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CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONS
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Immediate Emergency Commissions

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The President
VCA-2 M.E.O.S.B.
H.Q. 15 Army Group

26 October 5

Ref your Z13 dated 24 Oct 43. 11 9

Copy of A.P.H.Q. G1 (B) 1303 A1 dated 5 Oct 43
is enclosed.

WJ
Maj. Gen.
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

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AMGOT 15TH ARMY GP
TO: IBS FOR SEARS FOR AMGOT

IBS-2396
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For Lt. Col ROWE. Your 381/HQ dated 19th October concerning
S/7678788 PTE WOODHOUSE immediate emergency commission. No copy
AFHQ letter reference GI (B) 130/A1 dated 5th October enclosed as
stated. Please forward copy fast air earliest.

(TO IBS FOR SEARS FOR AMGOT FROM AMGOT 15 ARMY GROUP CITE MG-32)

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12 Oct 43.

C.C.A.O.,
Angot Headquarters,
SICILY.

S/7678788. Pte. WOODHOUSE, H. R.A.S.C. 6

Reference your letter ANGOT/381/HQ
dated 26 Sep 43.

Date of Birth, as recorded on relative
A.F.B103, is 12 Jul 1913. No record is
held regarding nationality of parents.

In the Field.
SRL/VEG.

W. Taylor
Brigadier,
D.A.G.,
G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon.



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Immediate Emergency Commission

File 381/HQ

The President,
No. 2 M.E.O.S.B.,
H.Q. 15 Army Group

19 October 3

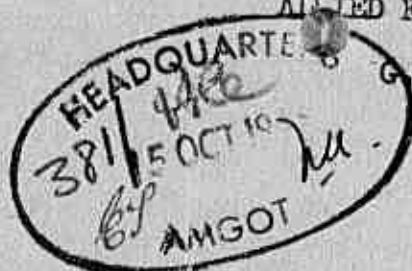
S/7678788 Pte. Woodhouse, H., R.A.S.C.

1. Herewith AFB2617 completed, together with copy of letter from A.F.H.Q. reference G.1(B) 1303/A.1 of 5 October 1943. — 9
2. The s/m candidate is desired to fill the vacancy of 2nd Lieutenant in the Legal Division of A.M.G. on existing W/E. (A.F.H.Q. Serial 245, 24 June 1943)
3. The qualifications required for filling the above vacancy are as follows:
 - (a) The officer must be a qualified solicitor or barrister.
 - (b) He must have a sound knowledge of general law and be capable of giving advice which may be trusted.
 - (c) He must be capable of drafting documents.
 - (d) He must have a general knowledge of Army office routine.
4. The candidate is a young and keen solicitor with very high scholastic and legal qualifications and, for upwards of three months, he has carried out in a very able manner, in so far as his present rank has permitted, the duties of a legal officer in the Headquarters of this Administration. Full use of his abilities can be made if he is granted a commission.
5. It is to be noted that it is at present extremely difficult to find suitable junior officers with sound legal knowledge.


Lieut. Colonel,
Closter, R.,
Deputy Chief Legal Officer,
for Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

SUBJECT:- Immediate Emergency Commissions

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.



G.1.(B) 1303/A.1.

5 Oct 43.

C.C.A.O.
AMGOT. H.Q.,
Sicily.

8 S/7678788 Pte. WOODHOUSE, H., R.A.S.C.

1. Reference your AMGOT/381/HQ of 30 Sep 43.
2. A.F. B.2617 clearly endorsed 'Immediate Emergency Commission' should be completed and forwarded to the President, No.2 M.E.O.S.B (which is now operating in Sicily).
3. G.R.O. 178/43 is modified by G.R.O. 416/43, and the question of holding non-commissioned rank no longer applies.
4. A statement should accompany the application pointing out the nature of the vacancy on W.E., and the special qualifications required, in order that the Selection Board may be in possession of all relevant details.
5. The candidate will be called to attend for interview by the Board, and, if successful, A.F. B.2617 will be forwarded to H.Q., 15 Army Group who will approve the grant of an Immediate Emergency Commission under powers delegated to the G.O. C.-in-C.

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RR Russell 5821
Lieut-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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SUBJECT:-- Candidate for Commission - S/16787 Pte. H. WOODHOUSE, RASC.

AMCOT/381/HQ.

AMCOT H.Q. - SICILY.

30 Sept 43.

A.P.H.Q.
(G-1 R).

The above mentioned soldier has applied for a grant of an immediate commission. His application has been supported by the Chief Legal Officer at this Headquarters who has a vacancy for him as a Staff Lieut in the Legal Div. Particulars of Pte Woodhouse's educational and professional qualifications are as follows :-

King Edward's High School, Birmingham. 1923-32.
St. John's College, Oxford. 1932-35.

Matriculation (1927).

Higher School Certificate with Distinction, 1929, 30, 31 & 32.

First Class Honours in School of Jurisprudence at Oxford, 1935.

First in all England in Law Societies Final and Honours

Examinations 1938. (Awarded 6 prizes).

B.A. Degree, Oxford. 1939.

Admitted Solicitor 1938.

As it will be seen it is no mean achievement to be first in both the final and honours examination and take all six prizes.

In relation to Question 4 of Part I of A.P.B.2647, it is stated in Appendix "B" to G.R.O. 178 that the applicant must be of the rank of Corporal or be certified by his Commanding Officer to have been in command of men for at least six weeks. Pte Woodhouse states that he was in charge of troops from 1 Mar 42 to about 15 Apr 42 while attached to 99 General Transport Coy, R.A.S.C. as an acting unpaid Lt/Cpl, and further, that during the period 14 Jul 42 to 30 Apr 45, he was an N.C.O. in the Legal Aid Section at Southern Command. During a large part of this period he states he was acting unpaid Sergeant and Deputy Chief Clerk of the Section. Unfortunately a certificate as to this cannot be obtained as the Units in question are not available in this theatre.

15 Army Group have advised that application should be made to you for authority to accept Pte Woodhouse's statement as to the above mentioned facts and to waive the certificate required by G.R.O. 178, Appendix "B" in view of the fact (a) that Pte Woodhouse has very special qualifications (b) that he has twice been in charge of troops as an unpaid N.C.O. (c) that it is not possible to obtain a certificate of the service referred to in (b) as his previous Commanding Officers are not in this theatre.

May such authority please be granted and at the same time, can this please be advised as to the procedure to be adopted after submission of

St. John's College, Oxford, 1932-35.

Intercollation (1927).

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May such authority please be granted and at the same time, can this H.Q. please be advised as to the procedure to be adopted after submission of A.F.B.2617.

GDW/jmc.

Major-General,
G.O.A.O.

P.A. 30/9

Subject: Candidate for Commission - S/76788 Pte. Woodhouse, RASC. 7.

Headquarters,
A.M.G.O.T.,
Palermo.



AL/21/47

27. Sep. 43.



(5)

Reference your AMGOT/381/HQ dated 23.Sep.43.

1. I have consulted with "A" Branch, 15 Army Group, who give the following ruling.
2. They state that you should write to A.F.H.Q. direct requesting that in view of (a) Pte. Woodhouse's very special qualifications; and (b) the fact that he has twice been in command of troops as an unpaid N.C.O., the certificate required by G.R.O. 178, Appendix "B", should be waived and that Pte. Woodhouse's own statement should be accepted, it not being possible to obtain certificates from his two previous Commanding Officers as they are not in this theatre of war.

AMGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group,
C. M. F.
HF/JG.

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Captain,
Staff Captain,
AMGOT Liaison.

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SUBJECT:- Candidate for Commission -
S/7678788 Pte. H. WOODHOUSE, RASC.

AMGOT/384/Hq.

AMGOT Hq. SICILY.

26 Sept 43.

G. H. Q.
2nd Echelon,
B. N. A. F.

The above mentioned soldier has
applied for a commission, May date of birth
and nationality of parents please be verified
in accordance with Appendix "B" to G.R.O.
178/43.

Major-General,
C.C.A.O.

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SUBJECT:- Candidate for Commission - S/7678788 Pte. H. WOODHOUSE, R.A.S.C.

ANGOT/381/HQ.

ANGOT H.Q., SICILY.

23 Sept 43.

Angot Linson,
15 Army Group Main,
C. M. F.

Ref. your AL/21/31 dated 15 Sept 43.

Would you please obtain the advice of 15 Army Group on the following point.

In relation to Question 4 of Part I of A.F.B.2647, it is stated in Appendix "B" to G.R.O. 178 that the applicant must be of the rank of Opl or be certified by his C.O., to have been in command of men for at least 6 weeks. Pte Woodhouse states that he was in charge of troops from 1 Mar 42 to about 15 Apr 42 while attached to 99 General Transport Coy, R.A.S.C. as an acting unpaid L/Opl, and further that during the period 14 Jul 42 to 30 Apr 43 he was an N.C.O. in the Legal Aid Section at Southern Command. During a large part of this period he states he was acting unpaid Sgt and Deputy Chief Clerk of the Section. Unfortunately a certificate as to this cannot be obtained as the Units in question are not available in this theatre.

Please advise (1) whether Woodhouse's statement could be accepted without a certificate, if not (2) whether, if he were made an unpaid acting Opl, this would comply with G.R.O. 178, if so may authority please be given by 15 Army Group to grant Woodhouse acting rank in accordance with K.R. 1940, Para.290. If the course suggested in (2) is not feasible may authority be given for the six weeks in command of men to be waived in view of the very specialised work for which Woodhouse is required. If it is not possible please inform this H.Q. of the Unit to which Woodhouse should be attached for the six week period.

Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

P.A.
24/9/43

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L/Cpl unh [unintelligible] posted
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No rank until 3817

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local unpaid Sgt.
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Chief Clerk d/s.
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A.F. B. 2617

RECOMMENDATION FORM FOR CANDIDATES FOR
OFFICER CADET TRAINING UNITS.

PART I. (To be completed by the Candidate)

1. Surname WOODHOUSE 2. Army Number 57678788
3. Christian names HENRY
4. Rank _____ 5. Date of Promotion _____
6. Unit AMGOT. 15 Army Group. C.M.F.
7. Date of joining present unit 27 June 1943.
8. Date of enlistment 2 December 1940
9. Date of birth 12 July 1913 11. Civil Identity No. ✓
10. Place of birth Old Hill, Staffs 12. Religion Methodist
13. Nationality at birth British.
14. Name and nationality at birth of father Frank Woodhouse - British.
15. Name and nationality at birth of mother Florence Annie Davies - British.
16. Married or single Married
17. Nationality at birth of wife British.
18. Number of children None.
19. Next of kin and Permanent Address of next of kin Mr. Eileen Mary Woodhouse
Pentwyn, 143, The Crescent, Haden Hill, Old Hill, Staffs, England
20. School or other Educational Establishments (with dates) _____
(1) King Edward's High School, Birmingham 1923-32
(2) St. John's College, Oxford 1932-35.
21. Educational certificates (with dates) (1) Matriculation 1927/1 (2) High School
Certificate with Distinction, 1929, 30, 31, 32; (3) First Class Honours in School of Jurisprudence
(Awarded 6 prizes).

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15. Name and nationality at birth of mother Florence Annie Davies - British

16. Married or single Married

17. Nationality at birth of wife British

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20. School or other Educational Establishments (with dates) —
(1) King Edward's High School, Birmingham 1923-32.
(11) St. John's College, Oxford 1932-35.

21. Educational certificates (with dates) (1) Matriculation 1927; (11) Higher School
Certificate with Distinction, 1929, 30, 31, 32; (111) First Class Honours in School of Jurisprudence
at Oxford (1935); (112) First Class Honours in Law Society's Final Examinations (Awarded 6 Prizes), 1938
(114) M.A. Degree, Oxford - 1939; (115) Admitted Solicitor 1938.
Languages (State if written or spoken)
French & Italian (written - spoken slightly). Classical Greek & Latin (written)

22. Civil occupation Solicitor

23. Name of last employer Messrs. G. T. Smith & Hyde, Solicitors, 37 Temple Row,
Birmingham, 2

25. Arm or Corps in which a Commission is desired. Three choices to be given in order of priority, one to be non-technical.

(i) Generalist - Legal Domain AMGOT

(ii) _____

(iii) _____

26. Technical qualifications, if any, for each of above choices :-

(i) Qualified Solicitor with five years experience in all branches of legal
 (ii) work. Graduate of Oxford University where (interalia) studied
 (iii) International Law.

27. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power or by Court Martial? No
 If so state date and circumstances _____

28. Have you previously been admitted to the R.M.A., R.M.C. or to an Officer-
 Cadet Training Unit? If so, give particulars No.

29. Have you at any time held a commission in any branch of H.M. Forces? If so, give full particulars No.

30. General remarks (including O.T.C. experience; rank in O.T.C.; number of camps attended; certificates obtained).

Junior O.T.C. at King Edward's High School, Birmingham

(52) International law.

27. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power or by Court Martial? ++ No

If so state date and circumstances

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Junior O.T.C. at King Edward's High School, Birmingham

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the above particulars are correct and complete.

Signature

Date 23 Sept 1943

+. This must be supported by birth certificate.

++ Commanding Officers will use their discretion in deciding whether a man who appears otherwise suitable should be rejected on account of conviction by the Civil Power or by a Court Martial. For example, no serious notice need be taken of convictions on account of youthful indiscretion or minor motoring offences, but where the cause of conviction indicates a lack of the high moral qualities which are

required of an Officer, consideration must be given as to whether the facts disclosed point to the total unsuitability of the candidate for commissioned rank. Due regard must however be paid to the fact that bravery and distinguished service in the field may be an overriding consideration in spite of past records.

PART II. Certificate of moral character for the past four years to be pasted here.

Certificate of moral character
need not be attached when the
certificate below covers the
past four years.

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I certify that No. _____

RANK _____

NAME _____

has served as a regular soldier

or embodied T.A. soldier since _____

Certificate of moral character
need not be attached when the
certificate below covers the
past four years.

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I certify that No. _____ RANK _____
NAME _____ has served as a regular soldier
or embodied T.A. soldier since _____
Date _____ Commanding _____
Signature _____

PART III. (To be completed by the candidate's Commanding Officer.)
Military particulars of Candidate :-

1. Military character Very Good
2. Training standards attained Regular Standard
3. Courses attended _____
4. Power of leadership _____
5. Medical category A1

I certify that I would be willing to accept No. _____ Rank _____

Name _____
as an officer in this Unit on his satisfactory completion of a course of training at an Officer Cadet Training Unit.

Date _____
Signature _____
Commanding _____

Command in which Unit is stationed _____

PART IV. (To be completed by Command Interviewing Board).

1. Remarks as to suitability as an officer (NOT from a technical point of view).

2. Interviewing Board (a) President _____
(b) Members _____

Date _____
Signature of President of Board.

PART V. (To be completed by a Lieut. Colonel of the Arm or Corps for which the candidate has expressed first choice, if technical and where this differs from the one in which he is serving).

I certify that No. _____ Rank _____

Name _____
is not interviewed by me on _____

and is, in my opinion, technically suitable for training for a commission in _____

Date _____
Signature _____
Commanding _____

PART VI. (To be completed by a Lieut. Colonel of the Arm or Corps for which the candidate has expressed second choice, if technical and where this differs

as an Officer in this Unit on his satisfactory completion of a course of training at an Officer Cadet Training Unit.

Date _____

Signature _____

Commanding _____

Command in which Unit is stationed _____

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(b) Members _____

Date _____

Signature of President of Board. _____

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I certify that No. _____

Name _____

Rank _____

was interviewed by me on _____

is not _____

and is, in my opinion, technically suitable for _____

training for a commission in _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Commanding _____

PART VI. (To be completed by a Lieut. Colonel of the Arm or Corps for which the candidate has expressed second choice, if technical and where this differs from the one in which he is serving, and if he has not been accepted under V. above).

I certify that No. _____

Name _____

Rank _____

was interviewed by me on _____

is not _____

and is, in my opinion, technically suitable _____

for training for a commission in _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Commanding _____

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Subject: Commissioning of British O.Rs /7678788 -
Pte. Woodhouse H.

AL/1131
15. Sep. 43.

M.A. to C.C.A.O.,
Headquarters,
AMGOT, PALERMO.

With reference to the attached file of correspondence, I have enquired of "A" Branch, 15 Army Group today and they state that an application should be forwarded to G.4, British, A.F.H.Q., for the granting of an immediate commission to Pte. Woodhouse. This application should be accompanied by a covering letter from the C.C.A.O. strongly recommending the appointment of Pte. Woodhouse to commissioned rank, coupled with a request that he be retained by AMGOT to carry out his legal duties. In no circumstances should it be suggested that he either appear before a W.O.S.B. or attend an O.C.T.U., as if either of these courses were adopted, it is almost certain that he would be commissioned into the Infantry and lost to AMGOT.

Should A.F.H.Q. raise any objection, please refer the matter to me and I will arrange for 15 Army Group to try and smooth away any difficulties which might arise by reason of Pte. Woodhouse's comparative youth.

H. Parn.

Captain,
Staff Captain,
AMGOT Liaison.

AMGOT Liaison,
15 Army Group Main,
FIELD.
HF/JG.

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MA. I entering again to Mr. Woodhouse
 should be commissioned but I rather fancy
 he will have to go with me next to W. S. Salomon
 Board which is in Algeria.

Any of division to put out procedure
 from D. H. & let me know. I want to
 know that; if he can be commissioned
 really, his then reported to Any of.

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Any of Division

Please see above note from C.C. H. for
 action & return personally to me under confidential cover

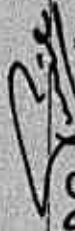
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 Major 13.8

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AMGOT/ /L
AMGOT HQ SICILY
12 September 1943

SUBJECT: Commissioning of British Other Ranks.
S/7678788 - Pte. Woodhouse, H.

TO: C. C. A. O.

1. Pte Woodhouse has been attached to Legal Division since the commencement of the occupation and he has been employed in doing work normally done by a Legal Officer. His work has been excellent and whilst he is of somewhat nervous manner, he is undoubtedly of more than average intelligence.

2. Woodhouse is a qualified solicitor and his record is as follows:

(a) Woodhouse is age 30 and was educated at King Edward's High School, Birmingham where he matriculated and obtained Higher School Certificate with Distinction.

(b) He then studied law at St. John's College, Oxford, of which he was a Casberd Scholar. He graduated in 1935, obtaining a First Class Honours Degree in Jurisprudence.

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(d) He was admitted as a solicitor in November, 1938 and has practised in Birmingham until he enlisted in the Army.

(e) He enlisted on 2 December, 1940 and has served, prior to coming overseas, with the Southern Command Legal Aid Section where he held the appointment of an Acting Sergeant.

3. Subject to the promotion of Lt. Matthews of the Legal Division to the rank of Captain, a recommendation for which has been submitted to you on his personal file, there will be a vacancy on the W/E of the Legal Division for a Lieutenant. (Reference Code No. B 8) It is strongly recommended that Woodhouse be commissioned in the rank of 2d Lieutenant to this vacancy.

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W. V. Chandler
Lieut. Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

Rowe advises me that the honors listed above are quite phenomenal.

W.C.

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