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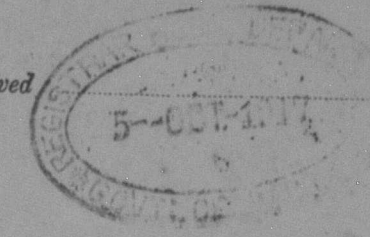
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Passing orders on the question of pupils in the

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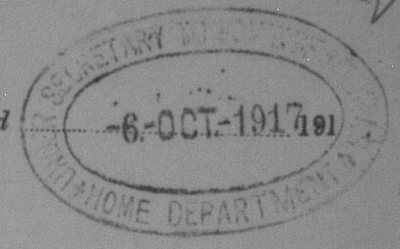
Home (Education) DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Requesting the sanction of Government for the discharge of pupils of the Reformatory school, Chingleput before the expiry of the period of their detention in view of their enlistment in the Army.

ENCLOSURES.

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R.C. No. 6914/17.

Station Madras.

, Dated the 320 October 1917

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. J.H. Stone, M.A., F.R.H.S. C.I.E.,

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home (Education) Department.

Sir,

The Superintendent, Reformatory School, Chingleput requests to be informed if Government will be pleased to permit the pupils of the school who are willing to enlist and who come up to the requirements of the army being discharged straight from the school and enlisted in the army before their periods of detention in the school expire. The proposal commends itself to me and I have the honour accordingly to solicit the orders of Government.

2. I have ascertained from the staff Captain, Fort St. George that the earliest age at which boys

boys are enlisted in the Army is 14 years.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. Krishnamoorti

for Director of Public Instruction.

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CN 0 1125B From the S. P. J. R. C. 6914/17 dated The 3rd Oct 17

Subject - Proposal to permit the pupils of the Reformatory School to enlist in the army.

In the U.S.

Under Sec 14(a) of the Reformatory Schools Act, the local Govt may at any time, order the discharge of a pupil from the school. The pupils who are enlisted in the army may therefore be discharged under this section. It may not be desirable to discharge the pupils ^(who wish to enlist) unconditionally, for in case they fail to enlist in the army or ^{if} they are dismissed or discharged therefrom on account of misconduct, they will be free. It appears therefore necessary that the discharge should be coupled with the condition that they will be liable to be sent back to the school for the unexpired portion of their term or until they reach the age of 18 years, in case they fail to enlist in the army. But there is no provision in the Act authorizing the Govt to send back to the school, pupils once discharged therefrom.

2. The file may, it is submitted, be forwarded u.o. to the Home (Sd) Dept ^{scipin} and

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and the Revenue Dept (Recruitment Board) for
remarks ~~on the subject~~

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Pupils may be permitted to
enlist & then on production
of credentials from the
military authorities, may
receive their discharge.

S. J.

Why not adopt similar conditions
as in several Prisoners Corps?

Suspension of detention whilst under
service?

26/10/17

Please see G.C. No.

- (K) 1048 Jull., d/ the 21st May 1917 in
which the Govt. has granted
remission of sentence in the case
of certain prisoners so as to enable
them to serve in a Postal Corps in
Mesopotamia. The remission was
subject to the conditions mentioned
in para 2 of the G.C. and was

granted under the powers conferred on the Government in Council by Sec. 401 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898. It is doubtful whether power can be taken under this section to sanction conditional admission of sentence in the case of a detainee in a Reformatory School to which the Reformatory Schools Act, 1897 applies. A reference may perhaps be made to the Advocate General on the point.

2. An alternative way of dealing with the case would be to take action under Section 18(1) of the Reformatory Schools Act, under which the Superintendent may, with the sanction of the Committee, by license under his hand permit a "prisoner" who has attained the age of "fourteen years to live under the charge of any trustworthy and respectable person named in the license, or any officer of Govt., being an employer of labour and willing to receive and take charge of him on the conditions

"that the employer shall keep such
"youthful offender employed at some
"trade, occupation or calling."

Under clause (2) of this section, "The license
"shall be in force for three months and
"no longer, but may at any time and from
"time to time until the expiration of the
"period for which the youthful offender
"has been directed to be detained, be
"renewed for three months at a time."

It will be seen from ~~the~~ Section 18 quoted
above that the license will have to be
renewed by the Supdt every three
months until the expiration of the period
for which the youthful offender should
be detained, and ^(the adoption of) this course will ^(probably) cause
considerable inconvenience to the Military
authorities.

3. The remarks of the 1st section and
the Rev Dep't (Recruitment Board) may be
invited up. before a reference is made to the
Advocate General.

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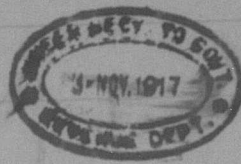
Jr. J. J.
Rev. Recruitment Board

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Cases of recruitment will be
few & the procedure unduly

in §10 adopted

2/11/17



Rev (uo)

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3-11-17

To Secy.

No idea has been given as to the number of pupils likely to volunteer. It is for orders whether the members of the Circle A.R.O. (Cap. Thomas) may be invited w.o. on the file. He may perhaps be able to visit the Reformatory and see if anything is likely to turn up.

Rev. No. 497G-117-Rev
7-11-17

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Captain Thomas.

dp u.o. today
7/11/17

Resubmitter
I haven't been able to go to the School but hope to do so very early next week. Mr. O.A.R. under my instruction has seen the Sup't. of the School & sends me a list of 17 months 17 years.

of age and above suitable for
enlistment. I have also received replies
from a number of Commanding Officers
most of whom are willing to take
Reformatory pupils as band boys or
sepoys. There will therefore be no
difficulty in placing the boys in the
Army if they are willing to enlist.

W. H. H. H.

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Capt. A. R. D.

Secretary. Prov. Recruiting Board u. o.

Revenue Dept

To Secy:

The minimum age for recruits
given in the blue book is 18. Apparently
Commanding officers have discretion to
take in recruits who are less than 18; it is
stated that the earliest age at which boys
can be taken is 14.

2. If the enlistment of reformatory
school boys is permitted, the Home (Secy)
Secretary recommends the adoption of the
procedure laid down in Section 18 of the
Reformatory Schools Act, 1897. If this is
followed, the license referred to in the
Section will have to be renewed every three months.

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Orders are solicited whether an experiment in this direction may be tried or whether an enquiry may be made of the C.D.B. whether any such question has arisen in the Province.

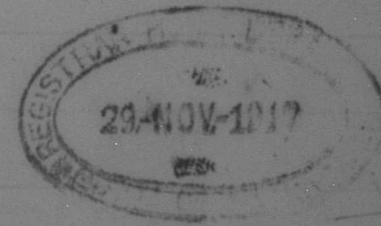
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I am afraid the three months arrangement will be a little inconvenient. It might be tried for one term, but if at the end of the first three months the C.D.B. reported the boys conduct to be satisfactory and regarded him as fit for permanent enlistment, I think an order of discharge would see 14 months then be passed.

Would Home - J. agree to this? If so we can tell Captain Thomas to take up the recruitment of these boys.

Th
29.11.17

Home. Edw.



W.S.

Subd.: that this deft. man agree to the course suggested by the Revenue Secretary. A draft

Rev. 2.1.10 4920/17-2

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order to Subd. After issue the
file may be forwarded w/o to
Rev. so that the Reserving Board
may add ass ^{captain} Mr Thomas.



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S. J.

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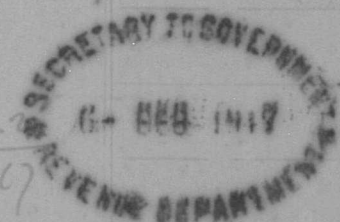
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Paying also

Please refer to Rev.
noting in the Rev.

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Ed. w. o. 1125 B-2
6.12.17



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ORDER.

Mis.

No. 1532, dated 3 - XII 1917.

The Government do not consider it expedient to discharge pupils of the Reformatory School ~~straight away~~ with a view to their enlistment in the Army, before the expiry of their period of ~~detention~~ ^{in the school}. But they have no objection to the Superintendent of the School taking action under section 18 of the Reformatory Schools Act, 1897. As however the renewal of the licence every three months in accordance with clause (2) of that section might prove ~~a little~~ inconvenient, the arrangement may be tried for one term. If at the end of the first three months the Commanding Officer ^{should} report ~~the~~ ^{pupils} ~~conduct~~ ^{should} to be satisfactory and considered them fit for permanent enlistment, the question of discharging them

from the school under section 14 of
the Act ^{would} then be considered.

E.A.V.

30.11.17

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To the D.P.I.

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