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Ag. Harbour Master

SUBJECT.

1925

H.M.C.S. "AFTERGLOW"

9th February

Arms and Ammunition for Patrol Boat

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

Minutes from Ag Harbour Master of 9th Feb 1925 - Encl ①

Attch to p. in which requisitions for military material are to be sent $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly

ttttt 25 Feb 25

Y.B.
Submitted for approval of the requirements as in ec. 6 of the Ag. Harbour Master's minutes. Our orders are so small that it would I suggest be better if they all go through the O.C. Dep. Incs who should indent, accounts being spaced by adjustment voucher.

The Lewis Gun should I think be kept for use in the Afterglow.

ttttt 25 Feb 25

Subsequent Paper.

RA 5/3/27

H.P.S. Colonial Brigades Minute.

Para 4. ~~of the~~ 1300 rounds of .303 ~~ammunition~~
should be paid for & also the damaged rifle.
The other 3 rifles which are in good condition
can be returned to O.C.F.I.D.F. if they are
not required.

Para 5. The Lewis gun should be kept for use
of the platoon & a supply of ammunition for
it should be arranged to be supplied.

There is a telegram dated 1 November 1920
(G.O. M.P. 192/20) relating to special offer
of Lewis guns ~~with~~ + ten million
rounds of ammunition for each gun: this is
probably a sufficient supply for all requirements.

Encl ①
M.P. 322/20

12 Pds Field Gun should be handed over to
O.C.F.I.D.F.

Para 6 & 7. Do any of papers connected with G.O. M.P. 192/20
refer to above gun only approximate idea of cost of ammunition
for 3 Pds gun? There is no provision in estimates for
purchase of ammunition & cost of new must be kept
down as much as possible. Minimum specific range of
ammunition carried in platoon some means reduced
to 100 rounds a year for each gun?

I have asked O.C.F.I.D.F. to look up all books which he
has in order to ascertain price of 3 Pds ammunition if
this is possible.

cannot .303 ammunition + reserve ammunition be obtained
from O.C.F.I.D.F. who require: any orders for ammunition should go through

O.C.D.F. New exact requirements should
be determined before order is given.

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14 March 1925

O.C.D.F.

Referred for advice please

W.H. 23 March 25

H.C.S.

In the 1915 Vocabulary of stores
3. pdr, shells are quoted 10/3 each.
.303 ammunition can be supplied from
the present stock of the F.I.D.F. Revolver
ammunition will require to be imported
cost about £5 per 1000.
The quantity of .303 already supplied to
Afterglow (Seal protection) is 2.900 Rds.
with 6 L.E.Rifles.

H.R. Watson

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

27 Feb 1925.

ag. Harbour Master

What is quantity of 3 pdr.
ammunition in your charge now
please.

W.H. 20 March 25

The Hon; Colonial Secretary.

There are 49 rounds of 3 pdr ammunition
in hand.

R. P. Barclay
A/G Harbour Master

1/5/25.



of Defence.

*Will you please now submit
draft indent for approval.*

*W. H. G. G.
6 May 1925.*

The Hon, Col. Sec.

Submitted indent for ammunition
for H.M.C.S. Afterglow. I consider that
50 Rds. of 3pdr. ammunition would be
sufficient for a reserve supply, and that
the stock on hand would be used up for
practice after arrival of new stock.

The prices are estimated from pre.war
quotations, but I think the amount I have
allowed will cover all costs.

.303 ammunition can be drawn from the stock
on hand when required.

W. H. G. G.
Commanding F.I.D.F.

May 16th 1925.

*Indent 368
M.P. I 42/25.*

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

C.S. No.....

MINUTE PAPER.

Departmental Number.

From The Ag. Harbour Master....

Date. 9th February, 1925.

To The Hon. Col. Secretary...

Arms and ammunition for Patrol Boat.

Reference
Numbers.

The Hon. Col. Secy.,

I have received a request from the O/C Defence Force for a settlement to be made in respect of rifles and ammunition supplied to Capt. Hockley on the 1st of February 1922 and also in March 1923 for use on board the Afterglow.

2. I am informed that 4 rifles were supplied to the Jason Guard. One is broken, the remaining three are in order. In 1923 a quantity of 1000 rounds of Mark VII. .303 ammunition was supplied.

It appears that there was a certain quantity of .303 ammunition condemned at the Naval Depot and about 500 or 600 rounds were handed over to the Master of the Afterglow, who had same placed in the Government Magazine, this being the stock of ammunition in hand.

3. On the 8th of January it became necessary to obtain a further supply and the O/C Defence Force supplied a further 300 rounds, a receipt being given for same.

4. The amount now due to the Defence Force would seem to be:

1300 rounds of Mark VII. .303 ammunition.
4 rifles.

I should be glad to know if the ammunition is to be purchased or replaced and if the 4 rifles, including the damaged

may be returned to the F.I.D.F.

5. I would request that the Lewis Gun, returned from the Jason Island, might be handed over to the D.F. for safe keeping, unless it is thought advisable to place it on the Afterglow. The 12 pdr field gun has been placed in the east end of the Customs Shed; charges are required for this gun.

6. The ammunition for the 3 pdr on board the Afterglow is not very effective, having been in stock for several years.

7. I would suggest that an order be placed for:

100 rounds of steel shell ammunition; Mark XIV., 7 4/16 oz, Cordite M.D. 4½, for the 3 pdr.

5000 rounds of Mark VII. .303 ammunition.

1000 " " revolver ammunition (size to be ascertained).

7. On receipt of the above ammunition a regular system of gun practice could be arranged; 50 to 75 rounds being expended annually in practice and a standing order placed for 100 rounds to be supplied annually. By this means the men should become efficient in the use of the gun and the cordite would always be in good order.

I fear I have no knowledge as to the cost of the above ammunition.

R. S. S. S. S.

Ag. Harbour Master.

9/2/25.