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NAVAL & MILITARY (Misc. &
Imperial Force 122)
TREASURY & CUSTOMS (Licences)
MISCELLANEOUS (General &
Control of Stores, etc.)

WAR/W2H/7#2

19 42.

No. 131/42.

O.C., F.Is. Force.

SUBJECT.

19 42.

16th September

Previous Paper.

PROPOSED CHURCH CANTEEN.

Application for the
purchase of articles for
the running of.

See S/20/41.

MINUTES.

1. Letter from Officer Commanding, Falkland Islands Force 16/9/42.

H.C.S.,

(2)

You have recently made it very clear that purchases by or on behalf of soldiers should be discouraged. It would seem that if permission is granted for the purchase from civilian stocks of the articles required for the running of the proposed Canteen, we would be back where we started, as the required items are practically all essential foodstuffs and would no doubt be in great demand.

As the circumstances are exceptional and Army personnel alone stand to gain, I suggest that the requirements at red (1) might properly be supplied on repayment from Army stocks. This, apart from conserving civilian stocks, would probably allow of the serving up of cheaper meals to the troops than would be possible if the stores were purchased in the local shops, and this must be one of the Canteen Committee's chief considerations when catering for the small pocket.

H.C.S.,

(3).

A/A.C.S.

18/9/42.

Further to my Minute above, the Competent Authority has received from Mr. Lowe the attached application to purchase the necessary stores from the F. Is. Co. I have spoken to Mr. Lowe who states that the Church Hall will not be available for use as a Canteen until November. He anticipates that the stores requested should last for a period of from 8 to 10 weeks.

A/A.C.S.

19/9/42.

Subsequent Paper.

(4).

G.F.

I have discussed (1) with W. Lowe & the
O.C. R.A.S.C.

- a) The army will supply the tea
- b) The army will release local cows' milk
- c) Sugar, potatoes & Tomato Sauce

we normally get from S. America. The
quantities are small. Sugar 4 bags,
potatoes 6 bags, Sauce 2 cases. In view
of the cost paid of (1) & W. Lowe's statement
that canbears of this kind in the U.K. are

allowed special conditions in regard to
supplies, I recommend that we cooperate
by allowing the import of these articles
from S. America. We are well under our
allotment of foreign exchange so far.

W.B.
20/9

(5)

Let the Corp. Auth² decide & act.

W.B. 22/11

(6)

Corp. Auth

accordly

W.B.
21/9

(7)

How best see

Ref our conversation this morning.
In view of the fact that these commodities
viz Sugar, Potatoes & Sauce are available
from S.A. who distillery is anticipated
in obtaining further supplies, I agree
that we have should grant per-
mission to purchase locally.

(8)

C.A.

PL. reply to O.C. Troops - copy W. Lowe -

accordly

W.B.

24/9

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How best see

Copy of atc to Mr. Lowe 10.
Submitted, please

W.B.
25/9/42

H.L.F.

(10).

In view of the change of circumstances caused by the introduction of
rationing, it has become necessary to modify the decision arrived at above.
I have, accordingly, seen Mr. Lowe this morning, and have informed him
that, whilst every effort will be made to assist him in the establishing

of his canteen (by removing restrictions as to sales to troops, and by permitting the purchase, by him, of rationed foodstuffs) it will not be possible to permit issues of sugar, tea or evaporated milk from Indian stocks. To minimise the inconvenience I have suggested that, should he find it impossible to obtain tea and sugar from the Army, he should (a) ask the Army to import sugar for him from S. America on their account, and (b) substitute coffee (which is easily obtainable from S. America) for tea, and should use sweetened condensed milk of which there will shortly be an adequate supply. This he has agreed to do.

I submit a draft letter to the O.C. F.F. Force for your approval.

W.B. Smith.

14.1.47.

H.B.S.

Since completing the above minute, the Entertainments Officer attached to the Force has informed me by telephone that he has solved the tea and sugar problem by appointing the Church Canteen an official mess, and by supplying it from their own stocks.

This appears to settle the question satisfactorily, and the only action likely to be required of this department will be the obtaining of a written assurance from Mr. Lowe to the effect that no rationed article will be disposed of by his canteen, except as part of a meal.

W.B. Smith.

14.1.47.

(11)

C.A.

Right, but I should surely write S/O to let him point out the necessity for this restriction & why & "assure" that he will exercise strict control in the matter.

W.B. Smith.

Mr. Lane written to as per Recd 11.

(12.)

Wm. Lanth.

P. L. 47.

Letter to Mrs. Sheppard of 1. 9. 44.

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PA.

Tea	3 c/s	} £100
Sugar	4 bags (4 cwt)	
Sauces	2 c/s.	
milk	20 c/s	
Potatoes	6 bags.	

Subject: Proposed Church Canteen.

122/CR/25.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary.

The Rev.G.K.Lowe has approached this Headquarters with an offer from his ladies' committee to run a canteen in the Church Hall, Stanley, when it is vacated by the Imperial Forces.

As a canteen of this nature will satisfy a very definite need, I am anxious to make full use of this offer.

In order to obtain supplies, it would be necessary for a licence to be granted to the Rev.G.K.Lowe to purchase the following articles:-

Tea, (Army)
Milk, (Local).
Sugar,)
Potatoes,) S.A.
Tomato Sauces.,)

and I would be grateful if a licence could be granted on his application.

I would point out that the canteen would be similar to those run in England by the Y.M.C.A., and other philanthropic bodies; they are not supplied in any way by the Army and are not run in competition with N.A.A.F.I.

Stanley,
16/9/42.
HWB.

W. H. H. H. H.
Colonel,
Commanding,
Falkland Islands Force.

Rev. G.K.Lowe,

Competent Authority's Office,
Stanley.

Sir,

Copy for your information,

25th September, 1942.

Ag. C.A.

Sir,

With reference to your letter addressed to the Honourable, the Colonial Secretary regarding the proposed Church Canteen I am directed to inform you that Mr Lowe may purchase the following commodities from Messrs the Falkland Islands Company :-

4 bags Sugar
6 " Potatoes
2 cases Tomato Sauce

It is understood that the Army will supply the tea and will release local cows' milk for use in the Canteen.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Officer Commanding
Falkland Islands Force.

Ag. Competent Authority.

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Office of the Competent Authority,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
9th. Feb. 1943.

Dear Mr. Lowe,

I understand that practically all difficulties impeding the establishment of your canteen have now disappeared thanks to Army co-operation in the supplying of rationed food-stuffs. I think that the solution is an eminently satisfactory one, and I hope that no more obstacles will arise.

You will, I am sure, take all reasonable steps to see that no rationed foodstuffs are disposed of except as part of meals.

Yours faithfully,

Competent Authority.

The Rev, G. K. Lowe,
Stanley.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
STANLEY.
1st September, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Sheppard,

I have consulted with Mr. Mercer regarding the enclosed account for electric light for the Canteen and he agrees with me that all electric light charges might be remitted, including those on this account.

2. I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation and admiration for the way in which you and your helpers have organized and run the Canteen and I hope you feel that this decision is a small mark of Government's appreciation of the work which you are doing.

Yours sincerely,

K. G BRADLEY

Mrs. Sheppard,
STANLEY.