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<u>PUBLIC WORKS.</u>	
(Explosives)	
<i>No.</i>	230/37.

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SUBJECT.

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9th December.

MAGAZINES, AND STORAGE ACCOMMODATION FOR EXPLOSIVES.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

Extract from Minute addressed to the Colonial Secretary by the Director of Public Works, dated 9th November, 1937, and filed at Red (164) in M.P. S/4/32.

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6. With regard to the estimated cost of a magazine in which to store the Public Works explosives, without knowing where it is to be sited and not having prepared plans it is difficult to give a figure; especially when it is likely to be quoted against me in time to come. Therefore the rough estimate of, say, £150, must be accepted with some reserve and is subject to revision, depending largely on site and time of year that construction is undertaken.

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(Sgd.) G. Roberts.  
Director of Public Works

Subsequent Paper.

① Minutes to D.P.W. of 9/12/37.

P.H.  
9/12/37.

Minutes from A.P.W. of 15/12/37.

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A.P.W.

W.r.t. (2) mt. W.P.

Rob  
13/12/37

Hon. Col. Sec.

With reference to your minute N° 230/37 of the 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, 1937, and to para 6 of my minute M/P. 5/4/32 of the 9<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1937.

If it is decided to proceed with this I submit that the O.C. Defence Force might suggest a site for the magazine which he proposes for the P.W. Dept. There may be some reason for this extra magazine if so it is unknown to me.

As D.P.W. I do not recommend that the Government incur expenditure on erecting a building for the storage of Public Works blasting materials.

I submit that storage room is available for them in the magazine where they are now housed, that is where they have been stored for the last 20 years and today there are less explosives stored in the building than for many years past.

Er. Roberts.  
22/12/37.

O.C. Defence Force.

In your observations please. I understand that you consider it undesirable that P. Wks explosives should be stored in the same magazine as military explosives since also a dual control would not be satisfactory.

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Hon. C.S.

I have not proposed any magazine for the P. W. D. and the position is as you have stated.

P. W. D.  
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A. C. S.  
 S/4/32 will be required. This question of storage of P. Wks Explosives is referred to them.

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The question of the provision of a small magazine suitable for storing P. Wks blasting explosives came up when it was found necessary to remove 640 lbs of gelignite belonging to the P. Wks Dept. from the Surf Bay magazine to make room

for the storage of cordite brought by  
H.M.S. "Euter". After some  
correspondence arrangements were  
made to store the P.W. explosive  
in the Magayni in the Magayni  
Valley. In this Magayni also there  
are 78,000 rounds of small arm  
ammunition and a certain number  
of sub-calibre shells.

2. The O.C. Depena Inca objects  
to dual control of the Magayni.  
There is ample space in the  
Magayni but whether it is advisable  
to store such a large quantity of  
gelignite with other explosives in  
such close proximity to the Town  
is open to question. On the other  
hand it is doubtful whether expense  
would be justified in building a  
Special Magayni to store P.W.  
Explosives

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If or when practical difficulties  
arise through "dual control" plan  
let it be reported.

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O.C. Depena Inca.

To note.

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Notes.

- The instructions of the noted since be  
 2. P. W. D. explosives <sup>complied with.</sup> have been observed by me in  
 the post in open boxes.  
 3. I have followed as far as possible the points  
 laid down in Magazine Regulations as it is  
 very necessary in the training of a soldier  
 that the rules be strictly complied with & as  
 we have now received our supplies of cordite  
 it was my intention to introduce Magazine  
 Clothing - please see page 18 of the regno.  
 h/w. - but this would be of little use if  
 P. W. D. employees enter the magazine in nailed  
 boots. Please also see page 31 where Subguide is  
 included in Group II & Regn. 118 page 36  
 4. My notice in opposing dual control was  
 safety and of course to control the hands of  
 the men of the D.F. using the magazine.

Joe  
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Discin Pub. Works.

To see. No doubt instructions  
 have been issued or will be  
 issued regarding "Safety" when  
 P. W. D. explosives are handled in  
 the magazine.

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Hon. Col. Sec.

3. Submitted attached copy of instructions  
 which it is proposed to issue with regard  
 to P. W. D. explosives. There are two men only  
 in the Dept who are allowed to handle this mate.  
 E. J. Glendell & D. Peck. They will be supplied  
 with a copy and one copy will be put up  
 at the entrance to the Magazine.  
 E. Roberts 8/1/38.

NOTE  
 Rubber shoes  
 have already  
 been placed in  
 both magazines by  
 me.  
 A. J. P. 1/38

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To See.

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Don C.S. Been thank you.

The regulations have been taken from Magazine  
Regs. submitted with my previous minute  
2. May the regulations be returned to the  
Adjutant J. J. D. F. please?

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Adjutant J. J. D. F.

Please withdraw Regs.

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Regs. withdrawn.

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No. 230/37.

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

MINUTE.

9th December, 1937.

From THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

To The Director of Public Works,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

With reference to paragraph 6 of your minute of the 9th of November, 1937, I should be glad to know, for the information of His Excellency the Acting Governor, whether plans have yet been prepared for the construction of a magazine in which to store Public Works explosives.

Acting Colonial Secretary.

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MINUTE.

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10th December 1937

From Director of Public Works

To The Honourable the Colonial Secretary

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

With reference to your minute No.230/37 dated 9th inst calling for information about the plans of a new magazine for Public Works explosives, I beg to request that you will be good enough to send to my office the minute paper dealing with this matter.

*E. Roberts.*

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MAGAZINE INSTRUCTIONS.

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The following precautions are to be observed by Public Works employees when using the Magazine in which Public Works explosives are stored.

Smoking is strictly prohibited in or near the building.

Persons are not to enter the Magazine with tobacco-pipes, tobacco in any form, matches, or with any combustible, or exposed iron or steel articles in their possession.

No employee, other than the two men authorized to handle explosives and carry out blasting operations, are to enter the Magazine.

Before entering a building in which explosives are stored all prohibited articles are to be deposited outside the Magazine entrance. All mud and grit are to be removed from the clothing worn.

Nailed or other boots are to be removed. Clean rubber shoes only are to be worn when inside the Magazine.

Floors and platforms are to be kept scrupulously clean.

Packages containing explosives are not to be opened for any purpose in a compartment of the Magazine in which the explosives are kept.

All explosives are to be kept covered and in their containers.

It should be remembered that the object of an explosive is to explode. A particle of gunpowder is likely to explode when pinched between two hard surfaces, or subjected to a blow; especially a glancing blow such as is given by a man's boot when he slips on a floor. The explosion of this small quantity may be communicated to other explosives in the building.



DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS  
8th January 1938.