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Advance RFT. UNIT

Opened Mar. 3, 1945 - Closed Mar. 15, 1945
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SUBJECT: Advanced Reinforcements Unit.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(S.S.I.A.)

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March 45

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TO : Ministry of War.
-----Copy to: 7th BCU, RUC ICF.

1. It is under consideration that as the line moves forward it will be necessary to establish an Advanced Reinforcements Unit (ARU) between RUC ICF, CENAH and the Combat Groups.

2. It is anticipated that the unit will be organized on the following lines:-

- (a) It will be established as close to the battle line as is convenient for its task of providing reinforcements to all groups.
- (b) It will hold reinforcements on the scale of 400 for each Group, the proportions between different areas of the Service being the same as those at RUC ICF.
- (c) Reinforcements will be posted from CENAH to the ARU, and from the ARU to Groups. A posting staff will therefore be required at the ARU.
- (d) Reinforcements will arrive at the ARU fully equipped, but as the ARU will receive men returning from hospitals in the forward area, it will be necessary to hold a certain stock.
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- (e) Detachments of 50 Combat Group Transit Camp will be established at railheads between the ARU and the Groups. In addition the ARU may have a certain amount of troop carrying transport to carry reinforcements forward.
- (f) The ARU would be commanded by a Colonel.

3. You are requested to prepare for the selection of suitable personnel for the staff of this unit, and consider other details of its organization.

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W. P. Pickley Colonel
Major General
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SUBJECT: Liaison Log No. 15 - 21 Feb 45.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.)

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3 March 45

TO : NMIA LO & Army (2).

Copy to: 1st MLU.

My views on paragraph 13 of your letter file NM/111 dated 21 Feb 45 are as follows :-

1. Present locations and arrangements should stand until either

(a) The line advances to beyond BELCRA, or

(b) R.T.C. can turn out fully trained rifts (vid April).

2. When either (a) or (b) happens, we should establish a proper Advance Reinforcement Unit to hold a maximum of 2,500 (3 weeks' waste of 4 groups in the line). These would be ~~assorted~~ rifts and the staff should include a documentary and posting branch and some training and equipping facilities.

3. The War Establishment of permanent staff similar to No. 1 Regiment of R.T.C. would be required. A British Liaison officer (for movements etc) would be needed. Location as far forward as possible to supply ^{imposed} ~~consequently~~ all groups. Advise four OPS would be required on this.

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5. Please ascertain if 8 Army agrees in principle.

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