Dispersal of mob by Armed force

The Inspector-General again calls attention to Police Manual Rule 621 (e) (i) and (v) a
experience has shown that there are officers who do not realise the imperative necessity for
keeping mobs at a safe distance and for the officer-in-charge staying with the main body of
his men.

2. Admittedly it is difficult to prevent scattered bands of hooligans from approaching a
police-station or other place but considerations of humanity must not obscure the urgent need
for keeping the Police party intact, unharmed and under the personal control of the officer
responsible. This is of paramount importance.

3. Police Manual Rule 621 (k) (i) lays down that firing is to be at once effective and
that there must be no firing of blanks or firing over the heads of rioters. The Inspector-
General reminds all officers that to this rule there must be absolutely no exception.

4. A persual of Police Manual Rules 621 and 524 will make it clear that buckshot must
not ordinarily be used in the day time as it is ineffective on crowds who have to be kept
50 to 100 yards away. To obviate mistakes there must be close instance on the order that
only ball ammunition will be carried in front pouches whilst buck-shot needed for sentries at
night will be kept separate in pouches at the back of the belt.

5. The Inspector-General will give every support to officers who adhere strictly to these
rules and instructions which can, with advantage be shown to any magistrate deputed to
accompany police parties.

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