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HQ FORT AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794, US ARMY

Telephone: - 6557

Ref: - 5311/1

6 Nov 45

SUBJECT: - Release - Deported Volunteers

List 'A' (British)

This HQ letter of even reference dated 5 Sep 45 is CANCELLED.

1. In the case of individuals (other than women's services) in Age/Service Groups 17 - 24, volunteering to serve for 1 or 2 years from the normal time for release in their Age/Service Groups, the date of commencement of deferment will now be:-

Groups 17 and 18	-	3 Oct 45
" 19 and 20	-	22 Oct 45
" 21	-	12 Nov 45
" 22	-	25 Nov 45
" 23	-	7 Dec 45
" 24	-	21 Dec 45

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Filed 11/11/45
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Staff Capt
for Lt-Col
Lt & Col

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HQ HOME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO NO 794 US ARMY.

Telephone: 66629.

Reg: 56A1-1(2).

27 Oct 45.

SUBJECT: Release of Auto Officers.

List "B" (Continued).

1. As a result of the shoring up of officers' release notified in this HQ letter of even reference, dated 26 Oct 45, this HQ letter 2202/POL dated 13 Oct 45 is CANCELLED.

2. The following personnel at present in the United Kingdom, on arriving there, on LIAP, will not be returned to GMP unless they have volunteered to defer release:-

(a) All military officers in Age/Service Groups up to 23 inclusive, and, in addition, Medical, Dental and Nursing Officers in Age/Service Groups up to 23 inclusive.

(b) All military other ranks in Age/Service Groups up to 23 inclusive.

3. Personnel retained in the United Kingdom under paragraph 2 above, will be struck off the strength of GMP, and reverted to the Home Establishment and posted to the appropriate receiving unit with effect from the dates as follows:

(a) Personnel already in the United Kingdom with effect from the date of expiration of leave.

(b) Personnel arriving in the United Kingdom on or after 19 Oct 45 with effect from date of disembarkation.

4. Military Officers in Age/Service Groups 24 and later (other than Medical, Dental and Nursing Officers), and all or together with Dental and Nursing Officers in Age/Service Groups 24 and later are being returned to this theatre on expiration of leave under normal procedure.

5. Details of military officers (other than Medical, Dental and Nursing Officers) of Age/Service Groups 24 who are now in the United Kingdom on LIAP or who have left for the United Kingdom will be sent to GMP immediately by signal

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5. Details of military officers (other than Medical, Dental and Nursing Officers) of Age/Service Group 24 who are now in the United Kingdom on LIAP or who have left for the United Kingdom will be sent to GHQ immediately by signal or fastest means, giving:

- (a) Rank, Name, Number.
- (b) Unit;
- (c) Area of Service.

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If the retention of any of these officers is recommended as operationally vital, this will be stated, and in addition, the following information given where known:

- (a) Route to the United Kingdom (ie Sea, Air Trooping, Air Truck Routes, or Overland);
- (b) Date left the Theatre.

6. Details of other ranks in Age/Service Groups up to and including 23 now on LIAP, or who have left for the United Kingdom and whose retention is recommended as operationally vital, will be signalled to GHQ giving full information as required for officers, in paragraph 5 above.

CC.

W. G. L.
Lt Col. LOUDER,
Maj,
for Lt Col,
M. G. QMG.

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IN: ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY

Telephone: 66604

Ref: 5611/1

29 Oct 45

SUBJECT: Release of WFO Officers

List "A" (British)

Reference this letter of even number, para. 6, dated 26 Oct 45.

1. When submitting application for release of officers in AGE/SERVICE group 21, the following information will be included :-

- (a) Date at which officer can be made available by Unit.
- (b) Reasons why release is recommended, including any compassionate grounds which might be taken into consideration via a possible retention by GIC for award or Staff Appointment.

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Major,
for Lt-Col,
L. G. G.C.

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reference this in letter of even number, para. 6, dated 26 Oct 45.

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(b) Reasons why release is recommended, including any compassionate grounds which might be taken into consideration via a visa possible retention by GIC for an IUE or Staff Appointment.

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Major,
for Lt-Col,
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BRITISH ARMY WEAPONS SERVICES
ROME ARMY ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 U.S. ARMY

RELEASE AND RESERVATION BULLETIN No. 2.

DISTRIBUTION: 1 Part '2' (re).

31 Oct 45

1. Q. What are the conditions and qualifications necessary for joining the Police Force?

A. A candidate for appointment must:-

- (i) produce satisfactory references as to character and, if he has served in any branch of the Forces, or any civil police force, produce satisfactory proof of his good conduct whilst serving. A person dismissed from any service shall NOT be eligible.
- (ii) be under 50 years of age or in case of appointment as Chief Officer of Police 40 years of age. Promotions can be made in special cases, e.g. previous service in a Police Force.
- (iii) be not less than 5 feet 8 inches or such higher standard as may have been prescribed by the Police Authority.
- (iv) be certified by Medical Officer of Police to be of good health, etc.
- (v) satisfy the Chief Officer of Police that he is sufficiently educated by passing a written and oral exam in reading, writing and arithmetic, or by producing evidence that he has passed another exam, which is of an equivalent or higher standard.
- (vi) give information as to previous history, employment, etc. No person is eligible if:-
 - (i) he carries on business or without consent of OCP holds any other office or employment.
 - (ii) he resides, without consent, where his wife or member of family carry on business.
 - (iii) holds, or his wife or family hold, a liquor licence in the district in which he seeks employment.
 - (iv) his wife, without consent, keeps a shop in a district in which he seeks appointment.

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- (i) he carries on business or without consent of COP holds any other office or employment.
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 - (iii) holds, or his wife or family hold, a liquor license in the district in which he seeks employment.
 - (iv) his wife, without consent, keeps a shop in a district in which he seeks appointment.

(NOTE: Member of family' shall include parent, son or daughter, brother or sister).

After appointment recruits usually spend 3 months at training school, during which period they receive pay and in some cases accommodation. If the new entrant completes training successfully he is posted as a constable and for a time works with an experienced officer. A constable is on probation for 2 years from his appointment. During probation his services can be dispensed with if COP considers him unsuitable. One week's notice or pay in lieu will be given.

A constable is eligible for promotion to sergeant after 5 years service.

Constables on appointment	90/- weekly
After 2 years	93/-
With increase of 3/-d weekly per year up to maximum after 10 years of 117/-	
Sergeant on promotion	123/-
With increase of 3/-d weekly per year up to maximum after 5 years of 141/-	

Every member of a police force shall either be provided with a house or quarters free of rent and rates, or shall be granted a non-responderable allowance in lieu.

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2. Q. What army kit do I keep on being released?

A. The following kit is kept on release:-

Headphones	1	Part worn suit of battle dress or uniform (EMERGENCY)	1
Jeansy Pullover	1	if going to fire)	
Shirts (long)	2	Part worn serviceable	
Sets of underwear	2	boots or shoes	prs
Socks (washed)	2	gloves knitted	prs
Wearls	2	Prases	1
Bandage	1	Cleaning & Toilet articles	Set
Kitbag	1	Identity discs	Set
Cap badge & titles	1		

If you are deficient of any of these articles they will not be made up free of charge except in so far as deficiencies are due to the exigencies of the service.

3. Q. How do I get on a Vocational Training Course?

A. Vacancies on Vocational Training Courses depend to a large extent on the requirements of industries. For this reason it is not possible to make a prediction for a course whilst still in the army. On leaving the forces you should report to your local resettlement officer. He will give you details of the vacancies available at that time.

4. Q. What are the new conditions of release in class 'B'?

A. They are as follows:-

- (1) For practitioners, post war credits and payment in respect of foreign service will be made as soon as possible after release.
- (2) For those who are released in class 'B' but continue in the particular employment for which they were released up to the time they would have been released in class 'A'. After that date and provided that a minimum of six months has elapsed since the actual date of release, liability to recall, on account of leaving directed employment, will cease.

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- (ii) Everyone who is released in class 'B' must continue in the particular employment for which they were released up to the time they could have been released in class 'A'. After that date and provided that a minimum of six months has elapsed since the actual date of release, liability to recall, on account of leaving directed employment, will cease.

If any other rule or officer refused release in class 'B' under the old conditions he may make an application for release in class 'B' under the new conditions. If a man wishes to leave the employment to which he was directed on release before he becomes free from direction he must report the facts to the local office of the Ministry of Labour and National Service. If nothing can be arranged the Ministry will arrange with the War Office for the recall of the individual to Army Service. Pending such recall a man may take up temporary employment by arrangement with the local office of the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

5. Q. Can I obtain a resettlement grant to buy tools?

A. Para 8 of pamphlet N.C.L.1, published by the Ministry of Labour and National Service refers:-

'The scheme will assist resettlement in the retail trades and in other small undertakings including rural crafts. Persons setting up on their own account, or restarting in a craft for which special equipment or a kit of tools is needed, will be eligible. In suitable cases assistance may be given to persons restarting on their own account in a profession.'

N.B. The grant is for 'persons setting up on their own account.' The grant is not normally available to a person who is an employee.

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6. Q. I am a regular soldier and am to be released when my Regular Service expires. I understand that I can be kept in an extra year. Is this so?

A. Note (1) Para 319 Regulations for Release from the Army refers:-
 'In assessing the amount of time given to Regular Service of a Regular Soldier, the compulsory retention of the Soldier and the prolongation of his service up to 12 months, permissible under Section 67 of the Army Act, will not be taken into account.'

7. Q. By what amount have wages risen in England during the war?

A. Newspapers and other sources of information have quoted special cases of men on piece work with heavy overtime and have thus given a wholly false impression of civilian earnings. The basic rates, allowing for increased cost of living, are roughly 15/-d above those operating in 1938. In a large number of industries they range from 80/- to 120/-d a week. No prediction can be made about post war rates of wages, except to say that the machinery for the joint negotiations between trade unions and employers' associations has been strengthened.

8. Q. What are the chances of a private individual wishing to emigrate from Britain to the Dominions?

A. The UK Government has made it clear that emigration of individuals to the Dominions will be encouraged. The question has been under discussion with the Governments of the Dominions, by correspondence, at the meeting of Prime Ministers in May 1944 and in subsequent meetings with Dominions representatives in London. Statements from the Governments of the Dominions indicate that they will be fully occupied for some time in dealing with the rehabilitation of their own ex-servicemen and with their own housing problems. Under these circumstances it is obvious that they cannot, as yet, deal with the subject of immigration. For preliminary information the emigrant may apply to the representatives of the Governments in London.

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SOUTH AFRICA Public Relations Officer, South Africa House,
Windsor Square, W.C.2.
SOUTHERN RHODESIA Public Relations Officer, High
Commissioners Office, 129 Strand, W.C.2.

9. Q. What are my chances of getting a house on my return to England?

A. The housing situation in England at the present is, as you know, difficult. The best thing you can do at present is to submit an application for a house as explained in QMC 958 of 1945.

10. Q. When does war time service begin and when does it end?

A. War service begins on the day whole-time war service is entered but attendance for the purpose of entering the Forces does not count as the beginning of war service if the entry is told that he will not be required to take up duty until a later date. War service ends on the day on which whole time service comes to an end. That is the day you leave the Military Disposal Unit. Any leave pending release, accumulation of leave is not part of whole time service. For details as to actual reckonable service and the continuance of war service reference should be made to Regulations for Release from the Army 1945 paras 305 to 307 and the Reinstatement

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HQ HOME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY

Telephone: 66629

Ref: - 56A1/1(1)

27 Oct 45

SUBJECT: - Release of Male Officers - Class "B"

Class "B" (British)

Further to this HQ letter of even reference dated 26 Oct 45.

1. No general ban is being imposed on Class "B" release and refusals will be limited to cases where the retention of individual officers is vital.

2. The following are the new conditions of direction for release in Class "B":-

a) All ranks released in Class "B" are required to continue in the particular employment for which they were released up to the time they would have been released in Class "A".

b) After that date provided that a minimum period of six months has elapsed since the actual date of release, liability to recall on account of leaving directed employment will cease.

c) Individuals will be subject only to such controls as may apply to other civilians in any particular form of employment.

3. This directive will be brought to the notice of all ranks forthwith.

Ref: - 5641/1(1)

27 Oct 45

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Mat "B" (British)

Further to this HQ letter of even reference dated 26 Oct 45.

1. No general ban is being imposed on Class "B" release and refusal will be limited to cases where the retention of individual officers is vital.

2. The following are the new conditions of retention for release in Class "B": -

a) All ranks released in Class "B" are required to continue in the particular employment for which they were released up to the time they would have been released in Class "A".

b) After that date provided that a minimum period of six months has elapsed since the actual date of release, liability to recall on account of leaving directed employment will cease.

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L. L. LOUDEN
Major
For Lt Col
Ad. C. M.

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HQ HOME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY

Telephones: 66601

Ref: 56A1/1

26 Oct 45

SUBJECT: Release of Male Officers

List "B" (British).

1. The programme for release for groups 19 and 20 remains unaltered.
2. The programme for the release of officers in Age and Service Groups 21 to 24 issued in Daily Bulletins Nos 239, 240 and 241 dated 8/9/40 Oct 45 respectively, is cancelled in respect of officers only of all arms other than those of the Royal Army Medical Corps and the Army Dental Corps.

3. The amended programme for such officers is as follows :-

Group 21 to be released in period 12 Nov 45 to 10 Feb 46.

4. This programme applies equally to all categories of officers other than Medical and Dental officers for whom War Office sanction hitherto required under para 330 Release Regulations.
5. Programme for Groups 22-31 will be issued later. Medical and Dental officers will be released in accordance with the former programme already issued.
6. Officers in Group 21 may be released any time between 12 Nov 45 and 10 Feb 46 if surplus to theatre requirements. Officers in Group 21 (other than Medical or Dental officers) will be considered for release before 10 Feb 46 if application is made to this HQ.
7. Release of officers in Group 22 will not begin before 11 Feb 46. Officers in Groups 22 to 24 may apply for earlier reversion to Home Establishment or release on compassionate grounds under current rules. In considering such applications, full weight will be given to the fact that officers may have arranged to take a Civil Appointment or entered in domestic commitments in expectation of release under formal programme. If approval is given to repatriation on compassionate grounds, release in Class "C" will follow automatically on arrival in UK. Applications on Civil Appointment grounds should be accompanied by a signed statement from the proposed employer.

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8. The 14 days leave scheme announced in this HQ letter 2242 of 18 Oct 45 will not now apply to officers in Age/Service Group 21. Applications for release from officers in Age/Service Group 21 will be forwarded to this HQ in letter form in duplicate. The full Regimental particulars of the officer will be given on a separate sheet of paper attached, and will be the same as those required in the case of an application for compassionate leave.

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Major,
for Lt-Col,
AA & QMG.

HQ ROE AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY.

Telephone:- 66501.

Ref: 11A.

29 Oct 45.

SUBJECT:- Officers possessing legal qualifications.

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List "B" (British).

1. In view of the number of officers who have been lost through repatriation and release, it is necessary to have an up-to-date and accurate record of all officers who are qualified barristers, solicitors or advocates.

2. All units will therefore render a return of all qualified barristers, solicitors and advocates containing the following information:-

- (a) Rank, Name, and Personal Number;
- (b) Present unit, and, if in a Staff employment, appointment, and regiment or corps;
- (c) Age and Service Group for the purpose of release;
- (d) Date of qualification and whether as barrister, solicitor or advocate;
- (e) Short particulars of professional experience which should be sufficient to show whether the individual is specialised in any particular legal subject.

3. This return, which will include "B" returns, will reach G.1 (British) this Headquarters by 4 Nov 45, and amendments will be notified by the 4th day of each successive month.

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T.E.D. DUTTON,
Staff Captain,
for Lt Col,
Adj G. G. G.

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 - (d) Date of qualification and whether an barrister, solicitor or advocate;
 - (e) Short particulars of professional experience which should be sufficient to show whether the individual has specialized in any particular legal subject.
3. This return, which will include "MIL" returns, will reach G.1 (British) this Headquarters by 4 Nov 45, and amendments will be notified by the 4th day of each successive month.

TDD/cg.

T.E.D. DUTTON,
Staff Captain,
for Lt Col,
Lt Col Q.R.

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BRITISH ARMY WELFARE SERVICES
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 U.S. ARMY

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26 Oct 45

Subject: Resettlement

List '5' (Pr)

Questions in the attached bulletin have been asked at the Resettlement Advice Office in the Alexander Club.

CC units are asked to display the bulletin on the unit notice board.

Men will not be contacted individually by letter but will find answers to written questions published in the weekly bulletin.

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Lieut,
for P.O.D.A.V.S.,
BRITISH ARMY WELFARE SERVICES,
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND.

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List 'B' (hr)

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for D.A.D.A.V.S.,
BRITISH ARMY WELFARE SERVICES,
ROME AREA MILITARY COMMAND.

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BRITISH ARMY WELFARE SERVICES
HOME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 U.S. ARMY

RELEASE AND RESEMENTMENT PUBLICATION No. 1.

Inquiries dealt with and answers

1. Q. How do I make an application for my release?
A. No application for release can be made. The Minister of Labour and National Service will make releases on the basis of the needs of industry. He will find out for himself how many men the building industry, for instance, wants and will give orders for the release of that number of men. He will not deal with individuals.
2. Q. Will aliens be allowed the benefits of British soldiers on release?
A. They will not be ruled out because they are aliens, but where vacancies in training are limited aliens will not be taken to the exclusion of British subjects.
3. Q. Where can I find particulars on teaching; the emergency training scheme?
A. Ask your orderly room for a copy of 'Teaching as a Career' or if they have not got it ask to see GPO 1106 of 1945.
4. Q. I was a motor mechanic before the war but wish to go in for Radio repair. Will I be given training?
A. Training will not normally be given to a man wishing to change his trade. In this case it will probably depend on the relative demand for motor mechanics and radio repairers at the time of the man's release. As the demand may be constantly changing he should

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- A. Training will not normally be given to a man wishing to change his trade. In this case it will probably depend on the relative demand for motor mechanics and radio repairers at the time of the man's release. As the demand may be constantly changing he should go to a resettlement advice office on arriving home and the situation will be fully explained to him.
5. Q. What are the conditions and how do I go about joining the Embassy Guard in Rome?
- A. Ask your Orderly Room staff to let you see GPO 1116 of 1945. 1828
6. Q. How can I get in touch with my local resettlement advice office if I do not know the address?
- A. You can either call or write through your local post office. They will direct you or forward your letter on - special arrangements having been made for the forwarding of such letters.
7. Q. Can I have petrol during my LIAF leave?
- A. Ask your orderly room for GPO 884 of 1945.
8. Q. Can I have a grant to pay off capital payments on a mortgage which would have been paid off had I not been in the Army?
- A. You will not be given a grant to pay off the capital payments but interest on a mortgage for house purchase is taken into account in assessing a War Service Grant.

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9. Q. I want to qualify for a Public Service Vehicle Licence on leaving the Army. Will the Government pay for the hire of a public service vehicle for my test?

A. No arrangements have been made because no Public Service Vehicle Licences are being issued at present, but when the date is announced you will be able to obtain a P.S.V. licence on production of your Commanding Officer's Drivers Certificate. For further particulars ask your orderly room staff to show you A.C.I. 735 of 1945.

10. Q. How do I apply for reinstatement?

A. You can write a letter to your employer before the 5th Monday after leaving the Disposal Unit or you can fill in a form (R.E.1) - Application for Reinstatement - and send that to him. The form R.E.1. can be obtained from your local resettlement advice office.

11. Q. If I voluntarily defer my release do I lose my rights to reinstatement?

A. No.

12. Q. If I am to be repatriated to UK when due for release can I stop in a town in France in order to make arrangements with my fiancée for her passage to England?

A. No. The only thing that you can do is to make application for release locally in France and pay for your own and your fiancée's passage to UK.

13. Q. My army pay is not high enough to be taxed nor is the pay I shall receive for employment whilst on paid leave. Both together are high enough to be taxed. Will I have to pay Income Tax?

A. Yes, if your total income for the year is high enough to be taxed.

14. Q. Can I obtain a compassionate release?

A. Compassionate releases are not possible from an Overseas Command. You must first apply through your Commanding Officer for a compassionate posting to UK. Particulars will be given by your Orderly Room from Army Release Instructions Class 'C' Releases, page 11.

15. Q. Is an ex Regular soldier eligible for Vocational Training?

A. Yes. He should consult his resettlement advice office in England after release.

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- A. Yes, if your total income for the year is high enough to be taxed.
14. Q. Can I obtain a compassionate release?
- A. Compassionate releases are not possible from an Overseas Command. You must first apply through your Commanding Officer for a compassionate posting to UK. Particulars will be given by your Orderly Room from AFHQ Release Instructions Class 'C' Releases, page 11.
15. Q. Is an ex Regular soldier eligible for Vocational Training?
- A. Yes. He should consult his resettlement advice office in England after release.
16. Q. Is resettlement grant actually a grant or a loan?
- A. It is a grant which is not paid back so long as:-
(i) the business is kept going for 2 years after the grant is made.
(ii) Receipts can be produced to show that the grant was expended for the benefit of the business.
(iii) If the business fails before the 2 years have passed condition (ii) has been fulfilled and the Minister of Labour informed.
If the above conditions are not fulfilled, the Minister of Labour may ask for repayment of the whole or part of the grant.

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Telephone: 66629

HQ HOME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
PO No 794 US ARMY

Ref: - 564/1

25 Oct 45

SUBJECT: - ReleaseList "B" (British)

1. A return is required showing the number of officers and other ranks under administrative command who are ⁱⁿ service Groups 24-27 inclusive.

2. This information will be supplied on the proforma appended which will be detached and forwarded to reach C-1 (British) this Headquarters by 0900 hrs Saturday 5 Nov 45.

Handwritten signature
T. H. JONES
Staff Captain
for Lt-Col
A. H. JMC

cc/r

Detach here

1. Unit -

2. Group 24 (a) officers

(b) other ranks

SUBJECT: - Release

List "D" (British)

1. A return is required showing the number of officers and other ranks under Administrative Command who are ⁱⁿ service Groups 24-27 inclusive.

2. This information will be supplied on the proforma appended which will be detached and forwarded to reach G-1 (British) this headquarters by 0900 hrs Saturday 5 Nov 45.

cc/mf

W. J. Jones
T. J. M. JONES
Staff Captain
For Lt-Col
Adm G MC

Detach here

1. Unit -

2. Group 24 (a) officers

(b) other ranks

3. Group 25 (a) officers

(b) other ranks

4. Group 26 (a) officers

(b) other ranks

5. Group 27 (a) officers

(b) other ranks

Signed

OC Unit.

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Ref: - 56/1

25 Oct 45

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RCME AREA ALLIED COMMAND.
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON.
APO 794 US ARMY.

Subject:- Release AGE/SERVICE GROUP 24 -
Medical Examination - AP W 3449.

Ref:- Mod (Br) 720.

Distribution :- List "B" British.

1. The following arrangements now become operative for the Medical Examination of personnel in Age/Service Group 24.

2. (a) All medical units with the exception of 25 Field Sanitary Section and Dental units, will examine their personnel under unit arrangements.

(b) All units who hold a Medical Officer attached or posted on W.B. will arrange directly with the M.O. for the examination of their own personnel.

3. For units which have not a Medical Officer attached, the following procedure will be adopted :-

(a) A.E.S. W.3449 of all personnel in Age/Service Group 24 will be submitted to the OFFICE OF THE SURGEON as soon as possible and in any event not later than 15 Nov 45. with AGE/SERVICE GROUP stated at top of form.

(b) Centres for the examination of these personnel are established at 104 (Br) General Hospital and the Central M.I. Room, RCME. Units will be informed by the centre undertaking the examination when personnel should attend.

4. As far as can be arranged, all men of the same unit will be examined at the same centre, but this may not always be possible.

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3. For units which have not a Medical Officer attached, the following procedure will be adopted :-
(a) A.Fs. W.3449 of all personnel in Age/Service Group 24 will be submitted to the OFFICE OF THE SURGEON as soon as possible and in any event not later than 19 Nov 45., with AGE/SERVICE GROUP stated at top of form.
(b) Centres for the examination of these personnel are established at 104 (Br) General Hospital and the Central M.I. Room, RGH. Units will be informed by the contro undertaking the examination when personnel should attend.
4. As far as can be arranged, all men of the same unit will be examined at the same contro, but this may not always be possible.
5. Attention is directed to this office letter of even number dated 5 Oct 45., concerning personnel on LIAP who fall due for release.

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For the SURGEON.

*Christie*E. LISTER, CAPTAIN,
MAJOR, RAMC.
DANIS.23rd Oct, 45.
JC.

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11 Oct 45

SUBJECT: - Release - Officers

DISTINCTION:—List 'B' (British).

1. All male Officers excluding Medical from and including Age/Service Group 24 will be retained as operationally vital for a provisional period of four months. This includes Officers of the Indian Army.
2. Orders regarding Medical Officers will be issued later.
3. Officers for retention will include Class 'B' Releases, except those connected with housing status of local authorities, who, unless unwilling, will be released.
4. Retention of ATS Officers from and including Group 26, but excluding married Officers is likely. Further information will be forwarded as soon as received.

T.R.N. JONES,
Staff Capt,
For Lt-Col,
A.A. & M.C.

DISTRIBUTION:- List 'B' (British).

1. All male Officers excluding Medical from and including Age/Service Group 21 will be retained as operationally vital for a provisional period of four months. This includes Officers of the Indian Army.
2. Orders regarding Medical Officers will be issued later.
3. Officers for retention will include Class 'B' Releasees, except those connected with housing status of local authorities, who, unless unwilling, will be released.
4. Retention of ATS Officers from and including Group 25, but excluding married officers is likely. Further information will be forwarded as soon as received.

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TREJ/14

T.R.N. JONES,
Staff Capt,
For Lt-Col,
Aid MG.

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H. ROAD AREA UNITED COMMAND
AFO 794 US ARMY

Ref:- 55A11

10 Oct 45

SUBJECT:- Release

DISTRIBUTION :- List "B" (British).

Reference HQ 1038 of 1945, and further to this HQ letter of even number dated 19 Sep 45.

1. OSC Units will send an Officer representative to G-1 (British) this HQ (Documents Office, Room 30, 1st floor) between 0900 hrs and 1100 hrs on Monday and Wednesday, 15 and 17th October 1945 for the purpose of collecting supplies of 23s 601, 803, 12's H1157 and C14 forms 94, for personnel of their units who are in Age/Service Groups 21 and 22. The Officer collecting these documents will bring with him a certificate signed by OC Unit certifying :-

- (a) The number of Officer, and
(b) The number of Other Ranks.

IN L401 of release Groups 21 and 22.

2. OSC Units are reminded that Release Books are available documents, and particular attention is directed to paragraph 3 of the above quoted HQ.
3. OSC Units will be informed through the Road Area Daily Bulletin of the dates on which personnel will be required to report to 159 Transit Camp.

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Reference GRC 1038 of 1945, and further to this HQ letter of even number dated 19 Sep 45.

1. OSG Units will send an Officer representative to G-1 (British) this H. (Documents Office, Room 30, 1st Floor) between 0900 hrs and 1100 hrs on Monday and Wednesday, 15 and 17th October 1945 for the purpose of collecting supplies of AEs CO1, 803, A's H4157 and GAD forms 54, for personnel of their units who are in Age/Service Groups 21 and 22. The Officer collecting these documents will bring with him a certificate signed by OC Unit certifying :-

- {a} The number of Officer, and
- {b} The number of Other Ranks.

IN EACH of release Groups 21 and 22.

2. OSG Units are reminded that Release Books are also initial documents, and particular attention is directed to paragraph 3 of the above quoted GRC.

3. OSG Units will be informed through the Rom. Area Daily Bulletin of the dates on which personnel will be required to report to 159 Transit Camp.

GC/lv

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L. L. LOUDAN,
Major,
for Lt-Col,
AA & MS.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
APO 794 US ARMY

Ref : Med (Br) 720

Subject :- Medical Examination on Release.

DISTRIBUTION LIST "D" (Br)

Reference this office letter of even number dated

26 Sept 45.

AMS W 3149 will not be rendered to this office
in respect of personnel who are on ILL.

AMS W 3149 should personnel be posted away from the unit after
substation of AMS W 3149 and prior to the medical examination being
carried out, this office should be informed in writing in order that
the appointment may be cancelled.

Per the SURGEON: *[Signature]*

E. LESTER CARTER.

DISTRIBUTION LIST "B" (44)

Reference this office letter of even number dated

26 Sept 45.

AFS W 3449 will not be rendered to this office
in respect of personnel who are on IMAF.

Should personnel be posted away from the unit after
submission of AF W 3449 and prior to the medical examination being
carried out, this office should be informed in writing in order that
the appointment may be cancelled.

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For the SUNDOWN:

Charles E. Smith

E. HESTER CHARTER.,
MAJOR., RAMO.,
DAMES.

5 Oct 45.
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HQ ROYAL ARMY ALLIED COMMAND
APO 734 US ARMY

Ref:- 5SL/7

27 Sep 45

SUBJECT:- Release Apo/Service Group 17

DESCRIPTION :- List "a" (British).

Personnel in Apo/Service Group 17 who have not yet received Release
Books from GPO 2nd Echelon will be despatched immediately to Assembly
Centre, MILAN, where they will be provided with necessary documents by
GPO detachment there.

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Hand-
A.L. LOUEN,
Major,
for Lt-Col,
AA & QMG.

Personnel in Area/Service Group 17 who have not yet received Release
Boots from GRC 2nd Echelon will be despatched immediately to Assembly
Centre, MILAN, where they will be provided with necessary documents by
C2E detachment there.

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A.L. LONDON,
Major,
for Lt-Col,
AA & 2nd.

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HC ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 US ARMY

Ref:- 56A/Y

19 Sep 45

SUBJECT:- Release - Medical and Dental
Officers and Nursing Sisters.

DISTRIBUTION :- List "R" (British).

1. Information has been received from AFHQ that Medical and Dental Officers in Age/Service Groups 19 to 23 inclusive will be released 'Pari Passu' with officers of other Arms.
2. Nursing Sisters in Age/Service Groups 17 and 18 will be released in November. Those in Groups 19 and 20 will be released in December.

LEP/lv

W. Porter - Capt R

L.E. PORTER,
Staff Capt,
for Lt-Col,
AA & QMG.

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Redden - Capt

L.E. PORTER,
Staff Capt,
for Lt-Col,
AA & QMG.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY

Ref: - 56A11
19 Sep 45

SUBJECT: - Release.

TO : - All Concerned.

1. The new procedure for dealing with Release Books is contained in GHO 1038/45. This procedure will have effect from and including the release of personnel in Age/Service Group 19, and necessitates the completion of Release Books by units.
2. It is emphasized that all personnel charged with the completion of these Release Books should be fully conversant with GRC 1038/45 and Appendix, ARHQ Release Instructions 1945, and Regulations for Release from the Army 1945, as it is upon the accurate completion of these Books that the machinery of Release so much depends.
3. C&C Units will always hold sufficient Books to cover their next two Release Group requirements and, with the execution of Books for Groups 19 and 20, will indent on this HQ accordingly. Supplies of Books in excess of unit's requirements for 2 Groups will not be held. ARHQ 1157 (Release Form) and CMF Form 94 will be held on a similar scale.
4. C&C Units will send officer representatives to G-1(Br) this HQ between 0900 hrs and 1200 hrs on 25, 26 or 27 Sep 45 in order to collect supplies of AEs x 801, AEs x 803, AEs x 1157 and CMF

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3. CAC Units will always hold sufficient books to cover their next two Release Groups requirements and, with the exception of Books for Groups 19 and 20, will indent on this HQ accordingly. Supplies of Books in excess of unit's requirements for 8 Groups will not be held. ARs A 1157 (Release Form) and CM Form 94 will be held on a similar scale.

4. CAC Units will send officer representatives to G-1(Br) this HQ between 0900 hrs and 1200 hrs on 25, 26 or 27 Sep 45 in order to collect supplies of ARs A 801, ARs A 803, ARs R 1157 and CM Form 94. The officer collecting these documents will bring with him a certificate signed by C.O. Unit certifying (a) the number of officers and (b) the number of ORs in each of the Release Groups 19 and 20. A similar certificate will be produced when indents are made for supplies covering subsequent Groups.

5. CAC Units are reminded that Release Books are accountable, and particular attention is drawn to para 3 of GRC 1038/45.

6. CAC Units will be informed by this HQ the dates between which personnel in each Group are to report to the Assembly Centre.

L.E. Porter

L.E. PORTER
Staff Captain
For Brigadier
Commander British Troops Hong

DISTRIBUTION:- List 'B' (Br).

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
AEC 794, US ARMY

Subject:- Release.

15 Sep 45

Ref: 51A

To :- All concerned.

1. A letter has been received from a former officer of this HQ, in which he describes in great detail his journey from MILAN until he was finally released in the U.K.

2. It is thought that the following salient points from this letter may be of interest and use to officers about to embark on a similar journey in the future.

- (a) Accommodation at MILAN is at present at the Excelsior Hotel, which is apparently extremely comfortable. Accommodation for Officers below rank of Lieut-Col is shortly to be moved to the Assembly Centre at Eugenio Barracks (4 miles from centre of the town), and it is anticipated that this will provide similar facilities.
- (b) On arrival at Assembly Centre, Release book and AB 439 are checked for record of Medical examination and are retained. These are not returned until arrival in U.K. It is apparently advisable to complete this formality as soon as possible. Heavy kit should be deposited in the luggage office at the Station before departure.
- (c) Duration of stay in MILAN is dependant on circumstances and any accumulation of back log. List of officers due to depart is posted on the notice board.

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- (c) Duration of stay in MILAN is dependant on circumstances and any accumulation of back log. List of officers due to depart is posted on the notice board before 1500 hrs on day prior to departure.
- (d) Train has NAATI Car which serves tea and cakes (personal mug needed). Blanket and coat needed for the night. Train feeding halts provided for the train journey, and at these mugs, mess tin, knife, fork and spoon required.
- (e) At DIEPPE heavy luggage is put on ship and light luggage taken by truck to Transit Camp. Beds and blankets are available at the Rest Camp, as are showers and ablution facilities. There is a Cinema just outside the Camp. Money is changed at the Transit Camp and it is essential to have the certificate regarding excess money.
- (f) On the voyage to NEWHAVEN light refreshments are served, and detailed instructions given by loudspeaker about carrying of fire arms and handling in of captured equipment.

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- (g) On landing, officers go through Custom formalities. It is understood the officials are very reasonable, but it is advisable to declare ALL dutiable articles. Tea (mug needed) and sandwiches are provided.
- (h) Journey is then made to Military Disembarkation ~~Co~~ unit where arms and equipment are handed in. There are excellent arrangements at this Camp and first class meals and accommodation provided. Hot baths are available as are telephones and a good bar.
- (i) The following morning officers proceed to the Military dispersal unit. Civilian coaches for transport to Station and reserved carriages in the train are provided. After lunch at Dispersal centre, Identity Cards are handed in and then the final procedure of release commences. Officers move from table to table with Release books and receive Ration cards, Clothing coupons, railway warrant, etc. After these formalities have been completed, NAAFI goods are obtainable at reduced prices and then a visit is made to the Clothing Dept. This is excellently managed and all selected goods are packed in a cardboard box.
- (j) At the gate to the Camp there are coaches moving every eight minutes to transport civilians to the Station and HOME.

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R. E. Porter

L. E. PORTER
Staff Capt
Cor Lt-Col
A.I. & QMG

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RAAG MESSAGE FORM.

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TO (FOR ACTION)	Distribution List "B" (British)		
TC (FOR INFORMATION)	Message Instructions		

(REF. No) AG 4732. Security Classification: UNCLASSIFIED.

MOST URGENT (.) ADVISE THIS HEADQUARTERS IMMEDIATELY REPEAT IMMEDIATELY BY OPERATION-
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Originating Section:

G.1 (British).

A.G. Authentication:

Originator's Authentication:

R.H. CAMPASS, Lt Col ~~AL~~ & QMG.

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

CALL : CIRCUIT No : PRIORITY : TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
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 : Spaces with Red lines for signals use only : Date-Time of Origin
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TO (FOR ACTION) DISTRIBUTION LIST 'B' BRITISH

: Message Instructions:GR

TO (FOR INFORMATION)

(Ref No.) AG 4598 Security Classification Restricted.

ADVISE BY PRIORITY SIGNAL NUMBERS OF OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS IN RELEASE
 GROUPS ONE SEVEN AND ONE EIGHT (.) THIS INFORMATION REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY
 REPEAT IMMEDIATELY

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280/10 (13)
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY

Ref: 56A

3 Sep 45

Subject: Local Release and Repatriation
direct to a country other than UK.

Distribution "B" British

1. All personnel who have elected to be locally released (excluding locally enlisted (EIA/-) personnel) and personnel who are being repatriated direct from CEF to a country other than UK, will report to the Assembly Centre HILAN, where they will be issued with civilian clothing and processed in accordance with the instructions contained in each authority issued by this headquarters.
2. Upon completion of processing, personnel will be onward routed to appropriate transit camp in the normal manner.
3. Although it is appreciated that this may involve travelling which could otherwise be avoided, it is not possible for such personnel to be dealt with anywhere other than the Assembly Centre, as no stocks of clothing are held elsewhere.
4. All locally enlisted (EIA/-) personnel due for release will report to the Assembly Centre for the issue of civilian clothing only. Processing of such personnel is carried out by O i/c Local Record Office (North Africa) CEF, who issues separate instructions for each individual.

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L. LOUDEN,

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H. L. Loudon

H. L. LOUDON,
Major,
for Lt Col,
A.I.C. CEF.

JL/arg

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ROME REG. ADDED COMMENT
APO 794, US ARMY

Ref: 564

3 Sep 45

Subject: Repatriation (via UK)

Distribution "B" British

All personnel who have applied for repatriation to countries other than UK must make application on AF 1103. According to Para 627(a) of Regulations for Release from the Army 1945, such personnel, if their L/S Group is due for release, will be posted to Home Establishment. These personnel will be routed to "X" Special Reception Camp for onward routing to UK in the normal way as for duty personnel.

AL/aps

L. Louren
L. LOUREN,
Major,
for Lt Col,
A 3 QIG.

A Dist:

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Distribution "B" British

All personnel who have applied for repatriation to countries other than UK must make application on AF X103. According to Para 627(e) of Regulations for Release from the Army 1945, such personnel, if their A/S Group is due for release, will be posted to Home Establishment. Those personnel will be routed to "X" Special Reception Camp for onward routing to UK in the normal way as for duty personnel.

AL/ape

L. Louren
L. LOUREN,
Major,
for Lt Col,
A. C. GIG.

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ROE AREA ALLIED COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
APO 794 US ARMY

Subject :- Release Regulations - Medical Examination, Ref : Med (Br) 720.

DISTRIBUTION : List 'B' British less serials 11-30, 33 and 38.

1. Further to this office letter of even reference dated 6 Jul 45, ABs W.3149 in respect of personnel in age/service groups 19, 20 and 21, should now be submitted.
2. Amend para 3 as follows :-
(b) delete 48 (Br) Gen. Hosp. and 69 (Br) Gen. Hosp.
3. ABs W.3149 should be submitted as soon as possible for group 19, groups 20 and 21 should reach this office by Sept. 10.

For the Surgeon :

J. R. MacLeod
J. R. MACLEOD.
Capt., RAMC.,
DAIMS.

29 Aug 45.
JRM/MS.

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For the Surgeon :

Macdonald
J. R. MACLEOD.
Capt., R.A.M.C.,
DAIRIES.

29 Aug 45.
JRM/HC.

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RCEC AREA ALLIED COMMAND
AEC 794, US ARMY

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Ref: 56A/Y

27 Aug 45

Subject: Release

Distribution "P" British

1. Further to this HQ Letters 356A of 17 and 22 May.
2. The following information has been received from AFHQ regarding date of release of Age/Service Groups in the United Kingdom:-

(a) Groups 19 and 20	From 22 October 45 to 11 November 45.
(b) Group 21	From 12 November 45 to 2 December 45.
(c) Group 22	From 3 December 45 to 23 December 45.
(d) Group 23	From 24 December 45 to 20 January 46.
3. Application for repatriation under paragraphs 50 to 53 AFHQ release instructions may now be submitted by individuals in groups 19 to 23.
4. These instructions will remain restricted until further orders.

21/12/45
G. Neill

1. Further to this HQ letters 3564 of 17 and 22 May.
2. The following information has been received from AFHQ regarding date of release of Age/Service Groups in the United Kingdom:-

(a) Groups 19 and 20	From 22 October 45 to 11 November 45.
(b) Group 21	From 12 November 45 to 2 December 45.
(c) Group 22	From 3 December 45 to 23 December 45.
(d) Group 23	From 24 December 45 to 20 January 46.
3. Application for repatriation under paragraphs 50 to 53 AFHQ release instructions may not be submitted by individuals in groups 19 to 23.
4. These instructions will remain restricted until further orders.

PVA:

CWB/are

Col. R. E. L. K.

~~8. J. BECKETT,~~
 Staff Captain,
 for Lt Col,
 AA & GIG.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY

Ref: 56A/Y

13 Aug 45.

Subject: Retention of Acting Rank on Release Leave

Distribution "P" British

Copies of the under mentioned War Office letters are reproduced herewith for the information of all concerned.

10/Gen/3645 (AC1D) of 10 and 15 July respectively.

Aloude
A. L. LOUDELL,
Major,
for Lt Col,
AA & QMG.

ALL/20/6

The War Office,
A.S. 1.D.,
Hobart House,
London, S.W. 1.

15 Jul 45

10/Gen/3645 (AC1D)

HQ All Commands at Home and Overseas.
All CGIC Records at Home.
All OSE of Overseas Commands.

Retention of Acting Rank during Sea Passages for
the purpose of Release or Discharge

1. WOs and ROs proceeding to the UK for the sole purpose of release under Release Regulations 1915 or of 1917.

The War Office,
A.C.1.D.,
Hobart House,
London, S.W.1.

15 Jul 45

18/Gen/3645 (AC1D)

HQ All Commands at Home and Overseas.
All CAIC Records at Home.
All CSE of Overseas Commands.

Retention of Acting Rank during Sea Passages for
the purpose of Release or Discharge

1. WOs and NCOs proceeding to the UK for the sole purpose of release under Release Regulations 1945 or of discharge from the Army will retain paid acting ranks and appointments from the date of leaving their units for embarkation, during the period of the voyage and until the commencement of release or discharge, when the terms of War Office letter 18/Gen/3645 (AC1D) dated 10 Jul 45 will apply.
2. Paid acting ranks and paid lance appointments will also be retained by personnel proceeding to their country of domicile overseas on repatriation from the UK or direct from an overseas command, for the purpose of discharge from the Army.
3. Acting ranks or lance appointments which on the date of leaving the unit had not been held for a minimum of 21 days will not be retained under this authority.
4. Acting ranks or lance appointments will be relinquished under the normal rules (except as provided in Army Order 153 of 1944) by soldiers admitted to hospital during the periods stated in paras 1 and 2 above.
5. This letter will apply to Auxiliaries of the ATS and members of V.A.Ds.

(Sgt) R.G. DAVIES JENKINS,
Lt.Col.,
for Director of Organisation.

10 JUL 25
 London S.W.
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To: All OSI Records at Home,

"COUNCIL OF BANKS DURING TERMINAL or RECOVERY STAGE"

1. The following provisions will apply to tenure of acting rank and lance appointments during
 - (a) terminal leave on discharge from the Army
 - (b) 56 days leave for Class "A" Releasees under Release Regulations para 332(a),
 - (c) Leave granted in respect of overseas service under Release Regulations 1945, para 332(a),
 - (d) 21 days leave granted to Class "B" Releasees under Release Regulations 1945, para 404(a)
2. A soldier who holds paid acting rank or a paid lance appointment on the day before terminal release leave or notice of discharge begins, will retain it up to the date of discharge or of relegation to the Reserve respectively.
3. Acting ranks or lance appointments which on the date of commencement of leave were still unpaid because they had not been held for 24 days will not become paid when the period of 24 days tenure is completed (after the commencement of leave).
4. Acting rank retained under para 2 above will not be converted to war substantive rank when the qualifying period is completed (after commencement of leave).
5. On relegation to Class W/W(T) or Class 2/2(T) Reserve, soldiers who have retained acting ranks or lance appointments under the foregoing instructions will be deemed to revert to their war substantive ranks but in order to reduce

(a) 21 days leave granted to Class "B" Released under Release Regulations 1945, para 40A(a).

2. A soldier who holds paid acting rank or a paid lance appointment on the day before terminal release leave or notice of discharge begins, will retain it up to the date of discharge or of relegation to the Reserve respectively.
3. Acting ranks or lance appointments which on the date of commencement of leave were still unpaid because they had not been held for 21 days will not be paid when the period of 21 days tenure is completed (after the commencement of leave).
4. Acting rank retained under para 2 above will not be converted to war substantive rank when the qualifying period is completed (after commencement of leave).
5. On relegation to Class W/W(T) or Class Z/Z(T) Reserve, soldiers who have retained acting ranks or lance appointments under the foregoing instructions will be deemed to revert to their war substantive ranks but in order to reduce administrative work Part II Orders promulgating reversion will not be issued nor will an entry of this casualty be made in soldiers documents.
6. Regular soldiers with reserve service to complete will revert to their war substantive ranks on transfer to the Royal Army Reserve. Such reversion will be published as a casualty in Part II Orders and will be recorded in documents in the usual way.
7. Service after the commencement of terminal or release leave will not reckon towards the qualifying period for time promotion under the Royal Warrant for Pay 1940, Articles 602 - 627.
8. This letter will apply where appropriate to auxiliaries of the ATS.
9. It will be seen that with the exception of para 6 the foregoing instructions involve no documentary action on the part of OslC Records after the commencement of leave.

(sgd) R.C. DAVIES JEWINS, Lt.Col.
for Director of Organisation.

ROSE AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY

Ref: 56A5

18 Aug 45

Subject: Documentation for Class "A" Release

Distribution "B" British

1. In all cases of personnel assembling at 159 Transit Camp for despatch to MILAN on release, documentation by units has not been complete.
2. It is appreciated that the movement of V/S Group 12 is the first instance of despatch of personnel on release under the new Medloc arrangements and that minor omissions may occur.
3. The following points are drawn to the notice of all units for future compliance:-

(a) Individuals should retain possession of:-
AFW 306 0 in duplicate.
Copy No. 1 of individual Movement Order.
Certificate re change of money.
Last ERM issue certificate.

(b) Documents for despatch to Release Centre with ERM, and to be handed over at 159 Transit Camp in an envelope:-
Release Book.
Personal documents (AF B122 AFW 1157 etc).
Copy No. 3 of Movement Order.
EMI Certificate.
AFW 3010, 3011 or 3012.

(c) Copy No. 2 of Movement Order - for ITO Rome should be attached to the outside of the envelope enclosing documents for despatch to the Assembly Centre in order that all such copies can be easily collected together at the Transit Camp for despatch to

of despatch of personnel on release under the new Medloc arrangements and that minor omissions may occur.

3. The following points are drawn to the notice of all units for future compliance:-

- (a) Individuals should retain possession of:-
AFW 306 0 in duplicate.
Copy No. 1 of individual Movement Order.
Certificate re change of money.
Last MFI issue certificate.
 - (b) Documents for despatch to Release Centre with DCO, and to be handed over at 159 Transit Camp in an envelope:-
Release Book.
Personal documents (AF B422 AFW 1157 etc).
Copy No. 3 of Movement Order.
MFI Certificate.
AFW 3010, 3011 or 3012.
 - (c) Copy No. 2 of Movement Order - for RTO Room should be attached to the outside of the envelope enclosing documents for despatch to the Assembly Centre in order that all such copies can be easily collected together at the Transit Camp for despatch to the RTO in bulk.
4. Observance of these points will facilitate work at 159 Transit Camp and also ensure that no delay is caused to the individual through inability to produce documents as required.

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R. V. Palmer
R. V. PALMER,
Staff Captain,
for Lt Col,
AA & QMG

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY

Ref: 56A5

12 Aug 45

Subject: Release

Distribution "B" British

1. The following extract from GHQ 2nd Echelon letter OZE/12/740/ER dated 23 June 45 is notified for compliance.

"It is essential that immediately on receipt of this authority you will render details of personnel for release to your local Movements Area or Sub-Area requesting movement to the Assembly area, EUGENIO BARRACKS, MILAN, to arrive between 10 and 23 Aug 45."

2. Units will apply to HQ Movements, Rome Area, for train accommodation in all instances of Class "A" and "B" Releases. Application will NOT be made to this HQ.

3. Provisional AMHQ Administrative Instructions for "MEMLOC B" para 2 (b)(i) forwarded under cover of this HQ letter 51A dated 27 Jul 45 refers.

R.V. PALMER...
Staff Captain,
for Lt Col,
AA & QMG.

cc/aps

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3. Provisional AHC Administrative Instructions for "METRO B" para 2 (b)(i) forwarded under cover of this HQ letter 51A dated 27 Jul 45 refers.

R. J. Jones
R. J. JONES,
Staff Captain,
for Lt Col,
AA & QMG.

cc/aps

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Subject : - Phasing of Release.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

G-1 (Br)/12052/A.11.

27 Jul 45.

To : Distribution Overleaf.

Further to our G-1(Br)/12052/A.11 dated 16 Jun 45 giving the phasing for Release in UK of Age/Service Groups 12 to 16 inclusive.

War Office have now stated that Group 16 will be due for release in UK between 24 Sep and 7 Oct with Group 15.

The phasing of Groups 17 and later will be circulated when notification is received from the War Office.

(Signed) ?
For Major General,
DAG G-1(Br).

/MR.

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Colonel "A"

(6)

1. The clerk situation in this HQ will become very difficult in about two months time, or maybe less. The following points have to be taken into consideration:

- (a) Release
- (b) Python
- (c) Liap

2. Release Aspect as far as release is concerned is not serious for a few months yet but Cnr INNES 'A' Branch is group 14 and CSM TUDOR S and T is Gp 16, Cpl WICKERS Branch is Gp 18, and Sgt HEATHER is Gp 19.

3. Python : SQMS WELLS S+T leaves 25 July S/Sgt PARKER A has completed 4 yrs overseas and may be called forward for Python at an early date. Cpl MORTIMER (Sigs) has also completed 4 yrs overseas. *Gp FORD (S+T)*

4. LIAP RAAC last leave party was total of 2 Officers and 100 ORs of which MMIA received 1 officer and 2 ORs. Next month RAAC will send total 1000 officers and ORs MMIA has said that up to 50 officers and 20 ORs may be away at any one time (divided between two LIAP parties.) In the first 23 eligible for LIAP there are thirteen who are HQ office staff:

Chief Clerk
4 "G" Clerks
3 Interpreters
1 S+T Clerk
1 Medical Clerk
3 "G" Branch Sigs

5. "A" Branch situation:—

*S/Sgt Parker may be 'Pythonated' at any time during the next two months.
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Sgt Jones (A2) Sep 14. goes August

Cpl Wilkins. Sep 18. goes Oct-Nov.

Cpl Thomas A75 +. He Wilkins are held surplus

but may be called away to other branches

to relieve others called away on LIAP. 1988

6). May' Thompson's clerk goes on LIAP 23 July - replacement asked for by Thompson.

7). May' Newble 'advanced P' at Turin for a couple of months also will require clerk.

J.P.A.

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To: No VALUABLE 32.

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Release.To: G.C. 33 Military Mission.
C.M.E.

23 July 45.

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SUBJECT: RELEASE.

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>INITIALS</u>	<u>ARM</u>	<u>RELEASE BOOK No.</u>
7/43919	Dvr.	OSR.	P.	RASC.	37681

1/ Authority is given for the above named to be returned to the U.K. in accordance with the "Regulations for Release from the Army 1945".

2/ It is essential that immediately on receipt of this authority you will render details of the number of personnel detailed above for Release to your local Movement Area, or Sub Area H., requesting movement to the Assembly Centre, Eugenio Barracks, MILAN, to arrive between the 10th and 23rd Aug., 1945.

3/ No movement from the Unit will be made until/ ordered by the appropriate Movement HQ. mentioned in Para 2.

4/ The attached proforma will be completed and returned to this HQ at the earliest possible moment/ in accordance with the attached instructions.

5/ Your attention is drawn to the attached instructions for action.

Brigadier.
D.A.G.
CH: 2nd., Echelon.

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY.

Ref: 51A.

27 Jul 45.

SUBJECT:- "MEDLOC".

Distribution:- List "B" (British).

1. Information has been received at this HQ that MEDLOC train personnel are arriving at CHIAIS improperly dressed in contravention of paragraph 7 of the Provisional Administrative Instructions for MEDLOC (enclosed herewith). Commanding Officers will ensure that this will cease forthwith; personnel will be properly clothed in Battle Dress or Service Dress.
2. The attention of Commanding Officers is drawn to paragraph 3(b) of this HQ letter of even reference dated 21 Jul 45 for strict compliance.

TRUJ/CLG.

Encls.

T.R.N. JONES,
Staff Captain,
for Lt Col,
AM & QMG.

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Encls.

Added
T. R. N. JONES,
Staff Captain,
for Lt Col,
AA & QMG.

MMIA Dist:- A 2
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PROVISIONAL AFHQ ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR "MEDLOC B".

The following are instructions for personnel proceeding to UK under the MEDLOC Scheme via MILAN (Route B).

1. MOVEMENT TO MILAN.

(a) Movement to MILAN will generally be by regular scheduled passenger train services over the following routes:-

Route I.

NAPLES
ROME
ORTE
FOLLIGNO
JESI
RIMINI
BOLOGNA
MILAN

Route II.

TARANTO
BARI
BARIETTA
FOGGIA
TERMOLE
ANCONA
FORLI
MILAN

Route III.

VILLACH
TARVASIO
UDINE (for TRIESTS)
PADUA (for VENEZIA)
VICENZA
VERONA
MILAN

(b) Road movement to MILAN will only be undertaken on orders of Movements Area Hqs.

2. ALLOCATION OF TRAIN SPACE.

(a) A regular daily leave allocation will be made to Districts by AFHQ. It will be the responsibility of Districts concerned to sub-allot vacancies to areas and sub-areas. Sub-areas will notify Mov Sub-Areas concerned of the number to entrain at each stop. Mov Sub-Areas will make an allotment of seats on the appropriate train services (see para 1(a)).

(b) The procedure for obtaining train reservations for release personnel will be as follows:-

(i) On receipt of RELEASE BOOK, the unit will apply without delay to the local Movements HQ for a train reservation. The latest date of the required arrival at MILAN will be stated when making the application.

(ii) The Movements HQ, when allotting reservations, will give the entrainment station, date and time of departure of the train. All personnel will report to the HQ one hour before the departure time.

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3. DOCUMENTATION.

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Separate instructions will be issued on documentation for MEDLOC.

4. FEEDING ARRANGEMENTS.

- (a) Mess-tins, mugs, knives, forks and spoons will be required by all ranks at feeding halts and will be so packed as to be readily available. Water bottles will be filled.
- (b) Each train will be staffed by a TCO who will advise detailed feeding arrangements to OC Train.
- (c) Movement by Rail to MILAN.
- (i) Units will issue sufficient rations to cover the journey to the entraining station or, in the case of units outside ITALY, for the journey to first embarkation.
- (ii) Meal halts are sited on the routes of the regular passenger trains and meals will be obtained by personnel travelling thereon.

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(iii) A branch of the Area concerned will, on receiving a demand from the Local Movements Area HQ, stock trains initially with 24 hours' emergency rations for the capacity of the train. These rations will remain on the train in charge of the TCO and will only be used in an emergency on the authority of the OC Train. Local Movement Area HQs will demand replenishment when necessary.

(d) Movement by Rail from MILAN to Channel Ports.

(i) Haversack rations for one meal will be issued before leaving the Assembly Centre on Transit at MILAN.

(ii) Meal hals will be established en route, where personnel will be provided with meals and haversack rations.

(iii) Buffet Cars will be included on each train. Tea will be provided free twice daily.

(iv) No 2 District will, in conjunction with Mov INW ITALY place 24 hrs emergency rations on board each train in the MILAN area. These rations will be placed in charge of the TCO and will only be used in an emergency on the authority of the OC Train.

(e) Movement by Road to MILAN.

Units will be responsible for providing sufficient rations to cover the journey.

5.

INSTRUCTIONS re BAGGAGE.

(a) Baggage Allowance.

(i) Accompanied baggage beyond MILAN is limited to:-

Officers:	112 lbs;
ORAs	56 "

This will be carried as follows:-

(ii) In the compartment:- Officers: Hand baggage;
ORAs: Pack.

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(a) Baggage Allowance.

(i) Accompanied baggage beyond MILAN is limited to:-

Officers: 112 lbs;
Sgt: 56 "

This will be carried as follows:-

(ii) In the compartment:- Officers: Hand baggage;
OR: Pack.

(this should include feeding utensils, washing kit and one blanket).

(iii) In the baggage vans:- Officers: All other baggage within 112 lbs allowance;
OR: Kit bag.

(b) Baggage Procedure.

(i) Baggage covered in para 5(a)(iii) above will be left at the Transit Camp and will be moved to the station, loaded into baggage vans on the same train, and sealed by the Railway Company under the direction of the RTO.

(ii) Officers and Cater Plante proceeding on RELEASE who are in possession of baggage in excess of the baggage allowances shown in para 5(a)(i) will ensure that such excess is properly labelled in accordance with para (iii), hand it to the MFO representative at the ASSEMBLY AREA or TRANSIT CAMP and receive a receipt in exchange thereof. Such baggage will be collected by the MFO and forwarded as quickly as possible.

(iii) Labelling.

a. All baggage will be labelled with the official labels which will be issued and attached to each piece of baggage before the individual leaves his unit. Labels should be addressed to the UK address of the individual.

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idual. The labels are over-printed in the following colours for baggage identification purposes:-

RELEASE: Labels with RED border;
 LEAVE: Labels with BLUE border;
 RIF: Labels with SKY BLUE border.

b. The name and UK address of the individual must be included inside each piece of baggage.

c. These labels will be issued on the following scale:-

RELEASE: Officers, 6; Other Ranks, 3;
 LEAVE: " 3; " 2.

5. TRANSIT ARRANGEMENTS AT MILAN.

(a) MILAN - Arrival.

(1) On arrival at MILAN CC Train will report to RTO. Personnel will be detained and sorted into their categories for movement under arrangements MOV MILAN to the following centres and camps:-

<u>Category.</u>	<u>Camp</u>	<u>Location.</u>
RELEASE	Assembly Centre	EUGENIO Bks, MILAN;
LEAVE	310 Transit Camp	SUZZANI Bks, MILAN;
SENIOR OFFICERS (Lt Col or equivalent & upwards)	EXCELSIOR GALLIA Transit Hotel	MILAN;
RAP RELEASE	Transit Camp	LEGNANO;
RAF LEAVE (both ways)	"X" Personnel Transit Camp	ADRIATICA Bks, MILAN.

Returning ARMY leave personnel ex UK will be accommodated in the 311 Transit Camp, EUGENIO Bks, MONZA, near MILAN.

Royal Navy personnel other than Senior Officers will be accommodated in Army Camps. Civilians or officer status will be accommodated in the Transit Hotel. Other miscellaneous personnel will be accommodated in the appropriate camps.

Category.

RELEASE

LEAVE

SENIOR OFFICERS (Lt)

Col or equivalent & }

upwards)

RAP RELEASE

RAP LEAVE (both ways) }

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(ii) Kit will be sorted and moved to the appropriate camps etc under arrangements NOV MILAN.

(iii) On arrival at the Transit Camp or Assembly Centre, Copy No 3 of the Movement Order will be handed in to the Report Centre. These copies will form the basis for nominal rolls which will be prepared by the camp for onward movement.

(b) MILAN - Departure.

(i) Movements MILAN will:

a. notify each Assembly Centre and Transit Camp of the number of seats available to it for the following day's trains, showing the number of seats allotted to officers and also the breakdown by categories.

b. later call forward each train party.

(ii) The RTO will appoint an OC Train, who will be assisted by a permanent train conducting staff. Two copies of the nominal rolls of each draft will be handed to the TCO. A complete record of all personnel travelling will thus be available for OC Train.

(iii) TCO will hand over these nominal rolls on arrival at the CLEVER FORT to the RTO at the detaining station.

Location.

EUGENIO Dks, MILAN;
SUZZANI Dks, MILAN;

MILAN;

LEGNANO;

ADRIATICA Dks, MILAN.

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(c) DISMISSAL on Return from Leave.

Transit Camps will maintain an up-to-date LOCATION Statement of all units in order that personnel on return may be despatched to the correct destination. Movements will be notified by OC Transit Camp of the number of personnel requiring movement to each geographical area in CAT to enable rail space to be provided.

7. DRESS and KIT.

(a) All ranks will travel in PEO less arms and ammunition which will be dealt with as in Note (c) below.

(b) Clothing and equipment will be taken in accordance with the following scales:-

Item	Release	Leave
Battle Dress Blouse ...	1	1
Battle Dress Trousers .	1	1
Shirts KD .	1(a)	1
Trousers KD .	1(a)	1
Shorts KD .	-	-
Blankets ..	1	1
Greatcoats. .	1	1
Boots, pairs ...	1	1
Net bush or Curtain mosquito.	1(a)	1(b)
Respirator. ...	-	-
Helmet, steel ...	-	-
Web equipment, complete ...	1	1
Other items of clothing and necessities .	(c)	All
Small Arms and Ammunition ...	None (e)	None (e)

NOTE: All adjustments to scales above will be made by the Unit before despatch. AFs II 1157 will be duly amended by the unit. All items surplus to required scales will be withdrawn to Unit Stores.

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Trousers ID	...	...	...	1(a)
Shorts ID	...	...	...	1
Blankets	...	...	...	1
Greatcoats	...	...	...	1
Boots, pairs	...	...	...	1
Net bush or Curtain mosquito	...	...	...	1(a)
Respirator	...	...	...	-(d)
Helmet, steel	...	...	...	-(d)
Web equipment, complete	...	...	...	1
Other items of clothing and necessities	...	...	...	(c)
Small Arms and Ammunition	...	...	...	None (e)

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- (a) To be withdrawn at Assembly Wing (where AF H 1157 will be further amended);
- (b) To be withdrawn at Transit Camp. On return from the UK a similar item will be issued;
- (c) All other items which a man retains on RELEASE, plus mess tins, water bottle, knife, fork, and spoon;
- (d) To be left with unit;
- (e) Normally small arms and ammunition for personnel proceeding to the UK either on RELEASE or LEAVE will be left with the Unit for re-turn to Ordnance, where a surplus over UK exists. In the case of troops in GREECE, small arms and ammunition will be taken to the port of embarkation in GREECE and then handed in under arrangement to be made locally. Small arms and ammunition will be re-issued at port of disembarkation in GREECE on return to enable troops to return to unit fully armed.

6.

MEDICAL.

- (a) Personnel will have a FFI inspection within the 24 hours prior to leaving their units and again within 24 hours after returning to their units. Each individual proceeding to the UK will be in possession of an FFI certificate. Personnel without this certificate will undergo a FFI inspection in the transit camps concerned prior to embarkment which may delay their departure.

(b) /

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- (b) For each train a RMO officer will be detailed by DMS HQ 2 District to carry out the duties of medical officer. This officer will be chosen whenever possible from officers travelling. When a RMO Officer is not available from this source, the medical officer will be provided from a pool controlled by DMS HQ 2 District.
- (c) Standing orders for the Train MO will be handed to the officer by the EMO. This will include dispersal instructions for emergency cases occurring en route.
- (d) The medical orderly on the permanent staff of each train will be responsible for the care of the medical equipment provided.

9.

POSTAL AND SECURITIES

- (a) (i) When a man is detailed for movement under this scheme, he may notify the fact by post or telegram. He may mention the dates or anticipated dates of departure from GHF or arrival in UK respectively, but no mention may be made of port of embarkation or the route (if by sea or partly by sea) or the name of the ship.
- (ii) Men will be informed that air letters are usually a quicker means of communication than telegrams.
- (iii) Special postcards are obtainable as Army Post Offices for informing relatives and friends that a man is going on leave and advising them to stop writing. These are sent by air, postage free.
- (iv) No private correspondence that is intended for posting or delivery outside the theatre may be carried.

(b) Redirection.

- (i) Normally mail reaching a man's unit while he is away on leave will NOT be re-directed to his home address but will be retained by the unit until his return. If, however, the man expresses a wish to have his letters re-directed, he should complete a Re-direction Card (AF A 20420) which will be valid for 3 weeks only, effective from the date upon which the individual

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(ii) Men proceeding on leave, personnel should be informed that, if for any reason they do not return to the unit by the due date, they must write to the unit post orderly giving disposal instructions for their mail.

(iii) If re-direction instructions have not been received by the unit within a month of the date the addressee is due to return, each item of mail on hand for the addressee will be ordered "MELDOC - APO Box 499" and re-turned to the APO.

(iv) Personnel proceeding on leave will complete a Re-direction Card (AF A 20420) immediately prior to leaving their units and all correspondence, parcels and bulky packets will be re-directed.

10.

DISPATCH.

(a) Dispatch.

No dispatch drum will be purchased or consumed by any officer, warrant officer or OR on the journey by rail, sea or air.

(b) /

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(b) Offences committed in transit to UK before leaving ITALY.(i) Officers and Warrant Officers.

1. OC Train will, if necessary, order the officer or warrant officer to be placed under arrest and will hand him over to OC Transit Camp or Assembly Wing with particulars of charge and statement of evidence or (if statements cannot be taken) the names and particulars of all witnesses.

2. OC Transit Camp or Assembly Wing will, unless he decides to dismiss the charge, immediately report the facts to the appropriate Area/Sub-Area HQ who will give instructions as to whether or not the accused and any witnesses are to proceed to the UK.

(ii) Other Ranks.

1. The offence will be reported to OC Train who will, if necessary, order the offender to be placed under close arrest, and will hand him over to OC Transit Camp or Assembly Wing with particulars of the charge and statements of evidence or (if statements cannot be taken) the names and particulars of all witnesses.

2. OC Transit Camp or Assembly Wing will, unless he considers it necessary to remove the accused for trial by FCM or the accused elects trial by FCM, deal with the case summarily and, unless he decides to dismiss the charge, will consider whether it can appropriately be disposed of by an award of forfeiture or ordinary pay, fine for drunkenness, or admonition, or in the case of an RCM by severe reprimand, reprimand or admonition. The accused will then be despatched with the next available draft.

3. Where OC Transit Camp or Assembly Wing considers the offence to be of such a serious nature as to necessitate trial of the accused by FCM, or the accused elects trial by FCM, the OC will immediately report the facts to the appropriate Area/Sub-Area HQ who will give instructions as to whether or not the accused and any witnesses are to proceed to the UK.

(c) Offences committed in transit between ITALY and UK, or UK and ITALY.

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b. OC Transit Camp or Assembly Wing will, unless he considers it necessary to remain the accused for trial by PGM or the accused elects trial by PGM, deal with the case summarily and, unless he decides to dismiss the charge, will consider whether it can appropriately be disposed of by an award of forfeiture or ordinary PW, fine for drunkenness, or admonition, or in the case of an HQ by severe reprimand, reprimand or admonition. The accused will then be despatched with the next available draft.

c. Where OC Transit Camp or Assembly Wing considers the offence to be of such a serious nature as to necessitate trial of the accused by PGM, or the accused elects trial by PGM, the OC will immediately report the facts to the appropriate Area/Sub-area HQ who will give instructions as to whether or not the accused and any witnesses are to proceed to the UK.

(o) Offences committed in transit between ITALY and UK, or UK and ITALY.

(i) OC Train will, if he considers it necessary, cause the accused to be placed in close arrest. The accused will proceed with his party to a transit camp at port of embarkation or at point of arrival in ITALY.

(ii) OC Train will arrange for the accused to be handed over to OC Transit Camp at port of embarkation or at point of arrival with particulars of the charge and statements of evidence or (if statements cannot be taken) the names and particulars of all witnesses.

(iii) In the case of returning personnel action by OC Transit Camp will follow the lines laid down in paras (b) (i) and (ii) above.

(d) Captured Enemy Weapons and Material.

The attention of all ranks will be drawn to the provisions of GPO 731 of 1945 before despatch from their units, and they will be warned that on arrival in UK they will be liable to search and if in possession of any captured enemy weapons or other enemy material, disciplinary action will be taken which may entail forfeiture of leave or postponement of release.

(e) Confinement to Camp.

For the purpose of administration it will normally be necessary to confine all personnel to the Transit Camp or Assembly Wing for the 24 hours immediately preceding departure.

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EPI.

- (a) Personnel proceeding on leave will be issued with one week's EPI supplies, excluding beer, before leaving their unit.
- (b) RASC issue of chocolate, cigarettes and matches for two weeks will also be taken.
- (c) A last EPI issue certificate will also be provided for all ranks (ERO 691/45 refers). This will enable any troops having travelled long distances involving more than five days to have their issue made up at the transit camp at the point of departure on production of this certificate.
- (d) The reason that a beer issue cannot be taken is the necessity for conservation of beer bottles in order to maintain issues on the present scale.
- (e) On arrival at transit camp at CALAIS, sweet ration for 28 days and 200 duty free cigarettes will be issued on repayment.

12.

PETS.

No pets or livestock will be taken.

13.

CUSTOMS.

- (a) The following articles may be taken into the UK duty free:-

1-1lb Tobacco or 200 Cigarettes;
1-1lb Spirit Spirits;
1-1lb Perfume.

- (b) Customs Duty and Purchase Tax are payable on dutiable articles carried into the UK. Concession labels are only effective on parcels sent by post.

14.

LEGAL AID.

- (a) All men who have begun, or are contemplating, divorce or other matrimonial proceedings should in their own interests consult an officer of LAW before returning to the UK.

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(a) The following articles may be taken into the UK duty free:-

4-15 Tobacco or 200 Cigarettes;
 4-10 Spirit Spirits;
 4-10 Perfume.

(b) Customs Duty and Purchase Tax are payable on dutiable articles carried into the UK. Concession labels are only effective on parcels sent by post.

14. LEGAL AID.

(a) All men who have begun, or are contemplating, divorce or other matrimonial proceedings should in their own interests consult an officer of LAW before returning to the UK.

(b) Those with matrimonial cases being conducted by LAW and who are returning to the UK permanently should notify the LAW Section concerned of their intended return. If they are unable to do this they should inform LONDON District Legal Aid Section, 15 Stanhope Gate, LONDON W.1 (if they live in ENGLAND), or Scottish Central Legal Aid Section, 23 Alva Street, EDINBURGH (if they live in SCOTLAND) as soon as possible after arriving in UK.

15. WIVES.

(a) Leave.

(i) Where personnel proceeding on Leave have wives serving in BIA details should be signalled in accordance with GHO 83/45 in order that leave for them can, if possible, be arranged.

(ii) It may also be possible to arrange for fiancées serving in BIA to have leave for the purpose of marriage, where that is desired. Details should be signalled as in (i) above.

(b) General.

As regards the release of married women from the Services see GHO 93/45.

16. MARRIAGE in UK. /

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16. MARRIAGE IN UK.

Any man who desires to be married on return to the UK should consult LAW or a Chaplain as to the procedure.

17. IDENTIFICATION.

Officers will carry their AB 439 and their identity document or card. Other Ranks will carry their AB 64, Parts I and II.

Two passport size photographs will only be required by personnel intending to visit NORTHERN IRELAND or EIRE.

18. VENEREAL DISEASE.

The provisions of GPO 263/45 are applicable to all personnel proceeding to the United Kingdom.

19. RETENTION OF RANK.(a) Leave.

(i) Officers and soldiers will, in normal cases, retain any temporary and paid acting rank or lance appointment throughout the whole period of leave absence from their units. Leave vacancies may be filled and promotion granted under normal rules as from the first day of absence of existing hold-over from unit or appointment. Both the officer and soldier on leave and his replacement will reckon any period of paid acting rank so held towards the attainment of temporary or War Substantive Rank.

Although his original 28 days may be extended, any officer or soldier remaining due to return overseas under Leave conditions will retain acting rank. If it is decided that an officer or soldier will NOT return overseas, his acting rank will be relinquished on the removal of his name from Leave rolls of personnel re-embarking. Units will be notified the date of removal by CHQ and Echelon.

(iii) Officers and Other Ranks will on return be re-absorbed into their former vacancies with effect from the date of re-joining their unit or formation in this theatre.

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(iv) In consequence of sub-para (i) and the fact that no replacements are normally forthcoming from re-inforcements to fill leave vacancies, the unit Field Returns (AFs W 3003/3009) will show the following:-

a. An apparent surplus to WE in the case of officers, WOs and NOOs.

b. Apparent deficiencies in the strengths of private soldiers.

(v) To avoid action being taken by GHQ 2nd Echelon to correct these seeming deviations from the WE which are caused by temporary promotions, part "A" of AFs W 3003/3009 will be footnoted "LEAVE" to cover all such entries.

(b) LILIP.

The provisions of GHO 818/44 apply to personnel proceeding on LILIP.

20.

RATION CARDS and CLOTHING COUPONS.

(a) Ration cards covering the period of leave in UK will be issued by the dispatching unit to all personnel proceeding on leave.

(b) Clothing coupons will be issued by the dispatching unit to all officers proceeding on leave.

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To:- Major Gregson, D.S.L.
M.M.I.A. H.Q.

Cs Office,
Military Mission Italian Army.

Reference No Camp/11
Date 7th/July/45.

Subject:- Compassionate Posting to UK.

Herewith are details of personnel of this HQ who have applied for consideration for Compassionate Posting to UK:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Name and Intls.</u>	<u>Regt.</u>	<u>Service.</u>	<u>Date of Embarkation.</u>	<u>Release Group.</u>
864629	W/Bdr.	Webber,	R.C.	RA-Fld. 8	12th/June/43	26.
322405	W/Bdr.	Murray,	J.	RA-Fld. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1st/October/42.	27.
6023366	Pte.	Ennew,	W.	Hampshires. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	15th/May/43.	25.

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Captain Camp Commandant,
Military Mission Italian Army.

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COPY.
The following details on Release Instructions are published for information.

1. Personnel unavailable for despatch to the Assembly Centre.

The following action will be taken by the CC unit in cases where personnel authorized for release are unable to be despatched to the Assembly Centre for reasons enumerated below :-

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|-----|--|---|
| (a) | In close arrest, whether serving a sentence or awaiting trial. | (In each case the authority is to be considered inoperative, and all enclosures returned to their HQ in edictely. |
| (b) | Ineligible for release under GPO 263/45 | (Disposal slip attached to each authority will be endorsed with the reason for unavailability. |
| (c) | Not now serving with unit | (In the case of (c) any known details of latest location will be entered on Disposal slip. |
| (d) | Deferred Volunteer. | |

2. The following forms of AFHQ Release Instructions 1945 should be noted.

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|----------|---|
| Para 19. | Documents accompanying the Officer or OR returning to UK. |
| " 20(a) | Documents in the charge of the Draft Conducting Officer. |
| " 20(b) | Organising of Drafts on Bde or Sub-Area basis. |
| " 22(b) | Completion and disposal of Release Books. |
| " 23 | Composition of Drafts by Assembly Centre. |
| " 26 | Disposal of Documents of individuals admitted to hospital, while in transit to Assembly Centre. |
| " 27 | Relinquishments of appointments for purpose of Release. |

3. Attention is drawn to GPO 542/45 and the following points are emphasized.

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 Slip.

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Medical. Para 18 AFHQ Release Instructions 1945.

AFHQ V3149 will be enclosed with the Release Books and will be handed by the Draft Conducting Officer or HCO to the O2E Detachment at the Assembly Centre.

Casualties. Para 24(a) AFHQ Release Instructions 1945.

On proceeding to the Assembly Centre, Officers and OR's will be posted to X8(A) List and Net 14(B) List as stated in Para 24(a) of AFHQ Release Instructions 1945.

Para 24(b) AFHQ Release Instructions 1945.

Publication of casualty striking off strength. NOTE: One copy only of this form will be forwarded with the Release Book(a) and a duplicate copy will NOT be rendered to O2E.

4. Release Books.

Items 5, 6 on page 7 of AB X801 and AB X802, and items 6, 7 on page 5 of AB X803 and AB X804 are not now required to be completed.

(Copies by A Branch. prd.)

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To: Maj Gregson, DSA.
"A" Branch
M.M.I.A.

Land Forces Sub Comm: A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
C.M.F. 280/11

Date :- 30th June 1945.

Herewith particulars of A/S Groups as requested of
Other Ranks of this "H.Q".

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For:
Capt Camp Commandant;
Military Mission Italian Army.

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MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY.PARTICULARS OF AGE SERVICE GROUP 12 = 16.

A/S Group.	No. in Group.	Regt No.	Name.	Rank.	Parent Regt.
12.	1.	T/43949	Orr, P.	Dvr.	RASC
13.	3.	1546719 7517110 7521371	Adams, C.C. Evans, W.J. Widell, J.D.	BQMS. Sgt. Sgt.	RA (LAA) RASC RASC
14.	2.	5491277 1489858	Wheble, W. Innes, A.S.	Sgt. Sgt.	Hampshires. RASC (LAA)
16.	4.	5882971 T/55281 4971594 7011475	Delestrate, D. Searley, R.H. Wright, F. Marron, P.C.	Cpl. Dvr. Pte. Cds.	Northants. RASC ACC Gren, Gds.

(Gds Marron, PC. Deferred Volunteer)

CSM Tudor.

SQM S. Wells. Pyman July 23.

Cpl. Willan. R. High

Cpl. Willan. R. High

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Marron, E.O. (Gau)

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(Gds Marron, PG. Deferred Volunteer)

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CSM Tudor.

Sgt S Wells. Pyman Jones.

Cpl Millar R. Hiji

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MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMYA/S Group Other Ranks.

A/S Group.	No. in Group.	Remarks.
8.	1.	
12.	1.	
13.	3.	
14.	2.	
16.	4.	
17.	2.	
18.	2.	
19.	1.	
20.	4.	
21.	7.	
22.	4.	
23.	6.	
24.	8.	
25.	18.	
26.	22.	
27.	14.	
28.	9.	
29.	4.	
30.	5.	
31.	5.	
32.	7.	
33.	2.	
34.	4.	
35.	4.	
36.	1.	
37.	2.	
38.	2.	
39.	1.	
41.	4.	
42.	3.	
43.	2.	
44.	1.	
45.	1.	
46.	3.	
47.	1.	
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		Includes 1 Deferred Volunteer.
		Includes 1 Deferred Volunteer.
		Includes 1 Deferred Regular.
		Includes 1 Deferred Sentence.
		Includes 2 Deferred Regulars.
		Includes 1 Deferred Sentence, & 1 Deferred Regular

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Includes 1 Deferred Sentence. 1317

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY.

SECRET.

Ref: 356A

17 May 45.

SUBJECT: - Post-Hostilities Period, and Release from the Army.

List "B" (British).

1. Enclosed herewith are two AFHQ letters: - G.1(Br)/229/DAG dated 7 May 45 and G.1(Br)/12052/A.14. dated 12 May 45.
2. These are circulated for the information of all Commanding Officers.

A. L. LOUDEN,
Maj,
for Lt Col,
AA & QMG.

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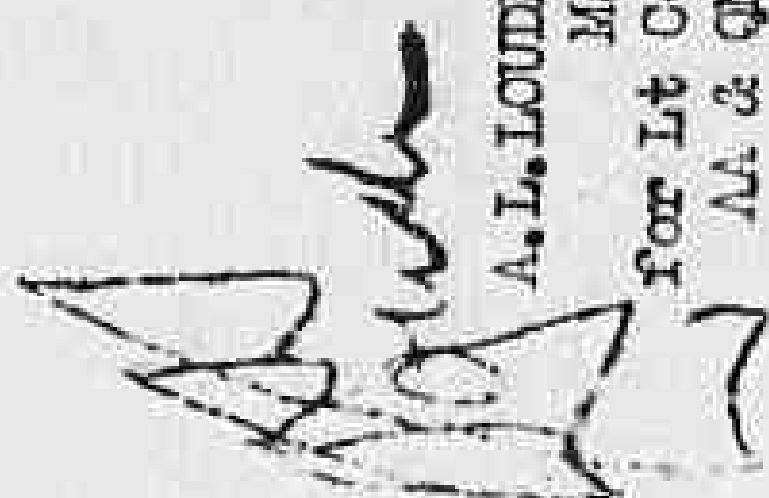
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SECRETSUBJECT:- Conditions during Post-Hostilities Period.ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSG.1(B)/229/DAG7 May 45

1. It is probable that as soon as hostilities with GERMANY end, there will be certain expectations and anxieties in the minds of soldiers in this theatre. These will probably include:-

- (a) A desire on the part of those due for release to get home as quickly as possible;
- (b) An expectation, among those remaining in the theatre, of increased leave to the United Kingdom;
- (c) An anxiety amongst those who are not eligible for early release to know whether or not they are likely to be sent to the FAR EAST;
- (d) A hope that it may be possible to allow a certain number of families to join troops in areas of occupation in EUROPE.

It is of the utmost importance that during the period immediately following the end of hostilities with GERMANY, that troops should, as far as possible, be taken into the confidence of those in authority, and every effort made to explain the factors which govern the fulfilment of their hopes or fears. It should be made clear to them that their interests are closely watched and every reasonable step taken to secure those interests.

2. The main factor which conditions all post hostilities plans is that of shipping. There is a world wide shortage of personnel shipping, and in spite of the fact that the war with GERMANY is over, the claims on that type of shipping are increasing rather than decreasing.

Personnel shipping will be required for:-

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Personnel shipping will be required for:-

- (a) Amphibious operations, both British and American, during the war against JAPAN;
- (b) Re-deployment of British and American forces from EUROPE to the FAR EAST including Indian formations from EUROPE to INDIA;
- (c) Repatriation of British and American soldiers to their own countries for release. This includes repatriation of large numbers of Dominion and Colonial personnel, the direction of whose movement is entirely opposite to that of UK and US personnel;
- (d) Movement in connection with PYTHON, LILOP, LIAP, etc;
- (e) Miscellaneous movement of PW, displaced persons, civilians etc.

3. In theory it is desirable that all the above movement should, if possible, be simultaneous, but, in fact, this is impracticable. Shipping is literally not available to compete with all these demands. Moreover, many of the ports which we would wish to use have been gravely damaged either by the enemy or by ourselves, mines have to be swept, wrecks cleared, and so on; for this reason there are likely to be, for some time, considerable limitations on berthing and loading or unloading ships, quite apart from the availability of the shipping itself.

4. The Army Council have, in consequence, found it necessary provisionally to define the priorities of certain classes of non-operational movements, which will considerably affect personnel in this theatre. This order of priority is as follows:-

- (a) Class "A" Releases:
 - (i) By order of priority in Age and Service Groups;
 - (ii) Within any particular Age and Service Group, on the basis of age only;
- (b) Compassionate cases for transfer to the Home Establishment, unless of such exceptional urgency as to warrant priority over Class "A" Releases;
 - (c) Delayed PYTHON personnel;
 - (d) LILOP personnel;
 - (e) PYTHON personnel;
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- (f) LIAP personnel;
(g) Class "B" Releases.

The above order of priority may, of course, change from time to time.

5. It may be contended that troops in the Mediterranean theatre should not be dependent on the shipping for their movement; that facilities exist for rail and possibly air movement, which should be adequate to cope with the requirements of this theatre, for example, in respect of leave to the United Kingdom. The use of the railways in EUROPE is under active examination, but it must be remembered that extensive demolitions and destruction of lines and rolling stock by bombing will seriously affect the capacity of these railways for some time; moreover, they will have many and extensive commitments to meet in EUROPE. As regards aircraft, there will be big demands for the war in the FAR EAST, and furthermore, there is a projected scheme for using aircraft to supplement shipping for carrying troops to the FAR EAST. It will thus be realised that it may be some time before we can extend the use of railways and aircraft to cover such requirements as leave, which must necessarily be given a lower priority than redeployment, release, etc. However, the whole question of movement in CENTRAL and WESTERN EUROPE has recently been the subject of Conferences at SMIT and in LONDON at which AFHQ has been represented. It is hoped that it may be possible to issue some information on this before long.

6. As far as can be foreseen at present, assuming that "A" Day will be the day on which releases start, the table shown below gives some idea of the probable progress of release. The date of calling forward in CMF of the various release groups is likely to be some 3 weeks earlier than that shown in column (b) of the table below.

TABLE SHOWING RELEASE DATA FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS.

| Groups | Date of release in UK | Numbers in Percentage of total Force Groups Officers 30,000. ORs 465,000. | | | |
|----------|----------------------------------|---|-------|----------|-------|
| | | Officers | ORs | Officers | ORs |
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) |
| 1 to 3 | "A" + 6 weeks to "A" + 8 weeks | 472 | 376 | 1.6% | 0.08% |
| 4 to 7 | "A" + 8 weeks to "A" + 10 weeks | 499 | 1393 | 1.7% | 0.3% |
| 8 & 9 | "A" + 10 weeks to "A" + 12 weeks | 436 | 2100 | 1.6% | 0.45% |
| 10 & 11 | "A" + 12 weeks to "A" + 14 weeks | 623 | 3180 | 2.1% | 0.68% |
| 12 to 17 | "A" + 14 weeks to "A" + 26 weeks | 3300 | 20300 | 11% | 4.3% |
| | TOTAL released by "A" + 6 months | 5380 | 27349 | 18% | 5.3% |

It will be noted from the above table that only some 6% of the total UK Forces in CMF is likely to be released by "A" + 6 months, and a very large proportion of this consists of officers. The high proportion of officers is due to the fact that early release groups include many "veterans" of the last war and men in their 40's. The rate of release during the second 6 months is likely to be slightly accelerated, and

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| Groups | Date of release in UK | Numbers in Percentage of total Force Groups Officers 30,500. ORs 46,500. | | | |
|----------|----------------------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|
| | | Offrs | ORs | Offrs | ORs |
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) |
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| 4 to 7 | "A" + 8 weeks to "A" + 10 weeks | 499 | 1393 | 1.6% | 0.3% |
| 8 & 9 | "A" + 10 weeks to "A" + 12 weeks | 436 | 2100 | 1.4% | 0.45% |
| 10 & 11 | "A" + 12 weeks to "A" + 14 weeks | 623 | 3180 | 2.0% | 0.68% |
| 12 to 17 | "A" + 14 weeks to "A" + 26 weeks | 3300 | 20300 | 11% | 4.3% |
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It must be made clear to all concerned that the lack of personnel shipping is not the only factor which imposes limitations on the rate of release. Even if it were feasible to move large bodies of troops home quickly, it would not be possible to absorb them immediately or satisfactorily into employment in the UK. It must obviously take some little time for the country to re-adjust itself to the change in conditions which will necessarily follow the defeat of GERMANY: any large-scale re-turn of personnel to the UK must therefore be reasonably phased.

Finally, release as a whole must be conditioned by the need for retaining enough men to carry on the war against JAPAN. From such evidence as has been obtained up to date, the necessity for bringing this war to a quick and successful end is not seriously questioned.

7. As regards service in the FAR EAST, the target for the qualifying period for PYTHON at which we are aiming, is 3 years and 8 months. The Secretary of State for War has said in the House of Commons that he would like to see the global qualifying period reduced to 3 years; this must be regarded as a hope, and NOT as a promise. So long as the proportion of the British (UK) Army serving overseas materially exceeds that serving at home, it is doubtful whether the manpower situation will allow the turn-over!

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over under PYTHON to be based on a qualifying period of 4 years, or a few months less, in the FAR EAST, and 4 to 4½ years elsewhere.

The criterion of eligibility for service in the FAR EAST is that no one should be sent there who has less than one year to serve on arrival. This rules out all personnel in Release Age/Service Groups 1-26, and, under the most optimistic hopes of a reduction in the qualifying period for PYTHON, might be deemed to rule out all personnel who have been abroad for just under 2 years. For this reason 1 year 9 months service abroad has been taken by the War Office, for the time being, as a limit above which an individual is not eligible for service in the FAR EAST. If the qualifying period for PYTHON in the FAR EAST remains at a few months less than 4 years, then the limit of 1 year and 9 months service abroad might be raised to 2 years and 6 months.

The fact that an individual is eligible does not necessarily mean that he will be posted to the FAR EAST. An indication of the formations and units required from CTF for the FAR EAST, viz, 3 Indian Divisions, plus certain additional units, has already been given in para 6 of AFHQ letter CF/209/G.1(Dr) dated 15 Apr 45. The filling up of these formations and units will not necessarily use up all eligibles of all arms in CTF. Those who are taken will, as far as possible, be selected with due regard to their battle service, ie, those with the most battle service will be taken last.

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10. It is hoped that the preceding paragraphs will provide some sort of a brief for Commanding Officers, so as to enable them to keep their troops in the picture regarding conditions during the immediate post-hostilities period.

It will be appreciated if Armies, Districts, etc, would forward to this HQ in reply to this letter, any additional major points affecting "A" matters and relating to conditions in the future about which they would like further information.

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CONFIDENTIAL.SUBJECT:- Release of British Service Personnel.ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.G.1(Br)/12052/A.11.12 May 45.

1. The undermentioned table shows the proposed phasing of release in the UK of Age/Service Groups 1-17.

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| 1-3: | 18 Jun - 2 Jul 45; |
| 4-7: | 2 Jul - 16 Jul 45; |
| 8-9: | 16 Jul - 30 Jul 45; |
| 10-11: | 30 Jul - 12 Aug 45; |
| 12-17: | 12 Aug - 5 Nov 45. |

2. Those in Age/Service Group 1 who are eligible for release will travel in MKF 45 and be released in UK on 18 Jun and those in Group 3 will travel on MKF 46 and be released in UK between 28 Jun - 2 Jul 45. Shipping forecasts cannot be given beyond MKF 46.

3. It is probable that the release of Groups 18-26 will be as under:-

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| 24-26: | " " " " Feb 46 - Apr 46. |

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