

CONFIDENTIAL.

DEF/FID/2#22

C.S.

1924.

No.

10/24

By Governor

SUBJECT.

1924

17th March.

Previous Paper.

Ammunition over ten years old stored in
Magazines.

MINUTES.

Copied from M. P. 936/23

Conf. despatch to S.O.S.

(Incl) 14/11/23.

12 March 1924.

Conf. despatch to S.O.S. 17 March 1924

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Y.C.

Despatch submitted for signature.

G.H. 13

O'Brien

15 March 1924

Y.S.

Submitted

Should a reminder 'be sent'?

~~10 Nov. 24~~

10 Nov. 24

H.P.S. Y/S please

for

ii NW: 424.

Subsequent Paper.

Confidential despatch to S. of S. of 17th Dec. 1924.

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Y.B. Despatch submitted for favour of
signature

17 Dec. 24
18 Dec 1924

O.I.C./C.S.O. Confidential despatch from S.O.S of 14th March 1925 (3)

Will you please Mr O.C Defence Force see that the
most convenient arrangement would be for crew of
Aphelion to undertake removal of this da ammunition
on board Aphelion + that she should proceed at once
to sea when ammunition order is completed. If
O.C D.F. concurs the work can be carried out forthwith.

2 I shall speak to O.C D.F. about 9 per + 2.5 per later

24 May 1925.

O/C. Defence Force.

Referred for action accordingly.

O.I.C.
26 May 1925.

Inside Minute Paper.

Hon Col. Sec.

The ammunition referred to will be ready for shifting on return of Afterglow. I shall act as directed in having same removed and dumped.

The guns 9 pdr. & 2.5 I would suggest may be removed to the back grounds at H.Q. and later taken to the site of the drill hall.

L. Watson

Commanding F.I.D.F.

July 7th. 1925

*E.B. Submitted
9th July
O.C. Sec
8 July 1925*

H.E.S.

*On the site which has ^{now} been selected for the Drill Hall there is sufficient space for accommodation of other guns which O.C. Drifney Lane is anxious to receive.
2. Will you please arrange for guns being made unserviceable in such manner as you may consider desirable.*

M. H. Watson

I have seen O.C. Defense Force, and
arranged with him for the guns
to be removed from "Vehry Green".
They will eventually be removed
moved to the new Drill Hall site.

2. The guns are already unserviceable
owing to age and weather conditions
but I have arranged for them to
be rendered more so. They will then
be available only for saluting purposes.

H.
2/5/76

(N.E. informed as above on G.O. C/9/1975)

FALKLAND ISLANDS.
CONFIDENTIAL.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
17th March, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have stored in the Magazine at Stanley the following ammunition, which is more than ten years old :-

	Year.
6000 rounds .303 Mark VI. ...	1913.
2000 " " " " ...	1910.
4000 " " " " ...	1909.
12000 " " " " ...	1904.
136 shells 12 pr. m.l. ...	1911.
145 " 9 pr. m.l. ...	1900.
197 " 2.5 pr. m.l. ...	1899.
1450 rounds Martini Henry ...	1892.

2. I am not aware of, and I have no means of ascertaining, the age to which ammunition can safely be retained or used. I request that I may be informed whether any part of the stock should be destroyed. As far as it is possible to ascertain by inspection the ammunition is in good condition.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR THE COLONIES.

H. Henniker-Heaton.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CONFIDENTIAL.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

17th December, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will inform me when a reply may be expected to Mr. Henniker-Heaton's Confidential despatch of the 17th of March, relating to the ammunition stored in the Magazine at Stanley.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

DORNING STREET,

Confidential.

19 March, 1925.

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Benson-Heater's Confidential despatch of the 17th March, 1924, regarding the disposal of the ammunition stored in the magazine at Stanley, I have the honour to inform you that the Army Council consider that all the ammunition referred to should be destroyed by drowning in deep water, and that the 9-pounder and 3.5" R.M.L. guns should be made unserviceable in any manner that the Colonial Government consider feasible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed) L. S. MURRY

GOVERNOR

J. MIDDLETON, ESQ., K.B.E., C.M.G.

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