLISH DAMAGE TO RADIO THEODOLITE AND RADIOSONDE RECEIVERS
- 3) FORWARD DETAILS OF OTHER MET APPARATUS REQUIRED
- (4) INFORM RADIO TECH AT THE ISLAND THAT A RADIO TECH AND RIGGER WITH FOLLOWING MATERIAL ARRIVING RSA

2 TXS 200 WITH R/C UNITS

2)RXS AR 88

2 LOUDSPEAKERS

2 MIKES

2 MORSE KET RPT KEYS

1 HEADPHONES

2 AVO METERS

1 AVO VALVE TESTER

1 BC 221

1 SIG GEN

1 OSCILLOSCOPE

HANDBOOKS AND SPARE VALVES PLUGS SOCKETS CONNECTING WIRE AND DIS BOARD AND 1000 FT 2 CORE 0225 CABLE ADVISE WHAT ELSE REQUIRED PARTICULARLY MATERIAL IF AERIAL FEEDERS HAVE TO BE REROUTED AND TOOLS

5) ESTABLISH THE PERSONAL NEEDS OF THE EXPEDITION MEMBERS IT WILL BE APPRECIATED IF INFORMATION COULD BE URGENTLY RELAYED VIA YOUR ESTABLISHMENT TO COETSEE TELEPHONE PRETORIA 4-5895 640 SCHOEMAN STREET PRETORIA IF RECEIVED AFTER 4 PM FRIDAY X

6) YOUR PROMPT AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION IN DIVERTING THE FREGATE MUCH APPRECIATED

NFT/30 JUN

ARCADIA

(15)

TP PL BS TOR..1615Z 29 JUN 66
1816B

DIST..F X 1 4
ACTION..S 0 0
RUSHED..OPS ROOM

OPS IMMEDIATE 291545Z
FM AFS YSTERPLAAT
TO AIR C S
MAR GP
NAVCHIEF

UNCLAS. OPS 1/58/JUN 66.

A X PURPLE 26 X JUNE X

B X ACS GREEN 1 X JUNE X MAR GP GREEN 41 X JUNE X

C X 1 X 290115 290735 290825 291547 X

J X ALL TIMES BRAVO X PROCEEDED FACT TO MARION ISLE. AS BRIEFED X
OVERFLEW SETTLEMENT TWICE BEFORE ANY MOVEMENT NOTICED X MESSAGE ON
GROUND READ X ALL OK MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND KIT ALL GONE X DROPPED ONE
CANNISTER CONTAINING SARBE TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION X VOICE
121.5 MGSX INFORMATION CONCERNING CONDITIONS ON ISLAND AND CAUSE WERE
PASSED ON OCT 35 TO BASE FOR MARITIME GROUP AND DEPT OF TRANSPORT X
ONE LARGE BUILDING WAS BURNT DOWN X AIRCRAFT EMERGENCY CANNISTERS WERE
DROPPED X CONTENTS SUFFICIENT FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX DAYS SURVIVAL X
DEPARTED AFTER 50 MINS OVER ISLAND AND ALL CANNISTERS RECOVERED X
POOR TO EXTREMELY BAD WEATHER ENCOUNTERED BOTH TO AND FROM ISLAND X

291545Z JUN

TP PL JHB TOD IT
DIST F X1 4 A 1 M/X1

29 JUN 66

PRIORITY PRIORITY 291437Z

FM NAVCHIEF
TO PRESIDENT KRUGER
INFO F10 CDS

UNCLASSIFIED.

1. MY 290837Z. ESTIMATE AT 17K YOUR ETA 020600B. SHOULD INITIAL WEATHER DELAY YOU YOU MAY INCREASE TO SPEED CONSISTENT WITH AN ARRIVAL 2 JUL AND FUEL REQUIREMENTS FOR RETURN, RETURN TO PORT ELIZABETH BUT PREFERABLY AND AS SECOND CHOICE DURBAN.
2. TRANSPORT REQUEST THAT PERSONNEL BE SUCCOURED AND FULL REPORT ON DAMAGE AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BE SIGNALLED. INTENTION IS TO LOAD RSA WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS AS SOON AS KNOWN.
3. COMMUNICATION WITH ISLAND MAY BE POSSIBLE ON 121.5 MCS BY SARBE EQUIPMENT DROPPED BY SHACKLETON. LAND V39SA OUTFIT FOR SHIP/SHORE NET LEAVING EQUIPMENT ON ISLAND ON YOUR DEPARTURE.
4. PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE TAKEN. 5. ACKNOWLEDGE

T/P PL RT TOR 1500Z
1700B

29 JUN 66

DIST F X1 4

RUSHED= OPS ROOM

ACTION= 500

ROUTINE= 291256Z

FM F10

TO NAVCHIEF

INFO WALVISBAA#

UNCLASSIFIED

AM REJOINING WALVISBAA#

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T/P P/L AJ TOR 1329Z
1529B

29 JUN 66

DIST=F. X1. 4.

ACTION= SO(O)

RUSHED=OPS ROOM

PRIORITY= 291245Z

FM= F10

TO= NAVCHIEF

INFO= PRES KRUGER WALVISBAAI

UNCLASSIFIED=PRES KRUGER DETACHED FOR MARION ISLAND
AT 1445B.

291245Z/JUN

TP PL JHB TOR 1232Z
1432B

29 JUL 66

DIST F X1 4 A 1 M
RUSHED/ACTION 500

PRIORITY 291235Z
FM CDS
TO NAVCHIEF

UNCLASSIFIED HVS/282/JUN 66.

1. YOUR 290837Z.. DEPT TRANSPORT WILL ASK OFFICIALLY FOR NAVAL ASSISTANCE.
2. THEY REQUEST THAT PERSONNEL BE SUCCOURED AND THAT FULL REPORT ON DAMAGE AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED MAY BE SIGNALLED.. INTENTION IS TO LOAD RSA WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS AS SOON AS THEY ARE KNOWN

291235Z JUN

REF ... MARION ISLAND

T/P PL AB TOR 1406Z 1508B 28 JUN 66

DIS F. X1, 4, A, 1,
ACTION= 500
RUSHED= 500

OPS-IMMEDIATE= 281357Z
FM= MAR GP
TO= AFS YPLT
INF= AIR CS NAVCHIEF

UNCLAS= 500/398/JUN 66

A X GREEN 41 JUN

B X 1 X ONE SHACK FOR RECCE OF MARTON ISLAND X ON 290830B OFF PLE OR AS SOON AS VOICE CONTACT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED XX COT 35

2) ONE SHACK WITH AIRBORNE LIFEBOAT ON IMMEDIATE STANDBY DF MALAN X ON 290030B OFF ON SAFE RETURN OF RECCE SHACK

E X 1 X ZULU UNIFORM KILO XRAY THREE FIVE
2 X ZULU UNIFORM SIERRA ROMEO FOUR ZERO ONE

Z X 1 X TASK AS BRIEFED BY 500
2 X ACS GREEN 1 JUN INFO 35 REFERS

281357Z/JUN

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T/P PL MB TOR...1340Z 28 JUN 66
1540B

DIST= F. XI. 4.
ACTION= SOO
RUSHED= SOO

OPS-IMMEDIATE= 281425B
FM= AIR CS
TO= MAR GP
INF= 35 SQDN NAVCHIEF

UNCLAS= SOMAR/083/JUN 66

A X GREEN 1 JUN

B X ONE SHOCK X RECCE MARION ISLAND AND ESTABLISH VOICE CONTACT BY
SARBE 121.5 MCS X RELAY REPORT FROM MARION TO YPT VIA DF MALAN X
ETD FACT 290030B

E X ZUKX 35

Z X 1 X FLIGHT TO CANCELLATION IF R/T OR W/T CONTACT IS GAINED WITH
MARION BEFORE TAKE OFF X DF MALAN WILL BE INFORMED BY DEPT TRANSPORT

2) 3 SARBE ARRIVING SAAF FLIGHT 309 DF MALAN 281850B

3) EACH SARBE TO BE SHOCK PACKED IN SEPARATE SUPPLY DROPPING CONTAINER
X WAIT 10 MINS AFTER DROP FOR VOICE CONTACT BEFORE DROPPING NEXT
CONTAINER X

281425B/JUN