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For comment. MS (12/8)

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Ex Comp

It will make no difference to us how they decide to organize RAAAC, insofar as they decide to abolish it, except insofar as 2675th Regt is under RAAAC and in the event I can not fully comment. On the A & Q side, RAAAC have been of no help to us. *Chatterbox*

13. 5. 46.

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COO. Ex Comm.

Please see reply to memo 17 at mem 18.

There is no objection in passing this to Exd(17) as this deals purely with the Ex. element. of RAAAC, we have no info as to the future of the U.S. element as yet. *Aug 13/8 MS 1318*

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Chief Clerk. (9)

Please pass all to En. O. (13) for
their comments. (Spot by phone) Re: 1/8

Ex. Com

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An invitation for to send a representative to the
meeting at 10:00 am when you are away on
Wednesday. I replied that we would not be sending
a rep, since Rott would take care of our
interests. You have, I think, discussed all this
matter with Brig. Gen. Law, in fact the attached
beforehand in very little.

2. 7. 46. Chubert, 1/8 3/8

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Let me know the results of MS (3/8)

Notes RLS 6/8

To En. O. (13)

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CSO. Why? Chubert 8/8

Ex Comm. 16.

~~CSO. Please see memo 13. 1/8 3/8~~

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To Enc. 0. (13)

(12) This file is passed to you for retention please.

Alan Skinning
Capt. 7/8.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

CSO. (13) Why? Chubelans 8/8

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CSO. of please see mine 13. 1946 as of 11/32

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Chief Commissioner.

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Attached is submitted for your signature
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL AIRBORNE FORCE
Office of the Brig. I/c Adm.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE HEADQUARTERS
OF THE AIRBORNE FORCE OFFICE AT 14.30 HRS.
ON 2 AUGUST 1946 TO REVIEW BRITISH ELEMENT
ON HQ HOME ALLIED AREA COMMAND.

Present:

Major-General A.C. DUFF	.....	Chairman.
Brigadier LARKE	.....	'A' & 'B' 3 District.
Brigadier LOW	.....	HQ R.A.A.C.
Colonel MARTIN	.....	C-3, WTC.
Lt. Col. LONG	.....	HQ R.A.A.C.
Lt. Col. MURPHY	.....	G(ED) GHQ.
Lt. Col. NICHOL	.....	WTC.
Lt. Col. TAYLOR	.....	C-4, WTCUSA.
Lt. Col. WHITE	.....	C-5, WTC.
Major POLLEN	.....	HQ R.A.A.C.
Major WILLIAMS	.....	C-3, WTCUSA.
Captain HIGGINS	.....	Secretary.

1. Major-General DUFF - said that the SMO has decided that British Committee in HQA no longer justify a British Brigadier as Commander and that, probably at the end of this month, a Lt. Col. could take over command on the British side. Colonel DUFF would then Command R.A.A.C. with the new Lt. Col. as his deputy. The D/SAC has agreed to this.

Therefore, there was only remained to discuss the exact size of the British Element.

2. Brigadier LOW - said that the British Lt. Col. would be at a disadvantage in dealing with Allied Commission and HQA, and proposed that R.A.A.C. should no longer administer Allied Commission but should become a small enclave under direct control of WTC or 3 District.

3. Major-General DUFF - pointed out the undesirability of increasing the present static layout by one further main HQ.

4. Brigadier MARTIN - said that he did not consider it advisable to ask 3 District to take over another HQ in HQA.

5. Brigadier LOW - said that R.A.A.C. was continually having matters referred to it which were not its concern and that this state of affairs would continue as long as R.A.A.C. in its present form existed. He proposed, there-

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Office of the Director

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lines presented by SAC with Colonel Barker as its
Executive. Brigadier 202's proposals in its well
be acceptable at a later stage and (RD) should
examine them. The problem to be discussed now
was the detailed establishment of the British
element at 202's. C. 202 set out in para 14 of
202/220/3.

The following appointments were agreed to in
principle:

Deputy Commissioner	Lt. Col.	1
W/O Staff	Major	1
	Quartermaster	2
	Assistant	1
	Major	1
	Captain	1
	Captain	1
	Major	1
	Major	1
	Captain	1

8. Brigadier 202 - said that:
a. although a Staff Lieut. 202 was unnecessary the
W/O staff should be increased by a Staff Lieut.
It was, therefore, agreed that the Staff Lieut. as
should be Staff Lieut. 202.

b. the retention of a Chaplain Class III was no
longer justifiable, and that his duties could be
carried out by the Senior Chaplain in the Area.

c. the present 202's was being posted away and was
not being replaced. His duties could be carried
out by the CC Field Hospital.

d. The present 202's should hold the local rank of
Lt. Col. but that this local rank should not be
necessary for his successor.

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for Brigadier 202's Administration. 1729

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DISTRIBUTION:

- HQ 3 District.
- HQ Allied Commission.
- HQ R.A.M.C.
- SAC 202.
- C-3 202.
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examined that the problem to be discussed now was the detailed establishment of the British Element of the R.S.A.C. as set out in para 14 of R/120/C.

The following appointments were proposed to fill principle:

Deputy Commander S/1 Staff	Lt. Col. Major Captain Lieutenant Major Captain Captain Major Major Captain	1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
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Finance S/3		
Provost Camp		

8. Brigadier IOW - said that:
1. although a Staff Lieut. OS was unnecessary the S/1 staff should be increased by a Staff Lieut. It may, therefore, be decided that the Staff Lieut OS should be Staff Lieut. S/2.
 2. the retention of a Chaplain Class III was no longer justifiable, and that his duties could be carried out by the Senior Chaplain in the Area.
 3. the present BEMS was being posted away and was not being replaced. His duties could be carried out by the OC Field Hospital.
 4. the present BEMS should hold the local rank of Lt. Col. and that this local post should not be necessary for his successor.

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for Brigadier IOW Administration. 1729

Annex 16.
Annex 17.

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| HQ 5 District. | SACS. BEMO. | For Mil Sec C-10. |
| HQ Allied Commission. | C-5 BEMO. | C(3D) |
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Office of the Brig. i/c Adm.

MEMORANDUM FOR : HQ 3 District.
HQ RAAC.
HQ Allied Commission.
SACS, AFHQ.
G(ND), CHQ CMT.
'A' CHQ CMT.
'M' CHQ CMT.
G(Mov), CHQ CMT.
Civil Affairs, CHQ CMT.
G-3, AFHQSA.
G-4, AFHQSA.

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SUBJECT : Review of HQ E.A.A.C. (British Element).

1. Reference this HQ signal C 56196 of 29 Jul 46, (repeated to Allied Commission by telephone on 30 Jul). The attached paper will be considered at the meeting convened in the above quoted signal, to be held in the G-3 War Room at 14.30 hrs. FRIDAY 2 AUG 46.

2. You are requested to be represented at this meeting.

R.P. Mangles
R.P. MANGLES, Major,
for Brigadier i/c Administration,
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, CMT.

3A) Jul 46.
RPM/PC.

Copy to: G-3, AFHQ.

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FINAL DRAFT

SUBJECT : Review of HQ ROSE LEAFED AREA COMMAND (British Element).

OBJECT

1. To consider what reductions can be made in the strength of the British element of HQ ROSE LEAFED AREA COMMAND.

CONSIDERATIONS

REQUIREMENTS

2. The establishment of officers in the British element of HQ R.A.A.C. is as follows:-

Commander	Trinidad	1
General Staff	Lieut.	1
Adjut Generals Branch	Captain	1
	Major	1
	Captain	1
Quartermaster	Major	1
Generals Branch	Captains	2
Chaplain	Chaplain 3rd Class	1
S & F	Major	1
Medical	Captains	2
Ordnance	Major	1
RME	Captain	1
Provost	Major	1
	Lt. Col.	1
Camp	Major	1
	Capt. or Lieut.	1
Total		16 Officers

UNITS UNDER COMMAND RASC

3. The principal units located in RASC are as under:-

- 10th Major, 2nd Class.
- HQ 3 Coy 11 L of O Signals
- 25 P4 Bakery
- 61 Coy RASC (SE)
- 105 BHD
- 199 BHD
- 353 Coy RASC (Str Tpt)
- 638 L of O W&S (H&I)
- 777 Mob Ammunition Shop
- HQ Public Relations CM (remains until GHQ leaves CASERTA, and possibly longer).
- 276 P.S. Sec
- 24 Area Comm Office
- Transit and Feeding Centre
- 2 P4 Hospital
- 36 Reception Stn (ASST) (To remain until 1727

CONSTITUTION

REPRESENTATIVE

2. The establishment of officers in the British element of HQ R.A.A.C. is as follows:-

Commander	Brigadier	1
P.A.	1st Lt.	1
General Staff	Captain	1
Asst General's Branch	Major	1
	Captain	1
Quartermaster	Major	1
General's Branch	Captain	2
Chaplain	Chaplain 3rd Class	1
S.A.T	Major	1
	Captain	1
Medical	Major	1
Ordnance	Captain	1
R.A.M.	Major	1
Provost	Lt. Col.	1
	Major	1
Camp	Capt. or Lieut.	1
	Total	18 Officers

UNITS UNDER COMMAND R.A.C.

3. The principal units located in R.A.C. are as under:-

Town Major, 2nd Class.
 HQ Coy 11 L of C Signals
 25 34 Bakery
 64 Coy RASC (GT)
 105 DID
 129 DID
 353 Coy RASC (Lth Tpt)
 538 L of C Wesp (Dil)
 777 Mob Armourers Shop
 HQ Public Relations CM (remains until HQ leaves CASERTA, and possibly longer).

276 T.S. Sec
 24 Area Cash Office
 Transit and Fueling Centre
 2 73 Hospital
 36 Reception Stn (ASSIST) (To remain until move of formation College).

UNITS UNDER HQ CONTROL LOCATED IN R.A.C.

4. In addition to the units listed in para 3 above, the following units under HQ control are located in the territory administered by HQ R.A.C.:-

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UNITED UNDER ONE COMMAND LOCATED IN RAC (Contd.)

- AMC and AC for ITALY (AC or successor required until ratification of Peace Treaty).
- 177 Train Guard Control (Remaining so long as train can move).
- 1 Patrol Inspectorate (Remaining as long as they remain in ITALY).
- 30 Web Coy RAC (Desirable not to move from ROME due to dealings with CDO).
- Allied Screening Commission ITALY (War Office have ordered that work completed by 30 Sep 46)
- (C) Special Investigation Section (Provisat) (Moving to Naples)
- 32 HE & DE (Closing about 15 Aug)
- 5 Inspector of Jail Prisons (Closing about 15 Aug)
- 9 Base Civil Pay Office (Remaining until CDO moves or closes)
- 4 Base Clearing House RAC (Remaining until CDO moves or closes)
- 56 Post Coy (Required for units in 'area')
- 177 Post Centre (AMTIA) (Until end August)
- Allied Force Micro Filming and Records Depot
- Recreation College ITALY (Until 31 August)
- Pro Coy (Moving to XIII Corps as soon as accommodation available)

SAVING IN REPAIRS

Any saving in repairs which can be made is most

5. desirable.

CIVIL REACTION

6. Political opinion has always supported any reduction in Allied Military personnel in the city of ROME.

COMMAND OF RAC

7. RAC is an integrated HQ Commanded by a British Officer with a US Officer acting as his deputy. There would be no objection to RAC being Commanded by a US officer with a British officer acting as his deputy, provided that the British officer was of equal or lower rank.

POPULATION COLLEGE

8. The War Office have been notified that the formation cannot be maintained in ITALY after end of August 46.

POLISH TROOPS

9. Polish Troops are in the process of leaving the theatre, and the responsibility of RAC with regard to Polish Troops in the area is diminishing rapidly.

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- 30 Vch Coy RASC (Desirable not to move from ROME due to dealings with CDO).
- Allied Screening Commission ITALY (War Office have ordered that work completed by 30 Sep 46)
- 60 Special Investigation Section (Protest) (Moving to Naples)
- 32 MP & PB (Closing about 15 Aug)
- 3 Impco of Mil Prisons (Closing about 15 Aug)
- 8 Base Gen's Pay Office (Remain until GHQ moves or closes)
- 4 Base Clearing House RASC (Remain until GHQ moves or closes)
- 56 Rest Camp (Required for units in area)
- 100 Air Rest Centre (SQUADRA) (Until end August)
- Allied Force Micro Printing and Records Depot
- Forsting College DEKRA (Until 31 August)
- 2nd Coy (Moving to XIII Corps as soon as accommodation available)

SAVING IN MEMORANDUM

Any saving in manpower which can be made is most

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5. Desirable.
- 6. Political opinion has always supported any reduction in Allied Military Personnel in the city of ROME.

COMMAND OF RASC

- 7. RASC is an integrated HQ Commanded by a British Officer with a US Officer acting as his deputy. There would be no objection to RASC being Commanded by a US officer with a British officer acting as his deputy, provided that the British officer was of equal or lower rank.

FORMATION COLLAPSE

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ARMED RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10. The views of CG JFORSK should be obtained before any large scale change in the establishment of the British element of RASC is approved. (G-3, JFORSK, representative to be prepared to state views at meeting).

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3 DISTRICT INSTALLATIONS

The British element of RASC is administered by 3 District, and the views of CAC 3 District should be obtained before any change is made in the establishment of the British element of HQ RASC. (3 District representative to be prepared to state views at meeting).

RASC INSTALLATIONS

The Commander (Br) and Deputy Commander (US) RASC should be consulted as to whether the proposed reduction in HQ RASC recommended in para 14 below, will still permit RASC to carry out its assigned Allied functions. (RASC representative to be prepared to state views at meeting).

RECOMMENDATION

That subject to the concurrence of CE THUSA and CAC 3 District, and subject to RASC being able to continue to carry out its assigned Allied functions, the reduced establishment, the British element of HQ RASC be reduced to the approximate equivalent establishment of the HQ of a Garrison Higher establishment, with certain increments as shown in para 14 below, on 31 AUGUST 1945.

The establishment of officers of the British element of RASC after 31 AUGUST 45 is recommended as follows:-

Deputy Commander	Lt. Col.	1
General Staff	Staff Lieut.	1
3/4 Staff	Major	1
Chaplains	Captains	2
	Chaplain 3rd Class	1 (Until civilian person arrives, which is not anticipated for three or four months)
S & T	Major	1
	Capt.	1 (evn Seal req.)
Medical	Major	1
Ordnance	Capt.	1
R&M	Major	1 (For review on final departure of Police and reduction on Vehicle Park)
Provost	Major	1 (May be local Lt. Col.)
Company	Capt.	1
Total		15 Officers

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HEADQUARTERS
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

SUBJECT: Reduction of Rome Area

c/36
30 July 1946

TO : CHQ CMT (4 copies)

Further to MY C/36 of 8 July 1946.

1. Strength and scope of British troops in ROME. After an inexplicable slight increase over some three weeks, there has been in the last ten days a decided drop in the numbers of British troops in ROME and last week's ration return showed a decrease more substantial than in any one week for several months. The ration strength of British troops is now well below 4,000 and further substantial decreases are expected in the near future. If matters take their expected course it seems that the command and administration of British troops in ROME should by the end of August be within the scope of an Officer Commanding Troops with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, acting as a Garrison Commander. During the past three weeks measures have been taken to concentrate as much as possible into the barrack area in which is situated 56 Rest and Transit Camp. This policy will be followed and within the next two or three weeks it is hoped to have a number of units carrying out their functions there, while in other cases other ranks will be accommodated in the Camp while working in offices, etc, outside. 56 Rest and Transit Camp therefore becomes the base of all British troops in ROME.

2. Establishment and strength of 56 Rest Camp. Appended is a table showing the establishment and posted strength of 56 Rest and Transit Camp on 15 July. It is essential that the strength shall be made up to and maintained at full establishment, except to some extent as regards AOC personnel where a proportion of local labour can be accepted in place of British personnel.

This basic strength will be adequate for, but will be fully employed in, the interior administration of the camp area, the management of married families' hostels (officers and other ranks) and the policing and guarding of the ROME Guardroom (see paragraph 3 below).

It will not however be sufficient to deal with the outside duties of O.C. Troops and it is considered that the following incremental staff will be necessary in the first instance, though reductions will probably be possible month by month.

Staff	Remarks
1 DAA & QMG	Will be responsible for accommodation and
1 Staff Captain 'A'	requisitioning, discipline, etc, Welfare,
2 clerks	movements, including feeding halt and
1 batman driver	staging arrangements, personnel matters
	such as PYTHON, release, etc.
1 Garrison Engineer	Found as at present from No 3 District
with Staff as at present	pool.

Provost

1 DAFM

and small detachment of police

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1 Garrison Engineer with Staff as at present	Found as at present from No 3 District pool.
<u>Provost</u>	
1 DAPM and small detachment of police.	
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1 Staff Captain, and possibly 1 Lieutenant 2 clerks	

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Staff

Ordnance

1 Ordnance Officer
1 cpl
2 ptes

Remarks

The Officer will probably be required until the middle or end of September and can probably then be dispensed with. The opl and 2 ptes would be required indefinitely.

ROME

1 Officer
1 clerk

It is considered that this is necessary. He might be either attached to the workshops in ROME supernumerary to establishment or might be attached to OC Troops. It is considered that the Officer Commanding Workshops without an additional officer could not control the present L of C responsibility without detriment to his proper functions.

Signals

No special provision is necessary and the present arrangement whereby the Officer Commanding the Signal Company in ROME acts also as Signal Officer is satisfactory.

3. Guards. The ROME Guardroom still continues to be well patronized and though there is a tendency to a reduction of the numbers it is still necessary to be retained. Despite all efforts it is not possible to dispose without delay of the various persons apprehended and there are always a few men under investigation, etc.

As stated above the basic establishment of 56 Rest Camp is sufficient to provide police and guards for this Guardroom. It is not, however, sufficient to find escorts for the conveyance of prisoners from ROME elsewhere and difficulty and delay has already been encountered while escorts are improvised and scraped together from personnel in transit. This applies particularly to hospital patients in arrest awaiting transfer to NAPLES. Only in cases of emergency is it considered justifiable to withdraw escorts from local units e.g. 182 Provost Company, and normally cases wait until personnel in transit can be made available. With the withdrawal of the detachment of 1 KRRC on 30 July the hospital detention ward is being done away with and each case is being dealt with as a matter of improvisation.

No more can the strength of 56 Rest Camp be stretched to find staff for the War Criminals Wing of 32 Military Prison which is expected to remain in ROME on the departure of the prison or to provide guards or escorts for special events such as war crimes trials, etc.

4. Distant commitments. It is not considered that OC Troops could discharge responsibility for centres or installations at a distance from ROME but it is hoped that all such may have disappeared before the end of August.

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5. / To sheet 3

ROME

1 Officer
1 clerk

1 cpl
2 ptes

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(d) was in many respects the most important aspect. There is no doubt whatever that the unified control of requisitioning and the maintenance of one common pool of accommodation has effected economy and control and has been amply justified by results. The number of properties held on requisition however has in recent months vastly decreased and may be expected still further to do so. Competition and rivalry never existed and it is incredible that in present circumstances they could now crop up. Need for the maintenance of a common reserve pool of accommodation has ceased to exist. Property as it becomes vacant is now released as quickly as possible. The separation of the properties now held into two separate lists would present no difficulty and indeed it may well be desirable that with the prospect of the early completion of separate civil affairs agreements separation should be effected since transfer of premises from one national occupancy to another from now on may well produce complications. The retention of a joint quartering board with weekly or bi-weekly meetings would probably now fill all requirements.

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I propose therefore that a small nucleus HQ be retained in Piazza Venezia where the OSC Troops will work part time, and a small staff be maintained. On the British side it would be appropriate and should be sufficient for the DAA & QMF and Staff Captain to work there.

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9. 2nd Polish Corps. The only real difficulty remains with the relations with the various Polish detachments in ROME. The numbers at present are very considerable and have as yet shown no tendency to fall, remaining, as they have done for many months past, in the region of 2,000. A large number of premises occupied by Polish troops remain on requisition. At one time difficulties and misunderstandings were constant and for many months it was extremely difficult to retain effective control over the activities of the various Polish bodies in ROME. For many months now there has been no difficulty. This is due in my opinion largely to the reduction of the Polish Public Relations activities and to the clarification of the future of the 2nd Polish Corps but in my opinion principally to the personal relations which have existed between the Officer Commanding the Polish Liaison Detachment and myself. Colonel OSTROWSKI has been for many months in ROME and I have found him an admirable co-operator. I do, however, feel that control over the movements of such a large number of Polish troops may well tax the powers of a Lieutenant-Colonel OC Troops and since it must be anticipated that the numbers in ROME are unlikely to fall much until the later stages of the vacation of the 2nd Polish Corps this is in my opinion a question which requires the most serious consideration.

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Officers

<u>Authorized WE</u>		<u>Posted strength</u>
		<u>as at 15 July 46</u>
Lieutenant-Colonels	1	1-
Majors	1	1
Captains or Subalterns		
(including Messing Officer)	5	3
Quartermaster	1	1
Total	8	6

Other Ranks

<u>Authorized WE</u>		<u>Posted strength</u>	
		<u>as at 15 July 46</u>	
WO I	1	G.D.	ACC
WO II	1	2	-
COUS	1	1	1
S/Sjts	1	1	-
Sjts	14	-	-
Cpls	11	9	2
Privates	62	12	3
		65	8
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