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HEADQUARTERS
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION
(OVERHEAD)
APO 394

2 January 1945.

Lt Col Alfred C. Bowman,
Regional Commissioner,
Emilia Region,
Allied Commission,
APO 394, US Army.

Dear Colonel Bowman:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated
28 December 1944, Subject: "Company Administration",
Reference: RIX/RO.

I am holding this letter in abeyance until
such time that it is convenient for you to come in
to see me in my office, when we may be able to go
over the disposition of the administrative matters,
personally.

Yours truly,

C.M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding.

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*All points agreed to
by Parkin & Bowman
1-15-45 C.M.P.*

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

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28 December 1944

SUBJECT: Company Administration.

TO : Col. C.M. Parkin,
Commanding Officer, 2675th Regt., A.C.

1. Recently the following administrative matters have been handled, and more or less completely disposed of, without any notice to me:

a. The involuntary declaration as surplus of the Provincial Commissioner of my most important province (later discovered to be an error);

b. The declaration as surplus of one of my medical officers on his voluntary application; *Prof. Finner (British) 1944*

c. Reclassification for general service of 13 enlisted men by a lieutenant colonel who stated he was from A.F.H.Q. but refused to call on me even on the Company Commander's invitation.

d. Preparation of "History of Company I" which it seems to me can have little significance unless related in some way to the mission of the Region. *Required by War Dept Reg.*

2. As a commander of troops of many years experience, I am sure you will agree that I must be vitally interested in each of these matters. On each of them I have pronounced ideas which I had no opportunity to express due to the policy underlying the administration of the 2675th Regiment which regards the "Company Commander" as the commanding officer of all of the American personnel of the Region.

3. In fairness to the Company Commander himself and to the many officers very senior to him who under this theory nevertheless come under his "command" I think this situation should be clarified. It must be clearly understood that if the continuance of this policy is deemed necessary for efficient administration I shall, of course, go along with it as best I can. I do want to suggest, however, that you consider whether the time may not now

be ripe to make some modifications.

4. The true "commanding officer" of all personnel of a Region obviously is the Regional Commissioner. He alone can know whether an officer or enlisted man is or is not indispensable, the historical significance of the company's activities, and other matters of like character.

5. This is no reflection on the Company Commander, but is the natural result of the fact that his duties are purely administrative and that he normally knows very little about the day-to-day performance of the officer or soldier in question in the job which constitutes duty in AME/AC.

6. Has consideration been given to the possibility of either:

a. Requiring, or at least permitting, the Company Commander to consult with the Regional Commissioner before acting in such cases, or better yet,

b. Making the Regional Commissioner (if American; otherwise the Executive Officer, who is normally, but need not be the senior American officer) in fact the commanding officer of the company or detachment, with the present company commander acting as his executive, thus permitting delegation to the junior officer of most of the administrative work, but allowing the true senior and commanding officer to retain control over matters of the nature herein referred to?

7. Your careful consideration of these matters would be appreciated.

*OK
if you
want it.*

Alfred P. Bowman
ALFRED P. BOWMAN, Lt. Col.
Regional Commissioner.

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