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C.E.M.

O.C. Defence Force.

SUBJECT.

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7th July

Previous Paper.

406/22

O. C. Defence Force suggests alteration in method of storage of Explosives in Government Magazine.

MINUTES.

Minute from O.C. Defence Force of 7th July 1925 — Encl ①

*Colonial Engineer,
Will you please say if the alteration required can easily be effected and the probable cost.*

*G.R.H. 17
O.C./Sec
8 July 1925.*

O.I.C./C.S.O. With regard to

Item I. New lock can be fixed at once.

:: 3. The outer iron door is an ordinary vault door and its estimated weight about 5 cwt. At some time the door has been over swung, so having sprung the door frame (of iron) consequently the heavy door cannot be properly shut without considerable force, and if shut cannot be again opened without using a pinch bar. To effect the necessary repairs it will require that the door be taken down and the frame removed. The frame will have to go to

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to the smithy and probably the door. This will take at least a week and the estimated cost for material and labour is £20.

2. Should approval be given for this work to be put in hand I should be glad to know to what Head and Sub-Head the expenditure is to be charged.

Under Military. either 2 or 3. ?

or P.W.R. 2 Repair of Gov; Buildings. ?

The work now could be put in hand.

R. Brassey,
Col; Engineer.
8/8/25.

C.E.
Submitted.

It would seem essential for the safe custody of rifle ammunition that it should be locked in the inner room of the magazine.

2. There is no money available on Items 2 & 3 of the Military Vote. I understand there is a sufficient sum available under P.W.R. '2' Repairs to buildings to cover this expenditure.

G.H.L.
O.C./S.
15 Aug 1925.

Have I not already drawn attention to condition
which is in very bad condition
of outer door (iron): if so will you let me see papers

A.H.
18 August 1925.

E.E.
I cannot trace any correspondence regarding ^{condition} repair of door of Magazine. M.P. 406/22 contains correspondence regarding repair of roof.

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Work should be proceeded with + cost charged to repair of Gun Building: in addition to ^{representing} Defence the expenses for Gun Department are stated in magazine.

M.
8 Sept 1925

Colonial Engineer.

For info.
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8 Sept 1925.

O.I.C/ C.S.O.

Thank you, noted and returned.

2. Work will be put in hand as soon as possible.

R. Basely.
Col ; Engineer.

11/9/25.

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Head Quarters,

Falkland Island Defence Force.

July 7th. 1925



The Hon. Colonial Secretary
Stanley,

Sir,

I beg to suggest for your kind consideration a minor alteration in the method of using the storeage room in the Government magazine.

1. That the inner room in the magazine may be used for storeage of the whole of the ammunitions of the Defence Force. The door leading to this room to be fitted with a lock.
2. The outer room in the magazine may be available for storeage of explosives etc, for other depart-ments.
3. I would suggest that the outer doors may be more securely fastened, the second door of heavy iron does not close tight.

I have ,

the honour to be ,

your obedient servant

L. R. Watson

Commanding F.I.D.F.