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SUBJECT :

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

Maintenance of Buildings, *etc.*
Use of Drill Hall.

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER AND YEAR.

EX. CO. NUMBER

No.

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



MINUTE.

12th. May 1947 19

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary

From The Officer Commanding
FIDF.
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Copy to Supervisor of Education and Oi/c BB. for information.

Use of Drill Hall by other than the FIDF.

1. It is a matter of very great regret to me that I have found it necessary to give the Superintendent of Education and the O i/c Boys Brigade preliminary notice that their usage of the Drill Hall will shortly have to be curtailed if not stopped altogether. It was only after the very fullest discussion with my staff and the exploration of alternatives that this decision was reached. This month winter training re-commences with the result that the floor of the Hall becomes too dirty for the children to lie upon in the course of their PT and it cannot obviously be scrubbed after each parade. In addition every inch of room is vitally needed for the training of the force and the loss ^{of floor space} occasioned by gymnastic apparatus is serious. This season the miniature rifle club is restarting, both men and womens section, the Badminton Club also use the Hall so that every evening and Sundays the space is occupied.
2. I have had a very full and co-operative discussion with both Mr. Baker and the officer in charge of the BB and they fully share my views and realise the difficulties. We discussed alternative buildings which might be used and there are only two - the Church Hall and the Gymnasium. The former has very many grave advantages such as rent, storage of gymnastic equipment during the rather rough public dances that are on occasion held there, and the question of the dirtiness of the floor has also to be borne in mind. We are all agreed that the obvious place for them to use in future is as its name implies the Gymnasium. We feel that the polished nature of the floor and the occasional use of the Hall for mail purposes need be no obstacle. The School children used at one time, before the loss of the Town Hall, always use the gymnasium for their PT and continued to do so until the Post Office was moved therein, but this had to be stopped as the then Postmaster objected to the noise, which in her very poor state of health and nerves was understandable although I understand that the

actual disturbance is not as serious as this and is only for about an average of one and a half hours daily. If the proposal to move back to the Gymnasium is approved, and we can see no alternative, then the gymnastic apparatus can be moved there and the wall bars and other fittings replaced.

3. If the proposition is approved then the question arises of what fee if any the BB should pay for the occasional hire. In view of their quasi official position I would suggest a free letting unless the Hall is required for a fee paying hirer. If however the principle of no free lettings is to be maintained then I suggest a nominal charge as an educational institution as for Folk Dancing, i.e., 1/- per hour.

A pleasant touch!

4. The Executive Engineer agrees with the above proposals and also the suggestions as to letting.

Austin Woodgate
Lt. Colonel.
Officer Commanding.
FIDE.

A

P.M.

In your view etc.

B

Hon. Col. Sec.

ABE
13/5/57

There has been a couple of wedding receptions during office hours held in the Gymnasium, but they did not seem to disturb the P.O. Staff. The noise which the school children will make while doing P.T. each day for a short time, will not make any difference to the P.O. staff.

ABE
13/5/57

J. G. L. M.
13/5/57

S.E.

In your view is 1-2 hrs. a week
through O.C. B.B.

A.S.E.
15.5

H.B.S.

I should like to place on record my appreciation of the generosity of the F.I.D.F. in allowing the school the free use of the Drill Hall during the past few years; our use of it has inevitably caused them inconvenience.

2. As regards alternatives, I prefer the Gymnasium. The Church Hall has the advantage of being close to the school, and the school staff did consider the question of using it last year; but for the reasons mentioned by Col. Woodgate in par. 2 of 1, we decided that it was not very suitable for our purposes. As Col. Woodgate points out, the Gymnasium is obviously the place for our P.T. lessons. The greatest difficulty is the inconvenience that would be caused to the Post Office staff (especially while the shortage of plimsolls lasts); I hope the Post Office staff will not find the noise greater than they expect. Occasional use of the Gym. for sorting mail should not be a serious handicap. The slippery state of the floor after dances is a more serious matter, but the Executive Engineer may be able to suggest ways of overcoming this if it causes trouble.

16.5.47.

H.S.B.,
S.E.

Hon. Col. Sec.

I agree that the Gymnasium is the place for P.T. and would be suitable for our purposes in every way.

16/5/47.

A.W.
Act. O.C. B.B.

A.

VE.

1-3

Approx x a 53 of 2?

B.

C. Be
16.5

App. inc. 16/v

C.

O.C. F.I.D.F.

Do note appre. of yr. ①.

2. You will no doubt consult E. B. with regard to the change over.

for CS.
17.5

D.

Memorandum Colonial Secretary.

Approval noted:

I will consult EE, when he is available & make final arrangements for change over — say 26/6. end.

OWS. O.C. F.I.D.F.
17. v. 47.

EE.

O.C. BB

E

OWS. EE. 22. v. 47.

2875/47.

Pe. note.

C. Be
21.5

PA C. Be
20.5

A.

H. C. S.,

For some 13 years past the sum of 30/- per month has been paid to the Caterer of the Defence Force Club in respect of his services in cleaning the Drill Hall. An Armourer and Caretaker to the Defence Force was appointed in 1945 but at no time has he been responsible for the Drill Hall, it being realised that apart from his routine daily duties it would have been necessary for him to attend at Headquarters nightly to open the Drill Hall and again late in the evening to lock it up again. The Caterer of the Defence Force Club is on duty every night and it was considered a much better arrangement that he should be made responsible for the Drill Hall and paid a small fee.

2. However I think you will agree that the C.O's. Fund should not have to meet this charge as at present, and I suggest that as from the 1st of July it should be paid from Head XV. MILITARY s/h. 6. Maintenance of Buildings, under which sufficient funds are available.

[Signature]

Adjutant, F.I.D.F.

B

Appd. by Auditor *[unclear]*

[Signature]
29.7

C

Auditor

Will you agree to the suggestion in A para 2 pl.?

[Signature]
29.7.48

D.

H.C.S.

1 see no objection.

2. A small point I should like to clear up is as follows to the reason for the sub-head "Maintenance of Buildings". Surely the P.W.D. should be responsible for repairs etc. to the Defence Force Hqrs. in that the latter is a public building just as much as the Secretariat or the Hospital, repairs to

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P.W.D. - Harbour Dept.

These are charged to P.W.D. votes. If, however, "Maintenance of Buildings" is intended to be used solely for outpost buildings, then, this sub-head would not be appropriate for the cleaner of the Drill Hall & either "Incidental Expenses" should be charged or a new sub-head opened. This, however, is a small point.

Q.B.
28/7/48.

~~A~~ B

A.C.S.

Sufficient funds are available under "Incidental Expenses" & I suggest charging accordingly.

2. In regard to the Auditor's query above, I will take the question up with the Q.M.

[Signature]
2.8.48.

C

B S1 Very well.

2. §2 In 1949 Est. in sub-heads on p. 30. Hd. re-introduce
italicised sub-heads on p. 30. Hd.

XXII of the 1948 Est. — provides E.E.

see no objection

[Signature]
4.8

D

Q.M.

Do you wish to retain sub 6. "Maintenance of Buildings" in the 1949 Estimates to cover maintenance of outpost buildings?

[Signature]
3/8/48

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A.

Sheet No. 7.....

Side Minute Paper.

Extracted to 0284/H. Estimates of Expenditure - 1948.
P.W.D. - Harbour Department.

W.S.

I assume it is now intended that A.Qs. buildings will come under P.W.D. for maintenance in 1949.

2 The only other military buildings (apart from magazines) are at Campus - Mount Loos - the former is in a reasonable ^{condition} upkeep in 1949 wd. be negligible but the latter is in a bad condition & if it is deemed necessary to render it habitable the cost wd. be considerable.

3. If para 2 supra is also to be considered a P.W.D. commitment the answer to 6 D is "No".

H.S.

B.

E.C.

During the War the F.I.D.F. made its own provision for the maintenance of military buildings but formerly such maintenance came under P.W.D. as in the case of all other Govt. buildings. Do you see any objection to the former practice being revived, pl?

2. For your comments on 6^c para: 2 pl.

C.

H.S.

H.S.

1. no objection to B para 1 above

2. " " " suggestion in 6c para 2

W.S. 7/8/48.

Extracted to
L. E. V. J. C.
T.S.
10/8/48

No.

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested that in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

18th April, 19 50.

FROM The Officer Commanding,
F. I. D. F.
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

TO The Executive Engineer,
STANLEY.

(Through Hon. Col. Sec.)

SUBJECT :- Heating Installation - Defence Force Headquarters.

With reference to my repair chit dated the 6th April, 1950, regarding the condition of the boiler and chimney at Headquarters, may I emphasise how essential it is that heating be restored before the commencement of the winter if serious damage to arms, equipment and clothing is to be prevented.

2. While I am fully aware of the very full programme which your Department has on hand, would you consider allowing your qualified employees to carry out the work in their own time? I understand that these men would be willing to do the work. If this can be arranged I am quite prepared to meet the cost of labour over and above normal time from Defence Force funds. If you consider it inadvisable to effect extensive repairs to the chimney at this time of the season, I should be grateful if temporary repairs could be carried out to carry the Force over the winter.

Lt. Col.
O/C. F. I. D. F.

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20th. April, 19 50.

From: Executive Engineer.

To: O/C.

F. I. D. S.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Regarding your minute of 18th. April, 1950.

1. The D.F.H.Q. chimney should be taken down forthwith.
2. Reerection may be delayed if weather conditions so dictate.
3. P.W.D. plumbers are too fully committed to undertake the heating installation.
4. The Executive Engineer has no control of non P.E. personnel outside normal working hours.

E. J. Bunting
Executive Engineer.

10.

H.C.S.

With reference to my minute regarding the repair to the heating installation at Defence Force HQ and E.E.'s minute dated 20th April (copy attached).

Unless adequate alternative heating can be provided in the Armoury and Drill Hall I can take no responsibility for the state of equipment and will have to cancel all indoor training forthwith.

I would point out that as far as I am aware PWD is responsible for the buildings and my suggestion that they should work overtime with the Defence Force paying the additional cost above normal rates was intended to help PWD but in view of E.E.'s minute I wish this offer to be withdrawn.

[Signature] 1/5/50

E.E. 1-3. I should be grateful if this work might be put in hand and accorded priority.

H.C.S. Shall I take the plumber off the Town Hall?

[Signature] 5.5.50.

[Signature]
4 MAY 1950

11
E. E.

We spoke this morning. I do not wish to allocate the priority to be given to the different small jobs which must come on your department. I do realise that your department is extremely busy, and all I ask is that this job should be fitted in as and when you can manage it, but that it should have attention as soon as you can manage it.



5.5.50.

H.E.S.

noted by

E.H.K. 8. May. 1950

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MEMORANDUM.

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5th May, 1950.

From: The Officer Commanding,
Falkland Islands Defence Force.
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: The Honourable the
Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

SUBJECT :- Saluting Base - Victory Green.

I have the honour to refer to the suggested erection on Victory Green of a double 3-pdr. Saluting Base, for which provision is made in the 1950 Estimates under Head XVIII, sub-head 8.

If possible, this double base should be ready for His Majesty's Birthday Salute on the 8th of June, 1950, and I should be grateful to know if this work could be put in hand forthwith.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alice B. Smith".

Commanding Officer.

Handwritten initials, possibly "JH" or "JL", in dark ink.

WH.

6 MAY 1950

E. E.

Page 12. Possibly this could be put out to contract.

9.5.50.

H. E. S.

Depending on first conditions I can commence this
right away provided I am informed exact
requirements (position of holding down bolts etc

H. E. S. 10.5.50.

M. C. F. I. D. F.

Will you please arrange

M. C. F. I. D. F.

12.5.50

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MEMORANDUM.

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15th May, 19 50.

To: The Commanding Officer,

F. I. D. F.,

From: The Adjutant,
F. I. D. F.,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Erection of second 3-pdr. Hotchkiss Gun on Victory Green.


With reference to our conversation on Saturday, the 13th of May, I visited the above locality and inspected the second gun with the Defence Force Armourer. After deliberating the pros and cons in general we came to the conclusion that a second base, a replica of the existing base, be erected on the west side of the same would be the most economical and most suitable.

2. It will be necessary to obtain a new holdfast, as well as nineteen 18-inch by $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch bolts.

3. I will have the second pedestal put on the site so that a template may be taken.

4. As the second pedestal is 6 inches higher than the existing one I suggest that the final height of the new base be kept 6 inches below the level of the second base.

5. As the holdfast of the existing pedestal is in a very bad state I should be grateful if after the parade this could be given priority of repair.


Captain, Adjutant.

15

A.

HCS

Reverse give our requirements for the concrete base for the second saluting gun.

I should be grateful if the last paragraph could also be taken into consideration.

~~W.A.B.~~ 16/5

B.

E.E. Ref your minute of 13, please see 14.



[17 MAY 1950

C.

H.E.S.

Noted by - I was hoping to be able to report

1. This work completed
2. Unfortunately frost has prevented execution.
3. Can the salute be fired from the existing gun please

Effs 30/5/50.

O/C F.I.D.F.

^D
c para 3 p.?

~~Effs~~ 1/6/55

A.C.S.

yes but could work be undertaken as early as 1st 50.

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13th November, 19 50.

To: The Second-in-Command,

F. I. D. F.

From: The Adjutant,

F. I. D. F.,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Two-Gun Saluting Base.

I have the honour to report that during the Remembrance Day Ceremony on the 12th November, a misfire occurred at the single-gun Saluting Base on Victory Green causing a delay of 2 minutes, 3 seconds between the two shots instead of the prescribed time of 2 minutes, and I wish to stress the immediate need of the setting up of a second gun at this Base. I believe that Lt.-Col. K. S. Pierce-Butler asked for this work to be carried out before he left for the United Kingdom.

See 12-16

Seen [Signature]
12/10 F.I.D.F.
15/11/50

[Signature]
Captain, Adjutant.

18.

A

E.C.

to see page (14) pl. We are fortunate that this happened on Remembrance Day instead of the King's Birthday.

2. I believe that provision exists in the current estimates for the laying down of a second base; Will you be able to undertake the work before the end of the year, pl.?

H.E.S.

W.A. 2 1/2 F.I.D.F.
14th Nov. 1950.

The work will be undertaken before the end of the year.

E.H. 15. 11. 50.

W.A.
10/11/50.

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27th November, 19 50.

From The Quartermaster,
F. I. Defence Force,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Officer Commanding,
F. I. Defence Force,
STANLEY.

SUBJECT:- Damage by Rain Water of F.I.D.F. Stores.

I have the honour to report that this morning the Armourer informed me that a considerable amount of water had found its way into the Q.M. STORE. I immediately carried out an inspection and found :

Clothing Store. A large pool of water on the floor having leaked through the roof via the clothing shelves.

Small Arms and Artillery Store - as above with several spare parts saturated with water.

Leaks were also observed in the office accommodation and in the Armoury.

The F.I.D.F. H.Q. building has in the past been patched up temporarily for leaks and I submit that this is very unsatisfactory. I would urge that in view of the increasing danger of serious deterioration of Government stores, the matter should receive early attention and the store and office accommodation be made permanently watertight.

/I feel

20

ACS. Pl p.v. letter to E.E. asking for
 the necessary to be done early.
 7/12/50

I feel obliged to add that if something is not done in the near future I can no longer be held responsible for the proper care of stores on charge in G.M. Stores.

[Signature]
 Quartermaster,
 F. I. D. F.

H.C.S.

Reference previous minute.

I am afraid the state of the roof of the F.I.D.F HQ is in a very bad state, and unless something can be done pretty quickly I fear we shall lose a lot of equipment.

May E.E. be instructed to examine the roof and carry out repairs as necessary please.

29/4/50

[Signature]
 O.C. F.I.D.F.

I have found this crushed up at the bottom of this envelope!

MC 7/50

E.E.,

A.

To see 19 - 20 please. This roof has been a source of trouble ever since the corrugated iron was removed and replaced by "rubroid". Can you arrange for the necessary repairs to be carried out at an early date, please.

[Signature]
for C.S.
11/12/50.

H.E.S.

B.

Noted by. I will have the roof inspected immediately and commence work early in the new year

[Signature] 12.12.50.

Further Mr. Invernion and Mr. Bonnelly inspected this building today during very heavy rain. Water was entering in at least six different places and there were large pools on the floor.

The roof is too flat for this climate and I recommend that the present roof be left in position and a new roof with steeper pitch be built over.

X

The estimated cost is £350 for all new material and labour. The work can be started early in the new year and charged against R&M Government buildings

[Signature] 12.12.50.

C.

E.E.

Thank you. Grateful if you would proceed accordingly.

194 DEC 1950

H.E.S.

D.

Noted by. and will so proceed

[Signature] 14 Dec 1950.

E

E.E.

I understand that the roof has now been repaired. Will you please confirm

[Signature]
31/1/51

BW
31/1/51

H.E.S.

A.

22 New roofing felt has now be laid and work is nearly completion

R. G. Swernore
1/2/57

O/C F.I.D.F.

B.

To see A above, pl. I would observe that the pitch of the roof has not been altered as proposed at 21 B x but the fitting of a channel along the main Drice Hall roof will reduce the quantity of water falling on the felt covered section.

R. G. Swernore
4/2/57

H.C.S.

C.

I note that the work has not been carried out as detailed at 21 B x which seems a pity as it is likely to leak again as soon as we get a warm day which lifts the felt and pulls the nails through. It would have been better if it had be done as proposed.

R. G. Swernore
24/2/57

O/c F.I.D.F.

To note B x C pl.

R. G. Swernore
24/2/57

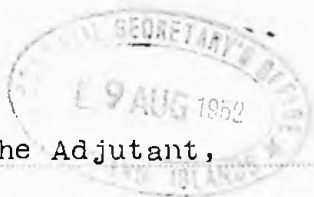
H.E.S.

Work has been carried out as directed by Mr Bunting and in my opinion the sun will not lift the felt or nails (warm days are so few)

R. G. Swernore
24/2/57

R. G. Swernore
26/2/57

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8th August, 1952.

To: The Honorary Commandant,

F. I. D. F.

From: The Adjutant,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Two-Gun Saluting Base on Victory Green.

A.

12-18

I have the honour to refer to previous memos. on the above subject. As the next occasion on which the Saluting Base Gun will be required is the 1952 Remembrance Day Ceremony, I should be grateful if you would request the Colonial Secretary to have the work of the erection of a Two-Gun Saluting Base put in hand. Provision was made in the 1950 Estimates for this work which, the Executive Engineer promised, would be undertaken before the end of 1950.

B

Handwritten signature: D. W. Sullivan

A.C.S.

L20 was provided under Head XVIII Adjutant, F. I. D. F.

of 1950 Estimates - pl check whether this has ever been used. if not then on P.H.O. to confirm that £20 sufficient and A.S.E for work of money provided he can undertake the work in time

Handwritten initials and date: 12-18

Handwritten initials and date: 11/8

24

HCS O/c. P.W.D.

B/23

Confirmed with Chief Clerk, P.W.D. that
there was no expenditure from this vote in 1950.

Can you undertake this work in time, and
is £20 sufficient?

HCS

P.W.D. could do this by Nov 11, but £20
would not meet 50% of cement cost of executing

base. O/c P.W.D.

A.H. 16/8/52.

W.H. G.B.

12/8/52

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21st. August, 19 52.

To/ The Honourable,
The Act. Col. Secretary,
STANLEY.

From/ Officer-in-Charge P.W.D.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:-

I have the honour to present detailed estimate as follows for additions and alterations to saluting base on Victory Green as agreed between H.H./O.A.G. and Adjutant F.I.D.F. on 20th. Inst.

Metal & Sand.	4.	-.	-.
Cement.	9.	10.	-.
Shuttering.	2.	5.	-.
Labour.	17.	14.	-.
Transport.	2.	-.	-.

TOTAL: £35. 9. -.
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As the work is required to be executed before 11/11/52, the matter should be treated as urgent so that it can be put in hand as early as possible.

R. Wetherwood

O i/c Public Works Dept.

Reply at 27

P.u. on file pl.

22/8

*O/c P.W.D.
A.C.S.*

Pl pu AISE for £40- XVIII (a)

[Signature]
29/8

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24th September,

52.

To: The Officer-in-Charge,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

Public Works Department,

STANLEY.

Two-gun Saluting Base on Victory Green.

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I am directed to refer to your memorandum of the 21st August, 1952, in which you submit an estimate for the erection of a Two-gun Saluting Base on Victory Green, and to say that the expenditure of up to £40 for this work has been approved and you will be notified of the Special Warrant in due course.

(Sgd.) J. S. BRIDGEMAN

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

M.

ACS. (5)

Sho 50/- for caretaker cleaning
with hall affix with 1/6/54 -
Pse advise him thro' Adm. Unit
who may need to pre-arrange, etc.

Pa

1/16/54
By means of
etc.

2nd June,

54.

To: The Caretaker,
From: The Colonial Secretary,

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

STANLEY.

u.f.s. Adjutant, F.I.D.F.

Cleaning of Drill Hall.

I am directed to inform you that with effect from 1st of June, 1954, the payment for cleaning the Drill Hall will be £2. 10s. -d. per month.

(Sgd) C. Campbell
Colonial Secretary.

Copies to: Treasury
Audit.

Copy sent to Mr Hennickson 21/6/54. Pa.

It is necessary to provide in the Drill Hall a sink
This is chiefly for providing a canister for 2 hours
but is also needed for Red Cross tea etc.

The upkeep of the Drill Hall is a Government concern

Mr. Pitakega (maker of the White) is thinking
of doing the actual work but he would like to be
helped by the Government in getting the work done
in. This is not a very big job. Some experience

is the draining off of the water. The building

will cost about £10 or the cement will be to be
broken up & retained. S.P.W. originally estimated that

the cost of the entire job would be in the neighbourhood
of £50 but now he says he can do the job with

P.E. labour & as far as I can see - with the sink

given the actual work should only be half of the budget
he mentions. Anyway the S.P.W. says that he can do

it from his existing vote for minor works & need

30.

we have any money ~~to~~ voted: He can do the work
in two weeks and I am very keen to get it done before
Protector comes. I will make sure he is CDF
agree

~~Can I~~ ~~will~~ ~~change~~ ~~him~~ ~~to~~ ~~get~~ ~~the~~ ~~work~~ ~~done~~ ~~?~~
I thought I would consult the S/PA and
~~the~~ ~~off~~ who is also an officer in the CDF so I
could speak to the Handy as we could ~~find~~ ~~the~~ ~~work~~
and a memo informing SFC.

Can I now authorize him to get on with
the work without any further approval?

or

10/11

31.

ACT agrees.

has gone to Handy as in
favor. S/PA asked to know
what to do.

BU in a minute

S/C Protector is due 1st Dec?
But see for 25.11.60

file in (S/PA)

5/11/60

Sfrw.

"Protector" will arrive next Wednesday

Can you say if the work will be complete by then or has it already been completed?

33.

25.11.60

HEO

Work is in progress and will be completed by

? Dec 1st

WGH

30/11/60.

34

Done! believe
I will visit with S/PW
when I visit on the Bank's
letter about the roads

2/12/60

Dec 9/12/60

35

Further work satisfactory

Fz

12/12/60

Pa.

20/6/2.

21/7/2

TO FIDF

Require thorough rod construction
for lean to in Drill hall.

It would be carried over.

Respectfully -

D/C

Check with Mr.

Mr.

SPW

Please see 21 & 22. I do not know whether a satisfactory job was done at that time or not or whether anything satisfactory can be done without corrugated iron but I am told that the roof leaks badly now and I should be grateful for some advice. If a big job is needed perhaps we can put it into several estimates

or
3/2/62.

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Hon Col Sec.

I have inspected the roof of the Drill Hall Armoury, clothing store and offices and find that it is of a very unsatisfactory construction. (Flat roof covered with roofing felt.)

Later on in the year I suggest we apply for a vote to construct a pitched roof with corrugated iron covering. It will be necessary to renew all ceilings and part of the floor and also form a drainage system to carry all surface water away from the building foundations.

A. Picton.
Supt. of Works.
17th October, 1962.

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SPW
in Home
or 19/10/62

H.C.S. 40

Noted.

A. Picton - SPW.

22/10/62

Pl inform Adjutant for me as Committee Officer that this will be done -

or 24/10/62

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H.C.S.

Draft spc

D. Picton
25.10.62

0838/E

29th October, 62.

To: The Adjutant,

From: Commandant, F.I.D.F.,

F.I.D.F.,

STANLEY.

F.I.D.F. H.Q. lean-to roof

In view of the unsatisfactory construction of the roof it is proposed to erect a pitched roof with corrugated iron covering. It will also be necessary to renew all ceilings and part of the floor and have a drainage system to carry all surface water away from the building foundations. Provision of funds for this work will be inserted in next year's Estimates.

KIV Eskmicks

(Sgd) R.H.D. Manders.

Commandant
F.I.D.F.

DU 15.3.62 44

SPW - to remind you of above bl. 15.3.62

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11th November, 64.

To: The Adjutant,
From: Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands Defence Force,

STANLEY.

Use of Defence Force Hall by Royal Marines.

I believe you have already been consulted but just in case you have not I would like to confirm that there is no ^{governmental} objection to the Royal Marines being given the use of the Falkland Islands Defence Force Hall for their tercentenary party on Friday the 20th.

If you do not know about this please discuss with me on the telephone.

W.H.T.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

for

17th May,

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To: The Ag. Superintendent of

From: Colonial Secretary,

Public Works,

STANLEY.

Repair of F.I.D.F. Hall Roof.

In view of our maintenance programme and pressures already on your staff the Executive Council would like to see this put out to tender. Send a copy of the notice to the F.I.C.

Work has started ~~7th~~ 12.6.65

W H. THOMPSON

~~S.W. has spoken~~

COLONIAL SECRETARY

~~BU 21.5.65~~

~~BU 15.6.65~~
BU 10.6.65. FA

7th July, 1965.

Dear Mr. Jones,

Decoration of the main FIDF Hall will commence on the 19th of July, and may take up to a month to complete.

Will you please therefore make alternative arrangements for the activities of your organisation until the work has been completed.

You will, of course, appreciate that this job must be done, and done properly, whilst winter is on. With our large number of outside jobs it is essential that large scale work of this nature does not take up our very small pool of labour in Spring and Summer.

We shall not delay one day longer than is necessary.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) W. H. Thompson.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

The Officer-in-Charge,
Boys' Brigade,
STANLEY.

Copy to: S/W

Handwritten signature/initials

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The Adjutant,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
STANLEY.

The Secretary,
FIDF Badminton Club,
STANLEY. (Mrs. R. Rowlands)

The Secretary
FIDF Small Bore Rifle Club,
STANLEY. (R. Henriksen)

Handwritten initials



Public Works Department,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

.....7...8.....1965...

Mr W. H. Thompson.
Commandant.
F.I.D.F.

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9/8.

Dear sir, *[initials]*

As you may know by now, the F.I.D.F. Drill Hall has recently been redecorated. During the time working there one could see that the hall has been sadly abused in the last few years, for instance, rifles left up against the walls have clearly marked the surface, furthermore on the eve of an instruction night newly painted window glazings were badly scratched, another thing that should be discouraged is indoor-football, I doubt if the present colour scheme would stand up to that game very long. I forward this letter solely to ask if you would consider writing to the various organizations using the hall, asking them if they would co-operate in keeping the premises as they should be, Clean, neat. & tidy. *[initials]*

I am sir,
your obedient servant.

[Handwritten signature: Colin P. Macleod]
Senior Painter & Decorator
P. W. D.

9th August,

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Dear Sir,

I have received the following letter from Mr. Colin Macleod the Senior Painter in the Public Works Department:-

"As you may know by now, the P.I.D.F. Drill Hall has recently been redecorated. During the time working there one could see that the hall has been sadly abused in the last few years, for instance, rifles left up against the walls have clearly marked the surface, furthermore on the eve of an instruction night newly painted window glazings were badly scratched. Another thing that should be discouraged is indoor football, I doubt if the present colour scheme would stand up to that game very long. I forward this letter solely to ask if you would consider writing to the various organisations using the hall, asking them if they would co-operate in keeping the premises as they should be, clean, neat and tidy."

I agree with Mr. Macleod that we should look after the hall as much as possible and I hope you will issue the necessary orders.

When there are free-for-all parties in the Defence Force Hall I think some control should be exercised and charges for damages made if necessary and I certainly agree that indoor football is not exactly the sort of game we want in the newly painted hall.

I have congratulated Mr. Macleod and his gang on their splendid job.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) W. H. Thompson

COLONIAL SECRETARY

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Copy to Mr. Colin Macleod.

The Adjutant,
Falkland Islands Defence Force,
STANLEY.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

Defence Force H.Q.
Stanley.
12th August, 1965.

The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

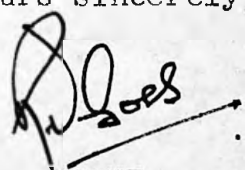
Dear Sir,

53 Thank you for your letter 0838/E of the 9th
August, 1965.

I agree that the Senior Painter and his team have carried out an excellent job in redecorating the Drill Hall and I appreciate his lively interest in that the efforts of his work should be properly maintained. However, when one considers that the interior of the Hall had not received a lick of paint for over 19 years and the ceiling was still that from the original painting of some 40 years ago, I think his wording "that the Hall has been sadly abused" shows his complete lack of knowledge of the very extensive way in which the Drill Hall is used.

I am posting a notice in the Drill Hall calling for the co-operation of all users and a copy of this notice will be sent to the two Clubs mentioned and the Captain of the Boy's Brigade. A copy is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely,


ADJUTANT.

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

NOTICE TO ALL WHO USE THE DRILL HALL IN ANY WAY.

I AM SURE YOU WILL ALL AGREE THAT THE P.W.D. PAINTERS HAVE CARRIED OUT A SPLENDID JOB IN REDECORATING THE DRILL HALL.

THE HALL IS NOW CLEAN AND ATTRACTIVE AND I EARNESTLY REQUEST YOU ALL TO CO-OPERATE AND TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP IT THAT WAY. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE RIFLES ETC. AGAINST THE WALLS OR MAKE ANY ACTION WHATSOEVER WHICH MAY RESULT IN DEFACING THE PAINT-WORK IN ANY WAY. RIFLES AT ALL TIMES SHOULD BE CARRIED OR GROUNDED.

ONLY DRILL, BADMINTON, AND MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING MAY BE HELD IN THE HALL WITHOUT THE EXPRESS PERMISSION OF THE ADJUTANT.

R.V.GOSS, CAPTAIN.

ADJUTANT.

12th AUGUST, 1965.

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