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ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
G. H. Q. C. M. F.

D.O.S. CORPS INSTRUCTION NO. 95

Subject: DISPOSAL OF REGIMENTAL FUNDS ON THE DISBANDMENT OF UNITS

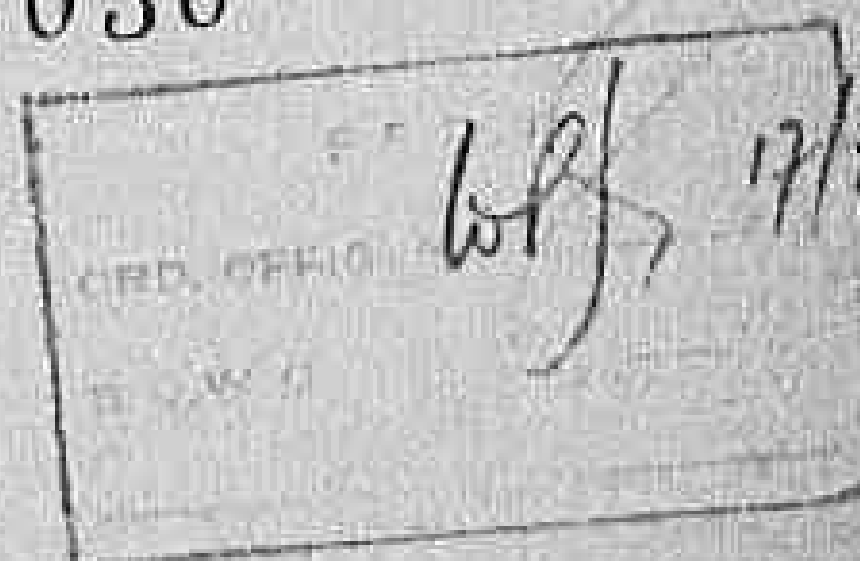
1. Attention is directed to A.C.I. 1354 of 1944 which gives in detail action to be taken regarding the disposal of Officers' Mess, Sergeants' Mess and P.R.I. funds upon the disbandment of a unit.
2. Particular reference is made to the following points from this A.C.I. :-
 - (a) When a unit receives the order to disband, the funds will immediately be frozen. After this date outstanding bills will be paid, and no expenditure will be incurred other than on normal amenities for the personnel of the unit while disbanding.
 - (b) Funds will be handed over to the local paymaster, with instructions regarding their disposal in accordance with para 7(a) of the A.C.I.
3. The R.A.O.C. Benevolent fund is :-
The R.A.O.C. Aid Society.
4. Instructions regarding the disposal of funds of joint R.A.O.C./R.E.M.E. Units on dissolution have been published separately in D.O.S. Corps Instruction No. 92.

(G.H. GEARKE) Major-General
D.O.S.

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ORDNANCE DIRECTORATE
G. H. Q. C. H. F.

D.O.S. CORPS INSTRUCTION NO. 94

Subject: CANCELLATION OF INSTRUCTIONS

D.O.S. Corps Instructions Nos. 1 to 55 inclusive are now cancelled and should be destroyed, as they have either been cancelled within themselves or are now covered by instructions issued through the medium of D.O.S. Circulars.

C. H. Geake
(C.H. GEAKE) Major-General
D.O.S.

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N.B. P.O.S. Corps Instruction No. 89 will not be published.

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Subject: - D.A.D.O.S. Field Force
Organisation.

H.Q. 52 British Liaison Unit
C.M.F.
ORD/18 (26)
19 September 1945

D.D.O.S.
H.Q. No. 2 District,
C.M.F.

Reference D.O.S. letter DOS/7365 dated 6 Sept. 1945, and your letter ORD/5136 dated 11 Sept. 1945; the following comments are forwarded:-

Part II System of Supply.

Sec. 3(e) Stores :- Normal maintenance.

The system of supply of M.T. spares is far too slow. When this Formation was in action the usual period between submitting indent and stores being received was six weeks, therefore vehicles had to be conditioned B.L.R. when only minor repairs were required.

It is suggested that:-

- 1/. Indents for M.T. Spares should always be treated as Air Mail.
- 2/. Stores Convoy Units deliver direct to D.A.D.O.S. of Formation and not to Road Head.
- 3/. That M.T. spares are never forwarded by rail.

Part III Sec 2 :- Procedure Base Ord. Depots:-

The single item voucher system at B.O.D. is causing an enormous amount of work to D.A.D.O.S. and to Units. It is pointed out that if an Indent is submitted now for six items, six vouchers are received here for registry, six small packages are forwarded to Unit, six entries have to be made on convoy notes, and six No3 copies of Issue Voucher must be cleared by Unit concerned, instead of one action of each under the previous system. The reason for the a/m system is understood, but it is thought that the disadvantages far outweigh the advantages, and that the previous system is more practicable.

Field.

G.W. Major.
(G.W. GORDON)
D.A.D.O.S. 52 B.L.U.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

D.O.S. CORPS INSTRUCTION NO. 93


Subject: DISBANDMENT OF UNITS

Consequent upon the disbandment of No. 5 Bn G.R.T.D., DOS Corps Instruction No. 91 is cancelled. The following details now apply.

1. As from the date of this Instruction, the following procedure will be carried out by RAOC units disbanding under HQ 3 District at BENEVENTO.
2. Units instructed to move to B.R.D. BENEVENTO will send a representative ahead to report to the Ordnance Officer at that Depot.
3. As soon as any unit arrives at the B.R.D. BENEVENTO, whether it is for eventual disbandment or is merely staging, the Ordnance Officer on the Depot Staff will notify D.O.S. A.F.H.Q. (per A.D.O.S. Plans) by letter, the full details of the unit and its date of arrival.
4. After the disbanding unit has settled in at B.R.D. BENEVENTO, O.C. of disbanding unit will contact ADOS 56-Area regarding disposal of stores.
5. The essentials for the maintenance of the unit, such as Cooking gear, etc. will be retained until the unit is finally disbanded and the personnel are handed over to B.R.D. BENEVENTO.
6. O.C. of disbanding unit will then arrange to hand in his vehicles in accordance with Q(AE) Admin Instruction No. 13 of 11 June 1945, retaining until the last day such vehicles as are required for the maintenance of the unit.
7. No action whatsoever will be taken by anyone in respect of para's 4 and 6 above until definite instructions are received from this H.Q., either in the form of a disbandment letter or other written instructions.
8. After the above instructions have been carried out, O.C. of unit disbanding will contact Ordnance Officer, B.R.D. BENEVENTO to arrange handing over of all personnel and return of any stores and vehicles still held.

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3. As soon as any unit arrives at the B.R.D. BENEVENTO, whether it is for eventual disbandment or is merely staging, the Ordnance Officer on the Depot Staff will notify D.O.S. A.F.H.Q. (for A.D.O.S. Plans) by letter, the full details of the unit and its date of arrival.
4. After the disbanding unit has settled in at B.R.D. BENEVENTO, O.C. of disbanding unit will contact ADOS 56 Area regarding disposal of stores.
5. The essentials for the maintenance of the unit, such as Cooking gear, etc. will be retained until the unit is finally disbanded and the personnel are handed over to B.R.D. BENEVENTO.
6. O.C. of disbanding unit will then arrange to hand in his vehicles in accordance with Q(AE) Admin Instruction No.13 of 11 June 1945, retaining until the last day such vehicles as are required for the maintenance of the unit.
7. No action whatsoever will be taken by anyone in respect of para's 4 and 6 above until definite instructions are received from this H.Q., either in the form of a disbandment letter or other written instructions.
8. After the above instructions have been carried out, O.C. of unit disbanding will contact Ordnance Officer, B.R.D. BENEVENTO to arrange handing over of all personnel and return of any stores and vehicles still held.


 (A.I. NIXON, Brigadier, DDOS)
 for Maj-Gen
 DOS

11 Sep 45

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DOS CORPS INSTRUCTION NO 92

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

D.O.S. CORPS INSTRUCTION NO. 92

Subject: Disposal of Regimental Funds and Property of Joint
RAOC/REME Units on Dissolution.

1. With reference to ACI 1394 of 1944, this matter has been given attention with a view to amplifying the instructions to cover the case of joint messes which may either close or continue separate corporate existences. It has been decided that the following rules should do justice to all concerned and comply with existing regulations on the subject.

2. Property will be given a value assessed at a valuation meeting to be held as early as possible after receipt of this instruction and thenceforward annually on the 31st December.

The figure thus obtained will be added to the total of the funds and the whole then dealt with as in subsequent paras.

If either Corps forms a new mess, as a result of the change, the property will be distributed as agreed by mutual arrangement between Corps representatives, and count as part of the total sum due. Otherwise it will be sold to the best advantage, but the intention is that no property should be sold outside, if it is required by a new mess.

If at the time of the change the property has already been depreciated to such an extent as to be out of keeping with its value, it should be re-valued.

3. Funds

(a) If the Unit is disbanding and the mess closes or has no successor of the whole or part - the funds, including the PROPERTY, will be dealt with as set down in ACI 1394/44.

The appropriate Corps Benevolent Funds are :-

RAOC - The RAOC Aid Society

REME - the REME Benevolent Fund (which has just been formed)

(b) If the unit is dividing and a mess or messes come into being or if the personnel move complete to other messes - the funds, including the property, will be transferred

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If at the time of the change the property has already been depreciated to such an extent as to be out of keeping with its value, it should be re-valued.

3. Funds

- (a) If the Unit is disbanding and the mess closes or has no successor of the whole or part - the funds, including the PAY-PENNY, will be dealt with as set down in ACI 1394/44.

The appropriate Corps Benevolent Funds are :-

RAOC ~ The RAOC Aid Society

REME ~ the REME Benevolent Fund (which has just been formed)

- (b) If the unit is dividing and a mess or messes come into being or if the personnel move complete to other messes - the funds, including the property, will be transferred to the new mess or messes in proportion to the numbers of each Corps so transferred.

A dining member will count one share and a non-dining member a half-share.

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(c) If neither (a) nor (b) above taken effect complete, and the personnel of other Corps are distributed amongst several units - the funds in respect of either Corps will be dealt with on the basis laid down in AGI 1095/44. If the 00 unit does not belong to the Corps concerned he should take the advice of the senior officer, of the Corps in the unit, before allocating any of the funds.

4. Regimental Institute fund's and Property

The above paragraphs have been framed with Officers' and Sergeants' Messes in mind but the principles apply equally to the IMA.

5. GPO 706 of 1945 refers and para 2(c) has been amended to conform with the above. - see GPO 3.1/45.

W. G. G. G.

(DOS 7668/PY JS)

25 Aug 45

(S. H. GRANT, Major General, D O, S.)

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Subject: PAOC Field Force Organisation

HQ & District 02

Tel. No. 84

OPD/5136

11 Sep 45

Distribution as below

Reference attached copy letter with Appendix received from AFHQ.

All addressees will forward direct to this Directorate by 22 Sep their comments as requested in para 1 of the a/m letter, including any recommendation they may have for amending existing War Establishments or proposals for new ones.

J. H. Lane

In Col.
(as Capt)
for DDCS

/MLS.

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- OC 2 Amn TH Sub Sec
- OC 6 Amn RH Sub Sec
- OC 3 Supply RH Sub Sec
- OC HQ RH B. Sec
- OC 21 RH TH Sub Sec
- OC 25 RH TH Sub Sec
- OC 664 Lc Tps W/Shops Stores Sec
- OC 665 " " " " "
- OC 685 " " " " "
- OC 10 Corps Tps W/Shops Stores Sec
- OC 1 Det 581 B of C SCU
- OC HQ 1 AFB Kitting & Stores Coy
- OC 'B' Main Sec 1 AFB Kitting & Stores Coy

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Subject:- RAOC Field Force Organisation.

Ref:- DCS/7365

To:-

Tel:- Freedom 810

DDOS L of C, CCF.
DDOS Rear HQ B.I.A.
DDOS HQ 2 District.
DDOS HQ Land Force Greece.
DDOS HQ 13 Corps District.
H.Q. 38 Vehicle Coy. RAOC.

Date:- 6 Sep 45

1. Following upon the cessation of hostilities in Europe, Major General Williams, Controller of Ordnance Services, is desirous of obtaining full information as to the RAOC Organisation in War, to be used as a basis for training in the future.
2. At the end of the Great War, little or no attempt was made to record the lessons learnt in the various campaigns of which it was comprised, with the result that the staff of the present war found the Corps almost totally untrained for war. There is no intention this time of repeating this oversight and, in order to obtain the views of all officers who have had experience either in command of units or on headquarters staffs, it is essential that a review of the recent operations in Europe should be made now before such officers are demobilised or posted to other theatres.
3. The whole CCF will be divided into the Commands as shown in the list of addressees. No unit however small must be overlooked, as it is the small wheels that help to turn the large wheels.
4. In carrying out this review, it is suggested that you should obtain the comments of all officers commanding RAOC units, in addition to ADSOS at formation headquarters, and that such comments should be discussed and sifted at each stage, until finally the general view of the theatre as a whole is obtained. When the review is completed, a report covering the points listed in Appendix 'A' will be forwarded to me. It is stressed that only constructive suggestions for improving the existing organisations are required.
5. In certain respects, the organisation of the RAOC in Italy differs from that in N.W. Europe and it will be of great value of those officers, who have had experience in both theatres, are asked to express their opinions as to which of the two most nearly approaches the ideal. This particularly applies to the Ordnance Field Pack organisations and the method of holding and releasing "reserved" stores.
6. There is, of course, the fundamental difference between the "long" theatres in that one is maintained on the "short" and the other on the "long" sea voyage principle. This affects the Advanced Ordnance Depot set up and the

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the lessons learnt in the various campaigns of which it was comprised, with the result that the start of the present war found the Corps almost totally untrained for war. There is no intention this time of repeating this oversight and, in order to obtain the views of all officers who have had experience either in command of units or on headquarters staffs, it is essential that a review of the recent operations in Europe should be made now before such officers are demobilised or posted to other theatres.

3. The whole C.F. will be divided into the Commands as shown in the list of addressees. No unit however small must be overlooked, as it is the small wheels that help to turn the large wheels.
4. In carrying out this review, it is suggested that you should obtain the comments of all officers commanding RACC units, in addition to ADsOS at formation headquarters, and that such comments should be discussed and sifted at each stage, until finally the general view of the theatre as a whole is obtained. When the review is completed, a report covering the points listed in Appendix 'A' will be forwarded to me. It is stressed that only constructive suggestions for improving the existing organisations are required.
5. In certain respects, the organisation of the RACC in Italy differs from that in U.K. Europe and it will be of great value of those officers, who have had experience in both theatres, are asked to express their opinions as to which of the two most nearly approaches the ideal. This particularly applies to the Ordnance Field Park organisations and the method of holding and releasing "reserved" stores.
6. There is, of course, the fundamental difference between the "short" and the "long" theatres in that one is maintained on the "short" and the other on the "long" sea voyage principle. This affects the Advanced Ordnance Depot set up and the system of maintenance. Since training must necessarily cover both cases, no attempt should be made to compare one directly with the other when making the review.
7. Although in para. 4, I state that only constructive suggestions are required, it is not the intention that where Officers have very strong views on the present make-up of some units, that they should be debarred from putting forward their views, so long as the eventual outcome would be to benefit the Corps.
8. Proposals for entirely new War Establishments and amendments to present ones - both U.K and C.I.F. - are required.
9. When you have received replies from all units of your concern, it is suggested you have a "round table" conference, following which your agreed views should be forwarded to this Directorate.

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After they have all been received here and examined, it is then proposed to hold a final meeting in this H.Q. when all addressees will be requested to attend.

10. Will you please endeavour to forward your full views to this Directorate not later than 30 Sept 45.

J. R. Corlett

(J.R. CORLETT) Lt. Col. ADCS, FLAIR,
for Maj-Gen.
D.O.S., A.P.H.Q.

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Appendix 'A' to DOS/7365 of
6 Sep 45.

REVIEW OF THE RAOC FIELD FORCE ORGANISATION.

Headings under which recommendations will be grouped.

PART I

General Organisation.

All aspects of general organisation under the following sections:-

- Sec 1 Ordnance Headquarters Staffs at all levels.
 " 2 Ordnance Field Parks.
 " 3 Stores Sections attached RME Wksp. (incl. Base Hospitals and Base Laundries)
 " 4 Laundry and Bath Units - Base Ammunition Depots, Advanced Ammunition
 " 5 Ammunition units - Base Ammunition Repair Units, Ammunition Repair
 Depots, Mobile Ammunition Repair Units, Ammunition Repair
 Factories.
 " 6 Ordnance Maintenance Companies (incl. Forward Maintenance Stores
 Sections and Forward Maintenance Ammunition Sections)
 " 7 Base Ordnance Depots, Advanced Ordnance Depots.
 " 8 Vehicle Companies.
 " 9 Officers' Shops.
 " 10 Industrial Gas Units.
 " 11 Ordnance Base Depots.
 " 12 Convey Units.
 " 13 Port Ordnance and Port Ammunition Detachments.

PART II

System of Supply.

- Sec 1 Ammunition
 " 2 'A' and 'B' Vehicles :-
 (a) Replacement 'A' and 'B' Vehicles.
 (b) Returned Vehicles.
 " 3 Stores :-
 (a) Normal Maintenance.
 (b) General Staff Controlled Reserves.
 (c) Signals Officer in Chief Reserves.
 (d) Other Reserves.
 " 4 Signal line stores.
 " 5 Industrial Gases.

PART III

Procedure.

- Sec 1 Ordnance Field Parks and Stores Sections attached RME Wksp.
 " 2 Base Ord Depots, Adv Ord Depots.
 " 3 Base Am Depots, Adv Am Depots.
 " 4 Laundry and Bath Units.
 " 5 Officers Shops.
 " 6 Vehicle Coys.
 " 7 L of C and Corps Convey Units.
 " 8 Port Ord Dets and Port Am Dets.
 " 9 Ordnance Maintenance Coys.
 " 10 Industrial Gas Units.

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- " 6 Ordnance Maintenance Companies (Anti, Forward Sections and Forward Maintenance Ammunition Sections)
- " 7 Base Ordnance Depots, Advanced Ordnance Depots.
- " 8 Vehicle Companies.
- " 9 Officers' Shops.
- " 10 Industrial Gas Units.
- " 11 Ordnance Base Depots.
- " 12 Convey Units.
- " 13 Port Ordnance and Port Ammunition Detachments.

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PART III Procedure.

- Sec 1 Ordnance Field Parks and Stores Sections attached ~~RDME~~ Wkcsps.
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- " 8 Port Ord Dets and Port Am Dets.
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PART IV. System of return of repairable assemblies.

- PART V Repair of Vote 7, 8 and 9 stores both in Returned Stores Depots and Mobile Stores Repair Units.

PART VI The operation of RAO units in the Army Roadhead.

- PART VII Detailed recommendations for amending War Establishments of RAO units (incl. transport) based on the existing organisation i.e. taking no account of proposals under Pts I to VI.

PART VIII Any matters not included in the above.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

D.O.S. CORPS INSTRUCTION NO. 21

Subject: DISBANDMENT OF R.A.O.C. UNITS

1. As from the date of this Instruction, the following procedure will be carried out by RAOC units disbanding under HQ 3 District at PONTECAGNANO.
2. Units instructed to move to "X" Coy 5 Bn G.R.T.D. will send a representative ahead to report to O.C. "X" Coy, located at PASTENA, 4 miles from SALERNO.
3. As soon as any unit arrives at "X" Coy, 5 Bn G.R.T.D. location, whether it is for eventual disbandment or is merely staging, O.C. "X" Coy, 5 Bn G.R.T.D. will notify D.O.S. A.F.H.Q. (for A.D.O.S. Plans) by letter, the full details of the unit and its date of arrival.
4. After the disbanding unit has settled in at "X" Coy location, O.C. of disbanding unit will contact Ordnance Officers, 1, 2 and 3 Sub-Depots, 557 B.O.D. regarding handing in of serviceable stores and Ordnance Officer, Returned Stores Depot, 557 B.O.D. in respect of unserviceable items.
5. The essentials for the maintenance of the unit, such as Cooking gear, etc. will be retained until the unit is finally disbanded and the personnel are handed over to O.C. "X" Coy, 5 Bn G.R.T.D.
6. O.C. of disbanding unit will then arrange to hand in his vehicles in accordance with Q(AE) Admin Instruction No. 13 of 11 June 1945, retaining until the last day such vehicles as are required for the maintenance of the unit.
7. No action whatsoever will be taken by anyone in respect of para's 4 and 6 above until definite instructions are received from this H.Q., either in the form of a disbandment letter or other written instructions.
8. After the above instructions have been carried out, O.C. of unit disbanding will contact O.C. "X" Coy 5 Bn G.R.T.D. to arrange handing over of all personnel and return of any stores and vehicles still held.

(A. I. NIXON, Brigadier, DDOS)
for Maj-Gen
DOS

23 July 45

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

D.O.S. CORPS INSTRUCTION NO. 90

ATTACHMENTS TO P.A.O.C.

Subject:

1. During the course of the next few months Ordnance will be losing either by reason of demobilisation, redeployment, FRENCH or transfer to MEF, approximately 75% of the RACC officer strength in this theatre.
2. No further reinforcements of any nature will henceforth be received from UK, and in view of the recent restrictions on commissioning little help can be expected in this direction.
3. It is unlikely that Ordnance commitments will drop in ratio to our personnel losses. Thus the situation will become progressively more acute.
4. To remedy this serious state of affairs, the only existing source of replacements in that of officers of other arms, who for various reasons are reluctant to their own arm and are passed to the services for extra regimental employment.
5. Full use must be made of such personnel, and with this end in view it is intended to accept the fullest number available, and where vacancies do not at present exist, to attach them to RACC units and establishments for such training as may be possible in the short time available.
6. Units and establishments who, from the date of receipt of this instruction receive such officers for initial training, will at the termination of a six weeks' attachment or such lesser period as may be advised on the posting instruction issued by G-1(Sr)/AG, render to this latter office a report on the suitability of the IEE officer for Ordnance duties, and at the same time will advise the particular type of duty in which the officer has been trained, and for which he is considered to have shown the greatest aptitude.
7. It is pointed out that officers of other arms employed with RACC units and absorbed within the V.S. are eligible for promotion on exactly the same basis as RACC officers and where considered merited should be recommended for same in accordance with GRC 247 of 1944. Further, whilst so attached they are also entitled to modified Corps Pay, D.O.S. Corps Instruction No. 62 of 12 Feb 45 refers.
8. Finally, although no undertaking to transfer to RACC will ~~be~~ **7020** given by any officers attached for duty, wherever possible such transfers are

2. No further reinforcements of any nature will henceforth be received from UK, and in view of the recent restrictions on commissioning little help can be expected in this direction.
3. It is unlikely that Ordnance commitments will drop in ratio to our personnel losses. Thus the situation will become progressively more acute.
4. To remedy this serious state of affairs, the only existing source of replacements is that of officers of other arms, who for various reasons are reluctant to their own arm and are passed to the services for extra regimental employment.
5. Full use must be made of such personnel, and with this end in view it is intended to accept the fullest number available, and where vacancies do not at present exist, to attach them to RAOC units and establishments for such training as may be possible in the short time available.
6. Units and establishments too, from the date of receipt of this instruction receive such officers for initial training, and at the termination of a six weeks' attachment or such lesser period as may be advised on the posting instruction issued by C-1(Sr)/AS, render to this letter office a report as to the suitability of the RE officer for Ordnance duties, and at the same time will advise the particular type of duty in which the officer has been trained, and for which he is considered to have shown the greatest aptitude.
7. It is pointed out that officers of other arms employed with RAOC units and absorbed within the W.I. are eligible for promotion on exactly the same basis as RAOC officers and where considered merited should be recommended for same in accordance with GRO 917 of 1944. Further, whilst so attached they are also entitled to modified Corps Pay, D.O.S. Corp's Instruction No. 82 of 12 Feb 45 refers.
8. Finally, although no undertaking to transfer to RAOC will **have 7020** be desirable as the officer concerned becomes an RAOC asset, and the danger of his being withdrawn from Ordnance employment thus no longer exists. In addition, he of course then qualifies for the full rate of Corps pay. In this connection, however, it is pointed out that only officers who are in Age/Service Group 20 and later, or if in an earlier Age/Service Group have deferred release, and who in addition have not served more than three years overseas or have relinquished PAYMENT rights will be acceptable for transfer.

(DOS/7585)

25 June 45

C. H. Drake
(C. H. DRAKE, Maj-Gen.)
D.O.S.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

TO

DOS CORPS INSTRUCTION NO. 74

042/18.
~~See Act 74~~

Subject: Other Ranks held in excess of War Establishment.

DELETE existing para 3,

SUBSTITUTE

"3. Personnel will in no circumstances be held on a W.E. in lieu of any trade other than that in which they are at present mustered.

If they are considered suitable for holding in lieu of some other allied trade, application will be made to GHQ 2nd Echelon immediately for their mustering or re-mustering.

The following, however, is the only exception to this rule:-

STOREMEN filling CLERKS vacancies.

Owing to the acute shortage of Clerks, Storemen may be held against a Clerks vacancy on the W.E.

Where this occurs, no promotion against H.C.O vacancy must be made until personnel are found suitable and have been re-mustered."

(DOS/7462)

7 May '45

C. H. Blake
(C. H. BLAKE, Maj-Gen)
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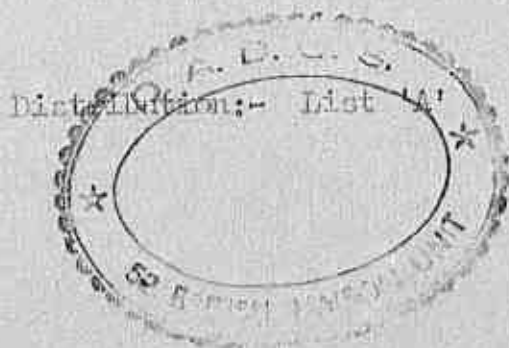
D.O.S. COMESA INSTRUCTION NO. 68

Subject: R.A.O.C. Officers and Other Ranks required for Austria
Control Commission.

1. Attention is drawn to "Regulations for Release from the Army 1945" and "A.F.H.Q. Release Instructions, April 1945" published under G.R.O. 455/45.
2. Officers and other ranks for the Austria Commission will be selected as far as possible from those who have less than 3 years overseas service and who elect to stay in the Army until general demobilization (after the end of the war in the Far East).
3. The names of all such volunteers will be forwarded in DUPLICATE to this Directorate immediately, with copies to senior Formations concerned. All nominations must reach this Headquarters by 10 May 1945 or as soon as possible thereafter.
4. It is pointed out that this instruction in no way alters the procedure laid down in the Release pamphlets at para 1 above. All personnel who wish to remain in the Army until general demobilization will be required to sign the forms required by para 14 of "A.F.H.Q. Release Instructions, April 1945" as well.
5. This instruction is not applicable to officers or other ranks who are eligible for the Far East.
6. Nil returns are not required.
7. Co.C. units will give this instruction their personal and immediate attention.

(DOS/7619)
27 April 1945

C.H. GEAKE
(C.H. GEAKE, Maj-Gen.)
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DOS CORPS INSTRUCTION NO. 87

Subject: Transfers to Far East (Officers) R.A.O.C.

1. All units will forward to this Directorate the names of officers who are prepared to volunteer for service in the Far East.
2. It is pointed out that volunteers are not required immediately.
3. It is possible, however, that this theatre will at some future date be called upon to send a draft of R.A.O.C. officers and for planning purposes it is desired to have a list available.
4. Particulars at Appendix 'A' to this Instruction should be completed in respect of each officer volunteering.

[Signature]
(A. I. NELSON, Brigadier, DDOS)
for Maj-Gen.
DOS.

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D.O.S. CORPS INSTRUCTION NO. 58

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF ALL NON TRADESMEN FROM RAOC TO INFANTRY.

1. Instructions have been received from War Office that RAOC in C.M.F. will provide 250 Cat. A1 Non-Tradesmen for transfer to Infantry.

2. The conditions to be observed are as follows:-

- (a) Category A1.
- (b) Under 30 years of age.
- (c) Non-Tradesman.
- (d) Not eligible for PYTHON for minimum period of nine months.

3. It has been agreed with DAG GHQ 2nd Echelon that, as far as possible, the 250 men will be General Dutymen, and that only any balance required will be Drivers i/c.

4. Lists have been compiled by this Directorate in conjunction with GHQ 2nd Echelon showing the number of men who may be posted from each unit.

5. Arrangements have been made to ensure that Low Medical Category replacements will be made available before the A1 men are posted away from units.

6. Posting Orders from GHQ 2nd Echelon will be enforced OREF, and these orders will be complied with immediately. Under no circumstances will queries be raised or the movement of men posted be delayed.

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(A.I. NIKOV, Brigadier, DDOS)
for Maj-Gen
D.O.S.

(DOS/7600)

14 March '45.

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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF 41 NON TRADESMEN FROM PAOC TO INFANTRY.

1. Instructions have been received from War Office that PAOC in C.M.F. will provide 250 Cat. A1 Non-Tradesmen for transfer to Infantry.
2. The conditions to be observed are as follows:-
 - (a) Category A1.
 - (b) Under 30 years of age.
 - (c) Non-Tradesman.
 - (d) Not eligible for PYTHON for minimum period of nine months.
3. It has been agreed with DAC GHQ 2nd Echelon that, as far as possible, the 250 men will be General Duty men, and that only any balance required will be Drivers i/c.
4. Lists have been compiled by this Directorate in conjunction with GHQ 2nd Echelon showing the number of men who may be posted from each unit.
5. Arrangements have been made to ensure that Low Medical Category replacements will be made available before the A1 men are posted away from units.
6. Posting Orders from GHQ 2nd Echelon will be enforced ORDER, and these orders will be complied with immediately. Under no circumstances will queries be raised or the movement of men posted be delayed.

(203/7609)

14 March 1945.

(A.I.N. (203), Brigadier, DECS)
for Maj-Gen
D.O.S.

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ORDNANCE (BRITISH)CORPS INSTRUCTION NO. 85Subject: Servant Allowance.

1. Applications for Servant Allowance will NOT in future be addressed to D.O.S. They should be addressed to :-

G-1(Br)/33 AFHQ

2. G.R.O. 324 of 1943 refers.

(DSS/224/12)

12 March '45

(C.H. GRAKE, Maj-Gen.)
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)CORPS INSTRUCTION NO. 52Subject: Promotions (Officers) R.C.O.C.

1. All officers of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps who are seconded to the British Army under the "CANLOAN" scheme and who have been posted within the War Establishments of United Kingdom units will be considered for promotion on equal terms with U.K. officers.
2. The relevant forms should be rendered in accordance with A.C.I. 545 of 1943 as amended by A.C.I. 178 of 1944 and G.R.O. 917 of 1944 when applicable.
3. A.C.I. 504 of 1944 lays down the conditions under which these officers have been seconded to the British Army.

(DOS/22/18)
12 March '45

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(C.H. GRAVE, Maj-Gen.)
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D.O.S. CORPS INSTRUCTION NO. 83

Subject:- CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

1. Officers are not being recommended for promotion until vacancies arise in the War Establishments of the particular units to which the officers belong.
2. In order to cut out the "private Army" tendency, officers will not in future be considered for promotion until recommendations have been in this HQ for at least two months.
3. Corps Instruction No. 79 refers.

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(C.H. GEANE, Maj-Gen.)
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D.O.S. CORPS INSTRUCTION NO. 82

SUBJECT: COMPS PAY FOR OFFICERS OF OTHER ARMS ATTACHED TO R.A.O.C.

1. Attention is drawn to Article 368 of the Royal Warrant for Pay, 1940.
2. It is pointed out that no special authority is required for the grant of Corps Pay under amendment 3 of the above-mentioned article of the Pay Warrant.
3. When rendering a casualty, however, the necessary certificate in accordance with the footnote to the Article must also be forwarded to GHQ 2nd Echelon CMF.
4. Corps Pay is inadmissible to an officer who is attached to R.A.O.C. on probation pending transfer.

(G-1(B)/14803/A9)

12 February '45.


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LOS CORPS INSTRUCTION No. 82.

SUBJECT:- OFFICERS (RACC) WITH EXPERIENCE OF RADAR

1. The COS has instructed that the names of all officers in this theatre who have had experience of Radar equipments shall be sent to the War Office immediately.

2. The names of all officers who have had this experience will be sent through normal channels to this HQ, giving the following information :-

- (a) Number :
- (b) Rank :
- (c) Name :
- (d) Place and dates during which employed on Radar :
- (e) Place and dates of any Courses or other training on Radar equipments :
- (f) Brief particulars of employment and training in (d) and (e) above :
- (g) Rank held at time of such employment or training :

(G-1(B)/14841/A9)

28 December '44.

C.H. Geake

(C.H. GEAKE, Maj-Gen),
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SPECIAL DOS CORPS INSTRUCTION No. 80

SUBJECT: APPRECIATIONS.

At the end of the fifth year of the War I take this opportunity of expressing to all ranks of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps my appreciation of their unfailing support during the past year.

Much has been achieved by their efforts and I look forward with confidence to the future, in the sure knowledge that there is no job however arduous which will not willingly be undertaken and accomplished.

I send you, on behalf of all ranks at CASERTA, our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. May it prove to be Victory Year and may we all be nearer home by Christmas 1945.


(C.H. GEAKE, Major-General),
D.O.S.

25 Dec '44

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DOS CORPS INSTRUCTION NO. 79

SUBJECT: COMPLEMENTAL REPORTS (OFFICERS)

1. Attention is drawn to ASI 645 of 1963 as amended by ACT 170 of 1941, which deal with Army Forms of 1st series, and to GPO 417 of 1941, which deals with promotion of officers to ranks of major and below.
2. All DDCOS, ADCOS and COs will make themselves fully acquainted with the above ACI and GPO and will ensure that relevant reports are rendered on officers as applicable.
3. Normally Army forms of the 2nd series will be submitted through IS staff channels in respect of all officers of the rank of major or above.
4. It has been noted, however, that AFM 194D and AFM 194E in respect of officers in installations under control of DDCS L of C will be submitted through DDCS L of C direct to Dep Ill Sec AFM; but AFM 194D and AFM 194E will be rendered by these installations as in para 3 above. The latest printed forms will be used. These are obtainable from Ill Stationery Depot.
5. The proformas shown at appendix "K" to HQ 317 of 1944 will be submitted through normal service channels to AFM 4-1(Gr) in respect of all officers recommended for promotion to captain or major (other than in staff appointments). Installations directly under control DDCS L of C will submit through him. Only ONE copy is required by AFM.
6. DDCOS, ADCOS and COs will review promotion of all officers under command at least once a month.
7. Failure to submit AFM 194D or other recommendations for promotion may cause suitable officers to be passed over when the time comes.
DON'T WAIT UNTIL A VACANCY OCCURS and then submit an AFM 194D at the last minute - this is not to be misconstrued as an afterthought!
8. The reprehensible expedient of asking for an officer to be moved instead of facing the unpleasant task of initiating an AFM 194E is tantamount to dodging responsibility. Officers will NOT be moved in such cases on the grounds that they are "not suitable" without the necessary report being rendered.
9. DOS Corps Instruction No. 60 is hereby cancelled.

officers as applicable.

3. Normally Army series of the 194 series will be submitted through IS staff channels in respect of all officers of the rank of major or above.
4. It has been agreed, however, that AFB 194D and AFB 194G in respect of officers in installations under control of DDCS I of C will be submitted through DDCS I of C direct to Dep. Mil Sec AFHQ; but AFB 194E and AFB 194F will be rendered by these installations as in para 3 above. The latest printed forms will be used. These are obtainable from 11 Stationary Depot.
5. The preference system at Appendix "A" to GPO 917 of 1944 will be submitted through normal service channels to AFHQ G-1(5r)/AS in respect of all officers recommended for promotion to captain or major (other than in staff appointments). Installations directly under control DDCS I of C will submit through him. Only ONE copy is required by AFHQ.
6. DDCS, ADsOS and COs will review promotion of all officers under command at least once a month.
7. Failure to submit AFB 194D or other recommendations for promotion may cause suitable officers to be passed over when the time comes.
DON'T WAIT UNTIL A HADADY OCCURS and then submit on AFB 194D at the last minute - this is apt to be misconstrued as an afterthought!
8. The reprehensible experiment of asking for an officer to be moved instead of facing the unpleasant task of indicting an AFB 194E is tantamount to dodging responsibility. Officers will NOT be moved in such cases on the grounds that they are "not suitable" without the necessary report being rendered.
9. DCS Corps Instruction 5. 65 is hereby cancelled.

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(S. H. GEAR, Major-General).
D.C.S.

11 December 1944.

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AMENDMENT TO CORPS INSTRUCTION No 78ADD Para 5 :-

"All candidates for Immediate Emergency Commissions will in future add the following certificate to Section 30 of part I of AFB 2617 after the words 'The above particulars are correct and complete.'

"I further certify that in the event of my being found unsuitable for an Immediate Emergency Commission, I am prepared to go to an OCTU for training if so directed by WOSB."

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DOCS CORPS INSTRUCTION NO. 7B

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS.

1. Attention is drawn to G.P.O. 567 of 1944.
2. In future, COs when certifying Part III of APB 2017 in respect of candidates required for Immediate Emergency Commissions will add in their own handwriting after "with a view to being commissioned", the words "for technical departmental RAOC duties," or "for regimental duties". If the certifying officer is below field rank, he will obtain the countersignature of an officer not below Lt.Col. as follows: "I have interviewed this candidate, and agree he is suitable for a commission."
3. Applicants under 30 years of age
 - (a) An application for an Immediate Emergency Commission in the RAOC from a candidate of under 30 years of age will not be considered unless he is required for a particular job of a specialist nature demanding the exceptional qualifications possessed by the candidate.
 - (b) Before submission to AFHQ or HQ AAI in accordance with para 3(c) of above mentioned G.P.O. all OOC units will therefore attach to APB 2517 a recommendation by an RAOC officer of the rank of Lt.Col. or above giving full particulars of the candidate's specialist qualifications as defined above, in order that the necessary certificate can be rendered by me personally.
4. In spite of the above arrangements, I must again impress on all officers the importance of recommending potential officers for OCTU training. Corps Instruction No. 58 is not affected except as stated in para 3(a) above.

(G1-B/14758/59)

11 Dec '44.

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(G.H. SEAKE, Major-General)
D.O.S.

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he is suitable for a commission."

3. Applicants under 30 years of age

- (a) An application for an Immediate Emergency Commission in the RAOC from a candidate of under 30 years of age will not be considered unless he is required for a particular job of a specialist nature demanding the exceptional qualifications possessed by the candidate.
- (b) Before submission to AFHQ or HQ AAI in accordance with para 3(c) of above mentioned G.R.O. All OAC units will therefore attach to AFB 2217 a recommendation by an RAOC officer of the rank of Lt. Col. or above giving full particulars of the candidate's specialist qualifications as defined above, in order that the necessary certificate can be rendered by me personally.
- 4. In spite of the above arrangements, I must again impress on all officers the importance of recommending potential officers for OCTU training. Corps Instruction No. 88 is not affected except as stated in para 3(a) above.

(GI-B/14758/AG)

11 Dec '44.

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(E.H. GEMMEL, Major-General)
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D.O.S. CORPS INSTRUCTION NO. 37

SUBJECT: LEAVE IN LIEU OF HOME POSTING ON 'PYTHON'.

1. Attention is drawn to para 9 of GRC 813 of 1944.
2. This paragraph clearly states that nominal rolls will be forwarded direct to GHQ 2nd Echelon accompanied by:-
 - (a) A medical certificate that the individual is medically fit for continued service overseas;
 - (b) A recommendation of the CO that the person is qualified for return because of:-
 - (i) Knowledge and experience of non-UK troops, or
 - (ii) Special knowledge of this theatre of operations.
 - (c) A signed certificate from the individual stating that he understands his obligation to return and realises that on return he will begin a new foreign tour.
3. In spite of this order applications are reaching GHQ 2nd Echelon without the necessary certificates.
4. Copy of applications in respect of officers only will be forwarded to this Directorate.

(DOB/232/1)

9 December, 1944.

C.H. Geake

(C.H. GEAKE, Major-General)
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SPECIAL CORPS INSTRUCTION NO. 75.

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MESSAGE FROM CONTROLLER OF ORD SERVICES.

The following extract from a letter of appreciation has been received from Controller of Ord Services referring to his recent visit:-

"My dear Geake,

"It is difficult for me to tell you how much I appreciate all that you are doing in Italy. I feel that the Ordnance are doing a magnificent job of work in the face of great difficulties which have been overcome by sheer tenacity of purpose.

"I was very impressed with the praise which I received from the formations and units, of the service which they are receiving, and it is clear that the reputation of the Ordnance in Italy is extremely high.

"I did appreciate all your kindness and hospitality and the trouble which you all took to make my visit as comfortable as possible and I feel that, thanks to you, I saw a great deal in a very short time.

"Will you convey my deep appreciation to all your units and staff of the magnificent work which they are doing and the magnificent contribution which they are making to the great victories on the Italian front."

I need hardly say that I am highly gratified at this expression of his appreciation of our efforts, and I am sure that this encouragement will spur you all on to further efforts - not that any spur is needed.

Well done.

G. F. Geake

(G. F. GEAKE, Major-General)
D.O.S.

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