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Confidential Reports - Officers

Sept. 11, 1945 - Jan. 17, 1947

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FILE43ACONFIDENTIALSUBJECT:- Annual Confidential Reports - Officers

10 British Liaison Unit

POSILLIPO NAPLES

Tele : 12060

28 G

17 Jan 47Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
(MMIA) ROME

Reference your 395/49 A dated 3 Jan 47.

Herewith AFs B 2078 revised in respect of Maj MM DAVIE DMR--
duly completed.

4318

CMF
WAV/why
Lt col,
GS.

42A

CONFIDENTIAL

Telephone:
Rome 489081 Ext 533

LAND FORCE SUB-COM, AG (1211), CMF

395/49 A

8 Jan 47

10 B.L.U.SUBJECT : Confidential Reports - Officers.Maj M.M. DAVIS (42306) D.V.R.

1. Returned herewith is confidential report in respect of the
a/n officer.

4317

2. Will you please resubmit in duplicate on the attached A.F.S
B. 2079 Rev.

NHR/f.

SEE 40A

Mon. Hag
DAMS
Lt-Col,
AG, 1211.

28 G

26 JAN 1947

6 DEC 1946

FILE40ACONFIDENTIALSUBJECT :- Annual Confidential Reports - Officers10 British Liaison Unit
POSTILLIO NAPLES
Tele : 12060 NAPLES
28 G6 Dec 46Land Forces Sub Commission AC.
(MILA) ROME ('A' Branch)30A

Reference your signal A 50 of 7 Nov 46.

Herewith duplicated ARs B2078, as received from NAPLES Area
(('A' Branch), completed in respect of Major M.M. DAVIE DWR completed,
heading only, in respect of Lt col W.A. VIVOUR DSO MARCH.

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SEE 41ACMF
WAV/rvmW.A. Vivour
Lt col,
GS.SEE 42A

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PRIORITY

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A
TO

HQ MILA ROBIN

DA
FROM

10 British Liaison Unit NAPLES

TESTO
TEXT

28 G (.) U/C (.) Ref your A 69 of 19 Nov (.) Your
A 50 of 07 herewith acknowledged

FIRMA
SIGNATURE

R.V. DE MELVIN SGT

ORA E DATA
TIME & DATE

1500 201146



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§ 35 dell'Istruzione sul collegamento - Vol. II
(Categ. 3799 - ediz. 1940 - XVIII)Indicazioni d'urgenza
o eventuali.

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(2) Da trasmettere alla stazione

(1) Indicazione a bollo del comando mittente.
(2) Indice della stazione destinataria o indirizzo del comando destinatario.
(3) Indice della stazione mittente.

N. 2927 del Catal.

Indice del collegamento.

Le ore si contano sul meridiano medio dell'Europa Centrale e di seguito da una mezzanotte all'altra.

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alla stazione (2) Trasmittente

Parole (p) N.

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TESTO

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For Action

CC. 10 B.A.U.

(W) For information (INFO)

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Reference your signal 286 of 11 @ Please find
enclosed AF 32078 as requested @ your attention
is drawn to ACI 249 of 46.

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Message Instructions

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2860 MAY THIS HQ PLEASE BE SUPPLIED
WITH 12 COPIES OF IIP B 8078 FOR REVIEW
OF ANNUAL CONFIDENTIAL REPORT ON OFFICERS

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5.35 dell'istruzione sul collegamenti - Vol. II

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V O NAPOLI DA ROMA MG 1/M 67 7/11 1800
COMILITER PER 10 BLU NAPOLI



Indice del collegamento

A50 REF VRO 682/46 STOP ANNUAL CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS ON OFFICERS
OF BLUSM WILL BE RENDERED ON DUPLICATE DIRECT TO THIS HQ BY 15 DEC
WITHOUT FAILVMVD NOT REPEAT NOT TO LOCAL AREA HQS STOP

APPROPRIATE AF B 2077 WILL BE OBTAINED FROM LOCAL AREA HQS EXCEPT

8 AND 12 BLU WHO WILL RECEIVE THEM DIRECT FROM THIS HQ STOP A

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FILE

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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT :- Recommendations - Officers

10 British Liaison Unit
FORUM DEL GRUPO
Tele : 55381 NAPLES
28 G

28 May 46

Land Forces Stp Comm: AG., (MIA)
ROME ("A" Branch)

Major H.M. DAVIS DWR (42385)

1. The above named officer, who has served for 17 years in the Regular Army, and has commanded a battalion in action, is fit for a Lt Col.'s appointment, in command of an infantry battalion or equivalent unit, or as a General Staff Officer 1st Grade.

CM
AMC/172

Az
Lt Col.
G2.

- 4309

FILE

33A

Subject :- Confidential Report - Officers.CONFIDENTIAL10 British Liaison Unit
Torre del Greco
Naples, Tel. 55381
28 GNaples Area ("A" Branch)

32A

2 Rhs: 46

Ref. your A53/356 dated 27 Mar 46.

Capt. F.A. MURRAY, RASC (70181)

1. As requested in the above quoted letter, AFB 2077 in duplicate in respect of the above named officer has been initialled by him and is returned herewith.
2. A report has already been made on this officer by OC 10 BLU. GOC, MMIA, has added his remarks and Capt. MURRAY has initialled the report.
3. It is suggested that the question of duplicate reports be taken up with MMIA.

A

AWG/bb

Lt-Col.
GS.

Copy to :
Land Forces Sub-Commission, AG.,
ROME. ("A" Branch) (Copy of HQ Naples Area letter A53/356 dated 27 Mar 46
enclosed.)

4308

C O P Y

Subject :- Confidential Reports - Officers

CONFIDENTIAL

HQ NAPLES AREA

Tele: (3 District Ext 214
(10200 - Ext 214

A53/356

27 Mar 46

10 B.I.U.

Capt. F.A. MURRAY, RASC (70181)

The attached AF B2077, in duplicate, in respect of the above named officer is forwarded for initialling by him and return to this HQ.

(Sgd) ??????????
Lt-Col.
AA & QMG

In the Field
FJS

Enclosure : AF B2077 (in duplicate)

- 4307

4306

29 MAR 1948

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(31A)

OC 10 British Liaison Unit

Captain LOWE R.F.S. (1474721) REME

This officer had a severe car accident on 26 Jan 46 and was deeply shocked. He has not yet recovered and is now suffering from a mild ANXIETY STATE.

I recommend him to have a 4 weeks' sick leave to be started as soon as possible. 4305

Signed ?????????????????? Capt RAMO
No 1 Central MI Rome NAPLES

To O.C. No 10 B.L.V.

1474721 Capt. LOWE R.F.S.

This officer had a severe car accident on 26.1.46 and was deeply shocked. He has not yet recovered and is now suffering from a mild ANXIETY STATE.

I recommend him to have a 4 weeks' sick leave, to be started as soon as possible.

H. L. Lumsden

No 1 CENTRAL M.I. ROOM, NAPLES

Capt RAM

Subject :- Confidential Reports - Officers.

CONFIDENTIAL

10 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 15744 NAPLES
28 G

3 District.

15 Feb 46

Copy to :- MMIA ('A' Branch) (Copy of 3 Dist 6/3283 EME
dated 12 Feb 46 enclosed)
Action para 2.

T/Capt. R.F.S. LOWE (147421) MEME A/S Op 26.

Reference your 6/3283 EME dated 12 Feb 46.

1. It is pointed out that under ACI 1183/45 para 1, the use of AF B194D, F and G has been discontinued. AF B194E is not applicable in Capt Lowe's case. As Capt Lowe is in A/S Group 26 it is very unlikely that he has a year's service to run before release. A report on AF B2077 is therefore also inapplicable. A report in letter form, initiated by Capt Lowe, is therefore enclosed herewith. (2 copies to MMIA)
2. It is further pointed out that under MMIA Directive No. 2, Appx 'F' dated 7 Dec 45, MS matters concerning officers with BLJ's are dealt with by MMIA. It is therefore recommended that MMIA should take over this case from 3 District.
3. Capt. Lowe states that the report on AF B194E initiated on him by Col. BLANDIN, ARG, was cancelled by order of Brig. BROADHURST, DEHE, 2 Dist. Confirmation is requested that this has been done. He further states that further particulars about himself can be obtained from Major D. GADSBY, DAME ('A' Vehs) CEF, CEF.

CEF
AWG/ee

Lt-Col.
GS.

4303

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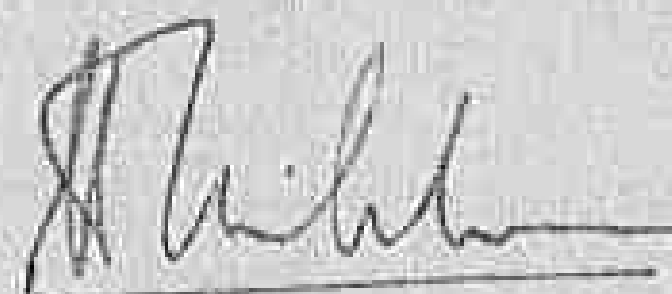
Report on T/Capt. R. F. S. Lowe (147421) REME. A/S Group 26

(REME Officer - 10 BLU)

1. The above named officer has served under my command for six weeks. He is tactful, conscientious, and reliable. He has a thorough knowledge of his job, and can be relied on to work without close supervision.
2. He is well up to the average of his rank, and I recommend that he should retain his present appointment until he is released.



Initials of
Capt. Lowe.



Lt-Col. GS.

10 BLU
CMF

LT-COL. A. W. GIBSON, OBE.
Commanding 10 BLU.

15 Feb 46

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Am 14/2
Subject : Confidential Reports - Officers

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3 district
Baseball 95
6/3283 EME

10 B.L.U.

12 Feb 46

T/Capt R.F.S.Lowe (147421) REME

1. The a/n officer has previously been recommended for advancement on Appendix "A" to GRO 917/44, and in addition a special confidential report on AF B194E has been initiated on him. As a result of the latter, the war office have now requested that a further report in the AF B194 series be initiated.
2. Will you please therefore arrange for an appropriate report to be submitted through staff channels.
3. Please treat as urgent as this report is required at the earliest possible date by the Army Council.

[Signature]
(G J SALTER)

COLONEL
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

13 FEB 1946

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File20ASubject :- Confidential Reports.Confidential.10 British Liaison Unit
Tel. 15744 NAPLES
28 G

14 Feb 46

Land Forces Sub-Comm., AC.,
MIA, ROME.

1. Herewith one repeat one copy of AFB. 2078 in respect of
Major M.M. DAVIE
which he has initialed. No second copy was enclosed with the original.
2. It is pointed out that he became a Substantive Major on 31 Jan 46
although this has not yet been published.

GMP
AMD/bbLt-Col.
GS.

Lib.
Subject :- Confidential Reports - Officers.

CONFIDENTIAL

10 British Liaison Unit
28 G

12 Feb 46

Land Forces Sub Comm, AC.
MMIA, MOLE.

Capt. F.A. MURRAY (70184) RASC.

Reference your A/326S dated 2 Feb 46.

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Herewith one copy of AF B2078 in respect of the above named officer duly completed as requested.

CMP
APW/co

A-
Lt-Col.
GS.

4002

Subject :- Ann. 1 Confidential Reports - Office.

2411
10 British Liaison Unit.
Tel. 15744 NAPLES.
28 G

11 Feb 46.

HQ. Royal Artillery,
MALTA.

T/Capt. V.A. BARTOLO (199331) RMA.

Reference your RA No. 131/12 dated 24 Jan 46.

AF B2077 in respect of the above named officer are enclosed
herewith duly completed. 300

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Lt-Col.
GS.

CMP
AVIG/ec

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m.d.*

SUBJECT :- Annual Confidential Reports

Telephone : GUNNER 86

Headquarters, Royal Artillery,
MALTA.

RA No 131/12

24 Jan 46.

Officer Commanding,
10 BLU.,
CMF.

T/Capt V.A. Bartolo (199331) RMA.

Reference AC1 1183/45.

1. In accordance with Malta General Order 1281/45, annual confidential reports are also required for Maltese Officers graded "A", "BB", "B" and "C" for permanent regular Army Commissions in the Royal Malta Artillery.
2. The above-mentioned officer is graded "BB".
3. As the period to be covered by these reports is 1 Jan 45 - 31 Dec 45, and as during the larger part of this period this officer served under your command, will you please complete Part 1 of the attached AFB 2077 (in triplicate) and return to this HQ as soon as possible.

Copy to:-
131/2(2)

S. W. Underly 28.9
Lieut-Colonel RMA,
Commander, Royal Artillery, MALTA.

4 FEB 1946

Subject :- Confidential Reports - Officers.

CONFIDENTIAL

10 BLU
Tel. 15744 NAPLES
28 G

21 Jan 46

MEMO.

Capt. F.A. MURRAY (70181) RASC.

Ref your A 396 S of 18 Dec 45.

1 AG

Herewith Confidential Report in respect of the above named officer in accordance with ACI 1183/45.

CME
/cc

Lt-Col.
GS.

42.1.1

1 Subject :- Release - Officers.

CONFIDENTIAL

10 ELU
Tel. 15744 KATIES
28 G

HQ. MALTA Command. (A Branch)

29 Dec 45

Copy to :- UNHRA, HOME. (Ref this office letter
28 G dated 18 Dec)

T/Capt. P.E. PAGE (115562) RMA.

The above named officer is returning to MALTA, on discharge of the
Maltese Liaison Pool. He has been offered employment with UNHRA in Italy.
(Copy of offer attached). To enable him to take up this employment it is
recommended that he should be released from the army without delay, and
returned to Italy.

CMF
AWG/oc

Az
Lt-Col.
CS.

see 17A

4297

File
UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
ITALIAN MISSION

3 Dec. 1945

Ref No.

TO: Commanding Officer
10 B.L.U. C.M.F.

FROM: S.L. Coony
Chief of Mission

SUBJECT: Request for Release of Mr. Paul Edward PACE

1. This is to request the release from military duty for service with UNRRA Italian Mission of Mr. Paul Edward PACE.

2. The offer that has been made to Mr. Pace is as follows:

- (a) Assignment to Camps as Camp Storekeeper, Gr. 6.
- (b) A commencing salary of £ 450 per annum, plus free meals and lodging and any living allowance which may from time to time be established for members of this Mission;
- (c) A contract not defined in terms of time but anticipated to endure not less than one nor more than two years;
- (d) The contract to be terminable by one month's notice on either side;
- (e) UNRRA to accept financial responsibility for his repatriation to Malta unless he, of his own free will, elects to resign within one year of his appointment.

3. The position that Mr. Pace is offered is one that most urgently requires filling, and it will be appreciated if his release can be expedited. Furthermore, in the event of this release meeting with the approval of your Headquarters, it will also be appreciated if arrangements can be made for the loan of Mr. Pace pending completion of the military formalities.

4296
Gordon D. Hutchings
(S.L. Coony)
Chief of Mission

JA/dp

M-627A

Subject :- Release of Capt. Paul. E. PAGE.

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10 BLD.
Tel. 15744. NAPLES
28 G

R Dec 45

S.M. KENNEDY,
Chief of Mission,
UNRRA,
Italian Mission.

17A
214 (original)

Reference your letter 3 Dec 45.

1. Every effort is being made to obtain the release of Capt. P.E. PAGE and it is hoped that this will be effected in Italy before the New Year.
2. At the moment however there is some discussion as to whether or not all Maltese officers will have to return to MALTA to be demobilized. If this should be necessary it might result in Capt. PAGE being delayed some few days before he could return to Italy.
3. In either case his probable date of release is Dec. 1945 and this unit will keep you informed as to the progress being made.

CME
JML/ee

A
Lt-Col.
CS.

4295

Subject :- Deferral of Release.

MMIA. ('A' Branch).

CONFIDENTIAL

10 HLU
Tel. 15744 NAPLES
AS G

8 Dec 45

T/Capt. R.A. PODESTA (188152) Int Corps.

The attached application by the above named officer for
deferment of release under GRO 541/45 is forwarded and recommended.

CAF
AWG/ec

Az
Lt-Col.
GS. 4295

Subject :- Release - Maltese Officers.

CONFIDENTIAL

17A

10 BLU
Tel. 15744, NAPLES
28 G

5 Dec 45

MEMIA. (*A* Branch)

T/Capt. F.E. PAGE (115562) BMA.

1. Reference enclosed application from the above named officer :-
I recommend that he should be released from the Army, and retained in Italy until his case is decided.
2. Copy of request for release by UNRRA Italian Mission is enclosed herewith.

CAF
AWG/ec

A-
Lt-Col.
GB.

4293

CONFIDENTIALSubject :- Request for Release.To : Commanding Officer,
10 M.H.

Sir,

Reference attached letter from UNRRA Italian Mission.

I request to be released from military duties as soon as possible to take over the position mentioned in the above quoted letter.

I further request to be retained in Italy until such time as my release be granted and not repatriated to Malta.

5/12/45

More

Capt. MHA.

4292

COPY

UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
ITALIAN MISSION

3 Dec. 1945

TO: Commanding Officer
10 R.L.U. C.M.F.

FROM: S.M. Keenoy
Chief of Mission

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Gordon D Hutchings

(S.M. Keenoy) -
Chief of Mission

4291

JA/dp

1-627A

ORIGINAL 2017

Subject: Request for Release -

To: Commanding Officer
10 B.H.U.

(16A)

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Sir,
Enclosed letter from UNRWA Italian Mission.

I request to be released from military detention as soon as possible to take over my position mentioned in the above mentioned letter.

I further request that to be released in Italy until such time as my release be granted and not be repatriated to Malta.

5/12/45.

Ans 5/12

William Capot Rand.

4290

Subject :- Application - Officer.

CONFIDENTIAL

10 ELU
SOL. 157A RUMEN
ES C

4 Dec 45

DATA. (A. H. H. H.)

3/101. V.A. DUNN (1993M) RMA.

1. Enclosed is an application from the above named officer for employment with the Allied Commission. I strongly recommend him for this, and I recommend :-

- (a) That he may be granted an interview with the appropriate branch of the Allied Commission.
- (b) That he may be retained in Italy until the result of his application is decided.

OW
AWG/CC

Ar
Lt-Col.
CS.

4289

Capt. V.A. BARTOLO (199334)
10 BLU. 2nd.

4 Dec 45

Sir,

I beg to submit this application for employment with Allied Commission.

I am desirous of serving in any European or African theatre for an indefinite period but give first preference to Italy or Britain for the following reasons:-

- (1) I am a fluent Italian speaker.
- (2) I have been attached with a BLU for a year and this has enabled me to gain a great deal of experience in dealing with Italians.

I would like to point out that I have been accepted by the Middle East Officers Selection Board. I was placed in category B3 2nd. I have every hope of being granted a permanent regular commission.

V.A. Bartolo

Capt.

Officer Commanding,
10 BLU.

4288

Cabin MMIA
File
Capt. B. B. B.

Sir,

I beg to submit the application for employment with

Allied Commission.

I am desirous of serving in any European or African Theatre for an indefinite period but have been previously engaged to Italy as Extra for the following reasons:

- (1) I am a fluent Italian speaker.
- (2) I have been associated with a B.L.V. for a year and have been enabled me to gain a 175000 deal of experience in dealing with Italians.

Yours faithfully, My dear

Allied Commission.

I am desirous of serving in any European or African Theatre for an indefinite period. Our great past performance in Italy is evidence for the following reasons:

(1) I am a fluent Italian speaker.

(2) I have been awarded with a B.L.U. for a year and was enabled me to gain a 14284 deal of experience in dealing with Italians.

For your knowledge, my other qualifications apart

I would like to point out that I have been accepted by the Middle East Officers' Selection Board. I was placed in Category BB so I have every hope of being

named a Presidential regular
Commissioner in the Army.

1 ~~W. Lawrence~~
Lays

21 Dec 45

1-2-52

Subject :- Field Advances.

CONFIDENTIAL

10 HLU
Tel. 15744 NAPLES
29 G

A3, GHQ., OMF.

4 Dec 45

11A

Reference your 6328/20/A3 dated 24 Nov 45.

1. Please find attached pro-forma duly signed together with an explanation from the officer concerned.

OMF
/cc

Ar

Lt-Col.
GS. 4286

see 12A

SUBJECT :- Field Advances.

Capt R. A. PODUSTA I.O.
10 BLU
CMF

Officer Commanding
10 BLU CMF

1. Proposals for resettlement of debt.
2. Reasons for excess withdrawals.

1. I have no proposals to submit, as I consider myself in credit and not in debt, this in view of the fact that from February 1944 to date I have been paid as a Lieut and not a Captain. The reason for this is due to the fact that the Adjutant to PW Camps Group 5 (India) omitted to send casualty of resumption of relinquished rank to 2nd Echelon (India) for reasons unknown to me. I have repeatedly written to the Camp concerned but have had no reply so far and only recently I have put my case before C2E.
2. With regards to second query, I am not aware of the fact that I have overdrawn my entitlement, I did so however in September and October 1944 but then I was still Indian Army and was not advised of my transfer to British Army until late in December of the same year. In January 1945 I drew £26, that included £2 Officers shop purchases, the same applies to March. As for May, I overdraw as I was proceeding on leave but as may be seen I equalised in the following two months and precisely by only drawing £11 in June and £10 in August, a total of £21 as against £48 to which I was entitled.

3 Dec 45

Capt--

4285

2 Copies to HQ CMF
 1 to File Ar 1/12

12A

Subject FIELD ADVANCES

Capt. R. A. Podesta 1.0
 40 N° 10 B.L.U.
 CMF

Officer Commanding
 N° 10 B.L.U. CMF

See 11A
 13A

Ref: 1.- Proposals for resettlement of debt
 2.- Reasons for excess withdrawals.

1.- I have no proposals to submit, as I consider myself in credit and not in debt, this in view of the fact that from Feb. 44 to date I have been paid as a Lieut and not a captain, the reason for this is due to the fact that adjutant to P.W. Camps Group 5 (India) omitted to send casualty of resumption of relinquished rank to 2nd Echelon (India) for reasons unknown to me. I have repeatedly written to the Camp concerned but have had no reply so far and only recently I have put my case before OZ E.

2.- With regards to second query, I am not aware of the fact that I have overdrawn my entitlement, I did so however in Sept and October 44, but then I was still Indian Army and was not advised of my transfer to British Army until late in December of the same year. In January 45 I drew £26, that included £2 officers shop purchases, the same applies to March. As for May, I overdraw as I was proceeding on leave but as may

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by only drawing £ 11 in June and £ 10 in August, a total of
£ 21 as against £ 48 to which I was entitled.

R. J. P. D. 15
Captain I.O.

4283

SUBJECT: Field Advances.

CONFIDENTIAL

GHQ CMF.

6328/20/A-3.

24 Nov 45.

OC 56 BLJ, CMF.

Capt. R.A. PODESTA (188152) Int Corps.

1. The attached notification from O i/c Army Pay Office (Officers' Accounts), MANCHESTER, regarding the above named officer's field advances.
2. In accordance with instructions received from the War Office, it will be necessary to restrict this officer's monthly drawings of field advances, until such time as the arrears outstanding have been recovered.
3. To this end you will endorse, in red ink, the front cover of this officer's advance book and the top counterfoil of his AF W.3241 as follows:-
"Cash drawings restricted to 2/3 normal monthly advances from 1 Dec 45 until further notice.
Date....."
Signed....."OC"
4. If this officer has any proposals for a speedier settlement of the debt he should forward them direct to O i/c Army Pay Office (Officers' Accounts) MANCHESTER, with two copies to this HQ. If these proposals will be withdrawn.
5. Please complete and return the attached proforma appended below with your reply.
6. It is noted that Capt. PODESTA drew the sum of £40 in Sep 44, £40 in Oct 44, £26 in Jan 45, £40 in Mar 45, and £46 in May 45. All these sums were in excess of the permitted amount and Capt. PODESTA should be required to furnish an immediate explanation in writing why these overdrawals were made. Please forward the explanation to this HQ.

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A. W. H. H. H.
Major General,
DAG.

tr.

Capt. R.A. PODESTA (188152) Int Corps.

1. The attached notification from O i/c Army Pay Office (Officers' Accounts), MANCHESTER, regarding the above named officer's field advances.
2. In accordance with instructions received from the War Office, it will be necessary to restrict this officer's monthly drawings of field advances, until such time as the arrears outstanding have been recovered.
3. To this end you will endorse, in red ink, the front cover of this officer's advance book and the top counterfoil of his AF W.3241 as follows:-
"Cash drawings restricted to 2/3 normal monthly advances from 1 Dec 45 until further notice.
Date....."
Signed....."OC"
4. If this officer has any proposals for a speedier settlement of the debt he should forward them direct to O i/c Army Pay Office (Officers' Accounts) MANCHESTER, with two copies to this HQ. If these proposals procure the liquidation of the debt the restriction placed on this officer will be withdrawn.
5. Please complete and return the attached proforma appended below with your reply.
6. It is noted that Capt. PODESTA drew the sum of £40 in Sep 44, £40 in Oct 44, £26 in Jan 45, £40 in Mar 45, and £46 in May 45. All these sums were in excess of the permitted amount and Capt. PODESTA should be required to furnish an immediate explanation in writing why these overdrawals were made. Please forward the explanation to this HQ.

tr.

Encl (2)

D. W. P. R. A.
Major General,
DAG.

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See 12A
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1 DEC 1945

In reply, please quote ADV/REJ/2/

TO: DPIC. CHQ. CMT.

re: Officers' Field Advances.
Capt. R. A. Modesta (188152) Int. Comm.

I have to inform you that I have been unable to effect clearance of field advances amounting to £298. 10/- as detailed below, under the scheme whereby advance debits are presented to bankers, owing to the fact that the officer maintaining his account with an overseas branch of Barclays (D.C. & O.)

Of the above sum £196. 14/- has been recovered from pay at source leaving a balance outstanding of £101. 26/- The officer's current drawings are in excess of the average amount of net pay available each month for the recovery of advances.

As I am unable to effect advance clearance at source therefore, I have to request that you will kindly arrange for the officer's current drawings to be restricted to two thirds of the normal monthly drawings until further notice, informing us of the date on which such restriction commences.

It is further requested that the officer be asked to send me his authority to reduce the allotment to his wife in order that further advances may be deducted from pay at source.

Stackport Road,
Morpeth, 13.
20/10/45.

Date	No.	Section	File
9/11	1491		

Accepted,
Lt Colonel,
For Brigadier,
Officer in Charge,
Army Pay Office,
(Officers' Accounts)

Serial No.	Date	£	s	d
20. 9.44.	20. 9.44.	40.	-	-
13. 10.44.	13. 10.44.	20.	-	-
17. 10.44.	17. 10.44.	20.	-	-
21. 12.44.	21. 12.44.	21.	10.	-
15. 1.45.	15. 1.45.	15.	-	-
20. 1.45.	20. 1.45.	2.	-	-
24. 1.45.	24. 1.45.	3.	-	-
1. 2.45.	1. 2.45.	8.	-	-
15. 2.45.	15. 2.45.	3.	-	-
2. 3.45.	2. 3.45.	15.	-	-
14. 3.45.	14. 3.45.	8.	-	-
23. 3.45.	23. 3.45.	15.	-	-
12. 4.45.	12. 4.45.	15.	-	-
20. 4.45.	20. 4.45.	8.	-	-
3. 5.45.	3. 5.45.	15.	-	-
26. 5.45.	26. 5.45.	15.	-	-
30. 5.45.	30. 5.45.	8.	-	-
30. 5.45.	30. 5.45.	6.	-	-

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leaving a balance outstanding of \$161.16. The officer's current drawings are in excess of the average amount of net pay available each month for the recovery of advances.

As I am unable to effect adequate clearance as source therefore, I have to request that you will kindly arrange for the officer's current drawings to be restricted to two thirds of the normal monthly drawings until further notice, informing me of the date on which such restriction commences.

It is further requested that the officer be asked to send me his authority to reduce the allotment to his wife in order that further advances may be deducted from pay at source.

Stockport Road,
Manchester. 13.
20/10/45.

"A" CME REGISTRY			
Date	9/11		
No.	491		
Section	23		
File			

Recd
Lt. Colonel,
for Brigadier,
Officer in Charge,
Army pay Office,
(Officers' Accounts)

APR. 241 Serial No.	Date	Rate	Pay	Balance
ME. 13076.	20. 9.44.	40.	-	-
7.	13. 10.44.	20.	-	-
8.	17. 10.44.	20.	-	-
n. 526276.	21. 12.44.	21.	10.	-
77.	15. 1.45.	16.	-	-
78.	20. 1.45.	2.	-	-
79.	24. 1.45.	8.	-	-
80.	1. 2.45.	8.	-	-
81.	16. 2.45.	8.	-	-
82.	2. 3.45.	16.	-	-
83.	14. 3.45.	8.	-	-
84.	23. 3.45.	16.	-	-
85.	12. 4.45.	16.	-	-
86.	20. 4.45.	8.	-	-
87.	3. 5.45.	16.	-	-
88.	23. 5.45.	16.	-	-
89.	30. 5.45.	8.	-	-
90.	30. 5.45.	6.	-	-
91.	23. 6.45.	11.	-	-
92.	7. 7.45.	10.	-	-
93.	4. 8.45.	24.	-	-
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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT:- Confidential Reports - Officers.56 BLU
28 G
25 Oct 45.M.M.I.A. (MS)Copy of 2 District letter A/218(0),
dated 5 Oct 45, is attached for information
and any necessary action.
Lt-Col,
for G.S.

AG/vjs.

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Subject:- Staff List - British Officers.

CONFIDENTIAL.

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56 HLU
28 G.
19 Oct 45.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (MIA)
R O M E.

Reference your A 383, dated 2 Oct 45.

At Appendix "A" attached find details of Officers as requested.

Field,
AWC/wjs.

Lt-Col,
GS.

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STAFF LIST - BRITISH OFFICERS.56 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.As at 19 Oct 45.APPENDIX "A". She

Appointment.	Name and Number	Continuation in the Service	Whether wishing to remain under LIA,.	Qualification.
G.S.O.1.	Lt-Col A.W. GIBBON (28390)	REGULAR. (Had LIAP. Deferred PYTHON until March 46).	Yes.	
G.S.O.2. (Training)	Major A.W. GADSDON (148832)	A/S group 23. (Due for PYTHON Aug 46. Had LIAP.)	Yes, unless involving deferment of release.	Staff Trained. (HAIFA S.C.) 11 months with B
G.S.O.3.	Capt B.H. WILCOX, RA (140623)	A/S group 25. (On LIAP. Due for PYTHON in March 47)	Yes, till release.	10 months with B Fluent Italian speaker.
DAA & QMG	Major J. R. MOORE (117114)	A/S group 26. (Due for LIAP immediately. Due for PYTHON June 47).	Yes, till release.	Staff Trained. (HAIFA S.C.) 11 months with B Fluent Italian
Staff Capt.	VACANT	-	-	-
Major (Instructor)	Major F.P. DUFFY (219902)	A/S group 33. (Had LIAP. Due for PYTHON in Dec 46).	Yes.	10 months with B

OFFICERS.

56 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.

As at 19 Oct 45.

APPENDIX "A". Sheet 1 of 2. CONFIDENTIAL.

Continuation in the Service	Whether wishing to remain under MIA.	Qualification.	Whether retention recommended.
REGULAR. (Had LIAP. Deferred PYTHON until March 46).	Yes.		
A/S group 23. (Due for PYTHON Aug 46. Had LIAP.)	Yes, unless involving deferment of release.	Staff Trained. (HAIFA S.C.) 11 months with BLU.	Yes - until release.
A/S group 25. (On LIAP. Due for PYTHON in March 47)	Yes, till release.	10 months with BLU. Fluent Italian speaker.	Yes - until release.
A/S group 26. (Due for LIAP immediately. Due for PYTHON June 47).	Yes, till release.	Staff Trained. (HAIFA S.C.) 11 months with BLU. Fluent Italian speaker.	Yes - until release.
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A/S group 33. (Had LIAP. Due for PYTHON in Dec 46).	Yes.	10 months with BLU.	Yes - until release.

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STAFF LIST - BRITISH OFFICERS.56 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.As at 19 Oct 45.APPENDIX "A".Sheet 2

Appointment.	Name and Number	Continuation in the Service.	Whether wishing to remain under LIA.	Qualification.
Ordnance Officer	Capt B.E.H. SEWELL (256815)	A/S group 29 (Deferred PYTHON until Feb 46)	Yes till due for repatriation.	Fluent Italian.
Capt (REME)	Capt C. JONES. (226108)	A/S group 22	Yes until release.	-
Capt (RASC)	T/Capt E.G. AYLING. (212977)	A/S group 24 (Due for PYTHON Apr 46. Had LIAP).	Yes unless involving deferment of release.	-
Interpreter.	W/S Lieut P. VOS. (117235)	A/S group 27 (Relinquished (PYTHON till release) (On LIAP).	Yes till release.	Interpreter Office Italian - English. Many years experie with Italians - Abyssinia & Italy.

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56 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.As at 19 Oct 45.APPENDIX "A".Sheet 2 & Last.CONFIDENTIAL.

Continuation in the Service.	Whether wishing to remain under MMIA.	Qualification.	Whether retention recommended.
A/S group 29 (Deferred PYTHON until Feb 46)	Yes till due for repatriation.	Fluent Italian.	Yes.
A/S group 22	Yes until release.	-	Yes.
A/S group 24 (Due for PYTHON Apr 46. Had LIAP).	Yes unless involving deferment of release.	-	Yes.
A/S group 27 (Relinquished (PYTHON till release) (On LIAP).	Yes till release.	Interpreter Officer, Italian - English. Many years experience with Italians - Abyssinia & Italy.	Yes.

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Subject: British Officers,

CONFIDENTIAL

56 RMU
28 G

17 Oct 45.

RMIA,

Reference your letter G/Trg/7 dated 25 Sep 45.

Below are reports on training officers of 56 RMU. Delay in replying is regretted.

1. T/Major A. W. GADSDON (142832) Queens G II (Trg).

- (a) A very experienced infantry officer. Hard working, sound and shrewd. Thoroughly competent and reliable. Staff trained (SO HARVA).
- (b) At present employed as G II (Trg).
- (c) Has an excellent manner in dealing with Italians, with whom he is both popular and respected.
- (d) It is recommended that this officer should be retained in a Grade II staff appointment under RMIA until he is released. He is in Age/Service Group 23. He has a good case for early release, which is being taken up separately.

2. T/Major F. P. DUFFY MC (219902) DML

- (a) A very experienced infantry officer.
- (b) Not yet.
- (c) Has a good manner with Italians, with whom he is popular.
- (d) A fine young officer. Very suitable for employment as a training major with Italians.

3. T/Capt B. H. WILCOX (140623) RA.

- (a) An able and experienced LAA officer. Has a good practical knowledge of MT.
- (b) Suitable for G III.
- (c) Speaks fluent Italian, and has an excellent manner with Italians.
- (d) An intelligent and reliable officer. Strongly recommended for employment under RMIA until release. Age/Service Group 24.

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Full

replying is regretted.

1. T/Major A. W. GADSDON (140832) QUONAS G II (Trg).
 - (a) A very experienced infantry officer. Hard working, sound and shrewd. Thoroughly competent and reliable. Staff trained (SC HAITA).
 - (b) At present employed as G II (Trg).
 - (c) Has an excellent manner in dealing with Italians, with whom he is both popular and respected.
 - (d) It is recommended that this officer should be retained in a Grade II staff appointment under NMIA until he is released. He is in Age/Service Group 23. He has a good case for early release, which is being taken up separately.
2. T/Major F.P. DUFFY MC (219902) DLI
 - (a) A very experienced infantry officer.
 - (b) Not yet.
 - (c) Has a good manner with Italians, with whom he is popular.
 - (d) A fine young officer. Very suitable for employment as a training major with Italians.
3. T/Capt B. E. WILCOX (140623) RA. 4218
 - (a) An able and experienced LAA officer. Has a good practical knowledge of NT.
 - (b) Suitable for G III.
 - (c) Speaks fluent Italian, and has an excellent manner with Italians.
 - (d) An intelligent and reliable officer. Strongly recommended for employment under NMIA until release. Age/Service Group 24.

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T/Major S. E. SWANSON MC (187/48) Suffolk.

- (a) A very experienced infantry officer.
- (b) Not yet.
- (c) Speaks good colloquial Italian. Has an excellent manner with Italians.
- (d) An excellent training officer. Very suitable for employment as a training major with the Italian Army. Is at present in hospital in UK, and his return to OMF is uncertain. Age/Service Group 33.

In The Field,
AG/mh.Lt Col,
GB.

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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT : Confidential Reports - Officers.

G Trg GHQ GTF

Tel : FREEDOM 551DLT/55/10/MTM

9 Oct 45

OC 56 BLU.
-----T/Major F.P. DUFFY, MC (219902) DLT.

Ref your 28 C dated 20 Sep 45 forwarding AF B 194D in respect of the above mentioned officer.

1. On the instructions of Dep Mil Sec and in accordance with para 3 (a) of AGI 545/43 you are informed that the recommendation is not supported by superior reporting officers.
2. Major DUFFY will NOT be informed.

*See memo add. Major**for*A.D. WARD,
Maj Gen,
CGS.

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SUBJECT: Confidential Reports - Officers.

HQ No. 2 District, CMF.
A/218(0)

5 Oct 45.

56 B.L.U.

Capt. B.H. WILCOX, RA(LAA)

Reference your 28G of 24 Sep 45.

In view of AFHQ letter 874/MSI dated
28 Sept 45, A.Fs. B-194D in respect of the
above named officer are returned for
submission through HQ. MMIA.

Wm. H. Bell

Colonel,
DA & QMG.

JBC.

27 OCT 1945

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SUBJECT: - Confidential Reports-Officers

CONFIDENTIAL

Headquarters
60 Sub Area
C.M.F.
Tel No. 56305
40/A
24 Sep 45

56 BLU

CAPT. FH GENTLE (193355) - RE

1. Reference the attached AF B194D, it is regretted that owing to the shortage of RE officers, this officer cannot be accepted for a Gen Staff appt.
2. If it is desired to recommend this officer for some other appt, it is requested that the recommendation should be made by the G1 of 56 BLU.

R. L. G. Jr.
Major, f
DAA & QAG.

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25 SEP 1945

Age/Ser Gp 27. This officer has not applied for
deferral of release

Army Form B194D.

SPECIAL CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

(This form will be used to recommend an officer for advancement.)

RANK—Substantive..... Initials and Name F.H. GENTLE.....
War Substantive Lieut..... (Block Capitals)
Temporary Captain..... Personal No. 193355.....
Acting Type of Commission War Emergency.....

Regiment or Corps RE Age 28 Medical Category A
~~p.s.c. I, p.s.c. (S.C.), (S.C.), (S.C.), etc. or j.c.~~

Period covered by this report From Nov. 44 To Aug. 45

1. How is he now employed? Staff Officer RE 56 BLU

2. Briefly summarise his personality, characteristics, technical and military qualities
..... Is completely reliable, hard working and enterprising. Has
..... a wide knowledge of Italians and the Italian Military organization.
..... Has tact, charm and exerts an excellent influence on the Italians.

3. Is he recommended for employment Yes
or on the Staff?
advancement

If so, in what appointment or type of appointment (to be stated as precisely as possible).

..... As GSO III (O) 56 BLU (to fill an existing vacancy)

4. Is he recommended for employment No 4273
or in command of troops?
advancement

If so, in what type or types of unit.....

Station..... G.I.F.....

Date..... 1 Sep. 45.....

J.R. Moore
Signature of Reporting Officer.

Rank, name and appointment of Reporting
Officer in Block Capitals.

Major J.R. MOORE DAA&QMG
for Lt-Col. GSO I (LIAP) P.T.O.

REMARKS OF SUPERIOR REPORTING OFFICERS.

ALTHOUGH I have no personal knowledge of the work of this Officer,
I am satisfied from the reports that I have received that he is
suitable for employment as GSO III with a B.L.U.

Place.....Field.....

C. W. Baker

Commander,
60 Sub Area.

Signature and appointment.

Date.....8 September 45.....

COL. AUG. WATSON

Rank, initials and name in block capitals.

Place.....CMF.....

Maj-Gen
Comd,
2. Dist

Signature and appointment.

Date.....Sep 45.....

MAJ-GEN C. A. HEYDEMAN

Rank, initials and name in block capitals.

Place.....

Signature and appointment.

Date.....

Rank, initials and name in block capitals.

Subject :- Appointments - Officers.

CONFIDENTIAL

56 HLU
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HQ. No. 2 District. (A)

24 Sep 45.

Reference visit of GSO I 56 HLU to DAAG 2 District on 19 Sep 45.

1. Herewith AF B194D in respect of Capt B.H. WILCOX recommending this officer for appointment as GSO III, 56 HLU.
2. It is confirmed that this unit is still holding Capt. P.J. DAUNTON as instructed by you until further instructions are received.

OMP
JRA/ec

J. More
Lt-Col.
GS.
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Age/Service Group **5**This officer has not applied for
deferment of release

Army Form B194D

SPECIAL CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

(This form will be used to recommend an officer for advancement.)

RANK—Substantive..... Initials and Name **B.H. WILCOX**
 War Substantive **Lieut** (Block Capitals)
 Temporary **Captain** Personal No. **140623**
 Acting Type of Commission **War Emergency**

Regiment or Corps **RA (AAA)** Age **23** Medical Category **A**
~~p.s.c., p.s.c. (S.C.), (s.c.), (S.C.), (s.c.), t.s.c. or J.S.C.~~

Period covered by this report. From **12 Jan 45** To **31 Sep 45**

1. How is he now employed? **RA. Eng. Team to Combat Group MATROVA.**

2. Briefly summarise his personality, characteristics, technical and military qualities
This officer is a sound hard working intelligent officer. He
has had experience of Italian military methods as an instructor
and has also been for a short period attached to the R.A. He has
a wide knowledge of languages, speaking Italian fluently.

3. Is he recommended for ^{employment} or ^{advancement} on the Staff? **Yes**

If so, in what appointment or type of appointment (to be stated as precisely as possible).

As GSO ILL. 56. III

4. Is he recommended for ^{employment} or ^{advancement} in command of troops? **Yes 4269**

If so, in what type or types of unit.....

J.R. Moore Lt Col
 Signature of Reporting Officer.

Station **RAF**

Rank, name and appointment of Reporting
 Officer in Block Capitals.

Date **30 Sep 45**

LT COL J.R. MOORE GSO I
 P.T.O.

REMARKS OF SUPERIOR REPORTING OFFICERS.

Place.....

Signature and appointment.

Date.....

Rank, initials and name in block capitals.

Place.....

Signature and appointment.

Date.....

Rank, initials and name in block capitals.

Place.....

Signature and appointment.

Date.....

Rank, initials and name in block capitals.

File in GSOI Reports on Officers

TEL: Freedom 460

CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Appointments - Officers

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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11 Sep 45

HQ., No 2 District.WS/Lt. (T/Capt) P.J. DAUNTON (237376) - RA.

Reference 56 ELU letter 1 AG dated 21 Aug 45.

It is very much regretted that approval cannot be given for the appointment of T/Capt. P.J. DAUNTON, RA to fill the LIAP vacancy of DAA and QMG, 56 ELU vice T/Major J.R. MOORE temporarily upgraded to GSO I.

It is considered that T/Capt. DAUNTON is too young and junior in rank to be upgraded, also as he is only 23 years of age it is in the interests of the service and of the officer himself that he is returned to regimental duty.

It is suggested that T/Capt B.H. WILCOX who has been an instructor with 56 ELU might be considered for the appointment.

L. Holloway
Maj.

P.O. HALLOWES, Major,
D.A.M.S.,
for Brigadier,
Deputy Military Secretary.

FCH/WMO

Copies to: - 56 ELU ✓
G-1 (Br) A.10(a)

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OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED OR ARE SERVING WITH 56 BJJ.

LT/COL GIBSON A W	CAPT SEWELL B E H
MAJ GADSDON A W	" JONES C
" MOORE J R	" AYLING
"D DUFFY F P	" BELL G F
" CHADWICK HEALEY E R (UK)	" PINKINGTON I D B
" NILES R O	" GENTLE F H
" MORGAN T W	" WILCOX B H
" MEDLAM W L	" WOOD J D
" NEWBY E H (UK)	" HOBBS J H F
" SHEEZUM S E (UK)	" PAGE P E
" COX I G	" PODESTA R A
" HUDSON G	" DAUNTON
" BURN C H	" JONES L B
MAJ NAB D M	" GARWOOD (UK)
" WILLIS FLEETING	" GHIRLANDO A

LIEUT THOMAS T
" BRAZNE N E
" DANIELS W
" BARONI W J
" PAGE BARDON M
" VOSS

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