

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEPENDENCIES SURVEY.

4, Millbank,
London, S.W.1.

21st August, 1959

Dear Mrs. Artz,

Thank you for your letter of the 12th August. It is very difficult at this stage to give you any firm idea of when your husband is likely to arrive in the UK. The RRS John Biscoe is going down to Halley Bay in January and will bring the men back to Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands. After that, it may be possible for your husband to go up to Montevideo on the monthly ship - the "Darwin" - and then come by a commercial route to the UK, but this depends on so many unknown factors, mainly the ice conditions. It is doubtful if he will be here before April. I'm afraid it is impossible to give any definite dates until early in the New Year.

Do please arrange for the parcel of clothing to come here as soon as possible. The "John Biscoe" is actually leaving the UK in the middle of October but she will visit other bases before setting off for Halley Bay from the Falkland Islands early in January.

We do take parcels for the men themselves on our ships but I haven't notified you of this arrangement as there seemed little point in you sending anything all the way here only for it to go all the way back again to Montevideo. If you want to send parcels, I suggest you post them to your husband via Montevideo. They should be there in time to catch the sailing of the "Darwin" leaving there on the 12th December. Address as follows :-

Mr. G. Artz.
Base Z, FIDS,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands
S. Atlantic
via Montevideo, URUGUAY.

Letters should also go this way.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

sgd. Barbara Wells.

Mrs. R. Artz,
c/o P.O. Box 35,
JACOBS, Natal.