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Military Government Section

1 October 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAGS

(attention Col. Albright)

Procedures for handling U. S. Officers assigned to the School and Holding Centre who are surplus or unsuitable for various reasons.

1. Under cable from General Hilldring dated September 22, 1943 officers may be certified to him as surplus for this theatre, for assignment by WD elsewhere. Only officers who might be useful in other theatres in Military Government and who cannot be used here because no position is available, or who have too much rank for assignment to positions which are available, should be handled under this procedure.
2. Physically unfit officers should be processed under AR605-250 for medical board action. The board may recommend retirement from service or retention for limited service. Its findings must be transmitted to the Secretary of War for action by the President.
3. Neurotics, neurasthenics, hypochondriacs may be handled under Para 2. It would be desirable to constitute an informal board of two or three medical officers to observe an officer and make unofficial report before proceedings are instituted.
4. Reclassification may be resorted to under AR605-230 when an officer is
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 - (b) unsatisfactory because he
 - (1) Holds a commission higher than that for which he is professionally fitted.
 - (2) Possesses habits or traits which may affect his efficiency as an officer.
 - (3) Is not qualified, professionally or otherwise, to hold any commission.
5. Cases under para 1 will be handled by the M.G. Section on recommendation of the senior officer. Cases under paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 will be handled through regular military channels, i.e. through the commandant of the School and Holding Centre.
6. Cases where action under paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 appears to be unnecessarily drastic, for example, where an officer appears unsuited for Military Government duties but is in other respects competent and fit to hold a commission, may be handled as follows:

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 - (a) Notify this section of his name with full particulars of his civil and military qualifications.
 - (b) Make such recommendations as is possible with respect to the kind of duties for which he is considered.
 - (c) Upon receipt of (a) and (b) this section will take the case up with G-1 with a view to their finding a suitable assignment.
 - (d) If an immediate transfer seems for any reason desirable, recommendation may be made to this section for transfer to a replacement battalion.
7. There is no simple procedure for sending officers back to the U. S.

For the Chief of Section

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