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CORRESPONDENCE, COL. SPOFFORD
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

10 September 1944

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CHARLES M. SPOTFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

Col. John J. Albright
Establishments Br.
Hq. Allied Control Commission,
APO 394

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13 September 1944

Colonel Charles M. Spofford,
Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-5, AFHQ, APO 512.

My dear Colonel Spofford:

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Prior to the placing of the 2675th Regiment as part of Headquarters AAI (U. S. Contingent), the Regiment was under Headquarters Command AFHQ. I do not know whether it would be necessary to again place the Regiment under AFHQ or whether it can deal directly with NATOUSA. It always seemed to me and Col. Parkin agrees, that the Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command was not interested in the 2675th Regiment and that going through their Headquarters added to the paper work and served no useful purpose. Recommendations from the 2675th Regiment were passed on by indorsement to higher Headquarters without comment. If it is possible to have the Regiment deal direct with NATOUSA, I think that would be very much preferable.

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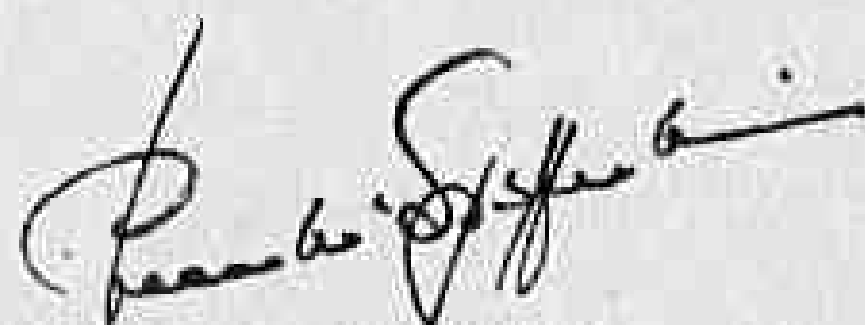
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SUBJECT: Promotion of Field Officers

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Establishments Officer)

1. Reference your letter of 25 August 1944, relating to the suspension of promotions of U.S. officers, the matter has been discussed with G-1 Hato. The suspension arises by reason of War Department action affecting grades and ratings allotted to the theater. It is therefore impracticable to make any exceptions to the suspension. The matter is being adjusted, however, so that it is anticipated the suspension will be lifted on or before the 15th.

2. The circumstances of the ACC request were gone into fully and if for any reason the suspension is not generally lifted, another effort will be made to get relief for the essential ACC promotions.



CHARLES K. SPOFFORD
Colonel, U. S. C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.



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10 September 1944

Colonel Charles M. Spofford,
Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-5, AFHQ, APO 512.

Dear Chuck:

The letter enclosed with the attached slip was delivered
to Colonel Werner. He is improving rapidly and was in good spirits.

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT,
Colonel, Infantry.

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G-5 Section
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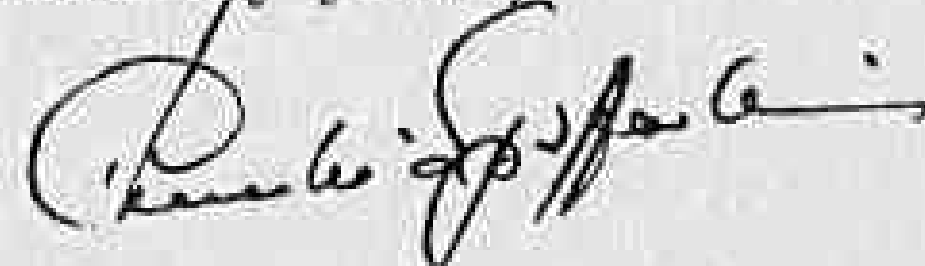
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Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

Incl: as above

Colonel John J. Albright
Establishments Branch
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EstO/1 Sept

1 September 1944

SUBJECT: Promotion.

TO : G-5, A.F.H.Q., APO 512.

1. Request that the attached recommendation be passed to the Commanding Officer 2678th Regt. for information.

2. Major Gate was to be recommended for promotion by the 2675th Regt. A.G.C. (Ovhd) but the recommendation was stopped by suspension of promotions in field grades.

JOHN J. ALRIGHT,
Colonel, Infantry,
Establishments Officer.

1 Incl:
Ltr Col. Ames 31 Aug.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION IV
APO 394

31 August 1944

PERSONAL

MEMORANDUM

TO : Colonel J. J. ALBRIGHT.

Promotion - Major KARL S. CATE

1. The undersigned has had the privilege of working with Major KARL S. CATE right from the beginning of Rome Planning in Naples and Caserta back in January 1944, all the way through to the middle of August 1944, when he was assigned to another theater. Had it not been for the farsightedness shown by Major CATE in planning for the feeding of Rome Region, several of the pitfalls which were so narrowly avoided in the early days in Rome might have had a different outcome.

2. The actual operation of the feeding of Rome as undertaken by Major CATE upon arrival in the city was carried through with energy and with a devotion to the job in hand which was an inspiration to all of his fellow officers on the staff of Rome Region. He was absolutely tireless and met every emergency calmly and intelligently. If one officer in Rome Region bore a tremendous burden, and who carried this burden without faltering, it was Major CATE.

3. I strongly recommend that this officer be promoted to the next highest grade.

/s/ John D. Ames
/t/ JOHN D. AMES . 1343
Lt. Colonel, A.G.D.
Executive Officer (Rome)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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23 August 1944

Colonel John J. Albright
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394

Dear Jack:

I've been able to check into the two questions which you raised. The information on promotions is scanty and simply that the "freeze" on those for field grade officers will continue for an indefinite time.

The orders on Zellars did not reach you because they were addressed directly to him at Region II, and the Regiment was inadvertently left off the distribution list.

Rich

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

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RetO/25 Aug

25 August 1944

SUBJECT: Promotion of Field Officers.

TO : G-5, AFHQ, APO 512, U.S. Army.

1. Request that you take immediate steps to have the 2675th Regt. exempted from the suspension of promotions indicated in the attached cable.
2. There are several major reasons for making this request. The most important is that A.C.C. will be seriously hampered in the selection of American officers as Provincial Commissioners for the three Northern Regions if we cannot have properly trained and thoroughly qualified American Captains promoted to the grade of Major. Every Senior officer who has been in the field assures me that Italian officials will not operate under an officer with no more prestige than the grade of Captain affords. It is further impossible to find sufficient British officers below field grade to fill up Provinces under American officers with less than rank of Major. We have a number of American Captains with one years' experience in the field as Civil Affairs Officers and who would make some of the best Provincial Commissioners in all of A.C.C. if they can be promoted. It is believed that the tactical situation will move so rapidly that loss of time in the promotion of these officers will seriously disrupt our plans.
3. As you know American officers were originally furnished to AMG/ACC in grades one or two below the T/O position grade of the job for which they were selected. This has continuously hampered our operations in that we could not place them in positions of authority over British officers of Senior rank. In the few cases where they were so placed it has resulted, almost invariably, in friction and inefficiency. The American side of A.C.C. has continuously suffered from this low rank. It was impossible to promote many of these officers quickly because of the time in grade provision of the U.S. Regulations which were increased by NATOUSA restrictions in this particular theatre. Further, promotions were suspended for a considerable period early in 1944 and since the suspension was lifted, we have not submitted recommendations for more than 50% of the officers who should have been promoted. We did not do it because we were attempting to set-up a fairly even flow of promotions and to avoid promotions of officers in large blocks. We now find ourselves with another suspension of promotions at a most critical time. Several of the officers of field grade who are being recommended are on duty with combat Corps and Divisions. They are serving in conditions of field service exactly similar to combat troops. Some of these officers have been decorated for their performance in these jobs. Corps Commanders have recommended their promotion and are insisting upon it.
4. The suspension of promotions will be a serious blow to the morale of our officers, particularly since this is the second suspension within a period of six months. This lowering of morale is of serious concern to the Acting Chief Commissioner since a large majority of our officers are working

such long hours that a considerable percentage have already been hospitalized and others are showing the strain of operating under difficult and strenuous conditions.

5. The 2675th Regiment has lost a total of 100 position vacancies in all grades to the 2678th Regiment. Combined with that loss is the fact that officers having been furnished in the lower grades as indicated above, we now have a surplus of Captains and Lieutenants and a considerable number of vacancies in grades of Majors and Lt. Cols.

6. The above situation is giving concern to every Senior American officer responsible for efficient functioning of A.C.C. I believe that if the case were properly stated to G-1, AMHQ, that this suspension would be lifted so far as the 2675th Regiment is concerned. If such agreement cannot be reached, I think an immediate report of the situation should be made by cable to General Hildring in Washington.

7. If the suspension is not lifted promptly, it will mean that about 75 to 90% of the Provinces in the Industrial North of Italy must be formed with British Provincial Commissioners.

JOHN J. ALMIGHT,
Colonel, Infantry,
Establishments Officer.

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CLEAR MESSAGE
IN

FOLIO 23607
15 AUG 44

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED CG NATOUSA
TO : CO 5 ARMY CG 7 ARMY
: CG SOS NATOUSA AAI
ORIG NO: FXB3311
CITE NAGAP

CG AEF MTO
RAAC CG REPL COMD
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EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT OF THIS CABLE PROMOTIONS OF OFFICERS TO FIELD GRADE
IN ALL OVERHEAD UNITS ORGANIZED UNDER AN ALLOTMENT OF GRADES AND RATINGS
FROM THE THEATER OVERHEAD PERSONNEL ALLOTMENT ARE SUSPENDED PENDING PUBLICA-
TION OF REVISED ALLOTMENTS.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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APO 394

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25 August 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Col. Spofford, G-5, AFHQ, APO 512, U.S. Army.

1. Field officers promoted in the 2675th Regt. since 4 March 1944 exclusive of those transferred to the 2678th Regt:

Lt. Col. to Col.	13
Major to Lt. Col.	19
Capt. to Major	47
Total	<u>79</u>

2. We have lost by transfer and other reasons during that time (excludes those to 2678th Regt):

Cols.	7
Lt. Cols.	24
Majors	39
Total	<u>70</u>

3. Authorized and present strength are as shown below. This is actually inadequate for the senior officers assigned to responsible positions.

	<u>Strength Authorized</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Cols.	36	33
Lt. Cols.	85	50
Majors	229	151

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JOHN J. ALDRIDGE,
Colonel, Infantry,
Establishments Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ESTABLISHMENT BRANCH
APO 394

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EstO/Aug-25

25 August 1944

SUBJECT: Dilution of Enlisted Strength

TO : AFHQ -- G-5

1. Reference your letter of 3 August 44, G-5: 230.4-11, subject as above, the enlisted strength of the 2675th Regiment has never been sufficient for all of Italy. The original allocation to the 2675th Regiment was based on a Paper which included the strength from Regions 1 to 7. We are now functioning, in addition, in Regions 8 and 9. A considered study of the needs for enlisted men in ACC made on April of this year, after experience in the Southern regions, indicated that up to the Pisa-Rimini Line we needed 1605 enlisted men. Since we have had less than that, we already have had to dilute our strength with Italian personnel, both soldiers and civilians. The figures of the present strength of IM/ORs, Italian soldiers and civilians, by classification, now employed by ACC are given below:

	American	British	Italian Soldiers	Italian Civilians
Clerks .	627	261		559
Drivers	184	484		175
Mechanics	21	25		56
Cooks	44	48		
General Duty	52	356	9 Off 254 ORs	321 (*)
Sp Technicians	24			
Motor Transport.			3 Off 159 ORs	
Hotels & Messes				461
(*)	952	1174	12 Off 413 ORs	1572

Includes cleaners

The distribution of the present enlisted men in ACC is as given in inclosure one. You will note that the total strength at present is 93 short of our full allotment. The shortages are caused by men returned to the United States on rotation (replacements for which have not been received) and by the transfer of a group to the 2678th Regiment. Requisitions for the shortages, less those on rotation for whom replacements are due, have been made and are expected within a few days. From this number the enlisted men for Regions 10 and 11, and additional ones for Region 12, must be found. A large number of these will come from those shown at Headquarters.

2. The total of 400 shown at Headquarters includes detachments of the Transportation Subcommittee, the Food Subcommittee, and others working in the field under Headquarters direction. It also includes personnel used in the Regimental Headquarters, Supply, and Personnel Sections.

EstO/Aug-25

Hq ACC Ltr, 25 Aug 44

Subject: Dilution of Eol Strength

3. You will note that there are only 205 drivers and mechanics despite the fact that we have 654 American vehicles on the T/E of the Regiment and some 400 or 500 American vehicles issued for use of road haulage of civilian supplies. Thus, the above number is entirely inadequate to properly maintain American vehicles despite the fact that we have already diluted the strength with Italian drivers and mechanics. It has been found from experience that it takes at least one American driver and mechanic to supervise the work of three to four Italian drivers and mechanics.

4. The dilution of British ORs by Italian soldiers has been of equal benefit to the American side of ACC and dilution must be considered as an overall picture. In my opinion, dilution cannot be further made without a great loss in efficiency. The Chief Commissioner asked for an additional 600 EM/ORs for the area north of the Pisa-Rimini Line. His request was made with the full consideration of a possible dilution of Allied personnel by Italian soldiers and civilians. Efficiency of operation has been considerably reduced by the dilution which has already been made. As we stretch our personnel over a wider area it will be impossible to properly supervise the present strength of Italian personnel with the available officers, EM/ORs. The entire northern half of Italy recently liberated and to be liberated in the near future will require more Allied military personnel than can actually be spared for the job and with the situation which will arise in Northern Italy, it will be impossible to utilize in that area any considerable number of Italian personnel for some time.

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT
Colonel, Infantry
Establishment Officer

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August 44

AMG/ACC - Strength of EM

	Clerks	Supply	Gen Dy	Cooks	Misc	Drivers	Veh Mech	Total
Hq & Hq Co	253	12	31	21	20	48	15	400
Region 1	18	1	1	2		8		30
Region 2	14		1	1				16
Region 3	39	1	1	4	2	2		49
Region 4	70	1	5	2		23	3	104
Region 5	26	3	1	1		7	1	39
Region 6	16			3				19
Region 7	3	1						4
Region 8	31	1		2	1	18		53
Region 9	35	3	2	2	1	13	2	58
Region Z	36			4		17		57
AMG 5th A) &) AMG 8th A)	28	2	10	1		43		84
I.R.B.	3							3
I.D.P.	13	6		1		5		25
ACC Liaison	1							1
TD G-5 AFHQ	9							9
	596	31	52	44	24	184	21	952

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 230.4-11

3 August 1944

SUBJECT: Dilution of Enlisted Strength

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
(Attention: Establishments Branch)

1. In line with the request for the dilution of the British Other Rank strength of ACC, as set forth in the letter of the Chief of Staff 423/Org-3, dated 28 July 1944, the Deputy Chief of Staff, AFHQ, has now directed that similar steps be taken in the case of United States enlisted personnel, as stated to Brigadier Lush by telephone.

2. It is requested that an immediate report be furnished this Section, showing a functional breakdown of the enlisted men assigned to the 2675th Regiment and the number of EM engaged in each activity.

3. It is further requested that your views be expressed as to which, and in what amounts, functions now being performed by enlisted men can be turned over to Italian personnel, either military or civilian.

4. An amount of dilution, on paper only, has already been effected in the case of British Other Rank drivers. Similar steps have not yet been taken with enlisted men and it is believed that this can be done with less sacrifice of efficiency than in most other fields. Italians can, to an even greater extent, be substituted for those EM now on straight-duty assignments.

5. The policy of the Deputy Chief of Staff has been so stated as to require a determined effort by ACC to furnish an accurate statement of the present position and immediate steps to perform any dilution subsequently ordered.



C. M. Spofford
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

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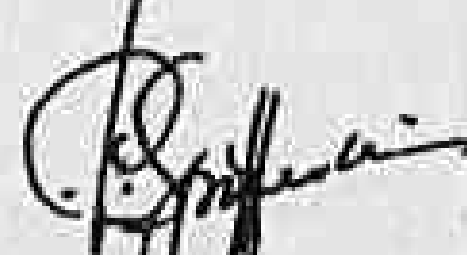
Dear Jack:

I have your letter of 6 August with respect to Major Tolman. I was afraid that his release would not be readily agreeable.

I believe there will be a promotion in the job for Tolman in a somewhat broader field. I should, therefore, like to put him in line for transfer as soon as an adequate replacement can be found and trained. Will you let me know as soon as this is likely to be.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,



CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.

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Colonel John J. Albright
Establishments Branch
Hq., Allied Control Commission
APO 394

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14 August 1944

Colonel Charles M. Spofford,
Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-5, AFHQ, APO 512.

Dear Colonel Spofford:

Reference your letter 10 August about Major Tolman. I have shown your letter to Col. Legg and he agreed to the release in the following words: "I will take immediate steps to locate a suitable replacement for Major Tolman. From date of assignment of a fully qualified replacement - Tolman could be released in approximately four to six weeks."

I do not know whether six weeks will be suitable for you but I really believe it is as short a period as we could, without too much loss, afford to release Major Tolman.

Sincerely,

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT,
Colonel, Infantry.

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Col Albright.

Referee attached :-

I will take steps to locate a suitable replacement for Major Tolman, and will consult Finance Sub. Commission on the matter.

From date of assignment of a fully qualified replacement - Tolman could be released in approximately four to six months.

W. L. 199. Col.

14 Aug.

Col Legge -

Col Spofford asked us about 10 days ago for the release of Major Tolman. I explained to him that you considered him a rather vital cog in the machine; that your feeling was that you did not desire to stand in the way of an officer's advancement; that if the new job did offer chance of advancement, and you did agree to his transfer, that it would take considerable time to train a replacement.

Col. Spofford's reply is attached. What shall I now reply to him

Alright
W.D.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 210.3

7 August 1944

SUBJECT: Request for Assignment to AGC.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: Col. John J. Albright, Establishments Officer).

1. A letter has been received from Aldo L. Raffa, formerly with AMG in Sicily and Italy, who was sent to Etoussa in our shipment of officers this March. He indicates that his contribution in Italy would be of greater value than in his present assignment and requests a transfer.

2. Raffa has worked as both a CAO and Education Officer and in view of his experience and familiarity with northern Italy might be well considered as one of the officers we are now gathering.

3. Please indicate whether his services are desired by you.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 394

JJA-jd
11 August 1944

TO: A.F.H.Q., G-5 Section, APO 512, U.S. Army.
(Attention: Col. Charles M. Spofford)

I do not know this officer personally. The consensus of opinion is that we do not desire his services.

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT,
Colonel, Infantry,
Establishments Officer.

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13 August 1944

Colonel Charles M. Spofford,
Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-5, AFHQ, APO 512.

Dear Colonel Spofford:

Attached is the Appendix "C" which I have prepared but which has not been approved by anyone. You will note that at the bottom column there are pluses and minuses from the original Appendix "C". This is highly unofficial and only for your personal information as changes in it are most likely.

Sincerely,

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT.
Colonel, Infantry.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

10 August 1944

Col. John J. Albright,
Establishments Branch, R.O. & M.G. Section,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

Dear Jack,

I have just received the Regiment Special Order promoting our enlisted men at the same time as I did your letter on the subject.

I would like to offer my hearty thanks for your efforts in getting these promotions through. The one grade at a time rule is perfectly satisfactory and our only concern is in offering the FM on detached service with this Section the same promotional opportunities that the other men of the regiment have.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Stoppord

CHARLES M. STOPPORD,
Colonel, G. S. C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ESTABLISHMENTS BRANCH
APO 394

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6 August 1944

EstC/AUG-6

Colonel Charles M. Spofford,
Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-5, AFHQ ADV.,
APO 512.

My dear Colonel Spofford:

With reference to our conversation regarding the promotion of enlisted men in your office, I find on my return that Lt. Col. Uhler and Major Stearns had been in conference on the subject. They have agreed that your enlisted men, as recommended, should be promoted one grade. In other words, Staff/Sgt. Logan be promoted to Tech/Sgt. and T/4 Collins be promoted to Staff/Sgt. and so on down the line.

This is in conformity with a policy which we have set up and to which we have adhered in making all promotions of enlisted men, that they be promoted one grade at a time. It gives a better flow of promotion and it assures that the men who are doing a good job in the intervening grades are not going to be jumped by other men.

I believe that you will agree with this policy and that you will find the men themselves generally satisfied at least for a time.

Sincerely,

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JOHN J. ALBRIGHT,
Colonel, Infantry.

cc: G-1 (A) - Major Stearns
2675th Regt. - Lt. Col. Uhler

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EstO/Aug-6

6 August 1944

Colonel Charles M. Spofford,
Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-5 AFHQ ADIV.,
APO 512.

My dear Colonel Spofford:

With reference to Major Tolman, I find that he is top Headquarters accountant and statistician for the Food Sub-Commission. They have him set-up as the last officer to leave when the Food Sub-Commission is finally demilitarized and taken over by a civilian agency. It seems that he is actually doing a most important job. I understand that he is both a lawyer and a CPA.

I know that Col. Legg follows a general policy of releasing his officers no matter how badly he needs them if it seems that the officer can better himself in a new job. However, the whole story is that he is a rather vital man in the Food Sub-Commission of Headquarters. In view of this I will take no further action until I hear from you. In case you decide the job is important enough, I know that we will have to hunt for a replacement and train him on the job for Tolman to be released.

Sincerely,

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT,
Colonel, Infantry.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 210.3-8

31 July 1944

SUBJECT: Assignment of Officers.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394 (Attn: Col. John J. Albright,
Establishment Div.)

1. Reference is made to your letter of 22 July regarding Lt. Col. Reiter.

2. As explained by Mr. Burton to Maj. Stearns last week, the further requirements of Col. Norcross' group are not yet known. As this matter is expected to be clarified in a short time, it is requested that no action be taken in connection with the status of Col. Reiter until that time.

3. The matter of Captains Sam H. Acheson and Daniel J. Mahoney is being discussed with PWB and it is felt that successful arrangements for their immediate transfer can be made. We would therefore request that any disposition of these officers await our word as to PWB's decision.

Charles M. Spofford
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.

Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

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EstO/Jul-18

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18 July 1944

Colonel Charles M. Spofford,
Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-5 AFHQ ADV., APO 512.

My dear Colonel Spofford:

Thank you for your information letter GMS/GSF/jm, dated
8 July 44 with reference to the proposed amendments of the vehicle
TE/WE for the Allied Control Commission.

I am indeed grateful to you for the help you are giving
us in this matter, and hope a proportion, at least, of the extra
vehicles asked for will be authorized for issue to us pending the
final approval of the amendments of the Establishment Committee.

The copy of your proposed amendment of the TE/WE (referred
to in para. 8 of your letter) was not attached, and I should be glad
if you would kindly send it to me.

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT,
Colonel, Infantry,
Establishments Officer.

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EstO/Jul-18

JJA/jmv

18 July 1944

Colonel Charles M. Spofford,
Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-5 AFHQ, ADV., APO 512.

My dear Clerk:

I do not know whether Brigadier Lash answered your letter of 8 July with reference to Col. Gerry's trip to our Headquarters. I have talked over with him our position in the matter and will reply for both if he has not replied.

On the position of transfer of Long and Powhida, I was quite glad to agree to their transfer since the 5th Army had no objection, which reduced our strength and will be of considerable help to Gerry's Group without any outside transfers.

Reference the question of Major Kate: I had hoped that our food distribution problem might be on a fair way to solution by the time that Gerry would need top food officers. With the recent slow advance, the wide area to be covered, the hospitalization of several of our food-supply officers, the many new depots required, it is impossible for us to agree to his transfer at this time. Further complicating the situation is our reduction to the 635 officer strength inclusive of 25 officers for the Army Sub-Commission. This latter actually reduces our strength to 610 American officers since in the Chief Commissioner's acceptance of 635, the Army Sub-Commission was definitely excluded.

I have hopes that you will appear at our Headquarters in the near future to talk over these personnel problems. I have drafted for the Acting Chief Commissioner's signature a letter stating that we must have 300 additional officers already requested by our cable Ref. No. 4301, dated 4 May 1944, or that we must be relieved of several of our commitments and asking AFHQ to state what commitments can be given up. We can think of none that will not in some way affect the Armies in Italy.

Hoping to see you soon, I remain,

Sincerely,

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT,
Colonel, Infantry.

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D/O 48 dated 8 July
from Col. Spofford
re personnel for
Col. Leroy.
Gx Com wishes to
speak to Lt. Offt.

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Copy to: Col. J. Albright

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

CMG41

8 July 1944

Ref/DO/48

Dear Lush:

Harvey Gerry returned several days ago. He told me he had talked with you about three officers, two of whom were CAOs with divisions which are shortly to become involved in Harvey's operation. He said that you had agreed that they could retain their divisional assignments, which was very satisfactory to the divisional commander. We appreciate your attitude, particularly in view of the personnel stringency.

He also mentioned that he had discussed the possible assignment of Major Kate as chief supply officer and that you indicated that there was some possibility of this. I should like to ask your favorable consideration if there is a possibility. The supply game, as you know, in the early phases is very important. Kate has apparently passed a good bit of his life in certain parts of Europe and so has peculiar qualifications besides his supply training and operating experience in ACC.

The organization of Gerry's detachment has finally become firm and we will shortly be able to free sixty vacancies for American EM to ACC, in accordance with my understanding with you some weeks ago.

I should perhaps mention that Gerry did not indicate that he was going to discuss personnel with you and was not authorized to do so. Generally speaking, instructions have gone out that there are to be no demands for personnel other than through the one channel. The case of the two divisional officers was perhaps exceptional, so I am supporting it notwithstanding the foregoing.

I am not certain how your organization is at present disposed. I am, therefore, sending a copy of this letter to Jack Albright in the event you are somewhere in the northern provinces.

With best regards,


CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.

Brig. Maurice S. Lush, OBE, MC
Executive Commissioner
Hq., Allied Control Commission
APO 394

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
AFO 512

Ref/DO/35

18 June 1944

Dear Jack:

Your letter of 2 June relating to reorganization of American administration for ACC and your views as expressed in our recent conversations have been considered from several angles and have been discussed with G-1 NATOUSA.

There is concurrence in your recommendations b, c, and d, but not in a, suggesting the redesignation of the regiment as company.

It would appear that the advantages of redesignating the regiment as a company are relatively slight, since approximately the same type of personnel and property reports would be required. There are also some counterbalancing disadvantages, such as that the promotions of E.M. would have to be referred to higher headquarters instead of being made by the regiment, and that the organization would not have general court-martial jurisdiction. The fact of redesignation in itself would also involve considerable clerical work in revising records, such as the individual 66-1 forms for officers and forms 20 and 24 for E.M.

It might be helpful if a list of required regimental reports was sent to this Headquarters, with an indication of whether they were required by Army Regulations, by this Headquarters or by HQ AAI, and whether they are merely compilations of required company reports or represent additional reports that do not have any counterpart at the company level. We should be glad to explore the possibilities of eliminating any reports that are not required by Army Regulations and that are onerous. 2

It has been suggested by G-1 that a review of recent rules and regulations might indicate possible simplifications of regimental procedure.

If it were desired, it might be possible to attach the companies in the regiment for administration and supply to the base or tactical units in whose territory they operate.

The combination, as suggested by you, of regimental with ACC headquarters and of the regimental S-1 and S-4 sections with G-1(A) and G-4(A) of ACC could be accomplished within the regimental structure as well as within a company structure. We are assured that NATOUSA would

interpose no objection, so long as American administration was handled in American channels; in other words, so long as official personnel action and property accountability were in the hands of American officers, who, whatever their other duties might be, were designated as regimental or company officers in accordance with Army regulations.

If General Lemnitzer concurs in your suggestion, there might be appointed as regimental commander the senior commanding officer of the U.S. contingent at headquarters, or alternatively the ACC Establishments Officer, the ACC Executive Officer, or any one of the colonels at headquarters whose duties are closely related to administration of ACC. The regimental commander, whose other duties would make him a member of the staff of the Commanding General, ACC, would then put into effect the other changes you suggest. This action through AAI could be taken immediately or at the time when, by transfer of part of the allotment, the regiment becomes exclusively an ACC organization.

Sincerely,



CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

Colonel John J. Albright
Establishments Branch, RC & MG Section
Hq., Allied Control Commission
APO 394

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

Colonel John J. Albright
Establishments Branch, EC & MO Section
Hq., Allied Control Commission
APO 394

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ESTABLISHMENTS BRANCH
APO 394

EstO/Jul-13

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13 July 1944

Colonel Charles M. Spefford,
Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-5, AFHQ, APO 512.

Dear Chuck:

With reference to your letter DO/49 of 9 July 1944, concerning the assignment of Capt. William D. McCain as the United States Archivist with ACC, I am of the opinion that we must accept him considering all of the circumstances.

I appreciate your offering to place him in a vacancy in the allotment of 31 which you are holding for us. However, that is only a temporary measure and I very greatly fear that sooner or later he will have to come within our 635 into which more and more bodies are being placed for which we did not bargain in the agreement accepting that number to the Pisa-Rimini Line.

Just now our greatest problem is how to help out the Army Sub-Commission to take on their strength eight officers whom they have borrowed from one of the combat Divisions and whom must now either be returned or transferred to us. In our position we cannot accept any of them since we are already over-strength and attempting to get rid of 20 officers in July at your request. If we do not take them and they are returned to their Division, Col. Kerr will find it absolutely impossible to have checked all the supplies for the Italian Army which he is checking at the present time. I am holding a conference with him and Major Stearns within the next few minutes to try to work out some solution to the problem. 1208

I am told that you are planning to visit us within a very short time during your move to this side. I will very definitely welcome an opportunity to discuss my personnel problems with you at that time and hope that once you have moved we can have frequent personal contact to solve some of these problems about which we now write so many letters.

Sincerely,

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT,
Colonel, Infantry.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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Ref/DO/49

9 July 1944

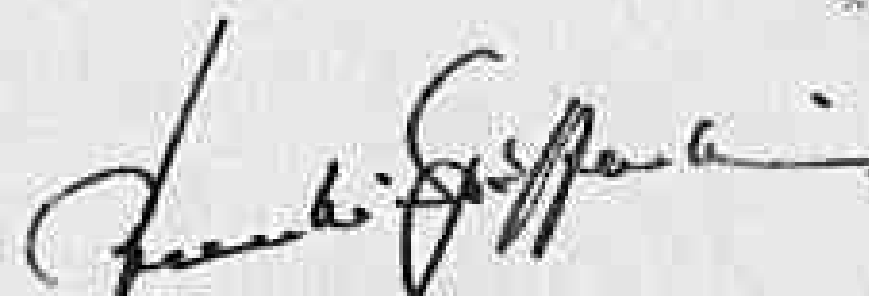
Dear Jack:

We have been approached once again by the War Department regarding the assignment of Captain William D. McCain as the United States Archivist with ACC.

You will recall that Mr. Fred Shipman, at the time of his visit here, understood that an American Archivist would be appointed and Captain McCain has been selected by the War Department on the recommendation of Mr. Shipman.

It is felt that a vacancy for the assignment of Captain McCain can be provided in the allotment of 31 which G-5 is holding, as explained in my DO/46 of 8 July. In this way, the assignment will not affect your 635 ceiling.

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.

Colonel John J. Albright
Establishments Branch
HQ., Allied Control Commission
APO 394

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TO: G-5 AFHQ

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TO AAI AND ACC AND SUBSEQUENT CABLES FROM AAI AND NATOUA CONCERNING
CREATION OF PERSONNEL VACANCIES FOR MIA CIA EIGHT AMERICAN OFFICERS ~~NOT~~
ON TEMPORARY DUTY WITH MIA ^{now} ~~contact~~ MUST BE RETURNED TO DIVISION TO WHICH ASSIGNED
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FROM ACC FOR ALBRIGHT PAREN PD REGT NOW SO FAR OVERSTRENGTH FOR ACC ALLOTMENT
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INFO - HQ AAI - GEN LECHNITZER

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Col. Densmore! -

*Will CC approve this which
in a way commits us to getting
to include Army Subcom, I think
we must do it and I think it
is an emergency so far as US supplies
are concerned. We can not well
explain to WD a failure. jay*

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EstO/Jul-3

3 July 1944

Colonel Charles M. Spofford,
Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-5, AFHQ, APO 512.

My dear Colonel Spofford:

Major Franklin from your Headquarters visited Headquarters AGC about one month ago. At that time, he gave our G-4 very definite instructions with reference to requesting additional transport for Regions IX to XII. A part of these instructions were given in my presence. In particular, he stressed that we should make no breakdown between British and U. S. vehicles.

Following his instructions, we submitted our request in considerable detail on 11 June. Under date of 29 June, your Headquarters returned the whole file with instructions to make the breakdown between British and American and to comply with instructions on the British side which cannot quickly be done, e.g. War Office approval for an increase, consideration of officers as "user drivers", whether necessary increases in personnel can be met by reduction in other units.

There were no instructions for the increase on the American side. If, as in the original TE, it must be submitted to Washington for approval, we may as well forget it. It took five months to get approval on the original.

I have directed that the correspondence be returned to your office for further instructions. We have lost about three weeks now by following instructions of your Staff Officer, and unless we can get some very quick action it will be too late to help in going into the northern Regions.

Can anything be done about it?

Sincerely,

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT,
Colonel, Infantry,
Establishment Officer.

ESTABLISHMENT BRANCH

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EstO/Jul-3

3 July 1964

Colonel Charles M. Spofford,
Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-5, AFHQ, APO 512.

My dear Colonel Spofford:

I have been in the hospital about ten days and trying to catch up on the work for the last three or four days so that no reply to your letter 24 June, G-5: 381.1-3, with reference to the problem of AGO coming within the agreed ceiling on the American side, has been given. We have, however, been hard at work attempting to make out a list of the officers that we can most easily spare and will probably be able to create vacancies as rapidly as you will need them.

Thus far, we have been counting Captain Correa as one vacancy, we are this date transferring to the Civil Affairs Detachment, at Col. Gerry's request, a Major Long and Capt. Fowhida (Divisional CAOs), and we are about to request transfer to Replacement Centers of a few junior officers who are not suitable as Civil Affairs Officers.

We are undoubtedly going to have to declare surplus several officers over the age of 38. I anticipate that such transfers will take a considerable length of time to accomplish unless we have the assistance of your office. We will send copies of all correspondence to you so that you will be in a position to speed up action. We will probably need the same type of assistance on our request to send junior officers of combat branches to Replacement Centers. For that reason, I am attaching a copy of a letter to which we have received no reply in which we attempted to get blanket authority to transfer these officers to Replacement Centers. You will note in Col. Parkin's indorsement that one officer was transferred by NATOUSA authority. If we can get blanket authority either for our own Headquarters or for Headquarters AAI to make these transfers, it will speed, very greatly, the creation of vacancies for other Civil Affairs commitments. 1204

If there is anything you can do to speed up the decision on the Army Sub-Commission's separate T/O on the American side, it will be of great assistance to us. When the Chief Commissioner accepted the 635 ceiling, he did not include any personnel for this Sub-Commission, and there are now carried on our rolls 12 American officers.

If we have to carry those within the 635 limit in our expanding territorial situation, it is going to be a real hardship and some other activities will suffer seriously. Major Warren of the International Division, mentioned in your letter referred to above has not appeared here and consequently we have received no information from him in reference to the situation.

It would be a further help if the arrival of the civilians arranged by Mr. Gedy in Washington could join us before too long.

We appreciate all the efforts you have made to help us and in return we will do everything possible on this side to create vacancies as they are needed for the other commitments.

Sincerely,

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT,
Colonel, Infantry,
Establishment Officer.

Incl: a/m letter

C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

G-1(A)/LWS/el

16 June 44

SUBJECT: Release of Officers for Whom no Suitable Assignment Exists

TO : CO, 2675th Regt. ACC, (Prov), APO 394, US Army

1. At the present time there are assigned to the Regiment a number of officers for whom there are no suitable position vacancies. These officers, by civilian and military experience, are best qualified for duties other than ACC/AMG activities. Thus, in accordance with War Department's current Utilization of Manpower program, it is believed to the best interests of the service that these officers be made available immediately for assignment to other organizations. In order to accomplish this, it is requested that the Regiment obtain authority from NATOUSA to assign such officers to the nearest replacement depot.

2. With the rapid increase in ACC/AMG responsibilities brought about by the current operational advances, it has become apparent that there is a critical shortage of trained personnel in certain highly specialized categories. Our present authorized and assigned strength does not permit the requisitioning of additional officers to meet this critical need. In accepting the ACC ceiling of 635 American officers up to the Pisa-Rimini Line, it was stipulated by the Chief Commissioner that ACC would be permitted to release unqualified officers in exchange for those who, for example, are qualified both by experience and education in civil engineering, agriculture, finance, certified public accounting, and labor relations. Accordingly, once the Regiment is given the authority to transfer those unqualified officers, the vacancies thus created can be used to meet these urgent operational needs.

3. Typical cases in point are those of Lieutenants Di Antonio and Pratt.^{12.2}
- a. Lt. Di Antonio's education and background consist of two years' high school, and employment as civilian quartermaster inspector. This officer is a graduate of the Infantry OCS and trained in military intelligence at Camp Ritchie; accordingly, he possesses no special qualifications that can be efficiently employed in ACC/AMG. On the other hand, by experience and training, he is especially well qualified for full duty as a company officer with troops.

Hq. ACC, 16 June 44
Ltr Sub: Release of O for Whom no
Suitable Asmt Exists
To: CO, 2675 Regt.ACC

- b. Lt. Pratt is a graduate of Culver Military Academy, class '40, and studied business administration for a year at Michigan State. Since entry into the Army in 1941 he has served as a platoon leader and company officer until his assignment to the 2675th Regiment in the fall of 1943. His civilian occupation was that of a clerk in a men's clothing store. Thus, it is indicated that the most efficient and proper assignment for this officer is also that of a full-duty company officer with troops.

The release of such officers will not only help meet combat replacement needs but also permit the assignment of specialized limited service personnel that are urgently needed by ACC/AMG.

For the Chief Commissioner:

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT
Colonel, Infantry
Establishment Officer

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HEADQUARTERS, 2675th REGIMENT, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, (PROV), APO 394,
US Army, 16 June 44

TO: CG, Hq, Allied Armies in Italy (US Cont) (Prov), APO 777, US Army

1. Approved.

2. Reference paragraph 3a basic communication, the transfer of Lt D'Antonio was accomplished by paragraph 4, SO #37, Hq AAI, dated 13 June 1944.

3. Additional information from Hq ACC indicates that approximately fifty (50) officers are available for assignment to a replacement depot for re-assignment to units which may better utilize their qualifications. These officers are available for transfer as soon as specialized officers are located. The close proximity of Personnel Center #6 to this headquarters and Hq ACC allows a constant check to be made to ascertain what limited assignment officers possess qualifications needed to perform duty with ACC.

4. The exchange, if approved, would be on a grade to grade basis.

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5. If, in the opinion of the Commanding General NATOUSA, a blanket approval is not favorably considered, it is requested that in view of the close proximity of this headquarters to Hq AAI, and in order to expedite the transfer of non-specialists, that the authority for transfer be granted to your headquarters.

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Q-1 (A)
J 2719
CMS/AHA/as

G-5: 381.1-3

24 June 1944

SUBJECT: Allotment of Personnel.

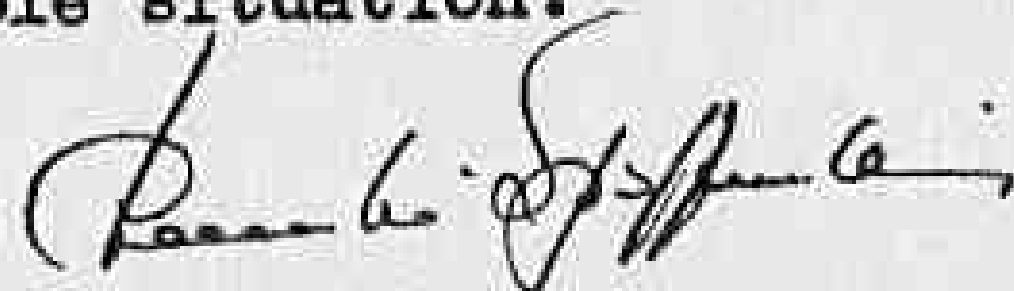
TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

1. Reference your letter of 9 June and our letter of 28 May. We have given further consideration to the difficult problem of ACC's coming within the agreed ceiling, in the light, particularly, of the rapid territorial advance.
2. The allotment of 635 officers, 14 Warrant officers and 971 EM within the regimental totals of 766 officers, 15 Warrant officers and 1045 EM may be increased temporarily to 655 officers and 985 EM. At the present time there are 75 officers in the C.A.D. and approximately 10 others attached who do not count against your ceiling of 635.
3. We have already requested that vacancies as they occur should be filled only after reference to this section. It was planned that vacancies occurring would be used for recruitment for the Civil Affairs Detachment, and that this would be one means of your coming within your ceiling. We must ask also that you take immediate steps, by retirement of officers over 38, by sending surplus officers to replacement centers and by other appropriate means, to reduce A.C.C. officer personnel by at least 20 in order to permit essential recruitment. In other words we hope that during July, the CAD will be able to add some 25 by this reduction and normal turnover. We do not know when we may be forced to call upon you for the remaining 20 places.
4. With respect to the Army Sub Commission, the difficulty appears to be that the CCS has serious question as to the scope and function of the unit. Major Warren of the International Division is now here on temporary duty in the theater and will be able to inform you regarding this. We are hopeful that the allotment will still be approved for whatever functions it is decided are appropriate.
5. The prospect of getting an additional allotment for any other purpose appears very remote. On a global basis this theater does not now have a high priority and it appears most improbable that, even for an emergency, additional allotments

would be authorized here at the expense of other theaters. Within the theater, since it is reducing to authorized strength, there appears no present prospect of any additional allotment.

6. The infiltration of civilians and greater reliance on the existing Italian administration with the advance appears to offer partial solutions. On the EM side, we are negotiating with SHAEF for an additional allotment for the Civil Affairs Detachment which would permit the release of at least 65 places to you. Of these you now have some 14 in addition to the 971 who have been firmly yours.

7. We have been glad to continue to make available, during the period of the discussion of the ceiling and for the last month, the additional officers. We trust that the current necessity of effectuating the policies we have been discussing will be in line with your own previous plans for meeting this difficult but unavoidable situation.



CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

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REFERENCE No: F63382 PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUN231743B OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE/FHGE

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OUR F61767 OF 20 JUNE REFERS. SHALL I DISPATCH NAPLES

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DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUN201045 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE/PHGEG

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Ex. Commi:-

This is Ref. Marshall,

Could I have a reply to my
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NICHOLAS PIGNINO,
CWO, USA
Assistant Adjutant

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IN REPLY TO OUR CABLE REGARDING COL BEANBY SENT AT YOUR REQUEST
OUR KILLING SECTER HE RECEIVED CONVEYATION THAT BUT WAS UNABLE
TO AGREE TO COL KINE BECAUSE OF UNIFORM UNDER OUR JURISDICTION.
HE REQUESTS RECOMMENDATION AS TO DISPOSITION OF OFFICER ON ARRIVAL.
REQUEST CLASSIFICATION DISCUSSIONS AND YOUR RECOMMENDATION

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APO 512

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13 June, 1944

Col. John J. Albright,
Establishment Officer,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

Dear Colonel Albright,

In accordance with the request in your letter of 9 June 1944 (EstO/Jun-9), we have cabled the War Department, asking for the issuance of orders on Colonel Martin E. Meaney pursuant to Col. Kirk's discussion with General Willdring.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G. S. C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

Copy to: Brigadier Lush

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W. Spofford
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18 June 1944

Ref/DO/36

Dear Jack:

This is in partial reply to your letter of 15 June, relating to the promotion of Lt. Colonel Page. I inclose an order dated yesterday which covers his promotion. It also includes a number of other ACC officers, as you will see. Give my congratulations to them all.

I am anxious to see as soon as possible your proposals for spreading the ceiling strength over the entire territory. The personnel situation has not become any less tight than when I was over there.

Sincerely yours,

Charles M. Spofford

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

Incl: as above

Colonel John J. Albright
Establishments Branch, RC & MG Section
Hq., Allied Control Commission
APO 394

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PENDING F RTHIER CONSIDERATION OF TEMPORARY CONTINUANCE OF STRENGTH
BEYOND ACC CEILING AS AGREED OUR LETTER OF 28 MAY. REQUEST THAT
ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL BE ASSIGNED ONLY WITH CONCURRENCE THIS HEADQUARTERS

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APO 512

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28 May 1944

SUBJECT: Personnel for Allied Control Commission.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

Reference is made to your 16031/1/G-1 of 24 April 1944.

1. Your conclusions as to the need of 1270 officers are concurred in and this number will be allotted. Your conclusions as to the number of EM/ORS needed cannot under present conditions be implemented. The number available is discussed as to American EM in Appendix A, and as to British OR's in Appendix B.

2. The above allotment of officers and EM/ORS will therefore be your ceiling for Italy under the following conditions:

a. Continued enemy resistance in Central Europe and in Italy as far south of the PISA-RIMINI line, requiring you to carry out Military Government and control activities in all territories South of the PISA-RIMINI line.

b. Enemy collapse in Central Europe before the Allied Armies in Italy are North of the PISA-RIMINI line, requiring you to carry out such Military Government and control activities as may be necessary in the whole of Italy, but at the same time without the necessity of further prosecuting the war in Europe.

3. Your request for an additional 300 officers and 600 EM/ORS in the event of enemy resistance in Central Europe continuing for some considerable time after the enemy has either been driven out of, or withdrawn from Italy is noted. It is not possible at this stage to provide an allotment for such a contingency, as this matter is bound up with the future development of the war as a whole, and not merely the campaign in Italy. The situation will, however, be reviewed from time to time in the light of developments.

4. Current proposals for implementing the allotment of American Officers, EMs, are contained in Appendix "A".

5. Proposals which are to be put forward with regard to the British War Establishment are contained in Appendix "B".

(Sgd) CHARLES M. SPOTFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

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Appendix "A"

OFFICER

1. Although the 2675th Regiment (Prov) was originally established for ACC-AMG, it has been for sometime, as a result of War Department & Natousa directives as to other operations and limitations as to personnel available, the repository for civil affairs personnel for various Theater operations. The approved T/O for the regiment provides for 829 officers. On this T/O are now carried officers with A.C.C and the Civil Affairs Detachment and those on detached service, principally with MGS and PWB.

2. With approval of an allotment of 635 American Officers for ACC., the remaining allotment will, when administratively feasible, be transferred to a separate unit, leaving the 2675th Regiment (Prov) confined to A.C.C. personnel. This should simplify administration as to personnel not in Italy, and should permit certain economies because of the identity of the regimental records and those for American personnel, A.C.C.

3. As other needs develop any available qualified officers in excess of the allotment of 635 will be transferred from A.C.C. From time to time there will also be some substitution of specialized personnel, such as engineers, for officers with qualifications not needed in A.C.C but required elsewhere.

4. The War Department has indicated that additional officers from the Zone of Interior are not available for A.C.C. It is expected that the infiltration of civilian specialists will continue. Unless further limitations as to personnel are imposed by the War Department, this will not affect the allotment of 635 officers.

5. Attached Naval Officers, now numbering approximately 20, will not be counted against the allotment of 635.

6. The ranks in the allotment of 635 will be as follows:-

	<u>Regt.T/O</u>	<u>A.C.C Allotment</u>	<u>Allotment other Need</u>
Colonel	44	32	12
Lt. Colonel	107	79	28
Major	290	224	66
Captain	268	208	60
1st Lt.	89	68	21
2nd Lt.	<u>31</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	829	635	194

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ENLISTED MEN

7. The T/O for the 2675th Regiment authorizes 1045 EM. Of this number, by previous action, 65 were reserved for the Civil Affairs Detachment and 9 for MGS.

(Appendix "A" - Contd)

8. It appears that there is no possibility of increasing the regimental T/O, but it is proposed to remove the 74 EM reserved for other needs from the regimental rolls when and if other provision is authorized for them, the total of 1045 EM then becoming available to A.C.C. It may be pointed out that this is slightly above the ratio ~~in excess of~~ of 1.6 EM to 1 officer indicated by the War Department, as the approved ratio in its plans for SHAEF. It is recognized that 1045 is below the minimum considered essential for A.C.C.; the deficit will have to be made up by the employment of Italians and if feasible American civilians. Recommendation has been made for a change in War Department policy to permit the employment of American civilian women.

WARRANT OFFICERS.

9. The T/O for the 2675th Regiment authorizes 15 warrant officers. One of these positions is now included in the Civil Affairs Detachment. The remaining 14 will continue to be available to A.C.C. The memorandum of A.C.C. of 24 April 1944 does not mention Warrant Officers; they may be considered to constitute a small safety margin of personnel above the minimum estimates.

EQUIPMENT.

10. The reduction of the personnel ceiling for A.C.C. from 1889 (829 off., 15 W.O., 1045 EM.) to 1694 will necessitate a proportionate reduction in equipment available. This will amount to approximately 10%.

Appendix "B"

OFFICERS.

1. The present WE which was approved locally authorises 663 Officers. This was originally designed to cover the whole of Italy. The War Office now proposes to investigate this WE in some detail.

2. Since the WE was formed the following major changes in policy have occurred.

(a) Limitation of present Civil Affairs planning & provision for occupation only so far as the PISA - RIMINI Line. (but see para 2 of covering letter).

(b) Equal American and British representation.

3. The establishment of 663 officers as approved locally here for Italy has now been frozen by high policy decision in London as the para military ceiling of officers for this Theatre. Future commitments placed upon the SAC Mediterranean Theatre will require an increase in this theatre ceiling either by an overall world increase which is unlikely, or by transferring a proportion of the allotment of SHAEP to this Theatre. This process will of necessity take considerable time, whereas a great deal of planning is required now.

4. It has therefore become urgent that a small Civil Affairs planning establishment be set up in North Africa for the purpose of investigating requirements and planning for future commitments outside Italy and the Balkans.

5. It is therefore proposed to set up a small planning WE of 18 Officers, to be offset by a reduction of 18 Officers in WE NA/266/1. The reduction in your establishment will be effected in the following ranks.

Brigadier	3
Colonels	5
Lieuts.	10

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This will leave you with 645 Officers, which gives you a reserve of 10 Officers over the 635 required.

6. It is hoped to obtain War Office confirmation of your existing WE except as modified by para 5 above.

OTHER RANKS.

7. The only reduction of ORs that is likely to be made is substitution of Italian transport personnel as approved in your 16031/2/G-1

Appendix "B" (Contd)

of 1 April 44. This will leave you with an establishment of approximately 1031 British ORs and 605 Italian ORs.

8. It is not proposed that the creation of a small Civil Affairs planning unit will require any further reduction in your ceiling for ORs.

TRANSPORT.

9. It is not proposed to alter the WE for transport.

GENERAL.

10. It is pointed out that with the proposed officer reduction in WE the greatest care must be taken to ensure that, by further local recruiting by you and upgrading of existing officers, your establishment is not exceeded either in total numbers or in particular ranks (other than the holding of junior ranks against higher ranking vacancies). If this care is not exercised considerable disappointment and financial hardship will result in the case of a number of officers. Recruitment of officers above a strength of 645 should not be made.

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COMMENTS ON COL. SPOTFORD'S LETTER

1. In view of the present tactical situation, it seems a logical conclusion that the Pisa-Rimini line will be passed prior to any enemy collapse in Central Europe. The possibility that it may be passed at an early date indicates the necessity for reviewing at once the situation and our request for an increase of officers and EM/ORs.

Our proposals for distribution of our present allotment of officers is given at appendix _____. The distribution to cover all of Italy can be made only by a reduction of our present commitments in Regions now under control. This means a very rapid turnover to an Italian government, which is not yet firmly established, of many responsibilities now being operated or closely supervised by ACC officers. Among these responsibilities to be turned over are:

- a. Warehousing and distribution of food supplies
- b. Maintenance of military vehicles allotted to civil supply haulage.
- c. Care of refugees behind army rear boundaries
- d. Maintenance of roads

2. Appendix 'A' is now affected by the reduction of 63 officers by MATOUSA letter of 3 June. If our ceiling remains at 635 only 131 are available for other needs.

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The question of safety margin of American Warrant Officers and Naval Officers was not mentioned but was considered when the Chief Commissioner accepted a ceiling of 635 American officers.

3. The statement in par. 10 of appendix 'A' that a 10% reduction of equipment is necessary cannot be accepted. The use of Italian or Allied personnel to replace officers will require as much or more office equipment as if officers filled the positions. As many or more motor vehicles are necessary since with the reduced number of officers, each one has to cover a wide territory.

COMMENTS ON APPENDIX "3" TO COL. SPOTTWOOD'S REPORT

1. W.E. of 663 Officers (British) was designed to cover the whole of Italy but did not take into consideration the following extra commitments with which AGC is now burdened.

Food Sub-Commission - not considered at all originally.
Increased staff Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.
Italian Refugees Branch - not considered at all originally.
Largely increased staff of Economic Section.

2. The 635 British Officers quoted by the Chief Commissioner takes us only as far as the Pisa-Rimini line and no further. It appears certain that we shall go further than this before any collapse occurs in Central Europe.

3. We must obtain confirmation of the present W.E. At present the position of

1 Lieut. General
1 Brigadier
5 Colonels
23 Lieut. Colonels

is uncertain.

We cannot make promotions to fill these vacancies nor can we take on Officers to fill our establishment up to 645.

If in addition we have to hold Officers against the 18 who are to be struck off, the position becomes more difficult. I am afraid we shall lose staff pay for some Officers from 6 Jan until the date that the 18 are removed from us to ~~Italy~~. That cannot be permitted. There are at least 4 Officers who should be struck off against this 18, in my opinion. This has not yet been confirmed by A.F.H.Q.

4. As regards O.Rs. -

The position is not clear and a separate letter is being put up. We have to lose some British W/T personnel who will be replaced by Italians. There is some difference of opinion as to actual numbers.

We are, however, faced with the loss of over 200 G.D. men who are surplus - at the same time we have no hope of getting our deficiencies in Clerks and W/T personnel made up. The solution is to post us A.T.S. We have asked A.A.I. for

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200 A.T.S. Clerks
70 A.T.S. Drivers

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Up to date none have been received. They are urgently needed.

5. I think we must alter the W.B. for transport. G-4 has submitted proposals. These proposals also involve a large increase in Driver personnel.

6. Care is being taken of para 10 of the Appendix.

15 June 44.

R.H. FARMER,
Colonel,
Executive Officer.

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15 June 1944

Colonel Charles M. Spofford,
Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-5, AFHQ, APO 512.

My dear Col. Spofford:

I am becoming a bit worried about what is happening to the recommendation for promotion of Lt. Col. Page, MC. Is there anything we can do to help it along?

I am, also, anxious to hear any decisions on the personnel question. We are getting very near the Pisa-Rimini line and our ceiling. We are forwarding soon our proposals to you for spreading our ceiling strength over the entire territory. It will make a very thin spread and will require a supervisory capacity over the majority of the area. It will require, further, considerable changes in policy and methods of handling civil supply, courts, Refugees, etc.

Sincerely,

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JOHN J. ALBRIGHT,
Colonel, Infantry,
Establishment Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Establishments

NEF/mrd
8 May 1944

Dear Spofford:

Many thanks for your several recent letters and for the good work that you have been doing to ease things for us at AFHQ.

Papers have been prepared recommending promotion of 1st Lt. Charles E. Perry, CMP, and are now being forwarded through official channels. I shall be glad to have Lt. Col. Murray Mitchell. Just where I shall use him will depend upon the experience he has had, but you may be sure that I shall find an interesting spot for him.

The Commission is all against releasing Correa. The job he is doing in tackling the black market is a tough one and is highly important to the Commission. Poletti is putting up a strong case for a retention which I shall forward to you as soon as I receive it. From my talks with Correa, I gather that he would prefer to remain and complete this most difficult task in Naples and in Rome.

Lt. Wechsler sounds like he would be useful to me and I shall expect his arrival.

On checking the list of promotions, I find that some officers have been included whose recommendations have previously been transmitted and therefore were not on the list which was given to Van Dusen.

I agree with you about Belser, Irish and Hale as rotatees and shall try to take care of those cases in accordance with the information you sent me about the release of non-essential personnel.

Thank you for the good work on Cunliffe, Werner, Daugert and Wickersham.

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It occurs to me that many of our delicate personnel problems could be resolved if NATOUSA would agree that the Allied Control Commission is a semi-diplomatic body and that in conformity with the established War Department practice in the case of officers of the Army on duty at Embassies abroad, the release of American officers of the Commission could be effected without cause and without prejudice upon request of the Senior U.S. Army Officer of the Commission. This practice has worked well in the past and has made it possible to return to purely military duties, and without prejudice, officers who are not properly adjusted to dealing with foreign governments and foreign peoples.

The next Regional Commissioner's Conference is scheduled for May 30, 31 and June 1. We hope that you will be with us then if you can not get over sooner.

Again thanking you for your good efforts and with kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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Ref/DO/5

30 April 1944

Dear Fiske:

Van Dusen has returned and given me first-hand information on recent developments. The following is the status of several of the personnel matters which were discussed:

a. Major Werner: I understand that you still require him and I have wired for his shipment by air.

b. Lt. Daugert: He was said to be available when I was in Washington.

c. Lt. Col. Murray Mitchell: He is proceeding by air. I hope you will be able to give him a fairly interesting and responsible position as I think you will agree when you see him that he is cable of this sort of an assignment. If you do not have a place for him, I can use him here or in some other operation. Unless I hear to the contrary I will send him on to you after a few days of indoctrination here.

d. I am afraid that General Hildring would not consider that I had played ball on rotation if we furnished Belser, Irish and Hale as our rotatees. I think the remedy for these officers is to declare them surplus, the latest procedure of which will be the subject of a letter from here very shortly. I told General Hildring that we would give first raters in exchange and if they don't exist in our set up at the moment we will just have to postpone rotation until they do.

e. You have probably received the announcement of promotions in the junior grades, which have just come through. The promotions do not conform to the lists which Van Dusen was given. Certain ACC officers were promoted who did not appear on the list (e.g. Lt. Fiorella) and some officers appearing on the lists did not receive promotions. The AG tell us that every recommendation submitted by ACC was acted on favorably. You have undoubtedly picked this up from your records. It may be either that our lists were incorrect or that the Regiment did not act in all cases in accordance with them.

f. Van Dusen's talks with you and Capt. Correa were inconclusive. The Navy has requested him for this job and I said I would make him available unless there was strong objection from the field. Do you object?

While in Washington I had a talk with a Lt. Wechsler who lived and studied in Italy. He was a singer by profession but was more recently in the hotel business. He was a personable fellow with high recommendation from

the CATS in Yale, which he has been attending. Since his qualification was primarily Italian I asked that he be sent out and will ship him on to you when he arrives.

I hope you will drop me a line on any of these current matters so that we can keep things on the rails as much as possible.

With best regards.



CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief of Section

Colonel Norman E. Fiske
RC and MG Section
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CMS/AA/r1

Military Government Section

23 March 1944

MGs: 201 (Perry)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Promotion

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section
Allied Control Commission
APO 394
Attention: Colonel Norman E. Fiske
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Dear Colonel Fiske:

1. I want to call your attention to the case of an officer whose recommendation for promotion has been made at least once and perhaps twice during the last six months, but who has not been promoted because of some technical error in his papers. I refer to 1st Lt. Charles E. Perry, CMP, who is and has been since the end of July in Region I. He served as a commissioned officer in the last war and volunteered for service in this war, being called to active duty in the summer of 1942 as a 1st Lieut.

2. On arrival in Sicily Lt. Perry was assigned as a CAO for several towns in Palermo Province. He arrived there when the situation was still virtually that of combat. His performance of his duties there resulted in a letter of commendation, which was forwarded to his 201 file by General Rose. After a month of this assignment, he was badly needed in Palermo Provincial headquarters where he served in the Civilian Supply Section. On the formation of Region I, he went to Regional Headquarters and has been Executive Officer of the Economics and Supply Section for the last five months.

3. His work was so outstanding that Lt. Col. Poletti and Lt. Col. Hancock have both urged his promotion, and Major Alexander, Chief of the Economics and Supply Section in Region I, considered him the most valuable American officer in the Section. The work which he has been doing would normally be performed by a Captain or Major.

4. I feel strongly that this is a case in which a grave injustice would be done if the promotion is unduly delayed. If you agree would you arrange for the necessary papers to be forwarded so that the promotion may, if possible, be secured promptly.

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CHARLES M. SPOTFORD
Colonel, U.S.C.
Chief, Military Govt. Section

Col Albright

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

CMS/ANA/r1

Ref/DO/7

2 May 1944

Dear Fiske:

Reference is made to your inquiry, transmitted by Major Van Dusen, regarding action to release non-essential personnel.

The relief from active duty of officers over 38 whose services are not required may be effected either (1) on recommendation of the officer's commander through channels or (2) on request of the officer.

In the first instance the officer's concurrence is not necessary and he does not have the right to a hearing before a reclassification board or any similar procedure, but action must be taken within ten days of the time the officer became surplus.

In either case the date of the officer's becoming surplus and the reason must be shown. Such reason may be the elimination of the specific position or the type of work, because of reorganization, reduction of the allotment of positions for the work, or any other pertinent facts. In ACC reduction of staff resulting from turnover of functions to the Italian government or change in functions from such work as police and fire protection to economic activities would constitute reason for officers becoming surplus. The officer's request need not be filed within the ten day limit for recommendation by the commanding officer.

The AG NATOUSA informs us that these cases are now being handled ^{12 58} within the theater and that if complete information is furnished they should normally be acted upon within three weeks from the time of receipt here. This time is necessary to process the cases and to circulate them to appropriate units for determination as to whether the officer's services might be used. If the officer's services are needed by another unit, the application will not be approved.

Attention is called to the reclassification procedure set forth in AR 605-230, applicable to officers of any age, as a means of eliminating officers who are assigned to duties for which they are not suited. This is not a substitute for disciplinary action, which should, of course, be taken when the officer is guilty of malfeasance, neglect, conduct unbecoming an officer or any other offense. It is an appropriate means of effecting the demotion or reassignment of officers who do not measure up to the technical or administrative demands of their work. The fact that ACC has apparently not used this procedure may indicate that its applicability is not generally understood.

An officer may be recommended through channels for demotion without the reclassification procedure being invoked, but in such case he would have the right to request trial by court martial or a hearing before a reclassification board.

Attention is also called to the fact that if an officer is satisfactory in his work but his services are not needed, a recommendation may be made through channels to NATOUSA for his reassignment, specifying that a replacement is not needed. Such recommendation has no relation to the age of the officer concerned and hence may apply to officer under 38. Approval would be given if there were current need for the services of such officer in another unit or anticipated need on the basis of which he would be kept in replacement center, and if the releasing unit had no contemplated need for an officer of similar qualifications.

We shall be glad to obtain any further information on the subject that you may desire and to help expedite any cases that are sent to this headquarters.



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