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HQ HOME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794, US ARMY

Telephone: - 55671

Ref: - 4742

13 Nov 45

SUBJECT: - Compassionate Reversion to UK.

List "3" (British)

Further to this HQ letter 4742 dated 6 Sep 45.

1. Increasing numbers of applications for compassionate reversion to the UK on "one-man" or other business grounds are now being received at this HQ.
2. In a large proportion of the cases received, it is found necessary to refer back to the formation or unit concerned for further information regarding the business before it is possible for GHQ CEF to give a decision in the matter.
3. In order, therefore, to avoid delay and unnecessary correspondence, please ensure that in future all applications submitted on business grounds state, if and where applicable: -
 - (a) The exact nature of the business.
 - (b) The date when the business was established.
 - (c) Who owns the business, including details of all the partners or directors.
 - (d) Whether it is intended that the business shall pass to the applicant as sole proprietor on his father's or mother's retirement.
 - (e) The applicant's date of enlistment, his previous connection with the business and whether engaged in the business up to the time of enlistment.
 - (f) The number of employees in the business.
 - (g) Whether any of the present employees are fit to assume management.
 - (h) Whether there is any likelihood of obtaining a manager elsewhere.
 - (i) Whether there are any other relatives, and, if so, why none of them is able to assist.
 - (j) How the business has been carried on up to the present.
 - (k) Why the business cannot continue to function under the present arrangements.

Further to this HQ letter 4/12 dated 6 Sep 45.

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 - (j) How the business has been carried on up to the present.
 - (k) Why the business cannot continue to function under the present arrangements.
4. In connection with para. 3(c) of the above-quoted letter, it ~~should~~ be noted that if applications are re-submitted to GHQ CTF for consideration, the information called for above must always be given together with up-to-date medical or other necessary supporting evidence.

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5. Finally, it is strongly emphasized that applications for reversion to re-open businesses which have been closed for a considerable period of time will not be granted and that applications can only succeed where it is clearly established that the reversion of the applicant is essential for the continued existence of a business which is at present a "going concern".

T.R.N. Jones! Capt.

T.R.N. JONES
Staff Capt
for Lt-Col
A. & QMG

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 HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
 APO No 794 US ARMY

Telephone: 66629

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 Ref:- 56A1/1(1)

27 Oct 45

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

List "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 releases 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.

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 L. LOUDEN
 Major
 For Lt Col
 AA & QMG

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

RELEASE and RESETTLEMENT BULLETIN 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 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.
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 IIAF leave?

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 7. Q. Can I have petrol during my LIAP leave?
 - A. Ask your orderly room for GRO 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 Dispersal 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 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.

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- If the above conditions are not fulfilled, the Minister of Labour may ask for repayment of the whole or part of the grant.

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
AFO 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 GRO 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 GRO 1038/45 and Appendix, AHHQ 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. O&C 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. AFS H 1157 (Release Form) and CMT Form 94 will be held on a similar scale.

4. O&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 ABs x 801, ABs x 803, AFS H 1157 and CMT Form 94. The officer collecting these documents will bring with him a certificate signed by O.C. 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. O&C Units are reminded that Release Books are accountable, and particular attention is drawn to para 3 of GRO 1038/45.

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L. E. PORTER
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Staff Captain
for Brigadier
Commander British Troops Rome

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The War Office,
AG1D,
Hobart House,
London S.W1.

10 Jul 45.

To: All OsIC Records at Home.

Tenure of Rank during Terminal or Release Leave.

1. The following provisions will apply to tenure of acting rank and paid lance appointments during

- (a) terminal leave on discharge from the Army,
- (b) 56 days leave for Class "A" Releases under Release Regulations para 332(a),
- (c) Leave granted in respect of oversons service under Release Regulations 1945, para 532(g),
- (d) 21 days leave granted to Class "B" Releases under Release Regulations 1945, para 404(c).

2. A soldier who holds paid acting rank or a paid lance appointment on the day before terminal or 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 become 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 soldier's 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 result of the transfer.

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2. A soldier who holds paid acting rank or a paid lance appointment on the day before terminal or release leave or notice of discharge begins, will retain it up to the date of discharge or of relegation to the Reserve respectively.

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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. 6450

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 802 - 827.

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 OSIC Records after the commencement of leave.

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

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18/Gen/3646 (AG1D)

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

15 Jul 45

HQ All Commands at Home and Overseas.
All OsIC Records at Home.
All Os2E 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 leave, when the terms of War Office letter 18/Gen/3646 (AG1D) 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.

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

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386 *Copy Draft Commdy 154*
Donec 4/1/45 *3/7*

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 OC unit in cases where personnel authorised for release are unable to be despatched to the Assembly Centre for reasons enumerated below:-

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

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

- 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 purposes of Release.

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

Medical. Para 18 "AFHQ Release Instructions 1945"

AFs W3149 will be enclosed with the Release Books and will be handed by the Draft Conducting Officer or NCO to the O2E Detachment at the Assembly Centre.

Casualties, Para 24(a) "AFHQ Release Instructions 1945"

On proceeding to the Assembly Centre, Officers and ORs will be posted to X8(A) List and not X1(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.

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

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Copy of GRO 541 18th May 45

VOLUNTARY DEFERMENT OF RELEASE FROM THE ARMY.

1. Regulations for Release from the Army, 1945, paragraph 326, is being amended, and the following conditions for deferment of release will apply.
2. An individual may now volunteer to continue serving in the Army for one of the following periods:

(a) one year	}	calculated from the first day of the period in which his Age/Service Group is due to be released.
(b) two years	}	
3. Applications will be forwarded in accordance with para 14 of AFHQ Release Instructions.
4. The confirming authority for both officers and ORs will continue to be laid down in paragraph 326 of Release Regulations, except in the following cases, when the War Office will confirm the retention of the individual:-

(a)	}	Officers of the rank of War Substantive Lieutenant Colonel and above.
(b)	}	Men who have rendered previous service on normal regular engagements in the Royal Navy, or Royal Air Force.
(c)	}	Men who are now serving on regular engagements.
5. Officers and ORs volunteering to continue to serve on the terms laid down in paragraph 2 above will make their applications on the forms attached at Appendices "B" and "C" respectively which will be substituted for Appendices "B" and "C" to AFHQ Release Instructions.
6. An officer or OR who before the publication of this order had submitted an application under paragraph 326 Release Regulations to continue to serve until general demobilization, may now rescind such application and volunteer instead to serve for one or two years. Those to whom this applies will submit a new application on Appendix "B" or "C" as the case may be and the words "CANCELLING ORIGINAL APPLICATION dated _____" will be written in red ink across the top of the form. If no new application is received by the confirming authority by 30 June 45, the original application for retention until general demobilization will stand.
7. An individual who volunteers to continue to serve for one or two years will become due for release at the earliest opportunity after the expiration of this period. He will not be liable for further

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7. An individual who volunteers to continue to serve for one or two years will become due for release at the earliest opportunity after the expiration of this period. He will not be liable for further retention under paragraph 320 or 321 of the Release Regulations.
8. A volunteer may be released, or discharged from the Army during his extended term of service on medical grounds, or on grounds of inefficiency. He may apply for release on compassionate grounds. The same terms will apply, in these respects, to volunteers as to those who are awaiting release under Class "A".

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9. A volunteer will be eligible for normal release and overseas service leave at the end of his extended term of service.

An individual will not in any way prejudice his rights under the Reinstatement in Civil Employment Act by volunteering to continue serving for any of the periods prescribed in paragraph 2 above, but it must be clearly understood that the continuance of balance of civil salary or wages is a private matter between the individual and his employer, and that the rights of individuals under the Act do not extend to such matters.

11. Application may now be made to continue to serve in the Army under the terms of paragraph 2 above by individuals in the following Age/Service Groups:-

(a) Officers and ORs (men) in age/service groups 1 to 26 inclusive.

(b) ATS and VAD in age/service groups 1 to 43 inclusive and married women of these services in any age/s service group

12. Separate instructions are being issued for officers, including women officers of the RAMC, AD Corps, QALMS, (R), TANS (R) and TANS (R)

(Applicable to British Service personnel only)

GI/B/12064/1/All.

APPENDIX "E"

AGE/SERVICE GROUP

APPLICATION BY AN OFFICER VOLUNTEERING TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AFTER HIS AGE/SERVICE GROUP IS DUE FOR RELEASE

Note:--This form will be modified where necessary in the case of officers of the Women's Services.

- 1. Personal No _____ 2. Rank _____ 3. Name _____
W/S, T, A
- 4. Date of Birth _____
- 5. Regt. or Corps _____ 6. Unit _____
- 7. Date of Commission _____ 8. Nature of Commission _____
- 9. How at present employed _____

- 10. Short synopsis of service during this war _____

- 11. I hereby volunteer to continue to serve as an officer, although eligible for release. I fully understand that if I am retained as an officer in the Army I shall:-
 - (a) be liable to serve until general demobilization is ordered, and until my release is authorized under the regulations for such General demobilization, provided my services are so long required.
 - (b) be subject to the normal rules regarding transfer, posting, promotion, pay.
- Date _____ Signature _____
- 12. Recommendation by OC on whether the officer should be retained.
Date _____ Signature _____
- 13. Decision of confirming authority.

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(a) be liable to serve until general demobilization is ordered, and until my release is authorized under the regulations for such general demobilization, provided my services are so long required.

(b) be subject to the normal rules regarding transfer, posting, promotion, pay.

Date _____ Signature _____

12. Recommendation by OC on whether the officer should be retained.

Date _____ Signature _____

13. Decision of confirming authority.

Date _____ Signature _____

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SUBJECT:- Conditions during Post-Hostilities Period.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G.1(B)/229/DAG

7 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:-

- (a) Amphibious operations, both British and American, during the war against JAPAN;
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- (c) Repatriation of British and American soldiers to their own countries for release. This includes repatriation of large numbers of Dominican 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.

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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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(2) ILLAP personnel;
(E) Class "B" Releases.

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

5. It may be concluded that troops in the Mediterranean theatre should not be dependant 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 consideration, 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 realized that it may be some time before we can extend the use of railways and aircraft to meet the requirements as above, which must necessarily give a lower priority than redeployment, release, EILSON, etc. However, the whole question of movement in CENTRAL and NORTH WESTERN EUROPE has recently been the subject of Conferences at AULT air in LONDON at which AFG HQ 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 COM 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 30,000. ORs 465000.	
		ORs	Offrs
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1 to 3	"A" + 6 weeks to "A" + 8 weeks	472	376
4 to 7	"A" + 8 weeks to "A" + 10 weeks	499	1393
8 & 9	"A" + 10 weeks to "A" + 12 weeks	466	2100
10 & 11	"A" + 12 weeks to "A" + 14 weeks	623	3180
12 to 17	"A" + 14 weeks to "A" + 26 weeks	3300	20300
	TOTAL released by "A" + 6 months	5580	27349
			18%
			5.0%

It will be noted from the above table that only some 6% of the total UK forces in COM 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 numbers are much higher than those shown during the first 6 months; in addition, the proportion of officers to ORs drops very considerably. It is not possible yet to give any figures for the second 6 months on a percentage basis, since the theatre ceiling is bound to have decreased considerably by then.

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TABLE SHOWING RELEASE DATA FOR FIFTH SIX MONTHS.

Groups	Date of release in UK (b)	Numbers in Percentage of total Force Groups 30,000. CRs 45,000.		
		CRs (c)	Offrs (d)	CRs (f)
1 to 3	"A" + 6 weeks to "A" + 8 weeks	472	376	1.6%
4 to 7	"A" + 8 weeks to "A" + 10 weeks	499	1393	1.7%
8 & 9	"A" + 10 weeks to "A" + 12 weeks	466	2100	1.6%
10 & 11	"A" + 12 weeks to "A" + 14 weeks	623	3480	2.1%
12 to 17	"A" + 14 weeks to "A" + 26 weeks	3300	20300	11%
	TOTAL released by "A" + 6 months	5580	27549	18%
				5.8%

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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 WAR EAST, the target for the qualifying period for FIFTH is 3 years and 6 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 Government will allow the "over" 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.

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The War Office have ruled that, no matter how long or how short a period they have been overseas, all British service personnel are to have 28 days leave in the U.K. before being sent to the FAR EAST. GHQ INDIA have ruled that all British personnel of the Indian Army who have been less than ½ years overseas shall receive 28 days leave in the UK; all those who have been more than ½ years shall receive 61 days, unless they have, within the last year of their service, proceeded on UK leave under the Indian Army Leave Schemes.

8. It is obviously too early at this stage to be able to assess the practicability of bringing families out to join those who remain on occupational duty in EUROPE. The main factors which have to be considered are conditions in the occupied areas as well as problems of movement, accommodation and supplies. It is quite impossible at this moment to determine these factors, and all that can be said is that this aspect of the occupation is in the minds of those in authority, and will be carefully considered as soon as such a course appears in any way feasible.

9. It is hoped that it will ultimately be possible to increase local privilege leave to 7 days every 3 months, so as to bring the Mediterranean Theatre into line with the UK. This will depend on whether facilities exist for establishing the necessary number of leave centres near the Armies of Occupation.

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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.

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:-

18-23:	to be released in UK Nov 45 - Jan 46;
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