

the end-of-course certificate would be issued *to the lad* as a "craft certificate" based solely on the recommendation of the C.I.O.

Those lads who showed extra promise—perhaps 25 to 30 per cent of the intake—would remain on the course for a minimum of six months; longer if the instructor felt this was in the lad's interest and/or particularly necessary. These lads would have an allied evening class in theory, and also be placed by the tutor organiser, acting in consultation with the C.I.O., on extra maths. classes or perhaps on technical drawing. They would also be allowed, at the C.I.O.'s discretion and after consultation with the orderly officer, to use classrooms during the working day for study purposes. These would, in all probability, be the lads recommended for permission

to sit external examinations—one would also hope that for them also a method be found of giving *them* a successful course completion certificate.

In my view, an overall scheme somewhat on the lines herein propounded would have many advantages over the present rather archaic and over-formalised one—it would present a format more closely allied to training in normal society and thus would enable the released prisoner more easily to reorientate and come to terms—it would to an extent be self-selective of those who were likely to continue in the trade in which they had been trained.

Equally, the success/failure figures produced by after-care would be meaningful if they considered separately those lads who had done well as technicians *and* intended to follow the trade.

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