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OFFICERS & TRANSFERS, TO & FROM  
SICILY & MAINLAND  
SEPT. - NOV. 1943

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FROM: Joint Assistant Chiefs of Staff  
TO: Lt. Cdr. FRANK A. SOUTHARD, JR, U.S.N.R.  
SUBJECT: Change of Duty  
REFERENCE: AC/1074/5  
DATE: 4 Nov. 1943

1. You are hereby detached from duty at Military Government School and Holding Center, Tizi-Ouzou.
2. You will report for duty this date to Military Government Section, A.F.H.Q.

  
for Joint Assistant Chiefs of Staff.

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File on AC/1074/5.

Region 4.

~~AC/1074/5~~ 13A  
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TO: Chief Financial Officer, Allied Commission  
FROM: RCAF Region 4  
SUBJECT: Offr Transfers (UK)  
REF: R4/1043/5  
DATE: 20 Oct 43

Ref your AC/1074/2 dated 9 Oct 43, subject "Personnel Officers."

It is acceptable that Lt EE Benson be transferred to Allied Commission for training in the AMFA work, and that Capt. CF Randall, now in training, be assigned to Region 4 in place of Lt Benson.

for

M. CARR  
Brigadier  
RCAF - Reg 4  
R.P.M.  
ROBERT P. MARSHALL  
Colonel, FA  
C of S, Reg. 4.

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12 A

TO: Joint Assistant Chiefs of Staff, Armistice Commission.

FROM: Colonel P.G. Kirk, F.S. Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT: Allocation of Personnel.

REFERENCE: 40/1004/3 (F.S.)

DATE: 6 October 1948.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced in procuring suitable Police Officers for the higher ranks in this Sub-Div., owing to the dearth of officers with actual special branch experience from the many excellent Police Officers at this Holding Centre.

Security work necessitates specialised knowledge and the lack of this among the higher officers will constitute a definite weakness in the organisation.

Major F.J. Armstrong, at present with No.3 Region, is an experienced Special Branch Police Officer, and I make application for him to be transferred to the Special Police Sub-Div 1.S., and for a Major to be allotted from this Holding Centre to No.5 Region to replace him.

*Paul G. Kirk*

Colonel,  
Commissioner, F.S.

PSK/egm.

*Major Armstrong*  
*Ref to A x 10 R. Inform to be given this morning this morning & should him 3 A. He agreed*

Subordinate Police Officers for the higher ranks in this Sub-Div., owing to the dearth of officers with actual special branch experience from the many excellent Police Officers at this Holding Centre.

Security work necessitates specialised knowledge and the lack of this among the higher officers will constitute a definite weakness in the organisation.

Major F.J. Armstrong, at present with No. 3 Region, is an experienced Special Branch Police Officer, and I make application for him to be transferred to the Special Police Sub-Div A.C., and for a Major to be allotted from this Holding Centre to No. 3 Region to replace him.

*Carlb. Kirk*

PBX/egim.

Colonel,  
Commissioner, P.S.

*Major Armstrong*

*Ref 10 A & 12 B. Refers to Col Young this morning & showed him G.A. He agreed that in view of this & other recent developments the matter has left in emergency for the time being. He will advise if a decision is made when his Sub-Commissioner gets the other side.*

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*CCM 7/10/43*

MGS ALG V MGS TIZ  
5 OCTOBER 1943  
MESSAGE NO 1

TO G-1

SUBJECT MAJOR BRERETON

PLEASE INSTRUCT MAJOR BRERETON TO REPORT TO M G S SOONEST WITH  
ALL KIT. HE IS SLATED AS REPLACEMENT IN SICILY. ARRANGEMENTS TO  
HAVE HIM FLOWN ARE BEING MADE HERE.

CAPT W DEKNOOP

OR/

1000 Log  
5 Dec/932

11A  
Hollywood  
G-2 for action  
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Office  
H/10/45



TO: Joint Assistant Chiefs of Staff, Allied Commission.  
FROM: P.S. Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.  
SUBJECT: Application for Transfer of Personnel from Sicily.  
REFERENCE: 1074/5 (P.S.).  
DATE: 2 Oct. 1943.

1. In my view it is of considerable importance that Officers who have had practical experience in Sicily should be available for re-appointment to posts where the knowledge which they have obtained would be of inestimable value. I have discussed this matter with Colonel Spofford, Chief of Staff, AMGOT, and Colonel Maxwell, M.G.S., A.P.H.Q. both of whom agree. So far as the Special Division of Public Safety in the Allied Commission is concerned, I regard such a re-appointment essential to complete efficiency, since to a considerable extent the conditions under which it functions will have been influenced by the operations of AMGOT in the field.

2. I, therefore, suggest that Captain J.A. McKay, a Metropolitan Police Inspector and C.A.P.O. at present attached to the C.A.O., Palermo City, be transferred to the Public Safety Division, Allied Commission.

Captain McKay has so many qualifications which fit him for an administrative post in this sphere, and in my view, and in that of Colonel L. Holles, Commissioner, Public Safety, AMGOT, who is willing to release him, he is of outstanding ability and worthy of promotion. In particular, his special administrative qualities are not those which can usually be found in the ranks of C.A.P.Os.

3. I suggest that he be transferred to this Holding Centre for re-allocation, and that another officer from this establishment be exchanged for him.

AEY/pjm

*Allyp*  
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Colonel.  
P.S. Sub-Commission  
Allied Commission.



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TO: MGS, AFHQ  
FROM: J A C S  
SUBJECT: OFFICER TRANSFER TO REGION 3.

ACC/1074/5 1 OCTOBER 1943 STOP REF YOUR MEMORANDUM OF 30TH  
IMPOSSIBLE TO SPARE LT COL WILLIAMS STOP LATTER PART OF MEMORANDUM NOT  
UNDERSTOOD STOP PRESUME YOU ARE REQUESTING CLARIFICATION FROM SOME OTHER  
HQ.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Military Government Section

30 September 1943.

MEMORANDUM TO: JACS.

Cable received from AMG urgently requests additional officers for Region 3 and suggests Lt. Col. Williams be sent. This officer assigned Armistice C.C. Can you spare him? Cable also asks that additional British Medical Officers with Public Health experience as discussed with Col. Young, D.D. of Hygiene at recent visit to Sicily be appointed to AMG HQ Palermo in view of new commitments. This latter part of cable not understood. Request clarification soonest.

*Defunct*  
T. B. JACKMAN  
Major  
Mil. Gov. Sec.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Military Government Section

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Teletype Message Form

AIG No. 2

Date: 30 September 1943

To: M G School and H C and J A C S  
(Name of person or section)

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

(Message)

1. Hope to obtain air passages to Sicily for following on or about 3 October. Further instructions will follow.

Lt Col Lindberg  
Major Crowther  
Lieut Butcher

2. Posting instructions and A S authority will be obtained by MGS in respect of Butcher. Please forward full particulars as required by MGS posting instructions dated 25 September.

3. Lt Col Lindberg and Major Crowther will remain on strength of pool of officers and attached to AMGOT Sicily until further instructions are issued.

Major R. Barratt

30 Sept 43  
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Signature

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TO MGS AFHQ

FROM JOINT ASSISTANT CHIEFS OF STAFF, ARMISTICE C C

REFERENCE ACC/1074/5 (G-1) DATED 28 SEPTEMBER

REF YOUR MESSAGE NO 4 DATED 26 SEPTEMBER STOP LIEUT J W L BUTCHER (B)

RECOMMENDED FOR ASSISTANT CAMP COMMANDANT AMGOT HQ SICILY STOP

OFFICE EXPERIENCE AS ARTILLERY CLERK PLATOON COMMANDER IN SICILIAN AND

TUNISIAN CAMPAIGNS INTELLIGENT AND KEEN FOR THE JOB

*R. B. Rathbone* Capt. RA.  
R. B. RATHBONE COLONEL.  
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MGS ALG V MGS TIZ  
26 SEPTEMBER 1943  
MESSAGE NO 4

27 SEP 43  
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TO J A C S

PLEASE SELECT ONE BRITISH LT FOR ASSISTANT CAMP COMMANDANT AMGOT HQ  
SICILY. REQUIRED AS REPLACEMENT OWING TO CASUALTY (SICK). PREVIOUS  
EXPERIENCE ESSENTIAL TELETYPE NAME AND FULL PARTICULARS SOONEST.

MAJOR R DARRATT

MCS ALO V MCS TIZ  
24 SEPTEMBER 1943  
MESSAGE NO 7

TO J A C S

SUBJECT POSTING OF OFFICERS

1. MAJOR M A MATHEWS WILL BE RELEASED FROM REGION 1 FOR APPOINTMENT TO REGION VI FOR MINES, ON RELIEF BY AN OFFICER OF SAME RANK FOR PUBLIC WORKS RECONSTRUCTION. RELIEF WILL BE DESPATCHED EARLIEST.

2. A LIEUT COLONEL WILL BE POSTED TO REGION 1 AS HEAD CIVILIAN TRANSPORT SECTION INCLUDING RAIL, WATER AND HIGHWAYS, SHOULD HAVE HAD EXECUTIVE TRANSPORT EXPERIENCE.

LT COL DALRYMPLE

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Military Government Section

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NGS 210.31

21 September 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: JACS

Ref your ACC/1074/5(G-1) of 18 September. While welcoming the proposal you make it is regretted that it is not at the moment practical to implement it for the following reasons:

(a) The number of air priority passages granted to MGS are to be reduced. It is considered that it is more important for senior divisional representatives to visit Sicily and later the mainland for liaison purposes, than for actual exchanges of officers to take place. It will not be possible owing to limited travel facilities to put both schemes into operation.

(b) In view of the urgency of forming regions 4, 5 and 6, there is insufficient time to organize the exchange scheme.

*Dalrymple*

DAIRYMPLE  
Lt. Col.  
Military Government Section

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*1943*

*Gen - Col.  
A. Wright*

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(Equals British MOST SECRET)

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1074/5*

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TO: M.G.S., A.F.H.Q.  
FROM: Planning Staff, Armistice C.C.  
SUBJECT: Officers, - Exchange of, between Planning Staff and Sicily.  
REFERENCE: ACC/1074/5(G-1)  
DATE: 18 September 1943.

1. It has been represented to us by the Chief Financial Officer, Armistice C.C. that exchanges of Finance Officers between Tizi-Ouzou and Sicily (and in due course the mainland) would serve the double purpose of providing here a number of Finance Officers with field experience for allotment to Regions with a high priority, and of furnishing the Officers sent in their place with early experience in their duties.

He is prepared to submit, in seven days from now, four names from Armistice C.C. to proceed to A.M.G. Sicily.

2. Such a scheme has obvious advantages, which, however, are clearly not confined to the Finance Division. It could be extended with advantage both to Officers of other Special Divisions and even more to C.A.Os. and CAPOs. On this basis we would propose the exchange of up to 25 specialist Officers, 15 CAOs. and 15 CAPOs. to be sent over at intervals as opportunity offered. An essential feature of the scheme would be rapidity of exchange - any delay between the arrival of Officers from Tizi-Ouzou and the departure of Officers from Sicily/Mainland to take their place would seriously interfere with efficient planning here.

3. Before proceeding further in the matter, however, will you please say if the scheme is considered desirable and practicable.

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4. Since the above was typed, we have conferred with Colonel Spoffard, Chief of Staff, A.M.G. He warmly supports the proposal and states that A.M.G. are prepared to accept such exchanges to any reasonable extent, and at the average rate of two or three a day.
5. Col. Spoffard further states that, quite apart from the question of exchanges, it will be possible, as conditions become more settled in Region 1 and subsequently in Region 2, to reduce the number of officers employed, those so released becoming available for Regions next on the priority list. The advantages of a Region taking the field with a proportion of Officers who have had practical experience cannot be over emphasised, but such Officers would presumably not necessarily return to Tizi Ouzou - they would join their new Region direct on its arrival. It would therefore be essential that the ranks, names, nationality and type of employment of such officers should be promptly notified to us as and when they become available, so that accurate records could be maintained and personnel arriving in the normal way from the U.K. and U.S. properly assigned. It is therefore requested that you will arrange for this to be done. On receiving particulars we will report to you the fresh assignments in accordance with the now established procedure.

*RBR* Colonel.

R.B. RATHBONE.

*H. PARKMAN* Lieut.-Colonel.

H. PARKMAN.

Joint Assistant Chiefs of Staff.

Armistice C. C.

RBR/rad

TO:- Joint Assistant Chiefs of Staff, A.C.A. 1A  
FROM:- Brigadier R. A. Hamlyn, Chief, Financial Division,  
A.C.A.  
SUBJECT:- Officers of the Financial Division  
REF:- ACA/1014/3  
DATE:- 16th September, 1945.

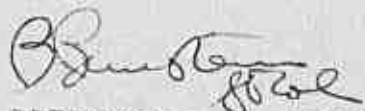
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I recommend that the following named persons who are at present part of the Financial Division, be assigned to A.N.G., H.Q., Palermo:

Major E. S. Robinson,  
Major D. M. Ralston,  
Lieut. C. W. J. Newcomb,  
Lieut. J. E. Hayes.

In exchange for these men, A.N.G., H.Q., Palermo should be asked to send back immediately 4 Finance Officers who have had field experience, to be assigned as Financial Officers to Regions which have a high priority in planning and organization.

BB/rha.

  
for: BRIGADIER R. A. HAMLYN,  
Chief, Financial Division, A.C.A.

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