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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Establishment Section

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CMP/jp  
10 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Promotion of 1st Lt Louis B. Bernard.

TO : Colonel NELSON W. MONFORT, DCCAO, Headquarters,  
15th Army Group, G-5 Section, APO 777, US Army.

1. Reference your letter dated 3 April 1945, relative to the promotion of the above-mentioned officer.

2. I have taken the matter up with G-1 American, and this officer will be given every consideration at the next meeting of the Promotion Board.

G.M. PARKIN,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Actg Vice President.

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 512

SPECIAL ORDERS)  
NUMBER 19 )

29 January 1946

## EXTRACT

2. By direction of the President the following officers are temporarily promoted in the Army of the United States to grades indicated, effective this date. Date of rank is date of this order unless otherwise indicated after name. These promotions unless sooner terminated, terminate automatically at the expiration of the emergency and six months thereafter, at which time the officers will revert to their permanent grade. No oath of office or acceptance is required. In accordance with the provisions of Public Law 746, 77th Congress, promotion is deemed to have been accepted as of date of this order, and under the provisions of the same law officers are entitled to receive pay and allowances of the higher grade from such date.

## 1ST LT TO CAPT

OSWALD R ANSELMO 01043849 CAC  
GABRIEL V BARRUS 01315658 INF  
HERBERT E BENSON 01111452 AC  
HUGH H COLLUM 0580632 AC  
JOSEPH A CROWIN 01320308 INF  
DELOS DE JOHN 01015525 INF  
JOSEPH A DE LUCA 01106081 CE  
THOMAS R GUINAN 01321913 INF  
JACK D HANFORD 01307231 CPT  
HARLEY G HORN 0348000 INF  
WILLIAM H HUNTER 01824026 CAV  
TALMUS M MARKHAM JR 01183355 FA  
HARRY B MUSKE 01321370 INF

GERHARD W RETTIG 0519107 CE  
ROSEBELL G ROY JR 0467861 CAC  
WILLIAM V SAMPSON 0515531 SAC  
JOHN J SCANLAN 01797718 CPT  
HAROLD F SCULLEY 01303265 INF  
ODELL M SMITH 01173083 FA  
BERTEL J STRAIGHT JR 01586246 TC  
LEWIS L STUART 0322799 INF  
FRANK G THOMPSON 0397747 MAC  
WILSON A TREADWAY 01297811 INF  
THOMAS H WALTERS 0454254 CAC  
ALBERT J WHITE 01824107 FA

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

OFFICIAL:

L. C. JAYNES  
Major General, United States Army  
Chief of Staff

EDMUND R. SHUGART  
Colonel, AGD  
Adjutant General

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267TH AIRBORNE  
ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERSEAS)  
APO 394

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21 December 1945

Reference your inquiry of 4 December to Brigadier Lusk relative to promotion of U.S. Officers.

Promotion recommendations have gone in to MPOUSA for Capt. Ylin, Lt. Davis, Lt. Gasparino and Lt. O'Donnell.

We regret that nothing can be done for the Majors Davis, Warren, Lund at this time, as there are no vacancies in our T/O

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When last promoted?  
Are they eligible now?

Savin promoted 17 Dec 44 91 Miss 8104 Chron 01102.

Warner

Land Promoted 6 June 43 42 Miss 8104  
Papers turned back by M TOUSA

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APO 394  
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Col Parker (Personal)

Will you please speak

Dr. Lister

Phoned  
9 50 AM  
10/12/45  
Clark said he  
would have me  
see Brig Lister  
before he left.

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Phoned  
9 30 AM  
10/12/45

Clock said he  
would have me  
see Bury L. not  
before he left.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
REGION LOMBARDIA  
AFO 394

Office of the Regional Commissioner.

*My dear Brigadier,* 4 December 1945.

Since the departure of Colonel Poletti and his able assistant Capt. Neufeld from this Region I find that the backing of American Officers in certain directions has gone 'somewhat by the board'. This is due, I feel, to some extent to the long absences from Milan of Colonel Fiske and to some further extent to the unfamiliarity of Colonel Falck with general American administrative details.

This seems particularly so in the matter of advancement in rank of certain American Officers with whose interests, equally with British personnel, I am concerned.

I wonder, therefore, if through your good offices the case of a number of the more deserving could be taken up with Admiral Stone. I have given the names of the officers I have in mind below. Recommendations, rendered to the best of my belief in the proper form, have gone forward some months past to HQ 2675 Regt. None of these officers can be classed as surplus and will, therefore, be retained for the further six months as indicated in the cable received very recently from HQ on the subject of the retention of certain American Civil Affairs Officers.

Major Savin, my Provincial Commissioner in Sondrio, whose name is included, is spending a few days in Rome and I have instructed him to put his own case before you if you so wish. The others concerned being in very much the same position, so far as their anticipation of advancement, as is Major Savin's.

I regret troubling you again on this subject but I really feel that the interests of these officers at this juncture may be better served from Rome than from this end and I shall be grateful for anything you may be prepared to do on their behalf:

*Yours sincerely*  
*Anthony P. Coe*

NAME	RANK	ASN	ASRC SCORE	MOS
✓ KEIM James F.	Capt.	0522710	103	8000
SAVIN William H.	Major	0511995	91	8104
WARREN Clyde A.	Major	0521383	66	8104
LUND John	Major	0524366	62	8104
✓ DAVIS John G.	1st Lt.	01797445	76	8104
✓ GASPARINE Attilio	1st Lt.	02053941	93	8104
✓ O'DONNELL Robert T.	1st Lt.	01797341	81	0600

Brigadier M. S. LUSH, CB CBE MC,  
Executive Commissioner,  
HQ Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

US Fine Copy

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13 October 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Promotion

TO: Vice President, Establishment Section  
(through Economic Section).

2nd Lt. SAM (NMI) BUTLER - ASN 0-555989

2. The attached recommendation for promotion of the above  
named Officer is forwarded for favor of consideration please.

s/ E.A.L. THOMAS, Major

Director,  
Finance Sub-Commission

Ref: 2.01/ES

1st Ind.


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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 394, ECONOMIC SECTION, 16 Oct. 45

TO: Vice President, Establishment Section

APPROVED.

FOR THE ACTING VICE PRESIDENT:

  
JOSEPH W. DURRER  
1st Lt., Inf.  
Personnel Officer

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## File: 45/XOA - PROMOTION OF OFFICERS - LIST OF PAPERS.

NUMBER	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
1	5 Oct 44	Col Fiske	Col Densmore	Promotion Board.
2	17 Sep 44	Brig Upjohn	Exec Commsr	Prom of Officers.
3	18 Sep 44	Mr. Antolini	Exec Commsr	Members of Prom Bd.
4	20 Sep 44	Brig Upjohn	Exec Commsr	Promotion Board.
5	15 Dec 44	Finance S/c	Estab Sec	Prom of Maj Shriver.
6	1 Nov 44	Lt Col Laboon	Col Parkin	Procedure on rec for promotion.
7	10 Nov 44	Col Parkin	Lt Col Laboon	Reply re: above.
8				Chart of prom's up to 25 Dec Hq & Region
9				List of prom's re: above.
10	19 Jan 45	Legal S/c	VP, CA Section	Prom of Lt Col Cohen
11	24 Jan 45	Col Parkin	G-1 (A)	Comments re: above.
12	20 Jan 45	Brig Upjohn	Col Fiske	Prom of Lt Col Cohen
13	13 Jan 45			Notes re: above.
14	12 Jan 45	Col Chapman	Actg Pres Pr Bd	Prom of Lt Col Cohen
15	20 Jan 45	Lt Col Ames	Col Parkin	Prom of officers.
16	20 Jan 45	Col Parkin	Lt Col Ames	Reply re: above.
17	22 Jan 45	Lt Col Ames	Col Parkin	Prom of Capt Neuburg.
18	13 Feb 45	Col Densmore	Col Poletti	Prom of Capt Neufeld.
19	11 Jan 45	Lt Col Jenny	Chief Commsr	Prom proc Regnl O's.
20	15 Jan 45	Col Densmore	Chief Commsr	1st Ind re: above.
21	23 Jan 45	Lt Col Uhler	Col Parkin	Memo re: above.
22	25 Jan 45	Col Parkin	Brig Parkinson	Prom of Maj Birt
23	24 Jan 45	Col Parkin	Lt Col Uhler	Comments re: above.
24	24 Jan 45	Brig Parkinson	Col Parkin	Prom of Maj Birt
25	24 Jan 45	Col Marshall	Col Fiske	Prom of Maj Birt
26	7 Feb 45	Col Kirkwood	Col Fiske	Prom of Maj McBratney
27	13 Feb 45	Col Parkin	Col Kirkwood	Reply re: above.
28	15 Feb 45	LIST OF OFFICERS REC FOR PROM		PRIOR TO 15 FEBRUARY.
29	15 Feb 45	REC'S & PROMOTIONS IN TOSCANA		REGION SINCE 1 OCT 44.
30	25 Jan 45	Col Kirkwood	Brig Lush	Manner of promotions.
31	22 Feb 45	Col Fiske	Col Kirkwood	Reply re: above.
32				COMPARISON OF GRADE DISTRIBUTION.
33	10 Apr 45	Col Parkin	Col Monfort	Prom of Lt Bernard
34	21 Apr 45	Col Parkin	Chief Commsr	Distr of O's Grades.
35	27 Apr 45	MTUSA	All concerned	PROMOTIONS.
36	7 May 45	G-1 (A)	Col Parkin	Prom of 2nd Lt's.
37	7 May 45	MTUSA	All concerned	PROMOTIONS.
38	5 May 45	Lt Col Washburne	MTUSA	Promotion injustices.
39	10 May 45	A/VP Est Sec	G-1 (A)	Buck slip re above.
40	14 May 45	Lt Col Washburne	Exec O US	Buck slip re above.
41	10 May 45	War Dept	All concerned	Suspension of 4th Regt's.
42	17 May 45	MTUSA		

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42	17 May 45	MTUSA	All concerned	Suspension of 2nd Lt's.
43	17 May 45	MTUSA	All concerned	Prom of 2nd Lt to 1st
44	23 May 45	War Dept	All concerned	Prom of Lt Muldoon
45	23 May 45	Chief Commsr	Exec C US	Prom of Maj Murtagh
46	12 Jun 45	Gen Hume	Chief Commsr	Vacancy for Col?
47	17 Jun 45	C-5, AFHQ	Chief Commsr	Prom of Capt Pratt &
48	21 Jun 45	Chief Commsr	Gen Hume	Noe.
49	6 Jun 45	Col Parkin	Chief Commsr	Proms in Ovhd Units
50	18 Jun 45	Col Parkin	Col Poletti	Reply to #46
51	20 Jun 45	Gen Hume	Chief Commsr	Prom Status of Capts
52	22 Jun 45	Col Parkin	G-1 (A)	Neufeld & Keim
53	23 Jun 45	Col Parkin	Gen Hume	Prom Capt Neufeld
54	23 Jun 45	Col Parkin	Col Poletti	Prom Maj Mavis
55	13 Jun 45	C.C. Stone	G-5 Sec AFHQ	Notes re above
56	22 Jun 45	Col Poletti	Col Parkin	Reply to #51
57	23 Jun 45	Col Parkin	R.C. Smilla	Prom Capt Neufeld
				Promotions
				Prom re Capt Newfelt
				Prom Maj Burns

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE (US)  
APO 394

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23 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Promotion - Major Francis J. Burns.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region.

1. Your letter RIX/SE/P/6/3 dated 19 June 1945, relative to the promotion of Major Francis J. Burns, addressed to the Chief Commissioner was referred to this office for reply.

2. It is regretted that no promotions can be made at the present time. This is in compliance with a War Department order dated 10 May 1945, and 1st Indorsement thereto by General McNarney dated 19 May 1945, which temporarily suspended promotions until further notice.

3. The readjustment of suspension, insofar as it affects the Commission, was personally taken up with AFHQ by the Chief Commissioner, as recently as 13 June. It was requested that the 2675th Regiment be designated as "Category One", which covers troops remaining on duty in this theater and is accordingly free from the promotion suspension. To this request we received a negative reply, in which we were informed that the 2675th Regiment, AC, is considered a theater overhead unit and for that reason cannot, at least for the present, be placed in "Category One". Thus, American promotions must wait until the restriction is lifted on all overhead units.

4. However, despite this ruling, the Chief Commissioner states that he shall continue on every possible occasion to emphasize the prime importance of promotion, at the earliest opportunity, of the deserving personnel of the Commission.

5. Just as soon as this Headquarters is notified that promotions can be resumed, Major Burns will receive every consideration from the Allied Commission Headquarters Promotion Board.

6. For your information, Major Burns ranks 29th out of 142 Majors in the 2675th Regiment as of this date.

7. I am sending a copy of this communication to G-1 American, for their promotion board file.

C.M. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Executive Officer (US)

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Copy: G-1 (A).

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~~G-1~~ A

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Draft a reply for  
my sig C M I D  
to Exec Off (A)  
Complied with  
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ESTAB. SEC  
Col. Partin  
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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

RIX/SE/P/6/3

ACB/eah  
19 June 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Promotion - Major Francis  
J. Burns.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied  
Commission.

1. Major Francis J. Burns, my provincial commissioner for Parma Province, was recommended by me for promotion to lieutenant colonel on 17 October 1944 and 20 January 1945.

2. For some period after that time, although his performance was exceptional, Parma Province was non-operational. This, I assume, is the reason that favorable action was not taken on my recommendation.

3. For the record, Major Burns' province is now operational and has been for a considerable period. With very little assistance, he has successfully coped with an extremely difficult political situation, and I regard his province as one of the best organized and administered in my region.

4. Major Burns has been number one in recommended priority for promotion to the grade of lieutenant colonel for several months, and I request that action now be taken promptly.

21 JUN 1945

*Alfred P. Freeman*  
Colonel, JAGD  
Regional Commissioner

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Sgt P. bring to my  
attention if promotion  
opens up. File  
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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
LOMBARDIA REGION  
APO 394

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22 June 1945

*Personal*

Colonel C. W. Parkin  
Executive Office  
Headquarters, Allied Commission

My dear Colonel,

I am very grateful for your letter concerning the promotion of  
Captain Neufeld. Army rules seem to have a lot of flexibility because I  
have learned of people recently getting promotions: of course, they don't  
belong to AMG-AC.

For months I have been trying to obtain the promotion of Captain  
Neufeld and Captain Keim. All I've got to say is that it is a damn shame.

Yours sincerely

*Charlie*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

GC 567

13 June 1945

Subject: Promotions

To: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. In accordance with the provisions of War Department letter file AG 210.2 (8 May 45)OB-S-A-M, subject: Promotions, dated 10 May 1945 and MTOUSA 1st Ind. AG 210.2/730-P dated 19 May 1945 promotions of all officers and enlisted personnel not classified as Category I or II are temporarily suspended. It is understood that the 2675 Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd) has not been designated as Category I.

2. With the cessation of hostilities in Italy in contrast to other units the work of the Allied Commission has not been reduced. It has in fact been increased. The responsibility of maintaining efficiently the Supreme Allied Commander's Civil Affairs commitment in Italy during this most trying period of readjustment between war and peace is more difficult than ever.

3. It is essential that the morale of the officers and enlisted men of the Commission be maintained at the highest possible level. This is most difficult when American promotions are suspended and British advancement continues uninterrupted. For example, since 12th May British promotions in the Commission have been made as follows: two to Colonel and eight to Lieutenant Colonel, with 21 promotions to Major and five to Captain not yet effective.

4. Accordingly it is desired that the 2675 Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd) be placed in Category I.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLIERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED COMMISSION  
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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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No.	From	To	Date	
5	FO NS	CC	6/9	<p>We have not been designated Class I or II.</p> <p>See sample here with.</p> <p>Please return. C M P</p>

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ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394

File: 45/46/XOA

Date 6 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Promotion status of Captains Neufeld and Keim.

Fill in each column, initial action, and draw a line across the sheet just below initials. Number each memo consecutively in first column. Use entire width of sheet for long memos.

No.	From	To	Date	
1.	Exec Offr (US)	Chief Commr. AC		<p>1. As you know, General McNarney has on 19 May 1945, frozen all promotions in this Theatre, in compliance with a War Department order dated 10 May 1945.</p> <p>2. The attached file copy of letter from Colonel Densmore to Colonel Poletti, dated 13 February 1945, sums up very well the case of Capt Neufeld.</p> <p>3. Capt Keim ranks 48th from the top of the list of Captains.</p> <p>4. On the day promotions were frozen, we had 144 Majors, our T/O called for only 105.</p> <p>C.M.P. C.M.P. COLONEL.</p>
				1 Incl: file copy of ltr from Col Densmore to Col Poletti dtd 13 Feb 45.
2	CC	EO (U.S.)		<p>Let me see the order referred to in para 1 above</p> <p>EW</p>
3	EO (US)	CC	6/7	<p>Order attached please return</p> <p>CC</p>
4	CC	EO	6/8	<p>Why do you interpret this as a freeze order?</p> <p>C.M.P. EW</p>



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AG 201-P-McPhee, Eugene R. (Off)  
HQ MTOUSA, APO 512, 24 May 1945.

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TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command Allied Force.

1. Returned without action in view of current suspension of promotions as announced in 1st Indorsement, this headquarters, dated 19 May 1945, file AG 210.2/730-P.

2. This recommendation may be resubmitted at such time as units are designated Class I or II, or when suspension is lifted.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNEY:

  
W. E. KNIFFIN  
Capt, AGD  
Asst Adj General

1 Incl:  
n/c

210.2 3rd Ind /mtg  
Hq, Headquarters Command, AF, APO 512, US Army, 25 May 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission (Ovhd).

  
T. W. S.

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cc: Col. Fiske  
Col. Parki  
Col. Chapman

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
ECONOMIC SECTION

ESTAB. SECT.

Al. Fiske

2.01 /ES

LDD/es

13 February 1945

Dear Colonel:

As I stated to you the other day the American Promotion Board has not passed any recommendations from the grade of captain to major since your original talk with me prior to your trip home. It is true that a number of promotions have been made but these all had been pending at AFHQ for a considerable length of time. With respect to Captain Neufeld, recommendation ~~for~~ his promotion should be before our Board at the next meeting.

There are two or three items with respect to the Captain which I think you should know. There are approximately 109 other American captains in the AC/AMG organization who are senior to Neufeld in point of length of service as captain. Neufeld was promoted to grade of captain on 30 September 43. He, therefore, has less than 17 months in grade and with 109 captains having more time in grade, I suspect the Board will insist on having a good reason why this officer should be preferred to the senior captains. NE

Another point is that AFHQ recently returned a number of recommendations on the ground that the position which the officer occupied did not justify the grade for which he was recommended. A recent compilation of officers assigned to Lombardia Region carries Captain Neufeld as Personal Assistant to the Regional Commissioner. While I have no idea what his position is as shown on the recommendation, I am of the opinion that MTOUSA will never agree to the promotion to the grade of major on position of Personal Assistant to a Regional Commissioner.

I understand that the captain's recommendation will be before the Board at its next meeting, at which time we will be informed as to how many recommendations for the grade of major can be sent forward. I am sure that the Board will give Neufeld proper consideration along with some 30 to 40 other captains who have been recommended all of whom are senior to Neufeld. You can rest assured that I will not permit his recommendation to be overlooked.

Sincerely yours,

*LDD*

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Col. Charles Poletti  
Regional Commissioner  
Lazio-Umbria Region

L. D. DENSMORE  
Colonel, F A  
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff  
Economic Section

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington 25, D. C.

Ex. 01(A)

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AG 210.2 (8 May 45)OB-S-A-M

KSM/gle 2B-939 Pentagon

10 May 1945

SUBJECT: Promotions.

TO : The Commanding Generals,  
\*  
Theaters of Operations  
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1. With the cessation of hostilities in Europe, a reduction in the War Department troop basis will follow. This will necessitate a corresponding reduction in bulk allotments, the inactivation of certain units, the reassignment of surplus personnel, and the relief from active duty of non-essential personnel.

2. It is not the desire of the War Department to generally suspend the promotion of worthy officer and enlisted personnel. To prevent unwarranted promotions during this period of readjustment, it is desired that all recommendations be closely scrutinized. Military personnel who will become surplus for any reason, including lack of position vacancy in the new bulk allotment, or who are assigned to units scheduled for inactivation, or who are designated as non-essential are not eligible for promotion.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J. A. ULIO  
/t/ J. A. ULIO,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

AG 210.2/730-P 1st Ind  
HQ MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army, 19 May 1945

TO: All Concerned.

1. Promotions of all officers and enlisted personnel are temporarily suspended except in the following instances:

a. Required personnel and volunteer non-required personnel assigned to Category II units and to be redeployed therewith.

b. Required personnel and volunteer non-required personnel assigned to units specifically designated by this headquarters as Category I.

c. Promotion of Second to First Lieutenants under any existing authority.

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ALLIED COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE (US)  
APO 394

23 June 1945.

Colonel Charles Poletti,  
Regional Commissioner,  
Lombardia Region,  
Allied Commission,  
APO 394, US Army.

My dear Colonel:-

Reference is made to my letter to you, dated 18 June 1945, relative to the promotion of Captain Neufeld.

As I wrote you that promotions had been temporarily suspended, I am forwarding the following in furtherance of information.

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However, despite this ruling, the Chief Commissioner states that he shall continue on every possible occasion to emphasize the prime importance of promotion, at the earliest opportunity, of the deserving personnel of the Commission.

I trust that the aforementioned will keep you up-to-date on the situation.

With best wishes, and kindest personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

C.M. PARKIN.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington 25, D. C.

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AG 210.2 (8 May 45)OB-S-A-M

KSM/elig 2B-939 Pentagon

10 May 1945

SUBJECT: Promotions.

TO : The Commanding Generals,  
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Theaters of Operations  
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1. With the cessation of hostilities in Europe, a reduction in the War Department troop basis will follow. This will necessitate a corresponding reduction in bulk allotments, the inactivation of certain units, the reassignment of surplus personnel, and the relief from active duty of non-essential personnel.

2. It is not the desire of the War Department to generally suspend the promotion of worthy officer and enlisted personnel. To prevent unwarranted promotions during this period of readjustment, it is desired that all recommendations be closely scrutinized. Military personnel who will become surplus for any reason, including lack of position vacancy in the new bulk allotment, or who are assigned to units scheduled for inactivation, or who are designated as non-essential are not eligible for promotion.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J. A. ULIO  
/t/ J. A. ULIO,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

AG 210.2/730-P 1st Ind  
HQ MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army, 19 May 1945

TO: All Concerned.

1. Promotions of all officers and enlisted personnel are temporarily suspended except in the following instances:

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BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNEY:

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*C. W. Christenberry*  
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY  
Colonel, AGD  
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE (US)  
APO 394

23 June 1945.

Colonel Charles Poletti,  
Regional Commissioner,  
Lombardia Region,  
Allied Commission,  
APO 394, US Army.

My dear Colonel:-

Reference is made to my letter to you, dated 18 June 1945, relative to the promotion of Captain Neufeld.

As I wrote you that promotions had been temporarily suspended, I am forwarding the following in furtherance of information.

The readjustment of suspension, insofar as it affects the Allied Commission, was personally taken up with AFHQ by the Chief Commissioner, as recently as 13 June. It was requested that the 2675th Regiment be designated as "Category One", which covers troops remaining on duty in the theater and is accordingly free from the promotion suspension. To this request, we received a negative reply, in which we were informed that the 2675th Regiment, AO, is considered a theater overhead unit and for that reason cannot, at least for the present, be placed in "Category One". Thus, American promotions must wait until the restriction is lifted on all overhead units.

However, despite this ruling, the Chief Commissioner states that he shall continue on every possible occasion to emphasize the prime importance of promotion, at the earliest opportunity, of the deserving personnel of the Commission.

I trust that the aforementioned will keep you up-to-date on the situation.

With best wishes, and kindest personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

C.M. PARKIN.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE (US)  
APO 394

23 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Promotion of Major Fred O. Mavis, 0252797.

TO : Senior Civil Affairs Officer, AMG Fifth Army, APO 464, US Army.

1. Your letter dated 20 June 1945, relative to the promotion of the a/m officer, addressed to the Chief Commissioner was referred to this office for reply.

2. It is regretted that no promotions can be made at the present time. This is in compliance with a War Department order dated 10 May 1945, and 1st Indorsement thereto by General McNarney dated 19 May 1945, which temporarily suspended promotions until further notice.

3. The readjustment of suspension, insofar as it affects the Commission, was personally taken up with AFHQ by the Chief Commissioner, as recently as 13 June. It was requested that the 2675th Regiment be designated as "Category One", which covers troops remaining on duty in this theater and is accordingly free from the promotion suspension. To this request we received a negative reply, in which we were informed that the 2675th Regiment, AC, is considered a theater overhead unit and for that reason cannot, at least for the present, be placed in "Category One". Thus, American promotions must wait until the restriction is lifted on all overhead units.

4. However, despite this ruling, the Chief Commissioner states that he shall continue on every possible occasion to emphasize the prime importance of promotion, at the earliest opportunity, of the deserving personnel of the Commission.

5. Just as soon as this Headquarters is notified that promotions can be resumed, Major Mavis will receive every consideration from the Allied Commission Headquarters Promotion Board.

6. For your information, Major Mavis ranks 51st out of 142 Majors in the 2675th Regiment as of 7 May 1945.

7. I am sending a copy of this communication to G-1 American, for their promotion board file.

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Copy: G-1 (A).

G.M. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Executive Officer (US).

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015INFORMAL ROUTINGHEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394

File:

Date 22 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Promotion of Major F.O. Mavis.

Fill in each column, initial action, and draw a line across the sheet just below initials. Number each memo consecutively in first column. Use entire width of sheet for long memos.

No.	From	To	Date	
1.	Col Parkin	Lt Theodore		<p>Reference the attached recommendation for the promotion of the a/m officer:</p> <p>(a) How does officer rank amongst Majors? <i>51/142 - 7 May 44</i></p> <p>(b) How long has he been a member of 2675th Regt? <i>Inception</i></p> <p>(c) Has he been recommended before?</p> <p><i>28 March 45 by Col Farnsworth</i> <b>CMP</b> C. M. P. <i>[Signature]</i></p>
2	G-1(A)	Col Parkin	<i>22 June</i>	<p><i>Complied with</i> <i>[Signature]</i></p>

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
FIFTH ARMY  
APO 464

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Col. Parker  
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20 June 1945

SUBJECT: Promotion of Major Fred O. Mavis, 0252797,  
Infantry

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394,  
U. S. Army

1. It is desired to recommend for promotion Major  
Fred O. Mavis, 0252797, Infantry, to the grade of lieutenant  
colonel.

2. It is understood that while this officer was serv-  
ing with the Eighth Army a recommendation for his advance-  
ment was submitted. This letter is to endorse such recom-  
mendation and to urge that the officer be promoted forthwith.  
He is serving as Provincial Commissioner for the Province  
of Trento and his promotion has been earned not only by  
what he did while in the Eighth Army, but for what he has  
done in his present capacity.

3. Now that the campaign is over it is presumed that  
promotions will be even more difficult than they have been  
in the past, but it is thought that Major Mavis's services  
are such as to warrant his consideration even under exist-  
ing circumstances.

4. Should additional information regarding this officer's  
efficiency be desired, it will be furnished immediately on  
request.

22 JUN 1945

*Edgar Erskine Hume*  
EDGAR ERSKINE HUME  
Brigadier General, GSC  
Senior Civil Affairs Officer  
Fifth Army

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ALLIED COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE (US)  
APO 394

18 June 1945.

Col Charles Poletti,  
Regional Commissioner,  
Lombardia Region,  
Allied Commission,  
APO 394, US Army.

My dear Colonel:-

Your personal note to me relative to the promotion of Captain Neufeld was handed to me by Sergeant John Poletti.

It is regretted that no promotions can be made at the present time. This is in compliance with a War Department order dated 10 May 1945, and 1st Indorsement thereto by General McNarney dated 19 May 1945, which suspended promotions until further notice, pending adjustment of the Redeployment Program.

Just as soon as this Headquarters is notified that promotions can be resumed, Captain Neufeld will receive every consideration from the Allied Commission Headquarters Promotion Board.

I am sending a copy of this communication to G-1 American, for their Promotion Board file.

With best wishes, and kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

C.M. PARKIN.

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Col. Parker:

I've been trying to obtain  
the promotion of Captain  
Hemfeld for many months.  
He has been executive officer  
of three regions now,  
serving with me. If  
any body deserves a break,  
he does. But nothing  
has happened, although I

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have talked and written  
to Admiral Stone.

Many thanks and  
warm regards

Charles Pollett (of  
A116  
Lombardy

June 13-1945

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INFORMAL ROUTINGHEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394

File: 45/46/XOA

Date 6 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Promotion status of Captains Neufeld and Keim.

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No.	From	To	Date
1.	Exec Offr Chief Commr. (US)	AC	
			<p>1. As you know, General McNarney has on 19 May 1945, frozen all promotions in this Theatre, in compliance with a War Department order dated 10 May 1945.</p> <p>2. The attached file copy of letter from Colonel Densmore to Colonel Poletti, dated 13 February 1945, sums up very well the case of Capt Neufeld.</p> <p>3. Capt Keim ranks 48th from the top of the list of Captains.</p> <p>4. On the day promotions were frozen, we had 144 Majors, our T/O called for only 105.</p>
1 Incl:	file copy of ltr from Col Densmore to Col Poletti dtd 13 Feb 45.		
			C.M.P. COLONEL.

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→ Col Parkin  
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21 June 1945

Dear General

The sincerity of your letter of 12 June recommending the promotion of Captains Willis E. Pratt and Sam V. Noe is appreciated. I assure you that everything possible is being done to speed up the promotion of deserving officers and men.

As you know, promotions of all officers and enlisted personnel in the 2675th Regiment, AC, have been temporarily suspended in accordance with WD letter, file AG 210.2(8 May 45) OB-S-A-R, subject: Promotions, dated 10 May 45 and MTOUSA first indorsement, AG 210.2/730-P, dated 19 May 45.

The readjustment of suspension, insofar as it affects the Commission, I personally took up with AFHQ as recently as 13 June. It was requested that the 2675th Regiment be designated as "Category One," which covers troops remaining on duty in this theater and is accordingly free from the promotion suspension. I have just now received a negative reply to this request, in which I am informed that the 2675th Regiment, AC, is considered a theater overhead unit and for that reason cannot, at least for the present, be placed in "Category One." Thus, American promotions must wait until the restriction is lifted on all overhead units.

However, despite this ruling, I shall continue on every possible occasion to emphasize the prime importance of promotion, at the earliest opportunity, of the deserving personnel of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

*H. Ellery W. Stone*

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Edgar E. Hume  
Senior Civil Affairs Officer  
Fifth Army

cc: Col. Parkin

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*Ed Parker*  
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

JUN 19 1945  
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17 June 1945

G-5: 210.2-1

SUBJECT: Promotions.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394,  
U.S. Army.

1. Reference your letter, file CC 567, subject: "Promotions", dated 13 June 45.
2. The 2675th Regt AC (Ovhd) is a theater overhead unit and, for that reason, will not be placed in a category.
3. Promotions of all overhead units including this headquarters are suspended at the present time.
4. It is felt that no exception can be made in the case of the 2675th Regt. and that promotions for that unit must wait until the restriction is lifted on all overhead units.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

J. MURRAY MITCHELL,  
Colonel, G.S.C.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
FIFTH ARMY  
APO 464

12 June 1945

SUBJECT: Promotion of Captains Pratt and Noe

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394,  
U. S. Army

1. It is desired to place on record with the Allied Commission, and through that Commission with MFOUSA, a strong recommendation of AMG Fifth Army that Captain Willis E. Pratt, 0521390 and Captain Sam V. Noe, 0521655 be promoted to the grade of major. Letters recommending both officers have already been sent in and the present one is by way of adding further information.

2. These officers have rendered outstandingly valuable service to the Allied cause in their direction of educational affairs while serving in various regions while they were administered by Fifth Army Allied Military Government. It is understood that promotions have been slowed up and are much less easy to obtain, but it is believed that these two officers' work has been such that they have earned it and to withhold it at this time would be to fail signally to give credit where credit is due. Both men have worked under the handicap of insufficient rank in relation to their age and experience in civil life. The least the service can do now is to give them this appropriate reward.

EDGAR ESKINE HUME  
Brigadier General, GSC  
Senior Civil Affairs Officer  
Fifth Army

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cc: Col. Parkin

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## INFORMAL ROUTING

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SUBJECT:

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2	AV.P.	Chief Commission Thru A/E & Com.	4/23
3	CC	A/E & Com.	4/24

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Col. Paulsen -  
Why does not  
The Transfer of  
Col. Chapman,  
for example,  
make an addit-  
ional vacancy?  
(Col.)  
JWS

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AV.P. Chief  
Commission  
Thru  
A/E & Com.

4/23

The Current strength  
of 26 Colonels is  
exclusive of Col Chapman  
transferred on paper to 2600  
Det.  
CMP

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A/E &amp; Com.

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You may wish to consider  
Schultz for next vacancy  
JWS

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④	AVP	G1 A	4/25	Give me status of LT Col Scholtz as to eligibility for promotion C.M.P.
⑤	G1 A	Col Pachin	4/25	Made Lt. Col. Oct 17 1944 Will be eligible Oct 17 1945
⑥	Pachin	Col. N. E. Fiske	4/25	To note ③⑤ CMP used 2

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to: A/VPL

Establishment Section

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File: \_\_\_\_\_ Date 23 May 1945  
SUBJECT: Promotion of Officer

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No.	From	To	Date	
1	G-1 (American)	Col. C.M. PARKIN	23/5/45	<div>1. Lt Col Murtagh was on TD with the Economic Section from the War Department.</div> <div>2. We did not recommend him.</div> <div>3. Orders have been issued directing his return to W.D. on or about 15 June.</div> <div>N.W.D. N. W. D.</div>
2	A/RP	Chief Comm'n	7/24/45	<div>Info</div> <div>C.M.P.</div>

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How did this  
happen?

Did we recommend  
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Capt LEE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr PATE	
Mr VERMUTH	
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Correspondence Sec	
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AD-Active Duty  
AAP-Army Air Forces.  
Special Orders )  
No. 103 )

WAR DEPARTMENT

Washington, 30 Apr 45

EXTRACT

Par. 15. Announcement is made of the temp promotion of the following named officers to the grades indicated in the AUS with rank fr date of this order:

MAJOR TO LT COL

JOHN MARTIN MURTAGH

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By order of the Secretary of War:

Official:

Robert H. Dunlop  
Brigadier General  
Acting The Adjutant General

G. C. MARSHALL  
Chief of Staff

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/s/ Jack Williams  
JACK WILLIAMS  
Captain Infantry  
Personnel Officer  
Economic Section



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*Angelo A. Pascarella*  
ANGELO A. PASCARELLA  
CWO UEA  
Asst Adjutant

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*Col Parker*

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*CP*

HEADQUARTERS  
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 512

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER **137** )

**17 May 1945**

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**Paragraph 2.** By direction of the President the following officers are temporarily promoted in the Army of the United States to grades indicated, effective this date. Date of rank is date of this order unless otherwise indicated after name. These promotions unless sooner terminated, terminate automatically at the expiration of the emergency and six months thereafter, at which time the officers will revert to their permanent grade. No oath of office or acceptance is required. In accordance with the provisions of Public Law 746, 77th Congress, promotion is deemed to have been accepted as of date of this order, and under the provisions of the same law officers are entitled to receive pay and allowances of the higher grade from such date.

1ST LT TO CAPT

**EDWARD J MULDOON 01043742 SAC**

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL McNARNEY:

OFFICIAL:

GEORGE D. FENCE,  
Major General, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

/s/ C. W. Christenberry  
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY,  
Colonel, AGC,  
Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

*Robert A. Ladd*  
**ROBERT A. LADD**  
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WOJG USA

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
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2D LT TO 1ST LT

STANLEY DOBOSINSKI 01051933 CAC  
CHARLES T KURLAN 01013347 INF  
WILLARD B NORTHROP 01285281 INF

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL McNARNEY:

OFFICIAL:

GEORGE D. FENCE,  
Major General, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

/s/ C. W. Christenberry  
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY,  
Colonel, AGC,  
Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

*Robert A. Ladd*  
ROBERT A. LADD  
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WOJG USA

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AG 210.2 (8 May 45)OB-S-A-M

WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington 25, D. C.

AP 983

KSM/glg 2B-939 Pentagon

10 May 1945

SUBJECT: Promotions.

TO : The Commanding Generals,  
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Theaters of Operations  
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1. With the cessation of hostilities in Europe, a reduction in the War Department troop basis will follow. This will necessitate a corresponding reduction in bulk allotments, the inactivation of certain units, the reassignment of surplus personnel, and the relief from active duty of non-essential personnel.

2. It is not the desire of the War Department to generally suspend the promotion of worthy officer and enlisted personnel. To prevent unwarranted promotions during this period of readjustment, it is desired that all recommendations be closely scrutinized. Military personnel who will become surplus for any reason, including lack of position vacancy in the new bulk allotment, or who are assigned to units scheduled for inactivation, or who are designated as non-essential are not eligible for promotion.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J. A. ULIO  
/t/ J. A. ULIO,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

AG 210.2/730-P 1st Ind  
HQ MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army, 19 May 1945

TO: All Concerned.

1. Promotions of all officers and enlisted personnel are temporarily suspended except in the following instances:

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- d. Promotion of nurses to fill War Department T/O and E vacancies.
- e. Privates to Privates First Class under existing instructions.

2. When classification of personnel and designation of units is completed, theater instructions will be issued on when limited promotions will be resumed.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNEY:

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*C. W. Christenberry*  
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY  
Colonel, AGD  
Adjutant General

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ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394

File:

Date May 14 1945.

SUBJECT:

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4.	Education S/C	Exec O US Est Sec		<p>Responding to second endorsement: Para 2 our letter attempted to point out that not only on the ground of seniority, but on the combination of position occupied, efficiency rating, time in grade, position vacancy, and manner of performing duties, these officers out-classed many of those promoted. On no one of these criteria, and on no combination thereof, can it be shown that Capts. Pratt and Noe were less deserving of promotion than the majority of those promoted - the facts are the reverse, as shown in our letter.</p> <p>Para. 3. The attempt of the promotion board to take all these factors into consideration, unquestionably sincerely undertaken, obviously miscarried in these two cases.</p> <p>Para. 4. Count of the number of officers serving in Fifth and Eighth Armies was made from list submitted by G-1 (A). It is quite possible that some officers listed otherwise also had Fifth and Eighth Army experience; the important fact is that Pratt and Noe had such experience and many of those promoted did not.</p> <p>Para. 5. (Our mistake) - list submitted by G-1 (A) gave number of months and days in grade, from which it appeared that Capt Hudson had one less day than Pratt and Noe. G-1 explains that list was compiled on two successive days. But the main point is that Hudson was not senior to them.</p> <p>Para 6. Because we recognize that the AC HQ has no means of submitting promotions of Captains to Majors at the present time, it is requested that the accompanying letter simply be forwarded to the Commanding General, MTOUSA, as from the Education Subcommittee, through channels, with whatever endorsements this Hq, wishes to add.</p> <p>Replying to third endorsement, para 2, extra copy of original letter is submitted herewith for exhibit to a request for increase.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">s/ C.W. Washburne <u>418401</u></p>
5.	CO 2675 Regt G-1 A	14 May		<p>File for use of an exhibit when we request an enlarged T/O.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CMP (40)</p>



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ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394

File:

Date 10 May 1945.

SUBJECT:

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1.	A/VP	GI- (A)	For comment.
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2.	G-1 (A)	A/VP Est Sec	11/5
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1. The following points are submitted for your consideration and no effort is made to disallow statistical information as presented by the Director of the Education Sub-Commission.

2. It is not established practice or theory or actuality in the Army of the United States that personnel are generally promoted according to seniority. Consideration must be given to the individual position occupied by the officer, his general efficiency rating, his time in grade, his position vacancy occupied and the manner of performance in which he has performed his duties in that position.

3. The Promotion Board composed of Senior American Officers of the Allied Commission, all of whom are of qualified experience, take into consideration every possible point in the sending forward of Recommendations for Promotions of personnel of the Commission.

4. It is pointed out that there are more than five officers who have been promoted who served with Fifth or Eighth Army or the Allied Military Government Regions since 15 Dec 1944.

5. Attention is invited to statement that Capt Hudson was slightly junior to Captains Noe and Pratt. This is not borne out by records of this headquarters. These officers, at the time of Captain Hudson's promotion, all had the same time in grade and were entered upon active duty.

6. This headquarters has no reason at hand to submit promotions from Captains to Majors in view of the recent letter from Headquarters, MTOUSA, which stated that promotions would be

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held in strict abeyance to the grade disposition given to this organization. Also there is no law or regulation which antedates promotion of officers in the Army of the US.

7. No further comment.

----- N.W.D. -----

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1. To note.

2. You may return if you so desire, and your letter will be used as an exhibit to a request for increased T/O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Education Subcommittee  
APO 394

ED/10/1.3/AC

Tel. 489081-236

SUBJECT : Promotions.

7 May, 1945

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA,  
through channels.

1. Capt. Willis E. PRATT, O-521390, and Capt. Sam V. NOE, O-521655, were recommended for promotion by the Promotions Board of A.C. in February, 1945, and their names were submitted to AFHQ on 21 March, 1945. Their names, with others, were returned to the Promotions Board, A.C., on 18 April, on account of the overstrength of A.C. in number of Majors according to the new T.O.

2. It is submitted that a serious injustice has been done to these men, and that the effectiveness of their work is thereby diminished.

3. The injustice is indicated by the following facts:

a) Of the 54 captains promoted to majorities since 15 December, 1944, 34 have been junior to Captains PRATT and NOE.

b) On the list of captains submitted on the same list with them on 21 March, the captain who was promoted was slightly junior to them - not senior.

c) The large majority of captains promoted to major since 15 December, 1944, held positions of less responsibility - as follows:

CAO's:	5
Legal Officers (not Regional heads)	2
Provincial Legal Officers	3
Provincial Agricultural Officers	1
Public Health Officers (not Regional heads)	1
Public Safety Officers (not Regional heads)	1
Provincial Public Safety Officers	2
Provincial Supply Officers	2
Miscellaneous - (Adjutant, Warehouse director, P.W. Staff O, Co. Hq. Comdts, Ry Trans. O, Insurance O, Ass't Prop. Cont. O, etc.)	21

Total, at least 33 out of 54.

d) Among the 54 captains promoted to major since 15 December only five are listed as serving with 5 or 8 Army. Capt. PRATT is 5 and 8 Army Education Officer and Capt. NOE 5 Army Education Officer. Both men have been operating in Army and Corps areas. This is in addition to their responsibility as Regional Education Officers.

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- e) Of Regional Staff Officers in AMG regions, 72 are majors, lieutenant colonels, or colonels. Of the 18 company grade Regional Officers, 13 are junior to Captains NOE and PRATT.

4. The responsibilities of Regional (and Army) Education Officers involve population control of about one-fifth of the population, responsibility for the bulk of the public property, and responsibility for by far the largest number of civil servants handled by any division of AMG.

5. The effectiveness of the work of these two Regional Education Officers is hampered by their lack of rank for the following reasons:

a) The Italian civilian officials with whom they deal (Rectors of Universities, Provveditori agli Studi, etc.) have civil service grades corresponding to army ranks higher than those of the Regional Education Officers, are acutely conscious of army rank, and cannot have adequate respect for officers who are not recognized by their own army as worthy of higher rank.

b) The other Regional officers with whom the Regional Education Officers have to deal on terms of equality are almost all of field grade.

c) The effect on the morale of these two officers is acute, and has seriously affected the health of one, and the enthusiasm for his work of the other.

6. There is no question as to the merit of both officers. They have been recommended in the highest terms by their Regional Commissioner and SCAG's. This Subcommittee considers their work to be of the highest quality - they are intelligent, resourceful, efficient, energetic, responsible and loyal.

7. It is submitted that had the above facts been taken into due consideration, these officers would have been promoted before the present ceiling was placed on number of majors in the A.C.

8. It is suggested that they be promoted to the rank of major as of 17 April, 1945, the date on which another captain (Henry HUDSON) whose name appeared on the same list of recommendations from A.C. was promoted, despite the fact that he was slightly junior to them in time in grade and holds a position of less responsibility.

9. If the suggestion in paragraph 8 cannot be followed it is recommended that some other means be found and that in these two highly exceptional cases immediate promotion be granted.

CARLETON W. WASHBURN  
Lt. Col., A.U.S.  
Director of Education

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT

In my opinion, Capt. Willis E. PRATT and Capt. Sam V. NOE have performed outstanding services as Regional Educational Officers. Their positions and work merit immediate promotion and I trust that this can be arranged as soon as possible.

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.,  
VP CA Section.

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 512

SPECIAL ORDERS)  
NUMBER 127

7 May 1945

EXTRACT

Paragraph 2. By direction of the President the following officers are temporarily promoted in the Army of the United States to grades indicated, effective this date. Date of rank is date of this order unless otherwise indicated after name. These promotions unless sooner terminated, terminate automatically at the expiration of the emergency and six months thereafter, at which time the officers will revert to their permanent grade. No oath of office or acceptance is required. In accordance with the provisions of Public Law 746, 77th Congress, promotion is deemed to have been accepted as of date of this order, and under the provisions of the same law officers are entitled to receive pay and allowances of the higher grade from such date.

MAJ TO LT COL

RICHARD L LOLLAR 0208237 GMP

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL McNARNEY:

OFFICIAL:

GEORGE D. FENCE,  
Major General, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

/s/ C. W. Christenberry  
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY,  
Colonel, AGP,  
Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

*Robert A. Ladd*  
ROBERT A. LADD  
WOJG USA

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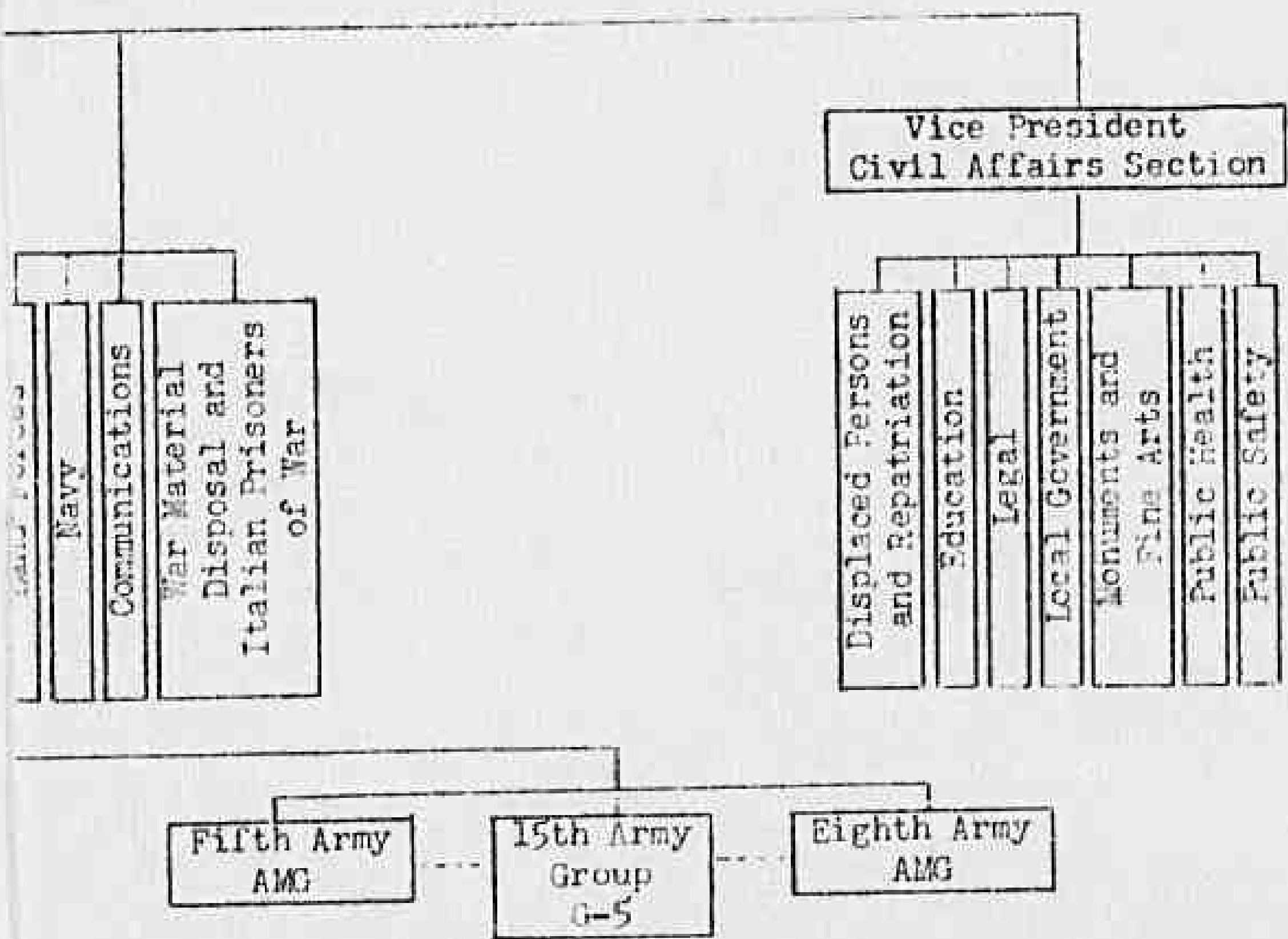
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AG 210.2/668-P

2 May 1945

SUBJECT: Promotion of Second Lieutenants and Privates.

TO : All Concerned.

1. The contents of letter, The Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., file AGPR-A 220.2 (19 Feb 45), dated 18 April 1945, Subject: Promotion of Second Lieutenants and Privates, is quoted below for the information of all concerned:

"It was intended by the provisions of Changes 5 to AR 615-5, dated 9 December 1944, and Changes 1 to Army Regulations 605-12, dated 9 December 1944, that all privates and second lieutenants, male and female, who are qualified for promotion under these regulations, be promoted promptly. The number of privates and second lieutenants appearing on casualty lists and other information received by the War Department discloses numerous individual cases where it is obvious that the provisions of above changes to Army Regulations have not been closely followed. It is desired that all commanders concerned take necessary steps to promote deserving second lieutenants and privates under provisions of above Army Regulations who are not disqualified for promotion. Promotion is particularly desired of second lieutenants and privates who are assigned to combat duty or close combat support. It is further desired that no deserving enlisted man be continued in actual combat duty in the grade of private. All commanders will give this matter their continued close attention."

2. In connection with the foregoing, reference is made to letter, this headquarters, file AG 210.2/742 A-0, subject: Change in Army Regulations, dated 9 December 1944 and to Message PX 90709, this headquarters, dated 24 January 1945 to major commands. Full compliance of all concerned is desired.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNEY:

*C. W. CHRISTENSEN*  
Colonel, AND  
Adjutant General

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
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SPECIAL ORDERS)  
NUMBER 117 )

27 April 1945

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2. By direction of the President the following officers are temporarily promoted in the Army of the United States to grades indicated, effective this date. Date of rank is date of this order unless otherwise indicated after name. These promotions unless sooner terminated, terminate automatically at the expiration of the emergency and six months thereafter, at which time the officers will revert to their permanent grade. No oath of office or acceptance is required. In accordance with the provisions of Public Law 746, 77th Congress, promotion is deemed to have been accepted as of date of this order, and under the provisions of the same law officers are entitled to receive pay and allowances of the higher grade from such date.

LT COL TO COL

ARTHUR E SUTHERLAND JR 0237530 CAC

HAMILTON T WALKER 0145820 Ord Dept

MAJ TO LT COL

OWEN ELLIOT 01000025 AGD

ARTHUR S IMELL 0234049 INF

SAMUEL M FLETCHER 0270678 Ord Dept

CAPT TO MAJ

EARL M BRADLEY 0378863 JAGD

HAROLD T MOSES 0314136 Ord Dept

JOHN J BURKHOLDER 01030127 CAV

ROBERT E O'CONNELL JR 0307321 CE

JAMES R CLAMPET 0456542 CE

JOHN W RAGSDALE 0475319 Ord Dept

HARRY J FELLHAUER 0924081 CE

GEORGE C SAKELLARIS 0378592 INF

HERBERT S LAUTERSTEIN 01583257 QMC

HENRY TAVEL 0481360 Ch

1ST LT TO CAPT

PAUL E ANDREPONT 025570 CAC

GEORGE M ROSSETTER 0468085 Ord Dept

RODERICK F GREIG 01311644 INF

MARK D SHEARER 01103403 CE

EMILTON S JOUBERT 02053915 CMP

DAVID SPIEGEL 01797034 CMP

DONALD E LATHROPE 01049547 CAC

WALTER L TANZER 01165797 FA

WILBERT J MALONEY 01294503 INF

THOMAS L L TEMPLE III 01305857 INF

JAMES E M O'HAIR 01994490 AUS

JAY R THOMAS 01576743 QMC

ROBERT F PFAFF 0436861 INF

FREDERICK E YARNELL 0914165 TC

2D LT TO 1ST LT

JOHN J EGAN 01645422 CMP

JOSEPH F JAWDY 01691565 MAC

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2D LT TO 1ST LT --continued

MERVIN L JOHNSON 01015133 INF

CAROLYN C RIFE L604693 WAC

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNEY:

OFFICIAL:

GEORGE D FENCE  
Major General, GSC  
Chief of Staff

*C. W. Christenberry*  
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY  
Colonel, AGD  
Adjutant General

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ESTABLISHMENT SECTION  
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394

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File: 210.2

21 April 1945

SUBJECT: Promotion of Officers

TO : Chief Commissioner, Headquarters, Allied Commission

1. Letter was received from the Commanding General, MTOUSA, dated 18 April 1945, concerning their policy for promotion of officers of the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. They stated that based on the current distribution of officer grades in the Theater Overhead Allotment, your officer grades should not exceed the following:

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29	61	105	162	106	69	532

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26	60	151	161	155	7	560
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3. Presently, there are three (3) recommendations for the promotion of Lieutenant Colonels to Colonels which have been forwarded to Commanding General, MTOUSA. Lieutenant Colonels Hamilton T. Walker, 0145820, Ord, and Arthur E. Sutherland, Jr., 0237530, CAC, have been forwarded; (Lieutenant Colonel Eugene R. McPhee, 0220462, Ord, had previously been recommended and his recommendation was returned with the letter but it is believed that his recommendation would be returned for consideration as it had previously been approved by the Promotion Board).

4. In reference to the vacancies for Majors to Lieutenant Colonels, four (4), a priority would be necessary as the Promotion Board had previously approved and forwarded eight (8) promotions.

5. Lieutenant Colonel Joseph D. Scholtz, 0521012, SR, has not been recommended for promotion and no recommendation is on file for action by the Promotion Board for this headquarters. Lt. Col. Scholtz was promoted to Lt. Col. on 7 October 1944. Officer is eligible for promotion under a current "MTOUSA Directive for Promotion of Officers". He ranks twenty-sixth out of sixty Lieutenant Colonels with the 2675th Regiment.

*C. M. Parkin*

C. M. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Acting Vice President,  
Establishment Section

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Col. N. E. Fiske

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Colonel, Infantry  
Acting Vice President,  
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## MEMORANDUM:

TO : Colonel Fiske

1. The last batch of recommendations for promotion have all been returned, as per attached copy of letter.

2. Colonel Dragneff submits the comparison of grade distribution between our last T/O and par 1 of the attached letter as information.

	<u>Old T/O</u>	<u>MTUSA says</u>
Colonel	-34 - 4.8%	Colonel -29 5.5%
Lt Col	-85 12.1%	Lt Col -61 11.5%
Major	-239 33.9%	Major -105 19.7%
Capt	-230 32.6%	Capt -162 30.4%
1st Lt	-89 12.6%	1st Lt -106 19.9%
2nd Lt	-28 4.0%	2nd Lt -69 13.0%

L.T. MONTANT, JR.,  
Captain, AGD  
Staff Officer.

copy to: Col Parkin  
Col Dragneff

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
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22 February 1946

SUBJECT: Promotions

TO : Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region

1. Reference is made to your letter of 25 January addressed to Brigadier M. S. Lush, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., Chief of Staff, Allied Commission, concerning the promotions of U.S. officers. The allegations which you make are of a very serious nature, reflecting on the integrity and/or administrative efficiency of senior American officers of the Commission who deal with promotions. I shall see to it that an exhaustive investigation is conducted and every conceivable effort made to ascertain the facts.

2. It appears that these allegations are six in number:

a. That promotions are manipulated in favor of officers or groups of officers who are in a good position to advocate their own promotions.

b. That practically every officer in the immediate headquarters of the 2675th Regiment has been promoted without regard for the comparative importance of his position.

c. That practically every officer in the Legal Subcommittee has been promoted.

d. That certain regions whose personnel have not been engaged in running a region have been promoted out of proportion to promotions in regions actually functioning as such.

e. That willfully, or through gross inefficiency, promotions are sidetracked because the promotion recommendations are lost at the Headquarters of the Commission.

f. That a promotion lobby exists at Headquarters Allied Commission which is operated to the disadvantage of Toscana Region, which does not have such a lobby.

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3. It is my earnest desire that all of the facts bearing on the above allegations may be adduced. I should, therefore, be grateful to you if you would provide me with factual evidence on which the allegations are based and with all pertinent supplemental information in your possession which will aid in the investigation.

4. As you are no doubt aware, recommendations for promotions of U.S. officers are passed upon by a board of officers at Headquarters of the Commission, consisting of myself and the following: Colonel Parkin, Executive Officer, U.S. and Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Colonel Chapman, Director, Public Safety Subcommission and Senior U.S. Officer at Headquarters of the Civil Affairs Section; Colonel Denmore, Chief Staff Officer, Economic Section and sometimes Acting Vice President, Economic Section. In order to set some limit to the scope of the investigation, I propose that it be confined to the period of the last five months, which is to say, from 19 September 1944, on which date I was appointed Director, Establishment Branch, in addition to other duties, to the present.

5. The officers concerned are most desirous that the investigation be full and complete and that the facts, with respect to the six allegations, be established beyond any reasonable doubt. I trust, therefore, that you will be specific and detailed in the evidence you supply and the information you furnish.

NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel  
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS  
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Office of the Regional Commissioner.  
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25 Jan. 1945.

Brigadier M. S. Lush, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.,  
Chief of Staff,  
HQ. Allied Commission.

Dear Brigadier,

1. The manner in which the promotions of American officers has been handled in HQ. AC has caused much dissatisfaction among American officers in the field. There appears to be ample reason to believe that promotions are manipulated in favor of certain officers or groups of officers who are in a good position to advocate their own promotion. First, practically every officer in the immediate headquarters of the 2875th Regiment has been promoted, regardless of the comparative importance of his position. Then, too, practically every officer in the Legal Sub-Commission has been promoted. Also certain Regions whose personnel have not been engaged in running a Region, have been promoted out of proportion to the promotions in Regions actually functioning as such.

2. As an example of an unaccountable promotion, Major (now Lt. Col.) Curry CARTER has, with the exception of a very short time, been doing duty in my Region either as an assigned or attached officer for more than six months. I have not recommended him for promotion. His work while quite satisfactory does not compare either in importance or in quality with that of at least three Heads of Divisions, and one Provincial Commissioner, in TOSCANA Region who have been recommended but not promoted. Moreover, he has not had as long a time in grade as either of the three Majors (two Heads of Divisions and one Provincial Commissioner) recommended by me for promotion.

3. One of the usual causes of sidetracking promotions is losing the recommendation in HQ. AC. This has happened several times. One must conclude that this is done either wilfully or through gross inefficiency.

4. The officers of this Region are fully occupied with their duties in the provinces and at Region Headquarters. This Region has not and cannot maintain a promotion lobby at HQ. AC. It must depend upon HQ. AC to look after its interests. This appears not to have been done.

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5. Among other promotions recommended but not acted upon are the following most deserving cases:

Capt. SAMUEL V. NOE, Regional Education Officer;  
Major JOHN W. CLARKE, Regional Finance Officer;  
Major GEORGE E. SOWERS, Regional Transportation Officer;  
Major WILLIAM E. McBRATNEY, Provincial Commissioner,  
PISTOIA Province.

6. It is respectfully requested that all recommendations for promotion of American officers submitted from TOSCANA Region be given the consideration merited by the importance of the position occupied, manner of performance, and length of service in grade. Moreover, it is especially requested that the recommendations made for the promotion of Heads of Divisions and Provincial Commissioners be given prompt and favorable consideration.

s/ Robert G. Kirkwood  
ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD,  
Colonel, FA, US Army  
Regional Commissioner

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TOSCANA REGION  
Recommendations & Promotions  
since 1 October 44

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as 15 Feb 1945

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Capt John G. ANDREWS (recommended 9 June)  
Capt Frank J. CHIARA (recommended 10 Nov)  
Capt Robert M. HILL (recommended 15 Sep)  
Capt H. J. ROSSON (recommended 10 Sep)

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Major John W. CLARKE (recommended 30 Nov & 19 Jan)  
Major W. E. McBRATNEY (recommended 9 Jan)  
Capt, Samuel V. NOE (recommended 18 Oct)  
Capt A. F. Guidette (recommended 18 Dec)

CONSIDERED BUT HELD FOR NEXT MEETING . . . . . 4

Major R. M. WOODWARD (recommended 4 Feb)  
Major G. B. SOWERS (recommended 30 Nov)  
Capt M. H. SIROTA (recommended 18 Jan)  
Capt A. W. MacDOUGALL (recommended 30 Nov)

TO COME BEFORE NEXT BOARD . . . . . 2

1st Lt G. E. CARLSON (recommended 27 Nov)  
1st Lt J. J. GUARINI (recommended 26 Jan)

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List of officers whose names appear in  
Promotion Board folder as having been  
recommended for promotion prior to 15  
February 1945.

NAME	RECOMMENDED BY
Major Charles J. Birt	Director, Education S/c Brig Parkinson & Col Marshall
Major John W. Clarke	Col Kirkwood
Major William E. McBratney	Col Kirkwood
Major Max A. Matthews	Col Koenig & Brig Carr
Major E. L. Palmieri	Col Wilmer
Major Charles H. Phelps	Col Findlay
Major Paul D. Shriver	Lt Col Ames
Major George B. Sowers X	Col Kirkwood
Major Carleton W. Washburne	Col Chapman
Captain Frank Di Giacomo	Lt Col Ames
Captain Henry E. Hudson	Col Findlay
Captain Paul L. Johnson	Col Marshall
Captain James Keim	Lt Col Ames
Captain Dean Keller	General Hume
Capt Maurice F. Neufeld	Lt Col Ames & Col Poletti
Captain Sam V. Noe	Director, Education S/c & Col Kirkwood
Captain Ward J. Cates	Col Findlay
Captain Willis E. Pratt	Director, Education S/c
Captain Edward E. Silveira	Col Griffin



Major Max A. Matthews  
 Major E. L. Palmieri  
 Major Charles H. Phelps  
 Major Paul D. Shriver  
 Major George B. Sowers X  
 Major Carleton W. Washburne  
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 Captain Dean Keller  
 Capt Maurice F. Neufeld  
 Captain Sam V. Noe  
 Captain Ward J. Oates  
 Captain Willis E. Pratt  
 Captain Edward E. Silveira  
 1st Lt Edmund W. Nash, Jr.  
 WOJG Joseph Galluzzo

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Col Koenig & Brig Carr  
 Col Wilmer  
 Col Findlay  
 Lt Col Ames  
 Col Kirkwood  
 Col Chapman  
 Lt Col Ames  
 Col Findlay  
 Col Marshall  
 Lt Col Ames  
 General Hume  
 Lt Col Ames & Col Poletti  
 Director, Education S/c &  
 Col Kirkwood  
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 Col Griffin  
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 Lt Col Ames

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE (US)  
APO 394

CMP/jp  
13 February 1945.

Colonel Robert G. Kirkwood,  
Regional Commissioner,  
Toscana Region,  
Allied Commission,  
APO 394, US Army.

Dear Colonel Kirkwood:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 7 February 1945, addressed to Colonel Piske, (who is now sick in quarters), relative to recommendations for the promotion of Major Clarke, Major Sowers and Captain Noe.

I assure you that the above recommendations, together with the one previously submitted for Major McBratney, will be presented at the next meeting of the Promotion Board, and will receive every consideration.

C.M. PARKIN,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Executive Officer (US).

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# HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

## ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

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Date *V. J. 1944*

FROM

TO

Deputy Chief of Staff

→ Staff Officer

Executive Officer (A) ←

Executive Officer (B)

G-1 (A)

G-1 (B)

G-4 (A)

G-4 (B)

Headquarters Commandant

Adjutant

FOR:

Draft of reply for signature of  
Please see/telephone me about this  
Investigation and report

Answer

Signature

Approval/Disapproval

Your Information and return

Your File

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HEADQUARTERS  
TOSCANA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
Office of the Regional Commissioner.  
-----cOo-----

DO.

7th February, 45.

Colonel Norman E. Fiske,  
Deputy Chief of Staff,  
Establishment Section,  
HQ. Allied Commission.

Dear Fiske,

I am sending herewith three recommendations for promotion which were not acted upon last time. I am not submitting an additional recommendation for Major William E. McBRATNEY because I feel the one previously submitted for him fully covers his case.

In the case of the three officers for whom I am re-submitting recommendations for promotion, I have amplified the additional remarks and have been more specific as to their duties and accomplishments.

These recommendations are being forwarded to you in accordance with our conversation on your recent visit. They are most deserving cases, and I will appreciate anything you can do to expedite action upon them.

Yours truly,

*Robert G. Kirkwood*  
ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD,  
Colonel, FA, US Army  
Regional Commissioner.

Encls:

Recommendations - Maj. Clarke  
Maj. Sowers  
Capt. Noe.

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HEADQUARTERS  
PIEMONTE REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

24 January 1945

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SUBJECT : Promotions - U.S. Officers  
TO : Col. Norman E. Fiske, DCOS, Hq. Allied Commission

1. In connection with the promotion of Major Charles J. Birt, CMP, 0511433, to the grade of Lt. Colonel, previously recommended by Col. C.L. Temparley and subsequently by the undersigned, the following information is submitted:

Major Birt is a graduate of the School of Military Government and has served in AMG in this theatre since September 1943. He has served continuously in the field since the early stages of the Italian campaign in Naples, Foggia, Abruzzi and, currently, as Regional Welfare Officer, Piemonte Region. In all his duties he has exhibited marked ability, energy and resourcefulness and has contributed greatly to the reduction of disease, unrest and disaffection, thus providing direct assistance to combat forces in the forward areas. His manner of performance of duties earned him Superior ratings in Foggia and Abruzzi, both of which areas involved special problems and difficulties.

2. It is believed that Major Birt has clearly and repeatedly demonstrated his fitness and qualifications for promotion to the grade of Lt. Colonel.

*Robert P. Marshall*

ROBERT P. MARSHALL  
Colonel FA  
Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION  
APO 394  
TEL. 500

24 January 1945

Dear Col. Parkin,

As you were so kind to interest yourself in Captain, now Major Savage, I should be grateful if you would let me have some information on Major Charles J. Birt (A) CMP 0511433, Welfare Officer, Piemonte Region. He tells me that he has now approximately 25 months service in the grade of Major, having joined up in December 1912. In May 1944 his name was put forward by Col. Tesperley, the then Provincial Commissioner of Puglia, and a second time by Col. R. P. Marshall, the then Regional Commissioner of Abruzzi-Marche Region and now Regional Commissioner of Piemonte Region. Both officers have reported very favourably on Major Birt's work and he appears to me to be a capable officer as in addition to his welfare work he also acted as Education Officer in Abruzzi-Marche Region. He came in to see me yesterday to try and find out what was the position and whether his papers had gone forward or if the application had been turned down.

I am most grateful for the interest you displayed in the case of Major Savage, and his promotion has been a most popular one.

Yours sincerely,

*G. S. Parkinson*

Col. G. A. Parkin,  
Establishments Section, HQ, A.C.

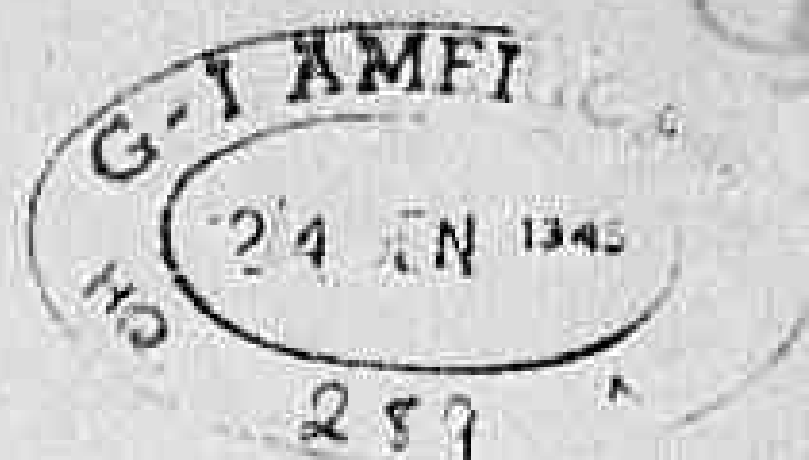
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INFORMAL ROUTING

HEADQUARTERS  
2678TH REGIMENT  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
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APO 394



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1	Ex O <del>PS</del> MS	G I A	1/24/ 45	For remark C M P
2	G-1A	G.O. H.S.	1/24/ 45	O concerned was passed over by board. His recommendation will be re-considered when the board meets again Weller

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE (US)  
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CMP/jp  
25 January 1945.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Brigadier, G.S. PARKINSON, Director, Public Health Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

1. Reference your letter dated 24 January 1945, relative to the promotion of Major Charles J. Birt.
2. I have taken the matter up with G-1 American, and this officer will be given every consideration at the next meeting of the Promotion Board.
3. Thank you very much for your interest shown on behalf of this officer in my regiment.

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C.M. PARKIN,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Executive Officer (US).

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HEADQUARTERS  
2675TH REGIMENT  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
(OVERHEAD)  
APO 394

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23 January 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Colonel C. M. Parkin.

1. Reference the basic communication, it should be remembered by Colonel Jenny that promotions are in the channels of command and that the processing of promotions as laid down in ACC Establishment Memorandum No. 10, dated 25 March 1944, clearly defines the steps which are to be taken. I see no reason why this should be changed and concur heartily in the 1st Indorsement of the Economic Section.
2. Your attention is invited to Par. 2 in the basic communication wherein Colonel Jenny in effect is criticizing the highest American authority in the Allied Commission when he censures the promotion of two lieutenant colonels. It seems to me to be quite out of place for a subordinate officer to criticize the integrity and the judgment of his superiors when it is obvious that the Promotion Board of the Allied Commission is not influenced by personal considerations.
3. Reference Par. 5, I most emphatically disagree with the recommendation that ratings, i.e. efficiency reports, be made out by the heads of sub-commissions for those in the regions. The Regional Commissioner or his Executive must be regarded as being in the same category as a Battalion Commander. Colonel Jenny's position is that of a Staff Officer. The reports from the regions by officers who are in intimate daily contact with their subordinates are far more precise than they would be if rendered by a remote headquarters. Furthermore, imagine the delay in the rendition of efficiency reports if they would have to be siphoned through the various Sub-Commissions!
4. Reference Par. 6, again this is a most flagrant criticism of higher authority in its promotion policy. Colonel Jenny says: "We do not think he was entitled to a promotion and cannot understand on what basis the recommendation for promotion was made." If the plural personal pronoun in reality means Colonel Jenny, why doesn't he so state? If he would make inquiry, he could find out or be told the basis for the recommendation for the promotion.
5. I think it's about time Colonel Jenny realized that there is a higher authority in this headquarters than the Director of the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission.

R. T. Uhler  
Lt Col. AGD  
Executive Officer

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**HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION**  
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Date *16 Jan 45*

FROM

TO

Deputy Chief of Staff

→ Staff Officer

Executive Officer *(US)* ←

Executive Officer (B)

G-1 (A)

G-1 (B)

G-4 (A)

G-4 (B)

Headquarters Commandant

Adjutant

FOR: *Comment, please:*

Draft of reply for signature of  
Please see/telephone me about this  
Investigation and report  
Answer  
Signature  
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Your Information and return  
Your File

*A. H. H. H. H. H.*



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Ref: 2nd/ES

Economic Section, Hq, Allied Commission.

15 January 1945

TO: Chief Commissioner through Establishment Section and  
Chief of Staff.

1. Recommendation of Director, Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission not concurred in by Economic Section.
2. It is considered that officers assigned to Regions should in fact be under the command of the Regional Commissioner for all purposes except certain technical instructions from the Sub-Commissions and that centralization with respect to promotion recommendations will undermine the position of the Regional Commissioner. Suggested change would violate the basic principle of a command function, that is, recommendations for promotions of officers.
3. It is submitted that if contacts between regional Commissioners and Directors of Sub-Commissions are frequent and working relations on a 100% cooperative basis the situation complained of would not present itself.

*L. D. Densmore*L. D. DENSMORE  
Colonel, F A  
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff  
Economic Section

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Tel. 489081  
Ext. 320

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Inter Office Memo.

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REFERENCE: 131/PWU. 11 Jan. 45  
SUBJECT : Promotion Procedure of  
Regional Officers.  
TO : Chief Commissioner (through Economic  
Section)  
FROM : P.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

1. As suggested by you at our conference on the evening of 10th of Jan. 1945, I wish to submit the following recommendation:

Promotion recommendation of Technical Regional Officers should be approved by the respective Sub-Commissions before action is taken by A.C.

2. On several occasions in the past recommendations were made by Regional Commissioners to promote Regional Engineers without the knowledge of Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission. Recently an extremely embarrassing situation has arisen when two Regional Engineers, Lieutenant-Colonels, were promoted to Colonels without the knowledge or approval of this Sub-Commission and at a time when the promotion of the Director of the Sub-Commission still was pending.

3. It is recommended that a procedure be set up whereby all recommendations for promotion of Technical Officers in the various Regions, when they arrive at this Headquarters, be automatically referred to the appropriate Sub-Commission for concurrence before action is taken at this Headquarters. Likewise, if the Sub-Commission recommends one of its Regional Officers for promotion, such recommendation should be submitted to the Regional Commissioner for concurrence before action is taken.

4. We believe that we are in a far better position to judge the merits of the services of our Technical Officers in the field than is the Regional Commissioner.

5. It is also recommended that the rating given to

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Regional Engineer Officers be submitted to this Headquarters for concurrence, or modification if we do not agree.

6. We are particularly perturbed about the promotion of one of the Lieut-Colonels who, in our opinion, should not have been promoted. In the first place he has not been doing any active work for many months, being assigned to an inactive Region. Furthermore, we do not think he was entitled to a promotion and cannot understand on what basis the recommendation for promotion was made. The principal point in his favor was "time in grade".

Difficulty in transferring Engineers  
from one Region to another.

7. It is our responsibility to assign Regional Engineers to forward regions when required. Since we are short of officers, it is necessary to draw upon rear regions and in many cases to handicap those regions to some extent by assigning what we consider the best available officer at the time the request is made. Very frequently we find Regional Commissioners objecting to the transfer and the officer is not transferred with the result that the forward region does not get the personnel required. This, too, needs correction and Regional Commissioners of rear regions should be given to understand that forward active regions have first call on officers when they are urgently needed.

  
L.A. JENNY,  
Lt-Colonel, C.E.,  
Director.

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cc: Col. Fiske  
Col. Parkin  
Col. Chapman

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
ECONOMIC SECTION

LDB/es

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13 February 1945

Dear Colonel:

*Polletti*

As I stated to you the other day the American Promotion Board has not passed any recommendations from the grade of captain to major since your original talk with me prior to your trip home. It is true that a number of promotions have been made but these all had been pending at AFHQ for a considerable length of time. With respect to Captain Neufeld, recommendation ~~for~~ his promotion should be before our Board at the next meeting.

There are two or three items with respect to the Captain which I think you should know. There are approximately 109 other American captains in the AC/AMG organization who are senior to Neufeld in point of length of service as captain. Neufeld was promoted to grade of captain on 30 September 43. He, therefore, has less than 17 months in grade and with 109 captains having more time in grade, I suspect the Board will insist on having a good reason why this officer should be preferred to the senior captains.

Another point is that AFHQ recently returned a number of recommendations on the ground that the position which the officer occupied did not justify the grade for which he was recommended. A recent compilation of officers assigned to Lombardia Region carries Captain Neufeld as Personal Assistant to the Regional Commissioner. While I have no idea what his position is as shown on the recommendation, I am of the opinion that MTOUSA will never agree to the promotion to the grade of major on position of Personal Assistant to a Regional Commission.

I understand that the captain's recommendation will be before the Board at its next meeting, at which time we will be informed as to how many recommendations for the grade of major can be sent forward. I am sure that the Board will give Neufeld proper consideration along with some 30 to 40 other captains who have been recommended all of whom are senior to Neufeld. You can rest assured that I will not permit his recommendation to be overlooked.

Sincerely yours,

*LDB*

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Col. Charles Poletti  
Regional Commissioner  
Lazio-Umbria Region

L. D. DENSMORE  
Colonel, F A  
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff  
Economic Section

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

HEADQUARTERS  
Allied Military Government  
Lazio-Umbria Region  
APO 334

(17)

22 January 1945

Colonel C.M. PARKIN  
Executive Officer (US)  
Headquarters Allied Commission.

Sir:

In my recent communication to you of 20 January 1945,  
in which I requested consideration for the promotion of several  
officers, inadvertently one name was left out, that of Capt. W.B.  
Neuburg.

Will you please also give this officer consideration when  
next your Promotion Board meets?

*John D. Ames*  
JOHN D. AMES  
Lt Colonel,  
Acting Regional Commissioner

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*Capt W.B. Neuburg*

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE (US)  
APO 394

GMP/jp  
20 January 1945.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Lt Col JOHN D. AMES, Actg Regional Commissioner,  
Lazio-Umbria Region, Allied Commission, APO 394,  
US Army.

1. This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of  
20 January, relative to the promotion of several officers.

2. The officers mentioned therein, will be given  
every consideration at the next meeting of the Promotion  
Board.

C.M. PARKIN,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Executive Officer (US).

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
LAZIO-UMERIA REGION  
APO 394

20 January 1945

Colonel PARKIN  
Headquarters, Allied Commission

Sir:

In reference to our conversation of yesterday in regard to the promotion of certain officers who have done outstanding work and who have had adequate time and grade, but who unfortunately have fallen into a category of not being eligible for promotion at the moment, I submit the following three names: Major Paul Shriver, Capt. James Heim, Capt. Frank Di Giacomo.

There are two other officers of this Headquarters, whose papers are in for promotion, who have done outstanding work. They are Capt. Maurice Neufeld and W/O. Galluzzo.

These five men are the only ones left in this Region at this time who deserve and merit promotion.

Your consideration is earnestly requested.

*John D. Ames*  
JOHN D. AMES  
Lt Colonel, AGD  
Acting Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

(14)  
Tel : 489081 - 686  
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12 January, 1945.

AC/14004/3/1/PS

SUBJECT : Promotion of Lt. Col. William R. Cohen,  
Inf., O-232302

TO : Acting President, Promotions Board,  
2675 Reg't.

1. The Vice President, Civil Affairs Section and the Deputy Director of the Legal Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, have requested me to obtain information concerning the recommendation for promotion of the above mentioned officer particularly as to who made the recommendation.

2. May such information be furnished to me for passing on to the Vice President and Deputy Director ?

*John W. Chapman*

JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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Give me the backing  
on this promotion  
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Promotion recommendation

Was signed by L.T. Col. Latimer  
SR US in Region

Cohen was 4<sup>th</sup> ranking Major in AC

Passed board in regular  
manner.

Advised Col Chapman to  
give them info & no  
more

CMT

Promotion N 54150

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**HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION**  
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

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Date 23 Jan

FROM

TO

Deputy Chief of Staff

→ Staff Officer

Executive Officer (AS) <

Executive Officer (B)

G-1 (A)

G-1 (B)

G-4 (A)

G-4 (B)

Headquarters Commandant

Adjutant

FOR:

See Col. Fiske's  
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*Col. Fiske*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel. Ext. : 525

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Ref: 1/L.B/AS

20 Jan 45.

SUBJECT: Promotions - Lt. Col. Cohen.

TO: Establishment Section.  
(Attn.: Col. N.E. Fiske.)

- 1 You may take, as I do, a serious view of the facts disclosed in the attached Memorandum from Legal Sub-Commission.
- 2 It is known as a fact that Col. Marshall would not have approved the promotion, nor would his successor (Col. French) had they been consulted. Furthermore it seems most unfortunate that neither Col. Wilmer (who it is known would not have approved the appointment when he was Chief Legal Adviser) nor Lt. Col. Grossman, who is now senior U.S. Officer in the Legal Sub-Commission were consulted before the recommendation was forwarded to MFOUSA.

*G. R. Upjohn*

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.,  
VP CA Section,  
DOOS.

Copy to: Legal Sub-Commission. (Your AC/1066/L of 19 Jan 45 refers).

*Col. Parton - let's go fully into this -*

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INFORMAL ROUTING

HEADQUARTERS  
2675TH REGIMENT  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
(OVERSEAS)  
APO 394

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1	Col Parker	G 1 A	1/24/45	1. Give me brief facts  2. How can we avoid future promotions of this nature? C.M.P.
2.	G-1 A	Col. Parker	25 Jan	Col. Behrens' letter is correct as in Par. 1. This promotion was around quite awhile. After considerable discussion it was finally passed by the board - Col. Chapman concurring when it was discussed that Cohen had 25 yf. 4 Exp. e/V S on his record as Major as well as being the 4th ranking major in the Regt. (2) I believe that Ret. Mtn #10 is sound. The promotion board represented by the V.P. is of the C should be competent

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

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19 January 1945

AC/4066/L.

SUBJECT : Promotions, Officers - Lt Col COHEN.

TO : VP. CA Sec.

19 JAN 1945

1. Regional Commissioner, ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region, has discovered that the recommendation for the promotion of Lt. Col. COHEN was signed by Lt. Col. LATIMER, dated June 1944 and forwarded to this Hq in October 1944.

2. Lt Col LATIMER was, in both June and October 1944, the Regional Public Works Officer. In June 1944 he was not in any sense ~~the~~ senior American officer in the region since there was an American Regional Commissioner, either Colonel WHITLEY or Colonel MARSHALL.

3. In October 1944 it is possible that Lt Col LATIMER was, so far as grade is concerned, the senior American officer in the region. Even so it seems undesirable for a specialist officer in that capacity to recommend for promotion a specialist officer in another branch without consulting either the Regional Commissioner or the Executive Officer.

4. No inquiry was ever addressed to this sub-commission on the subject of promotion.

5. It might be desirable to bring these facts to the notice of the relevant authorities so that they may prevent a recurrence of the present unsatisfactory situation.

*W. E. Behrens*  
W. E. BEHRENS,  
Colonel,  
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

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RANK	NAME	DATE OF RANK	COMPANY
Lt Col to Col	Clarence P. Bolick	07 01 45	R
Lt Col to Col	Alfred C. Bowman	17 01 45	I
Lt Col to Col	Louis A. Jenny	17 01 45	HQ
Maj to Lt Col	William R. Cohen	07 01 45	E
Maj to Lt Col	Hannibal M. Fiore	07 01 45	S
Maj to Lt Col	Marion J. Fitzgerald	07 01 45	C
Maj to Lt Col	Hilton Harris	07 01 45	R
Maj to Lt Col	William H. Levit	07 01 45	I
Maj to Lt Col	George E. Monk	07 01 45	S
Maj to Lt Col	Paul Revere	07 01 45	C
Maj to Lt Col	Howard K. Seith	07 01 45	HQ
Maj to Lt Col	Lendon Snedeker	07 01 45	I
Maj to Lt Col	William M. Spann	07 01 45	I
Maj to Lt Col	William F. Waugh	07 01 45	R
Maj to Lt Col	Jesse E. Cantor	17 01 45	N
Maj to Lt Col	Curry Carter	17 01 45	S
Maj to Lt Col	Nicholas W. Dragneff	17 01 45	HQ
Maj to Lt Col	Robert C. Hendrickson	17 01 45	D
Maj to Lt Col	Raymond Kenny	17 01 45	M
Maj to Lt Col	Edward C. King	17 01 45	HQ
Maj to Lt Col	Henry P. Kucera	17 01 45	I
Maj to Lt Col	John McSweeney	17 01 45	HQ
Maj to Lt Col	Jack M. Rorimar	17 01 45	HQ

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Maj to Lt Col	Milton Harris		R
Maj to Lt Col	William H. Levitt	07 01 45	I
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Maj to Lt Col	Paul Revere	07 01 45	C
Maj to Lt Col	Howard K. Seith	07 01 45	HQ
Maj to Lt Col	Lendon Snedeker	07 01 45	I
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Maj to Lt Col	Henry P. Kucera	17 01 45	I
Maj to Lt Col	John McSweeney	17 01 45	HQ
Maj to Lt Col	Jack M. Rorimer	17 01 45	HQ
Capt to Maj	John W. Ballew	25 12 44	M 4146
Capt to Maj	Donald M. Gaither	25 12 44	G
Capt To Maj	Pertram M. Goldsmith	25 12 44	G
Capt to Maj	James E. Long	25 12 44	G



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Capt to Maj	Andrew J. Malatesta	25 12 44	M
Capt to Maj	Francis P. Pallotti	25 12 44	M
Capt to Maj	Thomas M. Whalen	25 12 44	M
Capt to Maj	John G. Andrews	07 01 45	H
Capt to Maj	Felix J. Aulisi	07 01 45	M
Capt to Maj	Allan S. Austin	07 01 45	R
Capt to Maj	Ferdinand C. Bader	07 01 45	R
Capt to Maj	Harry B. Bradbury	07 01 45	I
Capt to Maj	John A. Bridgeman	07 01 45	C
Capt to Maj	Cardiner Bump	07 01 45	I
Capt to Maj	Julius Byles	07 01 45	R
Capt to Maj	Frank J. Chiara	07 01 45	H
Capt to Maj	Feusto Ciulini	07 01 45	G
Capt to Maj	James R. K. Cowan	07 01 45	D
Capt to Maj	Louis L. Cox	07 01 45	I
Capt to Maj	Harry M. Downer	07 01 45	HQ
Capt to Maj	Duane D. Freese	07 01 45	I
Capt to Maj	Sam B. Gilreath	07 01 45	D
Capt to Maj	Abraham E. Gold	07 01 45	C
Capt to Maj	Frank A. Gulotta	07 01 45	D
Capt to Maj	Robert Mc Hill	07 01 45	R
Capt to Maj	Francis F. Hoelscher	07 01 45	M
Capt to Maj	James E. Hughes	07 01 45	R
Capt to Maj	David H. Kennemer Jr.	07 01 45	G
Capt to Maj	Ewing T. Kerr	07 01 45	C
Capt to Maj	Robert H. Klein	07 01 45	HQ

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Capt to Maj	Julius Byles	07 01 45	R
Capt to Maj	Frank J. Chiara	07 01 45	H
Capt to Maj	Fausto Ciulini	07 01 45	G
Capt to Maj	James R. K. Cowan	07 01 45	D
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Capt to Maj	James E. Hughes	07 01 45	R
Capt to Maj	David H. Kennemer Jr.	07 01 45	G
Capt to Maj	Ewing T. Kerr	07 01 45	C
Capt to Maj	Robert H. Klein	07 01 45	HQ
Capt to Maj	George W. Kreidler	07 01 45	S
Capt to Maj	Salvatore LaRosa	07 01 45	C
Capt to Maj	Louis W. Laughlin	07 01 45	HQ
Capt to Maj	Allan T. S. Lockwood	07 01 45	E
Capt to Maj	Charles M. Long	07 02 45	HQ
Capt to Maj	John W. Lummus	07 01 45	I
Capt to Maj	Daniel J. Mahoney	07 01 45	E
Capt to Maj	Otis H. Mathis	07 01 45	S
Capt to Maj	Peter J. Matson	07 01 45	HQ
Capt to Maj	Thomas B. McNary	07 01 45	R

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Capt to Maj	Wendell E. Phillips	01 45	D
Capt to Maj	Arthur E. Reede	07 01 45	HQ
Capt to Maj	William C. Reynolds	07 01 45	D
Capt to Maj	John A. Robb	07 01 45	S
Capt to Maj	Donald A. Rogers	07 01 45	C
Capt to Maj	Hartwell J. Rosson	07 01 45	H
Capt to Maj	Joseph L. C. Ruiss	07 01 45	M
Capt to Maj	Ralph A. Ryan	07 01 45	C
Capt to Maj	Raymond W. Saunders	07 01 45	S
Capt to Maj	Paul S. Savage	07 01 45	HQ
Capt to Maj	John B. Scott	07 01 45	D
Capt to Maj	Edward E. Smith	07 01 45	H
Capt to Maj	Ruthven K. Smith	07 01 45	M
Capt to Maj	Ralph R. Temple	07 01 45	HQ
Capt to Maj	Edmond A. Turner	07 01 45	I
Capt to Maj	Clyde A. Warren	07 01 45	H
Capt to Maj	Harry D. Weaver	07 01 45	HQ
1st Lt to Capt	George W. Barnes III	17 01 45	I
1st Lt to Capt	Albert L. Bernard	17 01 45	M
1st Lt to Capt	Truman G. Holladay	17 01 45	E
1st Lt to Capt	Louis T. Montant, Jr.	17 01 45	HQ
1st Lt to Capt	Thomas E. Wintersteen	17 01 45	I
2nd Lt to 1st Lt	Victor D. Abrunzo	17 01 45	G
2nd Lt to 1st Lt	Harold T. Coker	17 01 45	M

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1st Lt to Capt	Louis T. Montant, Jr.	17 01 45	HQ
1st Lt to Capt	Thomas E. Wintersteen	17 01 45	I
2nd Lt to 1st Lt	Victor D. Abruzzo	17 01 45	G
2nd Lt to 1st Lt	Harold T. Coker	17 01 45	M
2nd Lt to 1st Lt	John G. Davis	17 01 45	R
2nd Lt to 1st Lt	Demetrius J. Demetropoulos	17 01 45	HQ
2nd Lt to 1st Lt	Pasquale D'Erasmo	17 01 45	N
2nd Lt to 1st Lt	Gerald Diamant	17 01 45	I
2nd Lt to 1st Lt	Santo A. Giampapa	17 01 45	G
2nd Lt to 1st Lt	Daniel W. Hawkins	17 01 45	I
2nd Lt to 1st Lt	John J. Lynch	17 01 45	R
2nd Lt to 1st Lt	Marshall A. Miller	17 01 45	HQ
2nd Lt to 1st Lt	Erich R. Sacken	17 01 45	I
2nd Lt to 1st Lt	Michael Tor	17 01 45	HQ
2nd Lt to 1st Lt	John A. Van Eerde	17 01 45	N

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Lead bullet of Spencer's stay on Dec. 2, '77

Since

Colonel	3
Lt Col	20
Major	57
Captain	5
1st Lt	<u>12</u>
Total	98

Interesting Statistics.



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HEADQUARTERS  
2675TH REGIMENT  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
(OVERHEAD)  
APO 394

RTU/tam

10 November 1944

My dear Colonel Laboon:

I was very glad to receive your letter of the 1st of November asking the procedure in regard to recommendation for promotion.

I scrutinized your WD AGO Form 66-1 and found that from the 12th of May to the 30th of June, this year, you were given an "excellent" rating.

The proper procedure for your promotion would be for you to have your present immediate superior submit a recommendation to Headquarters, Allied Commission, for consideration by the promotion board.

At the present time we are extremely short of vacancies in the grade of Colonel due to the Theater policy which will only permit us to promote to 25% of our vacancies.

With kindest personal regards,

G. M. PARKIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

*No paper  
Austin deal*

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HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
PROVINCE OF LIVORNO  
TOSCANA REGION

1 Nov. 1944

Dear Col. Parker: Will you please advise me about promotions? The last time I was up that I know of was in May this year when my former Chief, Lt. Col. Jimmy was up. He couldn't get his because of insufficient time in rank and therefore traced me for a loss because I was by accident under his direction.

Since I have gotten out from under the PW & U. Sub - Comm. I have worked under Col. Whiteley and Col. Kirkwood, both of whom I believe would recommend me. Col. Whiteley told me so before he left for leave.

I have been in Grade 21 months and although Lt. Col. Jimmy gave me only a 15

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I have been in Grade 21 months and although Lt. Col. Jimmy gave me only a VS when I left him against his will, I did give me an E at the end of last year. This VS, I understand may have something to do with it.

Would appreciate your advice as to what steps I might take if any in the desired direction.

Sincerely, John F. Harboon



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MINISTERO DELLE CORPORAZIONI

12/13/44

Memorandum per

~~G + A~~

~~For remark~~

To Col. Parkin: CMP

The papers in this case were  
presented to the board at  
their last meeting. The officer's  
papers were NOT passed by  
the board.

Under  
papers  
H. Ministro

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION  
TEL: 478604

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15 December 1944

SUBJECT: Promotion - Officer

TO : Deputy Chief of Staff,  
Establishment Section  
HQ Allied Commission.

1. A very strong recommendation has been received from the Chief of the Property Control Division regarding the promotion of Major Paul Doyle Shriver, O-520149, Spec. Res., at present assigned to HQ Lazio-Umbria Region. It is understood that the necessary forms have been submitted to HQ 2675th Regt., and that this officer has been in grade as a Major longer than the required time.

2. The Joint Directors of the Finance Sub-Commission endorse the high opinion of Major Shriver's work which is held by the Chief of the Property Control Division, and consider that every consideration should be given to his recommendation for promotion.

*for BCC*  
Joint Director, *major*  
Finance Sub-Commission.

Copy to: G-1 (A)  
Chief, Property Control Division.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394  
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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1/43/AS

20 Sep 44

SUBJECT : Promotion Board.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

1 In continuation of my 1/43/AS of 7 Sep. I have considered further the views expressed by Economic Sec in their 25/37 of 15 Sep.

2 I concur with the views therein expressed and am of opinion that Admin and Econ Sections should be directly represented on the promotion board and therefore desire to recommend the appointment of :

Col. R.M. CRIPPS to the promotion board dealing with the British Officers and Col. R.H. WILMER to that dealing with American Officers.

3 I shall be glad to hear that these appointments will be made.

Ext : 525

SPW/1a

Deos. Est.

G. R. Lyster

G.R. LLOYD Brig.,  
V.P. Admin Sec.

I agree

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Col. Lamer

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
ECONOMIC SECTION  
APO 394

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ES/37

18 September 1944


SUBJECT: Promotions

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Further to our communication ES/37 of 15 Sep 44 and your comment thereon, please be advised of the following action.

2. The Senior American and British Officers nominated by the Economic Section to serve as members respectively of the American and British promotion boards are for the American Promotion Board, Colonel L. D. Denmore, C.S.O., Economic Section; for the British Promotion Board, Colonel Grafftey Smith, Joint Director, Finance Sub-Commission.

3. Your concurrence in this action is appreciated.

  
A. G. ANTOLINI

Acting Head

Economic Section

Copy to: Administrative Section

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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17 Sep 44

SUBJECT : Promotions Officers

TO : Executive Commissioner ✓

- 1 I refer to letter ES/37 dated 18 Sep 44, addressed to you by Econ Sec. I entirely agree with the statements made in paras 2 & 3 thereof. To my own knowledge 2 legal officers "fell between two stools" owing to transfer from one Region to another at a vital moment. At the same time it is only fair to say that G 1 has kept in close touch with Sub-Commissions in the Admin Sec over the relative merits of specialist officers in the field.
- 2 I think the perfectly justifiable complaints of Econ Sec would be met if Directors of Sub-Commissions were permitted to put in recommendations for promotions in cases even of specialist personnel assigned to Armies or Regions where they are satisfied that a man should be promoted but might be passed over for one reason or another (eg. transfer from one Region to another at short intervals so that the Regional Commissioner has not sufficient data to go on) and the Director is satisfied that an injustice would be done by a recommendation not being put in.

*G. R. Upjohn*  
G. R. UPJOHN Brig,  
VP Admin Sec

Copy to Econ Sec.

Ext 525  
GRU/gc

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3/10 Col Patton - I have  
no objection. But what  
brought this up?

First I have heard of it. I must  
be the Br letter. ES/37 started  
it. Think the board should  
be appointed by you C.M.P.

3/10. Please let me see

ES/37 15 Sept 44  
from ComSec to Ev Com -

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION  
APO 394

Phone 478183

NEF/mrd

5 October 1944

Ref/10/Est

Memo:

To : Colonel Densmore, Economic Section

Reference ES/37 of 15 September 1944.

General O'Dwyer was consulted on all American promotions made on specialist officers in the Economic Section. General O'Dwyer said that he did not himself want to serve on the Promotion Board, but I shall be very happy to have you as a member and shall issue orders to that effect. Also Colonel Grafftey-Smith on the British side.

NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel  
Deputy Chief of Staff

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