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REFERENCE : 16012/2/-1

SUBJECT : Arms Testing.

1. The following extract from G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, North Africa, circular, number 13 dated 13 April 44 is published for information and guidance.

NON-TRADESMAN COOKS - ADDITIONAL PAY.

From casualty returns received it is apparent that units are not conversant with the present regulations governing the rates of pay which may be granted to non-tradesman cooks. G.H.Q. 62/44 and A.C.I. 1755/43 dealing with this matter are not being supplied with.

Under A.C.I. 1755/43 the classification of Class I Non-TradeSMAN Cook was abolished w.e.f. 1 Jan 44. All such classified cooks will be trade tested with a view to re-mustering as Tradesman Cook, Group "B", Class II or Class III and application made for their transfer to the A.C.I. Until they are re-mustered they may continue to draw additional pay at 50. per diem as Class II Non-TradeSMAN Cooks.

To ensure that the emoluments of Non-TradeSMAN Cooks shall not exceed those for Group "B" tradesman cooks, the following limitations will be placed upon the grant of additional pay:-

- Class II - Tradesman, Group "B" Class III or Class II, may continue to draw 50. per diem as the emoluments do not exceed those for a Group "B" Class II Cook. If, under exceptional circumstances, a Group "C", Class III, tradesman has to be employed as a cook, he may only draw additional pay at 25. per diem, although he may be a Class II Non-TradeSMAN Cook.
- Class III - Only soldiers on Normal rates of pay and Group "B", Class III, tradesman may draw additional pay at 50. per diem as non-tradesman cooks Class III. A Pioneer, Group "B", Class II, can not draw this emolument as his total pay would exceed that for a tradesman cook, Group "B" Class III.

In assessing 'total emoluments', any additional pay granted to parachute or airborne troops will be excluded. All other forms of additional pay or extra pay will be taken into consideration.

Notification in Part II Orders.

The weekly repetition in Part II Orders will be discontinued. In future, only the initial entry will be published in Part II Orders at the end of the accounting period in which the casualty occurs, and the additional pay will continue to be credited by Regimental Pay Order until receipt of a further casualty notifying cessation of entitlement. G.H.Q. will, therefore, publish a further entry on their INITIAL casualty returns as follows - "To continue in receipt of additional pay under A.C.I. 1755/43 until further notice".

Additional pay depends on the actual performance of the duties, with the exception that it will continue when a soldier is absent owing to sickness or leave, up to a maximum of 21 days. When a soldier takes the place of a cook who is absent or on leave, he cannot begin to draw additional pay until the 22nd day of such absence. G.A.C. units are responsible for ensuring that a casualty is admitted immediately the soldier ceases to carry out his duties, and when additional pay is notified in respect of a replacement, the casualty will indicate the soldier who has been replaced. Under the name of the replacement will appear the Group and Class.

It is essential under this new system that G.A.C. units notify this HQ. on the appropriate casualty return when a cook ceases to perform his duties stating reason, e.g., surplus to establishment, lack of diligence, etc., with full details of the replacement, if any has been made.

2. INTRODUCTION OF TRADE OR SPECIALIST GRADES.

Para. 1 of this office order of even number dated 26 Mar. 44 is now amended to read as follows.

"Candidates showing trade training as Fitters (M.V.) as Vehicle Mechanics and trade training as Motor Mechanics as Vehicle Mechanics will be transferred to this HQ. on Form A.C.F. 13 not later than 24 Oct. 44".

BY COMMAND OF LIEUT. GENERAL BRUCE MONTAGUE.

L. J. Jones
for J.L. Jones,
Major,
G-1 (H).

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REFERENCE: 16012/3-2/5-1

26 March 1944

SUBJECT: Disposal of Soldiers Mustered as Fitters (H.V.)
or Motor Mechanics

The attached copy of A.C.I. 1502 of 1943 is forwarded for information and action.

Reference A.C.I. 1552/1.1 para 2(d). C.R.O. 177/44 states that approval has been obtained from the War Office to reckon the period of six months from 1 Jan 44 instead of from 23 Oct 43 (the date of the A.C.I.).

Casualties showing trade testing of Fitters (H.V.) as Vehicle Mechanics and trade testing of Motor Mechanics as Vehicle Mechanics will be rendered to this HQ on Form AGC R.3 not later than 21 Apr 44.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUT GENERAL HUGH MACFARLANE

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1562. Tradesman. - Disposal of Soldiers Mustered as Fitters (M.V.) or Motor Mechanics.

1. Under the Royal Warrant dated 30th June, 1943, which authorized Amendments (No. 93) to the Pay Warrant, 1940, issued as Army Order 95 of 1943 the trade of Fitter (M.V.) was removed from the Army Trade groups and simultaneously mustering to and upgrading in the trade of motor mechanic were suspended with effect from 30th June, 1943. Owing to the late receipt of Army Order 99 of 1943, in some commands the period during which motor mechanics may be mustered or upgraded has been extended to 31st July, 1943 (see Army Order 169 of 1943).

2. To implement the decision in Army Order 95 of 1943, the following action will be taken :-

- (a) Provided that their C.O. certifies them qualified as vehicle mechanics, tradesman mustered as fitters (M.V.) before 30th June, 1943, will be re-mustered as vehicle mechanics in the same class as they held as fitters (M.V.) with effect from 30th June, 1943, except that in the case of tradesmen of classes II and I, the certification will be given by technical officers appointed by commands, unless the unit concerned has been specially selected for this purpose (see para. 3 (a)). Re-musterings will be notified in Part II/III Orders.
- (b) Subject to the existence of vacancies in establishments, soldiers who have qualified under the test for fitter (M.V.) since 30th June, 1943, will be mustered as vehicle mechanics, provided that their C.O. certifies them qualified in the latter trade, with effect from the date on which they qualified under the fitter (M.V.) test, except that in the case of tradesmen of Classes II and I, the certification will be given by technical officers appointed by commands, unless the unit concerned has been specially selected for this purpose (see para. 3 (a)).
- (c) All soldiers mustered as motor mechanics (other than those covered by sub-para. (b) above) will be trade tested in the trade of vehicle mechanic, as soon as possible after the completion of any necessary further training in units, etc. Those who pass the trade test will be mustered as vehicle mechanics in the class appropriate to their qualifications with effect from the date of passing the trade test, but in any case not earlier than 31st July, 1943.
- (d) A period of six months from the date of this A.O.I. will be allowed for training and trade testing. During this period these men will be given every opportunity of qualifying in the new trade, either by suitable experience within the unit or by means of an upgrading course under War Office arrangements. If he cannot be mustered in another trade, e.g. driver mechanic, etc., a fitter (M.V.) or motor mechanic who fails to qualify as a vehicle mechanic by the end of this period will revert to normal rates of pay.

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- (b) Subject to the existence of vacancies in establishments, soldiers who have qualified under the test for fitter (M.V.) since 30th June, 1943, will be mustered as vehicle mechanics, provided that their C.O. certifies them qualified in the latter trade, with effect from the date on which they qualified under the fitter (M.V.) test, except that in the case of tradesmen of classes II and I, the certification will be given by technical officers appointed by commands, unless the unit concerned has been specially selected for this purpose (see para. 3 (a)).
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- (d) A period of six months from the date of this A.C.I. will be allowed for training and trade testing. During this period these men will be given every opportunity of qualifying in the new trade, either by suitable experience within the unit or by means of an upgrading course under War Office arrangements. If he cannot be mustered in another trade, C.O. driver mechanic, etc., a fitter (M.V.) or motor mechanic who fails to qualify as a vehicle mechanic by the end of this period will revert to normal rates of pay.
- (e) Subject to the existence of vacancies in establishments soldiers who have been trained up to, and classified as motor mechanics, Class III since 31st July, 1943, will be eligible for mustering as driver mechanics, Group D, class II, with effect from the date of such classification (if not already mustered). These men will be afforded the usual facilities for subsequent training, with a view to re-mustering as vehicle mechanics.

3. (a) Trade testing at home. - To determine the qualifications of personnel under para. 2 (c) above, trade testing will be carried out under existing arrangements as laid down in A.C.I. 2536 of 1942, except that Command Trade Test Committees may restrict the testing up to and including class II at short to selected units.

(b) Trade testing abroad. - The trade testing of personnel under para. 2 (c) above, serving abroad, will be carried out by the C.O. unit with the advice and co-operation of a technical officer.

(c) Re-classification of.....

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(c) Re-classification of the personnel referred to in sub-para. (a) and (b) above will in all cases be notified in A.P.S. 197, the technical officer certifying Part I of the form.

4. (a) Vacancies for the trades of fitter (M.V.) and motor mechanic appearing in existing War Establishments will normally be filled by vehicle mechanics who may count against the permitted "swilling" of either trade. Pending re-qualification under the terms of para. 2 above, these posts may be covered by soldiers who, at 30th June, 1943, were mustered as fitters (M.V.) or at 31st July, 1943, as motor mechanics.

(b) When War Establishments are amended by the substitution of vehicle mechanics for fitters (M.V.) and motor mechanics under the provisions of A.C.I. 1560 of 1943 the vacancies for vehicle mechanics will be filled only by soldiers qualified in this trade, except that the motor mechanics referred to in sub-para. (a) above will be permitted to cover such vacancies for as long as they are in receipt of the concessional rates of pay referred to in para. 2 (d).

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