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[Despatch Abstract.]

Mechanical Transport service in India.

Furnishing the Government of India with the views of this
Government in regard to the possibility of enlisting boys of British
European parentage for the -----

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No. 015885-1 (A. G.-2).

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

ARMY DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 2nd May 1919.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
 THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.
 THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.
 THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED PROVINCES.
 THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB.
 THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BURMA.
 THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR AND ORISSA.
 THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, CENTRAL PROVINCES.
 THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ASSAM.

SIR,

I am directed to address you in regard to the possibility of enlisting boys of British European parentage for the Mechanical Transport Service in India.

2. Owing to the probable expansion in the near future of the Mechanical Transport Service, the Government of India would be prepared to arrange for the training of boys of British European parentage for duty as artificers with Mechanical Transport Companies in India.

3. The terms and conditions of service would probably be as follows :—

- The boys would be required to engage for a period of twelve years' service.
- They would be required to have attained the age of sixteen years before being engaged.

Note.—The engagement of the boys would be subject to the consent of their parents or guardians.

- Until they attained the age of eighteen years they would receive pay at the rate of 8 pence a day.

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Yours faithfully,
 (Education) v.o.
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- (d) On attaining the age of eighteen years they would receive the rate of pay authorised for privates of the Royal Army Service Corps, viz., 1 shilling and 2 pence a day, and in addition they would be entitled to Corps pay according to their qualifications at the following rates :—

		s.	d.
1st Class	...	1	8 per diem.
2nd Class	...	1	4 per diem.
3rd Class	...	1	2 per diem.

- (e) They would receive free accommodation, free clothing and free rations.

4. I am to enquire whether, in the event of the proposal being sanctioned, the scheme is likely to prove attractive and also to ascertain the number of boys likely to be forthcoming from the Schools in your ^{Province.} Administration.

5. The Government of India would be glad to be favoured, at an early date, with any remarks or suggestions ^{H. H. the Governor in Council} ^{H. H. the Lieutenant Governor in Council} ^{H. H. the Lieutenant Governor} may desire to

offer in regard to the proposed scheme after consultation, if considered necessary, with the Principals of selected local Institutions.

I am,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Asst Brigley Major-General,

Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 015885-2 (A. G.-2).

Copy of the above forwarded, for information, to :—

The Department of Education.

The Adjutant General in India.

The Quartermaster General in India.

... military levy of British
European percentage for the
Mechanical Transport Service
in India.

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Referred to the D.P.S.

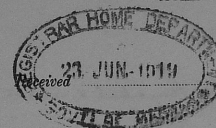
and the Committee of the
Lawrence Memorial School,
Gataramund, for early remarks.

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To the D.P.S.
... Secy. to the Committee of the
Lawrence Memorial School, Gataramund.

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HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.



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Subject.

Submitting letter from the Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Memorial School, Lovedale, reporting with reference to the enlistment of boys of British European parents for the Mechanical Transport Service in India.

ENCLOSURES

No.

R. C. No. 5153/1919

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Station Madras, Dated the 21st June 1919.

From (Name) the Honble Mr. R. Littlehales, M.A.

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction
M A D R A S.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

HOME (EDUCATION) Department.

Sir,

LAWRENCE MEMORIAL SCHOOL.
OOTACAMUND-LAWRENCE-ASYLUM.

LOVEDALE P.O.

C. No. 1026

Nelgudi District, 10th June 1919.

FROM

THE REVEREND W. H. G. PADFIELD, M.A.,

PRINCIPAL AND SECRETARY,

TO

The Secretary to Government,

Through

Home (Education) Department.

The Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

SIR,

With reference to your No.1035 B-1, dated 28th May 1919,

I have the honour by direction of the Committee, to state that the number of boys of British European parentage available for Mechanical Transport Service in India would depend upon the number of boys taken for the Royal Air Force vide No.015885-1 (A.G.-2) dated 2nd May 1919.

The Principal reports that, as/details regarding prospects and promotions are not available, he is unable to say whether the scheme is likely to attract the best boys, or not.

In all probability, a minimum of 6 boys per annum could be relied on-calculated as follows:-

approximate average number of boys leaving yearly	50
To Telegraph Training Class	12
England with fathers' Regiment	6
I.M.D.	2
Enlist in R.A. Boys' Depot	6
Royal Air Force	10
Mechanical Transport	6
Removed by parents for other occupation or employed in European Merchantile firms	8

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Principal and Secretary.

From The Principal & Secretary,
Lawrence Memorial School,
Cotacaimund
To The Secretary to Govt.
Home (ED) Dept.
And the D.P.I.

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Submitted to Government.

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20.6.19.

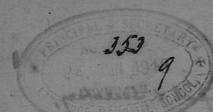
For Director of Public Instruction.

Re 5153/19

Reporting with reference to the
enlistment of boys of British European
parentage for the Mechanical Transport
Service in India.

C.No. 1268 B

26.6.19



Home Department.

Education Branch

REMINDER.

To

The Secretary to

The Committee of the Lawrence Memorial School, Cotacaimund

The Secretary to Government Home (Education) Dept.

The undersigned has the honour to invite
is directed to invite
invites

attention to the communication noted in the
margin and to
request that
this reminder may be returned at once with
information as to—

- (1) the stage at which the matter now is, &
- (2) the date by which a reply may be expected and
- (3) the circumstances which have caused the delay.

2. It is requested that the reply to this
reminder may be sent not later than

A reply to the communication noted in the margin, was sent to you, through the Director of Public Instruction, Madras under this office letter No 1026 dated 10th June 1919.

W. H. M. M. M.
Principal (Honorary)

Office Home Dept.

Station Cotacaimund

Dated 21.6.19

Signature.
under Secy: to Govt.
Designation.

20.6.19

SUBJECT

Enlistment for the
mechanical transport
service in India



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HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.



C No. 1554 B 7

Received 11 AUG-1919 191. Registered 12-0 1917.

Subject.

Submitting a report in regard to the proposed scheme for enlistment of boys of British European parentage for the Mechanical Transport Service in India.

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R. C. No. 5153/1919

Station Madras, Dated the 9 August 1917

From (Name) the Hon'ble Mr. R. Littlehales, M. A.,
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,
MADRAS.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
HOME (EDUCATION) Department.

Sir,

With reference to Government Endorsement No. 1035 B-1 Home (Education) dated 28th May 1919 on the letter from the Government of India regarding the proposed scheme for enlistment of boys of British European parentage for the Mechanical Transport service in India, I have the honour to submit the following report:-

2. The Inspector of Schools, IX Circle, consulted the correspondents of three selected schools in Bangalore, and of these, he reports, two are of opinion that the scheme is

not likely to prove attractive, while the third has not been able to consult the parents of the prospective applicants and has at present no list of boys to submit. The Inspector of European and Training Schools, Madras, submits a list of 22 boys in all from three schools in the city of Madras. He points out, however, that the Correspondent of St. Bede's European High School, San Thome, desires a clear definition of the expression "British European parentage" and that the list of boys relating to that school is in number have to be revised according to the definition that is given to the term British European parentage. He states further that the Correspondent, Bishop Corrie High School, Madras, considers that the stipulation that the boys must be of "British European parentage" will militate against the success of the scheme and suggests that it might be modified so as to include also boys of "Anglo-Indian parentage".

3. It would thus appear that the scheme is not likely to prove very attractive and that the best hope of success is to interpret British European parentage as including all Anglo-Indians (or Eurasians as they were formerly called). I estimate the number of Anglo-Indian youths of 16 years of age in this Presidency as only about 300 and only a small percentage of them will be available for ^{and willing} ~~enlistment~~ to enlist in the Mechanical Transport Service.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

M. M. M.
for Director of Public Instruction

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Subject.

Enlistment for

the mechanical transport

Service.

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to 2. 5. 19.
C. 1255/B, from the Secy., A. M. School, 1026, 10

(P. 5, c. 4)

The D. P. J.'s reply to

memo No: 1035/B-1, d. 28.5.19 has not yet been received. With ref. to para of Indian letter (P. 2, c. 4), the Director is presumably consulting the heads of other European schools. For orders whether the case may be sent up to D. P. J. for ascertaining when his reply may be expected.

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I cannot tell when I shall be

able to reply. I have received no reply as yet from the Inspector of European Schools or from the Inspector of Schools, Bangalore. Reply will be reminded, but an early reply to the reference could not be expected since the correspondents of aided schools are generally unable to reply to school references during the hot weather vacation until the schools reopen.



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For orders whether the case may be sent till 15th Aug: 19

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[ENC 1554 B]. From the O.P.D. Re No. 515314 8 9 - 8 19

A draft letter on the lines of the O.P.D. letter is submitted for approval.

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H. S. G.

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[Signature]
16.8.19

[Signature]
16/8/19

The authorities concerned, ~~they~~ are generally of the opinion that the scheme is not likely to prove attractive. ^{Consider} ~~the principal~~ ^{and some of them state} of the L.M. School state that a minimum of 6 boys every year from that school may be relied on while some of the ~~other say~~ that the stipulation that the boys should be of "British European parentage" will militate against the success of the scheme and urge that the expression "British European parentage" should be so interpreted as to include also boys of Anglo-Indian ~~for Eurasian~~ as they were formerly called parentage. H.E. the Governor ^{in Council} concurs in the above view and I am directed to suggest that, if there ^{be} no objection, the scheme may be so modified as to include also boys of "Anglo-Indian parentage" ~~may also be permitted to participate in the benefits of the scheme~~.

3. As regards the number of boys likely to be forthcoming from the schools in this Presidency, I am ^{at Ootacamund} to state that the L.M. School ^{about} may supply ^a six boys every year; while in the case of the other schools the number is not likely to be large even when Anglo-Indians ^{be} included. ~~the total number of Anglo-Indians~~ ^{youths}

youths of 16 years of age in this Presidency ^{may be roughly estimated at} ~~about~~ 300 and only a small percentage of ^{these} ~~them~~ ^{will} be expected to be ^{likely} ~~available~~ for enlistment in the Mechanical Transport Service.

I have &c.

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