

PUBLIC WORKS.
(Explosives)
No. 186/32.

C.S.

1932.

Hon. D. P. W.

SUBJECT.

1932.

29th June.

STORAGE OF DETONATORS.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

1-2. Minutes (2) from Hon. D.P.W. of 29/6/32.

J.P. Submitted for approval in
either instance.

J.P.

1. 7. 32.

Hon. C.S.

Approved. But cannot the detonators be exploded say-out at sea - after being shot? Whether they may be equivalent to a 'mine shed'.

J.P.
1-7-32

Subsequent Paper.

Mr. D.P.O.

Referent to you, please.

J. W. Roberts

2.7.32.

Non. Col. Sec.

These detonators will not explode in water, unless they are made watertight.

They have an open end to take the safety fuse, a spit of flame from the fuse ignites a quick-match which in turn ignites the fulminate of mercury.

The detonators are only $1\frac{1}{8}$ " x $\frac{1}{4}$ " approximately, and if scattered over a three mile area they should be perfectly safe, especially as immersion in water will immediately destroy the quick-match.

I submit that if they were scattered as suggested, well down towards Port William light, they would be perfectly safe.

C. Roberts

4.7.32

J. E. Schmitt.

Mr.

5.7.32.

Hon. C. S.

I am satisfied with the statement and hope that the detonators will be so scattered as to make certain that tide and surge of water will not result in their concentration

J. E. Schmitt
5.7.32

Mr. J.P.D.

To you, please.

Mr.

6.7.32.

Hon. Col. Sec.
Noted.

I have today examined the stock of detonators and condemned 566, these have been scattered over a 3 mile area in deep water this afternoon
Lt. Roberts. Friday 8th July 1932.

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



29th June. 1932.

From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

STORAGE OF DETONATORS.

Hon; Colonial Secretary,

It is recommended that a small concrete building be erected in the reservoir enclosure for the purpose of storing detonators.

If approved, it would allow the present concrete store, which is in the corner of the working sheds to be used for ready issue gelignite, which will not exceed five pounds (5 lbs) at any one time.

The estimated cost of this work is £60, which I submit might be charged against Head XX. P.W.R. 8, Minor Works, under which I have a balance available of £99.

C. Roberts.

Director of Public Works.

MINUTE.



To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

29th June. 1932.

From

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Hon; Colonial Secretary,

Submitted for approval that 1000 No detonators be destroyed. These detonators have been in stock since 1901, and it would be safer to destroy them than to risk a misfire.

2. The value is approximately £3. 10. 0 which to avoid a Special Warrant I would propose to charge to quarrying for Surf Bay Road.

3. It is suggested that the method of destruction might be by dumping in deep waters in Port William.

G. Roberts.

Director of Public Works.