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OPERATION

MARION

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FM...TRANSVAAL

140700Z

TO...KUSKOM

NAVCHIEF

INFO...SALISBURY

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BT

SETREP 4 (.) PROCEEDING AT 8 KNOTS THROUGH NWLY GALE
FORCE 9 (.) ANTICIPATE ETA DELAYED BY AT LEAST 24 HOURS (.)
UNABLE TO EMPTY SQUID MAGAZINE TO EXAMINE STORES OWING TO
WEATHER (.) ONLY ACCESS TO MAGAZINE IS THROUGH HATCH ON
QUARTERDECK (.) BURIAL OF PG BOLD POSTPONED UNTIL WEATHER
PERMITS OF UPPERDECK CEREMONY (.) 13 ACF RECRUITS EX INKONKONI
TRAINING PERIOD EXPIRES BEFORE RETURN FROM TRIP TO MARION COMPLETED

REQUEST KUSKOM INVESTIGATE WHETHER 15 GYMNASIUM TRAINEES MAY
BE EMBARKED FOR RETURN TRIP TO MARION ONLY (.) STORES REPLACEMENT
AND LOGISTICS REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SIGNALLED

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ACTION: SO(O) SO(R) LOG (4)

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140740Z

TO...TRANSVAAL I&FO...NAVCHTF

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BT

YOUR 131645 Z A MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS HELD IN SALISBURY
AT 0900B WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY WIDOW OF LATE PO BOLD
AND HIS BROTHER (.)

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T/P P/L TOR 0958Z-1158B DH 14/4/56

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FM....TRANSEVAL

131700Z

TO....KUSKOM

NAVCHIEF

INFO...SALISBURY

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SITREP 3 (.) ALL NAVAL AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL DISEMBARKED (.)
DUE TO DETERIORATION OF WEATHER CONSIDERED IT UNSAFE TO
EMBARK BAGGAGE OF CIVILIAN PERSONAL (.) HOISTED WHALER (.)
TEMPORARY REPAIRS EFFECTED ENABLED WHALER TO BE USED FOR
EMBARKING PERSONNEL COMMA BUT CONSIDER IT UNSERVICEABLE (.)
MY SITREP 2 COMMA MR VAN HEE'S IS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
OFFICIAL

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FM....TRANSVAAL

131100Z

TO...KUSKOM

NAVCHIEF INFO...ES 6

SALISBURY

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SIPREP 2 (.)

AM EMBARKING PERSONNEL FROM MARION ISLAND USING
TRISTAN BOAT COMMA DINGHY AND WHALER THE LATTER
BOAT WAS REPAIRED SUFFICIENTLY BY MARION STAFF (.)
EXPECT WEATHER TO HOLD UNTIL EMBARKATION COMPLETED

WILL THEN PROCEED TO SIMONSTOWN (.)

WQUID MAGAZINE PUMPED OUT (.)

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FM...NAVCHIEF

140600Z

TO...NAVYGEN 030

BT

THE BURIAL SERVICE OF THE LATE PO J BOLD WILL TAKE PLACE

AT SEA 140900B

ENSIGNS ARE TO BE HALFWASTED FROM 0830B TO 0930B

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P.L T O D I T 14/4/56

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120834Z

TO.....KUMKOM

NAVCHIEF

INFO.....SALISBURY

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BT

1200 G 4655 SOUTH 3757 EAST WEATHERING NORTHERLY
GALMS FORCE 11 HEAVY SEA AND SWELL OVERCAST VISIBILITY
5 (.)

2..REPAIRS TO MOTOR AND HULL OF TRIPON BOAT BEING EFFECTED
ON BOARD (.) OWING TO WEATHER CONDITIONS CONSIDER INADVISABLE
TO USE DINGHY TO EMBARK REMAINING PERSONNEL (.)

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TO. .STRANSVAAL

INFO. .SUSKOM

SALISBURY

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(1) ADVISE DETAILS OF DEPARTMENTAL DEBTS OF LATE P10434
PO J G BOLD TO PERMIT OF PAYMENT OF LEAVE GRATUITY TO
NEXT OF KIN

(2) A COURT OF INQUIRY INTO HIS DEATH IS TO BE CONVENED
BY YOU AND PROCEEDINGS IN SEXTUPLE FORWARDED TO THIS
HEADQUARTERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

INQUIRY TO BE CONFINED PURELY TO DEATH OF RATING AND NOT
INTO LOSS OF BOATS

WITNESSES MAY BE CONFINED TO MINIMUM NECESSARY TO PROVIDE
ALL REQUIRED EVIDENCE

(3) NO FURTHER STATEMENTS ETC INTO DEATH OF RATING ARE
REQUIRED

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FM...KUSKOH

120845Z

TO...CGS INFO...NAVCHIEF

BT

FOLLOWING FROM NAVAL CHIEF OF STAFF AT CAPE TOWN (.)

(1) REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT DURING LANDING OF A STORES AT MARION ISLAND BY SAS TRANSVAAL ON TUESDAY 10th NO P 10434 PETTY OFFICER BOLD J.G. WAS DROWNED WHEN THE 25 FOOT MOTOR CUTTER AND 27 FOOT WHALER CAPSIZED (.)

(2) THE MOTOR CUTTER WAS A COMPLETE LOSS. THE WHALER WAS SERIOUSLY DAMAGED AND IS BEACHED ON MARION ISLAND (.)

(3) NO OTHER CASUALTIES (.)

(4) UP TO THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT TEN PERCENT OF THE 65 TON OF STORES HAD BEEN LANDED TOGETHER WITH 53 OFFICERS RATINGS AND CIVILIANS FROM THE SHIP AS WORKING PARTY AND EXCHANGE OF ISLAND PERSONNEL SINCE BAD WEATHER HAS PREVENTED ANY FURTHER PROGRESS (.)

(5) IT IS INTENDED THAT AS SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS THE PERSONNEL WILL BE EMBARKING USING TRANSVAALS ONLY REMAINING DINGHY AND THE MARION ISLAND CANVAS BOAT AFTER WHICH TRANSVAAL WILL RETURN TO SIMONSTOWN FOR REPLACEMENT OF BOATS FUEL AND STORES AND RETURN TO COMPLETE HER MISSION AT MARION (.)

(6) THE LATE P/O BOLD WILL BE BURIED AT SEA WITH FULL MILITARY HONOURS ON SHIPS VOYAGE TO SIMONSTOWN. TIME AND DATE WILL BE INFORMED

BT

ACTION: SO(O) SO(A) LOG (4)

T/P P/L TOR 0920Z-1120B G 12/4/56

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BY SECURE MEANS
PER VEILIGE MIDDEL

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TO....TRANSVAAL

INFO..NAVCHIEF

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1..THE BURIAL OF THE LATE P10434 PO BOLD J G IS TO BE CONDUCTED AT SEA IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAGENS 615, 617 AND 618.

2..REQUEST DATE AND TIME OF FUNERAL BE INFORMED.

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ACTION:SOO SOA LOG (4)

T/P P/L TOR0900Z-1100B DH 12/4/56

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F...NAVAL CHIEF OF STAFF PRETORIA

111020Z

TO...MR J T BOLD

76 RAILWAY COTTAGES

DE AAR

BT

VERY MUCH REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON
PETTY OFFICER J G BOLD WAS DROWNED AT MARION ISLAND
YESTERDAY (.) NO FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE YET (.)
HIS WIFE HAS BEEN INFORMED

BT

ACTION: SO(O) SO(A) LOG (5)

P.L T O D I T 11/4/56

TO...SIMON VAN DER STEL

UNITIE INFO....NAVCHIEF

SACS (D)

ES 6

SANSO

TRANSVAAL

11 S AND T WYNBERG

BT

1.....MY 110645Z NOTAL (.)

THE 27 FT WHALER MADE AVAILABLE BY UNITIE IS TO BE
TRANSFERRED BY TRAILER TO SIMONSTOWN FOR TRANSVAAL (.)

2... 11 S AND T HAVE ARRANGED TRANSPORT TO BE AT UNITIE
AT 130930B AUTHORITY CC (7) 1392 DATED TODAY

3...SIMON VAN DER STEL IS TO ARRANGE THE LOADING AT UNITIE
UNLOADING AT SIMONSTOWN AND SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER OF WHALER
AND MOTOR CUTTER REFERRED TO IN MY 110630Z TO TRANSVAAL

BT

ACTION: SO(0) CSO LOG (4)

T/P P/L FOR 0904Z-1104B DH 12/4/56

TO...C IN C SOUTH ATLANTIC

INFO..AVCHIEF

CAPT I/C SIMONSTOWN

SACS (D)

SALISBURY

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SORF SIMONSTOWN

TRANSVAAL

BT

1...REQUEST WHETHER IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR
TRANSVAAL TO CALL AT SIMONSTOWN ON RETURN FROM
MARION ISLAND EARLY NEXT WEEK IN ORDER TO REPLACE
BOATS FROM SAN RESOURCES IN DOCKYARD AND FUEL AND WATER
SHIP FROM ADMIRALTY SUPPLIES

2..AFTER ALL LOGISTIC REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET IT
IS INTENDED TO SAIL SHIP TO COMPLETE MARION ISLAND RELIEF (.)

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ACTION: SO(O) CE CSO ICG (5)

T/P P/L TOR 0847Z-1047Z G 12/4/56

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1....YOUR 101247Z SITUATION NOT CLEAR
INFORM REASONS WHY CAPE TOWN HAS BEEN SELECTED AS
DESTINATION WITH ALL DESPATCH (R) ALL DESPATCH AND WHETHER
MOTOR BOAT IS TOTAL LOSS OR NOT (.)

2..REPORT URGENTLY SITUATION REGARDING ANY FURTHER
CASUALTIES IF ANY OTHER THAN LATE PO FOLD AND ALSO
RE - EMBARKATION OF SHIPS COMPANY

3...YOUR ATTENTION IS CALLED TO SANOP 202 AND 303

BT

ACTION: SO(O) CE SO(C) LOG (5)

T/P P/L TOR 0859Z-1059B DH 12/4/56

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FM...TRANSVAAL

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TO...KUSKOM INFO...NAVCHIEF

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BT

YOUR 111325Z (.)

MOTOR BOAT TOTAL LOSS WHALER REACHED AND SERIOUSLY
DAMAGED (.)

REPAIRS BEING ATTEMPTED BUT WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENTLY
ROBUST FOR DISEMBARKING STORES (.)

2... TRISTAN BOAT REPAIRED SUFFICIENTLY TO BE USED WITH
DINGHY TO EMBARK PERSONNEL WHEN WEATHER PERMITS (.)

3...PROCEEDING TO CAPE TOWN AS B.E.O. INFORMS ME NO
MOTOR BOAT IN DURBAN AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE WITH
MARTON RELIEF

4...FOR ALL DISPATCH READ CONVENIENT DISPATCH (.)

5...NO CASUALTIES OTHER THAN THE LATE P.O.BOLD (.)

6...FOUR IN NUMBER PERSONNEL EMBARKED (.) ANTICIPATE
BEING ABLE TO EMBARK REMAINDER TOMORROW 12th (.)

7...SANOP 202 WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO EMBARK FURTHER STORES
AS TRISTAN BOAT MOST UNSERVICABLE AND DINGHY UNSUITABLE (.)
MORALE OF SHIPS COMPANY HIGH

BT

ACTION: SO(0) CE LOG (4)

T/P P/L TOR 0632Z-0832B DH 12/4/56

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FM...TRANSWAAL

101247Z

TO...KUSKOM

INFO..SALISBURY

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BT

MOTORBOAT AND WHALER CAPSIZED INTEND WAITING FOR WEATHER TO MODERATE SUFFICIENTLY TO CARRY OFF 53 OFFICERS RATINGS AND CIVILIANS IN TRANSWAAL DINGHY REPAIR ON WHALER IS BEING ATTEMPTED BY STAFF ASHORE.

2..WHEN PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN EMBARKED INTEND PROCEEDING TO CAPE TOWN WITH ALL DESPATCH.

3..TEN PER CENT OF STORES COMPRISING OF LIVE STOCK FUEL AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN LANDED.

4..REQUEST REPLACEMENT FOR MOTORBOAT AND WHALER ON ARRIVAL.

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ACTION:SDO GE LOG (4)

VOICE P/L TOR0700Z-0900B E 11/4/56

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Headquarters,
Naval Chief of Staff,
Defence Headquarters,
Pretoria

27th March, 1956

Officer Commanding, Coastal Command

Officer Commanding, SAS Transvaal

VISITS TO MARION ISLAND, GOUGH ISLAND AND
TRISTAN DA CUNHA, 1956

To date the following arrangements stand:-

2. Marion Island.

- (a) Depart Durban 5th April. - O.C., Coastal Command to issue sailing orders. Time at discretion of Officer Commanding, SAS Transvaal.
- (b) Passengers etc.- As in my letter of 25th February, ADD Surgeon Lieut. Pa, berton, SAN (ACF) in lieu of Medical Officer.
DELETE Sub-Lieut. Lee, SAN (ACF)
- (c) Messing and Accommodation Charges.
 - (i) Civilian personnel 8/10 per diem plus normal Wardroom Extras for Wardroom passengers
 - (ii) Personnel belonging to other Government Departments to be submitted as a separate charge (negat Wardroom Extras) as appendix to Report of Proceedings.
 - (iii) Remainder to be collected and redeposited. Expenditure Receipt number to be submitted
- (d) Indemnity Certificates. - See my letter of 29th February, 1956.
- (e) Stores - A comprehensive list of all service stores expended on behalf of the Department of Transport, lost etc., as a direct result of operations at Marion Island to be submitted
- (f) Fuel, Lubricants - The total of fuel, lubricant, etc. used between Durban - Marion - Cape Town to be submitted.
- (g) Operational Priorities.
 - (i) Offload stores
 - (ii) Change Over personnel
 - (iii) Landing personnel for inspections etc.
 - (iv) Erection of Navigational Light. (My letter to Secretary for Transport of 8th March, 1956)
 - (v) Any other requirements of Department of Transport officials.
- (h) Return Date - To arrive Cape Town as close to 19th April as weather conditions and object of the operation allow.

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3. Gough and Tristan Islands

- (a) Depart Cape Town. - Not earlier than 26th April but this can be adjusted if 2(h) is later than 19th April to allow for any defects to be made good. For Sailing Orders and time see 2(a).
- (b) Passengers etc. As in my letters dated 25th and 29th February, 1956, and my 270930Z/Feb and 270935Z/Feb.
- (i) Lieut. K.B. McMillan, SAMC, in lieu of Surgeon Lieut. Pemberton, SAN (ACF).
- (ii) ~~DELITE~~ Sub-Lieut. Lee, SAN (ACF)
- (iii) Tristan - Gough - Tristan. ADD Administrator of Tristan and Agricultural Officer, Tristan
- (iv) Tristan - Cape Town - ADD Mrs. Fawcett (wife of M.O., Tristan) and two children
- (c) Messing and Accommodation Charges. - As in para 2(a)
- (d) Indemnity Certificates - See my letter of 29th February 1956
- (e) Stores - A comprehensive list of all service stores expended or lost as a result of operations on behalf of the Department of Transport, British Government (Tristan officials), Gough Island Scientific Survey Expedition and Tristan Island Development Corporation, is to be submitted as separate schedules in each case.
- (f) Fuel, Lubricants - The total of fuel, lubricants, etc. used between Gough - Tristan - Gough ONLY are to be submitted.
- (g) Operational Priorities.
- Outward Passage - Tristan
- (i) Land and embark personnel
- (ii) Land stores on behalf of Tristan da Cunha Development Corporation.
- (iii) Remainder at your discretion
- Gough --(iv) Embark members of Gough Island Scientific Survey Expedition
- (v) Land stores for Department of Transport
- (vi) Land personnel for Department of Transport
- (vii) Land Inspecting Officials (only if certain that they can be re-embarked).
- (viii) Carry out survey as required by Staff Officer, Hydrographic Survey
- Homeward Passage - Tristan (ix) Land and embark personnel as required.
- (h) Return Date - As operations/fuel/weather permit. Time spent in Cape Town prior to return to Durban to be kept as short as possible.

4. Operational Priority Instructions

These are issued for guidance only, and must naturally be left to your own discretion, having due regard to weather, etc. In the main however, 2(g)(i) and (ii) and 3 (g)(iv)(v) and (vi) have the highest priority.

5. Radio Schedules - Meteorological. - See my letters of 16th and 26th March, 1956.

6. Swings for Variation - To be undertaken if no appreciable delay therefrom will result.

7. Cargo - For Marion - Approximately 65 tons
For Tristan - Approximately 1 ton
For Gough - Approximately 45 tons

J. FARREBAIN

Commodore
Naval Chief of Staff

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