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1938 :— 199 by 376 520 by 79			
1939 :— 208 by 964 354 by 116 426 by 930 477 by 732 510 by 964 567 by 447 590 by 351 661 by 964 697 by 931 700 by 329 704 by 585 737 by 585			
1940 :— 14 by 203 15 by 705 34 by 927 55 by 173 77 by 964 89 by 95 97 by 43 134 by 392 140 by 154 147 by 764 158 by 964 159 by 964 200 by 95 209 by 622 219 by 964 242 by 884 296 by 351 299 by 433 401 by 332 415 by 773 484 by 351 492 by 831 555 by 927 582 by 209 605 by 173 631 by 712 632 by 407 665 by 964 780 by 109 801 by 34 864 by 884 882 by 651 988 by 351 1090 by 493 1169 by 220 1264 by 879 1314 by 964 1332 by 455 1334 by 95 1359 by 806 1389 by 392 1420 by 269			

1941 (continued) :-

2456 by 927
 2457 by 927
 2496 by 927
 2500 by 927
 2516 by 971
 2518 by 392
 2522 by 927
 2523 by 927
 2532 by 927
 2535 by 805
 2544 by 545
 2548 by 927
 2569 by 280
 2587 by 905
 2596 by 598
 2518 by 447
 2627 by 927

1942 :-

1 by 15
 17 by 927
 18 by 927
 33 by 392
 43 by 927
 44 by 964
 49 by 783
 92 by 927
 105 by 15
 107 by 286
 113 by 160
 119 by 927
 124 by 927
 125 by 927
 130 by 679
 139 by 499
 141 by 20
 153 by 783
 159 by 616
 181 by 392
 186 by 392
 189 by 927
 204 by 386
 214 by 958
 215 by 725
 227 by 545
 242 by 485
 254 by 918
 263 by 905
 271 by 214
 272 by 738
 275 by 953
 286 by 207
 302 by 34
 309 by 344
 324 by 672
 325 by 672
 332 by 927
 335 by 309
 360 by 701
 363 by 172
 373 by 156
 375 by 392
 405 by 927
 407 by 885
 411 by 927
 413 by 964
 418 by 895
 422 by 545
 424 by 879
 430 by 616
 435 by 822
 440 by 804

1942 (continued) :-

472 by 392
 476 by 33
 478 by 884
 512 by 927
 525 by 864
 527 by 392
 529 by 545
 537 by 555
 551 by 971
 555 by 958
 568 by 388
 573 by 15
 576 by 789
 580 by 927
 584 by 513
 586 by 593
 588 by 488
 589 by 510
 606 by 240
 635 by 803
 652 by 88
 659 by 927
 661 by 927
 664 by 853
 687 by 265
 689 by 552
 697 by 971
 698 by 990
 710 by 927
 723 by 904
 725 by 729
 752 by 837
 764 by 952
 776 by 927
 781 by 380
 786 by 374
 789 by 351
 800 by 465
 817 by 672
 818 by 751
 820 by 289
 824 by 245
 829 by 513
 832 by 778
 834 by 440
 846 by 968
 852 by 905
 859 by 927
 860 by 616
 861 by 616
 862 by 616
 867 by 822
 882 by 879
 887 by 392
 890 by 659
 898 by 848
 902 by 333
 916 by 672
 922 by 646
 968 by 901
 972 by 927
 981 by 218
 989 by 392
 991 by 750
 997 by 645
 999 by 927
 1004 by 555
 1010 by 723
 1013 by 799
 1024 by 110
 1039 by 344
 1049 by 927

1942 (continued) :-

1057 by 672
 1066 by 120
 1072 by 392
 1084 by 705
 1100 by 459
 1114 by 985
 1134 by 794
 1145 by 984
 1150 by 392
 1169 by 867
 1181 by 351
 1185 by 256
 1194 by 705
 1196 by 313
 1223 by 267
 1230 by 952
 1237 by 927
 1256 by 927
 1260 by 927
 1261 by 927
 1278 by 420
 1288 by 927
 1289 by 793
 1295 by 908
 1304 by 927
 1305 by 927
 1335 by 958
 1343 by 853
 1361 by 725
 1362 by 705
 1383 by 964
 1366 by 787
 1371 by 192
 1372 by 392
 1374 by 968
 1378 by 905
 1382 by 660
 1383 by 664
 1386 by 616
 1393 by 86
 1397 by 545
 1402 by 750
 1416 by 961
 1450 by 927
 1458 by 927
 1489 by 392
 1491 by 423
 1494 by 884
 1501 by 119
 1508 by 240
 1518 by 705
 1531 by 28
 1548 by 616
 1552 by 555
 1561 by 287
 1562 by 948
 1564 by 89
 1577 by 374
 1595 by 616
 1596 by 927
 1644 by 426
 1649 by 126
 1652 by 18
 1670 by 787
 1684 by 968
 1687 by 927
 1690 by 705
 1709 by 825
 1715 by 927
 1758 by 201
 1771 by 789
 1775 by 962

1942 (continued) :-

17 by 927
 1799 by 15
 1801 by 392
 1814 by 185
 1815 by 184
 1816 by 186
 1817 by 388
 1823 by 750
 1825 by 958
 1827 by 927
 1839 by 295
 1845 by 392
 1862 by 673
 1893 by 545
 1901 by 910
 1903 by 267
 1913 by 616
 1916 by 964
 1922 by 783
 1930 by 188
 1931 by 189
 1933 by 193
 1943 by 458
 1946 by 964
 1954 by 392
 1955 by 927
 1967 by 961
 1969 by 927
 1970 by 927
 1978 by 280
 1982 by 879
 1995 by 927
 2027 by 392
 2037 by 787
 2045 by 286
 2047 by 86
 2049 by 545
 2051 by 906
 2077 by 392
 2086 by 528
 2099 by 761
 2148 by 927
 2149 by 937
 2165 by 704
 2169 by 815
 2180 by 561
 2188 by 705
 2198 by 787
 2232 by 60
 2238 by 927
 2250 by 583
 2264 by 927
 2278 by 729
 2279 by 730
 2280 by 731
 2285 by 929
 2304 by 905
 2308 by 984
 2315 by 392
 2319 by 968
 2326 by 964
 2327 by 964
 2345 by 790
 2355 by 927
 2366 by 927
 2375 by 370
 2394 by 761
 2400 by 927
 2405 by 484
 2417 by 719
 2418 by 927
 2420 by 927

1942 (continued):

2421 by 27
2422 by 927
2432 by 813
2442 by 967
2452 by 756
2466 by 704
2496 by 552
2497 by 990
2510 by 549
2514 by 194
2517 by 971
2539 by 560
2546 by 789

1942 (continued):

2584 by 540
2592 by 192
2596 by 503
2618 by 927
2632 by 761
2633 by 790
2635 by 952
2661 by 927
2699 by 812
2702 by 815
2706 by 991
2732 by 998

1943:

8 by 662
12 by 704
22 by 599
60 by 681
62 by 983
103 by 756
105 by 609
174 by 505
184 by 548
185 by 876
186 by 814
193 by 905
205 by 729

1943 (continued):

225 by 967
264 by 545
275 by 657
331 by 704
404 by 927
427 by 720
438 by 988
502 by 721
511 by 998
538 by 983
546 by 965
682 by 904
784 by 925

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1362. Memorandum on the Administration of Home Guard Units for the Guidance of Military Formation Commanders and their Staff, 1943.

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20/H.G./223 (T.A. 3).

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1. With reference to A.C.I. 2178 of 1942, soldiers admitted to hospital have not always been in possession of identity discs.
2. The instructions laid down in Field Service Regulations, Volume I, 1930, Section 125, para. 1, will be strictly observed.

19/General/314 (A.G. 3 (c)).

QUARTER-MASTER-GENERAL**1364. Rations and Rationing. Scales for Enemy Prisoners of War in the United Kingdom.**

Amends A.C.I. 958 of 1943; see Amendments section.

53/General/7235 (S.T. 6).

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1. Issues of rations on repayment to members of the Senior and Junior Training Corps and of The Army Cadet Force will be subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) The rations will invariably be drawn by the Training Corps or The Army Cadet Force unit through a Regular Army unit. The latter will claim separately on A.F. P 1065, and will expend on behalf of such personnel, the cash allowance (at present 2½d.) which accompanies the Home Service scale.
- (b) Complete days' rations will normally be drawn at the scale laid down for troops of the Regular Army in the pamphlet "Home Service Ration Scales" notified in A.C.I. 1854 of 1942.

Exceptions to this rule will be made in the following circumstances:—

- (i) Where the duration of the camp necessitates a tea meal being provided on the last day of a camp, the following items may be drawn in addition to the complete day's rations:—

Bread	...	...	...	5-oz.
Tinned milk	...	...	...	4/5-oz. (British or Dominion)
				or
				1-oz. (U.S.A.)
Tea	...	...	...	1/7-oz.
Sugar	...	...	...	1-oz.
Margarine	...	...	...	1/2-oz.
Jam	...	...	...	1/2-oz.

- (ii) Cadet personnel may receive an extra issue of 2-oz. bread (making a total issue of 12-oz.) and the extra half-pint of milk authorized for enlisted boys under 18 years of age.

- (c) Payment for each complete ration provided under this A.C.I. will be as follows:—

- (i) *Senior Training Corps.*—A sum equal to the current higher rate of ration allowance with meal service element for other ranks, abated by the sum of 6d., whether cooked meals or uncooked rations are provided.
- (ii) *Junior Training Corps and The Army Cadet Force.*—If the rations are supplied in a raw state and cooked under Training Corps or Army Cadet Force arrangements, the charge for each ration will be 1s. 7d. If, however, cooked meals are provided, the daily charge for each ration will be 1s. 9d.

(d) Payment for the supplementary items mentioned in sub-para. (b) (i) and (ii) above will be:—

(i) *Additional tea meal*.—The charge for the tea meal referred to in sub-para. (b) (i) above will be 2d. a head for all cadets.

(ii) *Extra bread and milk*.—When both of these extras (or milk only) are issued, the daily charges for complete rations will be increased by a flat rate of 2½d. in all cases. If extra bread only is supplied no increase will be made in the daily charges at sub-para. (c) (i) and (ii) above.

2. Debit vouchers in respect of the rations will be prepared and rendered by Os, i/c supplies to the O.C. the Training Corps or The Army Cadet Force unit concerned. To facilitate preparation of such vouchers, separate indents will be submitted to the O. i/c supplies in respect of rations required for the Training Corps and The Army Cadet Force.

The O.C. a Regular Army unit drawing rations on behalf of the Junior Training Corps or The Army Cadet Force will inform the O. i/c supplies whether such rations are being cooked by the parent unit or by the cadets.

3. Cadets' civilian ration books will be impounded by the O.C. the Training Corps or The Army Cadet Force unit during the period rations are provided from W.D. sources. These officers will also be responsible for cancelling the requisite number of coupons in the ration book.

4. The following amendment to A.C.I. 2484 of 1941, which deals with the issue of rations on repayment to civilians—formerly promulgated by A.C.I. 1966 of 1942—remains:—

Para. 1. Lines 2 and 3. *Delete* "and cadets of the Junior and Senior Training Corps".

5. The following amendment will be made to A.C.I. 759 of 1943 regarding rations and allowances in lieu:—

Delete sub-para. (b).

6. A.C.Is. 1966 of 1942 and 213 of 1943 are hereby cancelled.

53/General/7047 (S.T. 6).

By Command of the Army Council,

J. B. B. B. B.

THE WAR OFFICE,
15th September, 1943.

AMENDMENTS

QUARTER-MASTER-GENERAL

1364. Rations and Rationing. Scales for Enemy Prisoners of War in the United Kingdom.

The following amendments will be made to A.C.I. 958 of 1943, which deals with the scales of rations for enemy prisoners of war in the United Kingdom:—

(a) *Re-number* para. 6 as para. 8.

(b) *Insert* new paragraphs:—

6. When it is impracticable for such prisoners to partake in any form of central messing 10 per cent. extra rations, including cash allowance, may be issued to parties of prisoners of war of a strength of under 50, and 8 per cent. to parties of 50 to 100.

7. The extra food, or cash allowance in lieu, authorized in A.C.I. 1495 of 1942, para. 4, may be drawn for prisoners of war subject to the conditions laid down in that A.C.I.

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[1407—1408]

ARMY COUNCIL INSTRUCTIONS

Nos. 1407 and 1408 of 1943

THE WAR OFFICE,
25th September, 1943.

1407. Dress.—Introduction of Cap, General Service.

1. As a wartime measure it has been decided to introduce a khaki cloth cap made on the beret pattern for wear in lieu of the drab cap, Field Service ("fore and aft") by all personnel for whom the latter is at present prescribed (*see* A.C.I. 1408 of 1943, para. 2). The new head-dress will be known as the "Cap, G.S.", catalogue number C.F. 1530-46. It will be taken into use gradually and in the order of priority shown in para. 4. Caps, F.S., now in wear or in stock will be used up, and in order to use up existing stocks of gabardine the first issues of the new cap, G.S., will be made of that material.

2. The cap, G.S., will be worn so that the band is level round the head and one inch above the eyebrows, the crown of the cap being pulled to the right. The badge will be over the left eye centrally between the headband and the crown of the cap. Each cap will be suitably marked to indicate where the badge is to be placed. The badge to be worn is the regulation pattern at present authorized for the cap, F.S., *e.g.*, officers—bronzed; other ranks—metal or plastic.

3. Units which have been authorized to wear distinctions on head-dress in recognition of distinguished services or for some other reason, may wear such distinctions on the cap, G.S.

4. Other ranks.

(a) Issues of the cap, G.S., will be made in the following order of priority:—

- (i) all troops abroad;
- (ii) Field Force units at home;
- (iii) A.A. formations;
- (iv) other static troops.

(b) Scales of issue will follow present scales for the cap, F.S., laid down in War Clothing Regulations, 1943.

(c) Indents for caps, F.S., will be submitted until further orders.

In commands abroad demands will be met by caps, G.S., as they become available; thereafter indents will be in respect of the cap, G.S.

The issue of caps, G.S., to the remaining priorities will be notified in A.C.Is.; no enquiries will be made in the meantime.

(d) Cs-in-C. abroad will be responsible for priority of distribution within their command and will follow the general lines of sub-para. (a) above. They will, however, withhold distribution of the cap, G.S., until holdings of the cap, F.S., in the command concerned have fallen to three months' stock. New and part-worn serviceable caps, F.S., rendered surplus by the change-over will be returned to the United Kingdom by public opportunity. Special indents will be submitted for caps, G.S., to replace new caps, F.S., returned to the United Kingdom.

5. Officers.

(a) The cap, G.S., of other ranks pattern will supersede the present cap, F.S., and will be worn by officers as laid down for the cap, F.S., in A.C.I. 1408 of 1943, para. 2. Serving officers will adopt the cap, G.S., for wear when other ranks of their unit are issued with it, but caps, F.S., in the possession of serving officers may continue to be worn with service dress until worn out. Newly commissioned officers will not be entitled to wear the cap G.S., until they are serving with a unit to which the new head-dress has been issued. To avoid unnecessary expense in the interim, they are advised to equip themselves with the other ranks' pattern of the cap, F.S.

(b) Officers will purchase the new head-dress on repayment from the R.A.O.C. under the provisions of War Clothing Regulations, 1943, para. 142.

6. Instructions regarding the issue of the cap, G.S., to the Home Guard, Senior and Junior Training Corps and The Army Cadet Force will be issued later.

7. Dress Regulations for the Army, 1934, and War Clothing Regulations, 1943, will be amended in due course.

53/General/9393 (O.S. 7).

1408. Dress.—Head-dresses.

1. *Discipline.*—Unauthorized head-dresses are being worn contrary to regulations. This practice will cease forthwith.

2. *Approved head-dresses.*—The authorized head-dresses for all arms of the Service are set out in the following schedule:—

Serial	Corps, etc.	Officers.		Other ranks.	Remarks.
		Battle dress.	Service dress.		
1	Officers of the rank of colonel and above.	Khaki beret or Cap, S.D. or coloured cap, F.S.	Cap, S.D. or coloured cap, F.S.	—	Officers covered by serials 2, 5, 7, 8 and 15 will wear the beret appropriate to those serials when serving with the units therein referred to.
2	R.A.C. (except 11th Hussars).	Black beret.	Black beret.	Beret, R.A.C. (black). Cat. No. C.F. 0440-55.	
3	11th Hussars	Cap, 11th Hussars (brown).	Cap, 11th Hussars (brown).	Cap, 11th Hussars (brown). Cat. No. C.F. 0420-35.	
4	Household Cavalry and Brigade of Grenads (except Guards Armoured Division).	Cap, S.D. or Cap, F.S.	Cap, S.D. or Coloured forage cap.	Cap, S.D., stiff Cat. No. C.F. 0960-77 and Cap, S.D., soft Cat. No. C.F. 0940-55 or Cap, F.S. Cat. No. C.F. 0520-37.	The cap, G.S., will replace the cap, S.D., soft, or the cap, F.S. in due course, see para. 7 below.

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Serial	Corps, etc.	Officers.		Other ranks.	Remarks.
		Battle dress.	Service dress.		
5	Personnel of the Household Brigade in divisional and brigade headquarters of Guards Armoured Division and the Household Cavalry (Armoured Car) Regiment and armoured and tank battalions in the Guards Armoured Division.	Black beret	Black beret	Cap, S.D., stiff Cat. No. C.F. 0960-77 and Beret, R.A.C. (black) Cat. No. C.F. 0440-55.	The beret will be worn when on duty in tanks (when the crash helmet is not being worn) and when performing maintenance duties in connexion with tanks. At other times the normal regimental head-dress will be worn by officers and the cap, S.D., stiff by other ranks.
6	Reconnaissance Corps. Motor Battalions of Infantry. Light Scout Car Companies. Light Scout Car Field Parks. Light Scout Car Training Centre.	Khaki beret	Khaki beret	Beret, khaki Cat. No. C.F. 0100-16.	
7	Airborne Forces ...	Maroon beret or Cap, F.S.	Maroon beret or Cap, F.S.	Beret, Airborne (maroon). Cat. No. C.F. 0230-45 and Cap, F.S. Cat. No. C.F. 0520-37.	
8	Special Service Brigade.	Green beret.	Green beret.	Beret, green. Cat. No. C.F. 0060-75.	
9	Scottish Horse ...	Bonnet, Atholl.	Bonnet, Atholl.	Bonnet, Atholl. Cat. No. C.F. 0001-16.	
10	Lovat Scouts ...	Bonnet, blue.	Bonnet, blue.	Bonnet, blue. Cat. No. C.F. 0020-35.	
11	Scottish infantry regiments. London Irish Rifles. Scots Guards (pipers only).	Bonnet, tam o'shanter.	Bonnet, tam o'shanter or (Scottish infantry regiments only) Cap, Glen-garry.	Bonnet, tam o'shanter. Cat. No. C.F. 0080-95.	2287
12	Irish Guards (pipers only). Royal Irish Fusiliers Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.	—	—	Bonnet, drab. Cat. No. C.F. 0040-55.	

Serial	Corps, etc.	Officers.		Other ranks.	Remarks.
		Battle dress.	Service dress.		
13	Instructors of Gunnery.	Cap, S.D.	Cap, S.D.	Cap, S.D., stiff. Cat. No. C.F. 0960-77.	
14	Horsed units ... C.M.P. ... M.P.S.C. ... N.C.Os. and musicians under a Director of Music. Enlisted boys. ...	Cap, S.D.	Cap, S.D.	Cap, S.D., stiff. Cat. No. C.F. 0960-77.	C.M.P. with field formations wear the cap, F.S., when not wearing steel helmets. (See para. 8(b)).
15	Officers attached to the R.A.F. Regiment.	Blue beret (R.A.F. pattern).	Blue beret (R.A.F. pattern).	—	
16	All other units and personnel.	Cap, F.S.	Cap, F.S.	Cap, F.S. Cat. No. C.F. 0520-37.	The cap, G.S., will replace the cap, F.S., in due course, but see para. 7.

3. *Caps, Service Dress.*—Where not included above, caps, S.D., in the possession of officers, may be worn with service dress until replacement becomes necessary. They will not be worn with battle dress, except when specially authorized in para. 2 above.

4. *Coloured Caps, Field Service.*—When *not on duty*, the coloured cap, F.S., or in the case of Scottish regiments, the cap, Glengarry may be worn by all ranks of all arms for which it is appropriate with undress, service dress and battle dress, instead of the regulation head-dress prescribed. The latter will invariably be worn on duty.

The use of this head-dress, which in all cases will be obtained by private purchase, is optional and no compulsion will be placed on individuals to provide it.

5. *Black Beret.*—The black beret is the regulation head-dress of the units and individuals detailed in para. 2, serials 2 and 5 only. It is *not* admissible for wear by other units or individuals of ancillary units serving in armoured formations.

6. *Khaki Beret.*—The khaki beret is admissible for wear by the personnel detailed in para. 2, serials 1 and 6 only. It will *not* be worn in lieu of the cap, G.S.

7. *Cap, G.S.* (See A.C.L. 1407 of 1943.)—The cap, G.S., is a khaki cloth cap of beret shape. As supplies become available they will be issued in replacement of the cap, F.S., by complete formations. No enquiries will be put to the War Office on this subject.

The cap, G.S., which will be issued to officers through the R.A.O.C. on repayment will not be taken into use until it is issued to the unit as a whole. It will then be the only regulation head-dress to be worn on duty by the officers detailed in para. 2, serial 16, but see para. 3 above. It must not be confused with the khaki beret (see para. 6).

8. *Changes introduced.*—Attention is called to the following changes now introduced:

- The introduction of the khaki beret for officers of the rank of colonel and above, for wear on duty with battle dress.
- Abolition of cap, S.D., stiff, for motor boat companies, R.A.S.C., staffs of R.T.Os. in London District, and Personnel Selection Staff when the cap, G.S., is issued.
- Introduction of cap, S.D., stiff, for C.M.P. (T.C. Wing).

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[1407—1426]

ARMY COUNCIL INSTRUCTIONS

25th September, 1943

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1408. Dress.—Head-dresses.

GENERAL STAFF

1409. Diagrams.—Night Illumination.

Latitudes 50 degrees North to 53 degrees North, September to December, 1943, and Amendments (No. 1).

Latitudes 43 degrees North to 47 degrees North, September to December, 1943, and Amendments (No. 1).

1. Copies of the above-mentioned diagrams and amendments will shortly become available and will be issued to all concerned without indent on the following scale:—

R.A.C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	} Scale B plus one copy for each squadron, battery, company or equivalent unit.
R.A.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
R.E. (field companies, field squadrons, field park units)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
R. Signals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Infantry including machine gun, support, and motor units	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Reece. Corps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	} Scale B
R.E. (other than above)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other arms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

2. Recipients should fold the diagrams to fit the cover of the Field Service Pocket Book.

3. Consequent on para. 1 above, Night Illumination Diagram—Latitude 52 degrees North, June to September, 1943, and A.C.I. 907 of 1943, are hereby cancelled.

43/General/266 (M.T. 1).

1410. Stores.—Allotment for the Purchase of Training Stores.

Amends A.C.I. 729 of 1943, see Amendments section.

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1411. Guns.—Medium and Heavy Artillery—Carriage of Fuzed Shell in Tractors.

1. Boxes are now available for the carriage of fuzed shell in tractors.

2. A.C.I. 517 of 1943 is hereby cancelled.

43/Artillery/1934 (M.T. 9).

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1412. Postal Arrangements.—Misuse of Mail Bags Belonging to the Post Office.

1. Complaints have again been received from the General Post Office that mail bags are being used by military personnel for unauthorized purposes such as:—

- (a) Conveying army boots for repair.
- (b) Laundry containers.
- (c) Covering seats in W.D. vehicles.
- (d) Collection and disposal of waste paper.
- (e) Conveying kit.

2. The use of these mail bags for other than post office services gives rise to shortage, and entails serious difficulties in the disposal of mail.

3. O.S.C. units will ensure that these mail bags are in future used only for post office services and always returned as soon as possible to the local post office. Any such bags now in the possession of units will be returned to the local post office forthwith.

4. A.C.I. 2228 of 1942 is hereby *cancelled*.

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1413. Tradesmen and Tradeswomen.—Telecommunication Mechanics, R.E.M.E.

1. A Royal Warrant dated 31st August, 1943, notified in Army Order 139 of 1943, introduces the trade of Telecommunication Mechanic and deletes the trades of Radio Mechanic and Wireless Mechanic.

2. The trade test for the new trade is published in Amendments (No. 39) to "Regulations Governing the Issue of Tradesmen's Rates of Pay, 1939" notified in Army Order 142 of 1943.

3. The trade of Telecommunication Mechanic is divided into six categories:—

<i>Title</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>Abbreviated title</i>
Telecommunication mechanic (Heavy Anti-Aircraft)	(all)	Tel.Mech.(H.A.A.).
Telecommunication mechanic (Light Anti-Aircraft)	(all)	Tel.Mech.(L.A.A.).
Telecommunication mechanic (Searchlight)	(II and III)	Tel.Mech.(S.L.).
Telecommunication mechanic (Coast Artillery)	(all)	Tel.Mech.(C.A.).
Telecommunication mechanic (Field)	(all)	Tel.Mech.(F.d.).
Telecommunication mechanic (Lines of Communication)	(all)	Tel.Mech.(L. of C.).

designed to cover maintenance of the full range of Radar, wireless and line equipments used in the Service. The following instructions are issued regarding the re-classification and re-mustering of the R.E.M.E. tradesmen concerned, many of whom are serving with units other than of their own arm.

4. (a) The majority of radio mechanics by virtue of their training and experience, will be eligible for re-classification as telecommunication mechanics in one of the following categories:—

*Heavy Anti-Aircraft, Searchlight, or Coast Artillery—

without undergoing a practical trade test. Similarly, nearly all wireless mechanics will be eligible for re-classification as telecommunication mechanics (Field).

In such cases a C.O.'s certificate that the soldiers concerned are competent to perform the full duties of their classification in the new trade will be accepted as authority for their re-classification and re-mustering. The certificate will be published in Parts II or III Orders in the following terms; the order being signed by the C.O., without prior reference for authority to the O. i/c R.E.M.E. Records:—

"Tradesmen, re-classification and re-mustering.

Certified that the undermentioned R.E.M.E. other ranks, mustered before 31st August, 1943, in the trades and classifications shown, are competent to perform the

full duties in the trade of telecommunication mechanic in the classifications indicated and are hereby re-classified and re-mustered in the latter trade with effect from the date of this Order in accordance with A.C.I. 1413 of 1943.

<i>Examples.</i>	<i>Present Classification.</i>	<i>Re-classified and Re-mustered.</i>
1234567 Cpl. Brown, A. ...	Radio mechanic II ...	Tel. Mech. (H.A.A.) II.
1234568 Craftsman Smith, W. ...	Wireless mechanic III ...	Tel. Mech. (Pd.) III.

(b) If a radio mechanic is qualified for re-mustering as either a telecommunication mechanic (H.A.A.) or a telecommunication mechanic (S.L.), he will be re-mustered in the former category.

(c) Where a C.O. is unable to assess the competence of a soldier for re-classification the advice of a qualified R.E.M.E. officer will be obtained.

(d) To be eligible for re-classification as telecommunication mechanics (L.A.A.) or (L. of C.) radio mechanics must have been trained in certain equipments which are not in general use. Personnel will be recommended for re-classification and re-mustering in these categories by commandants of the training establishments concerned.

5. The categories of telecommunication mechanics which will normally be employed in various types of units are given in the Appendix. For security reasons it is impracticable to show in this A.C.I. the equipments which each category of tradesman is required to maintain and for the same reason the list of units is not comprehensive. A list of the equipments to be maintained is, however, being sent to headquarters of commands and overseas stations under secret cover. Reference to the list will be made before re-classification and re-mustering is effected.

6. The trades of radio mechanic and wireless mechanic will be deleted under the authority of this A.C.I. from all authorized War Establishments having these tradesmen and the trade of telecommunication mechanic inserted in replacement. During the transitional period radio mechanics and wireless mechanics may continue to fill vacancies on War Establishments for telecommunication mechanics.

7. (a) Tradesmen who are not serving with units having an authorized War Establishment for their trade, e.g., personnel *en route* overseas, in depots, on armament artificer courses, etc., will not be re-classified and re-mustered until they are again posted for duty at their trade or pass the prescribed trade test. In the latter case it will not be necessary to apply to the O. i/c R.E.M.E. Records for authority to re-muster provided that the soldier was mustered as a radio mechanic or wireless mechanic, R.E.M.E., at the time he was tested. Similarly soldiers on the "Y" list will not be re-mustered until they are re-posted.

(b) Radio mechanics, class I, whose experience would qualify them for re-mustering as telecommunication mechanics (S.L.) will not be re-mustered until they have the necessary experience or training to enable them to be re-mustered as telecommunication mechanics (L.A.A.), class I.

8. Radio and wireless mechanics will be permitted to retain their present trade rates of pay for six months or until they are re-mustered in the new trade, whichever is the earlier. In the case of personnel serving at home the six months will count from 31st August, 1943, and, in the case of personnel serving abroad, from the date of receipt of Army Order 139 of 1943 in the theatre concerned.

9. Personnel classified but not mustered as radio mechanics or wireless mechanics will, if suitable, be re-classified as telecommunication mechanics but will not be mustered as such without the authority of the O. i/c R.E.M.E. Records.

10. Instructions affecting the A.T.S. are being issued separately.

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Type of Unit.	Category.
Brigade workshops ...	Field.
Corps, Army and General Troops workshops ...	
Survey Regts., R.A. ...	
H.A.A. units ...	Heavy A.A.
Workshops serving H.A.A. units ...	
L.A.A. units ...	Light A.A.
Workshops serving L.A.A. units ...	
A.A. (Mobile) Operations rooms, R.A. ...	
S.L. units ...	Searchlight.
Workshops serving S.L. units ...	
C.A. units ...	Coast Artillery.
Workshops and Radio Maintenance Detachments (C.A.) serving C.A. units.	
Base workshops ...	All types, based on the section of the workshop in which employed.
Advance base workshops ...	
Command workshops ...	
Central workshops ...	

1414. Volunteers from the Army for the Palestine Police Force.

1. A limited number of N.C.Os. and men from the Army are required for service in the British ranks of the Palestine Police Force.

2. Applicants must be:—

- (a) Between 19 and 35 years of age (men up to 40 years of age will be considered in exceptional cases).
- (b) Medical category not below A.5.
- (c) Not less than 5 ft. 6 ins. in height.

3. The pay of N.C.Os. and constables of the British Section is at the following rates:—

Constable £11 a month.
Second Serjeant £13 a month.
First Serjeant £15 a month.

Trade pay at approved rates is paid to qualified personnel who are placed on the establishment of the Signals Section and Mechanical and Driver Branches of the Motor Transport Section of the Force. After six months' service a constable may qualify for proficiency pay of £1 a month after passing an examination in elementary Arabic or Hebrew, criminal law, investigation of crime and general police duties.

4. The following allowances will be paid in respect of married men:—

To wife:—£4 13s. 2d. a month, plus children's allowance, payable up to age of 15 years of £2 18s. 2d. a month for the first child, £1 10s. 10d. a month for the second child and £1 12s. 6d. a month for the third or each additional child, but children's allowance will only be paid if the husband allots half of his pay to his wife.

5. C.Os. will submit applications, in duplicate, of N.C.Os. and men who volunteer direct to the War Office (Demob. 2), London, S.W.1, in a form as shown in the Appendix below.

6. Names will not be submitted of N.C.Os. and men who are:—

- (a) In units mobilized with first reinforcements or under orders for service overseas, except those posted to Home Details as ineligible to accompany their units overseas.
- (b) Under orders for overseas in drafts.
- (c) Potential officers, i.e., those undergoing training at an O.C.T.U., or recommended for such training by a War Office or regimental selection board.
- (d) Mustered tradesmen or potential armament artificers.

7. Applications will be submitted without delay. Vacancies will be filled by a process of selection from the names submitted. Subject to operational requirements.

C.Os. will grant leave to applicants to enable them to attend for interviews as and when required with the Crown Agents for the Colonies by whom selection will be made. The cost of travelling will not be borne by army funds.

Men selected will be relegated to Class W of the Royal Army Reserve or Class W(T) of the Territorial Army Reserve.

(A summary of this A.C.I. is No. 55 in the series "Notice Board Information.")
19/Releases/5 (Demob. 2).

APPENDIX

Unit
Number
Rank
Name and Initials
Age
Army Medical Category
Height
Educational particulars:—
 (a) Elementary or Secondary School education (Yes or No)
 (b) Education if other than (a)
 (When and of what nature)
Athletic record
Nature of employment (with approximate dates) since leaving school and before entering the Army
Recommendation by C.O. regarding suitability for employment with the Palestine Police

1415. Agricultural Assistance.—Agricultural Leave Scheme.

Amends A.C.I. 2477 of 1941, see Amendments section.

112/Miscellaneous/2696 (Demob. 2).

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1416. Travelling.—Reduced Railway Concession Fares—Wives of Serving Personnel.

1. A.F. O 1798A (Railway Concession Fare Certificate for Wives and Children accompanying them) in para. of 25, has been approved.

2. The railway companies (with certain exceptions, see para. 3 below) have agreed that wives (and dependent children under 16 years of age accompanying them) of serving personnel of His Majesty's and Allied Forces, who do not hold pension or allowance order books, may obtain reduced concession fares, for which they are eligible, on presentation of the above-mentioned form to the booking clerk, thus dispensing with the use of a separate concession voucher for each journey.

3. This facility is not available for—

- (a) bookings on the system of the London Passenger Transport Board or the services of Messrs. Macbrayne, Ltd. (in Scotland), or in Eire; or
- (b) the journeys of dependent children under 16 years of age, travelling unaccompanied by their mother.

The appropriate concession voucher (A.F. O 1798 or B 295B) will continue to be necessary for such journeys.

4. Certificates, which are valid for six months, will normally be issued by

- (a) formations, units, etc., on application from the husband in cases where he is serving in the United Kingdom;
- (b) the authorities specified in para. 11 of the pamphlet "Railway Concessions for Journeys at Home available for Military Personnel and Certain of their Relatives during the Period of the War", notified in A.C.I. 1851 of 1941, on application from the wife when the procedure laid down in (a) above is not feasible.

(Note A.C.I. 1416 will not come into force until 1st October, 1943.)

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Such applicants will give the following particulars:—

- (i) Full christian names and surname of self and husband.
- (ii) Husband's rank.
- (iii) Husband's army number (in the case of other ranks).
- (iv) Husband's unit or corps.
- (v) The reason for the certificate not being obtainable from the husband, e.g., difficulties of communication, stationed abroad, prisoner of war, etc. (Husbands should inform their wives of the designation and address of the authority to whom they should apply for certificates or vouchers in such circumstances.)

5. Wives will be requested to insert their national registration identity card numbers and signatures on the certificates immediately on their receipt and to note carefully the instructions and conditions contained therein.

6. Indents will be made forthwith to the appropriate army forms depot.

7. When supplies of A.F. O 1798A have been received, applicants for concession vouchers for journeys other than those referred to in para. 3 above, who are eligible for the issue of a certificate, will be informed of the new facility and furnished with A.F. O 1798A in lieu of a voucher.

8. Pads of A.F. O 1798A will be kept under lock and key. Counterfoils will be retained for one year after the last form in the pad has been issued. Certificates received for renewal or cancellation will be treated as waste. Renewals will be effected by the issue of a fresh certificate and not by endorsement for a further period.

9. In the event of a unit being disbanded or proceeding overseas, stocks of A.F. O 1798A will be disposed of as follows:—

- (a) complete and partly used pads will be returned to the appropriate army forms depot;
- (b) counterfoils of used pads will be treated as waste.

10. The pamphlet, referred to in para. 4 (b) above, will be amended in due course.

14/Railways/4532 (Q.(M) 1 (a)).

1417. Rations and Rationing.—Allowances in Lieu—Home Commands.

1. With reference to A.C.I. 991 of 1943, regarding allowances in lieu of rations, the undermentioned allowances in lieu of rations will be issued to officers during the calendar months of October, November and December, 1943, and to other ranks, auxiliaries and members during the messing periods 25th September, 1943, to 31st December, 1943:—

	Military personnel		A.T.S. and V.A.Ds.	
	Officers	Other ranks	Officers	Auxiliaries or members
Money allowance in lieu of rations:—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Daily rates of ration allowance (including supper element for other ranks)—				
Lower rate	1 4	1 6	1 4	1 6
Higher rate (i.e., with meal service element)	2 10	3 3	2 5	2 7
Leave rate from 1st October, 1943	3 0	3 10	2 5	2 5
Personal ration—				
Cash allowance (including supper element for other ranks) issued with personal ration—				
Entitled personnel	1 10 3	2 3 3	—	—
Non-entitled personnel	1 0 1	1 2 1	—	—

2. A.C.I. 528 of 1943 is hereby cancelled.

1418. Accommodation Stores.—Removal with Units and Personnel when moving from one Station to another.

The following amendments will be made to A.C.I. 1776 of 1942 (as amended by A.C.I. 916 of 1943) regarding the circumstances in which blankets may be taken with troops when moving from one station to another:—

Para. 2 (a).

(a) *Re-number* sub-para. (iv) and (v) as (v) and (vi), respectively.

(b) *Insert* new sub-paragraph.

"(iv) By A.A. Command Mobile Units."

(c) *Sub-para.* (v) (as re-numbered by this A.C.I.). Line 1. *Delete* "(iii)" and *substitute* "(iii) and (iv)".

57/General/1074 (S.T. 7).

1419. Supplies.—Waste Oil.

Amends A.C.I. 479 of 1943, *see* Amendments section.

24/General/2216 (D. Salvage).

1420. "A" and "B" Vehicles Tyres and Spare Wheels.

1. Replacement tyres are issued on an exchange basis only.

In home commands unserviceable tyres, excluding tyres for pedal cycles, will be exchanged at the nearest tyre stocking (ORD) sub-depot (Chilwell).

Where it is impracticable for unserviceable tyres to be exchanged at the time of issue of their replacement, the latter will be issued under the "Red Label" (A.F. G 955) system.

Immediately upon fitment of the replacement tyre, the unserviceable tyre will be despatched to the sub-depot from which the issue was made.

Note.—Run-flat assemblies will not be dismantled in unit lines, but sent to formation workshop for breakdown and refit.

2. Should replacement tyres not be available to meet demands, issuing depots will inform the unit immediately and, except in the case of the mechanically propelled vehicles enumerated below, the unit will discontinue operating the vehicles until replacement tyres are available.

In the following cases, application will be made through the usual channels for the vehicles to be replaced:—

(a) Vehicles on charge, either to units mobilizing for overseas, or to training establishments giving instructions in driving and maintenance.

(b) Vehicles which it is considered should be replaced immediately for operational reasons.

In the case of artillery equipments, the continued use of the equipment when the tyres are unserviceable and replacements are not readily available will be at the discretion of the unit commander.

3. The use of run-flat and cross-country pneumatic tyres is restricted to the vehicles shown in Appendix A to this A.C.I.

4. All wheeled "A" and "B" vehicles *except the following* will be equipped with a spare wheel (bare).

(a) Run-flat equipped "A" vehicles other than armoured cars.

(b) "B" vehicles having different sized wheels on front and rear axles.

(c) Motor-cycles, solo.

(d) Trailers.

(e) Artillery equipments.

Spare wheels for the above vehicles, *except* motor cycles, solo, are authorized at the same scale as spare tyres.

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In home commands spare tyres will be issued at the scales enumerated in Appendix B to this A.C.I.

Units and formations ordered to mobilize will be entitled to demand spare tyres up to the scale of one for each "A" or "B" vehicle where these are not already held in accordance with Appendix B.

G.O.C.-in-C. operational theatres may, at the expense of their base stocks, increase the scale of tyres issued to "A" and "B" vehicles to one for every vehicle where this is not already held.

5. *Instructional vehicles with twin rear wheels.*—Unless special exemption has been obtained from the War Office (W.S. 6 (a)), vehicles having twin rear wheels or rims which are employed for instruction in driving or maintenance, will have the tyres of the outer wheels or rims removed. Such vehicles will not be loaded to more than half their normal capacity until the outer tyres have been replaced.

During the months of January, February and March exemption is granted in the case of Chevrolet-Thornton vehicles.

6. Home Guard procedure and scale of entitlement is the subject of an amendment to Regulations for the Home Guard, 1942, Volume II.

7. A.C.Is. 1055, 1661 and 2094 of 1942 are hereby cancelled.

57/General (A)/2528 (W.S. 6 (a)).

APPENDIX A

RUN-FLAT AND CROSS-COUNTRY PNEUMATIC TYRES

The use of Run-flat and cross-country pneumatic tyres is restricted to the following vehicles.

<i>Tyre</i>	<i>Vehicle</i>
(a) Run flat.	All wheeled "A" vehicles; cars, light reconnaissance; lorries, 3-ton, A.T.E. Portee; trucks, 15-cwt., 4x4, personnel; gun carriages 6, 17 and 25-pr.; 40-mm. mobile "A.A." and S.P.
(b) Cross-country pneumatic (to be fitted to driving wheels only).	R. Signals.—All wheeled cable-laying vehicles also vehicles of army tank bde., infantry bde., armoured regt. and artillery regt. sections. R.A.S.C.—Tank transporters; ammunition lorries; breakdown lorries; light ambulance cars; and vehicles carrying bridging equipment. R.E. Non-Divisional.—All tractors, bridging lorries; derrick and winch vehicles. R.E. Divisional.—All field squadron and field company vehicles; bridging lorries. All chemical warfare units self-propelled vehicles. R.A.C., R.A. and Infantry.—Administrative transport on H.Qs. Tractors, artillery. R.E.M.E.—All recovery vehicles. Formation H.Q.—All vehicles.

No exchange of tyres at present fitted to unit vehicles to comply with the above will be made until replacements become necessary.

APPENDIX B

SCALE OF SPARE TYRES

Part I

Vehicle or Equipment	Scale	Method of carrying
Motor-cycle (solo)	1 to each 5 or less	In unit transport.
Motor-cycle (combination)	1 each	On vehicle.
Cars and Utilities	1 each	" "
Cars, 5-cwt., 4x4 (Willys, Ford and Bantam)	1 each	" "
Cars, light reconnaissance	1 each	" "
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4x4, personnel ...	1 each	" "
Ambulances	1 each	" "
Lorries, 3 ton, A.Tk. Portee	1 each	" "
Armoured cars	1 each	" "
All wheeled "A" vehicles (other than armoured cars)	1 to each 4 or less vehicles of a type	In unit transport.
<i>Tank Transporters and Recovery Vehicles</i>		
(a) Rigid 6-wheelers	1 of each size of tyre fitted	On vehicle.
(b) Tractor-Trailer (Composite Unit)	1 of each size of tyre fitted	" "
(c) Tractor with independent trailer:—		
(i) Tractor	1 of each size of tyre fitted	" "
(ii) Trailer with less than 10 running wheels	1 of each size of tyre fitted	" "
(iii) Trailer with 10 or more running wheels	2 of each size of tyre fitted	" "
All dumpers, scrapers and wheeled R.E. appliances	1 tyre of each size used for each 3 dumpers or 5 other appliances on charge	To be held by engineer base stores.
<i>Artillery</i>		
All 2-pr. A.Tk. and 6-pr. Twin A.A. and 17-pr. A.Tk. (unless equipped with run-flat tyres)	1 tyre for each equipment	In tractor, portee or trailer.
40-mm. A.A. and 3.7 A.A. transporter	1 tyre for each equipment	In tractor, portee or trailer.
7.2 howitzer and 3.7 A.A. mobile	1 tyre to each 4 equipments	In unit transport.
All other equipments	1 tyre for each 2 or less equipment	" " "
	1 tyre for each 10 running wheels	" " "

Notes.—

(a) The scale of spare tyres for tractors, artillery, is as detailed for "B" vehicles.
 (b) The type of spare tyre issued for "B" vehicles will be the same as the type fitted to the driving wheels of the vehicles concerned.

(c) The word "tyre" here means:—

- (i) Cover pneumatic, tube and rustband where issued for flat-base rims, or less rustband where issued for well-base (one piece) rims; or
- (ii) Cover run-flat tube and beadlock (metal or rubber). Tubes are not issued with R.F.E. the new tubeless run-flat tyres.

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Part II

The scale for all "B" vehicles other than those in Part I is governed by the unit category, i.e., first or second line as follows:—

Unit	Scale	Method of carrying
(a) All first line units' "B" vehicles (other than those fitted with run-flat tyres) and trailers	One tyre for every 3 vehicles of a type. (Where there are less than 3 vehicles of a type, one tyre is authorized.)	In unit transport.
(b) Vehicles of the following headquarters and units:— H.Q. division Field Security Section Divisional Intelligence Section (Intelligence Corps) Divisional H.Q. Defence and Employment Platoon Armoured Division Intelligence Section (Intelligence Corps) Armoured Division Field Security Section (Intelligence Corps) H.Q. corps Corps Intelligence Section (Intelligence Corps) Field Security Section (Intelligence Corps) Corps H.Q. Defence Coy. Royal Armoured Corps Intelligence (Intelligence Corps) Field Ambulance	One tyre for every 3 vehicles of a type. (Where there are less than 3 vehicles of a type one tyre is authorized.)	In unit transport.
(c) All second line units' "B" vehicles and trailers other than those specified above	One tyre for every 5 vehicles of a type. (Where there are less than 5 vehicles of a type one tyre is authorized.)	In unit transport.

1421. Clothing.—Additional Warm Clothing for A.T.S. Personnel Employed on Operational Duties with A.D.G.B. Units.

1. A.C.I. 2399 of 1942 is hereby cancelled.

2. The following articles of clothing and necessities may be issued at the discretion of the O.C. unit to A.T.S. auxiliaries employed on operational duties with A.D.G.B. units, i.e., categories enumerated in A.C.I. 1306 of 1942, as amended by A.C.I. 117 of 1943.

Vocabulary No.	Sizes	Item	Scale of Issue
C.K. 0907-9 ...	1-3	Gloves, shearling, A.A., A.T.S. ... pair	1
C.K. 0883-5 ...	1-3	Pants, woollen, long, A.T.S. ... pairs	3 (a)
C.K. 1191-6 ...	1-6	Smocks, A.A., A.T.S. ...	1 (b)
C.K. 0957-60 ...	1-4	Stockings, woollen, khaki, A.T.S. ... pairs	3 (a)

(a) Issued only at the request of the auxiliaries concerned.

(b) Will not be issued to operators, fire control or telephonists, A.A.

3. The garments will be worn in conjunction with blouses, battledress and slacks, A.T.S., as follows:—

(i) *Dry cold weather*—

Pants, woollen, long (a).
Stockings, woollen, khaki (b).
Socks, worsted.
Slacks, A.T.S.
Boots, leather, A.T.S.
Anklets, A.T.S.

(ii) *Wet cold weather*—

Pants, woollen, long (a).
Stockings, woollen, khaki (b).
Socks, worsted.
Slacks, A.T.S.
Boots, rubber, knee (c).

Gloves, shearling and jerkins, leather, will be worn when the weather renders them necessary. Smocks, A.T.S., will be worn in lieu of jerkins, leather, and great-coats, A.T.S.

(a) When in possession, see para. 2.

(b) When in possession, see para. 2, otherwise stockings, A.T.S., will be worn.

(c) Scale of issue as laid down in A.C.I. 825 of 1943.

4. The clothing has been supplied after expert advice in order to assist health and comfort and to maintain efficiency in action. It is important that advantage be taken of it in areas where A.T.S. personnel employed on A.A. sites are exposed to severe weather conditions. C.Os. will decide, taking medical advice when necessary, whether the clothing is required in their units, and adequate steps will be taken to prevent clothing being demanded and not used, since, with the limited stocks, this may result in units which have a genuine need for the clothing being unable to obtain it.

5. Indents will be submitted through the usual channels, and garments rendered surplus by the revised scales of issue will be withdrawn and returned to ordnance.

6. Where, in the opinion of C.Os., smocks, A.T.S., are not required during the summer weather, they will be withdrawn and held in unit store. Where storage space is not available, C.Os. of command ordnance depots will be asked to arrange storage.

7. War Scales of Clothing, Necessaries and Personal Equipment for Personnel of A.T.S., will be amended in due course.

54/Medical/259 (O.S. 7).

1422. Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Regulations.

In continuation of A.C.I. 1348 of 1943, the following "Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Regulations" were published and issued to all concerned during August, 1943.

General A 890, Issue 6

General D 210

General D 211

General H 090, Issue 6

Workshops K 401

Vehicles General A 630-640

Armament A 055

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Monthly summary of technical instructions and workshop bulletins.

Disciplinary powers of officers commanding R.E.M.E. units.

Disciplinary powers of officer commanding R.E.M.E. sub-unit attached to non-R.E.M.E. unit.

Monthly summary of defects and modifications.

Maintenance of stock of expendable and minor component stores in workshop expense store sections.

R.E.M.E. echelon repair schedules for fighting vehicles.

Examination of tank armament prior to shipment.

Examination of ordnance prior to shipment.

Fitting of replacement firing hole bushes to Q.F. ordnance (second, third and fourth echelon work).

40 mm. A.A. equipment (American). Fitting of additional striker spring.

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Mod. Inst. No. 14

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40-mm. A.A. equipment.
Lubrication of firing gear.
Preparation of "B", "C", "M" and
"M" type auto-loaders for use with
"apparatus, practising loading".

40-mm. A.A. equipment.
Summary of modification instructions
issued during period 1 Jan., 1941 to
19 Nov., 1942, affecting equipment in
service.

Strengthening and improvement of Mark
IV correctional sight.

Extension of application of Mod. Inst.
No. 11.

Provision of drain holes in foot rests of
mountings.

Modification of "B" and "C" type auto-
loaders.

40-mm. A.A. equipment S.P. (Morris).
Modification of sight ports and breach
casing.

Provision of drain holes in foot rests of
mountings.

12-pr. C.A. equipment. Modification of
striker.

75-mm. pack howitzer, M. 1. Maintenance
and repair of recoil mechanism.

25-pr. field equipment. Repair of breach
mechanism.

25-pr. S.P. (Valentine). Repair of breach
mechanisms.

3.7-in. A.A. equipment.
Modification of recoil system of early
design.

Modification of sighting telescope
holders.

Modification of elevating gear of mount-
ings of early manufacture.

Fitting of additional lubricating nipple.

4.5-in. medium equipment. Method of
fitting new vent head and sealing
washer.

4.5-in. medium equipment. Modification
of bracket carrying rammer.

5.5-in. medium equipment. Method of
fitting new vent head and sealing
washer.

5.5-in. medium equipment. Modification
of bracket carrying rammer.

Artillery trailers. Method of repair of
worn perch and towing hooks.

Artillery trailers. Method of repair of
worn perch and towing hooks.

2-in. mortar. Modification of barrels of
early manufacture.

3-in. rocket projector, No. 2. Fitting of
traversing arc to firing platform.

Gauge, clearance, firing hole bush to cart-
ridge, Mark III. General description.

Sight, dial, No. 9, Mark I. Description
and theory.

Sight, dial, No. 9, Mark I. First echelon
work.

Sight, dial, No. 9, Mark I. Second to
fourth echelon work.

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Instruments and Searchlights D 031/1	Magnetic compasses and compass equipment. R.E.M.E. responsibility for correction of compasses fitted in vehicles.
Instruments and Searchlights E 443	Plotter, fortress, No. 1, Mark I. First echelon work.
Instruments and Searchlights E 444	Plotter, fortress, No. 1, Mark I. Second, third and fourth echelon work.
Instruments and Searchlights E 784	Table, fire direction, Mark IV B. Second to fourth echelon work.
Instruments and Searchlights K 514	Control gear, Mark IV. Second to fourth echelon work.
Instruments and Searchlights O 332	Projectors, fortress, 90-cm.; Marks V, V*, VI and VI*. Description.
Instruments and Searchlights O 682	Lamps, searchlight, H.C.D., 150-cm., Marks I and II. Description.
Instruments and Searchlights O 683	Lamps, searchlight, H.C.D., 150-cm., Marks I and II. First echelon work.
Instruments and Searchlights O 684	Lamps, searchlight, H.C.D., 150-cm., Marks I and II. Second to fourth echelon work.
Instruments and Searchlights Y 123	Coventry range clock, Mark I. First echelon work.
Telecommunications A 000	Structure and contents of Telecommunications Part.
Telecommunications A 341	Attenuation pads. Theoretical design.
Telecommunications D 502	Sender, Admiralty, 5 G (modified). General description.
Telecommunications D 504	Sender, Admiralty, 5 G (modified). Second to fourth echelon work.
Telecommunications E 522	Reception set R 1100. General description.
Telecommunications E 524	Reception set R 1100. Second to fourth echelon work.
Telecommunications S 102	Trainer, R.D.F., A.A., No. 15. General description.
Telecommunications S 163	Trainer, R.D.F., A.A., No. 15. First echelon work.
Telecommunications T 524	Repeater, telephone, S circuit, Mark II. Second to fourth echelon work.
Telecommunications U 202	Apparatus, V.F. telegraph, 6-channel duplex. General description.
Telecommunications U 203	Apparatus, V.F. telegraph, 6-channel duplex. First echelon work.
Telecommunications U 263	Apparatus, V.F. telegraph, speech plus duplex, No. 1C and No. 1W. First echelon work.
Telecommunications U 264	Apparatus, V.F. telegraph, speech plus duplex, No. 1C and No. 1W. Second to fourth echelon work.

57/Maintenance/43 (M.E. 3).

1423. Supplies.—Lubricants for Searchlight Equipment.

1. *Grease*.—The use of grease, G.S., as a lubricant for anti-aircraft and coast artillery searchlight equipment will be discontinued.

Grease No. O, previously known as W.D. grease "A", will in future be employed. This grease is an item in R.A.S.C. supply.

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Instructions regarding the re-greasing of equipments with this grease which is to Air Ministry specification D.T.D. 143C have been issued in the form of War Office (D.M.E.) Technical Instructions of the "SL" and "CASL" series.

The use of grease, G.S. will be limited to the protection of bright steel parts against corrosion.

2. Oils.—The following oils will be used:—

(a) For 10/1, 20/1 motor unit gearboxes and projector elevation drive bevel gearboxes—H.A. 0130 Oil M. 65.

(b) For other applications requiring a light oil, referred to as "silo oil" in certain maintenance instructions:—

H.A. 0119 Oil A or, H.A. 0130 Oil M 65 or other light mineral oil.

(c) For lubrication of driving chains (excluding lamp driving chains), and other applications requiring a medium oil, referred to as "engine oil" in certain maintenance instructions—Oil M. 160 or Oil 30 H.D. (R.A.S.C. supply).

3. The above instructions do not refer to trailers and radio equipment, in respect of which existing instructions continue to apply.

57/Maintenance/756 (M.E. 11).

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1424. Officers.—Notification of Particulars of Marriage or Birth of a Child.

1. As A.F. A 22A (notification of particulars of marriage or birth of a child, officers) is seldom used, it appears that the existence of this army form is not generally known.

2. A.F. A 22A may be used on every occasion to notify the paymaster responsible for issuing officers' married allowances of particulars of marriage or births of children, thus obviating the risk of loss of marriage and birth certificates in transmission to and from the paymaster.

48/General/8187 (F. 9 (b)).

1425. Re-mustering of Tradesmen Rejoining from Class W, Royal Army Reserve, or Class W(T), T.A. Reserve, or from Desertion or Absence without Leave, and A.T.S. Tradeswomen Rejoining from the Unemployed List, or from Absence without Leave.

Amends A.C.I. 1444 of 1942, see Amendments section.

30/General/30 (F. 2 (m)).

ADJUTANT-GENERAL

1426. Representation of the People Acts.—Notice of a Bye-Election.

1. Writs have been issued for bye-elections for:—

(a) Peterborough Division of the Parliamentary County of Northampton.

Address of Registration Officer—County Hall, Northampton.

(b) St. Albans Division of the Parliamentary County of Hertford.

Address of Registration Officer—24 Castle Street, Hertford.

2. All O.C. units at home will take immediate action in accordance with A.C.I. 788 of 1943.

5/Elections/1023 (A.G. 1 (Records)).

By Command of the Army Council.

J. D. Dornoch

THE WAR OFFICE,
25th September, 1943.

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AMENDMENTS

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1410. Stores.—Allotment for the Purchase of Training Stores.

The following amendments will be made to A.C.I. 729 of 1943 as amended by A.C.I.s 909 and 1063 of 1943, which deals with the allotment for the purchase of training stores:—

(a) Para. 2. *Insert* new sub-paragraph—

(aa) £300 to each H.Q. of Army Group.

(b) Para. 3.

"Infantry Training Units". *Add at end—*
Infantry Specialist Training Centres — 50

"Miscellaneous Training Units". *Add at end—*
Combined Operations Training Centre, Large — 150

ADJUTANT-GENERAL

1415. Agricultural Assistance.—Agricultural Leave Scheme.

The following amendments will be made to A.C.I. 2477 of 1941 (as amended by A.C.I. 1155 of 1942 and extended by A.C.I.s 1371 of 1942 and 1286 of 1943) relating to agricultural leave:—

(a) *Delete* para. 5 and *substitute*:—

5. While civilian clothes will normally be worn while on agricultural leave, soldiers without civilian clothing may wear their uniform for such periods. In either case the soldier will be liable to make good the cost of any loss or damage to his uniform caused through carelessness or neglect, but he will not be penalized for any extra wear and tear clearly due to use of the clothing on agricultural work.

(b) Appendix A. *Delete* para. 3 and *substitute*:—

3. I further understand that I remain subject to military law while on agricultural leave, and should wear civilian clothing during such employment, but may wear my uniform if civilian clothes are not available. I also understand that I shall be liable to make good the cost of any loss or damage to my uniform through carelessness or neglect during the period of my leave, but not extra wear and tear clearly due to agricultural leave.

Signed

Army No.

Date

Witnessed by an officer

Unit

Date

QUARTER-MASTER-GENERAL

1419. Supplies.—Waste Oil.

The following amendments will be made to A.C.I. 479 of 1943, relating to supplies of waste oil:—

(a) Para. 1. Line 3. *After* "incinerators" *insert* "and other approved sanitary appliances".

(b) Para. 5. Line 3. *After* "men." *insert*:—

The oil consumption of other appliances will be decided as experience dictates, due regard being paid to the need for strict economy.

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1440. Ranges.—Targets for Use on Classification Ranges.

1. In future all open classification range targets will conform to the designs illustrated in Small Arms Training, Volume I, Pamphlet No. 18, 1942, Appendix XII.
2. Stocks of ochre paper and black half bulls-eyes will be "wasted".

43/Training/3378 (M.T. 2).

1441. Range Table for 7.92-mm. Besa Machine Gun, 1943.

1. The above-mentioned publication has been approved.
2. This new table gives ranges up to 2,500 yards. The existing table 26/Manuals/2880 with ranges up to 1,000 yards remains effective and indents for a supply of the new tables will not be submitted merely to replace existing tables held, unless the extended ranges are required.

57/General (A)/3525 (R.A.C. 3 (b)).

1442. New Publications Approved.

The undermentioned publications have been approved, and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned without demand:—

1. The Safety of Tank and Anti-Tank Ranges, 1943.—(This pamphlet will be used in place of Instructions for Practice, Field Army Artillery, 1938, for the duration of the war, for anti-tank ranges.)—118/General/4531 (M.T. 1).

2. Coast Artillery Drills, Part III, Pamphlet No. 10A.—Gun Drill and Fire Control for 12-pr., 12-cwt. Gun of H.A./L.A., Marks VIII* and IX Mountings, 1943.

—26/G.S. Publications/1033 (M.T. 1).

3. Range Table, Section II for Projector, Rocket, 3-inch, 1943; Projectile: Parallel Sided Shell, Tail Mark I, Fuze A.D. 700, Charge Temperatures 35° F. and 60° F.

The necessary amendment to the pamphlet "A.A. Technical Publications, Scales of Issue, 1942" will be promulgated in due course.

26/Manuals/3173 (R.A. 3 (a)).

1443. Regulations, etc., Amended.

The amendments to the publications detailed below have been approved, and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned without demand:—

1. Auxiliary Territorial Service, Trade Tests, 1942 (No. 3).
—30/A.T.S./11 (M.T. 5 (f)).
2. Instructions for Practice Field Army Artillery, 1938 (No. 5).
—43/Artillery/1969 (M.T. 9).
3. Handbook for the B.L. 9.2-inch, Marks I and II Howitzers on Marks I and II Carriages—Land Service, 1931 (No. 7).—26/Manuals/3250 (R.A. 2).
4. Handbook for the Ordnance, Q.F., 2-pr., Marks IX, IXA, X, and XA, on Carriages, 2-pr., Marks I, II, IIA, III and IIIA.—Land Service, 1938 (No. 5).

Distribution of these amendments will be made to commands, formation headquarters and establishments without demand. Units holding the above-mentioned equipments on charge will indent for their requirements on the War Office (C. 2 (c)) on A.P. L. 1394.—26/Manuals/3256 (R.A. 2).

5. Provisional Notes on Rocket, U., 3-inch, H.E. Ammunition, 1942 (No. 1).

—26/Manuals/3044 (R.A. 3 (a)).

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6. A.A. Technical Publications, Scales of Issue (Formations, Establishments and Units in the United Kingdom only), 1942 (No. 3).—26/Manuals 3274 (R.A. 3 (a)).

The following amendment will be made to A.C.I. 1079 of 1943:—

Para. 2. Line 2. *Delete* "(No. 3)" and *substitute* "(No. 2)".

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1444. Medical.—Procedure with Regard to Officers Medically Boarded and Placed in Medical Category "C" permanently.

In order that the particulars of service and general experience of officers recommended as unfit for general duty and placed in medical category C permanently by a medical board may be readily available, the following procedure will be adopted:—

1. On completion of the proceedings at the medical board A.F. B 196 will be handed by a member of the medical board to every officer placed in category C permanently. Should the medical board not be in possession of one of these forms, the officer will apply for one to his unit.

2. Where the officer is returning to the unit with which he has been serving, he will complete A.F. B 196 and hand it to his C.O. who will complete a form as shown in the Appendix to this A.C.I. This latter form will be initialled by the officer and will be attached to A.F. B 196. Both forms will then be forwarded to the War Office direct by the C.O. of the unit.

3. (a) Where the officer is sent on sick leave after the medical board he will complete A.F. B 196 and send it to the C.O. of the unit in which he last served. The C.O. will complete a form as shown in the Appendix to this A.C.I., attach it to A.F. B 196 and return it to the officer.

(b) The C.O.'s recommendation will in every case be initialled by the officer.

(c) The recommendation together with A.F. B 196 will then be forwarded by the officer to the C.O. of the unit on whose strength the officer is then borne. The C.O. will forward both forms to the War Office direct.

4. In completing A.F. B 196 serving Regular Army officers will delete lines four to nine of the certificate at the foot of the form.

5. This procedure will apply only to officers of the rank of lieutenant-colonel or below who have been placed in medical category C permanently. It will not apply to officers of the R.A.Ch.D., R.A.M.C., A.D. Corps or R.A.P.C. for whom forms will not be submitted.

6. A.C.I.s 388 and 1912 of 1941 and 589 of 1943 are hereby *cancelled*.

100/Miscellaneous/928 (A.G. 1 (Officers)).

APPENDIX

RECOMMENDATION FOR UTILIZING THE SERVICES OF OFFICERS PLACED IN MEDICAL CATEGORIES BELOW A

1. Rank (substantive and temporary or acting, if any)
2. Name
3. Personal number
4. Age
5. Date of joining unit
6. (a) Medical grade on joining unit
- (b) Medical grade C permanently recommended by Board on
7. Nature of employment with unit
8. Report on services
9. Employment for which recommended having regard to medical category
(Special attention should be paid to administrative experience and abilities.)
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10. Place
- Date Commanding

1445. Regulations, etc., Amended.

The amendments to the publication detailed below have been approved, and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned without demand:—

Notes on the Prevention and Treatment of Scabies, 1942 (No. 1).

—24/General/2581 (A.M.D. 10).

QUARTER MASTER-GENERAL**1446. Vocabulary of Army Ordnance Stores, Section W 1, 1943.**

1. A revised edition of the Vocabulary of Army Ordnance Stores, Section W 1, designated Field Works, Mining, and Water Supply Stores, has been approved, and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned.

2. The prices shown in this revised edition are *basic cost prices* and are subject to the addition of 10 per cent. departmental expenses for the issue of any stores in this section on repayment or prepayment. They will supersede all prices previously published, or otherwise communicated, for the stores concerned and will take effect from 1st September, 1943.

3. The publication notified in Army Order 116 of 1937 is hereby *cancelled*.

57/Vocabulary/1139 (W.S. 7 (c)).

1447. "A" and "B" Vehicles.—Casualties en route to or at Ports.

Amends A.C.I. 593 of 1943, *see* Amendments section.

57/Vehicles(A)/17 (W.S. 6 (b)).

1448. Officer's Camp Kit.—Procedure in Case of Air Passages.

1. When an officer is ordered to proceed from one station to another by air and restrictions on baggage preclude the conveyance of camp kit and blankets, the following procedure will be adopted.

2. Before departure camp kit and blankets may be returned to the R.A.O.C., but only those articles fit for re-issue will be accepted and taken on charge. The receiving ordnance officer will assess the value of the articles taken on charge and will furnish the officer with a certified copy of the receipt voucher showing the value of each item. The ordnance officer's valuation will be accepted as conclusive.

3. On his arrival at the new station, issue will be made to the officer of articles in replacement of those returned to the R.A.O.C. under para. 2 above, upon submission of an indent supported by the certified copy of the receipt voucher. No other certificate will be required. So far as possible issue will be made of part-worn serviceable articles, and the value of each article issued, at rates to be assessed by the ordnance officer if part-worn, or vocabulary rates if new, will be entered on the issue voucher. A charge will then be raised against the officer or a credit allowed by the paymaster in respect of any excess or deficit, as the case may be, in the value of the articles issued over those returned.

4. If any complete article is not available, the provisions of A.C.I. 725 of 1943, para. 5, will apply, and a money allowance will be issued at the rates laid down therein, less the vocabulary rates of the articles concerned. This allowance will be additional to any adjustment required under para. 3 above.

5. Any articles required to replace those not handed in may be obtained on repayment as laid down in A.C.I. 725 of 1943, para. 6.

6. No claim for compensation and no free issue of camp kit will be allowed to any officer who elects not to return his camp kit to the R.A.O.C. before proceeding by air. Pending the arrival of their heavy baggage such officers will, if necessary, provide camp kit and blankets at their own expense.

48/General 2175 (O.S. 9).

1449. Compensation.—Claims for Refund of Cost of Replacement of Clothing owing to Restricted Amount of Baggage—Officers Travelling by Air.

Amends A.C.I. 533 of 1943, *see* Amendments section.

48/General/7931 (O.S. 9).

1450. Camp Kit for Officers (including Officers of the A.T.S. and Q.A.I.M.N.S.), etc.

Amends A.C.I. 725 of 1943, *see* Amendments section.

48/General/7931 (O.S. 9).

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1451. Legal Fees.—Justices' Clerks and other Legal Fees.

1. As Financial Instructions, 1931, are now out of print, paras. 492 and 493 suitably amended, are appended for the information of all concerned. Pending the publication of a revised edition, this A.C.I. will be the authority for the payment of the fees referred to.

"492. When prosecutions are instituted before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, the claims to the fees to which justices' clerks in England and Wales, or in Scotland procurators fiscal and officers of the courts, are entitled, will be paid at the time by the officer bringing the offender to trial and will be recovered by him from the command paymaster of the command in which the court is situated. These claims, except in cases of doubt or difficulty, will be paid by the command paymaster without previous reference to the War Office, and the amounts will be charged in his accounts, the charge being supported by the following vouchers:—

- (a) A certificate of the paying officer that the payment has been made.
- (b) A statement signed by the competent military authority that process was applied for, or the proceedings adopted by him or on his behalf.
- (c) A certificate of the paying officer that the rates charged accord:—
 - (i) in England and Wales, with the local rates approved by the Home Office,
 - (ii) in Scotland, in the case of fees payable to Sheriff's clerks and Bar Officers, with the Act of Sederunt dated 10th November, 1919; and in the case of other fees, with the Summary Jurisdiction (Scotland), Act, 1908, and Schedule G appended thereto.

493. The officer who requires a copy of the civil conviction of a soldier, will, when applying for it, *except as provided below*, transmit the fee of 3s. allowed by Section 164 of the Army Act, and recover the amount from the command paymaster. The fee of 2s.* (or 2s. 4d. in Scotland) for the descriptive return of a deserter will be claimed periodically by the clerk to the justices from the command paymaster of the command in which the court is situated, the claim being supported by a certified statement of the name and unit of the deserter or absentee, together with the date on which the descriptive return was despatched to the officer commanding. These fees will be paid without previous reference to the War Office, the charge being supported by the statement, etc., referred to above, and by proof of payment. Clerks of sheriff courts in Scotland are not entitled to the fees referred to in this paragraph; and the fee of 3s. will not be paid to a Clerk of Assize."

* Fees for descriptive returns issued by the following Metropolitan and City Police Courts will be paid direct by the War Office, viz:—

Mansion House,	Old Street.
Guildhall.	Thames.
Bow Street.	Tower Bridge.
Clerkenwell.	Westminster.
North London.	West London.
Lambeth.	Greenwich and Woolwich.
Great Marlborough Street.	South Western.
Marylebone.	

2. The amendments to para. 493 which have not previously been promulgated are shown in italics.

110/General/6267 (F. 9 (b)).

1452. Regulations, etc., Amended.

The amendments to the publication detailed below have been approved, and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned without demand:—

Accounting—Ledger Headings (No. 2).—16/General/5419 (F. 5).

Errata

A.C.I. 1408 of 1943. Dress.—Head-dresses. Para. 2. Serial 12. Col. 2. *Against* "Royal Irish Fusiliers" and "Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers" *insert* "(pipers only)".
 A.C.I. 1410 of 1943. Stores.—Allotment for the Purchase of Training Stores. Amendments section. Para. 2 (aa). *Delete* "to each".

By Command of the Army Council.

THE WAR OFFICE,
 2nd October, 1943.

L. Darnoch

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QUARTER-MASTER-GENERAL

1447. "A" and "B" Vehicles.—Casualties en route to or at Ports.

The following amendments will be made to A.C.I. 593 of 1943, relating to casualties to the above-mentioned vehicles:—

Para. 2 (a).

Sub-para. (iii). Line 2. *After* "recovery" *insert* "and/or repair".

Delete sub-para. (v) and *substitute*:—

(v) The addresses and telephone numbers of the Commandant, Chilwell (O. i/c T. and V. "B" C.V.C.) and of the various Chilwell M.T. groups and vehicle reserve depots are as follows:—

Unit	Address	Telephone No.
Commandant, Chilwell. (O. i/c T. and V. "B" C.V.C.)	Telegraphic Address—Tantivy Chilwell.	Beeston 54811 (Ext. 430).
H.Q., No. 1 (Chilwell)	Rouken Glen, Thornliebank, Glasgow.	Giffnock 3401.
M.T. Group		
No. 7 V.R.D.		
No. 31 V.R.D.	Douglas, Lanark.	Giffnock 3401 (Ext. 7).
No. 32 V.R.D.	Eglinton Park, Nr. Irvine.	Douglas Lanark 334.
H.Q., No. 2 (Chilwell)	The Military Camp, Dewsbury Road, Leeds 11.	Kilwinning 238.
M.T. Group		
No. 3 V.R.D.	Aberford, Leeds, Yorks.	Leeds 76554.
No. 30 V.R.D.	Raby Castle, Staindrop, Co. Durham.	Aberford 248.
No. 53 V.R.D.	Lambton Castle, Fencehouses, Birtley, Co. Durham.	Staindrop 238.
H.Q., No. 3 (Chilwell)	The Hawthorns, Castle Donnington, Derby.	Fencehouses 131.
M.T. Group		
No. 28 V.R.D.	Gopsall Park, Twycross, Nr. Nuneaton, Warwick.	Castle Donnington 361/2.
No. 29 V.R.D.	Castle Donnington, Nr. Derby.	Twycross 259.
No. 54 V.R.D.	Syston, Nr. Leicester.	Derby 3612 and Melbourne 203.
		Syston 86145.

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Unit	Address	Telephone No.
H.Q., No. 4 (Chilwell) M.T. Group	Halton Castle, Nr. Runcorn, Cheshire.	Runcorn 2817/8/9.
No. 5 V.R.D.	Aqualate Park, Newport, Salop.	Newport (Salop) 273.
No. 11 V.R.D.	Quernmore Park, Lancaster.	Lancaster 1660.
No. 27 V.R.D.	Birch Hall, Ingestre Park, Nr. Stafford.	Weston Staffs 296.
H.Q., No. 5 (Chilwell) M.T. Group	Longner Hall, Uffington, Nr. Shrewsbury.	Shrewsbury 4437/8.
No. 23 V.R.D.	Whitfield House, Allensmore, Nr. Hereford.	Wormbridge 236.
No. 24 V.R.D.	The Stud Farm, Condover, Nr. Shrewsbury.	Shrewsbury 2125 and Dorrington 24.
No. 25 V.R.D.	Acton Reynolds, Nr. Shrewsbury.	Clive 201 and 261.
No. 26 V.R.D.	Attingham, Uffington, Nr. Shrewsbury.	Upton Magna 3 and Shrewsbury 4437/8 (Ext. 4).
No. 55 V.R.D.	Caradoc Lodge, All Stretton, Nr. Church Stretton, Salop.	Church Stretton 7 and 96.
H.Q., No. 6 (Chilwell) M.T. Group	Bath Road, Slough, Bucks.	Slough 20271.
No. 2 V.R.D.	Burnham, Bucks.	Farnham Common 485/6.
No. 21 V.R.D.	Castle Ashby, Nr. Northampton.	Yardley Hastings 57/8.
H.Q., No. 7 (Chilwell) M.T. Group	Sherwood Lodge, Bessborough Road, Roehampton, S.W. 15.	Putney 7791/2/3/4.
No. 1 V.R.D.	Ashford Road, Laleham, Middlesex.	Ashford 3235.
No. 19 V.R.D.	Ottershaw Park, Chertsey, Surrey.	Ottershaw 36/7.
No. 20 V.R.D.	Rushmoor Arena, Aldershot.	Aldershot 380 (Ext. 0131).
No. 52 V.R.D.	Kuole Park, Sevenoaks, Kent.	Sevenoaks 1827.
H.Q., No. 8 (Chilwell) M.T. Group	Paul Camp, Edge, Nr. Stroud, Gloucester.	Painswick 2235.
No. 22 V.R.D.	Cornbury Park, Charlbury, Nr. Oxford.	Charlbury 85.

1449. Compensation.—Claims for Refund of Cost of Replacement of Clothing owing to Restricted Amount of Baggage—Officers Travelling by Air.

The following amendment will be made to A.C.I. 533 of 1943 which deals with the procedure in the case of officers moving by air:—

Delete para. 2 (c) and substitute—

(c) The procedure in respect of camp kit and blankets is laid down in A.C.I. 725 of 1943.

1450. Camp Kit for Officers (including Officers of the A.T.S. and Q.A.I.M.N.S.), etc.

The following amendments will be made to A.C.I. 725 of 1943 relating to camp kit for officers:—

(a) Re-number para. 10 as para. 11.

(b) Insert new para. 10.

10. The procedure to be followed in the case of officers travelling from one station to another who are precluded from taking camp kit with them is laid down in A.C.I. 1448 of 1943.

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6th October, 1943

Circulated down to Companies, Batteries and Equivalent Units

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- 1453. Courses.—Joining Instructions for Units and Individuals attending Courses at the Combined Training Centre, Inveraray.
- 1454. Courses.—Joining Instructions for Other Ranks Basic and Higher Trades Training Courses at the Trades Training Wing, School of Military Engineering, Chatham.
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- 1456. Civilian Employees (Industrial and Non-Industrial.—Control of Employment (Notice of Termination of Employment) Order, 1943.
- 1457. Army Form L 1398.—Field Service Tables of Regulations, Army Books and Forms and Stationery.

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- 1458. Visits.—Arrangements for Army Visitors to Combined Training Centres.

1. In order that satisfactory arrangements may be made for army officers required to visit the Combined Training Centres at Inveraray, Castle Toward, Dundonald and Dorlin, it is essential that the following instructions be strictly adhered to.

2. Owing to lack of suitable accommodation and to training commitments, it is necessary to restrict these visits to the following categories:—

- (a) Officers who are concerned with, or are likely to be concerned with, the planning of future combined operations.
- (b) Officers who are likely, or whose units or formations are likely, to be involved in future combined operations.
- (c) Officers whose units or formations are undergoing or likely to undergo training at combined training centres.
- (d) Officers who require the specialized knowledge in order to carry out the training of their own units at home stations.

3. Intending visitors to combined training centres, under para. 2 above, will submit their applications as follows:—

- (a) Officers of the rank of full colonel and above, will in all cases make prior application to the Major-General, Combined Training, Combined Operations Headquarters, 1A, Richmond Terrace, London, S.W.1, who will then be responsible for making the necessary arrangements with the combined training centre concerned.

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(b) All officers of the rank of lieutenant-colonel or below, whose units or formations are undergoing training, will make arrangements direct with their units who will then be responsible for transport and accommodation.

(c) In all other cases, the request will be submitted through the usual channels *via* command headquarters, to the Major-General, Combined Training, Combined Operations Headquarters.

4. All requests under para. 3 (c) above will, if possible, be submitted 21 days before the date of the intended visit. Requests under sub-paras. (a) and (b) will be made as early as possible to allow time for the administrative arrangements to be made.

5. While every effort will be made to see that visits are arranged as requested, occasions may arise when dates will have to be altered to fit in with other circumstances.

6. Visitors must not rely on the combined training centre concerned being able to supply any transport required. The vehicles of these centres are always fully occupied on the centres' own requirements.

7. A.C.I. 637 of 1943 is hereby *cancelled*.

43/Miscellaneous/7707 (M.T. 6 (C.O.)).

ADJUTANT-GENERAL

1459. Discipline.—Courts-Martial—Charges under Section 24 (2) of the Army Act in respect of Clothing and Necessaries.

With reference to King's Regulations, 1940, para. 656, when a charge is made under Section 24 of the Army Act in respect of clothing or necessities, the values of the articles (other than cleaning and toilet articles) will be stated in the charge and proved in evidence, in order that the court shall be able to sentence the offender to be placed under stoppages of pay.

110/General/6872 (A.G. 3 (13)).

1460. Appointments, Officer.—Auxiliary Territorial Service.

Amends A.C.I. 158 of 1943, *see* Amendments section.

6/General/213 (A.G. 15).

1461. Documents.—Ship's Staff (Other Ranks).

1. Owing to the nature of their duties it is important that the following instructions regarding the disposition and disposal of the personal documents of ship's staff (other ranks) be carefully observed.

2. On first posting to the ship's staff, the documents of other ranks will be despatched as follows:—

- (a) A.F. B 103 (Service and Casualty Form).
- A.F. B 178 or A.F. B 178A (Medical History Sheet).
- A.F. 15033 (Dental Treatment Card).
- A.F. H 1157 (Transfer Clothing and Equipment Statement).

For R.A.M.C. personnel to:—No. 3 Coy, R.A.M.C., 74, Parliament Street, Liverpool, 8.

For A.P.T.C. personnel to:—Commandant A.P.T.C., Aldershot.

For personnel of the "Pool of Ship's Staff" (attached to H.Q. North-West Ports) to:—

H.Q. Movement Control,
North-West Ports,
Bank Hall,
Bretherton,
Nr. Preston, Lancs.

These documents will *not* be sent to the ships, as in the past, but will remain with, and be maintained by, the units shown above.

(b) The following, completed to date, will be in the possession of other ranks:—

Two identity discs.

A.B. 64, Parts I and II.

A.F. B 122 (Field Conduct Sheet). This form will be enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to the ship's adjutant, to whom it will be handed immediately on reporting for duty. Where possible the form will be sent in the charge of a N.C.O.

3. In the event of other ranks arriving without any of the documents enumerated in para. 2 (b) above, the O.C. ship will cause temporary documents to be prepared (which will be clearly marked "Temporary"). Notification that the original documents have not been received and that temporary documents have been prepared will be sent to the authorities mentioned in para. 2 (a) above who will, in turn, notify the O. i/c records concerned. Efforts will be made to trace the original documents, which, if found, will be forwarded immediately to the authorities shown in para. 2 (a) above.

4. On disembarkation in the United Kingdom A.Fs. B 122 will be handed to the embarkation staff officer who will despatch them to the units shown in para. 2 (a) above.

5. When a soldier ceases to be employed on ship's staff, his documents will be forwarded to the unit to which he is posted.

6. A.C.I. 298 of 1941 is hereby cancelled.

19/General/324 (A.G. 1 (Records)).

1462. Designations.—Assistant Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, R.E.M.E.

1. With reference to A.C.I. 1605 of 1942, as the designation of Assistant Electrical and Mechanical Engineers abbreviated to A.E.M.E., conflicts with the abbreviated title of A.E.M.E. authorized by Australia for the Corps of Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, it has been decided that, with effect from 1st October, 1943, Assistant Electrical and Mechanical Engineers of the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, will be known as Electrical and Mechanical Assistant Engineers.

2. The necessary amendments to regulations will be published in due course.

26/R.E.M.E./43 (A.G. 21 (o)).

1463. Medical—Issue and Use of Vitamin Tablets.

1. The following vitamin tablets are at present available for issue to supplement the ration in cases where the medical authorities consider this necessary:—

(a) Vitamin B₁ yeast tablets. The recommended issue is three tablets a man a day.

(b) Ascorbic acid tablets. The recommended issue is one tablet a man a day.

These two tablets are being replaced by a single tablet known as the Compound Vitamin Tablet, which will be taken into use when existing stocks of vitamin B₁ yeast tablets and ascorbic acid tablets are exhausted. The recommended issue of the compound vitamin tablet is one a man a day.

All these tablets are items of R.A.S.C. supply and will be issued by Oe. i/c supplies, R.A.S.C., on medical recommendation.

2. It is essential that the issue of the vitamin tablets mentioned in para. 1 above be limited to circumstances where a clear need exists; their issue will therefore be governed by the following conditions in commands at home and abroad.

(a) Home Commands.—

(i) The Home Service Ration Scale has been devised to supply adequate amounts of vitamins.

Deficiency of vitamins in the Home Service Ration can only arise through failure to carry out the instructions for the proper storage, preparation and cooking of fresh vegetables which are repeatedly circulated to those responsible for the catering and the medical supervision of rations in the Army.

Supplementation of the normal Home Service Ration with vitamin tablets is therefore unnecessary and will not be authorized.

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- (ii) Where troops are receiving a ration other than the normal Home Service Ration and where this ration is considered by the medical authorities to be deficient in vitamins, vitamin tablets will be issued on the recommendation of the senior administrative medical officer of the formation subsisted on such a ration.
- (iii) In military medical establishments, the vitamin tablets mentioned in para. 1 will be prescribed only for the treatment of those patients in whose cases there are definite indications for the exhibition. All demands on Os. i/c supplies, R.A.S.C., for vitamin tablets will be endorsed by administrative medical officers or by Os.C. military hospitals, or (in the case of tablets for dental use) by administrative dental officers.

To secure the utmost economy in the use of vitamin tablets, demands will be kept to the minimum consistent with efficient medical or dental treatment.

(b) *Commands abroad.*—

- (i) The normal ration scale in force in all commands abroad is devised to supply adequate amounts of vitamins. Supply difficulties or the scarcity of suitable foodstuffs locally may sometimes necessitate amendments to the normal ration which reduce its vitamin content. Where the medical authorities consider that any such amendments lead to an undesirable degree of reduction of the vitamin content of the ration, issue of the appropriate vitamin tablets will be made on the recommendation of the senior administrative medical officer of the formation whose ration has been affected.
- (ii) Where a ration other than the normal ration scale for a command is in issue and where this ration is considered by the medical authorities to be deficient in vitamins, vitamin tablets will be issued on the recommendation of the senior administrative medical officer of the formation subsisted on such a ration.
- (iii) Issue of vitamin tablets to patients in military medical establishments will be governed by the same procedure as that laid down for home commands in sub-para. (a) (iii) above.

24/Stores/1829 (A.M.D. 5).

1464. Medical.—R.E. Tradesmen for Training as Divers—Selection and Medical Examination of Candidates for Training, and Medical Examination before Diving.

Amends A.C.I. 424 of 1943, see Amendments section.

43/Training/3152 (A.M.D. 5).

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1465. Vocabulary of Transportation Stores (War), 1942.

Appendices UX 28 (spare parts for Vocab. Nos. U. 3800 and U. 3810, Railway Mobile Workshops, 4 ft. 8½ in. gauge) and UX 32 (spare parts for Vocab. Nos. 4110, 6210, 7410 and 8110) Wagons, Covered or Box; Flat; Open H.S. and Open L.S. ("common type" 8-wheeled vehicles) metre or 3 ft. 6 in. gauge, made in U.S.A.) of the above-mentioned publication have been approved, and copies will shortly be issued in accordance with the scale printed inside the binding covers of this Vocabulary (see A.C.I. 1286 of 1942).

57/Engineers/3301 (Tn. 2 (a)).

1466. Salvage.—Disposal in United Kingdom of Metal P.O.L. Containers.

1. W.D. Drums and other Metal P.O.L. Containers.

P.O.L. containers fall into two categories:—

- (a) *Non-returnable.*—Lightly-constructed packages, e.g., 4-gallon tin terneplate petrol tins (flimsy) originally containing M.T. and derv., and 5-gallon light-gauge cylindrical drums with press or screw cap fittings, originally containing lubricating oil or anti-freeze. Kegs and tins of all sizes, originally containing grease.

- (b) *Returnable containers*.—4½-gallon jerricans; 5-U.S. gallon ameri-cans; 4-gallon cylindrical all-welded petrol drums; 2- and 4-gallon rectangular petrol cans, heavy gauge; 40-gallon light steel barrels, all-welded or double-seamed; 40, 45 and 50-gallon heavy steel barrels; 50-litre heavy gauge French drums with screw faucet caps and 200-litre French heavy gauge steel barrels.

2. *Disposal Instructions.*

(a) *Non-returnable*.—This type of container, originally containing petrol, derv, lubricating oils, kerosene and other liquids is valuable salvage, and should be disposed of to the nearest army salvage depot. If the containers are received in depots in good condition they can be put to useful purposes with a minimum of re-conditioning or repair. It is essential, therefore, that they be handled carefully at all times to avoid unnecessary damage. Drums fitted with press caps must have the press caps replaced before the containers are returned to salvage. If containers are delivered to salvage in a badly battered condition they must be regarded as scrap.

(b) *Returnable containers*.—As these heavy gauge containers are designed for constant use and refilling, and are capable of maintenance repairs, they must be disposed of in accordance with the following instructions:—

- (i) All—40-gallon light steel barrels.
40, 45 and 50-gallon heavy steel barrels.
200-litre heavy gauge French barrels.
50-litre heavy gauge French drums—
should be returned to the nearest army salvage depot for disposal under instructions from War Office.
- (ii) All other returnable containers should be disposed of under instructions from O. i/c supplies, R.A.S.C.

3. *Contractors' Returnable P.O.L. Containers.*

(a) *Contractors' Returnable P.O.L. containers* comprise 2-gallon rectangular petrol cans; 40-gallon light steel barrels; 45 and 50-gallon heavy steel barrels. They can be distinguished from W.D. containers, as mentioned in para. 1, in that they bear no W.D. branding.

(b) *Disposal Instructions*.—These containers, when empty, will, if serviceable be returned to the local Petroleum Board depot; if damaged beyond repair, they will be disposed of to the nearest army salvage depot; in both instances the instructions contained in A.C.I. 921 of 1942, para. 1 (c) will be observed.

4. A.C.I.s. 331 of 1942 and 719 of 1943 and N.B.I. No. 34 are hereby cancelled.

53/General/7278 (S.T. 2).

1467. *Equipment—Major Items of Equipment Subject to War Office Control.*

1. The following amendments will be made to the above-mentioned pamphlet notified in A.C.I. 705 of 1943.

Page 8. Line 1.

Delete "Section X. 1" and substitute "Sections X. 1 and X. 2".

Delete "Generating sets" and detail thereunder and substitute:—

"All Generating Sets catalogued in Sections X. 1 and X. 2".

Page 9. Insert in sequence under "Section Y":—

"Telesonic Equipment".

2. Separate amendments to the pamphlet will be issued in due course.

57/General/2041 (W.S. 7 (c)).

1468. *Identification List for Ordnance Q.F. 6-pr., 7-cwt., Marks II and IV op 6-pr., Mark I—Section N 3—FL, 1943.*

1. The above-mentioned publication was notified in A.C.I. 1258 of 1943.

2. Distribution will now be made in accordance with the revised instructions contained in W.S. 7 c/B.M. 1021/46 dated 30th August, 1943, i.e., Automatic distribution as in Appendix A of this letter, plus additional distribution to "non-users", and not as stated in para. 1 of the above-mentioned A.C.I.

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3. Units on the automatic distribution list who do not receive copies within a reasonable time from the date of this A.C.I. will demand on the Commandant, S.P.O. (Printing and Publications), C.O.D., Donnington.

4. All other home units who require copies will demand on the Commandant, S.P.O. (Printing and Publications), C.O.D., Donnington, who will submit indents to the War Office (W.S. 4 (b)) for authority to issue.

57/Guns/2797 (W.S. 4 (b)).

1469. Clothing.—Tropical—Officers.

Amends A.C.I. 1828 of 1942, see Amendments section.

120/General/911 (O.S. 7).

1470. War Vocabulary of Clothing and Necessaries, 1942.—Amendments.

1. The following amendments to Amended and Additional Rates List No. 1 to the War Vocabulary of Clothing and Necessaries, 1942 (notified in A.C.I. 1183 of 1943) are approved.

Page 2. 0247. Delete "o. 2. 5" and substitute "o. 2. 6".

Page 3. Delete "8003" and substitute "0803".

Page 5. Delete "0644" and substitute "1644".

Page 12.

Delete "0285" and substitute "0385".

Delete "0855" and substitute "0855-63".

Delete "1628" and substitute "1629".

Page 14. Delete "9467" and substitute "0467".

Page 15. Delete "1515" and substitute "1525".

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Delete "CK. 0401-90" and substitute "CK. 0401-09".

Delete "CK. 0721-33" and substitute "CK. 0731-33".

Delete "CK. 0734-46" and substitute "CK. 0734-36".

2. Holders of this edition will amend their copies accordingly.

3. The above-mentioned amendments will be included in Amended and Additional Rates List No. 2 in due course.

57/Vocabulary/1366 (O.S. 7).

1471. Stores.—Common User Hand Tools—Cancellation of Demands.

1. Common user hand tools included in V.A.O.S. Section F, are in extremely short supply and to meet the acute situation it has been decided to adopt measures to ensure the distribution of availabilities in the direction of the most urgent needs.

2. All outstanding indents submitted by units at home will be cancelled with effect from 15th October, 1943.

3. Indents will be re-submitted by units, through the usual channels to the R.A.O.C., the following instructions being carefully noted:—

(a) Essential tools which are required immediately and are of operational importance to the unit, will be clearly marked with an asterisk and underlined.

(b) Where applicable, the indents will bear a certificate in the following terms signed by the C.O.:—

"Certified that the tools on this indent which are marked with an asterisk and underlined are essential, required immediately, and are of operational importance to the unit."

4. The re-submission of revised indents, marked as instructed in para. 3 (a) will not, in every instance, result in units receiving their essential requirements immediately. Certain items are in such short supply that it may be necessary to resort to rationing the limited stocks available.

5. In the case of units ordered to mobilize, D.Ds.O.S. of commands and A.Ds.O.S. of formations will continue to report deficiencies in the normal manner.

6. Special steps are being taken to increase production of hand tools, and it is hoped that later it may be possible to modify the procedure in paras. 3 and 4 above.

57/General/3725 (O.S. 8 (b)).

1472. Kit.—Blankets for Officers (including Officers of the A.T.S. and Q.A.I.M.N.S.), etc.—Initial Issue.

1. Free issues of blankets, brown, single, under the authority of A.C.I. 725 of 1943 will, in future, be restricted to officers qualifying for an issue of camp kit under para. 1 of that A.C.I., or who are required to occupy accommodation equipped to War Accommodation Schedules 10 or 75.

2. For amendments to A.C.I. 725 of 1943, see Amendments section.

48/General/7931 (O.S. 9).

1473. Handbooks, etc.—Instructions for the Repair and Replacement of Engines and other Assemblies for "A" and "B" Vehicles, and for the Repair of Sub-assemblies and components by Civilian Specialists at Home, 1943.

1. The above-mentioned pamphlet has been approved and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned without demand who will follow the procedure laid down therein.

2. The War Office letters and teleprinters detailed below, which cover the previous instructions on this subject, are hereby *cancelled*. Instructions based on these letters, which have been issued by commands and lower formations, will be cancelled or amended as necessary.

57/Vehicles/9414 (M.M. 5), dated

9th April, 11th May, 15th May, 17th June, 30th June, 2nd July, 3rd July, 8th July, 21st July, 10th August and 25th August, 1942.

57/Vehicles (A)/978 (M.E. 5), dated

25th August (two letters), 28th August, 30th September, 12th November, 4th December, 10th December and 23rd December, 1942.

16th January (teleprinter), 5th March, 22nd March, 3rd April, 22nd April, 20th May (teleprinter), 26th May, 1943.

57/Vehicles (A)/608 (M.M. 5), dated

6th May, 15th May, 8th July, 21st July and 27th September, 1942.

57/Maintenance/114 (M.M. 5), dated

5th January, 1942.

57/Vehicles (A)/658 (Q.O.S. 2), dated

20th February, 1942.

S.T. 3 (b)/1115, dated

4th November and 31st December, 1940.

15th March, 2nd May and 17th November, 1941.

5th March and 9th March, 1942.

57/Vehicles (A)/485 (S.T. 3 (b)), dated

12th December, 1941.

6th February, 1942.

57/Vehicles (A)/1441 (M.E. 5).

1474. "B" Vehicles.—Instructions regarding Vehicle Kit Lists and Active Service Log Book—A.B. 412.

Amends A.C.I. 758 of 1943, see Amendments section.

57/Vehicles (A)/1200 (M.E. 5).

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1475. Frost Precautions.—“A” and “B” Vehicles and Water-cooled Engines.

The following instructions to prevent damage by frost to engines of vehicles and plant will be brought into operation from the date of this A.C.I. and until further notice, and will be applicable to all vehicles in the United Kingdom:—

1. The use of ethylene glycol will be confined to the following vehicles:—

“A” vehicles, including armoured recovery vehicles, bridgelayers and S.P. artillery equipments, but excluding carriers *not* earmarked for shipment overseas. Ethylene glycol for carriers earmarked for shipment overseas will not be issued until vehicles are called forward to port.

Transporters (including tank recovery transporters). Breakdown lorries and wheeled tractors, but excluding tractors 4×4, field artillery.

Ambulances.

Searchlight lorries and searchlight generating sets.

Fire tender lorries and certain trailer fire pumps (*see* Appendix II below).

Lorries, battery, slave.

Cars, light reconnaissance earmarked for shipment overseas, but ethylene glycol will not be issued until vehicles are called forward to port.

All vehicles with C.I. engines.

Water-cooled generating sets and compressor engines used with A.A. guns (all types).

Stand-by generating sets for army chain wireless stations.

Generating sets supplying Radar equipments.

Other vehicles, and water-cooled engines, which must necessarily stand in exposed places, where, for tactical reasons they can neither be drained nor started up at intervals during frost. As it is essential to reduce to a minimum the demand for ethylene glycol for these vehicles, issue will only be made on the authority of G.H.Q., Home Forces.

Frost precautions in respect of the above-mentioned vehicles only, will be carried out in accordance with Appendices I and II below. Further, the instructions contained in vehicle handbooks and in Appendix III below on the draining of cooling systems as a prevention of damage by frost will be considered as suspended from the date on which each cooling system is treated with ethylene glycol.

2. (a) The supply of ethylene glycol is strictly limited and will only suffice for demands confined rigidly to use in the vehicles and plant enumerated in para. 1 above. Every precaution will be taken to prevent waste in its use.

(b) Indents for ethylene glycol will be signed personally by the C.O. the unit who will attach to the indent a certificate as follows:—

“Certified that the following vehicles are on the strength of this unit and that gallons of ethylene glycol are required for them under the conditions of A.C.I. 1475 of 1943.

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.....	“A” vehicles, including armoured recovery vehicles, bridgelayers and S.P. artillery equipments, but excluding carriers <i>not</i> earmarked for shipment overseas.
.....	Transporters (including tank recovery transporters).
.....	Breakdown lorries and wheeled tractors, but excluding tractors, 4×4, field artillery.
.....	Ambulances.
.....	Searchlight lorries and searchlight generating sets.
.....	Water-cooled generating sets and compressor engines used with A.A. guns (all types).
.....	Fire tender lorries and certain trailer fire pumps (<i>see</i> Appendix II).
.....	Lorries, battery, slave.
.....	Vehicles with C.I. engines.
.....	Stand-by generating sets for army chain wireless stations.
.....	Generating sets supplying Radar equipments.
.....	Vehicle and water-cooled engines specially authorized by G.H.Q., Home Forces.

Total.

.....(signature and date) ”.

(c) Supply officers will only issue ethylene glycol when the indent is accompanied by the above-mentioned certificate and will retain all certificates for verification by the headquarters of the command concerned.

The indent will show the number of gallons of ethylene glycol required, being one-third of the total capacity of the cooling systems of the vehicles and plant enumerated in para. 1 above.

(d) Headquarters of commands will make an initial demand for ethylene glycol on A.F. F 726 to the War Office (S.T. 2) as soon as possible and will take into account stocks of ethylene glycol remaining in depots from last season. The demand will be based on the current strength of the command in the vehicles and plant specified in para. 1 above.

A careful record of stocks of ethylene glycol held in supply depots will be maintained by commands in order that the War Office may review the position as a whole from time to time.

3. In cases of all vehicles other than those enumerated in para. 1 above, the terms of Appendix III to this A.C.I. will apply and the system of frost precautions to be adopted will be that laid down therein. Ethylene glycol will not be employed and water systems will be effectively drained when vehicles are to be parked for any length of time. In the case of Dennis vehicles, a lever on the side of the thermostat casing enables the thermostat to be put out of action when the water-cooling system is being drained.

Appendix III will also apply to water-cooled internal combustion engines used on stationary work, e.g., concrete mixers, electric power generators, compressor units, etc., except where otherwise provided for in para. 1. No special precautions need be taken on engines permanently installed in buildings in which the internal temperature can at all times be controlled.

4. Methods to be adopted in cold weather to maintain the temperature of an engine are:—

- (a) The blanking-off of part of the radiator.
- (b) The removal of the fan belt, providing this belt does not also drive the water impeller or dynamo.
- (c) Wrapping the engine with the bonnet cover and/or muff if available. If these are not items of vehicle equipment, covers should be improvised from materials available.

5. Damage, indirectly due to cold weather, is caused through:—

- (a) Starting the engine without water and not immediately filling the cooling system.
- (b) Running the engine for too long a period after the water is drained off.
- (c) Endeavouring to start an engine without first freeing the bearings by turning the engine by hand.
- (d) Excessive use of strangler.
- (e) Racing the engine when warming up.

6. Strict compliance with the instructions contained in this A.C.I. is essential if damage is to be avoided.

The essential factor in the successful enforcement of these instructions is strict discipline, and a proper understanding by officers and N.C.Os. of their personal responsibility for the carrying out of frost precautions in their units or sub-units.

Any cases of damage by frost will be reported in writing to formation, etc., commanders who will, if the evidence fails to satisfy them that the damage was unavoidable, take disciplinary action. Unavoidable damage is only an admissible finding when the taking of proper precautions is prevented by enemy action (such as the incapacitating of personnel in charge of a vehicle).

7. A.C.I. 704 of 1943 is hereby cancelled.

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APPENDIX I

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING USE OF ETHYLENE GLYCOL IN VEHICLES OTHER THAN TRAILER FIRE PUMPS.

1. In order to eliminate the risk of damage to water-cooled engines by frost when ethylene glycol is used, the following detailed instructions are issued:—

- (a) The usefulness of ethylene glycol is dependent on there being no leaks in the cooling system. It should be noted that ethylene glycol has a much more searching action than water, and it is therefore essential to see that all hose joints, etc., are in good condition and properly tight before filling up with ethylene glycol. Cooling systems will be completely drained off, all drain cocks being opened. A solution will then be prepared in separate containers, using, in the United Kingdom, one part ethylene glycol to two parts of water, as stated on the container, to ensure protection down to -4° Fahrenheit. This will be mixed thoroughly, and, after closing the drain cocks, the radiator will be filled with solution until the top of the radiator block or the bottom of the header tank is covered. The engine will then be warmed up and the radiator filled right up, thereby avoiding waste in overflow due to expansion.
- (b) The cooling system, once filled with ethylene glycol solution, will not be drained off, except when such action is necessitated by repair, in which case care must be taken to conserve the solution for subsequent refilling of the cooling system.
- (c) Routine topping up of the cooling systems will be carried out by adding ethylene glycol mixed as given in para. 1 (a) above.

2. In order to ensure that radiators which have been treated with ethylene glycol solution are easily recognized, it is essential that action be taken, immediately a cooling system has been filled, to mark the radiator. This marking will be uniform throughout the Army and will consist of a RED circle painted on the radiator header tank under the bonnet, or in an equivalent position. In cases where this marking may be difficult to distinguish under the bonnet, the circle will be superimposed on a white square. This mark will be painted out should the radiator be drained and not refilled with ethylene glycol solution. As an additional precaution against accidental waste and damage, ethylene glycol will be supplied dyed blue. Undyed fluid will, however, be in supply until stocks are exhausted.

APPENDIX II

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE USE OF ETHYLENE GLYCOL IN TRAILER FIRE PUMPS

1. So far as their cooling systems are concerned trailer fire pumps may be divided into two distinct categories:—

- (a) Pumps whose engines are water-cooled and whose cylinder blocks are connected to a header tank, this header tank being cooled by means of a coil of copper pipe passing through it, which is fed by a bleed from the main fire pump. In this arrangement the cooling water in the block and header tank is in a closed circuit and no direct contact between this water and the bleed water from the main pump takes place, the cooling being indirect, by conduction through the walls of the copper cooling coil.
- (b) Pumps in which the cooling system is somewhat the same as the above, with the important exception that the bleed from the main fire pump is taken directly into the base of the cylinder block whence it circulates through the header tank and finally runs to waste. In this case the header tank and cylinder block cooling water is not in a closed circuit and the cooling by the bleed from the pump is direct, in that the pump water is injected into direct contact with the cooling water in the block and header tank.

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2. Frost precautions on trailer fire pumps, therefore, fall into two distinct classes:—

(a) For those trailer fire pumps which fall into category (a) of para. 1 above, which are:—

Scammell Type HO 475 and HO 500.
Coventry Climax Type Godiva F.F., 500 g.p.m.
Coventry Climax Type F.S.M., Series 3.
Dennis, 350/500 g.p.m.
Sigmund, 120/220 g.p.m.

the header tank and cylinder block will be filled with anti-freeze solution, one filling of which should be adequate for the whole of the period of frost precautions; the general instructions of Appendix I will apply. The cooling coils, filters, pump volutes, etc., will be drained after each operation, in accordance with the makers' instructions.

(b) For those trailer fire pumps which fall into category (b) of para. 1 above, which are:—

Scammell Type HO 430.
Worthington-Simpson, 120/150 g.p.m.
Beresford Type "Beresford Stork", 120/150 g.p.m.
Pyrene Pulsometer, 120/150 g.p.m.

the use of anti-freeze is not permissible, since it would require to be renewed after each operation, and this would involve unnecessary wastage of material which is in short supply. In these cases, therefore, the general instructions of Appendix III will apply.

3. In all cases, both categories (a) and (b) of para. 1 above, lamps, oil, obtained under authority of War Office letter 57/General/114 (O.S. 8 (b)), dated 13th March, 1940, will be used to assist in maintaining the temperature of the equipment, but it must be clearly understood that these lamps, oil, do not provide protection from frost, and the precautions outlined above must be taken regardless of whether the lamp, oil, is available or not.

4. In all cases frost precautions by draining, as laid down in makers' instructions, will be applied to the fire pumps themselves, i.e., steps will be taken to ensure that all water is removed from the pump impeller casing and associated piping.

APPENDIX III

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN AGAINST DAMAGE BY FROST WHEN ETHYLENE GLYCOL IS NOT USED

In order to prevent damage by frost to M.T. vehicles and plant in which ethylene glycol is not in use, the following system will be brought into operation. The exact method to be adopted in each case rests with O.S.C. units, and depends upon the working conditions of each unit.

1. When a vehicle is to remain parked for any length of time and will not be required for immediate use:—

- (a) The radiator cap will be removed, and, if detachable, will be put in a place of safe custody on the vehicle, e.g., in the vehicle toolbox.
- (b) The water will be drained off from the cooling system. In order to do this the vehicle will stand on level ground and all drain cocks fitted to the cooling system will be opened. The drain cocks may be situated in any part of the cooling system, e.g., radiator, pump, water jacket, etc. Care will be taken to ensure that no drain cock is clogged, and that the whole of the cooling system is drained.
- (c) When all water has been drained off, the engine will be run for one minute and then switched off. The fuel tap on petrol engines will then be closed.
- (d) The engine will then be wrapped up with the bonnet cover and/or mat if available. If these are not items of vehicle equipment, covers should be improvised from materials available.

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2. Two methods of starting up an engine on which the above-mentioned precautions have been carried out, can be adopted, according to the severity of the frost:—

- (a) Close all drain cocks and fill the cooling system. The water must be taken to the vehicle and not the vehicle to the water. Free the engine bearings by turning the engine over by hand, switch on and start up. Warm up the engine by running it quickly without racing, keeping it wrapped up with the bonnet cover and/or muff, etc.
- (b) If the frost is very severe, water will be brought near the vehicle in containers. Close all drain cocks, start up the engine, and immediately fill the cooling system with water, endeavour being made to provide a continuous flow until the radiator is full. Warm up the engine as described in para. 2 (a) above. This method will only be carried out under supervision.

3. In cases where the above-mentioned procedure cannot be adopted, or where the situation necessitates a vehicle standing ready for immediate use, the engine will be kept covered and run at a fast speed, but without racing, for five minutes at intervals, the interval depending upon the severity of the frost. This also applies to vehicles which are temporarily halted.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1476. Trades, A.T.S.—Introduction and Removal of Trades.

1. The introduction into the A.T.S. of the trade of telecommunication mechanic, Group A, Classes III, II and I, has been approved and the trade test for this trade will shortly be issued as an amendment to Auxiliary Territorial Service Trade Tests, 1942.

2. Auxiliaries qualified in accordance with this test may be mustered into authorized vacancies for the trade in War Establishments with effect from the date of passing the test. In no case, however, will such musters be permitted from a date earlier than the date of this A.C.I.

3. Concurrently with the introduction of this trade, the trades of radio mechanic and wireless mechanic will be removed from the A.T.S. trade groups. Auxiliaries mustered in these trades will be required to re-qualify in another trade within six months of the date of this instruction, failing which, they will revert to normal rates of pay in accordance with Regulations Governing the Issue of Tradesmen's Rates of Pay, 1939, para. 29.

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1477. Ships' Permanent Staff.—Pool of Officers.

The following amendment will be made to A.C.I. 1569 of 1942:—

Para. 1 (f). Line 2.

Delete from "25. od." to "adjutant" and substitute "35. od. a day for the ship's adjutant and quarter-master (25. od. if an officer of the quarter-master class)".

48/Miscellaneous/3675 (F. 2 (b)).

By Command of the Army Council.

J. D. D. D.

THE WAR OFFICE,
6th October, 1943.

AMENDMENTS

ADJUTANT-GENERAL

1460. Appointments, Officer.—Auxiliary Territorial Service.

The following amendments will be made to A.C.I. 158 of 1943, which deals with appointments of A.T.S. officers:—

Delete paras. 3 and 4 and substitute:—

3. On the first day of April and October, A.T.S. officers, not below the rank of senior commander in command of A.T.S. units, or in the case of mixed units, the senior A.T.S. officer in conjunction with the O.C. the unit, will prepare a nominal roll of those A.T.S. officers who fall into classes (a) or (b) below, in order of seniority by their employment (i.e., G.D., M.T., Signals, etc.). Under each heading the nominal roll will be sub-divided as follows:—

- (a) Subalterns who are recommended as fit for immediate promotion (whether or not a vacancy exists in the unit). *To be underlined in blue.*
- (b) Junior commanders and subalterns (even if holding war substantive rank), whose ability and efficiency are more appropriate to the rank below that which they are at present holding. *To be underlined in red.*

The C.O. will sign against each underlining and will state the officer's war substantive rank with date of promotion to such rank and to any acting or temporary rank held at the time of reporting.

Junior commanders who are fit for promotion will be recommended as at present on A.F. B 194D.

Note.—A note will be made against the name of any officer against whom disciplinary action or a report on A.F. B 194E or F is impending or contemplated.

The C.O. will certify that in the case of all other officers underlined in red the appropriate action is reversion to war substantive rank by posting within the command and not the submission of a report on A.F. B 194E or F.

4. The rolls completed as in para. 3 above will be forwarded in triplicate to the command through the usual A.T.S. channels. The senior A.T.S. officer at each formation through which they pass will, in consultation with the military commander, confirm or amend where necessary.

The triplicate copy will be returned direct to the C.O. of the unit by the formation next below the command.

In all these transactions the rolls will be treated as strictly confidential and will be passed personally from commander to commander or an A.T.S. staff officer not below second grade. They will not be handled by any subordinate personnel.

Para. 5 (a). Line 4. *Delete* from " or by " to " unit " in line 5.

Para. 6 (c). Line 3. *After* " A.F. B 194F " *insert* " or A.F. B 194E whichever is appropriate ".

1464. Medical.—R.E. Tradesmen for Training as Divers—Selection and Medical Examination of Candidates for Training, and Medical Examination before Diving.

The following amendments will be made to A.C.I. 424 of 1943 relating to the training of R.E. tradesmen for diving:—

Para. 1. *Delete* the sub-para. dealing with " Selection " and *substitute:—*

Selection.—(a) Candidates must be of good character and physique and must be able to swim. Any marked obesity or tendency to such will disqualify. Exceptionally tall or short men may have difficulty in using diving dress.

(b) Tradesmen for initial training as divers may be accepted up to the age of 36 years provided that they satisfy all other medical requirements.

(c) R.E. tradesmen who are experienced divers may be accepted for testing up to the age of 45 years provided that they satisfy all other medical requirements.

QUARTER-MASTER-GENERAL

1469. Clothing.—Tropical—Officers.

The following amendment will be made to A.C.I. 1828 of 1942 regarding tropical clothing for officers ordered for service overseas.

Para. 1. *After* "provide" in lines 8 and 9, *insert* "also whether helmet or pith hat will be taken".

Column 1 of Scale: *After* "Helmet or pith hat", *insert* "(d)".

After footnote (c) (as promulgated by A.C.I. 2378 of 1942). *Insert* footnote:—

(d) Only required for certain stations, details of which will be shown in mobilization instructions or drafting instructions.

1472. Kit.—Blankets for Officers (including Officers of the A.T.S. and Q.A.I.M.N.S.), etc.—Initial Issue.

The following amendment will be made to A.C.I. 725 of 1943 which deals with the issue of camp kit to officers.

Delete para. 7 and *substitute*:—

7. (a) Where camp kit is issuable under para. 1 above, or officers are required to occupy W.D. accommodation equipped under War Accommodation Schedules Nos. 10 or 75 (set out in A.C.I. 1216 of 1942, Appendix A) a free initial issue of new blankets, brown, single, will be made (on indent) to all officers (other than officers and members of the various Nursing Services) on the scale of three to each male officer and four to each A.T.S. officer provided that a free issue or an allowance in lieu thereof has not been made within the preceding 15 years.

In the case of officers and members of the Nursing Services an initial free issue of three blankets, brown, single, will be made only when the free issue of camp kit is authorized.

(b) Indents will be supported by certificates as in para. 2 (a) and (b) above, varied under para. 2 (b), to meet blankets, and in addition by a certificate from the applicant's C.O. that camp kit is issuable or has been issued under para. 1 above, or (except in the case of officers and members of the Nursing Services) that the officer concerned is required to occupy W.D. accommodation equipped under War Accommodation Schedules Nos. 10 or 75.

(c) Issues will be made by the R.A.O.C. and not through expense store accountants.

(d) Blankets issued under this authority will be maintained at the expense of the owners.

(e) Issues of blankets under this authority will be reported as in para. 8 below.

1474. "B" Vehicles.—Instructions regarding Vehicle Kit Lists and Active Service Log Book—A.B. 412.

The following amendment will be made to A.C.I. 758 of 1943:—

Para. 7. *Add* new sub-para. (d):—

(d) that where the A.B. 412 of a vehicle has been replaced by the revised A.B. 412 or A.B. 412M, the old book is kept on the vehicle with the new book.

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- 1485. Ordnance, Various.—Muzzle Brakes.

1. It has been found that, after firing, a deposit forms between the muzzle brake and barrel. If this is not removed, seizure is likely to occur.

2. To prevent seizure, all ordnance so fitted will have the muzzle brake removed occasionally, and the threads of the barrel and muzzle brake will be thoroughly cleaned and given a very light coating of graphite grease.

3. No other form of lubricant is permissible.

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1486. Special Training Units (formerly called Young Soldiers' Training Units).

1. A.C.Is. 192 and 1304 of 1943 are hereby cancelled.

2. *Object and description of Special Training Units.*—There are a number of young soldiers under the age of 21 years who find difficulty in adjusting themselves to the conditions of Army life. Through thoughtlessness and lack of a sense of discipline they commit offences which cause them to become a nuisance to their units. Normal punishments given by C.Os. and field general courts-martial appear to do them little good and sometimes make them into worse soldiers.

Special training units have been established to deal with such men. By careful individual treatment, these units endeavour to restore to each man his self respect and to create in him a pride in his work. After a course of varying length it is hoped by such methods to return the man to an active unit, ready and anxious to make a fresh start.

These units are in no way punishment camps. While undergoing a course full privileges are allowed when off duty and leave is granted in the usual manner.

3. *Location of units.*—The locations and telephone numbers of special training units are as follows:—

- No. 1 Special Training Unit, Wetherby Grange Park Camp, Wetherby, Yorkshire. (Telephone number Wetherby 384.) (Telegraphic address—Speltru Wetherby.)
- No. 2 Special Training Unit, Gunton Hall, Lowestoft, Suffolk. (Telephone number Blundeston 242.) (Telegraphic address—Speltru Lowestoft.)
- No. 3 Special Training Unit, Harewood House, Outwood, Redhill, Surrey. (Telephone number Smallfields 145.) (Telegraphic address—Speltru Outwood Surrey.)

4. *Method of Selection.*—Any soldier under the age of 21 years may be sent to undergo a course at a special training unit provided that:—

- (a) a vacancy exists;
- (b) no soldier under sentence is sent until his sentence has been suspended under Section 57 (a) of the Army Act;
- (c) no soldier carries out more than one course at a special training unit.

Selection will normally be made by C.Os. from young soldiers who are continually incurring minor punishments and obviously heading for a sentence of detention. In disposing of a case against a young soldier of this type, the C.O. will always consider as an alternative to detention, whether it will not be better to deal with the case leniently and send the soldier to a special training unit.

Confirming officers and superior military authorities, after confirmation of a field general court-martial on a young soldier, will also consider whether it will not be better to suspend sentence and send the man to a special training unit.

Commandants of detention barracks may, at any time, recommend a young soldier for suspension in order that he may be transferred to a special training unit. Recommendations will be made in the normal manner.

5. *Method of Despatch.*

- (a) No soldier will be despatched to a special training unit until a vacancy has been allotted by the commandant, to whom all requests for vacancies will be made direct. Normally, application will be made to the nearest special training unit, but in the event of accommodation not being available, application may be made to the next nearest unit.
- (b) Soldiers, although not under arrest, will be suitably escorted when proceeding to a special training unit. No committal order is necessary.
- (c) All soldiers sent to a special training unit will be fully armed and equipped, less ammunition, and will be in possession of a full scale of clothing as required by War Clothing Regulations, all personal belongings, and complete gymnasium kit. Boots must be in a serviceable condition.
- (d) All soldiers will be inspected by a medical officer before despatch and certified fit to undergo training. The certificate will also include a note to the effect that the soldier is free from vermin and infectious disease.

6. *Documents to be sent.*—The following documents will be despatched to the O.C., special training unit, in respect of each soldier:—

- (a) A.F. B 103. (Service and Casualty Form).
- (b) A.F. B 122. (Field Conduct Sheet).
- (c) A.F. B 178 or B 178A. (Medical History Sheet).
- (d) A.F. H 1157. (Transfer Clothing Statement).
- (e) Medical certificate (*see* para. 5 (d) above).
- (f) A.F. I 5033. (Dental Card).
- (g) S.P. Sheet 100A. (Where applicable).
- (h) A.F. B 183. (Psychiatrist's report)—(where available).
- (i) A statement from the C.O. of the soldier's unit, containing the following information:—
 - (i) Education and training standard reached.
 - (ii) Subjects in which the young soldier requires special attention.
 - (iii) Character, attainments and weaknesses of the soldier.
 - (iv) Whether the young soldier should be returned to his original unit on completion of training.

7. *Administration and accounting for personnel.*

- (a) The staffs of special training units and soldiers undergoing courses thereat will remain in their own regiment or corps, but will be struck off the strength of their former units from the date of joining, and taken on the posted or permanently attached strength of the special training unit in accordance with A.C.I. 2393 of 1941 as amended by A.C.I. 326 of 1942.
- (b) The staff and soldiers undergoing training will be accounted for weekly on A.F. B 157 (War) by the O.C. that unit in accordance with A.C.I. 2727 of 1942. A.F. B 157 (War) will be so compiled as to show separately in columns (7) and (8) of Part I of that return the number of personnel on the permanent staff of the unit and the number of soldiers under training and the corps to which the staff and trainees actually belong will also be stated thereon.
- (c) All special training units will be affiliated to the O. i/c Infantry Records, Preston. Part III Orders will be rendered accordingly.
- (d) The staff and trainees at each special training unit will be accounted for by their respective parent O. i/c records in Section E of A.F. B 104/1, separately as between staff and trainees.

8. *Discipline at Special Training Units.*—If a soldier commits an offence while at a special training unit he may be awarded a minor punishment, or, should that be of no avail, be sentenced to detention. The decision whether he should return to the special training unit after the period of detention is left to the discretion of the commandant, special training unit.

9. *Pay.*—Tradesmen and men training as tradesmen will retain the rate of pay of which they were in receipt on the date of posting to the special training unit.

Other soldiers, *i.e.*, those subject to the provisions of para. 16 (d) and (g) of Part I of the Schedule to Army Order 14 of 1943, may be re-classified by commandants of training units, as follows:—

- (a) Soldiers with Class I classification at the date of posting will be re-classified in Class II by the commandant on the grounds of inefficiency. Normally such re-classification will have been carried out before posting on the grounds that the soldier is "NOT in all respects a thoroughly trained and efficient soldier".
- (b) Soldiers referred to in sub-para. (a) above (including those re-classified before posting) may again be re-classified in Class I during their period of service with a special training unit, provided the commandant is satisfied that they have regained their efficiency according to the standard laid down for their particular arm of the Service.
- (c) Soldiers not previously classified in Class I may be re-classified in that class while at a special training unit, provided that the commandant is satisfied that they have reached the standard of efficiency laid down for their arm of the Service and have completed six months' reckonable man's service.

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10. *Disposal on Completion of Course.*—Except where otherwise directed by the War Office, action will be taken as follows:—

- (a) (i) *Young Soldier Volunteers.*—Soldiers who belong to infantry regiments, having attained the age of 18 years and not selected for return to their former units (see para. 6 (i) (iv)) will be disposed of in accordance with A.C.I. 577 of 1942, notwithstanding the fact that they may not yet have reached the age of 19 years.
- (ii) *Other than Young Soldier Volunteers.*—Soldiers (other than young soldier volunteers) who belong to infantry regiments, and who are not selected for return to their former units, will be posted to other units of their own regiments.
- (b) Soldiers belonging to arms other than infantry who are not selected for return to their former units, will be posted to a unit of their own arm.
- (c) The commandant will notify the O. i/c records administering the regiment or corps to which the soldier belongs, of the decision in the matter, and the date on which the soldier will be available for posting.
- (d) If posting to a unit other than the soldier's former unit is involved, the O. i/c records will decide the unit to which the soldier will be posted and will instruct the commandant of the special training unit accordingly, at the same time notifying the C.O. of the receiving unit.
- (e) The commandant of the special training unit will despatch the soldier, unescorted, to the receiving unit and will forward to the C.O. of that unit a full report on him, together with the documents referred to in para. 6 (a) to (b).
- (f) The C.O. of the receiving unit will furnish a "follow-up" report on the soldier, to the commandant of the special training unit whence he was despatched, at the end of two months, on a form which will be provided by the special training unit concerned.

20/Infantry/3419 (A.G. 3 (c)).

1487. Cipher Personnel, Royal Corps of Signals (Other Ranks).

1. The ranks now allowed for high grade cipher operators are warrant officer and sergeant, but with effect from 15th October, 1943, the rank of corporal will also be applicable to them.
2. Instructions for the adjustment of War Establishments as a result of this decision will be issued shortly.
3. For amendments to A.C.Is. 814, 2176 and 2255 of 1942 and 1392 of 1943, see Amendments section.

20/Signals/916 (A.G. 11 (a)).

QUARTER-MASTER-GENERAL

1488. Camps, Hutted.—Naming of in Southern Command.

1. Approval has been given for a hutted camp in Southern Command to be named as follows:—

<i>Name of Camp</i>	<i>Postal Address</i>
Arena Road Camp	Tidworth, Hants.

2. This title will be used in all future references to this camp.

118/General/3466 (Q. 1 (c)).

1489. Signal Equipment.—Maintenance of Wireless Sets, No. 46 within the United Kingdom.

1. In view of the limited issue of the Wireless Set No. 46, repairs which are beyond the capacity of command telecommunications workshops, R.E.M.E., will be undertaken in Central Telecommunications Workshops, R.E.M.E., Greenford.

2. The following procedure will be carried out in accordance with current instructions:—

(a) Units holding Wireless Sets, No. 46 will send faulty sets, complete with coils and crystals, to the nearest command telecommunications workshop, R.E.M.E. These workshops are located as under:—

Northern Command	...	...	...	York.
Southern	..	...	...	Bovington.
Eastern	..	...	...	Mill Hill.
Western	..	...	...	Burscough.
South-Eastern Command	...	...	...	Aldershot.
Scottish Command	...	...	...	Stirling.
Northern Ireland	...	...	...	Kinnegar.

(b) If the workshops find that spares are required, then the sets will be sentenced "Beyond local repair".

(c) Unless they are faulty, the crystals and coils will be removed from the sets and returned to the unit, copies of A.Fs. G 1043 being enclosed accordingly. The sets will then be forwarded to the C.R.D., Woolwich.

(d) If only the coils and/or crystals are faulty, then only the faulty items will be condemned and forwarded to the C.R.D., Woolwich. The sets, together with the serviceable items, will be returned to the unit. It is most important that in such cases copies of A.Fs. G 1043 be clearly marked with the frequencies of the items sentenced "Beyond local repair".

(e) To obtain replacements the unit will communicate with the War Office (W.S. 13) and, quoting the A.Fs. G 1043 numbers as authority, will request the issue of new sets complete, or of new sets less crystals and coils, or of crystals and/or coils only, as required. Where applicable, the frequencies of the crystals and/or coils will be clearly stated. Copies of requests for replacements will be sent to Combined Operations Headquarters.

3. The procedure laid down in para. 2 above will be adopted in the case of sets issued to the Royal Navy, except that faulty sets will in the first instance be sent to the C.O.S.M.O., III Buildings, Staines, Middlesex.

57/Maintenance/470 (M.E.10 (b)).

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1490. Pay and Allowances of Officers, including Women Officers of the R.A.M.C., A.D. Corps, Q.A.I.M.N.S., T.A.N.S., A.T.S. and V.A.Ds. Proceeding Abroad.

1. The following revised instructions relating to the issue of the emoluments of officers proceeding abroad are issued for the information of all concerned.

2. When officers proceed to stations or areas abroad (other than India or Burma) their pay and allowances are issuable as under, according to the officer's wishes:—

(a) *Married Officers*—Pay (if issuable by paymaster) and married allowances admissible may be issued:—

(i) by the Officer-in-Charge Army Pay Office (Officers' Accounts), Stockport Road, Manchester, 13, and paid into their banking accounts in the United Kingdom, or

(ii) by the paymaster overseas in those stations or areas where pay and allowances accounts are maintained locally; but it must be appreciated that considerable delay may occur in remitting money to families in the United Kingdom.

(b) *Single Officers*—Pay (if issuable by paymaster) may be issued as (i) or (a) (ii).

Local emoluments (i.e., allowances, command or additional, etc., pay to which officers become entitled at the overseas station or area where pay and allowances accounts are maintained locally) will be issued by the overseas paymaster concerned.

3. Pay (if issuable by paymaster) and allowances of officers proceeding to certain overseas areas, will, for administrative reasons, continue to be issued by the Officer-in-Charge, Army Pay Office (Officers' Accounts), Manchester. This rule applies at present to officers serving in formations and units administered from General Headquarters, 2nd Echelon, North Africa.

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4. Officers placed under orders for service overseas will notify the Officer-in-Charge, Army Pay Office (Officers' Accounts), Stockport Road, Manchester, 13, as early as possible which method of payment, under para. 2 (a) (i) or (a) (ii) they desire. Married officers are warned that it is most important that before leaving the United Kingdom they make proper arrangements with their bankers for the provision of funds for their families during the period they are on service overseas. It should be clearly understood that the army authorities do not arrange for payment of allowances to the wives of officers, this being a matter for private arrangement by the officer; except as provided for in A.C.I. 738 of 1943.

5. A.C.I.s. 1416 of 1940 and 274 of 1941 are hereby *cancelled*.

48/General/7747 (F. 9 (b)).

1491. Appointments.—Officers Filling Appointments as Administrative Officers.

In the absence of any specific War Office authority, additional pay is not admissible in respect of officers holding the appointment of administrative officer.

In some cases the appointment of "administrative officer" has superseded that of "Adjutant", "Camp Adjutant" etc., previously provided for in certain War Establishments, in respect of which latter appointments additional pay was admissible under the Pay Warrant. This change of appointment does not carry with it any right to a continuation of the emolument previously in issue, which ceases from the effective date of the War Establishment introducing the appointment of "Administrative Officer".

48/Artillery/6071 (F. 2 (b)).

1492. Army Council Instructions.—Cancellations.

The following A.C.I.s. are hereby *cancelled* :—

1940

830 Lubricating Oils for "B" and R.A.S.C. M.T. Vehicles.

1941

483 Intelligence Training Centre—Telegraphic Addresses.

658 M.T. Vehicles Issued to Dominion Military Forces in the United Kingdom.

1091 Collection and Disposal of Small Arms Handed in by the Civil Police, Salvage Organization, etc.

2249 Joining Instructions for No. 1 A.T.S., O.C.T.U., Craigmillars, Edinburgh.

2468 M.T. Vehicles Issued to Dominion Military Forces in the United Kingdom.

1942

394 School of Anti-Aircraft Defence—Re-designation.

1463 M.T. Vehicles Issued to Dominion Military Forces in the United Kingdom.

1683 Admission to Field Ambulances and Camp Reception Stations.

2656 Cadets for Engineering Cadetships.

1943

290 Joining Instructions for No. 1 A.T.S., O.C.T.U., Craigmillars, Edinburgh.

26/Publications/2428 (C. 3).

By Command of the Army Council.

L. Darnoch

THE WAR OFFICE,
6th October, 1943.

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AMENDMENTS
ADJUTANT-GENERAL

1487. Cipher Personnel, Royal Corps of Signals (Other Ranks).

The following amendments will be made to A.C.I.s. 814, 2176 and 2255 of 1942 and 1392 of 1943.

(a) A.C.I. 814 of 1942.

Para. 3 (d). Line 2. *Delete "serjeant" and substitute "corporal".*

(b) A.C.I. 2176 of 1942.

Para. 4 (a). *Delete from "Only corporals" in line 5 to the end of the sub-paragraph and substitute:—*

Only corporals and lance-corporals filling authorized vacancies for medium grade cipher operators in War Establishments and recommended for high grade training, will normally be eligible to attend. Nominal rolls of personnel selected will be forwarded to the War Office (Sigs. 6) within the time specified in the notifications of allotment of vacancies.

(c) A.C.I. 2255 of 1942.

Para. 1. *Delete lines 5 to 8 and substitute:—*

High Grade Operators.—Warrant officers, serjeants and corporals who have qualified in high grade cipher and are filling authorized vacancies in War Establishments for cipher duties.

Medium Grade Operators.—Corporals and lance-corporals who have qualified in medium grade cipher and are filling authorized vacancies in War Establishments for cipher duties.

Para. 5. Lines 3 and 4. *Delete "who are considered suitable to attend" and substitute "who have passed".*

(d) A.C.I. 1392 of 1943.

Para. 2. Line 3. *After "serjeant" insert "or corporal".*

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ARMY COUNCIL INSTRUCTIONS

Nos. 1478 to 1483 of 1943

Issued specially with additional Home Guard circulation (see A.C.I. 1545 of 1940, as modified by A.C.I. 2499 of 1941).

The last Home Guard A.C.I. was 1368 of 1943 issued down to company headquarters.

THE WAR OFFICE,
9th October, 1943.

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1478. Stores.—Demolition—Issue of.

Amends A.C.I. 247 of 1942, see Amendments section.

57/Ammunition/3564 (M.T. 2).

1479. Home Guard Information Circular No. 36.

Home Guard Information Circular No. 36 was approved for issue on 6th October, 1943, and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned.

20/H.G./227 (H.G. 2).

1480. Training.—The Taking of War Certificate "A" by Members of the Home Guard who are also Members or Ex-Members of the Junior Training Corps or The Army Cadet Force.

It has been decided that ex-members of the Junior Training Corps or The Army Cadet Force may continue to study for and take War Certificate "A" (Part II) whilst members of the Home Guard, subject to:—

- (i) their having obtained War Certificate "A" (Part I) whilst in their cadet organization,
- (ii) their having already commenced preparation for War Certificate "A" (Part II) whilst in their cadet organization and
- (iii) their having been members of their cadet organization immediately prior to becoming members of the Home Guard.

Home Guard commanders should, therefore, arrange that the Home Guard training of such members is reduced to a minimum.

It is desirable for such training and examinations to be carried out with the affiliated unit of The Army Cadet Force or the former Junior Training Corps contingent. When a member applies to continue this training, the Home Guard commander will be responsible for getting in touch with the local cadet contingent commander, and, if satisfied that the latter can accept him for training, will make the member available, whereupon the cadet contingent commander will make all necessary arrangements. Should the number of candidates for examination be more than can be dealt with by the local cadet contingent, the Home Guard commander will apply to sub-district headquarters for a special examination to be held.

9/Cadets/5810 (H.G. 3).

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1481. Equipment.—Camp Equipment for Tented Camps for Home Guard and Cadet Units.

1. Demands for camp equipment required for Home Guard and Army Cadet Force units attending "temporary" camps will be submitted direct to the A.D.O.S. or D.A.D.O.S. concerned by T.A. Associations and County Cadet Committees, who will account for the stores in A.F. G 973.

2. (a) When camps already equipped with stores held on barrack inventory are allotted for the use of Home Guard and Army Cadet Force units, such articles will not be accounted for in A.F. G 973 as in para. 1 above, but will be handed over to the representative of the T.A. Association or County Cadet Committee by the O. i/c barracks and will be retained on barrack inventory charge.

(b) To enable arrangements to be made to take over the camp equipment and stores on the departure of units, the O.C. the unit will notify the O. i/c barracks of the date and hour the camps will be vacated.

118/General/5094 (T.A. 3).

QUARTER-MASTER-GENERAL**1482. Signal Equipment, Wireless Sets, No. 38.**

1. A number of Wireless Sets, No. 38, other than those installed in "A" vehicles, have been issued without "essential" spare valves and cases, spare valve, No. 2.

The revised scale of valves, etc., for each station is as follows:—

Valves, W.T. type	Working	Spare	Total
ZA 7023, A.R.P. 12	4	2	6
ZA 5502, A.T.P. 4	1	1	2
ZA 12971, Cases, spare valve, No. 2	—	1	1

2. Supplies of these items are now available for equipments issued before the publication of this A.C.I. Except as stated in para. 3 below, units will submit indents to complete to the above scale to the Commandant, C.O.D., Donnington by 31st December, 1943. This A.C.I. will be quoted as authority for issue.

3. Overseas and mobilizing units will not submit indents as issues are already being made.

57/Signals/2282 (W.S. 13).

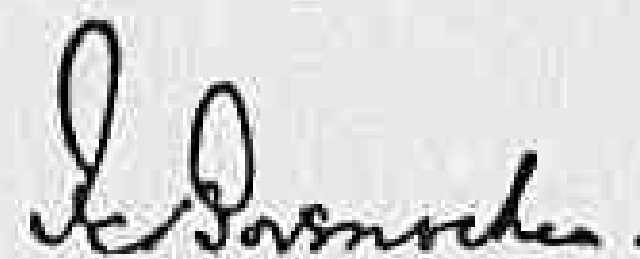
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**1483. The Home Guard.**

With reference to A.C.I. 989 of 1943 during the period 1st July, 1943 to 9th October, 1943, the following A.C.I.s. relating to the Home Guard were issued specially:—

1943.—1072, 1073, 1074, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1169, 1170, 1171, 1222, 1223, 1224, 1316, 1317, 1318, 1319, 1320, 1366, 1367, 1368, 1478, 1479, 1480, 1481, 1482, 1483.

26/Publications/5045 (C. 3).

By Command of the Army Council,



AMENDMENTS

GENERAL STAFF

1478. Stores.—Demolition—Issue of.

The following amendment will be made to A.C.I. 247 of 1942, relating to demolition stores.

Para. 4 (b). *Insert new sub-paragraph:—*

- (v) On a range with a closed target area blinds will be left *in situ* and no attempt will be made to destroy them. Should a bomb be observed to fall outside the closed area, however, the officer in charge of the firing will act as above.

A "closed target area" is the area of ground surrounding the target, in which bombs are intended to fall. It must be totally enclosed by a substantial fence and conspicuous danger notices must be erected at reasonable intervals along the boundaries.

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ARMY COUNCIL INSTRUCTION No. 1484 of 1943

THE WAR OFFICE,

9th October, 1943.

Travelling.—Baggage to be taken Overseas in Troopships by Officers and Other Ranks.

1. Owing to the difficulties of storing baggage in certain theatres of war, and with a view to effecting economy in shipping space, the following instructions are issued in regard to the baggage of officers and other ranks to be carried on board troopships.

Note.—These instructions have no effect upon existing rulings relating to the baggage of officers of the Women's Services or auxiliaries of the A.T.S.

Officers.

2. At Appendix A is a table showing the scales, weights and methods of packing of articles required by an officer in an area to which normal or special tropical scales are applicable. (See A.C.I. 1828 of 1942.) The 168-lb. allowed in addition to the articles shown as to be carried on the person constitutes the maximum which may be taken by an officer to such an area. It will not be exceeded, and in this connexion attention is drawn to Appendix A, footnote (c).

3. Subject to any special instructions, the scales of baggage allowed to officers proceeding to Russia, Iceland (C), the Americas, Australia, New Zealand and the West Indies will remain at 4-cwt.

Warrant Officers, Classes I and II and Other Ranks proceeding Overseas for O.C.T.U. Training Abroad.

4. Kitbags will be issued as in para. 5, but a suitcase may be carried in addition. If cabin accommodation is allotted baggage will be divided as shown in the pamphlet "Instructions for Officers Commanding Units ordered Overseas (Long Sea Voyage) War", Sec. 16.

If accommodated on the troop deck these ranks will comply with the instructions in paras. 6, 7 and 8 below, retaining the suitcase.

Other Ranks.

5. In future troops proceeding overseas clothed under War Clothing Regulations, 1943, para. 103, and Scales Section, will be in possession of kitbags as follows:—

Under Scales 3 and 4:—

1 bag, kit, universal or 1 bag, sea kit (available on the troop deck).

Under Scale 6:—

1 bag, sea kit (available on the troop deck).

1 bag, kit, universal (not available during voyage).

Under Scales other than the above:—

As authorized under the appropriate scale.

6. Other ranks clothed under War Clothing Regulations, 1943, Scales 3 and 4, will proceed to the troop deck in possession of all kit and equipment as detailed in Appendix B to this A.C.I. They will then break down their equipment and, with the exception of the haversack, will place it in the pack, together with the articles shown in Appendix B, column 4. The pack will then be stowed in the baggage room and will not be available for the remainder of the voyage.

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Other ranks clothed to scales under which two kitbags are authorized will proceed to the troop deck in possession of the articles detailed in Appendix B (or with alternative articles as issued) the remaining items being packed in the second kitbag. This bag will be placed on board under unit arrangements; it will not be available during the voyage.

7. The haversack will remain with the soldier and will contain the articles shown in Appendix B, column 3.

8. After re-packing as above, clothing and equipment will be distributed as shown in Appendix B. As far as circumstances permit troops will proceed to the port of embarkation with their kits packed in the manner outlined.

General.

9. Special items of clothing for certain personnel are not included in the Appendices.

10. War Clothing Regulations, 1943, will be amended in due course.

11. Appendices A and B to this A.C.I. will be embodied in a reprint of the pamphlet Instructions for Officers Commanding Units Ordered Overseas (Long Sea Voyage), War. In addition, Appendix A will be embodied in a reprint of the pamphlet Instructions Regarding Kit and Equipment for Officers, 1942, and Appendix B in War Clothing Regulations, 1943.

54/Officers/3857 (O.S. 10).

By Command of the Army Council,

L. Dornoch.

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Details showing Home and Tropical Scale items, with Weights, to be Taken by Officers Proceeding Overseas

(Note :—The following distribution is issued as a guide only. See also footnote (c))

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APPENDIX A—continued

Details showing Home and Tropical Scale items, with Weights, to be Taken by Officers Proceeding Overseas—continued

							Normal Scale (d)									Special Scale (d)									
							Carried on person			In uniform case or suitcase (a)			In valise (a)			Carried on person			In uniform case or suitcase (a)			In valise (a)			
							No.	Weight		No.	Weight		No.	Weight		No.	Weight		No.	Weight		No.	Weight		
							lb.	oz.	lb.	oz.	lb.	oz.	lb.	oz.	lb.	oz.	lb.	oz.	lb.	oz.					
Home scale—continued																									
Slippers							—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—		
Dressing gowns							—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—		
Shoes							—	—	—	1	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	5	—	—	—		
Braces							—	—	4	1	—	4	—	—	1	—	4	1	—	4	—	—	—		
Brushes, hair							—	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	—			
Brushes, shaving							—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—			
Lanyard							1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—			
Boots, rubber knee (if in possession)							—	—	—	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	—	—	—	—			
Web equipment (including mess tin and water-bottle)							1	8	9	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	9	—	—	—	—	—			
Helmet, steel							1	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Knife, fork and spoon							1	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Revolver							1	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Ammunition, revolver rounds							12	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	7	—	—	—	—	—			
Binoculars (where issued)							1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Compass (where issued)							1	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Respirator							1	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Cape, anti-gas							1	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Towels							1	—	10	2	1	4	—	—	1	—	10	2	1	4	—	—	—	—	—
							—	44	15	—	37	12	—	—	—	—	44	15	—	27	11	—	—	—	

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APPENDIX A—continued

Details showing Home and Tropical Scale items, with Weights, to be Taken by Officers Proceeding Overseas—continued

	Normal Scale (d)									Special Scale (d)								
	Carried on person			In uniform case or suitcase (a)			In valise (a)			Carried on person			In uniform case or suitcase (a)			In valise (a)		
	Weight			Weight			Weight			Weight			Weight			Weight		
	No.	lb.	oz.	No.	lb.	oz.	No.	lb.	oz.	No.	lb.	oz.	No.	lb.	oz.	No.	lb.	oz.
Camp kit—continued																		
Valises, officers sets	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	—
Valises, straps	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—
Sheets, ground	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	8
Blankets	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	13	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	13	8
Pillows, feather, small	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	14
Totals	—	45	11½	—	93	2	—	61	14	—	45	11½	—	86	1	—	61	14
Gross weight	—	—	—	—	200	11½	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	193	10½	—	—	—
Less carried on person	—	—	—	—	45	11½	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45	11½	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—	155	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	147	15	—	—	—
Margin for personal effects	—	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	1	—	—	—
Net permissible weight of uniform case (or suitcase), plus valise and contents (f)	—	—	—	—	168	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	163	—	—	—	—

Notes:—

(a) The uniform case or suitcase will be labelled "CABIN", the valise, "BAGGAGE ROOM".

On reaching the theatre of operations the uniform case or suitcase will be left at the base; the valise will be taken forward.

(b) One suit of battle dress or service dress only.

(c) Officers are advised to limit purchases of tropical clothing to their essential needs for the voyage and to complete their requirements on arrival at their destination.

(d) Mobilization instructions and drafting orders will indicate whether an officer should provide himself with articles to the Normal or Special Scale or any variation of either.

(e) Negligible.

(f) An additional allowance of 25-lb. to cover requirements of technical equipment and books is allowed to certain officers, e.g., medical officers and chaplains.

(g) If ordered to be taken to the destination to which proceeding.

APPENDIX B

Packing Distribution of Clothing, etc., of Other Ranks when Proceeding Overseas

Article	Packed in			Worn
	Bag, sea kit or universal	Haver-sack	Pack	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>A. Clothing</i>				
Anklets, web	—	—	—	1
Blouse, battle-dress	—	—	—	1
Boots, ankle... ..	—	—	1	1
Cap, F.S. (or beret, bonnet)	—	—	—	(a)
Cape, anti-gas	—	—	1	—
Greatcoat	—	—	—	(a)
Overalls, denim (entitled personnel only)	1	—	—	—
Shorts, K.D.	2	—	—	—
Shoes, canvas, rubber sole... ..	1	—	—	—
Trousers, battle dress	—	—	—	1
Trousers, K.D.	1	—	—	—
<i>B. Necessaries</i>				
Badges, cap (with cap, F.S.)	—	—	—	—
Braces	—	—	—	1
Cap, comforter	1	—	—	—
Discs, identity, with cord	—	—	—	1
Drawers, cellular, short	1	—	—	(b) 1
Drawers, woollen (winter only)	1	—	—	(c) 1
Dressing, field	—	—	—	—
Fork	—	1	—	—
Gloves, knitted (winter only)	—	—	—	(b) 1
Holdall	—	1	—	—
Hosetops, drab	1	—	(d) 1	—
Housewife	1	—	—	—
Jersey, pullover	—	—	—	(b) 1
Knife, clasp	—	—	—	1
Knife, table	—	1	—	—
Laces, leather (spare)	1	—	—	—
Lanyard	—	—	—	1
Shirts, angola, drab	1	—	—	1

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APPENDIX B—continued

Packing Distribution of Clothing, etc., of Other Ranks when Proceeding Overseas—
continued

Article	Packed in			Worn
	Bag, sea kit or universal	Haver-sack	Pack	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>B. Necessaries—continued</i>				
Shirts, bush (one with buttons ready for wear)	2	—	—	—
Socks, worsted pr.	1	—	(d) 1	1
Spoon	—	1	—	—
Tinies (see A.C.I. 905 of 1943)	—	—	—	—
Towels, hand	1	1	—	—
Vests, tropical	2	—	—	—
Vests, woollen (winter only)	1	—	—	b) 1
<i>C. Cleaning and Toilet Articles</i>				
Brush, hair	—	1	—	—
Brush, shaving	—	1	—	—
Brush, shoe	—	1	—	—
Brush, tooth	—	1	—	—
Comb, hair	—	1	—	—
Razor, safety	—	1	—	—
Soap, piece	—	1	—	—
<i>D. Equipment</i>				
Bottles, water	—	1	—	—
Blankets	—	—	1	—
Equipment, web set	—	—	(c)	(c)
Helmet, steel	—	—	1	1
Sheet, ground	—	1	—	—
Tins, mess	—	1	—	—

Notes:—

- (a) The cap, F.S., will be placed in the greatcoat pocket, the greatcoat rolled and carried on board by the individual.
- (b) When not worn to be packed in the kitbag.
- (c) Carried on board complete; broken down on the troop deck. See para. 6 of this A.C.I.
- (d) To be placed inside the boots, ankle, in the pack.

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ARMY COUNCIL INSTRUCTIONS

13th October, 1943

Circulated down to Companies, Batteries and Equivalent Units

A.C.I.s. INCLUDED IN THE SUPPLEMENT TO THIS ISSUE (see A.C.I. 2460 of 1942)

1493. War Establishments.

1494. Courses.—Army School of Education (A.B.C.A.).

1495. Army Forms G 1098.—Provisional War Equipment Tables.

GENERAL STAFF

1496. War Equipment, etc.—Repainting by Units and Workshops at Home.

1. Paints authorized for the repainting of equipments and stores held by units under A.F. G 1098 and tentage are as detailed in the Appendix to this A.C.I. The letters "S.C.C." (meaning standard camouflage colour) refer to the colour and not to the type of paint to be used. The type of paint varies according to the surface to which it should be applied.

2. This A.C.I. applies to *all* vehicles at home with the exception of motor-cars allotted for duty with members of the Army Council, G.O.S.C.-in-C., home commands, or other vehicles specified by the War Office or G.O.S.C.-in-C., and is the authority for repainting as laid down in Military Training Pamphlet No. 46, Part 4A, and Camouflage Chart No. 15.

3. The unit responsible for the maintenance of a vehicle will, in general, be responsible for ensuring that it is correctly painted and camouflaged and also for carrying out repainting as and when necessary. Vehicles on charge to the Home Guard will, however, be repainted only when they are evacuated to workshops for other repairs.

4. In certain instances units in the United Kingdom may be issued with vehicles camouflaged for desert use. These will be repainted in accordance with this A.C.I. by the units concerned.

5. The camouflage painting on all vehicles entering R.E.M.E. and R.A.S.C. workshops and Ministry of Supply Army auxiliary workshops will be inspected and, if necessary, the vehicles will be repainted as laid down in para. 2 above.

6. Camouflage Chart No. 15, which gives a coloured example of a vehicle painted on the principles laid down in Military Training Pamphlet No. 46, Part 4A, will shortly be issued to all units on Scale "B" (see Distribution of General Staff Publications (May), 1943, para. 6), through normal channels without indent. **2154** required by workshops may be obtained on application to the Chief Ordnance Officer, Chilwell.

7. Attention is drawn to A.C.I.s. 744 of 1941 and 267 of 1942, regarding anti-gas paint and the marking of vehicles.

8. A.C.I.s. 105 of 1941 and 1160 of 1942 are hereby cancelled.

57/General/1877 (S.W.V. 8).

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Serial	(a)	(b)		(c)		(d)
	Equipment or Store	Basic Paint		Dark Patterning		Remarks
		(i) Wood and Metal Surfaces	(ii) Canvas Surfaces and Hoods	(i) Wood and Metal Surfaces	(ii) Canvas Surfaces and Hoods	
1	"A" and "B" Vehicles	Cat. No. HA 5715 Paint p.f.u. brown S.C.C. No. 2 special spraying (C.S. 1733)	Cat. No. HA 6194 Paint bitu- minous emulsion S.C.C. No. 2 (T.S. 143)	Cat. No. HA 5714 Paint p.f.u. spraying S.C.C. No. 14 (C.S. 1818) or Cat. No. HA 0229 S.C.C. 1A (C.S. 1497) until stocks are exhausted	Cat. No. HA 6184 Paint bitu- minous emulsion S.C.C. No. 14 (T.S. 143) Cat. No. HA 6188 Paint bitu- minous emulsion S.C.C. 1A (T.S. 143)	Dark patterning will be carried out according to Military Training Pamphlet No. 46, Part 4A and Camouflage Chart No. 15. When S.C.C. 1A is used on wood and metal surfaces, S.C.C. 1A will be used on canvas surfaces and hoods.
2	Artillery and Search- light Equipment	Cat. No. HA 5715 Paint p.f.u. brown S.C.C. No. 2 special spraying (C.S. 1733)	Cat. No. HA 6194 Paint bitu- minous emulsion S.C.C. No. 2 (T.S. 143)	Nil	Nil	Super heavy equipment of 9.2-in. calibre or greater, and Coast Artillery equipments, may be pattern painted in accordance with the directions contained in Military Training Pam- phlet No. 46, Appendix IV, on the advice of a Staff officer (Camou- flage).

3	General Stores requiring repainting	Cat. No. HA 5715 Paint p.f.u. brown S.C.C. No. 2 special spraying (C.S. 1733)	Cat. No. HA 6194 Paint bitu- minous emulsion S.C.C. No. 2 (T.S. 143)	Nil	Nil	
4	Steel Helmets	Cat. No. HA 5681 Paint dark brown textured matt finish (C.S. 1736)	—	Nil	—	
5	Tentage	—	Cat. No. HA 6104 Paint bitu- minous emulsion S.C.C. No. 2 (T.S. 143) or Cat. No. HA 6179 Paint bitu- minous emulsion S.C.C. No. 7	—	See remarks	Tents will be painted in one colour, either brown (S.C.C. No. 2) or green (S.C.C. No. 7). This will be carried out before erection. Dark patterning will not be carried out on Tents C.S., R.D. or 160-lb., but larger tents (marquees, store, hospital, stable, etc.), after siting may have patterning added as directed by a Staff officer (Camouflage).
6	Bridging Equipment (including Pontoon Equipment)	Special waterproof and anti-gas paints will be used as directed in the handbook on the maintenance of these equipments in S.C.C. No. 2	—	—	—	

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1497. Courses.—No. 7 Sandhurst Course, Staff College.

The following amendments will be made to A.C.I. 1205 of 1943, relating to the above-mentioned course.

Para. 1.

Line 2. *Delete " 18th November " and substitute " 25th November ".*Line 3. *Delete " 17th February " and substitute " 24th February ".*

43/S.C./5643 (M.T. 1 (c)).

1498. Addresses, Telegraphic.—Training Units, R.A.

The following amendments will be made to A.C.I. 2654 of 1942 as amended by A.C.I. 418 of 1943, regarding the telegraphic addresses of R.A. training units:—

Delete " Guntrain Whalley " (as promulgated by A.C.I. 418 of 1943), " Guntrain Aberystwyth " and " Guntrain Church Stretton " and detail in each case.

32/Telegraphs/769 (M.T. 9).

1499. Addresses, Telegraphic.—R.A. (Field) Practice Camps and War Office Anti-Tank Ranges, R.A.

Amends A.C.I. 1061 of 1943, see Amendments section.

32/Telegraphs/769 (M.T. 9).

1500. Administration.—Responsibility for War Office Controlled Units and Establishments other than Training Establishments.

The following amendments (No. 4) will be made to A.C.I. 318 of 1943, relating to the administration of the above-mentioned units and establishments:—

Appendix A.

Against Serial 6 (iv) Main Supply Depots *insert " * ".*

*Insert footnote " * Does not apply to No. 30 M.S.D., R.A.S.C., which remains wholly under the control of G.O.C., Northern Ireland."*

1/Establishments/777 (S.D. 1).

ADJUTANT-GENERAL.**1501. Travelling.—Travelling Facilities for Authorized Army Bands with an Approved Establishment.**

Amends A.C.I. 967 of 1941, see Amendments section.

103/General/7074 (A.G. 4 (c)).

1502. Casualties.—Information regarding Missing Personnel.

1. A service exists whereby voluntary workers known as Red Cross Searchers, operating under the control of the War Organisation of the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John of Jerusalem visit military patients in hospitals in the United Kingdom to collect evidence relating to missing personnel. Reports collected by this means are forwarded to the War Office to collate with evidence obtained from other sources, and are used for no other purpose. Hitherto this service has not been extended to enable these searchers to collect evidence from effective personnel serving with units. Arrangements exist in theatres of operations for such personnel to furnish any information they may have about missing comrades, through the usual channels to the G.H.Q. and Echelon of the force concerned.

2. Recent experience shows that a number of soldiers are reaching units, depots, etc., in the United Kingdom from overseas, who, for one reason or another, have

not had an opportunity of furnishing such information. In order that they may be able to do so, O. i/c establishments or units in the United Kingdom holding men recently returned from a theatre of war will ascertain whether they have been previously interrogated, and, if not, invite the nearest Red Cross Searcher to visit such men at a convenient time. Her address may be obtained from the nearest military hospital. A visit may be arranged at the discretion of the O.C. unit, when he considers it would be advantageous, especially—

- (a) when personnel in the unit proffer information which may not have been previously reported;
- (b) when a Red Cross Searcher applies to obtain information from individuals in the unit (whose names she has obtained independently) as likely to be able to furnish information.

3. All Red Cross Searchers carry an official card, signed by the Director of the Searchers' Section of the War Organisation of the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John of Jerusalem (Wounded, Missing and Relatives Department), and are authorized to carry, for the purposes of their work, confidential lists of missing personnel.

4. This A.C.I. does not in any way abrogate the provisions of A.C.I. 1045 of 1943 regarding the disclosure of information relating to escape or evasion by ex-prisoners of war or internees.

83/4616 (A.G. 1 (A)).

1502. Discharge.—Repatriation to Canada of Officers and Other Ranks of the British Army and Officers and Auxiliaries of the A.T.S.

1. The undermentioned procedure is laid down to meet the requirements of the Canadian Government in connexion with the right of, or eligibility for, admission to Canada of personnel serving in the British Army who wish to be repatriated to that country.

2. When an officer who is about to be reverted to unemployment or to relinquish his commission, or an other rank who is about to be discharged, claims that he is eligible for repatriation to Canada, he will be required by the O.C. unit, hospital, etc., to fill in a form of application for repatriation. A specimen is set out as an Appendix to this A.C.I. and the form will be prepared under unit arrangements.

3. The form of application, when completed and signed by the applicant, will be forwarded, in the case of officers, to the War Office, and in the case of other ranks, to the O. i/c records concerned. The service details will then be checked and the paragraph at the bottom of the form headed "For British authorities" filled in and signed as indicated.

4. The O. i/c records concerned will forward the completed forms of other ranks to the War Office (Q.(M) 1 (a)), who will, in all cases where entitlement to repatriation passage exists, despatch the forms of both officers and other ranks to the Commissioner of Emigration for Canada, Sackville House, 40, Piccadilly, W.1, for his consideration.

5. On receipt of a notification from the Commissioner to the effect that the officer or other rank concerned fulfils the conditions for admission or re-admission to Canada, the War Office will issue the necessary instructions.

6. The general provisions of this A.C.I. are applicable to members of the A.T.S.

13/General/417 (A.C. 1 (c)).

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APPLICATION TO BE REPATRIATED TO CANADA

For use by Officers and Other Ranks of the British Army and Officers and Auxiliaries of the A.T.S.

I hereby make application for repatriation to Canada.

Surname Christian names
 Rank Army Number (if any) Unit
 Present address
 Birthplace Date Country of Citizenship
 Place and date of enlistment
 Permanent address at time of enlistment

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If in receipt of British pension, state amount..... If for disability, give particulars

If not born in Canada, give following particulars of residence there:—Date of entry..... Port of Entry Name of Vessel.....

Last date of departure from Canada..... Port of departure.....

Did you live in Canada continuously between above dates?..... If not, state between what dates you were away from there

Reasons for leaving

Where did you intend to make your permanent home?.....

Have you any property, furniture or bank account in Canada?

If so, give particulars, with addresses

If you are returning to assured employment, state in what capacity and give name and address of employer

State the name, relationship and address of the person to whom you would proceed

What amount of funds do you expect to take with you?.....

Give particulars of your passport; i.e., Number..... Place of Issue.....

Date of Issue..... Valid until

Particulars of dependants, if any, whom you wish to accompany you:—

Name	Place of birth	Date of birth	Relationship to applicant	If ever in Canada, state:	
				Date arrival	Date departure

Are all your children included above?..... If not, give particulars.....

Present address of wife
(husband)

Date and place of marriage

N.B.—Marriage certificate and birth certificates of children, if any, will be attached to this form. They will be returned after perusal.

Signature of applicant

Date

For British Authorities

I hereby certify that the particulars given above by applicant with regard to his service in the British Army are correct.

Particulars of disability and pension, if any, verified

Reasons for discharge

Signature of Director of Organization or of O. I/c records

Date

1504. Enlistment.—Recording of the Age of Soldiers found to be under the age declared on Enlistment.

1. The following entry will be made at the top of the front page of the attestation or record of service paper of all soldiers, other than those enlisted as boys, who, on production of a birth certificate, are found to be under the age stated on their attestation or record of service paper:—

Actual age claimed on (date).
Birth certificate shows date of birth

A similar entry will be made in red ink on the soldier's A.F. B 103, and at the top of page 2 in his A.B. 64 Part 1.

This entry will be initialled in each case by an officer.

2. It must be clearly understood that the age recorded on enlistment will not be amended, and that this age will be regarded as the soldier's age for all army purposes other than drafting overseas, and eligibility for admission to the married establishment and/or issue of family allowance under peace time regulations.

3. A.C.I. 141 of 1940 is hereby cancelled.

112/Signals/2317 (A.G. 1 (c)).

1505. Administration.—A.T.S. Officers held on the Posted Strength of Mixed War Establishments and on Military War Establishments.

1. The following instructions are issued in order to clarify the procedure relating to the administration, including documentation, of A.T.S. officers held on the posted strength of Mixed War Establishments which do not include an A.T.S. officer of the rank of senior commander or above, and of Military War Establishments except headquarters of commands, London District, Northern Ireland and A.A. groups:—

(a) In future, such officers will be attached for documentation, discipline and well-being to a local A.T.S. unit. It will be understood that in these circumstances the documentation to be carried out by the local A.T.S. unit consists of the maintenance of duplicate A.F. B 199a and custody of counterfoil A.F. B 2006, and does not include the publication of Part II Orders (Officers), Sections A and B of which will be published by the unit on whose posted strength the officers are held. A copy of such Part II Orders (Officers) will be forwarded to the local A.T.S. unit concerned.

(b) Particulars of the officers will, in every case, be recorded in Part C of A.F. B 158 (War) or Part IX of A.F. B 158a (whichever is applicable) published by the local A.T.S. unit to which the officers are attached.

(c) A.F. B 178 will be held by the unit with which the officer is actually serving.

(d) A.C.I. 924 of 1943, para. 3, in so far as it differs from sub-para. (a) above, will be regarded as modified accordingly.

(e) A.Ds.A.T.S. at headquarters of districts, will be attached to the local A.T.S. unit for documentation only and not for discipline.

2. Responsibility for documentation, discipline and well-being in respect of A.T.S. officers held on the posted strength of headquarters of commands, London District, Northern Ireland and A.A. groups will be vested in the D.D.A.T.S. or A.D.A.T.S. at the formation headquarters concerned instead of in a local A.T.S. unit.

112/A.T.S./207 (A.G. 16 (a)).

1506. Tradesmen.—Transfer of Other Ranks to R.E.M.E. as Operators, Tyre Repair Plant (Warrant Officer, Class II).

1. A limited number of vacancies exist in R.E.M.E. for the appointment of Operators, tyre repair plant, in the rank of warrant officer, class II. Applications from suitably qualified other ranks serving in the United Kingdom who are recommended for training and transfer to R.E.M.E. to fill these appointments will be made on a form similar to that shown in the Appendix to this A.C.I. The forms will be forwarded by C.Os. direct to the War Office (A.G. 21). Applications will not be submitted by mobilized units which have received preparatory orders for move to port of embarkation, unless the individuals concerned have already been posted to Home Details. Men who have been placed on draft for overseas are not eligible.

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Applications from mobilized units which receive preparatory orders for move to port, subsequent to the submission of applications, will be cancelled.

2. The type of candidate required is the warrant officer, N.C.O. or man who, in civilian life, was employed as a tyre examiner or tyre service or mileage expert with leading tyre manufacturing concerns.

He should—

- (a) be capable of speedy recognition of mechanical faults causing excessive or abnormal wear on vehicle tyres,
- (b) have a general knowledge of up-to-date methods of tyre maintenance and repair,
- (c) be capable of lecturing and demonstrating on the subject of tyre maintenance to service personnel of all ranks,
- (d) be of a suitable type to hold the rank of warrant officer.

Candidates may be considered who hold qualifications (c) and (d) and either of the qualifications (a) or (b).

3. Selected candidates will be interviewed under arrangements made by the War Office, and those considered suitable will be given a course of instruction. Successful candidates will be transferred to R.E.M.E. in their substantive or war substantive ranks and if they pass the appropriate trade test will be eligible for mustering in the Group C trade of Operator, tyre repair plant. The personnel concerned will then be posted to headquarters of commands or field formations at home or overseas to fill vacancies for warrant officers, class II, on the authorized establishments of the formations.

(A summary of this A.C.I. is No. 56 in the series "Notice Board Information".)

57/Maintenance/402 (A.G. 21).

APPENDIX

CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT AS OPERATOR, TYRE REPAIR PLANT, WARRANT OFFICER, CLASS II, R.E.M.E.

1. To be completed by Unit.

Army number	Rank: — W/Sub:
Name	Acting
Unit	Terms of enlistment
Is unit mobilized?	Joining date
Age	Medical category
Army trade(s) in which (a) mustered	
(b) classified	

How employed

If serving with R.E., R. Signals, or R.E.M.E., is candidate a potential mechanist staff-serjeant, foreman of signals, or armament artificer?

2. To be completed by Candidate.

Can you drive? If so, what type(s) of vehicle(s)?

Particular qualifications claimed in respect of requirement stated in A.C.I. 1506 of 1941, para. 2.	General particulars (with dates) of civilian experience.
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.....	

I am desirous of being considered for transfer to R.E.M.E. for employment as Operator, tyre repair plant (warrant officer, class II).

I am willing to revert to my war substantive rank on transfer to R.E.M.E.

Date Signature

3. To be completed by the O.C. Unit.

I certify that the above applicant ^{is} ~~is not~~ operationally vital to the efficiency of this unit.

Date Signature
O.C. unit.

War Office (A.G. 21),
Hobart House,
Grosvenor Place,
London, S.W. 1.

1507. Tradesmen and Tradeswomen.—Electricians (Control Equipment) and Electricians (Vehicle and Plant)—R.E.M.E.

1. The trades of Electrician (Control Equipment) and Electrician (Vehicle and Plant), introduced by Royal Warrant dated 26th July, 1943, notified in Army Order 112 of 1943 as Amendments (No. 94) to the Pay Warrant, 1940, will, for the present, apply only to R.E.M.E. other ranks. Trade tests for these trades are given in Amendments (No. 38) to Regulations Governing the Issue of Tradesmen's Rates of Pay, 1939, notified in Army Order 117 of 1943.

2. The following action will be taken to classify and muster, or re-muster, R.E.M.E. tradesmen concerned:—

(a) *Electricians (control equipment).*—R.E.M.E. other ranks are being specially trained in this trade. On successful completion of training they will be classified under authority of A.R. B 197 issued by the training establishment. Applications for mustering or re-mustering within the corps establishment of the trade will be submitted to the O. i/c R.E.M.E. Records.

(b) *Electricians (vehicle and plant).*—Subject to the certificate of their C.Os. that the soldiers concerned are competent to perform the full duties of their classification in the new trade, R.E.M.E. other ranks who are now mustered as electricians will be eligible for classification and re-mustering as electricians (vehicle and plant) in the same classification without undergoing a practical trade test.

The certificate will be published in Part II or III Orders in the following terms, the order being signed by the C.O., without prior reference for authority to the O. i/c R.E.M.E. Records.

"Tradesmen, reclassification and re-mustering."

Certified that the undermentioned R.E.M.E. other ranks, mustered as electricians in the classifications shown, are competent to perform the full duties of electricians (vehicle and plant) in the classifications indicated and are hereby reclassified and re-mustered in the latter trade with effect from the date of this order in accordance with A.C.I. 1507 of 1943."

Example.	Present Classification.	Reclassified and Re-mustered.
7054321 Cfu. Robinson, A.	Electrician III	Electrician (vehicle and plant) III

Where a C.O. is unable to assess the competence of a soldier for reclassification the matter will be referred—

- (a) *At home*—to the Command Trade Test Committee referred to in A.C.I. 2586 of 1942.
- (b) *Abroad*—to the headquarters concerned.

3. With effect from the date of this A.C.I. the following alteration ²¹⁵⁰ made in all War Establishments which include R.E.M.E. electricians:—

After "Electrician" insert "(vehicle and plant)".

War Establishments affected will be amended in due course.

Care will be taken to make it clear that A.T.S. tradeswomen are not affected by the amendment.

No alterations will be made to War Establishments so far as electricians (control equipment) are concerned until official amendments are published.

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1508. Baths for Troops where W.D. Facilities are not available.

1. In cases where other ranks (including A.T.S. auxiliaries and V.A.D. personnel) are accommodated in requisitioned buildings, small, isolated camps or other situations where W.D. bath facilities are not available within practicable distance, unit commanders will, according to local circumstances and having regard to the necessity for reducing travel to a minimum, make the best terms possible for the provision of baths by other means. These arrangements will also apply to personnel accommodated in billets where bath facilities are not available.

The cost of the baths will be paid in cash and charged against the unit imprest account.

2. The number of baths which may be charged to imprest accounts is limited to one a week for male other ranks and two a week for A.T.S. auxiliaries and V.A.D. members, except that in the case of A.T.S. auxiliaries and V.A.D. members employed in hospitals on duties which bring them into contact with infectious diseases, a bath a day may be authorized at the discretion of the O.C. the hospital.

3. No extra payment will be made to billetors in respect of A.T.S. auxiliaries and V.A.D. members who take two baths a week in billets, as the billetors' rate of remuneration for supplying hot water for baths (id. per day), notified in Army Order 74 of 1943, is considered sufficient for the provision of two baths a week. In the case of A.T.S. auxiliaries and V.A.D. personnel who take more than two baths a week in billets, C.Os. may authorize proportional additional payments to billetors in respect of any baths taken in excess of two a week.

4. Where the distance from the soldier's accommodation to the baths is in excess of two miles (1½ miles in the case of A.T.S. and V.A.D. personnel), conveyance may be arranged by suitable public service facilities. Warrants, railway or omnibus (under the conditions of A.C.I. 1993 of 1942), will be issued for such journeys. If suitable public service facilities are not available, W.D. or hired transport may be employed provided that the distance does not exceed 20 miles.

5. The arrangement of and payment for baths for United States troops is under consideration and further instructions on this question will be issued to all concerned in due course.

6. War Office letters 118/General/3107 (Q.M.G. 1 (c)), dated 8th September, 1939 and 18th December, 1939 are hereby cancelled.

118/General/5029 (Q. 1 (b)).

1509. Address.—Postal—Troops in Ceylon.

1. The postal address for private correspondence and parcels for troops serving in Ceylon will be as follows:—Army number, rank, name, squadron, battery, company or other sections of the unit, unit or corps, followed by the words "Ceylon Command".

Example:—6334722 Sjt. J. E. Blank,

B Company,

2nd Royal Wessex Regt.,

Ceylon Command.

2. A.C.I. 1493 of 1942 is hereby cancelled.

32/Postal/2055 (Q. 2 (a)).

1510. Travelling.—War Department Railway Warrants and Baggage Consignment Notes for Use at Home.

Amends A.C.I. 478 of 1943, see Amendments section.

26/Stationery/6562 (Q(M) 1 (a)).

1511. Rations and Rationing.—Misuse of Service Leave or Duty Food Ration Cards.

1. Instances have occurred where personnel on leave, in possession of service leave or duty food ration cards which they have had no occasion to use themselves, have subsequently given the cards to other persons.

2. This practice is irregular. All ranks are reminded that service leave or duty food ration cards are not transferable and that it is an offence under the Food Rationing Orders, 1943, for a person to use or retain any rationing document other than that issued to him or her.

3. In the event of a ration card not being used by the individual named thereon, during the period stated on the card, it will be returned by the recipient to the issuing officer for cancellation.

(A summary of this A.C.I. is No. 57 in the series "Notice Board Information".)

53/General/6481 (S.T. 6).

1512. Accounting, Fuel—Home Stations.

1. In order to simplify fuel accounting by units a revised pattern A.F. F 727 (B) (War) designed as a folder for preparation in triplicate will be introduced at home stations with effect from 30th October, 1943. Fuel accounting units will indent for an initial supply of the forms forthwith and will procure subsequent supplies in the normal way. Stocks of existing forms in possession of units will be sent for salvage.

2. Fuel accounts will be rendered for periods of four or five weeks, corresponding to the ration periods. Accounts will be kept in triplicate, two copies being sent to the O. i/c barracks who will retain one copy and transmit the other to the command secretary as a voucher to A.F. F 779. The third copy will be retained by the unit for the purposes of para. 4 below. As these accounts will also form the basis of stock statistics, it is essential that they reach the O. i/c barracks not later than the Monday morning following the end of the ration period.

3. The revised form will be a simple statement of receipts, issues and stock, and will differ from the existing form in the following main aspects:—

- (a) There will be no "paper" entitlement, or calculation of debits chargeable against such entitlements.
- (b) Detailed accounting in respect of married quarters will be removed from the form.

4. The abolition of a "paper" entitlement will mean that there will be no credits or debits and hence no transfer of balances; the account will be closed when a unit moves from one barrack charge to another or overseas. Applications for remission of overdrawals will not be necessary. This, however, does not mean that vigilance to avoid waste shall be relaxed, on the contrary, the simplified account is designed to show quickly at the end of the month the daily average strength and the actual consumption of each type of fuel, and C.Os. are required to make an immediate comparison with previous consumption for a comparable period and to investigate and report, on the form, the reasons for any increase.

5. The approximate tonnages of solid fuel required for varying strengths will appear as "target" figures on the revised fuel account. They are intended only as a guide. The C.O. of a unit will be responsible on the one hand that such issues of fuel as are necessary to satisfy reasonable requirements are made, and on the other hand that consumption of all types of fuel, including gas, electricity and oil is watched carefully, so that waste may be detected, and immediate steps taken to check it.

6. Comparative fuel values of solid fuel, gas, electricity, and oil are shown on the revised account, for ready reference, because the "target" figures referred to in para. 5 are inclusive of all types of fuel, expressed in terms of coal. Os. i/c barracks will bring to the notice of higher authority any case in which it appears that proper economy is not being exercised in the use of fuel of any type.

7. Where special scales have been fixed by War Office authority in certain cases, or by G.Os.C. for hospitals, reception stations, and workshops, the approved scales will continue to be operated and accounted for on A.F. F 771 as "Special Services". Where these special scales provide for heating of living accommodation, cooking, baths, etc., the personnel so provided for will be excluded from calculation of strengths on A.F. F 727 (B) (War). Suitable adjustment will be made, in the event of the special scales providing for part only of the normal fuel services.

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8. In the case of offices or other establishments whose fuel requirements for heating are normally accounted for in a separate fuel account, existing arrangements will continue, the fuel being accounted for as a special scale. This scale will be arrived at on the basis of the cubic capacity of accessories as laid down in Allowance Regulations, 1938, para. 158 (f).

9. The powers conferred on G.Os.C. in respect of fixing special scales for hospitals and reception stations under Allowance Regulations 1938, paras. 157 and 158, Note 6, and for certain workshops referred to in para. 7 above, may at the discretion of G.Os.C. be delegated to divisional and district commanders.

10. *War Department Constabulary*.—In the case of constables enlisted on war time engagements under the conditions of War Office letter 79/H.D./1028 (C. 5) dated 18th March, 1940, fuel may be issued at the public expense for:—

(a) Single constables accommodated in public quarters.

(b) Married constables accommodated in public quarters in respect of whom the charge of 2s. 6d. a week for rent, etc., is waived in accordance with the provisions of War Office letter 79/H.D./1028 (C.5) dated 8th June, 1940.

Issues of fuel will be made as for troops under the general instructions in para. 5 above.

11. *Army Fire Brigades*.—For military personnel issues will be made as for troops. Civilian firemen will be entitled to receive 33 lb. of coal a head in winter and 10 lb. in summer.

12. *British Red Cross Society and British Volunteer Ambulance Corps*.—Where employed with the Army and the regulated charge is made for accommodation, fuel will be issued as for troops under para. 5 above.

13. *Prisoners of War and Civilian Internes Comps.*—The premises must be free from damp and adequately heated and lighted. Fuel will be issued as for British troops, and the normal rules for lighting for British troops will apply.

14. Where steam is supplied to more than one fuel accounting unit from a boiler house, the total consumption of fuel by the boilers will be allocated suitably amongst the units under local R.E. arrangements.

15. Kerosene, candles, and other miscellaneous items will be accounted for on A.F. F 771. Where kerosene is used for heating or cooking the quantity so used will be shown in the cage on A.F. F 727 (B) (War). Pailasse straw will be vouchered by Os. 1/c barracks to units who will give a receipt for the quantity issued. Units will not bring the straw on charge, or account for it to the O. 1/c barracks.

16. Issues of fuel for troops under canvas will be made under the same general instructions as issues for troops in barracks.

17. To save fuel distribution costs, and to reduce the number of individual fuel accounts, units and detachments such as dental centres, traffic control offices, and railway transport offices and similar small units of a static or semi-static nature, will be attached to a convenient "parent" unit for issues of fuel. Os. 1/c barracks will reduce the number of direct issues accordingly.

18. *Married Quarters*.—Where occupants are entitled to personal scales under Allowance Regulations, 1938, para. 157, entitlement and issues of fuel will be entered in simple form on a record to be kept by units affected. The issues made during each fuel accounting period will be included in the "Total Issues" on A.F. F 727 (B) (War). The record of entitlement and issues will be open for inspection by inspecting officers and the command secretary. No issues above the regulated scales are permissible for married quarters occupied as such; therefore there can be no remission of overdrawals.

19. *Repayment Consumers*.—Any issues to N.A.A.F.I., etc., which are made by units will be supported by proper vouchers and shown under "Total issues to other units, etc." and not under "Expended".

20. This A.C.I. does not authorize any free issues of fuel for services not hitherto entitled to free issues of fuel (e.g., the accessories detailed in Allowance Regulations, 1938, paras. 157 and 158, Note 5).

21. Existing methods of calculation of entitlement and accounting will continue to be used at stations abroad where a field service ration is not in issue.

22. A.C.I. 569 of 1942 is hereby cancelled.

53 (General/6545 (S.T. 7)).

1513. Signal Equipment Cards.

1. In continuation of A.C.I. 629 of 1943, signal equipment cards are now available for the following equipments:—

Card ref.

No.	
262	Wireless stations, No. 19 (for use by Combined Operations).
300	Training sets, W.T., No. 2.
305	Wavemeters, Class C, No. 1.
312	Wireless station, No. 12 (for Army Air Support Control).
458	Charging sets, 300-watts, Mark I (for Animal pack).
632	Wireless stations, Lorry 4 x 4, 3-ton, Command (H.P.) (L. 3-ton, C/12HP/19).
633	Wireless station, L.W.V., "G" (H.S. 1, in Trucks, 3-ton, Thomeycroft, 6-wheeled, Wireless, Body, No. 7, Mark I).
638	Wireless stations, Admiralty, 5G (Modified) (with Reception set, R.109A) (Parachute Station).
639	Wavemeters, Class D, No. 2.
660	Wireless stations, No. 19 (for use as Training Sets).

2. Demands will be submitted in accordance with A.C.I. 1622 of 1942. Special attention is drawn to para. 3 of that A.C.I. as demands for these cards received by the Commandant, C.O.D., Donnington, are sometimes far in excess of the number of equipments issued.

57/Signals/2490 (W.S. 7 (c)).

1514. Identification and Part Lists.—Provisional Parts Lists.

1. In continuation of A.C.I. 1239 of 1943, the following provisional parts lists have been published and will shortly be issued without demand:—

Boxes, Junction, Main, No. 6, A.A. Marks I and I*.
Boxes, Junction, Main, No. 6, A.A. Marks II and II*.
Boxes, Junction, Main, No. 6, A.A. Mark III.
Control, R. 37.
Predictors, A.A. No. 3, Mark II.
Receivers, Bearing, No. 2, Mark II*.
Receivers, Elevation, No. 3, Mark IV.

2. The following provisional parts lists have been published and will be issued on demand to units holding the equipment. Demands will be submitted to the Commandant (Printing and Publications Branch), C.O.D., Donnington.

Comparators, Sound Ranging, Mark III.
Directors, No. 7, Marks III and III*.
Mountings, 6-pr, Mark III.
Receivers, Bearing, Nos. 3 and 3A, Mark I.
Receivers, Range, Nos. 3 and 3A, Mark I.
Switch, Change-over, 16-pole, No. 1, Mark I, and
Switch, Change-over, 16-pole, No. 2, Mark I.

26/Publications/5427 (W.S. 7) 2148

1515. "B" Vehicle.—Change of Designation.

The car, utility, hitherto designated in War Establishments as "Car, 4 str., 4 x 2, specially equipped for Telecommunications Servicing" is now re-designated "Car, 4 x 2, Heavy Utility, Type "T", and is for the purpose of servicing telecommunications equipment.

54/Signals/1127 (W.S. 10 (c)).

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1516. Supplies.—Hydraulic Brake Fluid.

1. It has been decided to discontinue the issue of Hydraulic Brake Fluid No. 2, part No. LV6/MT1/10517, which will be superseded in all cases by Hydraulic Brake Fluid No. 3, part No. LV6/MT1/10519.
2. Brake fluid No. 2 is being deleted from the V.A.O.S. and will no longer be demanded. Brake fluid No. 3 will be demanded in lieu.
3. Stocks of Hydraulic Brake Fluid No. 2 held by units will be utilized until exhausted.

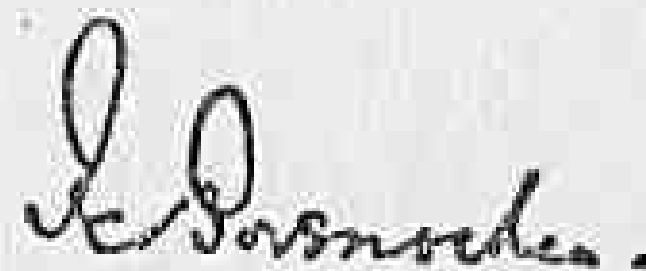
53/General/7045 (W.S. 6 (a)).

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**1517. R.A.S.C. (E.F.I.).—Use of A.B. 64 (Part II).**

1. Soldiers of the R.A.S.C. (E.F.I.) are not, normally, allowed to receive any direct cash payment from army funds; the consolidated rates provided in Army Order 220 of 1942 are paid from institute funds by N.A.A.F.I., acting as agents of the Army Council.
2. (a) In certain circumstances when it is not possible for funds to be obtained from N.A.A.F.I. sources, e.g., when returning from overseas, when patients in military hospitals, payment may be made by paymasters or imprest holders.
(b) In future R.A.S.C. (E.F.I.) personnel returning from overseas on expiry of overseas service or on medical grounds and those admitted to hospitals overseas will be furnished with an amended A.B. 64 (Part II). The revised print, amended as follows, will be used:—
 - (i) The instructions on the front cover, pages 1 to 3. Note 1 on page 4, page 6, the notes at the head of page 7 and page 15 will be ruled through and over-written or stamped "Not Applicable".
 - (ii) A special page signed by the soldier's C.O. showing maximum weekly payment, rate of ration allowance when necessary and date from which the book operates and instructions regarding disposal will be pasted over page 5.
3. The issue of an A.B. 64 (Part II) will be recorded in A.B. 64 (Part I) which should be in the possession of each individual. A cash payment will not be made unless the applicant produces A.B. 64 (Part II) containing on page 5 the C.O.'s authority for payment.
4. Separate acquittance rolls headed R.A.S.C. (Expeditionary Force Institutes) will be prepared and a separate entry of such payments will be made in the imprest, e.g., R.A.S.C. (Expeditionary Force Institute) (Amount).
5. Paymasters at home will forward acquittance rolls with a request for reimbursement to Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes, Ruxley Towers, Claygate, Esher, Surrey.
6. Paymasters overseas will effect recovery of cash payments from the local C.O., R.A.S.C. (E.F.I.) or, if there is no civil official from whom recovery can be effected will forward the rolls with a separate "Paymasters Advance" (A.F. O 1692) to the O. i/c Central Clearing House, Ilfracombe, who will effect adjustment with N.A.A.F.I. at the address stated above.

39/General/23 (F. 9 (b)).

By Command of the Army Council.



THE WAR OFFICE,
13th October, 1943.

AMENDMENTS

GENERAL STAFF

1499. Addresses, Telegraphic.—R.A. (Field) Practice Camps and War Office Anti-Tank Ranges, R.A.

The following amendment will be made to A.C.I. 1061 of 1943, regarding the telegraphic addresses of R.A. (Field) Practice Camps and War Office Anti-Tank Ranges, R.A.

Add:—

ANTITANK CHURCH KNOWLE—Anti-Tank Range Detachment, R.A.,
Kimmeridge,
Near Wareham,
Dorset.

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1501. Travelling.—Travelling Facilities for Authorized Army Bands with an Approved Establishment.

The following amendments will be made to A.C.I. 967 of 1943, which gives instructions for the zoning and travelling of military bands with an approved establishment:—

(a) Para. 4 (c). Delete from " (In " in line 6 to end of sentence and substitute:—

(In the case of R.E., R. Signals, R.A.S.C., R.A.M.C. and R.A.O.C. bands, one of the long return journeys may be extended to 250 miles each way and one of the long return journeys may be extended to 600 miles each way.)

(b) Delete para. 5 (a) and substitute:—

(a) Each unit (lieutenant-colonel's command) may be visited by the band of its own regiment once a year under para. 2 (b) above, provided that the unit is located within 600 miles of the permanent station of the band.

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1510. Travelling.—War Department Railway Warrants and Baggage Consignment Notes for Use at Home.

The following amendment will be made to A.C.I. 478 of 1943 which deals with the use of W.D. railway warrants and baggage consignment notes:—

Para. 3. Line 7. After "train" insert:—

A.B. 422B will be used for the conveyance by rail of ammunition loaded in W.D. vehicles which accompany units, provided that such ammunition forms part of the normal equipment of the vehicles. Any other ammunition, explosives or dangerous goods, which are to be conveyed as part of unit equipment by either personnel or baggage trains, will be consigned on A.F. G 906 (War) (Consignment Note and Invoice for explosives and dangerous goods): on no account will A.B. 422B be used for such conveyance.

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ARMY COUNCIL INSTRUCTIONS**16th October, 1943****Circulated down to Companies, Batteries and Equivalent Units****MILITARY SECRETARY****1518. Handbooks, etc.—Conditions Governing the Commissioning and Promotion of Army Officers in War Time.**

1. A revised edition of the above-mentioned pamphlet has been approved, and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned.
2. This pamphlet supersedes that notified in A.C.I. 574 of 1939 and amendments thereto.
3. A.C.I.s. 574 and 818 of 1939 (omitted from the pamphlet containing a reprint of extant A.C.I.s. notified in A.C.I. 1387 of 1942), 380, 423 and 1058 of 1940 are hereby cancelled.

100/General/8871 (M.S. 2).

GENERAL STAFF**1519. Manuals, Training.—Cancellation of.**

In continuation of A.C.I. 1370 of 1943, the following training publications are hereby cancelled:—

- Military Training Pamphlet, No. 23, Operations, Part IV.—Protection, 1939—
26/G.S. Publications/184.
- Field Engineering Pamphlet, No. 10.—The Passage of Artificial Obstacles, 1941—
26/G.S. Publications/578.

26/Manuals/2289 (M.T. 1).

1520. Handbooks, etc.—Pocket Book of the German Army, 1943.

1. The above-mentioned pamphlet has been approved and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned without demand.
2. Consequent on the publication of the above-mentioned pamphlet, Notes on the German Army—War—1940, and New Notes on the German Army, Nos. 2 and 3, will be withdrawn from all holders below divisional headquarters.
3. Copies in possession of formations (below divisional headquarters) and units, etc., will be returned to the Army Forms Depot, Kimber Road, London, S.W.18.
4. Headquarters retaining the publications referred to in para. 2 above for reference will treat the pocket book as superseding the instructions contained therein where they are at variance.
5. New Notes on the German Army No. 1.—Armoured and Motorized Divisions, 1942, is hereby cancelled.

26/G.S. Publications/1025 (M.T. 1).

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1521. New Publications Approved.

The undermentioned publications have been approved, and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned without demand:—

1. Military Training Pamphlet.—
No. 35.—Royal Armoured Corps Weapons, Part 5.—20-mm. Oerlikon Machine Gun, 1943.—26/G.S. Publications/1035 (M.T. 1).
2. Royal Engineers Training Memorandum No. 6, 1943.
—26/G.S. Publications/1021 (M.T. 1).
3. Royal Army Service Corps Training Pamphlet No. 18, Part II.—Measures to be taken for the preservation of supplies, 1943.—26/G.S. Publications/970 (M.T. 1).
4. Notes from Theatres of War.—
No. 15.—South-West Pacific, January-March, 1943.
—26/G.S. Publications/1029 (M.T. 1).
No. 16.—North Africa, November, 1942-May, 1943.
—26/G.S. Publications/1047 (M.T. 1).
5. Current Reports from Overseas.—
No. 16.—26/G.S. Publications/1058 (M.T. 1).
No. 17.—26/G.S. Publications/1063 (M.T. 1).
No. 18.—26/G.S. Publications/1060 (M.T. 1).
6. Anti-Aircraft Training Instruction, Serial VIII.—“Z” A.A. Artillery, 1943.
—43/A.A./1047 (M.T. 1).
7. Projector Drill for Projector Rocket 3-inch No. 4, Mark I, on Platform Travelling 3-inch Rocket Projector No. 2, Marks I, Ia, Ib, Ic, 1943 (Provisional).
—26/G.S. Publications/922 (M.T. 1).
8. Combined Operations Pamphlet No. 39b.—R.A.M.C., 1943.
—26/G.S. Publications/1020 (M.T. 1).
9. The Army Cadet Force Drill, 1943.—26/G.S. Publications/1046 (M.T. 1).
10. The Interpretation of Air Photographs, 1943.
—26/G.S. Publications/767 (M.T. 1).
11. Notes for Instructors on the Principles of Instruction, 1943.
The pamphlet notified in Army Order 118 of 1939 is hereby cancelled.
—26/G.S. Publications/990 (M.T. 1).
12. Artillery Training, Volume I, General Tactical Employment, Pamphlet No. 11, Air Defence, 1943.—26/G.S. Publications/1014 (M.T. 1).
13. Gun Drill for Q.F. 3.7-in. Marks I, II and III Gun on Mounting, 3.7-inch A.A., Marks I, Ia and III (Land Service), 1941.—Reprinted with Amendments (No. 1), 1943.
No general issue of this reprint will be made.
—26/G.S. Publications/1022 (M.T. 1).
14. Army Training Memorandum No. 46, 1943.
—26/G.S. Publications/1042 (M.T. 1).

1522. Regulations, etc., Amended.

The amendments to the publications detailed below have been approved, and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned without demand:—

1. Gun Drill for Q.F. 25-pr., Mark II Gun on Carriage 25-pr., Mark I, 1941 (No. 5).
—26/G.S. Publications/552 (M.T. 1).
2. Gun Drill for Q.F. 17-pr., Mark I Gun on Carriage 17-pr., Mark I, 1943 (No. 1).
—26/G.S. Publications/947 (M.T. 1).

3. Anti-Aircraft Searchlight Drills, 1940, Supplement No. 2 (Provisional), 1940 (No. 1).—26/G.S. Publications/700 (M.T. 1).

4. Airborne Operations Pamphlet No. 1, 1943 (Provisional) (No. 1).

—26/G.S. Publications/919 (M.T. 1).

5. The Transmission of Official Messages over the Civil Telegraph System at Home, both to Formations and Units of the Field Force and to Static Formations or Establishments (No. 1).—32/Telegraphs/591 (Signals 7 (a)).

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1523. Barrack Synopsis (War).

In continuation of A.C.I. 1067 of 1943, Chapter IV of the above-mentioned publication relating to "Tented Camps" has been approved, and copies will shortly be issued to approved scales.

118/General/4978 E(Stats.).

1524. Rations and Ration Allowance.—Special Rate for Other Ranks (and A.T.S. Auxiliaries)—Home Stations.

Amends A.C.I. 1289 of 1943, *see* Amendments section.

53/London/1362 (S.T. 6).

1525. Signal Equipment.—Wireless Set, No. 38 for Churchill Tanks.

1. Two new wireless stations, No. 38 are being introduced for use in Churchill tanks, one for Churchills I and II, and the other for Churchills III and IV. The designations are respectively:—

ZA 13280/5 Wireless Stations, No. 38, Churchill I.

ZA 13280/4 Wireless Stations, No. 38, Churchill III.

2. Issue will be made to holders of Churchill tanks without demand. Units which have not received sufficient wireless sets for all Churchill tanks on charge by 31st December, 1943, or which receive Churchill tanks not equipped with wireless sets, No. 38 after that date will report this fact to War Office (W.S. 13 (d)).

3. After installation in a tank, Wireless sets, No. 38, will become vehicle equipment: they will not be removed from the tank on transfer.

57/Signals/3195 (W.S. 13 (d)).

1526. Clothing.—Special Proficiency Badge—Entitlement.

1. Consequent on the re-classification of the rates of pay of warrant officers, N.C.Os. and other ranks of the Army introduced by the Royal Warrant dated 11th February, 1943 (Army Order 14 of 1943) it is necessary to revise the qualification which entitles personnel to wear the Special Proficiency badge, and it has been decided that the following personnel only are now entitled to this privilege:—

(a) Privates on post-1925 rates of pay who are classified Class 1A.

(b) N.C.Os. below the rank of serjeant who were awarded the badge before 30th January, 1943.

(c) Personnel not affected by the above-mentioned Army Order; i.e., Privates and N.C.Os. below the rank of serjeant and belonging to corps whose depots are not situated in the United Kingdom or the Isle of Man, for as long as they are in receipt of special proficiency pay.

2. Special Proficiency badges in the possession of personnel other than those detailed in para. 1 above will be withdrawn and returned to store and held for re-issue to entitled personnel as necessary.

3. War Clothing Regulations, 1943, will be amended in due course.

16/General/9095 (O.S. 7).

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1527. Stores.—Equipment for Officers' and Serjeants' Messes.

1. The issue of initial grants for officers' and serjeants' messes authorized in Army Orders 162 (as amended by 197 of 1942) and 168 of 1939, 17 of 1940 and 152 of 1941 (as amended by 13 and 53 of 1942), will cease on and after 1st November, 1943, and will be replaced by issues of equipment in kind.

2. *Issues in kind.*

(a) With effect from 1st November, 1943, newly formed messes will receive an initial free issue of equipment, which will become the property of the mess unless it is disbanded within two months of the date of formation, in which case the equipment will be returned to the R.A.O.C.

(b) Indents will be submitted to the local D.A.D.O.S., quoting this A.C.I., and the number of the War Establishment, and stating the category of the unit (*see para. 3 below*), and will be accompanied by a certificate by the O.C., stating that no initial grant under the aforesaid Army Orders, or previous issue in kind, in respect of such mess, has been received.

3. *Scales of issue.*

(a) *Static units.*—The scale is published as Appendix A to this A.C.I., and will in due course be added as an Appendix to War Accommodation Schedules, 1942. The equipment, being mess property, will *not* be held on barrack charge. This equipment is additional to that at present issued under War Accommodation Schedules, 1942, Nos. 16, 17 and 21 (86, 81 and 83 in the case of A.T.S.) which will continue to be held on barrack charge.

(b) *Non-static units.*—The scale for non-static units is at Appendix B to this A.C.I. The equipment will similarly *not* be held on barrack charge, but for convenience the scale will be included in A.F.s, G 1008-1009.

(c) A static unit on assuming a field force role, will be entitled to a free issue of equipment as at Appendix B, less the articles contained in Appendix A, subject to a certificate as in para. 2 (b) above, modified to meet the circumstances of the case.

4. *Replacements.*

(a) Maintenance of the equipment in Appendices A and B remains the responsibility of the mess, as heretofore.

(b) Replacements may be obtained from the R.A.O.C. on repayment. In view of the general shortage, indents will be confined to units' immediate needs.

(c) In the case of units at home, indents which include textiles subject to coupons will be accompanied by the certificate as in A.C.I. 2552 of 1942. In no circumstances will such articles be purchased in the civilian market.

(d) Indents from units under orders to mobilize will quote the War Office (A.G. 5) instruction and will be enclosed MOBILIZATION in red.

5. *Increases in strength.*—If the dining strength of the mess is increased by more than 20 per cent. (officers) or 10 per cent. (serjeants) whether by increase in approved War Establishment or by temporary attachments for a continuous period of not less than three months, an additional free issue within the scales of Appendices A or B may be authorized at the discretion of the G.O.C., who will be satisfied that no previous issue in kind or grant under Army Order 17 of 1940 has been received in respect of such increase.

6. *Division of messes.*—A mess which divides to form two or more separate messes will not be entitled to further free issues unless there is also an increase in total strength, but if part of a unit is separated from the remainder under a separate War Establishment, equipment will be admissible for the new establishment under para. 2 above.

7. *Non-availability of ordnance stocks of mess equipment.*—In cases of special urgency, where ordnance stocks do not admit of initial issue of equipment in kind, a money allowance in lieu at the rates formerly payable under the authorities quoted in para. 1 above may be issued by the command paymaster. Application for such payment will be accompanied by the indents referred to in para. 2 supported by a certificate from the A.D.O.S. area, that issue from ordnance stocks cannot be made in time to meet the unit's requirements.

8. *Prisoners of war.*—Initial equipment for prisoners of war officers' messes will continue to be issued under War Accommodation Schedules, 1942, Nos. 16, 17 and 18, and held on barrack charge, replacements being on repayment from R.A.O.C. as heretofore.

9. A.C.Is. 1748 of 1941, 100 and 638 of 1942, are hereby cancelled.

10. The following War Office letters are also cancelled:—

57/General/9721 (M.G.O. 9 (b)), dated 15th September, 1939.

103/General/5886 (M.G.O. 9 (b)), dated 20th September, 1939.

B.M. 319 (Q.M.G.F. (b)), encl. 103/General/5768, dated 10th November, 1939.

57/Air/4798 (O.S. 9 (b) 1).

APPENDIX A

SCALES OF MESS EQUIPMENT TO BE ISSUED IN KIND TO OFFICERS' AND SERJEANTS' MESSSES OF STATIC UNITS ON FORMATION ONLY IN PLACE OF INITIAL GRANTS

Officers' Messes—Cullery and Linen

Static Units only

Cat. No.	Designation	No.	Remarks
<i>KD</i>	<i>Section KD</i>		
8441	Pots, mustard	1	Every 6 members.
8440	Pourers, salt	1	Every 6 members.
8650	Sprinklers, pepper... ..	1	Every 6 members.
<i>KF</i>	<i>Section KF</i>		
2446	Forks, carving, fibre handled	1	
2468	Forks, N.S., table, large	1	Each member plus 20 per cent.
2467	Forks, N.S., table, small	1	Each member.
3018	Knives, carving, fibre handled	1	
3040	Knives, table, C.S., table, small... ..	2	Each member plus 20 per cent.
3112	Ladies, N.S., soup... ..	1	Every 15 members.
4740	Spoons, N.S., dessert	1	Each member plus 5 per cent.
4742	Spoons, N.S., mustard	1	Every 6 members.
4746	Spoons, N.S., table, large	1	Each member plus 20 per cent.
4747	Spoons, N.S., tea or egg	1	Each member plus 50 per cent.
4818	Steels, butchers	1	
<i>KC</i>	<i>Section KC—Linen</i>		
1403	Cloths, glass	1	Every 2 members.
1405	Cloths, pudding	1	Every 2 members.
1407	Cloths, table	(a) 2	Each table plus 10 per cent.
1410	Cloths, tea	1	Every 2 members.
1897	Dusters	1	Every 2 members.

(a) To be issued only while stocks exist.

Serjeants' Mess Kitchens—Linen

Static Units only

<i>KC</i>	<i>Section KC</i>		
1403	Cloths, glass	1	Every 2 members.
1405	Cloths, pudding	1	Every 2 members.
1410	Cloths, tea	1	Every 2 members.
1897	Dusters	1	Every 2 members.

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Officers' Messes—Cutlery and Linen

Static Units only

Cat. No.	Designation	No.	Remarks
<i>KD</i>	<i>Section KD</i>		
8441	Pots, mustard	1	Every 6 members.
8449	Pourers, salt	1	Every 6 members.
8650	Sprinklers, pepper... ..	1	Every 6 members.
<i>KF</i>	<i>Section KF</i>		
2446	Forks, carving, fibre handled	1	
2468	Forks, N.S., table, large	1	Each member plus 20 per cent.
2467	Forks, N.S., table, small	1	Each member.
3018	Knives, carving, fibre handled	1	
3049	Knives, table, C.S., table, small... ..	2	Each member plus 20 per cent.
3112	Ladles, N.S., soup... ..	1	Every 15 members.
4749	Spoons, N.S., dessert	1	Each member plus 5 per cent.
4742	Spoons, N.S., mustard	1	Every 6 members.
4746	Spoons, N.S., table, large	1	Each member plus 20 per cent.
4747	Spoons, N.S., tea or egg	1	Each member plus 50 per cent.
4818	Steels, butchers	1	
<i>KC</i>	<i>Section KC—Linen</i>		
1403	Cloths, glass	1	Every 2 members.
1405	Cloths, pudding	1	Every 2 members.
1407	Cloths, table	(a) 2	Each table plus 10 per cent.
1410	Cloths, tea	1	Every 2 members.
1897	Dusters	1	Every 2 members.

(a) To be issued only while stocks exist.

Serjeants' Mess Kitchens—Linen

Static Units only

<i>KC</i>	<i>Section KC</i>		
1403	Cloths, glass	1	Every 2 members.
1405	Cloths, pudding	1	Every 2 members.
1410	Cloths, tea	1	Every 2 members.
1897	Dusters	1	Every 2 members.

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APPENDIX B

SCALES OF MESS EQUIPMENT TO BE ISSUED IN KIND TO OFFICERS' AND SERJEANTS' MESSSES OF NON-STATIC UNITS ON FORMATION ONLY IN PLACE OF INITIAL GRANTS

Cat. No.	Designation	Officers' Mess	Serjeants' Mess	Remarks
		No.	No.	
<i>KA</i>	<i>Section KA</i>			
0614/5	Boards, chopping ...	1	1	
0638	Boards, pastry ...	1	1	
3992	Pins, rolling ...	1	1	
<i>KC</i>	<i>Section KC</i>			
1403	Cloths, glass ...	1	1	Every 2 members.
1405	Cloths, pudding ...	1	1	Every 2 members.
1410	Cloths, tea... ..	1	1	Every 2 members.
1897	Dusters	1	1	Every 2 members.
<i>KD</i>	<i>Section KD</i>			
6596	Beakers, plastic ...	2	2	Each member plus 20 per cent.
8441	Pots, mustard ...	1	1	Every 6 officers and every 8 serjeants.
8440	Pourers, salt ...	1	1	Every 6 officers and every 8 serjeants.
8650	Sprinklers, pepper... ..	1	1	Every 6 officers and every 8 serjeants.
<i>KF</i>	<i>Section KF</i>			
0166	Basins, pudding, tin ...	1	1	Every 4 members.
0171	Basins, S.T. 6-in. (sugar)... ..	1	1	Every 8 members.
0951	Canisters, wide mouth, 2-lb. ...	1	1	Every 12 members.
0952	Canisters, wide mouth, 7-lb. ...	1	1	Every 12 members.
1441	Colanders, large ...	1	1	
1464	Corkscrews... ..	1	1	
6073	Dishes, meat, enamelled, 16-in....	1	1	Every 4 officers and every 6 serjeants.
7481	Dishes, pudding, enamelled, 15-in.	1	1	Every 10 members.
6074	Dishes, vegetable, enamel, 16-in., w/lid.	1	1	Every 5 members.
2446	Forks, carving, fibre handled ...	1	1	
2448	Forks, cooks ...	1	1	Every 15 members.
2468	Forks, N.S., table, large ...	1	—	Each member plus 20 per cent.
2467	Forks, N.S., table, small... ..	1	—	Each member plus 5 per cent.
7917	Jugs, enamelled, 1-qt. ...	1	1	Every 4 members.
6080	Jugs, enamelled, 1-pt. ...	1	1	Every 6 members.
7946	Kettles, tin, 3-pt....	1	1	
6090	Kettles, tin, 2-qt....	1	1	
3018	Knives, carving, fibre handled ...	1	1	
3040	Knives, table, C.S., small ...	2	—	Each member plus 20 per cent.
3863	Pans, frying, oval, medium ...	1	1	Every 8 members.
6280	Plates, dinner or soup, enamelled	3	2	Each member plus 10 per cent.

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Cat. No.	Designation	Officers' Mess	Serjeants' Mess	Remarks
		No.	No.	
	<i>Section KF—continued</i>			
0098	Pots, coffee, enamelled, 3-pt.	1	—	Every 6 members.
4114	Pots, tea, enamelled, 2-pt.	1	1	Every 4 members.
4371	Saucepans, iron, 1-qt.	1	1	
4373	Saucepans, iron, 3-qt.	1	1	
4666	Sieves, cooks, 16 mesh	1	1	
4680	Skewers, sets	1	—	Each member plus 5 per cent.
4740	Spoons, N.S., dessert	1	—	Each pot, mustard.
4742	Spoons, mustard	1	1	Each member plus 20 per cent.
4746	Spoons, N.S., table, large	1	1	Each member plus 30 per cent.
4747	Spoons, N.S., tea or egg	1	1	
4750	Spoons, S.T., 17-in.	1	1	
4818	Steels, butchers	1	1	
	<i>Section JI</i>			
2384	Tubs, washing or food	1	1	

1528. Repairs.—Notes on Welding Technique for the Use of Welders—Part II: The Repair of Armour Plate in the Field.

1. "Notes on Welding Technique for the Use of Welders" is being published in two parts in pocket-book form. Part I covers the general application of oxy-acetylene and electric arc welding, and will be published later. Part II covers "The Repair of Armour Plate in the Field".

2. An initial distribution of Part II will be made shortly to all concerned.

3. Additional copies, sufficient to complete a scale of issue of 1 for each welder, will be demanded by all R.E.M.E. units, on A.F. 1, 1324 in the normal manner.

57/Maintenance/1000 (M.E. 6).

1529. New Publications Approved.

The undermentioned publications have been approved, and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned without demand:—

1. Vocabulary of Army Ordnance Stores.—Preface.

(a) Copies will be issued to all concerned as soon as they become available.

(b) Special attention is directed to the new instructions for rates contained therein.

(c) A.C.I. 1449 of 1940 and the publication notified therein are hereby cancelled.

—57/Vocabulary/1348 (O.S. 11 (c)).

2. Vocabulary of Army Ordnance Stores, Section N.1, 1943, Artillery Equipments. (See A.C.I. 800 of 1943.)

(a) The prices shown in this revised edition are *basic cost prices* and are subject to the addition of 10 per cent. departmental expenses for the issue of any stores in this section on repayment or prepayment. They will supersede all prices previously published, or otherwise communicated, for the stores concerned and will take effect from 1st August, 1943.

(b) A.C.I. 1159 of 1940 and the publication notified therein are hereby cancelled.

—57/Vocabulary/1355 (W.S. 7 (c)).

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1530. N.A.A.F.I.—Assistance in obtaining Cash from Banks.

N.A.A.F.I. are experiencing difficulty in supplying change in Institutes consequent on the increased tendency of troops paid in Bank of England notes to change such notes at the Institutes. In order to meet demands it is necessary for N.A.A.F.I. personnel to obtain change from local banks once a week, usually on the soldiers' pay day, either by presenting a cheque on the bank or by changing notes normally paid in.

In view of the difficulties that have arisen, in outlying districts, in giving proper N.A.A.F.I. facilities unless sufficient change is available, it is desirable to give some assistance to N.A.A.F.I. in this matter in areas which are distant from the nearest bank. Paying officers when approached by a N.A.A.F.I. Manager/ess will accordingly do their utmost to see that any practical measures within their power are taken to help by arranging for Institute officials to share transport in order to procure an adequate supply of change. The conveyance of N.A.A.F.I. personnel in W.D. transport for this purpose will be subject to repayment charges, under the conditions laid down in Rules for the Control and Use of W.D. Road Transport (War), 1943, Appendix E.

16/General/9122 (F. 5).

1531. Regulations, etc., Amended.

The amendments to the publication detailed below have been approved, and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned without demand:—

Pay of Civilian Clerical and Typing Grades in the War Department (Outstations), 1943 (No. 1)—60/General/2860 (C. 4 (a)).

By Command of the Army Council.

L. Darnley.

THE WAR OFFICE,
16th October, 1943.

AMENDMENTS

QUARTER-MASTER-GENERAL

1524. Rations and Ration Allowance.—Special Rate for Other Ranks (and A.F.S. Auxiliaries)—Home Stations.

The following amendments will be made to A.C.1. 1289 of 1943 which deals with special rates of ration allowance for other ranks at home stations.

(a) Lines 3 and 7. After "auxiliaries" insert "(and members of other recognized women's organizations entitled to rations)".

(b) Para. 1. Add new sub-paragraph:—

The occasional taking of meals at normal residence is not a disqualification for the special rate and it is intended that, once fixed, the entitlement to the allowance shall remain stable throughout the month period and shall not be disturbed by minor variations affecting entitlement but shall continue for so long as the individual is required as a normal condition of his employment to take all his meals away from home, mess, lodgings or billet. On the other hand the special rate is not admissible for personnel who from time to time, but not as a normal everyday occurrence, are obliged by the nature of their duties to purchase all their meals in restaurants.

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ARMY COUNCIL INSTRUCTIONS

Supplement—17th November, 1943

Circulated down to the Headquarters of Regiments, Battalions and Independent Companies (see A.C.I. 2460 of 1942).

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1674. War Establishments.

1. Cancellations.

The following War Establishments have been cancelled:—

No.	Title
IV/1/4	Headquarters, Line of Communication Area.
IV/1A/1	Headquarters, Line of Communication District.
IV/1B/2	Increment to Headquarters Line of Communication Area.
IV/2/3	Headquarters, Line of Communication Sub-Area.
IV/3/5	Headquarters, Base Sub-Area.
V/825/1	Inspector of Independent Local Defence Companies. (Section A).
VI/543/1	R.H.A. or Field Regiment, R.A. Signal Section (interim reduced scale) Middle East.
VIII/377/1	
VIII/378/1	

2. New or revised War Establishments approved.

(a) Duplicated advance copies of the following War Establishments are being issued to formation headquarters. Printed copies will be issued in due course.

War Establishments approved		War Establishments superseded	
No.	Title	No.	Title
II/148/1	A Ground Defence Platoon for an Infantry Brigade Headquarters.		
III/61/3	Mobile Duplicating Section, Printing and Stationery Services.	III/61/2	Mobile Printing Section, Printing and Stationery Services.
III/272/1	Carrier-Borne Air Liaison Section, Type "L".		
IV/67A/2	Advanced Stationery Depot, Printing and Stationery Services.	IV/67A/1	Advanced Stationery Depot, Printing and Stationery Services.
IV/187/1	Headquarters, Lines of Communication.		
IV/188/1	Headquarters, Lines of Communication Area.		
IV/189/1	Headquarters, Lines of Communication Sub-Area (Type "A").		
IV/190/1	Headquarters, Lines of Communication Sub-Area (Type "B").		
IV/191/1	Lines of Communication Area and Sub-Area Service Increment.		
IV/194/1	Headquarters, Provost Company, C.M.P.		

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No.	Title
IV/195/1	Provost section, C.M.P.
V/7/9	G.H.Q. Home Forces (Section B).
V/141C/3	(Mobilization Control Centre) (Section E).
V/1048/1	War Office "Y" Group (Section K).
V/1049/1	R.A.O.C. Training Battalion (Drivers) (Section C).
V/1050/1	Carrier Pigeon Breeding and Training Company, R. Signals (Section "A").

No.	Title
V/7/8	G.H.Q. Home Forces (Section B).
V/141C/2	(Mobilization Control Centre) (Section E).
V/119/2	H.Q. Section (Carrier Pigeon) R. Signals (home) (Section "A").
V/982/1	A Carrier Pigeon Breeding Loft (fixed) R. Signals (Section A).

(b) Printed copies only of the following War Establishments will be issued in due course.

No.	Title
V/3/8	Headquarters, Northern Command (Section C).
V/424/3	Personnel Selection Staff (Section A).
V/850/2	Research and Training Centre W.O.S.B. (O.C.T.U.) (Section A).
VI/51/7	General Headquarters, Middle East.
VI/238/4	Pioneer Corps Depot, Middle East.
VI/295/1	Headquarters, Palestine Base and L. of C.
VI/433/1	Tank Delivery Troop, R.A.C. (Armoured Brigade or Army Tank Brigade), Middle East.
VI/767/1	Infantry Brigade Support Company, Middle East.
VI/834/1	Coast Defence Section, R.F., Malta.
VI/680/2	Ordnance Depot, Malta.
VI/955/2	Leave Camp, African Auxiliary Pioneer Corps, Middle East.
VI/1175/1	Regimental Pay Office (Local Accounts), Jerusalem.
VI/1176/1	Combined Record Office (Local Forces), Middle East.
VI/1177/1	(Transit Camp, Middle East).
VI/1178/1	(Transit Camp, Middle East).
VI/1179/1	Palestine Underground Cable Maintenance Section.
VI/1180/1	Fortress Signal Section, Syria.

No.	Title
V/3/7	Headquarters, Northern Command (Section C).
V/424/2	Personnel Selection Staff (Section A).
V/850/1	Research and Training Centre W.O.S.B. (O.C.T.U.) (Section A).
VI/51/6	General Headquarters, Middle East.
VI/238/3	Pioneer Corps Base Depot, Middle East.
VI/295/3	Headquarters, Palestine Base and L. of C.
VI/433/1	Tank Delivery Troop, R.A.C. (Armoured Brigade or Army Tank Brigade), Middle East.
VI/880/1	Depot and Workshops, R.A.O.C., Malta.
VI/955/1	Leave Camp, African Auxiliary Pioneer Corps, Middle East.
VI/49C/1	Record Offices, Egypt, for Local Enlistment.

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No.	Title
VI/1181/1	Visitors Mess Headquarters, Eighth Army.
VI/1182/1	Working Company (British), Middle East.
VI/1183/1	Anti-Aircraft Radio Detachment, Middle East.
VI/1184/1	A Rest and Leave Camp, Middle East (to accommodate 2,000 men).
VI/1185/1	An Officers' Mobile Shop, R.A.O.C., Middle East.
VI/1186/1	Training Pool, Syrian and Lebanese, Middle East.
VI/1187/1	A Ramped Cargo Lighter Operating Company, R.E., Middle East.
VI/1188/1	Advanced G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, Type "D", Middle East.
VI/1189/1	(Combined Operation Room (Army Component)).
VI/1194/1	Syrian and Lebanese Band, Middle East.
VI/1195/1	Submarine Cable Operating Pool (Army Component), Middle East.
VI/1196/1	Underground Cable Laying Section, Middle East.
VI/1197/1	Base Stationery Depot, Middle East.
VI/1198/1	An Inland Water Transport Motor Patrol Unit, Middle East.
VI/SDF/171A/2	Artillery Regiment Headquarters and Depot, Sudan Defence Force.
IX/404/1	Bahamas Volunteer Guard.
IX/405/1	Leewards Volunteer Guard.
XI/952/1	Training and Maintenance Depot, Ceylon Engineers.
XI/957/1	Central Accounts Branch, R.A.S.C., Ceylon.
XI/958/1	Supply Personnel Section, R.A.S.C., Ceylon.
XI/959/1	Supply and Transport Services, R.A.S.C., Ceylon.
XI/959A/1	Barrack Services, Ceylon.
XI/959B/1	Independent Sub-Section, Field Bakery, R.A.S.C., Ceylon.
XII/136/1	Anti-Tank Battery (Self-propelled), R.A., North Africa.
XII/955/1	Prisoner of War Labour Companies Pioneer Corps, North Africa.

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War Establishments superseded

No.	Title
VI/SDF/171A/1	Sudan Defence Force, Artillery Regiment.

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<i>War Establishments approved</i>	<i>Title</i>
<i>No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
XII/1086/1	Broadcasting Section, North Africa.
XII/1132/1	General Reinforcement Training Depot, North Africa.
I/AF/103/2	An Armoured Car Regiment, East Africa.
II/AF/160/2	East African Army Educational Corps.
II/AF/210/2	Pay Service, Seychelles.
II/AF/211/2	Pay Services, Madagascar.
II/AF/242/2	Pay Services, Mauritius.
II/AF/282/1	An East African General Hospital (200 European beds).
II/AF/284/1	A Microgram Collection and Distribution Unit, East Africa.

<i>War Establishments superseded</i>	<i>Title</i>
<i>No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
I/AF/103/1	An Armoured Car Regiment, East Africa.
II/AF/160/1	East African Army Educational Corps.
II/AF/210/1	Pay Services, Seychelles.
II/AF/211/1	Pay Services, Madagascar.
II/AF/242/1	Pay Services, Mauritius.

(c) Duplicated copies only of the following War Establishments are being issued to all concerned. Printed copies will not be issued.

<i>War Establishments approved</i>	<i>Title</i>
<i>No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
VIII/321/4	
VIII/393/3	
VIII/448/2	
VIII/448A/2	
VIII/448B/2	
VIII/448C/2	
VIII/448E/2	
VIII/495/2	
VIII/496/2	
VIII/580/1	
VIII/581/1	
VIII/582/1	
VIII/583/1	
VIII/584/1	
VIII/585/1	

<i>War Establishments superseded</i>	<i>Title</i>
<i>No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
VIII/321/3	
VIII/393/2	
VIII/448/1	
VIII/448A/1	
VIII/448B/1	
VIII/448C/1	
VIII/448E/1	
VIII/495/1	
VIII/496/1	

3. Amendments to War Establishments approved.

(a) Duplicated advance copies of amendments to the following War Establishments are being issued to formation headquarters. Printed copies will be issued in due course.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
<i>No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>No.</i>
II/100/2	Headquarters of an Armoured Division	11
II/110/1	Headquarters of a Division	17
II/136/1	Headquarters of an Independent Brigade Group	1
II/141/1	Headquarters of an Infantry Brigade	11
II/146/1	A Divisional Headquarters Defence and Employment Platoon.	5
II/147/1	An Infantry Brigade and Independent Brigade Group Headquarters Defence Platoon.	2
III/021/2	Wireless Group Intelligence Section (Intelligence Corps)	3
V/012/2	Fire Fighting Section (Field Force) and Sub-Section (Field Force).	2
V/158Q/2	Emergency Medical Service Hospitals	4
	Registrar's Staff.	
V/409/3	Command Pools	13, 14
V/867/1	Headquarters (Mixed) Training Battalion, R. Signals.	

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No.	Title	Amendment No.
V/3/7	Headquarters, Northern Command	11
V/101A/3	School of Military Engineering	5
V/1001/1	(Headquarters, War Office Wireless Station (Mixed Signal Unit)).	1
V/5/7	Headquarters, Southern Command	1
V/4B/5	Headquarters, South-Eastern Command.	9
V/85/5	Transportation Training Centre, R.E.	2
V/2/8	Headquarters, Eastern Command	1
V/6/7	Headquarters, Western Command	7
V/4/6	Headquarters, Scottish Command	7
V/352/2	Staff of the Chief Provision Officer (Food Supplies).	2
V/511/2	A.T.S. Communication Wing	1
VII/1/4	Headquarters, Anti-Aircraft Command	8

(b) Printed copies only of amendments to the following War Establishments will be issued in due course.

No.	Title	Amendment No.
II/236/2	Brigade Support Group	1
III/23/4	A Line Section, R. Signals	3
III/45A/2	R.A.S.C. Increment to Headquarters Indian Contingent	1
III/181/1	Headquarters of a C.R.E.M.E.	5
V/549/2	Headquarters of Garrisons, Eastern Command (Section F).	1
V/747/2	A Docks Operating Company, R.E., Orkneys (Section H).	1
VI/47C/2	Central Pathological Laboratory (L. of C.), Middle East	2
VI/51/6	General Headquarters, Middle East	10 to 61
VI/70L/1	Headquarters of an Inland Water Transport Operating Company, Middle East.	1
VI/249/3	General Headquarters, Liaison Squadron, Middle East	2
VI/254/2	(Headquarters Area, Middle East)	3
VI/377/3	Junior Staff School, Middle East	2
VI/560/4	An Armoured Regiment, Middle East	1
VI/645/1	A.F.V. Inspection and Servicing Unit, R.E.M.E., Middle East.	1
VI/698/1	Headquarters Divisional Artillery, Armoured Division, Middle East.	2
VI/729/1	Headquarters Divisional or Infantry Divisional Artillery, Middle East.	2
VI/958/2	An Anti-Aircraft Practice Camp, R.A., Middle East	1
VI/1007/2	Anti-Aircraft Irrever Operator Training Centre, R.A., Middle East.	2
VI/1060/1	(Corps Drivers and Mechanics School, Cyprus)	1
VI/1123/1	(Army Personnel, Middle East)	1, 2
VI/1127/1	(Camp Staff, Middle East)	1
VI/1128/1	An Air Supply Platoon, R.A.S.C., Middle East	1
VII/6/3	Headquarters, Anti-Aircraft Brigade	7
VII/21/3	Headquarters, Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, R.A.	2
VII/84/3	Army Radio School	1
VII/183/3	A Mixed Anti-Aircraft Operator Fire Control Training Regiment, R.A.	2
VII/188/3	Headquarters, Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, R.A.	1
VII/200/2	Anti-Aircraft Mobilization and Tactical Training Centre	2
VII/244/2	A Mixed Searchlight Battery, R.A.	2
VII/274/2	Anti-Aircraft Workshop Company, R.E.M.E.	1
IX/69/4	Trinidad Coast Defences	2
IX/105/2	R.A.M.C. North Caribbean Area	2

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No.	Title	Amendment No.
IX/334/1	Bahamas Defence Force	2
IX/345/1	Infantry Battalion, Leeward Islands	4
IX/357/1	Army Dental Corps, North Caribbean Area	1
IX/396/1	Internment and Prisoner of War Camp, Trinidad	1
X/1/1	General Headquarters, Persia-Iraq	5
X/3/2	(Headquarters, L. of C. Area)	4
X/13/1	General Headquarters, Welfare Pool, P.A.I.C.	5
XI/970/2	Command Pay Office, Ceylon	2
I/AF/1/6	A.C.F. Headquarters, East Africa Command	8
I/AF/76/3	A.C.F. Intelligence Corps, East Africa	4
I/AF/101/1	Advance Main Supply Depot, East Africa	1
I/AF/127/2	A.C.F. Independent Garrison Company	1
II/AF/20/3	A.C.F. Main Supply Depot, E.A.A.S.C.	1
II/AF/40/1	A.C.F. Central Prisoner of War Postal Section, East Africa	2
II/AF/77/1	Field Butchery, East Africa	3
II/AF/99/3	A.F.V. Reinforcement and Training Depot, East Africa	2
II/AF/145/1	Censorship Staff, East Africa	4
II/AF/164/1	Kampala Technical Training School, East Africa	3
II/AF/167/1	Headquarters Troops, Nyasaland	1
II/AF/193/1	Petrol Personnel Company, E.A.A.S.C.	1
II/AF/220/1	Supply and Transport Services, Mauritius	1
III/AF/31/3	A Light Battery, W.A.R.A.	2
(Amendments to Indexes, Volumes II, III, IV, V, VI, IX, X, XI, I/AF, II/AF and III/AF.)		

(c) Duplicated copies only of amendments to the following War Establishments are being issued to all concerned. Printed copies will not be issued.

No.	Title	Amendment No.
V/7/8	General Headquarters, Home Forces (Section B)	28, 29
VIII/204/4		1
VIII/242/6		2, 3, 4, 5
VIII/286/2		2
VIII/300/1		3
VIII/389/1		23, 24
VIII/442/2		13, 14, 15
VIII/466/1		1
VIII/520/1		5
VIII/557/1		1
VIII/568/1		1

4. Amendments to A.C.I.s.

A.C.I. 1636 of 1943.

Para. 2(b).—Under "War Establishments approved". Delete "I/AF/161/1 A Divisional Support Battalion, East Africa".

Para. 2(c).—Under "War Establishments approved". Insert "I/AF/161/1 A Divisional Support Battalion, East Africa (with effect from 15th April, 1943 until 16th July, 1943)".

26/Publications/5319 (S.D. 3).

By Command of the Army Council,

Le Dornoch.

THE WAR OFFICE,

17th November, 1943.

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ARMY COUNCIL INSTRUCTIONS**Nos. 1669 to 1673 of 1943**

(Issued specially with additional Home Guard circulation (see A.C.I. 1556 of 1943.)
The last Home Guard A.C.I. was 1599 of 1943 issued down to company headquarters.

THE WAR OFFICE,
17th November, 1943

GENERAL STAFF**1669. Home Guard Information Circular, No. 37.**

1. Home Guard Information Circular, No. 37, was approved for issue on 10th November, 1943, and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned.

2. The following A.C.I. has been reproduced in this circular for the information of the Home Guard:—

1281 of 1943.—Amendments to Army Council Instructions.

20/H.G./178 (H.G. 2).

1670. Home Guard Information Circular, No. 38.

1. Home Guard Information Circular, No. 38, was approved for issue on 10th November, 1943, and copies will shortly be issued to all concerned.

2. The following A.C.I. has been reproduced in this circular for the information of the Home Guard:—

1396 of 1943.—Vehicles.—Date of Rendering Monthly Availability Reports for "A" and "B" Vehicles.

20/H.G./243 (H.G. 2).

1671. Equipment.—Detector Paint—Motor-cycles.

1. To provide motor-cycles with a detecting surface for blister gas spray these vehicles will in future be painted with detector paint on the top surface of the head-lamp and of the front mudguard forward of the forks.

2. Units will indent for Detector Paint, No. 2, on a scale of one 4-oz. tin for every four motor-cycles held on the establishment.

3. A.Fs. G 1098 will be amended in due course.

4. In the case of Home Guard units, the quantity of Detector Paint, No. 2, required will be taken from existing stock held under Regulations for the Home Guard, 1942, Volume II, Appendix XI, page 140, for the number of W.D. motor-cycles held on charge.

70/Gas/52 (S.W.V. 2).

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1672. "B" Vehicles.—Display of W.D. Numbers.

1. All W.D.-owned "B" vehicles will have their W.D. numbers clearly painted in white (blue in the case of airborne formations) and displayed in a horizontal position as follows:—

- (a) *Wheeled vehicles which are camouflage painted, other than motor-cycles.*—On the off-side of the bonnet, wherever practicable, and on the rear of the body. In cases where display on the bonnet is impracticable, the W.D. number will be painted on the off-side front door, or where no front door exists, on the off-side of the driver's cab.
- (b) *Motor-cycles.*—Each side of the petrol tank.
- (c) *Motor-cars allotted to members of the Army Council, G.O.s.C.-in-C. commands, and other vehicles specifically exempt under War Office instructions from camouflage painting.*—On the front and rear registration plates.

2. The normal dimensions of the letters and figures comprising the W.D. numbers will be $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inches high, $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inches wide overall, and $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch thick in every part, for all vehicles, except motor-cycles, for which half these sizes will apply. A slight reduction in these dimensions may be allowed in cases where peculiarities in design of certain vehicles render the normal dimensions impracticable, provided that the legibility of the letters and figures is not unduly impaired.

3. The W.D. number includes the vehicle classification letter and is incomplete without it.

4. A.C.Is. 267 and 2261 of 1942 are hereby *cancelled*, and the relative instructions in Equipment Regulations, Part 1, 1942, Appendix 52, will be amended in due course.

57/Vehicles (A)/1530 (S.W.V. 3).

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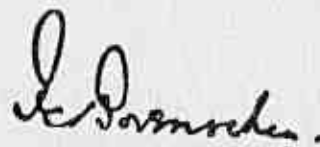
1673. Signal Equipment, Wireless Sets, No. 38.

The following amendments will be made to A.C.I. 1482 of 1943, which gives the revised scale of valves, etc., for each station.

- 1. Para. 2: Line 2. *Delete* "para. 3" and *substitute* "paras. 3 and 4".
- 2. *Insert new paragraph:* "4. In the case of Home Guard units, T.A. Associations will indent."

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ARMY COUNCIL INSTRUCTION

No. 1690 of 1943

THE WAR OFFICE,
18th November, 1943.

Medals.—Provisional Instructions for Issue of the Africa Star, Ribbon and Clasps.

1. His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to commemorate the expulsion of the enemy from the continent of Africa by the institution of a Star and also Clasps for service in the last victorious campaign in North Africa.

2. The Star will be known as the Africa Star. In the Army it will have priority over the 1939/43 Star concerning which instructions will be issued at a later date. No person shall be entitled to both the Africa Star and 1939/43 Star.

3. The detailed terms of eligibility for the 1939/43 Star have not yet been definitely decided and no authority can be given for issue of the ribbon of this Star.

4. The ribbon of the Africa Star is pale buff in colour, with a central vertical red stripe and two narrower stripes, one dark blue and the other light blue. The background is intended as a symbol of the desert, the central red stripe stands for the Army, the dark blue stripe for the Naval Forces and the Merchant Navy, and the light blue stripe for the Air Force. The ribbon is to be worn with the dark blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder.

Attention is drawn to A.C.I. 1027 of 1941. The ribbon of the Africa Star will be worn immediately after the ribbons of prior War Medals.

5. (a) Officers and other ranks of the following classes will be eligible for the Star:—

- (i) All officers and other ranks of the British, Dominion, Indian and Colonial Forces.
- (ii) Nursing officers.
- (iii) Officers and other ranks of the A.T.S.
- (iv) V.A.D. officers and members.

(b) To qualify for an award an individual must have been on the strength of a unit or formation in a qualifying command, as defined in para. 6 (b), at some time between the dates appropriate to that command, as shown in that sub-para.

6. (a) The Africa Star is instituted for service in certain operational commands in the Middle East and Africa from the date of the entry of Italy into the war on the 10th June, 1940, up to the date of cessation of operations against the enemy in North Africa on the 12th May, 1943, both dates inclusive.

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(b) Service in the following will qualify for the award:—

Operation	From	To
(i) North Africa. — (Troops under Africa Force Headquarters and Middle East Command excluding formations not west of the Suez Canal and the Red Sea)	10 June, 1940	12 May, 1943
(ii) Abyssinia (including attacks on Moyale, Elwak and Kassala), Italian Somaliland and Eritrea. (All troops in these operations under the command of General Cunningham and General Platt)	10 June, 1940	27 November, 1941
(iii) British Somaliland	4 August, 1940	19 August, 1940
(iv) Malta	10 June, 1940	12 May, 1943

7. *Clasps to the Africa Star*.—A silver emblem, in the form of an Arabic "8" for personnel of the Eighth Army and in the form of an Arabic "1" for personnel of the First Army, will be worn on the ribbon to denote the award of a clasp to the Africa Star. This award will be restricted to service in the Eighth or First Armies respectively, in the period from 23rd October, 1942, to 12th May, 1943, both dates inclusive. Only one clasp will be granted to any individual. In the event of double qualification, the clasp for the Army in which qualifying service was initiated will be worn.

8. A consolidated A.C.I. with full conditions for both the Africa Star and the 1939/43 Star will be published later and will include details of procedure regarding prisoners of war, missing, all entitled personnel not now serving, also doubtful cases.

9. All ranks other than those mentioned in para. 8 serving in the British Forces, including the A.T.S., will make application on A.F. B 2063 through their present O.C. unit for the award to which they consider they are entitled. The O.C. unit will endorse the applications in accordance with the instructions on the form. Supplies of A.F. B 2063 will be distributed to all concerned as soon as they become available.

10. Thereafter the procedure will be as follows:—

(a) *Units stationed in a theatre of war*.—Units stationed in a theatre of war will forward all claim forms (officers and other ranks) completed as in para. 9 above to the G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon concerned, who will publish in Part II Orders the names of those entitled to an award, i.e., those whose claim forms certify that the O.C. is satisfied that the applicant is entitled.

Claim forms which require verification will be verified where possible by G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon, and the names of those whose claims have been so verified will be published in Part II Orders as above.

The claim forms (A.F. B 2063) of those so published will be forwarded with the Part II Orders to the War Office for officers and to the O. i/c records for other ranks.

Claim forms which it has been found impossible to verify in the theatre of war will be forwarded to the War Office or to O. i/c records with appropriate nominal rolls compiled by arms for verification as in (d) below.

(b) *Units stationed other than in a theatre of war*.—Units stationed other than in a theatre of war will publish in Part II/III Orders the names of all ranks whose claim forms certify that their C.O. is satisfied that they are entitled to an award. These claim forms will then be forwarded with the Part II/III Orders to the War Office for officers and to the O. i/c records for other ranks. All forms requiring verification will be forwarded with appropriate nominal rolls to the War Office or the O. i/c records for action as in (d) below.

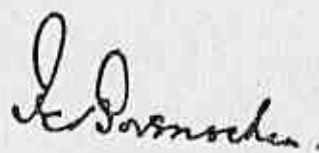
(c) On receipt of the Part II/III Orders with verified forms the O. i/c records will make the necessary entry on A.F. B 200 and file A.F. B 2063 with the soldier's documents.

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- (d) The War Office and the O. i/c records will be responsible for the investigation of claims which O.S.C. units or G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon have been unable to verify. The final decision will be notified to O.S.C. units or to G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon for publication in Part II/III Orders if accepted, or for notification to the individual if rejected, the forms being retained at the War Office and record offices. The final decision of the O. i/c records will also be entered on the form which will be filed with the soldier's documents.
- (e) It is most important that A.F. B 2063 should be completed and filed in the case of each award made as this forms the permanent record of entitlement on which alone the issue of the Star will ultimately be made.
11. *Colonial Troops under War Office Control.*—The procedure in para. 10 above will also apply to Colonial troops under War Office control.
12. *Local Forces.*—Personnel locally enlisted and not allotted British Army numbers but administered by local record offices abroad will be dealt with in the same way by the local O.C. unit and local record office.
13. *Issue of Ribbon.*—An initial free issue of 2½-in. of the material, sufficient to make up two medal ribbons, and of two clasps will be made to all ranks whose entitlement has been authorized by publication in Part II/III Orders.
14. *Indents for Ribbons and Clasps.*—Indents for ribbons and clasps may be submitted to commands through the normal channels. It must be clearly understood that supplies of all these are only just becoming available, and that the clasps will not be ready in any quantity for some time. All indents will be kept to a minimum and will only be sufficient to cover immediate requirements. No hastening action will be taken.
15. *Clasps to the Africa Star.*—The "8" and "1" emblems are plated with rhodium before issue, and will preserve the polish for a long time unless badly scratched. To clean, wipe the emblems with a damp cloth. No metal polish of any kind should be used.

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By Command of the Army Council,



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