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Supt. Special

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Revolver for use of Special Branch

Stores

NECESSARY
23 SEP 1922
NOTES TAKEN

R.P.T. Reports the revolvers at present used are obsolete and recommends a more modern weapon be provided.

REFERENCES.

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R.P.T.

MINUTES.

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Report Submitted.

P Quinn

Superintendent.

27.2.09

Charged in acc of expenses incurred by Supt Quinn & Insp Riley while protecting H. M. The King at Biarritz & other places on the Continent.

C.A

Accts 21.7.09

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Special Branch Reference.

Other Reference.

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SPECIAL BRANCH.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.

18th February 1902.

Revolvers for use
Subject of Special Branch.

Stating that the
revolvers on hand are
obsolete, and suggesting
that a modern weapon
be purchased.

RECORDED

METROPOLITAN POLICE.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT,
Special Branch,
NEW SCOTLAND YARD,

SUBJECT re
revolvers for use
of Special Branch

18th. day of February. 190 9.

REFERENCE TO PAPERS.

I beg to call attention to a case of ten revolvers which are the only ones available for the use of Officers of Special Branch, when engaged on protection or other dangerous duties.

They are of an obsolete pattern called "The British Bull Dog", and were supplied some thirty or more years ago for the use of Officers engaged in connection with the Fenian movement. There is no record of the actual purchase, but they were probably paid for out of some special fund.

These revolvers have been submitted to Mr. Churchill, the gunmaker of 8 Agar Street, who is an expert in such matters, and he says they are out of date, and quite worthless as against the class of pistol in use at the present day; indeed, he says, they would be a positive danger in a *mélee* as, except at very close quarters

quarters, their shooting could not be depended upon.

He added that they are quite unsaleable, but he would be prepared to offer £2 for them, (4/- each) if an order was given him for a more modern type of pistol.

He suggests that the best weapon for our purpose is the "Colt automatic pocket pistol" which can be purchased for £3-3-0 each. This is a thoroughly reliable weapon, handy in size, simple in action, and the most accurate on the market.

P. Quinn

Superintendent.

To Accounts Branch

CENTRAL OFFICER'S }
SPECIAL REPORT. }

METROPOLITAN POLICE.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT,
Special Branch,
NEW SCOTLAND YARD,

SUBJECT re
revolvers
for Special Branch.

27th. day of February. 1909

REFERENCE TO PAPERS.
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With reference to the attached,

I beg to report that I have seen

Commissioner on this matter, and he has authorised
the purchase of 2 Colt's Automatic Pocket Pistols
at £3-3-0 each, and to be charged on my account
(form 292) when submitted for protection of His
Majesty the King.

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P. Lunn
Superintendent.