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M.M.I.A. OFFICER'S RELEASE AND PYTHON DATES

M.M.I.A. - 'G'

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B/S	
GSO I (SD)	1/1/44
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GSO XIII (SD)	1/1/44
GSO XIV (SD)	1/1/44
GSO XV (SD)	1/1/44
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GSO XVIII (SD)	1/1/44
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GSO XXI (SD)	1/1/44
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GSO XXV (SD)	1/1/44
GSO XXVI (SD)	1/1/44
GSO XXVII (SD)	1/1/44
GSO XXVIII (SD)	1/1/44
GSO XXIX (SD)	1/1/44
GSO XXX (SD)	1/1/44

Serial No.	Offrs. No.	Rank	Name	Unit	Appointment	Type of commission	A/S	How long deferred	Date of embark. from UK	Approx. due for PYTHON
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(k)	(l)
Part I - HQ M.M.I.A.										
1.	5253	Maj-Gen	BROWNING L. (GB, OBE, MC) (PSC)	RA	GOC	DR	1	-	2-4-44	0-1-44
2.	14524	T/Brig	HOPE M. J. (DSO) (PSC) (MSC)	RA	BGS	DR	-	-	3-1-45	0-10-45
3.	21386	T/Col	PIDSLY J. G. (DSO, OBE, MC)	ABC	AA & QMG	DR	1	-	22-10-42	0-7-42
4.	42286	T/Lt-Col	MIDLAM V. L.	KINGS	GSO I Trg	DR	14	-	15-1-45	0-10-45
5.	50234	T/Lt-Col	SOUTHEY A. R. C. (OBE)	RB	GSO I SD	DR	-	-	15-8-43	0-5-43
6.	33689	W/Lt-Col	GILMORE A. H. (OBE) (SC)	WORG R	AMG	DR	12	-	17-9-45 (2nd tour)	17-9-45
7.	52947	T/Lt-Col	CURTIES R. A. (PSC)	RA	AQMG	DR	5	-	8-5-43	0-2-43
8.	47336	T/Lt-Col	HARDIE J. D. A.	RASC	ADST	DR	18	-	29-5-42	0-2-42
9.	126171	T/Lt-Col	HEAD A. J.	RAOC	ADOS	E	13	GD	8-10-42	0-7-42
10.	71541	T/Lt-Col	BLUNT A.	REME	ADME	DR	-	-	6-11-45	0-8-45
11.					GSO I CORR					
12.	143425	T/Maj	CHRISTIE R. P.	CAMERONS	GSO II (Trg)	E	18	6 mths + Gentlem. Agreem.	16-9-45 (2nd tour)	16-9-45
13.					GSO II (Trg)					

M.M.I.A. OFFICER'S RELEASE AND PYTHON DATES

M.M.I.A. - 'G'

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B. 8	
GSO I (SD)	1/1/48
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GSO II (SD)	
GSO II (I)	
GSO II (I) 1/1/48	
GSO II	
G II (I)	

(Gm & SD)

Unit	Appointment	Type of commission	A/S How long deferred	Date of embark. from UK	Approx Date due for PYTHON	REMARKS		
(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(k)	(l)	(m)	
CB, OBE, (C)	RA	GOC	DR	1	-	2-4-44	0-1-48	Wife in sta
SO)(PSC)	RA	BGS	DR	-	-	3-1-46	0-10-49	Wife in sta
RNSC	AEC	AA & QMG	DR	1	-	22-10-42	0-7-46	Wife in sta
(DSO, E, MC)	KINGS	GSO I Trg	DR	14	-	15-1-43	0-10-46	Wife in sta Applied SC
C. (OBE)	RB	GSO I SD	DR	-	-	15-8-43	0-5-47	
(OBE)	WORC R	AAG	DR	12	-	17-9-45 (2nd tour)	17-9-47	Wife in sta
(PSC)	RA	AQMG	DR	5	-	8-5-43	0-2-47	wife in sta
	RASC	ADST	DR	18	-	29-5-42	0-2-46	Wife in sta
	RAOC	ADOS	E	13	GD	8-10-42	0-7-46	PYTHON deferred 6 mths Intends to take LILOP
	REME	ADME	DR	-	-	6-11-45	0-8-49	July Applied for SC
	GSO I CORR							
	CAMERONS	GSO II(Trg)	E	18	6 mths * Gentlem. (2nd tour) Agreen.	16-9-45	16-9-47	* applied for Reg. Comm.
	GSO II(Trg)							

Part II (contd)

Serial No.	Serial No.	Rank	Name	Unit	Appointment	Type of commission	A/S Gp	How long deferred	Date of embark. from UK	Approx date due for PYTHON
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(k)	(l)
14.	154368	T/Maj	de THIERRY R.L.H. (MC)	Int Corps	GSO II (Int)	E	1	GD	17-6-43	0-3-47
15.	88167	T/Maj	BINNINGTON A.A.	E YORKS	GSO II (SD)	E	28	DV/6	10-11-42	0-8-46
16.	253995	T/Maj	BAUMANN G.F. (MBE)	Int Corps	GSO II (L)	E	29	2 mths. Gentlem. Agreem.	27-6-43	0-3-47
17.	188135	T/Maj	EESWORTH H.	Int Corps	GSO II	E	1	GD	0-3-46 (2nd tour)	0-3-48
18.	39288	S/Maj	MOTT J.H. (OBE) JSC	Y & L	DAMG (Brit)	DR	14	-	27-3-46 (2nd tour)	27-3-48
19.	88402	T/Maj	STOCKER J.D. (MC)	RWK	DAMG (Ital)	E	25	DV/6	30-5-42	0-2-46
20.	181250	T/Maj	BYATT E.F.	Int Corps	DAMG	E	36	-	7-5-46 (2nd tour)	7-5-48
21.	42250	S/Maj	O'FERRALL J.G.	RE	SORE II	DR	-	-	27-5-46 (2nd tour)	27-5-48
22.	231112	T/Maj	HARVEY L.J.	RAMC	DADMS	E	14	GD	11-3-43	0-1-47
23.	270609	T/Maj	FRANKLIN W.J.	REME	DADME	E	39	-	13-1-44	13-10-47
24.	95203	T/Maj	MORECOMBE W.A.T.	R Sigs	SO R Sigs II	DR	27	-	21-3-46 (2nd tour)	0-3-48
25.	145171	T/Maj	PHILLIPS W.E.R.	Leicester	GSO II (IPW)	E	27	DV/2	31-1-46	0-41-49
26.	287718	T/Maj	POWELL B.R.	Gen. List	GSO IICRR	E	33	-	11-8-43	0-5-47
27.	291641	T/Maj	FIELDS R.P.	Gen. List	GSO II CCRR	E	39	-	13-9-43	0-6-47
28.	5656713	T/Maj	LACEY W.A.	Gen. List	GSO II (L) CCRR	E	39	-	16-6-43	0-3-47
29.	37332	T/Maj	HAYES G.B.	Gen. List	GSO II (L) CCRR	E	36	-	13-9-43	0-6-47
30.					GSO II (L) CCRR			-		J
31.	291643	T/Maj	GREENHOUGH W.	Gen. List	GSO II (L) CCRR	E	38	-	0-8-43	0-5-47

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Unit	Appointment	Type of commission	N/S	How long deferred	Date of embark. from UK	Approx date due for PYTHON	REMARKS
(c)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(k)	(l)	(m)
Y R.L.H. (MC)	Int Corps GSO II (Int)	E	1	GD	17-6-43	0-3-47	
N.A.A.	E YORKS GSO II (SD)	E	28	DV/6	10-11-42	0-8-46	Wants to go to a BLU in North
J.F. (MBE)	Int Corps GSO II (L)	E	29	2 mths. Gentlem. Agreeem.	27-6-43	0-3-47	
H.	Int Corps GSO II	E	1	GD	0-3-46 (2nd tour)	0-3-48	14 days leave GREECE
(MBE) JSC	Y & L DMAG (Brit)	DR	14	-	27-3-45 (2nd tour)	27-3-48	
D. (MC)	RMC DMAG (Ital)	E	25	DV/6	30-5-42	0-2-46	
	Int Corps DAQMG	E	36	-	7-5-46 (2nd tour)	7-5-48	DOMCOL taken Apr-May
J.G.	ME SORE II	DR	-	-	27-5-45 (2nd tour)	27-5-48	
J.	RMC DADMS	E	14	GD	11-3-43	0-1-47	Wife in sta
M.J.	REME DADME	E	39	-	13-1-44	13-10-47	
W.A.T.	R Sigs SO R Sigs II	DR	27	-	21-3-46 (2nd tour)	0-3-48	
W.E.R.	Leicester GSO II (IPW)	E	27	DV/2	31-1-46	0-11-49	Wife in sta
R.	Gen. List GSO IICRR	E	33	-	11-8-43	0-5-47	
R.P.	Gen. List GSO II CCRR	E	39	-	13-9-43	0-6-47	
	Gen. List GSOL(L)CCRR	E	39	-	16-6-43	0-3-47	att 11 BLU (PALERMO)
	Gen. List GSOL(L)CCRR	E	36	-	13-9-43	0-6-47	att 8 BLU (ROME)
	GSOL(L)CCRR	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.V.	Gen. List GSOL(L)CCRR	E	38	-	0-8-43	0-5-47	att 3 BLU (MILAN)

Part I (contd)										
Serial Offrs.		Rank	Name	Unit	Appointment	Type of commission	N/S Gp	How long deferred	Date of embark. from UK	Approx date due for PYTHON
No.	No.									
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)
32.	291650	T/Maj	LIMBERT R.G.	Gen.List	GSOII(L)CCRR	E	33	-	7-5-46 (2nd tour)	7-5-48
33.	291653	T/Maj	LARSH T.	Gen.List	GSOII(L)CCRR	E	36	-	13-9-43	0-6-47
34.		Capt			PA to GOC					
35.	241125	J/Comd	KENSHAW M.H.	ATS	S.C. 'A'	E	36	GD	8-4-46 (2nd tour)	6-4-48
36.	256961	T/Capt	CAREY A.L.	RASC	Capt RASC	E	23	GD	24-10-45 (2nd tour)	0-10-47
37.	170736	T/Capt	WILKINSON M.	RL	GSO III(L)	E	33	DOV	21-1-43	0-10-46
38.	282354	T/Capt	ZAMMIT M.V.	Gen.List	GSO III(PL)	E	31	GD	10-8-45	0-2-49
39.	200147	T/Capt	HUGHES E.J.	KINGS OWN	Camp Comdt	E	12	2 Yrs	24-10-43	0-7-47

Part II INCREMENT										
1.	168518	T/Maj	KING C.E.	RASC	DAQMG	E	29	DV/6	30-12-44	0-9-48
2.	291306	T/Capt	LUCKETT H.R.	Gen.List	S.C. 'Q'	E	30	DV/6	1-2-46	0-11-45
3.	197131	T/Capt	FIGGS R.A.	SOM LI	S.C. 'Q'	E	26	DV/6	12-9-45	0-6-49
4.	178567	T/Capt	STEPHENS H.A. (MBE)	RASC	Capt RASC	DR	9	-	5-1-43	0-10-46
5.	243293	T/Capt	MOCKRIDGE A.E.	RASC	Capt RASC	E	40	-	19-2-44	0-11-46

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	Unit	Appointment	Type of commission	N/S Gp	How long deferred	Date of embark. from UK	Approx date due for PYTHON	REMARKS
	(d)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(k)	(l)	(m)
C.	Gen.List	GSOII(L)CERR	E	33	-	7-5-46 (2nd tour)	7-5-48	att 10 BLU (NAPLES)
	Gen.List	GSOII(L)CERR	E	36	-	13-9-43	0-6-47	
		PA to GOC						
H.	ATS	S.C. 'A'	E	36	GD	6-4-46 (2nd tour)	6-4-48	
	RASC	Capt RASC	E	23	GD	24-10-45 (2nd tour)	0-10-47	Applied for SSC
N.M.	RA	GSO III(L)	E	33	DOV	21-1-43	0-10-46	Filling GSO II (SD) appt.
V.	Gen.List	GSO III(IPV)	E	31	GD	10-8-45	0-2-49	
J.	KINGS OWN	Camp Condt	E	12	2 Yrs	24-10-43	0-7-47	Applied for SSC
	RASC	DAQMG	E	29	DV/6	30-12-44	0-9-48	Due to return to MALTA 1 July wife in sta
H.R.	Gen.List	S.C. 'Q'	E	30	DV/6	1-2-46	0-11-49	
	SOM LI	S.C. 'Q'	E	26	DW/6	12-9-45	0-6-49	
H.A. (MBE)	RAMC	Capt RAMC	DR	9	-	5-1-43	0-10-46	att 7 BLU (FLORENCE)
KE A.E.	REME	Capt REME	E	40	-	19-2-44	0-11-47	

Part III 'A' Type BLU's

Serial No.	Offra. No.	Rank	Name	Unit	Appointment	Type of commission	A/S Gp	How long deferred	Date of embark. from UK	Approx date due for PYTHON
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(k)	(l)
No 1 BLU (TURIN)										
1.	32188	T/Lt-Col	VENOUR W.A. (DSO)	MANOH	GSO I	DR	12	-	17-6-45	0-3-49
2.	130364	T/Maj	HAMILTON F.W.	R BERKS	GSO II	E	25	GD	0-7-42	0-4-46
3.	91326	T/Maj	PERRY G. (MBE)	R Sigs	DAA & QMG	TA	6	GD	0-3-43	0-12-4
4.				RASC	Capt RASC					
5.	311735	T/Capt	NOTHEY R.E.	REME	Capt REME	E	20	GD	27-3-44	0-1-48
No 3 BLU (MILAN)										
6.	27188	T/Lt-Col	MAJORIBANKS-EGERTON P.M. (MBE)	R IR F	GSO I	DR	10	-	29-3-44	0-1-48
7.	149796	T/Maj	ODD C.J.	RECCE	GSC II	E	23	GD	3-1-43	0-10-4
8.	166675	T/Maj	BUCLASS H.	R Tks	DAA & QMG	E	26	DV/6	13-4-42	0-1-46
9.	237004	T/Capt	HARRIS M.F.	RASC	Capt RASC	E	17	DV/2	12-2-43	12-11-4
10.	311761	T/Capt	ALDRIDGE J.	REME	Capt REME	E	52	-	21-1-45	21-10-4
No 4 BLU (BOLZANO)										
11.	27182	T/Lt-Col	DOUGLAS J.S.H.	SEAFORTH	GSO I	DR	-	-	28-12-43	28-9-47
12.	229766	T/Maj	FENN R.G.	R/F	GSO II	E	33	DV/1	22-12-42	0-9-46
13.	77384	T/Maj	BRIDLEY E.W.	INNISKS	DAA & QMG	DR	25	-	23-2-43	0-11-4
14.	16836	T/Capt	WATSON J.N.	RASC	Capt RASC	E	1	DV/1	6-10-43	0-7-47
15.	241463	T/Capt	WHITE A.L.	REME	Capt REME	E	27	DV/3	0-12-44	0-9-48

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	Unit	Appointment	Type of commission	A/S Gp	How long deferred	Date of embark. from UK	Approx date due for PYTHON	REMARKS
	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(k)	(l)	(m)
W.A. (DSO)	MANCH	GSO I	DR	12	-	17-6-45	0-3-49	Applied for SC
N F.W.	R BERKS	GSO II	E	25	GD	0-7-42	0-4-46	Applied for Reg. Comd.
(MBE)	R Sigs	DAA & QMG	TA	6	GD	0-3-43	0-12-46	
	RASC	Capt RASC						
R.E.	REME	Capt REME	E	20	GD	27-3-44	0-1-48	
ANKS-EGERTON	R IR F	GSO I	DR	10	-	29-3-44	0-1-48	
M. (MBE)	RECCE	GSC II	E	23	GD	3-1-43	0-10-46	
H.	R Tks	DAA & QMG	E	26	DV/6	13-4-42	0-1-46	
L.F.	RASC	Capt RASC	E	17	DV/2	12-2-43	12-11-46	
E J.	REME	Capt REME	E	52	-	21-7-45	21-10-48	
J.S.H.	SEAFORTH	GSO I	DR	-	-	28-12-43	28-9-47	
	R/F	GSO II	E	33	DV/1	22-12-42	0-9-46	to 6 JUL 1 July, Maj.
E.W.	INNISKS	DAA & QMG	DR	25	-	20-2-43	0-11-46	JOHNSONE replaces 20 Jul
								Applied for SC
N.	RASC	Capt RASC	E	1	DV/1	6-10-43	0-7-47	
L.	REME	Capt REME	E	27	DV/3	0-12-44	0-9-48	

Part III 'A' Type BLU's (contd)

Ser. No.	Offrs. No.	Rank	Name	Unit	Appointment	Type of commission	I/S Gp	How long deferred	Date of embark. from UK	Approx date due for PYTHON
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(k)	(l)
No 5 BLU (UDINE)										
16.	20733	S/Lt-Col	WATHEN A.H.G.	DWR	GSO I	DR	-	-	3-4-43	0-1-47
17.	66102	T/Maj	JOHNSTONE H.I.N.H.	RF	GSO II	DR	21	-	3-12-45	0-1-49
18.	188142	T/Maj	JOHNSTON V.R.	Gen.List	DAA & QMG	E	37	-		
19.					Capt RASC					
20.	300308	T/Capt	RUTTER J.W.	REME	Capt REME	E	43	-		
No 7 BLU (FLORENCE)										
21.	47218	T/Lt-Col	MARKES C.C.	LF	GSO I	DR	-	-	10-5-43	0-2-47
22.	165598	T/Maj	HAMILTON H.W.	BUFFS	GSO II	E	26	DV/6	0-10-43	0-7-47
23.	69220	T/Maj	GREGSON D.S.L. (MEE)	5 DG	DAA & QMG	RASC	7	GD	11-9-43	0-6-47
24.					Capt RASC					
25.	321320	T/Capt	NELSON P.H.	REME	Capt REME	E	48	-	5-1-45	0-10-47
No 10 BLU (NAPLES)										
26.	28390	T/Lt-Col	GIBBONS A.W. (ODE)	A & SH	GSO I	DR	-	-	0-5-39	PYTHON d
27.	42385	T/Maj	DAVIE M.M.	DWR	GSO II	DR	-	-	26-2-43	26-11-46
28.	151271	T/Maj	TAYLOR W.P.G.	RA	DAA & QMG	E	13	DV/2	30-10-42	30-7-46
29.	70181	T/Capt	MURRAY F.A.	RASC	Capt RASC	TA	20	GD	22-2-43	0-11-46
30.	314838	T/Capt	RINEL W.S.	REME	Capt REME	E	51	-	20-6-45	0-3-49
31.	318851	A/Capt	CLARKE N.W.	RAOC	Capt RAOC	E	27	DV		

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Unit	Appointment	Type of commission	N/S Gp	How Long deferred	Date of embark. from UK	Approx date due for PYTHON	REMARKS
(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(k)	(l)	(m)
DWR	GSO I	DR	-	-	3-4-43	0-1-47	LIAP
H. RF	GSO II	DR	21	-	3-12-45	0-1-49	LIAP; to 4 BLU 20 July
Gen. List	DAA & QMG	E	37	-			
	Capt RASC						
REME	Capt REME	E	43	-			
LF	GSO I	DR	-	-	10-5-43	0-2-47	
BUFFS	GSO II	E	26	DV/6	0-10-43	0-7-47	
MBE) 5 DG	DAA & QMG	RASC	7	GD	11-9-43	0-6-47	
	Capt RASC						
REME	Capt REME	E	48	-	5-1-45	0-10-48	
MBE) A & SH	GSO I	DR	-	-	0-5-39	PYTHON deferred	LIAP 8/45 27/46 To 12 BLU 1/7
DWR	GSO II	DR	-	-	26-2-43	26-11-46	
RA	DAA & QMG	E	13	DV/2	30-10-42	30-7-46	LIAP 1/46
RASC	Capt RASC	TA	20	GD	22-2-43	0-11-46	
REME	Capt REME	E	51	-	20-6-45	0-3-49	
RAOC	Capt RAOC	E	27	DV			

Part IV 'B' Type BLU's

Serial No.	Offrs. No.	Rank	Name	Unit	Appointment	Type of commission	A/S Gp	How long deferred	Date of embark. from UK	Approx due for PYTHON
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(k)	(l)
<u>No 2 BLU (GENOA)</u>										
1.	219902	T/Maj	DUFFY F.P.	DLI	GSO II	E	33	-	21-12-42	0-9-44
2.	120663	T/Maj	EDWARDS-BYRNE A.K.	DEVON		E	14	GD	0-8-42	0-5-44
3.	67395	T/Maj	THRUPP H.E.P.F.	S STAFFS	DAA & QMG	IR	23	-	23-8-42	0-5-44
<u>No 6 BLU (BOLOGNA)</u>										
4.					GSO II					
5.	130212	T/Maj	WRITER W.H.	R.A.C.	DAA & QMG	E	14	GD	7-11-42	0-8-44
<u>No 8 BLU (ROME)</u>										
6.	249764	T/Maj	DOWNING R.	KINGS O/N	GSO II	E	45	-	20-2-43	0-11-44
7.	172763	T/Maj	PRINSLOO H.J.O.	RA	DAA & QMG	E	14	GD		
<u>No 9 BLU (BARI)</u>										
8.	42181	T/Maj	FERRO H.A.R.	R.M.A.	GSO II	DR	-	-	2-3-45	0-12-44
9.	174038	T/Maj	AYLWARD J.B.	R TCS	DAA & QMG	E	32	-	18-1-43	18-10-44
<u>No 11 BLU (PALERMO)</u>										
10.	104400	T/Maj	SYKES W.	RA	GSO II	E	9	GD	9-1-43	9-10-44
11.	187748	T/Maj	SNEEZUM S.E. (MC)	SUFFOLK	DAA & QMG	E	33	DV/3mths	19-7-42	0-4-44

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	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(k)	(l)	(n)
	DLI	GSO II	E	33	-	21-12-42	0-9-46	Due for Release early July
FEYRNE A.K.	DEVON		E	14	GD	0-8-42	0-5-46	Deferred PYTHON - SSC
E.P.F.	S STAFFS	DAA & QMG	DR	23	-	23-8-42	0-5-46	Deferred PYTHON
		GSO II						Maj FENN from 4 BLU 1/7
H.	R.A.C.	DAA & QMG	E	14	GD	7-11-42	0-8-46	Applying for Reg. Comm.
R.	KINGS OWN	GSO II	E	45	-	20-2-43	0-11-46	
H.J.O.	RA	DAA & QMG	E	14	GD			
A.R.	R.M.A.	GSO II	DR	-	-	2-3-45	0-12-46	Applied SC
J.B.	R Tks	DAA & QMG	E	32	-	18-1-43	18-10-46	Due for Release
	RA	GSO II	E	9	GD	9-1-43	9-10-46	
E.E. (MC)	SUFFOLK	DAA & QMG	E	33	DV/3mths	19-7-42	0-4-45	Deferred PYTHON

Port V Schools BLU
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No 12 BLU (ROME)										
1.	59836	L/Col	MACKAY L.H. (ONE)	RA	Comd.	TA	4	-	19-1-43	0-10-46
2.	74688	T/Maj	PRICE W.L. (MBE)	N STAFFS	GSO II (Trg)	DR	25	-	0-3-43	0-12-46
3.	67432	T/Maj	CHANCE N.F.	R.I.F.	GSO II(Trg)	DR	24	-	13-10-46	0-7-47
4.	236667	T/Maj	HIBBARD R.N.J.	RE	DAA & QMG	E	32	DV/6	2-5-44	0-2-48
5.	87447	T/Maj	ALEXANDER G.K.	RA	Instr RA	DR	24	-	13-1-44	0-10-47
6.	194077	T/Maj	SKINNER D.R.	R Sigs	Instr Sigs	E	32	DOV	11-2-42	0-11-47
7.	210260	T/Maj	CHAPMAN W.E.	RE	Instr RE	E	28	DV/1	27-11-42	0-8-46
8.	95549	T/Maj	HALKET J.G.	RASC	DADST	DR	26	-	28-5-42	0-2-46
9.	127395	T/Maj	SHORTHOSE T.H.	RAOC	DADOS	E	10	DV/1	30-8-41	0-5-45
10.	230819	T/Maj	TWINE A.T.	RENE	ALME	E	8	GD	20-1-43	0-10-46
11.	233416	T/Capt	GIBBINS A.W.	RA	GSO III(Trg)	E	42	-	15-12-42	0-9-46
12.	256126	T/Capt	TREVELYAN W.R.	RB	SC 'Q'	E	45	-	27-10-43	0-7-47

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ORE)	RA	Cond.	TA	4	-	19-1-43	0-10-46	Due for Release
BE)	N STAFFS	GSO II (Trg)	DR	25	-	0-3-43	0-12-46	Applied for SC
	R.I.F.	GSO II(Trg)	DR	24	-	13-10-46	0-7-47	Wife in sta
	RE	DAA & QMG	E	32	DV/6	2-5-44	0-2-48	
K.	RA	Instr RA	DR	24	-	13-1-44	0-10-47	Apply for SC
	R Sigs	Instr Sigs	E	32	DOV	11-2-42	0-11-47	
	RE	Instr RE	E	28	DV/1	27-11-42	0-3-46	
	RASC	DADST	DR	26	-	28-5-42	0-2-46	LILOP take May/June
H.	RACC	DADOS	E	10	DV/1	30-3-41	0-5-45	LIAP taken in April Wife in sta
	REME	ADME	E	8	GD	20-1-43	0-10-46	Applied for SSC
	RA	GSO III(Trg)	E	42	-	15-12-42	0-9-46	
R.	RB	SC 'Q'	E	45	-	27-10-43	0-7-47	

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SUBJECT : D.O.V. of WO and NCO ClerksLAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
A 360

12 June 46

TO : List 'A' less Serial 1, 2, 3, 4 and 9

1. Copy of HQ RAAC letter No. 56A of 8 June forwarded herewith. In view of the contents of para 2, will heads of branches, services etc. please inform 'A' Branch whether they recommend DOV of WO and NCO Clerks in branches, services etc. in order that action may be taken as at para 4.

2. It is requested that NIL returns be submitted where applicable.

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Major General
M. M. I. A.

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY
Office of G-1 British

Tel: 66671

Ref: 56A
8 June 46

SUBJECT : D.O.V. of WO and N.C.O. Clerks

Distribution 'R' British

1. With reference to W.O's and NCO clerks employed at Formation HQ's and senior clerks in RAAC Units.
2. The following message has been received from GHQ CTF:-

"It is obvious that numbers of reinforcement clerks sufficient to maintain even a reasonable standard of efficiency will not be made available exUK in future. All are therefore warned that present holders of WO and NCO clerk appointments cannot be replaced from resources other than their own if allowed to proceed on release or Lytham.

Although existing training facilities will continue to produce clerks of low grade, only in exceptional circumstances can it be expected to find material suitable to assume supervisory appointments. GHQ are reluctantly compelled to accept necessity for immediate D.O.V. action in respect of WO clerks and NCO clerks in key appointments. Nevertheless these WO's and NCO's will only be D.O.V. in cases where replacements are impossible to find and always on an individual basis."

3. Applications for the DOV the above will be submitted to G-1 (Br) this HQ on Appendix 'A' to Release Instructions 1945.

R.E. SPALL
Staff Captain
for Lt Col
AA & QMG

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SUBJECT : Deferred Release -
Gentlemen's Agreement

BM/G/A

Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

A 386

12 Feb. '46.

TO : List 'A' & 'B'

The attached copy of HQ RAAG letter No 56A1 dated 25 Jan 46
is forwarded for information.

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Lt-Col
for AAG NMIA

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FILE:	<i>BM/G/A</i>
DATE:	<i>12/2/46</i>

HQ ROLE AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY

Telephone: 66601

SUBJECT:- Deferred Release -
Gentlemen's Agreement

Ref:- 56A1

25 Jan 46

Distribution 'B' British

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 - (b) Many men are requesting deferment under the terms of the "Gentlemen's Agreement" for personal reasons. It is pointed out that this scheme was introduced so that soldiers may, in agreement with their Commanding Officers, temporarily relinquish their rights to Release, in order to assist their units over difficulties which would occur if they accepted earlier release.
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 - (d) The Age/Service Group of the applicant must always be shown.
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A.L. LOUDEN,
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DAMG
for Lt Col,
AA & QMG

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for Lt Col,
AA & QMG

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RM/C/9.

Subject : VOLUNTARY DEFERMENT OF RELEASE:Land Forces Sub Comm.AG.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

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18 Dec. 45.

To : List "A"

The attention of all officers is drawn to RAC Routine Order No.XIII dated 14 Dec 45 which reads as follows:-

1. The War Office has decided further to amend Release Regulations para 326 to permit voluntary deferment of release for a period of six months instead of for 1 or 2 years or until general demobilization as heretofore for officers WOs S/Sgts and Sgts of all arms except ATs and VADs.

2. Volunteers may be accepted at once.

3. The conditions of deferment for six months are identical with those now operative for DV (1) and DV (2).

4. Eligibility is at present restricted to personnel in A/S Groups up to and including 35.

5. The documentation for deferment for six months is identical with that already notified for DV (1) and DV (2) except that the prefix will be DV (6).

6. The War Office is considering extending this scheme to certain specialists and tradesmen below the rank of Sgt, but no definite instructions have been received as yet.

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Lt.Col. AAG
M.M.I.A.

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R/18/12

SUBJECT : Release-Deferment

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AG (MEXIA)

BN/C/9

14 Dec 65.

TO : 608 (Inf) Coy AFB

W/45262 Pte. Mc GERR. E-AFB

In the event of approval being given to the request of the above named auxiliary for deferment of release for periods of one month, it is desired that she continue in her present employment with this headquarters.

Pte Mc GERR is engaged in responsible work and her loss would be keenly felt. It is therefore recommended that her application be favourably considered.

Recommended

A. J. Lawrence
— 27/10/65
G.S.

P. H. Palmer

Lieut-Col.

AAC

Copy: Camp Commandant-MEXIA

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the UK under the LIAP Scheme.

2. LIAP is leave to the UK in addition to PYTHON and personnel who will eventually qualify to return to UK under PYTHON are eligible for LIAP. Such personnel are defined as follows:-

- (a) British personnel of the British Service
- (b) British personnel of Colonial Forces administered by War Office
- (c) British personnel attached or permanently attached (i.e. those on British rates of pay) to the Indian Army.

3. Personnel who come within the following categories, however, disqualify for consideration when allotments are made:-

- (a) Personnel within 6 months of PYTHON i.e. personnel with $3\frac{1}{2}$ years or more overseas service.
- (b) Personnel within 6 months of Release. It is ruled at present that this will apply to those in Age/Service Groups 1 - 21. Individuals within Groups 1 - 21 who have volunteered to serve on or who for any other reason will not be released with their Group are however eligible.
- (c) Soldiers under suspended sentence unless authorised to proceed by the District Commander.
- (d) Personnel who have had less than 18 months continuous service overseas and those who have already had leave to UK.

4. Exception to the above conditions of disqualification will only be made in the case of an individual who has special compassionate reasons for desiring to return to the UK on Compassionate leave.

5. It will be permissible for COs to send men on LIAP out of turn if they have good grounds for returning to the UK as compassionate cases, but it must not be overlooked that the purpose of this LIAP scheme is essentially to send men to the UK on leave personnel who have had long service overseas. It is anticipated that allotments to this Command from now on will be approx 120 OR vacancies and 5 or 6 officer vacancies for each LIAP Serial.

6. Commanding Officers cannot send men on Compassionate leave who disqualify under para 3 above without authority from this Headquarters.

7. The commencement of the overland leave scheme for 8th Army and 1 and 2 District Troops has caused the considerable increase in the allotment which was previously 20 to 30 per serial.

8. It is pointed out that the exclusion of other Troops in CEF from the overland leave scheme is temporary and the leave scheme from this Theatre will again be reviewed when better transportation facilities are available.

9. In future the vacancies in this Command will be allotted in accordance with the following procedure.

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PROCEDURE FOR ALLOTTING OTHER RANK VACANCIES

10. Owing to the increased numbers of vacancies available the allotment to units will no longer be made by ballot.
11. Units will be given an allotment according to the number of men qualified to proceed on LIAP by virtue of PYTHOMBLE Service overseas between 3 and 3½ years.
12. Although personnel with between 18 months and 3½ years service overseas are eligible those with the longest continuous good service overseas should be sent.
13. Commanding Officers will make such allocations out of their allotment to compassionate cases as they consider justified provided the soldier is not disqualified under para 3 above. If he wishes to allot a vacancy to a soldier who is disqualified under para 3 reference must be made to this HQ for the sanction of the Commander British Troops ROME.
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15. This HQ may call upon any unit to submit details of any particular case which is considered to be one for granting compassionate leave.
16. There can be no hard and fast rule but generally compassionate leave should be granted only in cases where the soldier has already applied for a compassionate posting and it has been refused, or where he does not wish a compassionate posting to UK.

PROCEDURE FOR ALLOTTING OFFICERS VACANCIES

17. As the number of Officers vacancies will be relatively small compassionate cases as far as officers are concerned will have to be decided by this HQ.
18. On receipt of this letter and not later than 12 July Commanding Officers will forward to this HQ applications from officers who wish to return to UK on compassionate leave.
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22. The provisions of para 3(b) will not apply to officers of the RAMC. Officers of the RAMC other than those in Groups 1-11 will be eligible to proceed on LIAP.

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Attch
A. N. LOUDEN
Major
For Lt Col
PA & QMG

CASE FORWARDING SHEET FOR APPLICATION
FOR COMPASSIONATE LEAVE TO THE UK

1. Number 2. Rank 3. Name
4. Unit
5. Age 6. Age/Service Gp 7. Date Embarkation ex UK
8. Whether Married or Single 9. Date of Marriage
10. Age of wife 11. Number, Age and Sex of Children

12. Home Address

13. Short Summary of the Case

14. Has Compassionate Posting been applied for previously and refused

15. If so on what date

16. If Compassionate Posting has not been applied for state reasons

17. Recommendation of CO

18. Has a Compassionate Posting been applied for previously, & refused?

19. If so, on what date?

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Subject: G.R.Os.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

A/382/I

5 July, '45.

To : All "Outstation" MMIA LOs. (British)

1. At the present time important orders affecting such subjects as Release, Repatriation etc., are being constantly published in G.R.Os.
2. Sufficient copies are not available for them to be sent to "outstations".
3. Whilst every endeavour will be made by this HQ to keep British Personnel informed of G.R.Os affecting them, it is in the interest of every individual officer to keep himself informed of current orders and to pass on such orders as affects them, to the British O.Rs. working with them.
4. Please liaise with the British HQ with whom you are in contact.

H. H. Gregory
D.S.L. GREGSON, Major,
D.A.A.G., M.M.I.A.

Copy to: 'G'

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SUBJECT:- Phasing of Release.RESTRICTED

Allied Forces Headquarters
 G-1 (Pr)/12052/A.11.
 21 June 45.

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 To: See original.
 BM/G/9

Further to our G-1 (Pr)/12052/A.11 dated 16 June 45.

1. The dates for release in UK of Groups 12 to 16 as notified in the above quoted letter may be repeated in Unit Orders, where applicable.
2. In view of recent statements that have appeared in the press, to the effect that Groups up to the 'middle twenties' were to be released by the end of the year, the War Office were asked if these statements could be clarified.
3. The original phasing given to us for planning purposes was on the basis that Group 26 would be released at the end of twelve months from V.E. Day. The War Office have confirmed this phasing and, an article has been published in the Union Jack reporting a recent announcement made in the House of Commons by the Minister of Labour, stating that the 'early twenties' may be released by the end of the year and not the 'middle twenties' as previously forecast.
4. It is considered however that this information should also be notified officially in Unit Orders and for this purpose an estimate of the release by 31 December 45 of Groups 21 and earlier may be quoted.
5. The phasing is still of course subject to movement and other considerations but it can be taken as a fair estimate.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

APO 794, US ARMY

URGENT.

Ref: 22A2

13 Jan 45.

SUBJECT :- LIAP & PYTHON.

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List 'B' Less Serial 1 - 28

Further to this HQ 22A2 dated 25 May 45.

The qualifying period for PYTHON is now reduced to

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4 years.

2. The minimum period in the U.K. will be reduced from the present 3 months to period of leave only. This leave will be a minimum of 6 weeks consisting of 4 weeks repatriation leave and 2 weeks embarkation leave. This rule will take effect respecting those arriving in the U.K. on or after 1 Aug. 45. Subsequent overseas posting remains limited to E.W. Europe only.

3. Implementation of the reduced qualifying period will be made as soon as possible. All ranks should be informed that immediate repatriation on completion of 4 years cannot be expected owing to the large numbers involved.

4. LILOP will only be granted to personnel in ACE/SERVICE Groups later than 27 or earlier Groups if release is deferred for 1 year or more. Authorities already issued for personnel of earlier ACE/SERVICE Groups to proceed on LILOP will stand.

5. Consequent on the above a further return for LIAP is now required by G-1 (Br) this Headquarters to show the number of (a) officers, and (b) other ranks who embarked in the U.K. EACH MONTH between 1 Jan 42 and 30 Sept 42 but excluding :-

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(ii) Personnel who have already been granted a LIAP vacancy.

6. OSG will ensure that the return reaches G-1 (Br) 188 this H.Q. by 18 Jan 45. Otherwise inclusion in the ballot for LIAP 13 cannot be guaranteed.

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(Signed) A.L.Louden

Major

for Lt. Col.

AA & OSO.

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DATE: 20/8

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BM/6/9

SUBJECT : Phasing of Release.

RESTRICTED.ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.G -1 (Br)/ 12052/A 11.16 June '45.To : Distribution See Original.

The War Office have laid down the following dates for release in the UK, subject to movement and other considerations.

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|--------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| (a) Group 12 | between | 13 Aug and 26 Aug. | 2 weeks |
| (b) Group 13 | between | 27 Aug and 9 Sept. | " |
| (c) Group 14 | between | 10 Sept. and 23 Sept. | " |
| (d) Group 15 | between | 24 Sept. and 7 Oct. | " |
| (e) Group 16 | between | 8 Oct. and 28 Oct. | 3 weeks |

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FILE: BM/6/9
DATE: 19/6

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for Major General,
DAG G 1(Br).

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Subject: - Release Regulations. (British).

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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A. 386.

21 May, '45.

To : - All Branches & Services MMIA.

A team of experts on the above subject is at present touring this Theatre.

They are giving lectures and are prepared to answer any questions.

Three vacancies have been allotted to M.M.I.A. for the lecture taking place at the Welfare Centre at 7.4.00 hrs on Wednesday May 30th.

These vacancies will be filled by :-

Major D.S.L. Gregson.

B.Q.M.S. Adams.

Cpl. Peckett.

Any officer or O.R. who wishes to have a question put to the lecturers will hand in his question in writing to Major Gregson by 9.00 hrs Monday 28th May.

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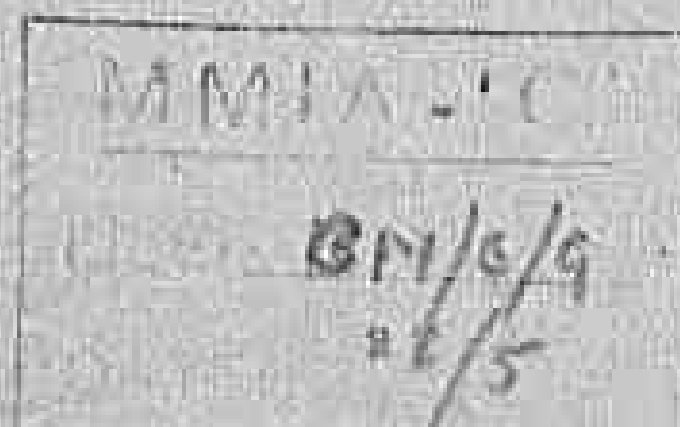
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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY.

SECRET.

Ref: 356A

17 May 45.

'A' Dist

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

List "B" (British).

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

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

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DATE: 21/5

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

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

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

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

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

Personnel shipping will be required for:-

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

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

- (b) an expectation, among those remaining in the theatre, of increased leave to the United Kingdom;
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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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(f) IMAP personnel;
(g) Class "B" Releases.

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

5. It may be contended that troops in the Mediterranean theatre should not be dependent on the shipping for their movement; that facilities exist for rail and possibly air movement, which should be adequate to cope with the requirements of this theatre, for example, in respect of leave to the United Kingdom. The use of the railways in EUROPE is under active examination, but it must be remembered that extensive demolitions and destruction of lines and rolling stock by bombing will seriously affect the capacity of those 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 cover the requirements as leave, which must necessarily be given a lower priority than reemployment, release, EILIN, etc. However, the whole question of movement in GERMANY and NORTHERN EUROPE has recently been the subject of conferences at SHILF and in LONDON at which IMAP 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 CIM 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 Over 30,000. GRS 45,000.			
		GRS	GRS	GRS	GRS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1 to 3	"A" + 6 weeks to "A" + 8 weeks	472	376	1.6%	0.0%
4 to 7	"A" + 8 weeks to "A" + 10 weeks	199	1593	1.7%	0.3%
8 & 9	"A" + 10 weeks to "A" + 12 weeks	416	2100	1.6%	0.1%
10 & 11	"A" + 12 weeks to "A" + 14 weeks	625	3190	2.1%	0.5%
12 to 17	"A" + 14 weeks to "A" + 26 weeks	5300	20500	11%	4.3%
	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 force in CIM 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 GRS 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.

It must be made clear to all concerned that the lack of personnel shipping is not the only factor which imposes limitations on the rate of release. Even if it were feasible to move large bodies of troops more quickly, it would not be possible

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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 FAR EAST, the target for the qualifying period for PITHON at which we are aiming, is 3 years and 8 months. The Secretary of State for War has said in the House of Commons that he would like to see the global qualifying period reduced to 3 years; this must be regarded as a hope, and NOT as a promise. So long as the proportion of the British (UK) Army serving overseas materially exceeds that serving at home, it is doubtful whether the manpower situation will allow the return 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 rule cut all personnel in Release Age/Service Groups 1-26, and, under the most optimistic hopes of a reduction in the qualifying period for PYTHON, might be deemed to rule out all personnel who have been abroad for just under 2 years. For this reason 1 year 9 months service abroad has been taken by the War Office, for the time being, as a limit above which an individual is not eligible for service in the FAR EAST. If the qualifying period for PYTHON in the FAR EAST remains at a few months less than 4 years, then the limit of 1 year and 9 months service abroad might be raised to 2 years and 6 months.

The fact that an individual is eligible does not necessarily mean that he will be posted to the FAR EAST. An indication of the formations and units required for CMF for the FAR EAST, viz, 3 Indian Divisions, plus certain additional units, has already been given in para 6 of AFHQ letter CR/229/G.1(Br) dated 15 Apr 45. The filling up of these formations and units will not necessarily use up all eligibles of all arms in CMF. Those who are taken will, as far as possible, be selected with due regard to their battle service, ie, those with the most battle service will be taken last.

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. CHQ INDIA have ruled that all British personnel of the Indian Army who have been less than 3½ years overseas shall receive 28 days leave in the U.K.; all those who have been more than 3½ years shall receive 64 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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(Signed) M. W. M. MACLEOD,
Major-General,
DAC, G1 (British)

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

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 45 and be released in UK between 28 Jun - 2 Jul 45. Shipping forecasts cannot be given beyond MKF 45.

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

4. Until details of movement policy in the next few months are known, personnel are liable to be called forward from their units in CMF approximately 3 weeks before the date of release in UK.

5. The phasing given in this letter does NOT apply to Women's Services for whom separate instructions will be issued in due course; nor does it apply necessarily to those classes of officers specified in para 330 of the Release Regulations whose release is subject to individual sanction by the War Office.

6. The War Office have been asked whether this information may be promulgated to the Troops, but pending further instructions the contents of this letter will be treated as confidential.

(Signed) 0580

for Major-General,
DAG G.1 (British).

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