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PERSONAL FILE - J/COMD. M. PROBY
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 304
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext. 495

24th May 45.

TO: Junior Commander PROBY, AFS and Staff of Patriots Branch.

I leave on Saturday. Before I go I wish to record my sincere appreciation of the excellent work and loyal support you have given me throughout most difficult and trying period. You have not had the good fortune as yet to gauge the successes of your work. That may take time. The war is over in Italy, but there is still work for Patriots Branch. I leave that in capable hands.

I also desire to express my thanks and good wishes to our Italian Liaison Staff, especially to Colonel Fava, Captain de Robilant and Lieutenant Villa, whose goodwill, wide understanding and personal friendship have done so much to establish good relations between Italian officials and the Allied Commission. To them I wish success, and to their country a speedy recovery.

Finally let me say that it has been a great privilege to have met you all and to have worked with you.

Lt; Col. E. CRAIG
3rd Hussars
D/Director

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MAIN HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

I.

TO : HQ A.C., Patriots Branch

10 Apr 45

SUBJECT : Officers' Personal Files

FILE NO : RX11/AFM/201(G)

J/Comd M. Proby (192784)

1. Personal file in respect of the above-named officer, who has been assigned to your Branch, is forwarded herewith.

2. Please acknowledge receipt on the duplicate copy of this letter.

W. J. Proby, Capt
Regional Commissioner

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Hq. Venezia Region

Receipt of above file acknowledged herewith.

Encl: 1 File

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Lt. Col. P. CRAIG,
Deputy Director,
Local Govt. S./C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

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Ref : 11/2/PAT.

26 March 1945.

Subject: Recommendation for Advancement
Jun Comd L. PROBY A.T.S. (192784).

To : Regional Commissioner
Venezia Region.

1. The attached letter MP/192784/25 of 27 March from Jun/Comd M. PROBY A.T.S. is forwarded for your consideration.
2. I recommend that the action outlined in para 5(a) be followed namely that she be promoted to the next higher rank in A.T.S.
3. The corresponding appointment should be readily available in the occupation of North Italy or Austria.

C.
F. CRAIG,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Patrols Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMANDER
CENTRAL EUROPEAN REGION
MILITARY MAIL

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To: Regional Commander, Vietnam Region
(through Director Pacific Region)

Ref: 107/192/24/25

Copy: Admin, 107/192/24/25

27 March 45.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to bring the following news to your notice.

2. I was posted to AC at the beginning of October 44. Since then I have been virtually unemployed; this was said to be unavoidable in view of the delay in moving into N. Italy.

3. During these five months I have cited the type of employment given to other AC officers in NWAC, and it has become apparent to me that the work required of these officers (who have no previous knowledge of Civil Affairs and only very slight administrative experience) is of a much lesser grade than anything I have been doing for the last four years. It appeared to me possibly that AC was not prepared to promote a woman to field rank, but I thought that in view of my previous experience, I should at least be given a responsible appointment in my present rank, when the staff lists for Austria and N. Italy were published.

4. These lists have now been published and I note,

(a) that my name has been omitted altogether,

(b) that 6 - 5, AMW has accepted the rating from the UK of a grade II AMW staff officer, who is less experienced, less well qualified, and younger than myself; she has also less service, and prior to her last promotion was very considerably junior to me.

5. In view of these facts, I have the honour to request that action may be taken on one of the following alternatives:

(a) If AC can make use of me, that I may be promoted to the rank of Senior Commander and given a corresponding appointment;

(b) If AC has no employment for me, that I may be posted to some other part of the world, where I understand vacancies exist;

(c) If I am considered inefficient, that an adverse report may be submitted on me, sufficiently strongly

air,

1. I have the honor to bring the following facts to your notice.

2. I was posted to AG at the beginning of October 44. Since then I have been virtually unemployed; this was said to be unavoidable in view of the delay in arriving at H. Italy.

3. During these five months I give the type of employment given to other AG officers in AG/AG, and it has become apparent to me that the work required of these officers (who have no previous knowledge of AG/AG and only very slight administrative experience) is of a much lower grade than anything I have been doing for the last four years. It appeared to me possible that AG was not prepared to promote a man to field rank, but I thought that in view of my previous experience, I should at least be given a reasonable appointment in my previous rank, when the staff lists for Austria and H. Italy were published.

4. These lists have now been published and I note,

(a) that my name has been omitted altogether,

(b) that C-5, AG, have accepted the existing structure of a grade of AG staff officer, who is less experienced, less well qualified, and younger than myself; she has also less service, and prior to her last promotion was very considerably junior to me.

5. In view of these facts, I have the honor to request that action may be taken on one of the following alternatives;

(a) If AG can make use of me, that I may be promoted to the rank of Senior Commander and given a corresponding appointment;

(b) If AG has no employment for me, that I may be posted to some other part of the world, where I understand vacancies exist;

(c) If I am considered inefficient, that an adverse report may be submitted on me, sufficiently strongly worded to enable me to be released from the service and take some useful civilian employment before the end of the war.

6. My reasons for making the above request are, firstly, that I am determined not to be prevented making the fullest possible contribution to the war effort, and secondly, that I cannot afford to return to the UK at the end of my term of service overseas as a 4/5 Sub. (the rank in which I joined the AG in March 39). In view of the length of my service, the rapid expansion of the AG, and my previous record, the fact that I am still a Junior

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Commander can only be (and is) regarded as tantamount to an adverse report, and will have a very detrimental effect on my prospects of getting a good job after the war.

7. A summary of my service is given below.

- (a) Joined the ATS in March 59.
- (b) promoted to the rank of Junior Commander in May 41.
- (c) posted to a Dist HQ in Feb 42, when ATS officers were first introduced onto the staff of such HQ.
- (d) prior to going to the Staff College I held a grade II appointment at a Cond HQ, and on completion of the Staff course was selected to be the first staff trained ATS officer posted overseas.
- (e) I served as a Civil Affairs Officer in E. Africa for ten months, in an appointment never before held by an officer below the rank of Major. I left E. Africa, where I would have been promoted, in order to come to a more active theatre where I hoped to be fully employed on some useful work.

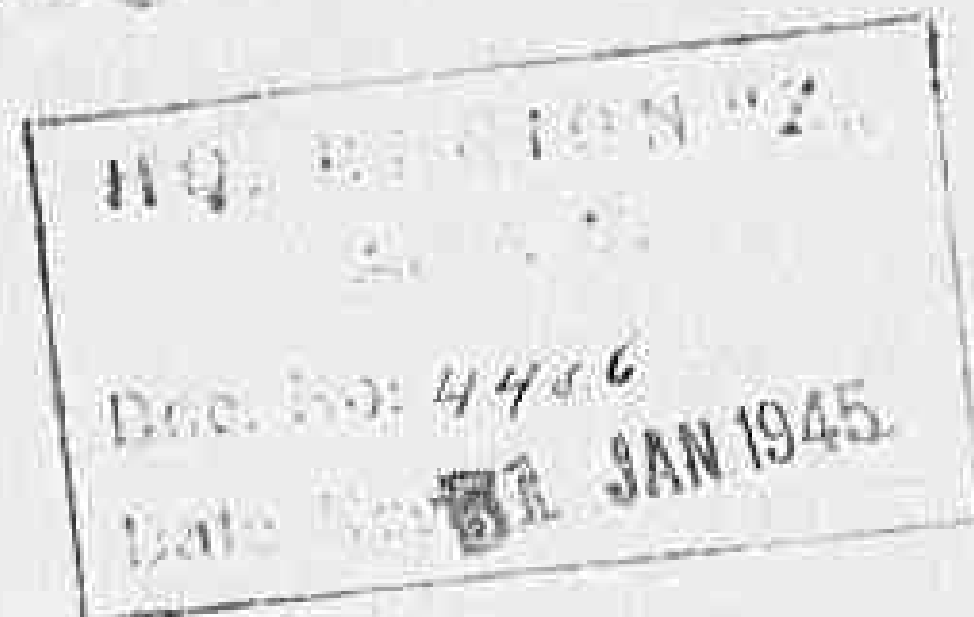
I have the honour to be

Sir,

your obedient servant,

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Junior Commander, ATS.
(192724)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: Tri/1
Subject: Recommendation for Promotion.
To: Regional Commissioner,
Venezia Region, CMF.

28th Jan, 45.

Jnr. Comdr. M. FROXY, ATS.
(Attached Toscana Region.)

I commend to your notice the excellent work carried out by the above-mentioned ATS officer. She has had a difficult and thankless task in the problems of the devastated areas which she has helped to solve with skill and understanding.

Again, this officer was one of the very few volunteer pioneers of the ATS to serve in East Africa; and although Trieste Team, of which she is a member, has not functioned as such, I see no reason why her promotion should be postponed.

In view of these facts, I shall be grateful if you will support this recommendation.

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F. Craig

F. CRAIG.
Lt. Colonel.
Late Provincial Commissioner
Trieste Province.

In lieu of AFB 194

SPECIAL CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

(For use during the War Period in recommending advancement of Staff Officers, Commanders (Brigadiers) and Regimental Officers (Lieutenant-Colonels and Majors, substantive and temporary).

Rank Jun/Comd Name M. PROBY Unit or Formation A.T.S. P/A to Venezia Region, Allied Commission

Age Medical Category A

Period covered by this report. From 7 Oct 44 To 31 Jan 45

1. How is he now employed?

2. Briefly summarise his personality, characteristics, technical and military qualities

(A) STAFF OFFICERS.

3. Is he recommended for advancement on the Staff?

4. Is he recommended for employment in command of troops?

If so, in what capacity?

(B) COMMANDERS AND REGIMENTAL OFFICERS.

5. Is he recommended for advancement in command of troops (if not recommended state reason)

6. Is he recommended for Staff employment?

If so, in what capacity?

Signature of Reporting Officer

Station

Date

Signature

Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS VENEZIA REGION
Allied Commission
APO 394

TO : Lt Col F. Craig, OBA, MS,
Civil Affairs Section, HQ A.C.

1 Feb 45

SUBJECT : Confidential Reports - Officers

FILE NO : AALB/ADA/124

Jon Gerd W. Proby (192784) A.T.S.

1. Reference your Tri/1 dated 28 Jan 45 recommending the A/C officer for advancement. AFs B.194D (in triplicate), which are required by HQ A.C., are forwarded herewith for completion and your signature as reporting officer.

Earl E. Henshaw (35375) A.S.

2. Information has been received from HQ A.C. to the effect that the A/C officer was struck off strength to USAF on 27 Dec 44 and they are asking for a report. As Mr. Henshaw was serving under you during the period he was with this region the attached AFs B.194D are forwarded for completion and signature by you.

3. When you have completed and signed these forms in triplicate, please forward them to Brigadier Dunlop for his endorsement and return to this HQ, or alternatively, two copies of each direct to HQ A.C. G-1(B) and the third copy to this HQ for filing.

W. B. Smith
Acting Regional Commissioner

Encl: 3 AFs B.194D
3 AFs B.194G

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HEADQUARTERS VENEZIA REGION
Allied Commission
APO 394

TO : HQ AC G-1 (B)

13 Dec. 44

SUBJECT : Officers - Pay & Allowances.

FILE NO : RMII/201(C)

J/Comd M. Proby (192784) - A.T.S.

1. Ref your G-1B/16120/1639/C dated 28 Nov 44.
2. The a/m officer wishes her pay and allowances to be remitted to her bank - Messrs. Coutts & Co., 440 Strand, London, W.C.

James H. H. H.
Acting Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS VII MIL REGION

Allied Commission

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TO : Officers concerned.

9 Dec. 44

SUBJECT : Appointments - Officers

FILE NO : RUII/210.1

Under authority A.I.E.C. letter 137/73 dated 21 November 44, approval is given to the following officers' appointments within the T.D. of this Formation, with effect from dates stated against their names:-

To be SOII(CA)

Major T.F. HAWKORTH (74490) R.A. from I.I.F.

Major E.J. SCOTTS (34022) Wores. I(iv) List

Major B. du B.F. WHITE (28409) Surreys I(iv) List

Major F.R.I. WILLIAMS (32236) R.Fus. I(iv) List

DETECTIVE	DATE
	11/9/44
	13/10/44
	25/9/44
	1/9/44

To be SOII(CA) retaining temporary rank of Major.

Capt. (T/Major) J.R. RYLANDS ID (29985) R.A. I(iv) List

Capt. (T/Major) P.D. COTTELL-PATNEY (153942) Surreys from

C.A.F.U.

Capt. (T/Major) C.J.A. GRIGG (60554) R.A. from Balkan Pool

Capt. (T/Major) C.B.F. HAYBURN-TILLEY (52963) R.A. I(iv) List

Capt. (T/Major) S.A. HILLS (35404) R.Sgs. from No. 1 Dist.

Sigs.

Capt. (T/Major) B.F.J. POMEREL (73517) R.A. I(iv) List

Capt. (T/Major) J.A.C. POMEREL (165178) R.A. I(iv) List

Capt. (T/Major) T.W. RICKETTS (159054) R.A.C. I(iv) List

Capt. (T/Major) W.J.J. RINGQUIST (205053) G.I. from I.I.F.

Capt. (T/Major) V.F.J.C. SMITH (4060) R.A. I(iv) List

Capt. (T/Major) I.D. TURNER (95301) Para. Regt. I(iv) List

To be SOII(CA) and granted Acting rank of Major

Capt. (St. Major) W.H. RUSSELL (35378) R.A. from I.I.F.

To be SOII(CA)

Capt. E.B. COMBY, Royal Canadian Artillery, from I(7) List

Capt. A.H. BIRD (113971) R.A. from I(iv) List

22/9/44

25/9/44

9/10/44

Under authority A.I.M.C. letter 1087/3 dated 21 November 44, approval is given to the following officers' appointments within the T.E. of this Formation, with effect from dates stated against their names:-

OFFICER	DATE
To be SOI(CA)	
Major T.F. HAINFORTH (74490) R.A. from I.I.F.	11/9/44
Major F.J. SCOTT (34022) Forces. I(iv) List	13/10/44
Major B. du B.F. WHITE (26469) Surreys I(iv) List	25/8/44
Major F.A.I. WILLIAMS (22236) R.Fus. I(iv) List	1/9/44

To be SOI(CA) retaining temporary rank of Major.	
Capt. (T/Major) J.R. RYMONDS ID (29985) R.A. I(iv) List	28/8/44
Capt. (T/Major) L.D. COATES-FLINDY (153942) Surreys from C.I.T.U.	9/9/44
Capt. (T/Major) C.J.A. GREGG (60554) S.E. from Balkan Pool	9/9/44
Capt. (T/Major) C.E.F. HAINFORTH-TRACY (52863) R.A. I(iv) List	10/9/44
Capt. (T/Major) S.A. HILLS (35404) R.Sgs. from No. 1 Dist.	

Sigs.

Capt. (T/Major) D.W.J. HONNELL (73517) R.A. I(iv) List	30/8/44
Capt. (T/Major) J.A.C. TOMKIN (165170) R.A. I(iv) List	25/8/44
Capt. (T/Major) T.W. FICKLEY (158054) R.A.C. I(iv) List	25/8/44
Capt. (T/Major) W.J.D. RINGQUIST (205053) G.L. from I.I.F.	4/10/44
Capt. (T/Major) V.P.J.C. SMITH (4060) R.A. I(iv) List	16/9/44
Capt. (T/Major) E.D. TURNER (95331) Para. Regt. I(iv) List	30/9/44
	16/9/44

To be SOI(CA) and granted Acting rank of Major	
Capt. (Bt. Major) W.H. HUBBARD (35378) R.A. from I.I.F.	22/9/44

To be SOI(CA)	
Capt. E.B. COMBY, Royal Canadian Artillery, from I(7) List	25/8/44
Capt. A.H. BIRD (113971) R.A. from I(iv) List	9/10/44
Capt. N.V. CAHILL (148372) R.A. from I(iv) List	26/9/44
Capt. P.L. YOUNG (53412) R.A. from I(iv) List	25/8/44

To be SOI(CA) retaining temporary rank of Captain	
Lieut. (T/Capt) G.L. MCLEACHLAN R. Edmonton Regt. Canadian Inf.	25/8/44
Comps from No. 1 Cdn. Corps Reception Camp.	12/10/44
Lieut. (T/Capt) E.G. PHILLIP (91953) Dorsets I(iv) List.	4/9/44
Lieut. (T/Capt) E. SHORT (197321) R.A. S.C. from I.I.F.	1/9/44
Lieut. (T/Capt) C.W. SKOTCHDOPOLE (148404) R.A. I(iv) List	4/9/44
Lieut. (T/Capt) D. VANSTON (123240) R.A. I(iv) List	
Lieut. (T/Capt) J.S.G. WILSON-PHILLIPS (101636) G.L. 369 P.W. Camp.	25/8/44

To be SCIII(C1) retaining temporary rank of
Junior Commander

Sub. (E/J/Cdr) M. HADBY (192704) A.I.S. from A.10 ATHQ 29/9/44

To be Staff Ident(C1)

W/Lieut. W.C. CUBERTY (220000) R.A. X(iv) List	13/9/44
W/Lieut. R.A. HASTINGS (142950) Buff X(iv) List	16/10/44
W/Lieut. W.C. STUMPT 4 P.I.D. Jds. Canadian Armourd	
Comps X(7) List	
W/Lieut. F.C. WILLIAMS (259311) R.A. X(iv) List	25/8/44
W/Lieut. C.C. VENUS (146030) I.O.V.L.I. X(iv) List.	25/8/44
W/Lieut(QR) G.H. BLISS (270963) R.A. X(iv) List	1/11/44
	24/9/44

for Identification
 Acting Regional Commissioner

Copies to: 201 Files.

To-HQ Venetia Region
 Subject - Pay & allowances, o/s
 for Cond M. Proby

HQ Abruzzi - Marche Region
 Ref - M.P/192784/23
 date 7 Dec 44

Ref attached letter no. G1-B/16120/1099 dated 28 Nov 44
 from HQ A.C.

It is requested that my pay & allowances may be
 remitted ~~to~~ to my bank, - Messrs Coutts & Co,
 41 Strand, London W.C.2

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M. Proby for Cond
 At Trieste Provincial Team.

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Tel. Ext. 573

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
G-1(B)

28 November 1944

REFERENCE : G-1B/16120/1099/0

SUBJECT : Officers - Pay and Allowances

TO : Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region

HQ. REGION "Z",
A. C. C.

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J/Cir. M. PROBY (192784) - A.T.S.

1. GHQ 2nd Echelon have requested that the above named officer should supply at once the name and address to which she desires her pay and allowances remitted.

2. Will you please ^{instruct} ~~obtain~~ this officer to furnish the information to this HQ as soon as possible.

BY COMMAND OF COMMODORE STONE

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J.L. JONES
Lt. Colonel,
G-1(B)

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HEADQUARTERS VENEZIA REGION
Allied Commission
APO 394

Unit 2

TO : All British Officers
SUBJECT: Overseas Service
FILE NO: RXII/201(G)

23 Dec. 44

1. All British Officers will notify this HQ of the date they embarked from U.K. for service overseas by completing the form below.
2. Please treat as urgent.

G. Bunnage Capt
Administrative Officer

NAME J/Comd. Proby M. (ATS)

I embarked from U.K. for service overseas on 12 Aug 43

Date 30 Dec 44

M. Proby for Capt
Signature E. O. 2

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REGION S.A.M.G. QUESTIONNAIRE FOR BRITISH OFFICERS

To be completed and returned promptly to G-1

Please Print

Medical
CategorySurname PROBYChristian Names MARYA1.Embarked from U.K. ~~12 Aug 44~~Present Unit AFHQ at ACEDate Joined 29 Sep 44Reg't or Corps NTS

Rank

S/Date
(w/e, f)Date and
Place of Birth Sandling, Hythe, KentW/ Sub9 Mar 39

Self

Father

Mother

Temp. Sub1 May 41

Nationality

RailBritBritAct.Married or Single SinglePersonal No. 192784

If Married

Name & Address
of Wife

Nationality

Next of Kin
if not WifeR.G. Proby, Ellen, Peterborough, EnglandRelationship
father

EDUCATION

Name of Schools
or Colleges,
giving dates
State any
DistinctionSouthview Manor, Leazes (School Cont) 1928Queen's College, Hurlingham, London 1930

Civilian Experience

Secretarial experience

Military Service

(1) Jan 42 - 12 Sep 44, DAPOTS, Western Front(2) Jan 40 - Dict Officer(3) May 42 - 2nd DTC, Staff Course(4) Apr 41 - DTC, DAPOTS T.E.(5) Aug 43 - HQ EAF, 1st I. Force(6) Jan 42 - S/Capt R. & Riding, 1st I. Force, 1st I. Force, 1st I. Force

Type & Date of Commission - e.g., Emergency, I.A., etc.

Place of Birth	W/Sab		9 Mar 39
	Self	Father	Mother
Nationality	Rat	Brit	Brit
Temp. In Cont	1 May 41		
Act.			
Married or Single	Single		
Personal No.	192754		
If Married			
Name & Address of Wife			
Next of Kin if not Wife	R.G. Proby, Ellen, Peterborough, England		
Relationship	father		
EDUCATION			
Name of Schools or Colleges, giving dates	South Essex Mason, Levees (School Cont) 1928		
State any Distinction	Green College, Humber St. London 1930		

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