

C.S.

NAVAL AND MILITARY

(Defence Force)

1923

No. 936/23

O. C. Defence Force.

SUBJECT.

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15th December

Previous Paper.

Suggested Stock Taking of Ammunition stored in Magazine.

MINUTES.

Letter from O.C. Defence Force of 15th Dec: 1923 — Encl (1)

*V.P. Submitted
G.R.H. 18
O.C. Defence
15 Dec 1923*

*Approved
The O.C. Defence Force and the Chief
Constable to take stock*

W.H.H. 15 Dec 23

*Letter to Lieut. Watson & Mr. D. J. O'Sullivan,
20th December, 1923. — Encl. (2)*

*V.P.
Lt Watson has asked that the services of
two men may be arranged for to move the
cases in magazine. If Your Excellency*

Subsequent Paper.

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approves the expenditure entailed could be charged to 'Military' 'Contingencies.'

G.W.H. 1/2
O.C. Secy
1 Jan 1924

2 Jan 23

Colonel Engineer.

Will you please say what the wages of these men are.

G.W.H. 1/2
O.C. Secy
2 Jan 1924

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

Men are paid at the rate of 1/- per hour.

Overtime rate 1/6 per hour.

R. R. Basely
Colonial Engineer.

5/1/24.

C/O Defence Force.

10 cc. Has survey yet been carried out

G.W.H. 1/2
O.C. Secy
7 Jan 1924

Hon. Col. Secy.

Stock taking of magazines has been carried out to day, we had the services of two Constables which I propose to pay from the funds of the Force, as directed.

L. R. Watson
16th Jan 1924. C. E. F. I. S. F.

Report on Stock taking. 4/2/24. End. (3)

*Y.C. Submitted
Apr. 13
Dir/Sec
9 Feb 1924*

I wish to know age of ammunition
and what amount if any should be
condemned. The Martini Henry
ammunition must be very old

W.H.H. 11 Feb. 24

*O/C Defence Force
Referred
W.H.H.
Dir/Sec
12 Feb 1924*

Hon. Col. Sec.

The ages of the ammunition is as follows:-

44000	.303	Mark vl.	1915
6000			1913
2000			1910
4000			1909
12000			1904

2.5 & 9pounder shells date'99 & 1900

12 pounder shells 1911

Martini Henry ammunition 1892. . This is of no further use to the Force.

contd.

I would not suggest in the meantime condemning any of the ammunition, a quantity of the older Mark VI. can be used up for practice with the Lewis guns, the instructions in the hand book on Lewis gun states for Mark VI. & VII. ammunition. The 2.5 & 9. pounder shells are old but in good condition, at present I have not been able to find any official record of a survey condemning the guns, I would suggest keeping the shells, the guns being considered in the Defence of the Colony.

L. R. Watson, Lieut.

O/C F.I.D.F. 15.2.24.

*V.P. Submitted
G.P.H. by
Di. C/Sec
15 Feb 1924*

Please ask the D.C. to find the number of rounds of the above Heavy Ammunition.

Is there a record of the date on which the 70 boxes of gunpowder were put into the magazine? Was the Colignite burnt in by Lt. Neave or how long has it been in the magazine

~~TTTTT~~ 16 Feb. 24

Inside Minute Paper.

O.C. Defense Base
Referred
E.P.H. by
O.C. Sec
18 Febry 1924

H.C.S.

There is 1450 Rds. of Martini Henry ammunition.
I can find no record of the 70 bxs. of Gunpowder
being put into the Magazine, the boxes are marked
Rethval.

Mr Sullivan informs me that the Colignite
was put in by Mr Neave.

L.R. Watson

O.C. F.I.D.F. 21st. Feby. 1924.

E.P. Submitted
E.P.H. by
O.C. Sec
25 Febry 1924

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Vide Camp M.P.
10/24

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Head Quarters.

Falkland Island Defence Force.

Decr 15th. 1923

Sir.

I have the honour to submit the following.
I beg to suggest for the approval of His Excellency
The Governor, that we have a stock taking of ammunition
stored in the magazine, the present records are not
satisfactory no distinction having been made between
Mark VI or VII ammunition.

I have the honour to be

Sir.

yours obediently.

D. R. Watson

Lieut & Adjt.

Commanding F.I.D.F.

The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary.

936/25.

20th December,

23.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you, in conjunction with Mr. D. J. O'Sullivan, Chief Constable, to take stock of the stores at present in the Magazine.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. L. Brown.

for Colonial Secretary.

D. J. O'Sullivan, Esq.,

Chief Constable.

Lieut. D. R. Watson,

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

Stanley.



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Head Quarters
Falkland Island Defence Force.

Feb 4th. 1924

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you, that with Mr D.J.Sullivan we took stock of the Magazine on the 21st Jan, and enclose list of stores in stock on that date in addition to ammunition reported on secret papers dated the 22nd January.

I have the honour,

to be Sir

yours Obediently.

D. R. Watson
c/o F. I. D. F.

M. Sullivan
Chief Constable

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The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.



Head Quarters.



Falkland Island Defence Force.

Feb'y. 4th. 1924

Stock in Magazine on the 21st. January, in addition to ammunition .303 & shells as reported on secret papers of 22nd Jan. date.

- 9 Bxs. Gunpowder mark F.I.C.
- 61 boxes Gunpowder ex. Whaler
- 11 boxes Colignite (Admeralty)
- 2 boxes Martini Henry Ammunition.
- 1 Case Carriers for Lewis Gun (Jasons)
- 12 3 pounder Cylinders
- 1 Case Tonite Colonial Engineer.
- 9 Boxes Cotton Explosive charges.
- 1 box. Morris tube ammunition
- 1 box .303 (Mr Hamilton)

W. R. Wootton Lieut.

W. O. Sullivan
Chief Quartermaster

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