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[Despatch Abstract.]

Royal Air Force.

Replying to the letter from the Government of India regarding
the opening of a ----- class attached to the Lawrence Memorial
School, Ootacamund.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

ARMY DEPARTMENT.



CURRENT NO.

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Delhi, the 11/11

February 1919.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal.
The Chief Secretary to the Government of the Punjab.
The Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor-General in
Rajputana and Chief Commissioner in Ajmer-Merwara.

Sir,

I am directed to address you on the subject of the recruitment of boys, who are European British subjects, as Airmen (i.e. Mechanics) for the Aircraft Park, Royal Air Force, India, and to request that the Government of India may be furnished with the views of the Local

Government and any suggestions that you may desire to offer with regard to the following outline of a scheme which is proposed as a tentative measure :-

- (i) The initiation of a Royal Air Force class at the Lawrence Military School, Ootacamund, St. Andrew's Home, Kalimpong, Lawrence Military School, Ghora Gali, Lawrence Military School, Mount Abu,

for the purpose of imparting elementary instruction in aeronautical subjects. A Royal Air Force Instructor would be appointed to give this instruction and the necessary apparatus and books would be supplied, provided the class could be maintained at a minimum of say, 25 boys.

- (ii) Boys to be allowed to join the class on attaining the age of 14 years subject to the recommendation of the head of their Institution and to their being accepted by the Director of Aeronautics.
- (iii) After passing a prescribed examination and on attaining the age of 15 years, they would be attested and receive pay as "Boys" in the Royal Air Force at the rate of 1s. per diem with free kit. They would, however, remain on the rolls of their Institution until they reached the age of 17 years.
- (iv) During the period (i.e. 15 to 17 years of age) mentioned in (iii) above, the boys so enlisted would be required to go into camp as a unit at Lahore for the six winter months of each year, where they would pursue their studies, receive instruction in the Aircraft Park, and definitely take up a trade. On the conclusion of these courses they would return to their Institution for the summer terms.
- (v) When they attained the age of 17 years the boys would be finally enlisted as Air Mechanics with an initial rate of pay of 2s. per diem. A copy

of

of India Army Order No. 33-S., dated the 2nd November 1918 is enclosed which gives details as regards conditions of service, trades and employments, rates of pay, etc.

2. While the boys are actually at school the ultimate authority would of course be vested in the Principal of the Institution and the scheme contemplates that the Instructor furnished by the Royal Air Force should serve on his staff and work under his direction. For the period that they were in camp at Lahore the boys would be under the control of the military authorities.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. H. Bingley

Major-General,

Secretary to the Government of India.

S.K.G.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of India,
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Punjab,
The Chief Secretary to the Government of the United
Provinces, and the Chief Secretary to the Government of
Bihar and Orissa.

I am directed to address you on the subject of
the recruitment of boys, who are European British subjects,
as Airman (i.e. Mechanics) for the Royal Air Force, India,
and to request that the Government of India may be furnished with the views of the local
Government and any suggestions that they may desire to
offer with regard to the following outline of a scheme
which is proposed as a tentative measure:-

(i) The institution of a Royal Air Force class at the
Lawrence Military School, Oudh,
St. Andrew's Home, Calcutta,
Lawrence Military School, Gurgaon,
Lawrence Military School, Mount Abu.

for the purpose of imparting elementary training
in aeronautical subjects. A Royal Air Force
Instructor would be appointed to give this instruction
and the necessary apparatus and books would
be supplied, provided the class could be maintained
at a minimum of say, 30 boys.

(ii) Boys to be allowed to join the class on attaining
the age of 14 years subject to the recommendation
of the head of their Institution and to their
being accepted by the Director of Aeronautics.

(iii) After passing a prescribed examination and on
attaining the age of 15 years, they would be
attested and receive pay as "Boys" in the Royal
Air Force at the rate of 12/- per diem with 1/-
kit. They would, however, remain on the rolls
of their Institution until they reached the age
of 17 years.

(iv) During the period (i.e. 15 to 17 years of age)
mentioned in (iii) above, the boys so enlisted
would be required to go into camp as a unit at
Lahore for the six winter months of each year,
where they would pursue their studies, receive
instruction in the Air Force Park, and take up a trade. On the conclusion of these
courses they would return to their Institution
for the summer term.

(v) When they attained the age of 17 years the boys
would be finally enlisted as Air Mechanics with
an initial rate of pay of 28/- per diem. A boy

of India Army Order No. 33-S, dated the 2nd November 1918 is enclosed which gives details as regards control of terms of service, trials and emoluments, rates of pay, etc.

3. While the boys are actually at school the military authority would of course be vested in the Principal of the institution and the scheme contemplated that the instructor furnished by the Royal Air Force should serve on his staff and work under his direction. For the period that they were in camp at Lahore the boys would be under the control of the military authorities.

Yours most obedient servant,
1 am, Sir,

Major-General

Secretary to the Government of India.



SPECIAL.

INDIA ARMY ORDER

BY

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
IN INDIA.**

Army Headquarters, Simla, the 2nd November 1918.

NO. 33-S. Recruiting—Royal Air Force—It has been decided to admit Civilians in India and Members of the Indian Defence Force (European Branch) as Airmen, to the Royal Air Force in India, the terms and conditions of service for which are published as an Annexure to this Order.

2. Applications giving particulars of qualifications, from skilled and semi-skilled personnel will, in the case of Civilians, be submitted direct to the Director of Aeronautics, Royal Air Force, Army Headquarters, and, in the case of Members of the Indian Defence Force, to their Commanding Officers for transmission, through the usual channel, to the Director of Aeronautics, Royal Air Force, Army Headquarters.

3. Selected candidates will be attested and despatched to the Aircraft Park, Royal Air Force, Lahore, under orders of the Adjutant General in India.

4. The following Forms have been introduced for use in India:—

(i) Royal Air Force attestation Form (provisional for India).

(ii) Notice paper to above.
Indents for these Forms should be addressed to the Superintendent, Government Printing, India, Calcutta.

**H. HUDSON, Lieut. General,
Adjutant-General in India.**

[ANNEXURE TO SPECIAL I. A. O. No. 33-S., DATED 2ND NOVEMBER 1918.]

ROYAL AIR FORCE IN INDIA.

The above corps is open for the enlistment in India of men who are European British Subjects.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

Every person enlisted into the Royal Air Force is liable for duty aloft or ashore, at any station at Home or Abroad, and may be detailed to any branch of the Royal Air Force; *i.e.*, Airship, Aeroplane, Seaplane, Kite Balloon Work, or any type of Aircraft if considered medically fit for such service; and may be called upon, if medically fit, to go into the air in Airships, Aeroplanes, Seaplanes, Kite Balloons or any type of Aircraft.

The terms of service in this annexure are those in force for the period of the War.

Period of Service.

- (1) Duration of War.
- (2) Normal Period; *i.e.*,

(a) Four years with the Colours and four years on the Reserve. Men may, six months before the termination of four years' Colour Service (if recommended by their Commanding Officer and Air Ministry Authority is given), extend their period of Colour Service to complete eight years with the Colours and four years on the Reserve.

(b) Eight years with the Colours and four years on the Reserve.

Men in either paragraphs (a) or (b) may, six months before the termination of eight years' Colour Service (if recommended by their Commanding Officer and Air Ministry Authority is given), re-engage to complete their Colour service to qualify for pension.

Fourteen days' leave will be granted to men re-engaging after completing first continuous service engagement, if the exigencies of the Service permit.

Age.

18 to 41 years for Duration of War; the maximum may, in special cases, be increased to 50 years.

18 to 25 years for Normal Period.

Candidates for Normal period of service are subject to examination by a Medical Officer before acceptance.

Men are required for the following trades and employments:—

TECHNICAL.

Acetylene Welder.	Kite Balloon telephonist.
Armourer.	Magneto Repairer.
Blacksmith.	Millwright.
Boat Builder.	Motor Body Builder.
Camera Repairer.	Motor Boat Coxswain.
Carpenter.	Moulder.
Coppersmith.	Packer.
Draughtsman.	Painter.
Driver—	Patternmaker.
Motor Boat.	Photographer.
Petrol.	Rigger (Aeroplane).
Steam.	Rigger (Airship).
Electrician.	Tinsmith and sheet metal worker.
Fitter—	Turner.
Aero engine.	Upholsterer.
General.	Vulcaniser.
Mechanical Transport.	Winch Driver and Fitter.
Jig and Tool Maker.	Wireless Mechanic.
Hydrogen Worker.	Wireless Operator.
Instrument Repairer.	

These will, if suitable, be appointed in the Royal Air Force, as Air Mechanics, 3rd Class, and will be promoted, according to ability, as follows:—

Rank.	Daily rate of pay.
	s. d.
Air Mechanic, 3rd Class ... Commencing rate of pay ...	2 0
Air Mechanic, 2nd Class ... Commencing rate of pay ...	3 0
After 3 years' service in the rank.	3 6
Air Mechanic, 1st Class ... Commencing rate of pay ...	4 0
After 3 years' service in the rank.	4 6
After 6 years' service in the rank.	5 0
<i>Rising on promotion to—</i>	
Corporal Mechanic ... Commencing rate of pay ...	5 0
After 3 years' service in the rank.	5 6
After 6 years' service in the rank.	6 0
Sergeant Mechanic ... Commencing rate of pay ...	6 0
After 3 years' service in the rank.	6 6
After 6 years' service in the rank.	7 0
Chief Mechanic ... Commencing rate of pay ...	7 0
After 3 years' service in the rank.	8 0
After 6 years' service in the rank.	9 0
Master Mechanic ... (9s. + 2s. skill pay) ...	11 0
Chief Master Mechanic ... (9s. + 3s. skill pay) ...	12 0

In addition, Free Kit, Food and Lodging on the various scales laid down from time to time for peace and war conditions.

NON-TECHNICAL.

FABRIC WORKER.

These will, if suitable, be appointed in the Royal Air Force, as privates 2nd class and promoted, according to ability, as follows:—

Rank.	Daily rate of pay.
	s. d.
Private, 2nd Class ... Commencing rate of pay ...	1 6
Private, 1st Class ... Commencing rate of pay ...	1 8
After 3 years' service as a private over 18 years of age.	2 0
<i>Rising on promotion to—</i>	
Corporal ... Commencing rate of pay ...	2 4
After 3 years' service in the rank.	2 6
Sergeant ... Commencing rate of pay ...	3 3
After 3 years' service in the rank.	3 5
After 6 years' service in the rank.	3 7
Flight-Sergeant ... Commencing rate of pay ...	3 10
After 3 years' service in the rank.	4 1
After 6 years' service in the rank.	4 4
Sergeant-Major, Class II ...	6 9
Sergeant-Major, Class I ...	7 6

In addition, Free Kit, Food and Lodging on the various scales laid down from time to time for peace and war conditions.

All Learners will be entered in the "Non-Technical" Category and be re-mustered to the "Technical" Category when sufficiently qualified to be able to pass the prescribed examination.

CLERKS AND STOREMEN

These will, if suitable, be appointed in the Royal Air Force, as clerks 3rd class, and promoted, according to ability, as follows:—

Rank.	Daily rate of pay.
	s. d.
Clerk, 3rd Class	1 8
Clerk, 2nd Class	2 0
Clerk, 1st Class	3 0
<i>Rising on promotion to—</i>	
Corporal Clerk	4 0
Sergeant Clerk	4 9
Flight Clerk	5 6
Master Clerk (1st Class Warrant Officer) ...	6 9

In addition, Free Kit, Food and Lodging on the various scales laid down from time to time for peace and war conditions.

Indian Pay.

In India all airmen receive additional pay of one shilling per diem.

War Pay.

War Pay at 1*d.* a day for each year of service rendered since the commencement of the war will, subject to good conduct, be given to privates 2nd class, and clerks 3rd class only.

SEPARATION AND DEPENDANTS' ALLOWANCES—W.A.C. RATES.

Married men joining and separated from their families will receive weekly allowances of which some typical cases are given below:—

	Wife only	Wife and 1 child under 14.	Wife and 2 children under 14.	Wife and 3 children under 11.	Wife and 4 children under 11.	Remarks
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	
Private and corporal	12 6	19 6	24 6	38 0	31 0	3 <i>s.</i> each additional child.
Sergeant (including flight-sergeant)	15 0	22 0	27 0	30 6	33 5	Ditto.
Warrant officer, Class II	22 0	27 0	30 6	32 6	34 6	2 <i>s.</i> for fifth child, 3 <i>s.</i> each additional child.
Warrant officer, Class I	23 0	28 0	31 6	33 6	35 6	2 <i>s.</i> for each fifth and sixth child, 3 <i>s.</i> each additional child.

NOTES.

1. The rates for children over 14 are less.
2. The rates for 15 years of age—For each child, if each is in the care of a separate guardian, 7*s.* Where two or more children of the same family are in the care of one guardian, 7*s.* for the first and 6*s.* for each other child.
3. Over 15 years of age.—For each entitled child, before the individual is bound by some natural tie, and who are found as a fact to have been wholly or partly dependant on him before enlistment, the amount which the individual used to pay to support the dependant is ascertained and paid as separation allowance subject to certain limits.

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PEACE CONDITIONS.

A married establishment will probably be determined, but conditions cannot be stated in detail until the general policy after the war in this respect has been determined.

Promotions and the consequent increases of pay are rapid at the present time, subject only to skill and the behaviour of the men. For this reason Good Conduct Badges with pay will not be awarded to members of the Royal Air Force.

PENSIONS.

Have not yet been determined; it may, however, be taken for granted that the amounts payable will not be less than those awarded to men who have qualified for pensions in the Army.

H. HUDSON, *Lieut.-General,*
Adjutant-General in India.

Requisition for the

Royal Air Force.

Typed. 1st
3.3.19.

Deposited
18.3.19

To the Committee of the
Laurence Memorial School

Copy to the D.F.D. (P. 4) (with original to be returned)
one month

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issue.

Reminded by
18.3.19

Noted in C.B.

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Referred to the Com-
mittee of the Laurence
Memorial School, Gatcombe
for early remarks which
should be subd. through

D.P.D.

20.2.19.

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25/2/19

LAWRENCE MEMORIAL SCHOOL.
OOTACAMUND-LAWRENCE-ASYLUM.

LOVEDALE P.O.

C. No. 13



Madurai District, 2nd April 1919
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FROM

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

PRINCIPAL AND SECRETARY,

To

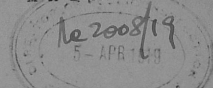
The Secretary to Government,

Home (Education) Department.

Through

The Director of Public Instruction,

MADRAS.



SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of G.O. Endorsement No.347 B-2, dated 1st March 1919 and I am to say that the Committee most cordially approve of the proposed establishment of a Royal Air Force Training Class attached to this school.

2. The Committee note that the proposal follows generally the lines of the existing Telegraph Training Class attached to the school, which is in charge of an instructor provided by the Indian Telegraph Department, subject to the general control of the Principal. This class has worked quite satisfactorily and smoothly, and has been of great value both to the Indian Telegraph Department and to the school.

3. The Committee presume that the instructor of the R.A.F. Training Class will be paid by the Government of India, as in the case of the present instructor of the Telegraph Training Class.

4. I have spoken to the boys on parade regarding the proposal, and 32 boys between the ages of about 13½ to 14½ have asked that their names may be registered. If boys over 14½ years were considered, there would be further applicants.

cf. rules in
90 No 79 En. K
18.2.10



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It would seem therefore that there would be no difficulty in selecting the 25 boys required for the class.

5. I regret that I am not quite clear as to the exact proposals contained in the letter under reference- and should be grateful for further information, especially as to whether the class would require 25 boys each year, or 8 boys each year i.e., roughly 25 boys for the '3 years' course.

If sanctioned, I venture to suggest the following arrangement,

A, B, C representing boys of 14 to 15 years of age

15 to 16 years of age

and 16 to 17 years of age respectively

A would remain in school and, except for tuition, would be in every way considered as boys in statu pupillari in the school.

B & C would attend the school for six months only in the year.

It would be therefore advisable to make these boys into a separate department of the school, living in a separate hostel (which might include quarters for R.A.F. Instructor) and being under the immediate direction and control of the R.A.F. Instructor both in and out of school hours- subject to the general authority of the Principal.

This would give the school some vacancies in school class rooms and dormitories, and thus enable the school to admit some of the 247 soldiers' children who are at present urgently waiting admission. It would also be of advantage to the boys of the R.A.F., who, while being under such discipline and tuition as may be laid down by the military authorities, would at the same time be able to join in the general life of the school. The number of boys at present in the school is 300 (boarders).

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Boydson

Principal and Secretary.

Enclosures returned

Army Dept. No. 1972 D/11-2-19

Special Army Order No. 33 S. D/2-11-18

*Amended enclosed
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in the Receiving office.)

Endorsement order, reference of other
correspondence.

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Submitted to Government.

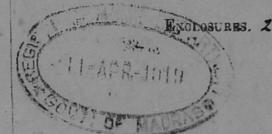
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For Director of Public Instruction.

20.4.19.

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From *The Principal & Secretary,*
Lawrence Memorial School,
Dohannund.
To *The Secretary to Govt.*
Home (C.S.) Dept.,
Thro' The Director of Public Instruction
C. No. 13 of 3.4.19.



Date of despatch

Date of receipt *5.4.19*

Subject.

Submitting remarks on the letter
from the Govt of India regarding
recruitment for the Royal Air Force.

(Organisation)
(R.A.F. 671).



No. 5087.

Government of India.

ARMY DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 14th April 1919.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of the Punjab.

Sir,

I am directed to invite attention to

the communication

noted in the margin

and to request that,

with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council the Government of India

Lieutenant Governor,

may be favoured with an early reply.

Subject.
Recruitment of boys, who are European British subjects, as airmen for the Aircraft Park, Royal Air Force, India.

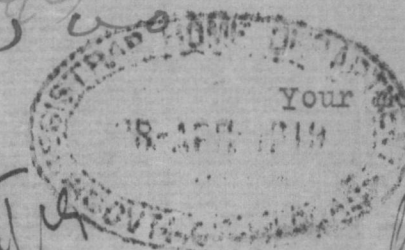
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I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

K M U .

Government of India
Chief Secretary to the Government
of India
No. 1000
1919



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Chief Secretary to the Government of India
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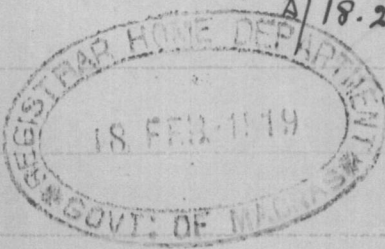
Recruitment for Royal Air Force
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12.2.19

The Army Dpt. letter in
C.F. seems to be one for consideration
in the Home (C du) Dpt. (who are
concerned with the Lawrence Memorial
School, G. Atacam, in consultation
with the Revenue (sp. al) Dpt. who
deal with the matter. Submitted
that the letter may be transposed
to the Home (C du) Dpt.

Home (Em.)
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18.2.19
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Home Dept.
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The letter with
encls: may, in the first instance, be
referred to the Committee of the
Lawrence Memorial School for
remarks. Draft sent: as subd: 28 apdx
it may go to Rev. (Sp. al) for perusal
before issue.

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Rev. Sp. al (no)
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Rev. Sp. al
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27-2-1919

Rev. Mr. D. J. O'Connell

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To Secy

The draft may, it is said, be accepted in this case & the file set to Home Edu.

D. J.

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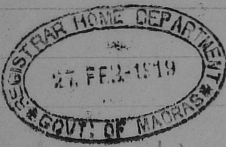
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27.2.19

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End. No. 347/B-2, d. 18. March 1919

6. 779/B, from the Committee of the D. M. School, Gubareamundi, 18. d. 3. April 1919

The Committee of the D. M.

School, Gubareamundi, is agreeable to the G. of D's proposal to initiate a Royal Air Force Training class in connexion with the School. The D. P. D. has no remarks to offer.

p. 7, c. 4.

Gen (S) No. 1011/I

29.4.19

It is recommended from the G. of D. that the (C. No. 858/B) has been added as per (C. 4) B.

2. The point raised as regards the minimum strength of the class refers to in para 5-(p. 6, c. 4.) may be raised in the draft letter to India. A draft letter is subd. If appd, it may be sent to Revenue-Special w/o for acceptance.

28/4. 779-B-1
Ed. No. 579-1/19-1
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Rev. Mr. D. J. O'Connell

29/4/19

Box 11
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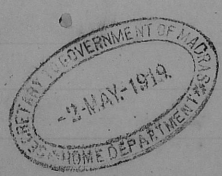
HM

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Send a copy of the Municipal
letter in an enclosure to
me letter please

15/5/19



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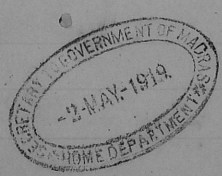
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and H². The former - local concerns.

attached to the school, which is in charge
an instructor provided by the Indian
Telegraph Department, subject to the general
control of the Principal of the Institution.
It has been ascertained that about 35 boys
of the school between the ages of 13 and
15 have already volunteered to register
their names for the class. ~~It is not~~
~~clear from the letter under reference~~ *leaves some doubt*
whether 35 boys are to be trained annually
or only an aggregate of 35 boys during the
whole period of the three years' course.
His Excellency in Council will be glad if
the point is made clear.

It is presumed that the pay of the
proposed Royal Air Force Instructor will
be met by the Government of India as in the
case of ^{the} Telegraph Training ~~Instructor~~ *class*
referred to in para. 2 supra.

E.A.V.
10-4-19. I have &c.,

25.4.19
29/4/19

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT WITH LITTO.

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