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EMERGENCY VISIT TO MARION ISLAND : JUNE 1956

The Chief of the General Staff, after consultation with the Minister, has given approval for SAS Transvaal to proceed to Marion Island for the purpose of evacuating the sick member of the civilian staff.

2. The ship will be ready to sail on the 18th June. It is requested that the Secretary for Transport be informed accordingly. Due to the bad weather conditions expected, no cargo can be taken, but mail and small parcels will be landed.

3. The estimated additional expenditure over and above the normal daily cost of running the ship will be between £7000 and £8000. The exact amount will be worked out and submitted on the return of the ship.

4. It is understood that the Department of Transport does not intend sending a replacement for the sick man, nor do they intend to send "stand-by" personnel in the event that the X-ray examinations being undertaken on their behalf by the Surgeon General find that any other members of the station have become infected, and thus have to be returned to the Union.

J. FAIRBURN

Commodore
Naval Chief of Staff

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Surgeon General

For information. It is requested that the Medical Officer and the X-ray equipment be ready to depart from Durban on 18th June. If the equipment cannot be made available by that time it is requested that I may be advised as soon as possible, but not later than Thursday, 14th June.

2 It is strongly recommended that the examinations be done on board the ship, where the facilities are better. This will also obviate unnecessary movement of the delicate equipment, with the possibility of its becoming damaged and useless.

J. FAIRBURN

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Surgeon General - Your MD 744 over MD 29 of 2nd June 1956)

EMERGENCY VISIT TO MARION ISLAND

The Chief of the General Staff has been requested to authorise SAS Transvaal to proceed to Marion Island for the purpose of evacuating the civilian whose health is thought to be endangering the other members of the Staff.

2. It is anticipated that the ship will sail from Durban on approximately 16th June.

3. It is requested that you arrange for the Medical Officer and the necessary X-ray equipment to be available in Durban by that time.

4. Information is also requested as to the power supplies required for the X-ray equipment.

J. FAIRBAIRN

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EMERGENCY VISIT TO MARION ISLAND : SAS TRANSVAAL

One of the civilian members of the Meteorological Station on Marion Island has suspected Tuberculosis and the Surgeon General recommends that he be evacuated as soon as possible and that all the remaining staff on the Island undergo routine X-ray examinations.

- Secretary for Transport has requested that we make a ship available for this purpose (see attached letter). SAS Transvaal can be made available and will be ready to sail approximately 16th June. The additional fuel costs will be approximately £7000, which can be met from the normal Fuel Vote.
- As this is an emergency it is considered that the question of repayment of the additional costs involved by the Department of Transport be dealt with later in order not to delay the ship's departure.
- Your approval for SAS Transvaal to undertake this voyage is requested.

J. FAIRBAIRN
Commodore
Naval Chief of Staff

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Secretary for Defence.

Conversation today's date Mr. Nel/Cmdr.
Fairbairn refers.

J. Commodore
Naval Chief of Staff

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