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Police Instruction with R.I.C.

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Suggests that Officers should be exempted from courses in subjects in which they have already obtained certificates of proficiency

(Minutes.)

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In the absence of details, I am in the dark as to what the Gov. means. One arrangement with the P.I.C. is that officers shall not be instructed in subjects in which they already possess the requisite degree of proficiency, - vide 1st three lines of para 2 of the Ch. Secy's letter of 31 May 07 in 19582/07 in bundle below.

Judging from para 2 of the Gov. Insp. I must suppose that an officer with a 15th [year] Chinese certif has been examined in these subjects (military & civil).

In para 4 of our letter to the P.I.C. of Nov. 19th last in 39518/07 we

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that officers were sent to Dublin to be "thoroughly tested [or trained] - all the the duties of their profession."

I therefore see no reason why we should object to the R.A.C. examining ^{the military} subjects for which they already hold a certif. of proficiency. No expense is involved & the exam. is a test ~~which~~ which brings out whether a man has become rusty or not.

They are not to ~~be~~ ^{trained} much ~~in the R.A.C.~~ ^{in the R.A.C.} ~~in the R.A.C.~~ ^{in the R.A.C.} ~~in the R.A.C.~~ ^{in the R.A.C.}

I will suggest writing privately to Capt Long to enquire & answer the reply to the Col.

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some Capt Long's letter of the 12th inst. It appears that some officers who held military Drill certifs. have been instructed in the R.A.C. system of Drill, & that the system is at regular intervals of some years back.

It is essential that the Police Drill - Lt. Fitzgerald should be the name as that of the R.A.C. with whom they may have to act in emergency, & Lt. Gough has pointed this out elsewhere. Police Officers who have

gained a reg. army Drill certif. since the new drill (1905) was introduced, should therefore not be bothered with learning the obsolete R.A.C. system, as Capt Long suggests.

Other Officers who hold no Drill certif. should however be instructed in the R.A.C. system, partly or in whole.

I should therefore write to the R.A.C. ref. to para 2 of the Lt. Secy's letter of 31 May 52 - 1952/10/3, a copy of which was enclosed - an Sgt. to the 1st of "T" on that paper & observe as at A above. I wish that the participation of such Officers in Drill duties may be reduced to a minimum.

I enclose this copy, may that what has been done

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that officers were sent to Dublin to be "thoroughly tested [to trainees] - all the the duties of their profession."

I therefore see no reason why we should object to the R.A.C. examining ~~the~~ ^{if necessary} subjects for which they already hold a certif. of proficiency. No expense is involved & the exam. is a test ~~of~~ which brings out whether a man has become ~~proficient~~ ^{proficient} or not.

They need not be trained in much ~~more~~ ^{more} than the R.A.C. ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~taught~~ ^{taught} them.

I will suggest writing privately to Capt. Long to enquire & answer the reply to the Govt.

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It appears that some officers who hold military ~~certif.~~ ^{certif.} ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~R.A.C.~~ ^{R.A.C.} system of drill, & that the system is the regular army drill of some years back.

It is essential that the Police Drill - Lt. O'Keefe should be the same as that of the R.A.C. with whom they may have to act in emergency, & Lt. O'Keefe has pointed this out elsewhere. Police Officers who have

gained a reg. army Drill certif. i.e. the new drill (1905) was introduced, should therefore not be bothered with learning the obsolete R.A.C. system, as Capt. Long suggests.

Other Officers who hold no Drill certif. should however be instructed in the R.A.C. system, for the reasons.

I should therefore write to the R.A.C. ref. to para 2 of the Lt. Secy's letter of 21 May 57 - 19582/57, a copy of which was enclosed - on 8/11/57 to the Lt. Secy. I wish that the participation of such officers in Drill duties may be reduced to a minimum.

I - advised the Sup. say that which has been done

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Governor's Office,

Nairobi,

February 18th 1908.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 81.

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9 MAR 08

My Lord,

With reference to Your Lordship's despatch No. 27 of the 17th ultimo on the subject of the course of instruction which the Police Officers of this Protectorate now undergo at the Royal Irish Constabulary Depot Dublin; it has been brought to my notice that

officers are required to qualify in subjects for which they have already obtained certificates of proficiency.

2. I would submit for Your Lordship's consideration that, if an officer is already in possession of a certificate of proficiency issued by some duly recognised School of Instruction such as, for example, Chelsea, this is hardly necessary, and I should be glad, if Your Lordship is of the same opinion, if steps could be taken to exempt officers who are undergoing the course, from further examination in subjects in which they have already qualified elsewhere.

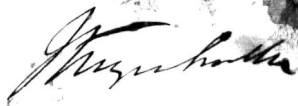
I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

Your Lordship's obedient

servant,

Humble servant



J. M. Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

11 Downing Street,

LONDON, S. W.

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R. I. C. Barracks
Phoenix Park
12. March 1908

My dear Lobb

In reply to yours of
the 11th just received I
may say that no officer
who has a Rhythm certificate
has gone through the
Musketty course here.

With regard to the
skill, every one with the
exception of Capt. Redick
has gone through the course.
As a matter of discipline

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R. I. C. Barracks
Phoenix Park
12. March 1908

My dear Cobb

In reply to yours of
the 11th just received I
may say that no officer
who has a R.I.C. certificate
has gone through the
musketry course here.

With regard to the
skill, every one with the
exception of Capt. Biddick
has gone through the course.
A matter of discipline

... officers are reported to have obtained some of their work

... some of the ... forms of infantry drill ... consequently ... many points ... 5335 ... of instruction ... commanding officer ... infantry ... this year ... infantry training ... might with ... considered ...

... leading ... officer, ... will ... say the officer requires plenty of practice

... I think that ... man who has a ... Army ... infantry ... of instruction ... commanding officer ... infantry ... this year ... infantry training ... might with ... considered ...

Instruction in this subject
as though I think he ought
to appear or parade as
the morning inspection
the Company to which he
attached at the Depot
the matter of discipline
I propose to introduce the
P. C. Drill book instead
of the regular training
the Colonel's name will
should be thoroughly
instructed in it but so
colonial police laws
and with the military
forces occasionally the

advantage of doing this
would be questionable.

All the fellows here
are working well trying
to qualify with good
marks in a short time
as possible.

Yours sincerely
G. W. C.

except for the
necessity of ~~certifying~~
~~of~~ ~~other~~
qualifying for a
similar certificate may
then ~~proceed~~ ⁱⁿ ~~of training~~
with the ~~officer~~

3. all other officers
will be required
to qualify in
skill as hereinafter
set forth. ~~has~~
been ~~up~~ ~~and~~

Thomas

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21 March 1908.
Recd at
J. May

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The Com^{dr}
R.I.C

- MINUTE
- Mr. Ladd
 - Mr. R.S.
 - Mr. J. J.
 - Mr. Atwood
 - Mr. C.
 - Mr. Lucas
 - Mr. E. Hopwood
 - Mr. Churchill
 - The Earl of Elgin

Sir,
With reference to
the 2nd page of the
Lt Col Lunt's letter of the
21st of May 1907, in reply
which was communicated
to the IG of the R.I.C.
in the letter from the
Dept of the IG of June last
I am directed by the
IG to request that
all Police Officers whose
names are attached to the
R.I.C. who have ^{been}
issued a military
skill certificate obtained
at an infantry school or
instruction, or from
Com^{dr} Office of a regular
infantry Battalion,
since the year 1905