

and I suggest that this is the best one to be used in connection with the type of Force which we are considering.

The Bill is a very simple one and leaves most of the chief administration factors to be dealt with by rules and regulations to be made from time to time by the Governor in Commission.

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Le gouverneur de Terre-Neuve au commandant en chef, région de l'Amérique et des Indes Occidentales

Governor of Newfoundland to Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies

TELEGRAM

[St. John's,] October 19, 1939

Reference my telegram of 3rd September.¹ A three inch jackstay carrying a one inch wire net, length 240 feet, mesh 10 by 6 feet, depth 18 feet, is ready for placing in position across entrance to St. John's Harbour between Chain Rock and a point 50 yards west of Pancake Rock.

Net can be lowered to the bottom or to 30 feet by winches. Estimated time for lowering 3 to 5 minutes and for raising 5 to 10 minutes. Centre of jackstay of net would be 8 feet below the surface of the water.

Object of net is to foul propellers, etc., of any incoming submarine which it is thought would not be submerged on account of depth of water available.

Propose to lower net onto bottom in conditions of low visibility, otherwise when net (to be known as "obstruction") is raised Day and Night Signal to be exhibited.

These Signals will be exhibited at a height of 80 feet above high water from a white flagstaff created at Anchor Point. The Day Signal will be a white ball 6 feet in diameter having a black band 1½ feet wide round the centre of the ball. The Night Signal three electric lights in a vertical line, one over the other, each 6 feet apart, the upper and lower of which shall be red and the middle white. Visibility of signals will be 2 miles.

A net-operating crew will be accommodated close to the winch on the South Side and will keep permanent watch so as to lower the net for incoming vessels. They will be in telephonic communication with the Naval, Customs and Harbour authorities.

Request your concurrence with above arrangements. On receipt of your reply Newfoundland Government will issue a Notice to Mariners on above lines giving one month's warning.

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