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1931.

O/C. Defence Force.

SUBJECT.

1931.

14th July.

Previous Paper.

PROVISION OF MACHINE GUN SHED AT
DRILL HALL FOR EQUIPMENT AND MACHINE
GUNS, ETC.

MINUTES.

1. Minute from Officer Commanding, I.G.D.F. 14th July, 1931.

Hon. J.P.W.

Passed to you for report and estimate, please.

C.S.
for C.S.
16/7/31.

Hon. Col. Sec.

I have been into this question and the cost of a suitable building is £100.

I would submit that provision be made under the 1932 estimates for this work.

C. Roberts 17-8-31.

Subsequent Paper.

O.C. Defence Force

Please see: the

Matter will be considered, as
suggested, in conjunction with the
preparation of the Estimates for 1932.

J. James
James Mott. 18.8.31.
19.8.31

P. Aymer
3.9.31

Minute from Hon Sec of PW. 9/11/34 (4-5)

v/b.
Submitted for approval.

A. J. Jones
11/11/34

Hon. Col. Sec.

Approved.

M. C. H.
11. 1. 34

Hon. D. P. W.

to note approval.

C. J. J.
1000s.
12/1/34

Hon Col Sec.

Noted. Lieut Allen has been informed.

O. Roberts.
16-1-34.

P. A.
17/1/34

(6) Minute from O/C, Troops of 2/4/41.

E. E.

What would the cost of proposed alterations amount to please?

C. J. J.
1000s.
12/1/34

Innumerate Colonial Secretary.

On the assumption that the whole space is to be filled in (52'0" x 9'0" about) I estimate the cost at about £200 allowing for simple racks inside. If the work is to proceed it would help if instruction could be given quickly so work schedule could allow this work to be proceeded with either at once or not for some 3 weeks.

E. E.
4.10.41

Y/E.

Submitted with estimate from E.E.

there will be a small saving only under item 3. Head XXI. after the proposed alterations. 90% have been carried out at the various outposts but the provision under item 1 has not yet been touched. The building required for the Ammunition could properly be called Defence works.

C. J. J. 7/4/41

E.E.,

to note. Work to proceed as soon as is possible.

C. J. J. 7/4/41

Memorandum Colonial Secretary.

Note: I anticipate an early start.

C. J. J. 7. IV. 41.

Am. S.S.

to note.

C. J. J. 7/4/41

Hanes

I take it that charges in this connection are to be brought to account under Head XXI - 1.

C. J. J. 7/4/41

Am. S.S.

Yes.

C. J. J. 8/4/41

Hanes

Notes. Thank you

C. J. J. 8/4/41

P.A.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.



C.S. No.....

MEMO.

Departmental Number.

MILITARY

Date..... 14th JULY 1931.....

From..... Commanding Officer.....
F.I. Defence Force

To..... The Hon Colonial Secretary.....

SUBJECT:- PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION FOR ONE
SUB SECTION OF 2. VICKERS .303, MACHINE GUNS WITH PACK
SADDLERY AND GEAR.

Reference
Numbers.

At present there is no accommodation available at the Drill Hall for so much valuable equipment as is contained in a Sub Section of Vickers Guns with Pack Saddlery. A Machine Gun Shed is necessary.

2. It has been suggested that a "Lean to Hut" 20' X 10', with the Outer wall not less than 7' high be erected on the West side of the Drill Hall, just to the North of the Drill Hall Door.

3. The Hut to be lined with wood and have a wooden floor. Wall Pegs for the saddlery, also a window.

4. The door of the hut to open into the Drill Hall. This is essential as all elementary training with the guns would be done during the Winter months.

5. The Hut would be known as the "Machine Gun Hut" and would accommodate all Lewis and Machine Guns and their equipment.

James Moir Major.
Commanding, F.I. Defence Force.

MINUTE.

5th January 1934

To The Hon, Director of
Public Works
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

From The Adjutant
Falkland Islands Defence Force
Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO CONVERT THE MACHINE GUN SHED INTO AN ARMOURY FOR SMALL ARMS.

Sir,
May permission be given to convert the Machine Gun Shed into an Armoury for Small Arms. At present I have in the Shed ; the 2 Vickers Machine Guns, all component parts and Pack Saddlery equipment. Also 5 Lewis Guns and equipment.

There is ample room in the shed to put up the existing Rifle Racks which are in the Armoury in the Headquarters Building. The attached sketch, my projected plan for their erection. SHOWS.

My reason for making this request is as follows :

- 1. The existing armoury is all right for storing the rifles, but when a parade is called and anything say up to 80 men require their rifles, there is always a conjestion. Great inconvenience is caused especially on wet nights during the winter training when men come to drill. They have to go to and from the hall when getting and returning their rifles to the armoury.
- 2. If the rifles were stored in the Machine Gun Shed it would be much more convenient for Care and Maintainance, and to withdraw rifles when required for parade purposes and men would not have to leave the drill hall to do so.
- 3. I would also have all Guns and Small Arms under one roof which would add greatly to safe custody.
- 4. All 6" Gun spare parts are now accommodated in the 6" Gun Shed.

My other reason for this request is :

There is no room available, with the exception of my office, where the Officers of the Force when they come to parade &ct my change or rest. If the existing armoury was cleaned out it would answer the purpose as an Officers room. A trap could be cut through the wall right into the bar. With a table and a few chairs it could be made a nice comfortable room.

The full cost of the alterations if you should approve of the alterations will be found by the Force

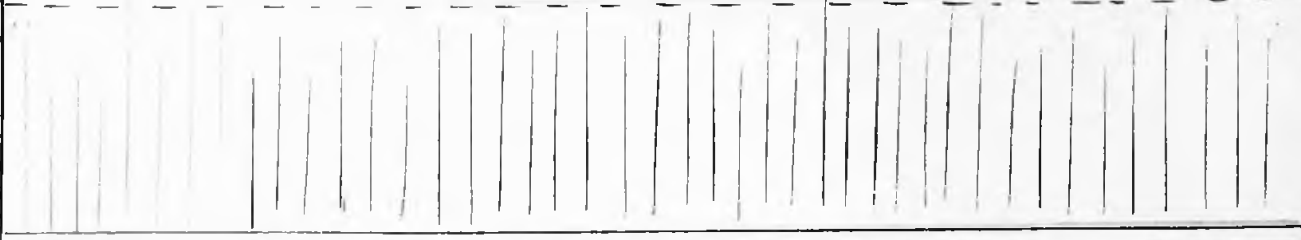
I am Sir,
yours obediently

W. M. Tella Lieut & Adjutant.
F.I. Defence Force.

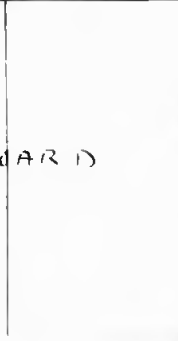
WEST WALL

SHELF.

RIFLE RACK FOR 46 RIFLES

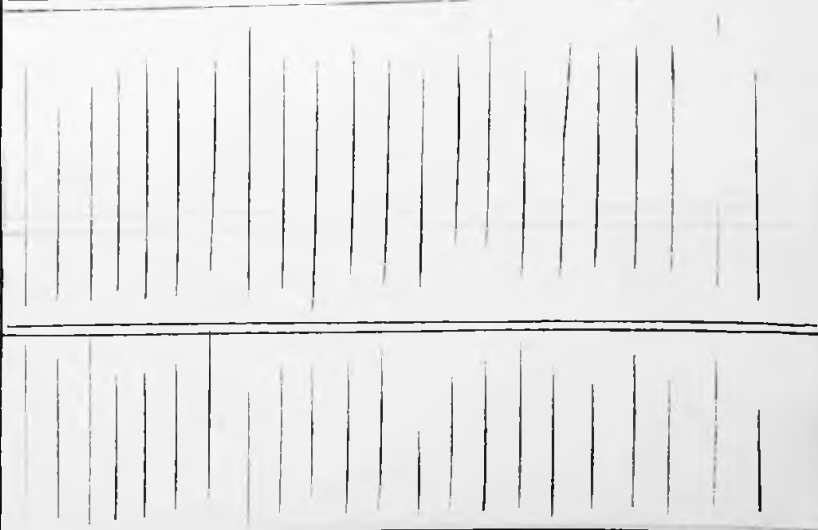


CUPBOARD
M.G.



NORTH END.

DOUBLE RACK FOR 46 RIFLES

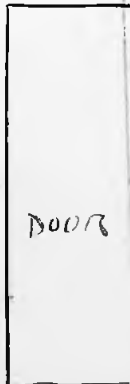


EAST WALL

BENCH.



DOOR



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MINUTE.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

9th January 1934.

From Director of Public Works To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Submitted for approval, the attached request received from the adjutant Falkland Islands defence Force.

I am in agreement with the alterations asked for as a charge against the force

C. Robert.
9.1.34.

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(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

2nd April, 19 41.

To The Honourable

From Officer Commanding Troops,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

Yesterday I inspected the Defence Force gun stores which are housed in a corner of the Customs Shed and separated from other general stores by a wood partition. It is with regret that I have to report that the conditions under which the stores are kept are such as to render even reasonable maintenance almost impossible. These spare parts should, in war time particularly, be ready for immediate use and accessible for issue and distribution. There is far too much dirt in the Shed owing to the storage of cement and other materials to permit of proper maintenance.

This gun store is some distance from the Armoury and therefore lacks supervision.

It is suggested that the present Armoury on the west side of the Drill Hall be extended in the shape of a "lean-to" as far as the clothing store. The windows to the main Hall could remain and roof lights be incorporated into the "lean-to". This would not seriously minimise the lighting of the Main Hall. In addition to the gun stores all rifles and the additional Lewis guns could be housed and kept in condition instead of having to be racked in the main Hall.

C. D. Cunningham

Col.
O. C. Troops.

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