

NAVAL AND MILITARY

DEF/FID/2#15

(Defence Force)

1923.

C.S.

No. 173/23

O.C. Defence Force

SUBJECT.

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21st February

Previous Paper.

Asks respecting Drill Hall for Volunteers.

MINUTES.

Letter from O.C. Defence Force of 21st Feb 1923 — Encl ①

*Y.S.
Submitted.*

The O.C. may be informed that Y.S. has approached the S.I.P. with a view to obtaining the use of the large storeroom at the Cantina for the Defence Force for drilling purposes?

*Attyl 24/2/23
A. 26 Roman, 1923*

Letter acc.

Letter to O.C. Defence Force, 26/2/23. Encl. ②

Letter from O.C. Defence Force of 27th Feb: 1923 — Encl ③

Subsequent Paper.

393/25.

Hon Treasurer C.C.,

The space referred to has been set aside with your concurrence for storage of the boxes expected by the next mail. Have you any objection to allowing it to be used by the Defence Force until then; the key would require to be handed over to and returned by the D.C. on each occasion ~~at~~ which the shed was used.

2. The question of lighting has not been mentioned but that would presumably be necessary in a short time and would if it is possible to allow the use of the shed have to be arranged by and at the cost of the Def. Force if proper safeguards could be assured against fire

T. H. Thompson 20/2/23

Hon:Col:Sec;

The key of the East end of the Customs Shed is with the Colonial Engineer, please. It was I understand handed over to him on the arrival of the s.s. "Elmpark".

T. H. Thompson
Colonial Treasurer.
1st March 1923.

Hon Treasurer C.C.

Will you kindly say whether you have any objection to the proposed use. Vide para 1 of my letter above

T. H. Thompson 3/3/23

Hon:Col:Sec;

In as much as I have practically handed over the East End, to Colonial Engineer; I have no objection.

T. H. Thompson
Colonial Treasurer.
3rd March 1923.

Yr.
submitted.

It is possible to send this part of the Customs shed for one month only. It would be necessary to light it at the expense of the Defence Force.

6/3/23

H.P.S. (Sentinel)

Use of Customs shed by Defence Force is approved until materials for house have been ordered & are ready to be used.

This will give a full month. Defence Force should provide lighting. Now if Col. Spruce can agree with Camp he should do so. Expenditure by the Force on lamps for one month is to be avoided if possible.

6 March 1923.

C. E.

Accordingly

7/3/23

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

Noted.

2. The East End of the Customs Shed has been placed at the disposal of the C.O. Defence Force for one month for drilling purposes accordingly.

3. The Kitson Lamp used for lighting the Stage in the Town Hall has been lent to light the shed and arrangements have been made for the Caretaker of the Town Hall to look after the lamp - cost being charged to Military.

4. The C.O. Defence Force is satisfied with the lighting arrangements.

R. M. Basely.

Colonial Engineer.

7/3/23.

EXTRACT from Minute by H.E. The Governor of 18th April, 1923. contained in M.P. 816/22, sheet 3.

X x x x x x x I wish, however, to put on record that O.C. Defence Force approached me recently with a proposal that the site should be reserved for a drill shed. If it is found possible later to erect a drill shed there will certainly be a miniature range and Mr. Neave advised me that unless heavy expenditure were incurred a range would not be safe on land immediately to South of the house which he occupies: there would be danger to houses on rising ground to south of the site. A more suitable site for drill shed and range can be found either in dairy paddock or Magazine Valley. It should in any case be at some distance from dwelling houses: when there was a range on site of old Assembly Rooms it was a nuisance to neighbouring houses.

3. Mr. Watson, (O.C. Defence Force) is at present absent from the Colony and so I am unable to inform him as above but I wish that he should know that his proposal has been considered.

(Itld.) J.M.
18 April, 1923.

Letter from O.C. Defence Force of

11th June 1923

Encl (4)

N.P.
Submitted for approval,
I have spoken to Lieut. Watson who informs me that after consultation with the Col Engineer he fixed on Tuesday & Friday as the two evenings suitable for drill this week.

2. In order to save necessity for weekly applications N.P. might be pleased to sanction the use of Hall two evenings a week (if required) throughout the winter, the evenings to be fixed after ascertaining from O.C. what applications have been received for hire of Hall.

3. The question of payment has not been raised.

J.M.
D.C. Sec
" June 1923

Tuesdays and Fridays may
be accepted as the fixed days
for drill.

I shall be glad if the O.C. will impress
~~on~~ the drill instructor that in the
case of drill with arms — not
a sound should be heard in the
ordering arms movement of the
butts of the rifles touching the
floor. The object is of course here
to save the floor but it is bad
drill anywhere to drop the rifles
with a thud.

No payment will be required
for the use of the Hall; its use
is contingent on no damage being
done. I am sure that the members
of the Force will realize their
responsibility in this respect.

ttttt "June 1923

The allocation of the cost of
lighting must fall on the Force.

Letter to O. C. Kefaua Force, 12/6/23. Encl. (5)

Colonial Engineer's

to write

G. H. B.

O. C. Force

12 June 1923

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

Noted and returned.

R. Basely.

Colonial Engineer.

13/6/23.

*Copy of letter from Admiralty
of 2nd May 1923 — Encl (b)
Copy of Telegram of 1st May 1923 — Encl (b)*

No action now necessary

H.H.H. 20 Aug 23

*Letter from A.C. Defense Force of
15th March 1924 — Encl (7)*

*E.P.
Submitted. Arrangements to be
as last year? G.H. 17
Dir/Sec
17 March 1924*

H.H.H. 17 March 24

Colonial Engineer.

*For note
G.H. 17
Dir/Sec
18 March 1924*

The Hon; Col; Sec;

Thank you , noted and returned.

2. Arrangements will be made accordingly.

R. Basely.
Col; Engineer.

19/3/24.



Head Quarters.

Falkland Island Defence Force.

21st. February 1923.

Handwritten mark

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following, for the consideration of His Excellency.

After the end of this month there will not be sufficient light for drilling out of doors in the evenings, and will be necessary to carry on further training indoors.

I shall be glad if you will kindly inform if any room is available to accommodate at least 40 men for drilling purposes.

I am,

Sir,

yours obediently.

James R. Watson

Lt. & Adjutant. Commanding F.I.D.F.

The Hon.
The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

175/23.

26th February,

23.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 21st of February, regarding the need for a suitable room for use as a drill hall, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has approached the Secretary of State with a view to obtaining the use of the large store at the Camber for the Defence Force for drilling purposes.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. Henmiker-Heaton,

Colonial Secretary.

Lieut. D. R. Watson,

Officer Commanding, Falkland Islands Defence Force,

Stanley.

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Head Quarters

Falkland Island Defence Force.



27th. Feby 1923.

[Handwritten scribble]

Sir,

I have the honout to acknowledge receipt of your letter 173/23 dated 26th. Feby, and in reference to Drill hall beg to submit the following for your consideration.-

In view of the immediate need of a drill hall, I beg to apply for permission to use the east end of the Customs shed, I have inspected this Room to day and of the opinion that it is suitable to carry on the Drills for the Recruits,

I am,

Sir,

yours Obediently.

Duncan R. Watson

Lt. &. Adjatant.
Commanding F.I.D.F.

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary.

Head-Quarters.

Falkland Island Defence Force.

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11th. June 1923.

Sir,

I hereby have the honour to apply for the consideration of His Excellency, the following request:- That we be permitted to have the use of main room in Town Hall for drill purposes. Tuesday and Friday evening would be very convenient if room is available from 7 o'clock in the evening and drill will be carried on for about two hours.

Shoes have been obtained from Puntarenas and will be issued to the men for drilling in the Hall.

I am Sir,

yours obediently.

Duncan R. Watson.

Lieut & Adjt.

Commanding F.I.D.F.

The Hon.
The Colonial Secretary.

173/23.

12th June,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th June and to inform you that His Excellency has sanctioned the use of the main room in the Town Hall for drill purposes on the evenings of Tuesday and Friday in each week throughout the winter.

2. No payment will be required for the use of the Hall; its use is contingent on no damage being done and His Excellency is confident that the members of the Defence Force will realize their responsibility in this respect. The allocation of the cost of lighting must, however, fall on the Force.

3. I am to say that His Excellency will be glad if you will impress on the drill instructors that in the case of drill with arms not a sound should be heard, in the ordering arms movement, of the butts of the rifles touching the floor. The object is of course, in this case, to save the floor, but apart from this, it is bad drill anywhere to drop the rifles with a thud.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Lieut. D. R. Watson,
Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
Stanley.

G. R. L. Brown,
for Colonial Secretary.

Copy.

M. 10917.

Admiralty, S.W. 1. (b)

2nd May, 1923.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 9th ultimo. No. 14806/1923, forwarding a copy of a despatch from the Governor of the Falkland Islands regarding the Defence Force, and requesting permission to use the Sheds at the Naval Depot temporarily for drilling purposes, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit herewith, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a telegram which has been addressed to the Officer-in-Charge of Works, Falkland Islands, on this subject.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) Charles Walker.

The Under Secretary of State,

COLONIAL OFFICE.

Copy of Telegram.

ba

TO O.C.W.

Falkland Islands.

Date 1. 5. 23.

Colonial Government desire temporary use
Sheds at Depot for drilling Arrange accordingly for
occasional use if Naval needs permit subject Colonial
Government being responsible for wear tear and any
other expenditure involved.

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Head Quarters.

Falkland Island Defence Force.

March 15th. 1924.

Sir,

I hereby beg to apply for the use of the main floor in the Town Hall for drill purposes on the evenings Tuesday and Friday of each week, commencing on Tuesday the 18th. inst.

I am,

yours obediently.

Lieut. B.R. Watson

Commanding F.I.D.F.

R.B. Baseley Esqr.
Colonial Engineer.

The Hon. Lt. Sec.

Submitted.

Arrangements to be made as last year. ?

R.B. Baseley.
Col. Eng.
17/3/24