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WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION.

Pitcairn Island,

22nd March, 1941.

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2. The High Commissioner has directed that the loan shall be granted on the strict understanding that His Excellency's sanction for your return to Pitcairn Island will be conditional on the termination of the war and the full repayment of the amount loaned.

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WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION

Pitcairn Island,

3rd January, 1941.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 23rd December stating that a gift of 340 walking sticks for the use of the British wounded soldiers had been consigned to the Colonial Office, I have the honour to inform you that in accordance with the terms of your telegram No. 28 of the 28th December, the cases were duly re-addressed to the Comforts Collection Committee, British Red Cross Society, 54 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, and the Colonial Office informed accordingly.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J.L.M.*

High Commission Representative,  
Pitcairn Island.

The Secretary,

Western Pacific High Commission,

Suva, Fiji.

WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION

Pitcairn Island,

3rd January, 1941.


Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 22nd December regarding the forwarding of 340 walking sticks from Pitcairn Island for the use of the wounded soldiers, I have the honour to inform you that in accordance with the terms of a telegram received from His Excellency the High Commissioner after the despatch of the letter, the cases have been addressed to the Comforts Collection Committee, British Red Cross Society, 54 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, and not to the Colonial Office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



High Commission Representative,  
Pitcairn Island.

The Assistant Under-Secretary,  
Pacific and Mediterranean Department,  
The Colonial Office,  
Downing Street, London, S.W.1.

WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION

Pitcairn Island,

2nd January, 1941.

Sir,

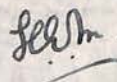
I have the honour to recommend that a large framed portrait of His Majesty King George VI, together with a similar portrait of Her Majesty the Queen, should be sent to Pitcairn Island for hanging in the Court House.

2. The only royal portraits at present in the Court House are photographs of His late Majesty King George V and Queen Mary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



High Commission Representative,  
Pitcairn Island.

The Secretary,

Western Pacific High Commission,

Suva, Fiji Islands.

WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION

Pitcairn Island,

1st January, 1941.

Sir,

I have the honour to suggest that 4 large and 12 small Union Jacks be sent to Pitcairn Island for flying from the island flagstaff. Should this suggestion be approved it is intended to fly a small Union Jack every day, reserving the larger flags for use on public holidays and days on which ships call at the island.

2. There is at present only one Union Jack on the island and this is only flown when a vessel has been sighted. On all other inhabited islands which I have visited in the High Commission Territories, however, it is customary to fly a Union Jack daily from sunrise to sunset.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



High Commission Representative,  
Pitcairn Island.

The Secretary,

Western Pacific High Commission,

Suva, Fiji Islands.

*From*

O.H.M.S.

28th December, 1940.

The High Commission Representative,

Pitcairn Island.

*To* The Government Wireless Operator,

Pitcairn Island.

W. & S. LTD.

I should be grateful if you would code and send the following wireless message to the Naval Secretary, Wellington -

"Fuller and I estimate that we shall be ready to  
leave by any ship calling after the 15th January".  
Maude.

I would code it myself only I have once again forgotten the keyword.

(Signed). H.E. Maude.

WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION.

Pitcairn Island,

23rd December, 1940.

Sir,

With reference to your telegram No. 24 of the 20th December concerning the gift of 340 walking sticks made by the Pitcairn Island community to the wounded soldiers in British hospitals, I have the honour to inform you that the sticks have been duly packed in four cases, addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and will be sent by the first ship to leave here for Great Britain.

2. I enclose a copy of a letter which is being forwarded to the Colonial Office with the sticks in explanation of the events which led to their presentation. I have dealt with the matter at some length as it would appear probable that gifts to the Mother Country from remote and romantic places such as Pitcairn have a propaganda value greatly in excess of the intrinsic worth of the articles themselves, and details concerning them may therefore prove useful to the Ministry of Information.

3. While the broadcast announcement as advised in the final paragraph of your telegram No. 6 of the 30th October was unfortunately not received in the Island, a reference in the Empire transmission to the gift of walking sticks was heard by a number of people and caused much satisfaction to the community.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

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WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION

Pitcairn Island,  
Eastern Pacific,  
22nd December, 1940.

Sir,

In accordance with telegraphic instructions received from His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, I have the honour to forward to you by direct ship from Pitcairn Island a consignment of 340 walking sticks which the islanders have presented to the government for the use of the wounded soldiers of the Mother Country. They have been packed in 4 cases, containing 91, 91, 90, and 68 sticks respectively.

2. While the people of Pitcairn have been endeavouring, ever since the outbreak of war, to find ways and means in which they can best be of service to the Empire, their remote situation coupled with the fact that there is virtually no money in the island has made it difficult to suggest any practical outlet for their desire to assist. The islanders recently made an offer to provide homes and food for 35 children from the evacuated areas of ~~the~~ Great Britain, but owing partly to the suspension of the government scheme it was unfortunately not possible to send them. Although conveyed in the kindest and most appreciative terms, the notification of the British Government's inability to

The Assistant Under-Secretary,  
Pacific and Mediterranean Department,  
The Colonial Office,  
Downing Street, London, S.W.1.

Government's inability to take advantage of the community's offer, at any rate in the near future, would have resulted in disappointment had it not fortunately coincided with the reception of a wireless broadcast mentioning that there was a shortage of walking sticks for the use of wounded soldiers in British hospitals.

3. At a general meeting of the Islanders it was unanimously decided to send a first shipment of 300 locally made walking sticks, in the hope that they might prove to be of service. The number actually made and handed to the government exceeded the figure aimed at and represents an average of six sticks from each able-bodied man in the community. With very few exceptions the name of the maker, or his wife, and the words "Pitcairn Island" have been stamped on each stick, as it was felt that this might add a certain romantic value to the gift. A list of the donors is enclosed herewith and it will be noted from the frequency with which the names Christian and Young appear on it that most of the sticks have been made by direct descendants of the "Bounty" mutineers. The wood used for the shafts is invariably coconut, obtained either locally or from Oeno Island; while the handles are in most cases made from dark "miro" wood obtained from Henderson Island, inlaid with the local orangewood. Oeno and Henderson are uninhabited British islands situated 65 and 105 miles respectively from Pitcairn and visited once a year by the Islanders in their open boats for the purpose of obtaining timber and coconuts.

4. Should these walking sticks prove of the slightest use I feel certain that the Islanders would be proud and delighted

proud and delighted if they were requested to make more, and it would mean a lot to this remote community if they were able to feel that they were assisting, though in a small way, towards the common Empire effort.

5. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed). H.E. Maude.

High Commission Representative,  
Pitcairn Island.

Enclosure.

List of donors of Walking Sticks.

Vernon Young	- 6	David Young	- 6
Andrew Young	- 6	Curtis Christian	- 4
Willie Christian	- 6	Walter L. Young	- 6
Nelson Dyett	- 6	Burley Warren	- 6
Arnold Christian	- 6	Wallace Warren	- 6
Melville E. Christian	- 6	Warren Christian	- 5
Ada Christian	- 1	Errol Christian	- 1
Kenneth Christian	- 4	Fred Christian	- 6
Jacob Warren	- 6	Aubrey Young	- 6
Elwyn Christian	- 6	Watson Coffin	- 6
Cook Coffin	- 6	Albert Young	- 6
Wendel Christian	- 6	Allen Christian	- 6
Gifford Christian	- 6	Andy Warren	- 6
Ben Christian	- 6	Thornton Christian	- 3
Lancy Christian	- 6	Elmer Smith	- 6
Clifford Warren	- 6	Fred Brown	- 5
Cairn M. Christian	- 6	Arthur H. Young	- 6
Wilkie Young	- 6	Austin Young	- 6
Theodore Young	- 6	Selwyn Warren	- 5
Edward Warren	- 1	Everson Christian	- 6
Jim Christian	- 6	Eric Young	- 6
Cady Warren	- 6	Oliver Clark	- 6
Roy Clark	- 6	Verna Christian	- 1
Gena Young	- 1	Vanda Young	- 1
Ivan Christian	- 1	Norris Young	- 6
Henry Young	- 6	Anderson Warren	- 4
Colin Warren	- 5	George Warren	- 4
Mabel Warren	- 1	Tommy Warren	- 5
Samuel Young	- 6	W.L.W.	- 6

Virgil Christian - 6

Virgil Christian	- 6	Alaric Maude	- 1
Robert Young	- 5	John Christian	- 6
Christie Christian	- 6	Hilda Young	- 1
Edward Warren	- 6	Alwyn Warren	- 6
Burnett Christian	- 1	W.M. Brown	- 6
Lorena Young	- 1	Celia Christian	- 2
Edna Brown	- 1		

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Total number of sticks sent - 340.

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Pitcairn Island,

8th December, 1940.

I, the undersigned Anda Rolland Warren, of Adamstown on the island of Pitcairn, make oath and say that:-

- (1) my true and correct name and surname, as entered in the government Register of Births on Pitcairn Island, is ANDA ROLLAND WARREN;
- (2) my father's true and correct name and surname, as entered in the government Register of Births on Pitcairn Island, is ELLIOTT ARCHIBALD WARREN;
- (3) my mother's true and correct name before her marriage, as entered in the government Register of Births on Pitcairn Island, is MARY DORA YOUNG;
- (4) the true and correct date of my birth, as entered in the government Register of Births on Pitcairn Island, was the 12th February, 1913;
- (5) shortly after my arrival in New Zealand in the year 1937 I was advised that in consequence of the misbehaviour in Wellington of one Skelly Warren it was inadvisable to use the surname of Warren during my residence in that city;
- (6) in accordance with this advice I assumed as my surname my mother's maiden surname of Young throughout my residence in New Zealand;
- (7) on the 10th March, 1938, I was married to Joyce Rosina Clark at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Bracken Street, Petone, the officiating minister being the Rev. Reuben E. Hare;
- (8) in view of my having assumed the surname of Young my surname, together with the surname of my father, and the maiden surname of my mother, are incorrectly entered in the Register of the Marriage;
- (9) owing to a genuine and bona fide mistake as to my Christian name and age

name and age the entries recording those particulars are incorrectly entered in the Register of my Marriage; (10) as it has since been represented to me that owing to the above-mentioned incorrect entries in the Register of my Marriage I might be liable to legal penalties should I ever re-visit New Zealand and that my marriage may even be held to be null and void;

I therefore respectfully request the Registrar of Marriages for the Dominion of New Zealand to permit the incorrect entries in the Register of my Marriage, as detailed above, to be deleted and correct entries substituted therefor.

I, Andy..Kolland..Warren

Witnesses:-

Heulb..... of Pitcairn Island, Colonial Civil Servant.

Hchmaude..... of Pitcairn Island, Domestic Duties.

Taken and sworn before me at Pitcairn Island this eighth day of December, 1940.

Flk Maude.....  
A Deputy Commissioner for the Western Pacific with jurisdiction in the Pitcairn Islands District.

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*H. B. B. B.*

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WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION,  
SUVA, FIJI.

23rd September, 1940.

Dear *Maude*,

On the 13th December, 1939, we received notification from the Secretary of State that the United States motor vessel "North Star" proposed to visit Pitcairn Island on or about the 13th December for the purpose of taking on water. The Secretary of State asked us to afford the usual facilities.

2. We endeavoured to notify the Chief Magistrate by telegraph through the Navy Office, Wellington, and through the Acting Administrative Officer, Christmas Island, but were unsuccessful.

3. On the 12th January, 1940, a letter, No. 4551, was addressed to the Chief Magistrate asking him to report whether the vessel did in fact call at the island, and if so, how long she

H.E. Maude, Esquire, M.B.E., M.A.,  
Pitcairn Island.

remained

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remained there and the purpose of her visit. No reply has, however, been received, and His Excellency would be glad if you would ascertain and telegraph briefly the required information.

Yours

Sincerely

Macdonald

13 ~~th~~<sup>th</sup> Decr, 1939 - 8 h 2.

14<sup>th</sup> Decr, 1939 - 4 h 2.

Just anxiety. No note taken on.



OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER  
FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC,  
SUVA, FIJI.

12th September, 1940.

No. 3290.

*No action necessary. File.*

Sir,

I am directed by the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram No. 2 of the 4th September and to forward to you, as requested, a copy of the draft Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the Administration by Native Governments of Native Affairs in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*B. Macdonald*

For Secretary to the High Commission.

H.E. Maude, Esquire, M.B.E., M.A.,

Deputy Commissioner for the Pitcairn Group,  
Pitcairn Island.

Pitcairn Island.

13<sup>th</sup> June 1939.

Received from Edward Grant the sum of £1.2 for landing on Pitcairn Island. May 13<sup>th</sup> 1939.

This cash was turned over to the Sect on June 13<sup>th</sup> 1939.

C. H. Young.

Chif. Magistrate.

V. S. Young Sect.

On Dec 14 1939 the Chif Magistrate order the Secretary to use the £1.2 for Edward landing fee to buy goods from the S/S North Star for the people on the Island.

R. C. Christian. Chif. Magistrate

V. S. Young.

Secretary.

Pitcairn Island,  
Eastern Pacific,  
12th October, 1940.

Dear Mr Vaskess,

Someone has seen a green lizard climbing down the wall, which I understand is a sure sign that a ship is approaching the island, so I hasten to write a short letter to let you know how the work on Pitcairn is progressing.

As we had anticipated, our arrival here caused a considerable amount of argument as to where we should live. The local government had shirked dealing with the matter, and so we were faced at the outset with the unpleasant task of choosing between seven or eight rival families all of whom were anxious to abandon their houses in our favour. In the end we decided to stay with David Young, the Chief Magistrate, for a few days while I got my bearings.

After viewing the various houses offered we took the one which had been prepared for us by the late Magistrate, Edgar Christian, this being the only one actually vacant when we arrived. It has proved quite a comfortable place to live in, and being situated on the outskirts of the village enables one to have a measure of privacy which would not otherwise be possible.

I found it impossible to do any real practical work until quite a time after our arrival. Except for Neill's brief visit, no High Commission official had ever stayed on the island and the people regarded me, not unnaturally, with a good deal of suspicion. They had got a firm idea that everything was to be changed and, being conservative to a degree, they were full of misgivings. As I expect you have yourself suspected, the islanders are accustomed to conceal anything to their detriment from visiting officials and as

these only stop for a few hours off the island it is difficult for them to obtain more than a very superficial idea of what is going on.

After a few weeks, however, when we had succeeded in gaining the confidence of the people, I was able to form a fair estimate of the local conditions. The main characteristic of the Pitcairn Islanders seems to be a lack of self-discipline; law-enforcement as we understand it is very lax indeed and only a small percentage of offenders are dealt with in the local Court. Very few islanders, though there are exceptions, have any real sense of duty to the community and as a consequence it is becoming increasingly difficult to persuade any of them to take office.

The election of officers, held every December, is I gather somewhat of a farce, for the difficulty is not to select the man best qualified to hold a particular post but rather to persuade some member of the community to take on a position which he desires as little as anyone else. If an official tries to carry out his job in a conscientious manner, as did the late Magistrate, he must be prepared for trouble from the start: when, therefore, one considers that none of them are paid and that few have any desire to undertake what is recognized to be a thankless task, it is not surprising that so many decide to let things slide when they take on office. Apart from this, however, several of the government officials have not led altogether blameless lives themselves, and the community has a long memory; while the close family ties are apt to lead to charges of partiality.

Altogether, it seems to me that the only really satisfactory solution to the problem of the government of Pitcairn is to have an outside administrator appointed, and this seems to be the view of many of the more responsible members of the community. I imagine, however, that this is

out of the question, if only for financial reasons, and I am consequently concentrating on strengthening the local government. The new constitution and legal code have been discussed in detail with the Council and a small Committee of ex-Magistrates elected by the people. Very few major changes have been necessary, but I have had to make a considerable number of minor amendments to bring the code into line with the needs of the community. The revised code was finally approved by the Council and has now been read and explained to the whole island, which has unanimously approved of it being brought into force. The rules made by the Island Council are being similarly revised and are now on the eve of completion.

The island thus now has its constitution and code of laws, and will soon have its rules, but the major problem still remains of persuading the best leaders of the community to take office and then training them in Court procedure and law enforcement. I doubt if much can be done with the present government, for whom the community lacks respect and who in any case realize that they are at the end of their tenure of office. As you know, the new elections are held in December, and I would therefore urge that I be permitted to stay here at any rate until the end of that month in order to complete the work for which I was sent by getting the best possible government together and showing them how their work has got to be carried out if the island is not to sink into a worse state than it is at present. While progress was painfully slow at first, I feel that I have now got the confidence of the community and that if I am allowed to stay on for the extra month at least it will make all the difference in the world to the success of my mission and will obviate the necessity of having to send another officer to follow up and complete the work in the near future.

I do not want you to think that I am pessimistic about



the future of this island. Local affairs had certainly got into a very slack state, particularly after the death of Edgar Christian, who had ruled the community in patriarchal fashion for so long. There would probably have been serious trouble before many months had passed, as vendettas had started between various factions and there was much talk of 'revenge'. However, things have improved out of all recognition already and although one still hears threats of what they are going to do 'when Mr Maude leaves the island', I believe that if I am afforded an opportunity of putting a strong government in office and thus give the new constitution a fair trial, Pitcairn will be able to progress as never before.

The children here are pretty wild, as one would expect from their having little or no parental control. Ward, the new schoolmaster, is however just the man to tackle them and is doing a really splendid job. Unfortunately he is beginning to feel the strain and I should not be surprised to see him throw in the sponge before long; should he have the strength to carry on for a few more years, however, I believe that there is considerable hope for the new generation.

Dyett is a bit of an enigma. He has come here, I should say, with the idea of eventually becoming the unofficial, and if possible official, ruler of the island. He appears to be 'agin the government' by nature and almost from the day of arrival has identified himself, possibly unwittingly, with anti-government elements. At the same time he seems a competent technician and could probably master anything he put his mind to. I would respectfully suggest that at £200 per annum Dyett is seriously overpaid (by island standards), as far as his radio services are concerned, and that the Island Fund cannot afford such an outlay when there is so much to be done with the money.

Dyett has requested me to keep his salary a dead secret from the islanders, for which I can scarcely blame him, as he must be getting almost as much as the rest of the Island put together these days, and of course benefits from all the free services provided by the community.

Dyett is, as you know, much disliked on the island, though whether that is his fault or misfortune I cannot yet say; they have threatened to make it hot for him when I leave but I am confident that I can prevent that and have told him not to worry. There is some good in the man but he needs careful watching all the time and I'm afraid that there will always be trouble while he is on the island. It seems to me that it would in many ways be preferable to have an island born operator, such as Andrew Young, on a small allowance - certainly not exceeding £50 per annum - and conditional on the set being on the air. Failing that, could not Dyett be reduced to the same allowance, payable on the same condition?

This brings me to the question of the payment of local officials. I have given the matter long and careful thought and can see no alternative, if we are to retain the present system of government in a community rapidly changing from a communal to an individualistic basis of economy. It is becoming increasingly impossible to persuade any reputable and competent man in the community to take office. At the elections last December man after man refused to stand until Edgar Christian as usual came to the rescue. One man who was finally persuaded to stand as Magistrate was pulled down by his two sons, one of them remarking that, 'They would rather see their father dead in his grave than accept office in the government'; he would have made a fine Magistrate too. In any case by the time this reaches Suva you will have received my proposals with regard to government salaries; their cost should be more than met from the

sale of stamps on passenger vessels.

Regarding these sales, I have had a talk to the Purser on two of the ships, who consider that the most satisfactory method of selling Pitcairn Island stamps would be as follows -

Arrangements to be made by Fuller, through the head offices of the two shipping firms in Wellington, for each passenger vessel on the Pitcairn run to be issued with £50 worth of stamps in the form of an Imprest. A few days before the arrival of the vessel at Pitcairn, either homeward or outward bound, specimens of the stamps would be displayed on the board outside the Purser's office, with a notice to say that they are obtainable from him and that a mail is being made up for despatch from the island by first opportunity. By this method the pursers anticipate selling out a large amount of stamps each voyage, both to collectors who want them mint and for franking letters sent ashore.

I would urge that this method be adopted and that Fuller be instructed by wireless to proceed accordingly, for it will undoubtedly sell ten times more stamps than any other. I'm afraid its quite hopeless to persuade the companies to buy stamps for resale on their ships, but they are quite ready to hold, and be responsible for, an Imprest. The alternative scheme of the Postmaster selling stamps to visiting ships during the brief period while the vessel is lying off the island would not, I am convinced, sell £1 worth of stamps on any ship, as the stay is too short, and the excitement too intense, for letter writing, and in actual practice any postmaster, whatever regulations are made and whatever salary is paid to him, will be far too anxious to sell his curios to the passengers to worry about pressing the sale of government stamps, for which he receives no commission and which compete with island products for the passengers' spare cash. The Postmaster would, however, be able to devote the few minutes necessary to replenish the

ship's own stamp imprest, before proceeding with his personal affairs.

I am not sending any official mail now as the laws will take a good deal of typing and each alteration will presumably need a short explanation. Reports on several other matters are being held up until I am in a position to make definite recommendations based on a knowledge of all the facts. Grant is a nuisance in as much as it is quite clear from your telegram that he has deliberately ignored the regulations governing entry into Pitcairn after he had been made fully aware of their nature: on top of that he made a rather barefaced attempt to bluff me. At the same time he appears a popular and inoffensive member of the community and seems to be doing his best to encourage a better standard of agriculture. He has taken charge of the cemetery and has made a garden there where formerly it was a wilderness of weeds. Had he not flouted the High Commission in order to achieve his ends I would have unhesitatingly recommended his remaining here indefinitely and even now there seems to be no middle way between deporting him, which presents difficulties, and allowing him to marry and settle down.

Quite apart from the question of Grant remaining here, it seems to me and to most of the islanders that the great salvation of this island lies in the cautious introduction of selected strangers. But for the influence and example of the few strangers living here I shudder to think of the mess the place would be in. At the moment the strangers here, apart from Dyett, are Mr and Mrs Ward, Mrs Westell, Miss Ross, Mrs Cooze, Mrs Edna Young, Roy Clark, Grant, and Mrs Warren, and I think that it would be generally acknowledged that these few are the most powerful influence for good in the community and, bar Grant, the greatest supporters of law and order. If we could only persuade 20 more strangers to settle here what a different place the island would be.

People like Dyett are, of course, the wrong type, but then he himself reckons that the High Commission would never have let him in if pressure had not been brought to bear.

While I am on strangers, you may have wondered why I sent the message about the refugee children. There were several reasons - The islanders are very keen on doing something to help the Empire, but they have no money and are not supposed to fight; slum children from the East End of London would think this place a paradise, with its healthy, open-air life and abundance of food, and this type of child could, I guess, hold their own with any island children; the refugees would, I'm certain, have a wonderful effect on the general tone of the place and, if any stayed, would introduce the new blood so badly wanted; and, above all, the offer seemed of most excellent propaganda value even if, as I imagined, no children were ever sent.

I must stop now, with apologies for this letter having turned out so long after all; however I felt that I ought to write you an unofficial progress report which might serve to explain the meaning of future telegrams or other correspondence.

If I have time I am hoping to get across to Oeno Island as the people are anxious for me to settle the thorny question of the ownership of various coconut trees there. It would also serve to strengthen our claims to sovereignty over the island if a routine administrative visit could be recorded.

We are all keeping in good health here though we found our house rather cold and draughty at first. We have had to be careful what we eat and drink as there really does seem to have been typhoid here despite the denials of the islanders.

Fuller has just received your telegram and is greatly rejoicing. He was rather worrying before as he hated losing

good money and yet hardly liked to take the responsibility of filling orders for first day covers which arrived too late owing to the irregularities of war time shipping communications. Your solution will prove entirely satisfactory.

With kind regards to your wife and yourself from us both,

Yours sincerely,

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which is somehow out of the South Seas. The people also are  
 business itself, individually, and cannot do enough to help. As a  
 community, however, I can only say that Pitcairn Island is not in a  
 satisfactory state. I had discounted, of course, the <sup>more</sup> false accounts of ~~the~~ chance  
 visitors before my arrival, but I must admit that I was expecting a better  
 state of affairs than I found.

The key-note of the islander's character appears to be of ~~most~~  
~~complete~~ lack of discipline coupled, as we would expect, with an equivalent  
 lack of a sense of responsibility in the conduct of his private and public affairs.  
 The place was largely divided up into cliques who work against each other with  
 an intensity worthy of a better cause, while the idle groups and rumors  
 that are constantly in circulation would provide enough cases of slack to  
 keep a dozen lawyers busy. There are, of course, several men and  
 women on the island who live unobtrusively and good lives and who have a sense  
 of owing some duty to the community, but I can only say 'Would there were  
 more'.

The lack of self-discipline characteristic of the parents has naturally a  
 most unfortunate effect on the children, whose language and behavior are often  
 deplorable. <sup>However,</sup> ~~Mr~~ <sup>Mr</sup> Ward, the S.D.O. school-teacher seems an excellent man,  
 with a strong sense of duty resulting from his deep religious convictions. He is  
 doing his level best with the children in spite of disappointments and I feel  
 that if he has the strength to carry on his work for a few more years  
 we may expect a marked improvement in the rising generation. He told that  
 even now their school work, as a result of his two years here, shows considerable  
 improvement.

The government of the island is well-meaning but rather ineffective.  
 The chief trouble is the difficulty in persuading anyone to take on a  
 government position, even for a year. If a government official does his duty in an  
 unobtrusive manner he naturally incurs a considerable amount of unpopularity and

in such a small community intolerance is hard to bear. The local government gets neither money nor thanks for trying to keep the place in order and as a consequence the remunerations for office are rather a farce. There is little question of choosing the best man for Chief Magistrate, or any other position, and all that one can do is to persuade some unfortunate individual to accept for the following year a post which he deserves as little as anyone else. Occasionally one finds a person, such as the late Magistrate, ready and capable of bearing the burden of office; but such people seem to become steadily fewer as the old communal system has given way to individualism.

The best peccadillos of the government officials are of course not forgotten in this small spot and but little respect is shown to the local government as a body. It seems to me vitally necessary to strengthen the government in every way possible and to do this we must make the government more sufficiently attractive to induce the best members of the community to accept office. Hence I can <sup>at present</sup> see no alternative to attaching a small salary to each government position, unless an official from the outside world is placed in charge of the administration.

I do not think that ~~the~~ <sup>any great</sup> blame for the indiscipline and lack of unity lies ~~with the islanders~~ can be fairly charged to the islanders since, apart from Mr Neill's brief visit, they ~~have~~ have been left without guidance from the very inception of the High Commission. This neglect makes it necessary to move very slowly as outside officials are naturally suspect and innovations, however small, resented. It is to be hoped that a future Pittman will not be left for more than two years without one High Commission official visiting it for a few weeks.

I am confident that as a result of my brief visit the islanders will <sup>be in</sup> possession of a code of laws acceptable to them and suited to their peculiar situation, the local government will be strengthened and placed on a safe footing, their inter-family squabbles will be settled as far as is humanly possible, and the High Commission regarded as a friend rather than an



enemy. This programme, however, is successively taking time, as it is impossible to move fast among a people like this and it is only recently that I felt that I had gained the confidence of the community sufficiently to move ahead with things.

I hear from Midsford that you have been over to the New Hebrides and I suppose Gurney is now installed in his new post. Condominium affairs must be in a furious tangle with the 'Free French' and the Vichy government pulling in opposite directions, but I presume that the French Resident is as pro-British as ever; or has he been superseded?

There are two radio receivers on the island so one hears a certain amount of news, in a rather distorted form. Several of the islanders have a surprisingly good idea of the international situation and one man in particular claims that he has never missed a Daventry news bulletin since the beginning of the war.

It is a pity that their church insists on its members being conventional objectors, for I can think of nothing better for the fine or nice young men at a local level <sup>than</sup> a few years in the Navy or Army, where they would learn the virtue of discipline and at the same time broaden their outlook; these youths have no chance of mixing, owing to the disparity in numbers between the sexes, and they consequently wander from one illicit intrigue to another.

We have heard that all Haver's relations got away from the Channel Islands in time, and all mine with the exception of one of my brother-in-laws - who refused to believe that the Germans would land - and an Aunt by marriage. My father's letters are very cheerful and he seems to be rather enjoying the change to England.

I understand from Haver that she is writing to you this week and so I had better close, lest you should think that I have already forgotten your parting injunction to be above all things brief.

Hope that you <sup>and</sup> <sup>Y E 10</sup> are keeping well and with <sup>kind</sup> ~~unfaded~~ regards  
be so both,

Yours sincerely,

Jan 1	Brought Forward		£7. 3. 2.
" 2	Gen Luace Fee - Pauling Christen	- 1	
" 8	" " " - Tony Warren	- 6	
" 26	" " " - Watson Coffin	- 6	1. 1
" 31	Capt. Johnson - In pocket for expenses of H2as "Bent": £50		£15. 12. 6
Feb 19	Gen Luace Fee - Lydia Warren	- 6	
" 20	" " " - Archer Young	- 6	1. 0.
March 4	Manage Fee - Joh Christen		11. 0.
" 25	Gen L. F. - Sydney Christen	- 3	
April 4	" " " - Len Brown	- 1	
June 9	" " " - Wallace Ware	- 3	7.
July 11	Manage Fee - Joh Christen		11. 0.
August 12	Gen L. F. - Erase Christen	- 6	
" 21	" " " - Wilbur "	- 6	
Sept 20	" " " - Ben Christen	- 6	
Oct 7	" " " - Bennett "	- 6	
" 7	" " " - Elva Ware	- 6	
Nov 5	" " " - Joh Christen	- 6	
" 11	" " " - Archie Ware	- 6	
" 13	" " " - Dennis Young	- 6	
			<u>4. 0.</u>
			<u>£24. 4. 4</u>

Jan 14	W. Worsley - 2 drms grade, 15/- each		£110. 0.
" "	" " - 1 dm " " "		15. 0.
March 4	H.C. - Manage Luace fees + J.C.		11. 0.
July 11	" " " " " I.C.		11. 0.
Dec 11	W. H. ER - Luace to Led. E.G.		£1. 2. 0.
Dec 31	Watson Coffin - Balance of G. L. F	1	
" "	Lydia Warren	1 1/2	
" "	Archer Young	1 1/2	
" "	Erase Christen	4	
" "	Wilbur C	4	
" "	Bert C	4	
" "	Bennett C	5	
" "	Elva Warren	5	
" "	Joh C	5	
" "	Archie W.	5	
" "	Dennis Y	5	
			3. 5
			<u>£4. 12. 5</u>
			<u>£19. 11. 11</u>
			<u>£24. 4. 4.</u>
Dec 31.	Balance Carried Forward		<u>£19. 11. 11.</u>

1940

1941

£ 248  
£ 10

radio equip.  
school Equipment

£ 261 . 0 . 0	Salary
10 . 0 . 0	dis. cell
25 . 0 . 0	Tripod cell
150 . 0 . 0	Equip
	Utterage
	Foreign exp.

1939

£ 248  
10

= £ 258 same

close of 1941 school year



Suggested List of Titles

Pitcairn Island - Record Books.

Enclosure 1.

8/

10/4

Andrew Young.  
 Tithe £ 12 10 4½  
 Mission appeal 1 15 6  
 F. Will 1 2 -  
 Thank Offering 1 7 -  
 M. W. Calander - - 6  
 £ 16 15 4½

~~Theodore Young~~  
 Tithe 1 9 -  
 Mary Ann McCoy  
 Tithe - 7 8½  
 Mission appeal - 7 -  
 £ - 14 8½

~~Selwyn Warren~~  
 Tithe - 12 -

Vernon Young.  
 Tithe 2 7 10  
 Mission appeal 1 12 -  
 M. W. Calander - - 3  
 £ 3 0 1

Thornton Christian  
 Tithe 4 12 9½  
 Mission appeal 1 2 -  
 Thank Offering 5 6  
 Trespass " 1 -  
 M. W. Calander - 3  
 £ 6 1 6½

Calvert Warren. S.S. Worker  
 Tithe 4 1 6  
 Mission appeal 1 - -  
 £ 5 5 6

Joseph Christian  
 Tithe £ - 12 -

Alongo Young  
 Tithe 2 8 1½  
 Mission appeal 14 6  
 M. W. Calander - 6  
 £ 3 3 1½

Virgil Christian.  
 Tithe 3 4 3  
 Mission appeal 15 -  
 M. W. Calander - 3  
 £ 3 19 6

~~Parkins Christian~~  
 Tithe 2 1 -  
 Mission appeal 15 -

Harriet Young.  
 Tithe 5 5 -  
 Mission appeal 1 - -  
 S. S. Worker 4 -  
 M. W. Calander - 3  
 £ 6 9 3

Sydney Christian  
 Tithe 2  
 Mission appeal 5 -  
 £ - 7 -

George Warren.  
 Tithe 1 3 10  
 Mission appeal 10 -  
 M. W. Calander - 3  
 £ 1 14 1

Eldon Coffin  
 Tithe 8 8  
 M. W. Calander - 3  
 £ - 8 11

Vieder Young				
Tithe	£	1	9	9
mission appeal			10	-
M. W. Calander				3
	£	2	0	0

Tommy Warren				
Tithe		1	14	6
mission appeal			15	-
S. S. Worker			4	-
	£	2	13	6

Joseph Christian				
Tithe			12	-
	£	-	12	-

David Young				
Tithe		6	2	1/2
mission appeal		1	1	-
F. W. Offering			18	-
S. Offering			11	10
M. W. Calander				3
R. Herald			2	2
	£	8	15	3 1/2

Parkin Christian				
Tithe		2	1	8
mission appeal			15	-
M. W. Calander				3
F. W. Offering			2	
F. F. "				1
	£	2	19	-

Lucy Christian				
Tithe		2	1	-
mission appeal			6	-
Thank Offering			5	-
F. W. "			2	-
M. W. Calander				3
Aust. Record			5	-
	£	3	19	3

Fred Christian				
Tithe	£	3	12	7
mission appeal			12	-
M. W. Calander				3
	£	4	4	10

Mollie Warren				
Tithe		-	6	9
mission appeal			5	-
	£	-	11	9

Robert Young				
Tithe		1	0	1
mission appeal			15	-
M. W. Calander				3
S. S. Worker			4	-
	£	1	19	4

Boyd Christian				
Tithe		-	-	3
	£	-	-	3

Edgar Christian				
Tithe		3	4	8
mission appeal		1	5	-
Aust Record			5	-
M. W. Calander				6
	£	4	15	2

Rebera Warren				
Tithe		2	2	-
mission appeal		1	-	-
Thank Offering			5	6
F. Fruit "				6
Review + Herald			2	2
	£	3	10	2

Wendel Christian				
Tithe		1	15	-
mission appeal			10	-
	£	2	5	-

Gussie Young,			Wallace Warren			
Tithe	£ -	8 6	Tithe		17	7
Mission appeal		4 -	Mission appeal	1	1	-
	£ -	12 6	M.W. Calander			3
Clifford Warren				£ 1	18	10
Tithe		10 -	Alwyn Warren			
Mission appeal		10 -	Tithe	1	7	1
	£ 1	- -	Mission appeal	1	-	-
Arnold Christian			M.W. Calander			3
Tithe		8 -	Lynus & James		5	9
Mission appeal		6 -		£ 2	13	1
	£ -	14 -	Norris Young.			
Burley Warren			Tithe	3	3	6
Tithe		2 16 1/2	Mission appeal		10	-
Mission appeal		2 10 -		£ 3	13	6
	£ 5	6 1/2	John Christian			
Archie Warren			Tithe	1	5	-
Tithe		3 -	Mission appeal		12	-
Mission appeal		10 -		£ 1	17	-
M.W. Calander		3	Gifford Christian			
	£ -	13 3	Tithe	1	5	8
Percy Young,			Mission appeal		10	-
Tithe		5 4 10		£ 1	15	8
Mission appeal		15 -	Lancey Christian			
	£ 5	19 10	Tithe	2	9	-
Wilkes Young			Mission appeal	1	15	-
Tithe		17 -	M.W. Calander			3
Mission appeal		1 13 6.		£ 4	4	3
M.W. Calander		3	Sandford Warren			
	£ 2	10 9	Tithe	-	5	-
Willum Christian			Mission appeal	-	15	6
Tithe		8 8	M.W. Calander			3
Mission appeal		13 -		£ 1	0	9
	£ 1	1 8				

Family account for 1936.

Christie Warren

Tithe	3	2	3.
Mission appeal	1	1	-
	£ 4	3	3

Theodore Young. S.S. Worker

Tithe	2	9	-
Mission appeal	1	-	-
M. Watch			3
	£ 3	13	3

Selwyn Warren, Tithe

Mission appeal	1	7	-
M. Watch calendar			3
	£ 2	2	3

Burnell Young.

Tithe	3	9	0
Mission appeal		11	-
	£ 3	19	0

Eunice Christiani

Tithe	-	2	-
Mission appeal		7	7
Morning Watch calendar			3
	£ -	9	13

Roy Clark.

Tithe	£ 7	8	0
Mission appeal		15	-
	£ 8	3	0

Cook Coffin

Tithe	6	7	11
Mission appeal	1	10	-
M. W. Calendar			3
	£ 7	18	2

Allen Christiani. 1 Book

Tithe	-	11	-
Mission appeal		10	-
Morning Watch Calendar			6
	£ 1	5	6

Burnett Christiani

Tithe	-	6	-
Australian Record		5	-
	£ -	11	-

Stella Young. J. Offering

Tithe	2	2	4
Mission appeal		5	-
	£ 2	7	4

Charles Young.

Tithe	1	1	-
Mission appeal		10	-
	£ 1	11	-

Agnes Ross

Tithe		17	6
Mission appeal		10	-
Morning W. Calendar		1	-
	£ 1	8	6

Jane Christiani

Tithe	2	3	7
Mission appeal	1	5	-
Morning W. Calendar			9
E. E. Worker		4	-
	£ 3	13	7

Minnie Christiani

Tithe	1	14	6
Mission appeal		5	-
Free Will Offering		3	-
	£ 2	2	6

Virginia Warren

Tithe		10	-
Mission appeal		5	3
	£ -	15	3

Amy Christiani

Tithe	2	-	-
Mission appeal	5	-	-
M. W. Calendar			3
	£ -	7	3

Edwin Young.

Tithe

1 10 7½

mission appeal

11 6

M.W. Calandor

3

£ 2 2 4½

Melville Christiani

Tithe

13 8½

mission appeal

10 -

£ 1 3 8½

Grant Young.

Tithe

34 18 6

mission appeal

6 8

£ 35 5 2

~~Archie Warren~~

~~Tithe~~

~~3 -~~

Fred Brown

Tithe

1 15 5-

mission appeal

16 -

M.W. Calandor

3

£ 2 11 8

Oliver Clark

Tithe

2 6 6

mission appeal

13 -

M.W. Calandor

3

S.S. Worker

4 -

£ 3 3 9

Albert Goring.

Tithe

10 -

F. Fried

2 9

M.W. Calandor

3

£ - 13 0

Len Cooze

M.W. Calandor

- - 6

Gertrude Christiani

Tithe

8 6

mission appeal

5 -

£ - 13 6

~~Clifford Warren~~  
~~Tithe~~



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## TO-DAY'S NEWS

S.S. *Family cash of - 1936 -*

Press message from ~~the~~ *Wireless* Station at *London* Date *1-1-36* Words *100*

Name	Ylthre.	Birth	Mission	F. W.	Thank Off.
Andrew x	12 10 4 1/2	4/	£1 15 6	£1 2 0	£1 7 0
Thos. x	11 6				
Charlie x	11				
Ann x	7 8 1/2				
Selwyn x	1				
David x	5 16 0 1/2	x	£1 1 0	16 6	11 10
Burley x	2 15 6 1/2	x	£1 5 0		
Vernon x	2 7 10		12 0		
Vieder x	1 0				
John x	1 2		5		
Jane x	9 6		5		
Edgar x	3				
Lucy x	11 0				
Thomton x	2 3 3		7/	Propose off	1/ 5 6
Willie x	1				
body x	2				
Sydney	2		5/		
Wallace x	16 6		£1 0 0		
Laney x	£1 0 0				
Allen x	1 0				
Wangji	3 2 0				

A WORD FROM HOME IS ALWAYS WELCOME—THE FOLKS AT HOME WILL WELCOME NEWS OF YOU.

HAVE YOU SENT YOUR MARCONIGRAM?

POST OFFICE,

PITCAIRN ISLAND?

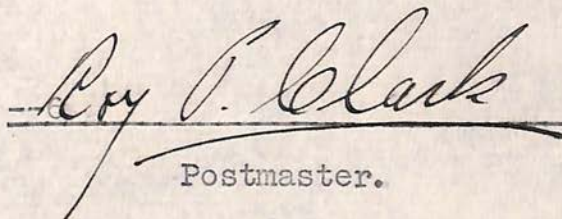
14th January, 1941.

Received from H.E. Maude Esq., one sealed bag of mail::

FROM:: The High Commission Representative, Pitcairn Island.

To:: The Secretary, Western Pacific High Commission,  
Suva, Fiji Islands.

Via;; New Zealand.

  
Postmaster.

Pitcairn Island,

25th March, 1941.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have this day in each other's presence opened the two sealed cases containing postage stamps. We extracted from the case No.1 725 full sheets and 212 half sheets of 1d. stamps, and from case No.2 500 sheets of 2d. stamps. The cases were forthwith resealed in each others presence without touching any of the other contents.

*J.R. Maude*  
.....  
High Commission Representative.

*Fred M. Christian*  
.....  
Chief Magistrate.

*Andrew G. Young*  
.....  
Island Secretary & Treasurer.

*R. P. Clark*  
.....  
Island Postmaster.

Pitcairn Island,

25th March, 1941.

In accordance with instructions received in telegram No. 17 of the 24th March, 1941, from the Secretary, Western Pacific High Commission, Suva, Fiji, I have this day received from the Postmaster, Pitcairn Island, stamps to the value of £835 (sterling).

<u>Stamps.</u>	<u>Sheet Nos.</u>	<u>No. of stamps.</u>	<u>Value.</u>
1d.	0484-0492; 1501-1725; 193-2457; 1726-1937 (1 sheets.	50,400	£210
2d.	0501-1,000	50,000	£250
2/6	117-140; 150-175	3,000	£375
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			£835
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The above stamps have been taken charge of by me for transmission to the Secretary, Western Pacific High Commission, Suva, Fiji.

*J. L. Maude*

High Commission Representative,  
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1d.	0494-0498; 1501-1735; 198-2457; 1736-1957 (1 sheet).	50,400	£310
2d.	0501-1,000	50,000	£350
2/6	117-140; 150-175	3,000	£375
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*J. E. Maude*

High Commission Representative,  
Pitcairn Island.

Provisions in Simio's Regulations not included in draft Instructions.

- (1) Chief Magistrate not to be a Court Officer.
  - (2) Local laws to receive prior approval of the High Commissioner. ✓
  - (3) Change in definition of functions of the Internal Committee. 7(2). ✓
  - (4) Council & not Internal Committee now to draw up all local rules. ✓
  - (5) During vacancy of C 2, substitute or longer drawn by Council. 8(2). ✓
  - (6) Provision for vacancy in Council. ✓
  - (7) Island Secretary to keep & file copies of government correspondence. ✓
  - (8) Section to be added? Cf Simio - law 2.
  - (9) What Public Holidays do they have?
  - (10) Appointment of Constables - provision required.
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Put old (22) "By also hundredy's table" in

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Confidential

Mr Maud & wife  
His Majesty's Commissioner

Pitcairn Island

Sir.

I am very sorry that I have to write this note to you & your Mrs, but ever since we have been under the care of the High Commissioner of Fiji, it is always and understood fact that when his representative visit Pitcairn Island, they are to come along with the magistrate of the Island, but on this occasion I am sorry that preparations have been made without the knowledge of the Chief Magistrate and without the sanction of the people in general.

Therefore I as the Chief Magistrate of the Island give to you & your Mrs etc. a cordial welcome to the island, and also a cordial welcome to my home when you come on shore, my Mrs will meet you at the landing, she will prepare some thing for your lunch, so that you can come home with us and make yourself at home until further arrangements are being made.

Mr Dyatt the Navy Board's wireless operator has already told someone that it is no need for the magistrate to think that you will come with him, because he has made arrangements with you, but your work

as a representative for the High Commissioner  
and my position at present on the  
island, I consider that it is all out  
of place for Mr Dyatt to do and say  
what he has done

I might tell you that my Mrs is  
an American woman, and she will  
be only too pleased to have you with her  
she will meet you at the beach when  
you landed

yours truly  
David A. Young

Chief Magistrate



Wellington. N.Z.  
August 5<sup>th</sup>.

This note is to notify my sister Stella Young & family, & Mrs. Westall who is living in the home that I gave to Mr & Mrs. Mauds the privilege of them staying in my home for the period of their stay at Pitcairn, & hope that they will be satisfied & contented. And I am confident that they will be looked after well by the whole community.

Yours. Floyd. H. McCoy.



OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER  
FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC,  
SUVA, FIJI.

No. 3518.

29th August, 1940.

Sir,

I am directed by the Assistant High Commissioner for the Western Pacific to inform you that a copy of a record of the address broadcast by His Majesty the King on Empire Day, is being forwarded to you in the care of Mr. A.E. Fuller, who is leaving for Pitcairn Island on the 3rd September next. A copy of the memorandum accompanying the record is also enclosed.

2. I am to request that you will be good enough to hand the record and the memorandum to the Chief Magistrate, with appropriate explanations as to their meaning and the public reproduction of the record.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*R. Macdonald*

For Secretary to the High Commission.

H.E. Maude, Esquire, M.B.E.,

Deputy Commissioner for the Western Pacific,  
Pitcairn Island.

Any further communication should be addressed to :—

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL,  
and the following reference should be quoted :—

Telephone Number : **EUS**ton 4321.  
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MINISTRY OF INFORMATION,  
MALET STREET,  
LONDON, W.C.I.

June, 1940.

THE LONDON TRANSCRIPTIONS

The accompanying records of the address broadcast by H.M. The King last month on Empire Day are sent to you for such public reproduction as may be considered appropriate. In territories where broadcasting facilities exist, it is hoped that occasions may be found for again making **His** Majesty's message widely heard: in others, it is hoped that arrangements will be made in collaboration with private owners of loud-speaker equipment or powerful gramophones.

H.M. THE KING'S BROADCAST, 24th MAY, 1940.

Continuity Sheet

The words underlined in the extracts below indicate the point at which the needle should be lowered on to the beginning of the record which is to follow.

THE PLAYING OF THESE RECORDS SHOULD BE REHEARSED BEFORE THEY ARE USED FOR TRANSMISSIONS.

- RECORD I     Begins:   ANNOUNCER:   His Majesty the King.
- (Fade up Record I 48 seconds after lowering the needle)
- THE KING:     On Empire Day last year I spoke to you, the peoples of the Empire, from Winnipeg in the heart of Canada.
- Ends:        THE KING:     It is the overthrow, complete and final, of this Empire and of everything for which it stands; and after that the conquest of the world. And if their will prevails, they will bring to its accomplishment all the hatred and the cruelty which they have already displayed. It was not easy for us to believe that designs so evil could find a place in the human mind. But the time for doubt is long past.
- RECORD II    Begins:    THE KING:     To all of us in this Empire, to all men of vision and goodwill throughout the world the issue is now plain: it is life or death for us all.
- Ends:        THE KING:     They have risen in just wrath against a thing which they detest and despise. Nothing can shake their resolution. In perfect unity of purpose they will defend their lives and all that makes life worth living. Let no one think that my confidence is dimmed when I tell you how perilous is the ordeal which we are facing. On the contrary, it shines in my heart as brightly as it shines in yours.
- RECORD III   Begins:    THE KING:     But confidence alone is not enough.
- Ends;        THE KING:     Let us go forward to that task as one man, a smile on our lips, and our heads held high, and with God's help we shall not fail.