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69a	Cbl C40508 MTOUSA	29 Apr 46	Rome Area MTOUSA	Demotion of US Officers
69b	Ltr 210.01 Hembler	30 Apr 46	CC	Demotion of US Officers
69c	Cbl 2837 Sullivan	1 May 46	Comgenmed	Redpl of Chapman and redct of Ross
70	Cbl C 35487 MTOUSA	3 Apr 46	2675th Regt	Policy and procedures in grade re- adjustment of commissioned Officers exclusive of General Officers
71	Memo Sullivan	7 Apr 46	CC	Promotion for Savin
+ 72	Ltr Witsell	15 Jul 46	CC	Recomm fr promotion fr Weber

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59	Cbl AC Reg, 5146	11 Sep 45	HQ AF	TO authorizations for Capts, Lt Cols.
60	Memo, Stearns	14 Sep 45	Parkin	Critical score to be shown on promotion papers forwarded to MTOUSA.
61	Memo, Col Fiske	20 Sep 45	CC	Capt Keim to Major (full case story)
62	Aide-Memoire, CC-567 (Stearns)	29 Sep 45	(Parkin)	Field-grade promotion recommendations review of.
63	Cbl MTOUSA, C-26198	7 Oct 45	PBS, AC, 88, etc	Do not submit recommendations until new circular replaces Circular 115.
63a	Ltr Stone	21 Nov 45	Com Gen MTOUSA	Promotion of Col. Warren
64	Ltr 157.4.CS Schudder	24 Nov 45	CC	Promotion of Maj. Ayre
65	Ltr CC 567 Stone	5 Dec 45	AG WAR Wash.	Promotion of Maj. Ayre
66	Cbl WE XII/83/1 CM/266/2	19 Jan 46	ALCOM	Appointments at war office
67	Ltr 210.2 Crumlish	22 Jan 46	Offs. 2675 Rg.	Prom. of Offs. Reverting to inact. St
68	Ltr Stone	19 Mar 46	Dasher	Promotion of Leacacos
69	Cbl 1985 ALCOM	22 Mar 46	MTOUSA	Promotion of Major Savin

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46	R/O107, Poletti	1 Jun 45	CC	Cpts Neufeld & Keim, of Lombardia.
46a	Ltr, SCAO 5th Army	12 Jun 45	CC	Cpts Pratt & Noe, of AMG 5th Army.
47	CC 567, Stone	13 Jun 45	G-5 AFHQ	Requested 2675 Regt, Alcom, be placed in Category I to enable promotions.
48	AFHQ G-5: 210.2-1	17 Jun 45	CC	Promotions of all overhead units held up by WD orders; AC not in Category
49	DO Ltr, Stone	21 Jun 45	SCAO 5 Army	Cpts Pratt & noe, of AMG 5th Army.
50	Ltr, Stone	9 Jul 45	CG MTOUSA	Col Fiske to Brigadier General.
51	DO Ltr, Stone	9 Jul 45	McNarney	Col Fiske to Brigadier General.
52	Ltr, Stone	11 Jul 45	Lush	Maj J.A. Quayle to Lt Col.
53	MTOUSA, AG 210.2/730-0	29 Jul 45		Suspension of promotions in Category IV units lifted, subject to restrictions.
53a	MTOUSA, AG 221.02/500C-0	30 Jul 45	CO 2675 Regt	Allotment of Grades/ratings to 2675 Regiment (New T/O).
54	Memo, Stearns	8 Aug 45	CC	New (30 Jul) T/O for 2675 Regt setup by MTOUSA is <u>unfair</u> to field gr officers
55	10/94/EST, Stone	13 Aug 45	Lemmitzer	Allotment of American O Grades - AC (new T/O unfair to field grade officers)
55a	MTOUSA AG 221.02/500COS	24 Aug 45	CC	New Allotment of American O grades.
56	Memo, CC	28 Aug 45	Fiske	Promotions to Lt Col; AG to review all recommendations of Promotns Board.
57	MTOUSA, AG 210.2/730 A-0	29 Aug 45	(1st Ind)	Statement required on recommendation for promotion of officers.
58	Ltr, CC	3 Sep 45	Col Fiske	Final recommendations to be forwarded not later than 5 Sep; Scudder and Tem- ple recommended.

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28	Ltr Stone G1B/16120/477/0	6 Dec 44	AM Slessor, MAAF	Promotion to Air Commodore for Group Captain C.E. Benson AMG 8th.
29	Ltr Finance 13170F	17 Dec 44	CC	Promotion for Lt Willis (USNR)
30	Ltr Stone	17 Dec 44	Bupers Washington	Promotion for Lt Willis (USNR)
31	Ltr Com 8 Fleet	11 Jan 45	CC, AC	Promotion for Lt Willis (USNR)
32	Ltr Jenny	13 Jan 45	Lt Lannin	Promotion for Lt Col Jenny.
33	Ltr Stone	22 Jan 45	CG MTOUSA	Tnx on promotions of officers.
34	Memo, Parkin	27 Jan 45	Stone	Promotion of certain Os to Col.
35	Ltr Stone	16 Feb 45	McNarney	Promotion for Col Fiske.
36	Ltr Stone	16 Feb 45	Robertson	Promotion for Brig Lush
37	Ltr Robertson 117/ CAO	22 Feb 45	Stone	Promotion for Brig Lush
38	Ltr Stone	26 Feb 45	Chief of Nav Pers	Promotion for Lt Pollard (USNR)
38a	Ltr Gen McNarney	1 Mar 45	Stone	Promotion for Col Fiske.
39	CC-567, Stone	19 Mar 45	COS, 15 Army Gp	Monfort to Brig Gen.
40	Memo, Quayle	19 Mar 45	Monfort	Monfort to Brig Gen.
41	CC-567, Stone	2 Apr 45	CG MTOUSA	Baldrige to Colonel.
42	Ltr, Stone	20 Apr 45	CG MTOUSA	Sutherland to Colonel.
43	210.2, Parkin	21 Apr 45	CC	Vacancies for certain ranks.
44	Ltr Quayle	23 Apr 45	D/COS 15 A/G	Sutherland to Colonel.
45	CC-567, Stone	25 May 45	VP Est Sec	Thos E Bergin to Lt Col.

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18	Dtr Capt Stone	7 Aug 44	Col Spofford	Recommendations for Legion of Merit award - Col Temperley
19	IS Ltr Stone A/CC 321	29 Aug 44	RC & MG SECT	Request list officers & EMs of 2675th Regt American Hq Co
20	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 321-1	10 Sep 44	Spofford	Request AFHQ'S approval Manpower & Reorganization ACC & promotion Col Fiske Brig Gen
21	Ltr Comdr Winfrey		A/CC ACC	Recommendation promotion Lieut. Henry Joseph Tasca
22	Ltr Capt Stone	25 Sep 44	Gen Devers	Recommendation promotion Col Fiske to Brig Gen
23	Ltr Capt Stone	26 Sep 44	Adm Lewis	Spot promotion for Lt Comdr Joe Lawler
24	Cbl, Com 8 Fleet	15 Oct 44	CNO, Supers Comdt Coast Guard	Promotion of Comdr Lawler commensurate with new assignment.
24a	Ltr, Adm Lewis	16 Oct 44	Commo. Stone	Promotion of Lt Comdr Lawler
25	Ltr, Commo Stone	27 Oct 44	Adm. Lewis	Spot promotion for Lt Comdr Joe Lawler
26	Memo, Commo. Stone A/CC 210.2	3 Nov 44	Col Fiske	How about promotion for Col Jenny
27	Memo, Bain	9 Nov 44	Stone	Maj Babcock and Capt Dorf, Labor.
27a	Ltr Stone, AC-204	24 Nov 44	CG MTOUSA	Monfort to Brig-Gen

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1	Ltr Capt Stone AG 201 LDD	2 Mar 44	Comd Gen ACC	Recommendation promotion of Lt Col Densmore rank of Colonel
2	Ltr Capt Giacomo 210.2	10 Mar 44	See Dist	Policy recommendations for promotions of officers
3	HQ ACC Est Memo No. 10	25 Mar 44	See Dist	Policy recommendations for promotions of officers
4	Ltr Capt Stone 210.2 HHS	15 Apr 44	Exec Comm ACC	Recommendation promotion of Maj Scudder rank of Lt Col
5	Ltr MacFarlane CC/P/201	16 Apr 44	Gen Harding	Recommendation promotion of Brig Lush rank Major-General
6	Memo Maj Doe	21 Apr 44	Capt Slaughter	Extract DB 85 20 Apr HQ ACC - Recommendations promotions officers
7	Ltr Capt Stone	5 May 44	Brig Gen Lemnitzer	Recommendation promotion of Lt Col Poletti rank of Colonel
8	Ltr Gen Lemnitzer	9 May 44	Capt Stone	Recommendation promotion of Col Poletti forwarded AFHQ
9	Cbl Freedom F 45980	15 May 44	ACC Main	Recommendations for promotions forwarded to MS AAI for action
10	Ltr Capt Stone	17 May 44	Col Poletti	Recommendation promotion of Col Poletti forwarded AFHQ
11	Ltr Col Poletti	19 May 44	Capt Stone	Thanks am grateful ltr 17 May
12	Ltr Capt Stone-	24 May 44	Col Carter	Recommendation promotion of Lt Pollard rank of Lt Comdr
13	Memo Capt Stone	6 Jun 44	Col Albright	Recommendation promotion of Maj Scudder
14	Ltr Capt Stone	20 Jun 44	Col Albright	Signing of efficiency report for Densmore
15	Ltr Densmore	29 Jun 44	Admin Sect	Promotion of Lt. Col. Carroll to rank of Colonel thru Admin
16	Ltr Capt Stone	12 Jul 44	Bur Nav Per	Promotion Lt Henry Tasca to rank of Lieutenant Commander App a - Ltr FSC 13015/F 12 Jul EWS
17	Ltr AAI ADV	17 Jul 44	Capt Stone	Bringing up to date case of promotion of Maj Scudder

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29 September 1945

ATDE MEMORANDUM

1. On the 13 August 45 the Chief Commissioner, in his letter 10/94/EST, subject Allotment of American Officer Grades - Allied Commission, addressed to General Lennitzer, Acting Chief of Staff, MTOUSA, protested the distribution of officer grades as authorized in MTOUSA's letter of 30 July 45. The practical effect of the 30 July T/O was to completely block all promotions in grades above the rank of Captain.

2. On 24 August General Lennitzer replied, file AG 221.02/500 COS-O, subject Allotment of American Officer Grades, authorizing a favorable allotment which would permit promotions to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel.

3. Accordingly, on the 8 September 45 the Commission sent forward to Headquarters Command recommendations for promotion of 14 majors to Lieutenant Colonel and 23 lieutenants to captain. These recommendations were forwarded in full compliance with all existing regulations and fully covered by vacancies existing at the time in accordance with the T/O as authorized in General Lennitzer's letter of 24 August 45. Actually there were 17 vacancies for lieutenant colonel and 36 in the grade of captain. Hence, there was no reason to believe that these promotion recommendations would run into opposition as a result of the T/O position.

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4. On 10 September this headquarters was notified that before any officers would be considered for promotion they would have to sign the certificate volunteering to remain on active service for the duration plus six months. Certificates were obtained from 9 majors and 12 lieutenants. These were subsequently forwarded to Headquarters Command, but not in time for consideration before the MTOUSA Board which met on the 11th. Accordingly, they were held over until the Board meeting of the 22nd. Meanwhile, on the 19 September, Colonel Fiske personally talked with Colonel Hyde, Assistant G-1, MTOUSA, and was given verbal assurance that the Commission's recommendations for field grade promotions would be given favorable consideration. The Board approved the promotion of 17 lieutenants to captain and disapproved all other recommendations. This headquarters has been informed that such disapproval was made in anticipation of a new T/O.

5. It will be observed that while such action is entirely the prerogative of the MTOUSA Promotion Board, it was directly contrary to primary purpose behind the T/O as approved by General Lennitzer as a result of the Chief Commissioner's protest regarding blocking of field grade promotions.

Surplus

CC 567 dtd 29 Sep 45

6. Thus, in view of such action, can the Commission continue to submit recommendations for the promotion of field grade officers against vacancies that exist under the current T/O and reasonably expect favorable action?

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

15 Jul 46

To : CC

From : Witsell

Subject Recomm fr promotion of Col. Weber

See 56a in 571/CC



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U.S. GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF BUREAU
HEADQUARTERS ARMY COMMISSION

Major
~~1st Lt.~~ Whit H. Sola

Promoted to
1st Lt.

Interviewed by
Dachan Feb 78

CAZ at Livorno
Under C XV
who will speak to
3443 Miller

I. C. A. L. ROUTING

QUARTERS
JULI E. COMMISSION
APO 394

File:

Date 7 April 1946

SUBJECT: MAJOR WILLIAM H SAVIN.

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STAFF OFFICER
CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S
OFFICE

1. Further to conversation Lt Col Stearns - Major Sullivan, the following information is furnished regarding Major Savin:

PROMOTION:

Promotion recommendation was forwarded on 9 February 1946 to RAAC and was disapproved by MTOUSA in a 7th Indorsement dated 9 April which read in part as follows: "... Due to pending reduction in temporary grade of officer personnel, only officers with outstanding records should be recommended for promotion within field grade. "Major Savin's record in comparison to that of other officers being recommended for promotion within field grade is not sufficiently outstanding to warrant his promotion." This correspondence was received by this office on 14 April and letter notification was forwarded to Major Savin on 16 April.

ASSIGNMENT:

Although he had served in Livorno Province as a Police Officer in 1944, he was assigned to AMG Livorno Zone as a CAO on 16 June 1945 and remained there until 28 July at which time he was appointed Provincial Commissioner of Sondrio Prov in the Lombardia Region. Subsequently he was assigned as Deputy to Colonel Hancock at Milan and remained in that position until he was assigned to Venezia Giulia as Assistant Civil Affairs Officer to Colonel Bowman. When he returns from TDY he will probably be reassigned to Venezia Giulia unless it appears to be more desirable for him to fill the vacancy which will be left by Lt Col Reilly when he is returned to the United States for medical reasons on or after 1 June 1946.

COMMENDATION:

The commendation which Major Savin reportedly received from General Oxx would be filed in the officer's 201 File which, in accordance with current Theater directives, the officer takes with him when he returns to the US on TDY. Therefore, no information is available with respect to this point.

EDWARD D. S. SULLIVAN,
Major, Air Corps,
G-1 American.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 210.01

30 April 1946

SUBJECT: Demotion of U.S. Officers

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
APO 394

1. Reference conversation Admiral Stone and General Hamblen, herewith are extract instructions from WD quote Individual demotion exceptions may be considered only in most extreme cases based upon the personal comments furnished by commanders. Final approval or disapproval of an individual exception rests xxx with the WD. Should an exception be approved the officer's demotion will be deferred for one month and the officer will be included in the next monthly increment. In the meantime maximum effort will be made to replace the officer. The officer will not again be excepted unless such action is again justified unquote.

2. In view of experience on cases already referred to WD it is not contemplated that any except the most urgent cases be submitted for WD consideration. In addition, it is manifestly undesirable that officers by refusing to remain unless they continue in grade should receive more favorable treatment than those who elect to stay on the job at the reduced grade. The WD instructions require that non-regular officers declining to accept the new appointment in the lower grade will be relieved from active duty without demotion.

3. Reference statements made by Commanding General, Ground Forces, and his Chief of Staff concerning freedom permitted Theater Commanders, 34 it should be noted that action in the subject matter rests with the War Department and not with the Ground Forces.

BY ~~COMMAND OF~~ LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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7 April 1946

Sub: MAJOR WILLIAM H SAVIN.

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ROME USMA ALBANIA- OFIC ROME - ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

UNCLASSIFIED:

AG AR RADIO WCL 28997, 28 MARCH "FOR NECESSARY ACTION".

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ANNOUNCE THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN EFFECTING GRADE READJUSTMENT OF COMMISSIONED OFFICERS EXCLUSIVE OF GENERAL OFFICERS AND TO ANNOUNCE THE DISCONTINUANCE OF OFFICER PROMOTIONS FROM THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL. SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF DEMOBILIZATION, OFFICER REQUIREMENTS BY GRADE, PARTICULARLY IN FIELD GRADE, HAVE DIMINISHED MORE RAPIDLY THAN THE OFFICER AVAILABILITY BY GRADE FROM SOURCES CONSISTING OF REGULAR ARMY OFFICERS, CIVILIAN COMPONENT VOLUNTEER OFFICERS, AND CIVILIAN COMPONENT NON-VOLUNTEER OFFICERS WITH LESS THAN 2 YEARS SERVICE. THE RESULT IS THAT A GENERAL DOWNWARD OFFICER GRADE READJUSTMENT IS NECESSARY COMMENCING WITH COLONELS AND PERIODICALLY EXTENDING THROUGH CAPTAINS. IT IS NOT CONTEMPLATED THAT ANY FIRST LIEUTENANTS WILL BE DEMOTED TO SECOND LIEUTENANTS NOR WILL MEDICAL CORPS, DENTAL CORPS, VETERINARY CORPS, AND CHAPLAIN CORPS CAPTAINS BE DEMOTED TO FIRST LIEUTENANT EVEN THOUGH SURPLUSES MAY DEVELOP IN THESE GRADES. OFFICERS BEING PROCESSED FOR SEPARATION OR ON TERMINAL LEAVE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO DEMOTION.

2. OFFICERS WILL BE SELECTED FOR A 1 GRADE DEMOTION IN THE ORDER OF THEIR CURRENT TEMPORARY RANK COMMENCING WITH THOSE MOST JUNIOR. OFFICERS DEMOTED WILL TAKE DATE OF RANK IN THE LOWER GRADE AS OF THE DATE OF RANK OF THEIR ORIGINAL PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OR TEMPORARY AUS APPOINTMENT OR TEMPORARY AUS, AC APPOINTMENT IN THAT GRADE, WHICHEVER IS EARLIEST PROVIDED SERVICE HAS BEEN CONTINUOUS IN THAT GRADE.

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WHICHEVER IS EARLIEST PROVIDED SERVICE HAS BEEN CONTINUOUS IN THAT OR A HIGHER GRADE. AN OFFICER HAVING BEEN DEMOTED 1 GRADE WILL NOT BE DEMOTED A SECON GRADE UNTIL ALL OFFICERS HOLDING THE TEMPORARY GRADE TO WHICH HE WAS FIRST DEMOTED HAVE RECEIVED A 1 DEMOTION. FOR EXAMPLE, A COLONEL DEMOTED TO A LIEUTENANT ~~XXX~~ COLONEL WILL NOT BE DEMOTED TO MAJOR UNTIL ALL OFFICERS WHO WERE TEMPORARY LIEUTENANT ~~XXXX~~ COLONELS AT THE TIME HE WAS DEMOTED TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL HAVE BEEN DEMOTED TO MAJORS. RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS WILL NOT BE DEMOTED TO A GRADE WHICH IS LOWER THAN THE PERMANENT GRADE WHICH THEY HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 1941. REGULAR ARMY OFFICERS WILL NOT BE DEMOTED BELOW THEIR PERMANENT GRADE. SELECTION FOR DEMOTION OF AAF OFFICERS WORLD WIDE REGARDLESS OF ASSIGNMENT WILL BE MADE THE COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES. ALL OTHER OFFICERS WILL BE SELECTED FOR DEMOTION BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT. ~~XXXX~~

3. PROCEDURE. OFFICERS WILL BE DEMOTED IN MONTHLY INCREMENTS. AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR ^{to} THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF DEMOTION OF ANY PARTICULAR INCREMENT THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOTIFY COMMANDERS OF THE NAMES OF THE OFFICERS CONTAINED IN THAT PARTICULAR INCREMENT. IN ADDITION TO THIS LIST OF NAMES THE CABLE WILL CONTAIN A STATEMENT THAT THE PARTICULAR INCREMENT INCLUDES ALL OFFICERS OF THE TEMPORARY GRADE CONCERNED WITH A DATE OF RANK ON OR AFTER A SPECIFIED DATE. SHOULD THE NAME OF AN OFFICER WITH AN APPROPRIATE DATE OF RANK BE INADVERTENTLY OVERLOOKED AND OMITTED FROM THE INCREMENT, HIS NAME WILL BE REPORTED IN THE REPLY DESCRIBED IMMEDIATELY BELOW. COMMANDERS WILL REPLY TO THE WAR DEPARTMENTS WITH 12 DAYS STATING WHETHER AND OFFICER CONTAINED IN THAT INCREMENT SHOULD BE EXCEPTED FROM DEMOTION FOR COGNATE REASONS AND WILL PERSONALLY JUSTIFY THE BASIS THEREFOR. (20)

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IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THIS REPLY BE RECEIVED BY AGWAR WITHIN 12 DAYS. 15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF DEMOTION FOR ANY PARTICULAR INCREMENT, THE WAR DEPARTMENT WILL DISPATCH CABLE ORDERS LISTING THE NAMES OF THE OFFICERS WHOSE CURRENT TEMPORARY AUS APPOINTMENT IS TERMINATED WITHOUT PREJUDICE AND WHO ARE TENDERED A TEMPORARY AUS APPOINTMENT IN THE NEXT LOWER GRADE, SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW APPOINTMENT. A FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF REAPPOINTMENT IN THE LOWER GRADE WILL BE EXECUTED IN THE FOLLOWING FORM, " I ACCEPT TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT EFFECTIVE () IN THE GRADE OF () ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES." THIS ACCEPTANCE WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL, (ATTENTION; OFFICERS BRANCH) AND, IN ADDITION, A CABLE WILL BE INITIATED TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL WITHOUT DELAY STATING THAT THE OFFICER HAS ACCEPTED THE REAPPOINTMENT. A REGULAR ARMY OFFICER DECLINING TO ACCEPT THE NEW APPOINTMENT IN THIS LOWER GRADE WILL REVERT TO HIS PERMANENT GRADE EXCEPT THAT REGULAR ARMY ACTIVE LIST OFFICERS WITH 25 YEARS OR MORE SERVICE HAVE THE ADDITIONAL OPTION OF REQUESTING RETIREMENT. THE ADJUTANT GENERAL WILL BE NOTIFIED WITHOUT DELAY BY CABLE IF THE OFFICER ACCEPTS EITHER OF THESE 2 OPTIONS. IF THE OFFICER HAS OVER 25 YEARS SERVICE AND REQUESTS RETIREMENT HE WILL NOT BE DEMOTED PENDING FINAL ACTION ON HIS REQUEST. REGULAR ARMY ACTIVE LIST OFFICERS WITH 15 TO 25 YEARS SERVICE WHO REQUEST RETIREMENT WILL NOT BE EXCEPTED FROM DEMOTION. A NON-REGULAR ARMY OFFICER DECLINING TO ACCEPT THE NEW APPOINTMENT IN THE LOWER GRADE WILL BE RELIEVED FROM ACTIVE DUTY AS SEN SURPLUS WITHOUT DEMOTION, AND THE ADJUTANT GENERAL WILL BE NOTIFIED BY CABLE WITHOUT DELAY OF THE OFFICERS ELECTION OF THIS OPTION. UNLESS EXPECTED, OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO ELECT IN WRITING AN OPTION DESCRIBED ABOVE ON OR BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE

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CONTAINED IN THE CABLE ORDERS.

4. EXCEPTIONS ; (A) GENERAL. COMBAT WOUNDED OFFICERS AWARDED THE PURDIE HEART WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED OR WHO HAVE ARMY RETIRING BOARD PROCEEDINGS PENDING WHEREIN THE BOARD FOUND THE OFFICER PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED INCIDENT TO SERVICE ARE NOT TO BE DEMOTED UNTIL THEIR FINAL DISPOSITION IS KNOWN. AN OFFICER IN THIS CATEGORY WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO ACCEPT THE REAPPOINTMENT IN 1234 GRADE BUT WILL BE REPORTED TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL BY CABLE. IF THE OFFICER IS DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL AND NOT ORDERED TO APPEAR BEFORE AN ARMY RETIRING BOARD, THE COMMANDER OF THE HOSPITAL WILL REPORT THE OFFICERS DISCHARGE FROM HOSPITALIZATION TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL BY CABLE. (B) INDIVIDUAL. INDIVIDUAL DEMOTION EXCEPTIONS MAY BE CONSIDERED ONLY IN THE MOST EXTREME CASES BASED UPON THE PERSONAL COMMENTS FURNISHED BY COMMANDERS. FINAL APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AN INDIVIDUAL EXCEPTION REST WITH THE CG, AAF FOR AAF OFFICERS WORLD WIDE REGARDLESS OF ASSIGNMENT AND WITH THE WAR DEPARTMENT FOR ALL OTHERS. SHOULD AN INDIVIDUAL EXCEPTION BE APPROVED THE OFFICERS DEMOTION WILL BE DEFERRED FOR 1 MONTH AND THE OFFICER WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NET MONTHLY DEMOTION INCREMENT. IN THE MEANTIME MAXIMUM REPORT WILL BE MADE TO REPLACE THE OFFICER. THE OFFICER WILL NOT AGAIN BE EXCEPTED UNLESS SUCH ACTION IS AGAIN JUSTIFIED.

5. IT IS DESIRED THAT YOU GIVE THIS POLICY AND PROCEDURE COMPLETE EXPEDITIOUS DISTRIBUTION SO AS TO REACH ALL ARMY OFFICERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION IT IS DESIRED THAT UPON RECEIPT OF THE ADVANCE LIST OF NAMES CONTAINED IN EACH MONTHLY INCREMENT SPECIAL EFFORTS BE MADE TO INFORM EACH OF THE INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS THAT HE IS

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SUBJECT TO DEMOTION UNDER THIS POLICY AT AS EARLY DATE. IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PLAN WILL REQUIRE PERSISTENT ALERT ATTENTION BY ALL CONCERNED.

6. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY NO ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY PROMOTIONS TO THE GRADE OF COLONEL WILL BE EFFECTED. ALL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROMOTIONS TO COL.3) AUS BEING PROCESSED WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT ACTION EXCEPT THAT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PROMOTION OF COMBAT INJURED OFFICERS TO THE GRADE OF COLONEL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 3 C AR 605-12 MAY BE PROCESSED TO COMPLETION.

7. CABLES TO TAG WILL BE ADDRESSED ATTENTION SPXFO-P .

8. WD CIRCULAR 10/46 WILL BE AMENDED IN SEPARATE ACTIONS TO COMPENSATE FOR LOSS OF RANK UNDER THIS POLICY. COPIES OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE BEING FORWARDED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS IN SUFFICIENT COPIES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO EVERY OFFICER.

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ACTION: 2675 REGT.

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

EX OFFICER (A)

G - 1 (A)

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COMMANDING GENERAL MTOUSA

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 REFERENCE YOUR CHARLIE FOUR ZERO FIVE ZERO EIGHT PD PARAGRAPH ONE COLONEL CHAPMAN
 HAS BEEN REDEPLOYED TO THE UNITED STATES PER SPECIAL ORDER EIGHT FOUR PARAGRAPH
 ELEVEN CMA HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA DATED ONE FIVE APRIL FORTY SIX PD PARAGRAPH
 TWO THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED AS REQUESTED IN YOUR CABLE OF PAREN
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EDWARD D. S. SULLIVAN,
 Major, Air Corps.
 G-1 American.

SEYMOUR M. HUMPHREYS
 CWO USA
 Assistant Adjutant

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 210.01

30 April 1946

SUBJECT: Demotion of U.S. Officers

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
APO 394

1. Reference conversation Admiral Stone and General Hamblen, here-
with are extract instructions from WD quote individual demotion except-
ions may be considered only in most extreme cases based upon the personal
comments furnished by commanders. Final approval or disapproval of an
individual exception rests with the WD. Should an exception be
approved the officer's demotion will be deferred for one month and the
officer will be included in the next monthly increment. In the meantime
maximum effort will be made to replace the officer. The officer will not
again be excepted unless such action is again justified unquote.

2. In view of experience on cases already referred to WD it is
not contemplated that any except the most urgent cases be submitted for
WD consideration. In addition, it is manifestly undesirable that officers
by refusing to remain unless they continue in grade should receive more
favorable treatment than those who elect to stay on the job at the reduced
grade. The WD instructions require that non-regular officers declining
to accept the new appointment in the lower grade will be relieved from
active duty without demotion.

3. Reference statements made by Commanding General, Ground Forces,
and his Chief of Staff concerning freedom permitted Theater Commanders,
it should be noted that action in the subject matter rests with the War
Department and not with the Ground Forces.

BY ~~COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL~~ *[Signature]*

[Signature]
A. L. HAMBLER
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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19 March 1946.

My dear General:

I would like to bring to your attention the recommendation for promotion to lieutenant colonel of Major John P. Leacacos which was forwarded to your headquarters on 5 March 1946.

Under the provisions of W.D. Circular No. 10 dated 11 January 1946 Major Leacacos will be advanced to the grade of lieutenant colonel immediately upon going on terminal leave. In view of this fact, I strongly recommended that he be promoted now while still on active duty and in a position in which the higher rank will be of distinct advantage to the service.

I would deeply appreciate anything that you can do to facilitate this promotion.

Sincerely,

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLELY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Chas. L. Dasher, Jr., U.S. Army,
Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command,
APO 794 - U.S. Army.

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1. Reference our message 6-35137, 2 April 1946.
2. War department directs that second increment scheduled for demotion is colonels and are: (A) Air Corps officers or officers on duty with Air Forces with date of rank from 1 July 1943 or any later date. (B) For all other officers with date of rank from 1 April 1943 or any later date.
3. Shown below is list of colonels of your command that are listed in War Department second increment: ROBERT G. ROSS. 016467. PA, asgd 2675 Regiment AC.
4. According to records this Headquarters names of colonels of your command affected by this criteria, that are within the date of rank specified above, but were omitted from the War Department list scheduled for demotion are: JOHN V. CHAPMAN. 02041848 JAGD. asgd 2675 Regt AC. 17 May 49
5. Verify and implement these lists as to omissions and deletions to make them currently complete and correct and including all colonels within date of rank specified above. Then notify all officers affected. After verification and implementation of lists and notification to officers affected, submit priority cable to this Headquarters to reach here not later than 4 May 1946 and containing: (A) Statement that officers affected have been notified. (B) Statement showing address where officer may be contacted and date of expected return for those not present for duty. (C) Statement of appeal for demotion deferment if cogent and extreme reasons exist.
6. Any change in status of affected officers which occur subsequent to rendition of these lists will be reported immediately by priority cable to this HQ. attention Adjutant General.

Noted by CC [Signature]

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EDWARD D. S. SHERMAN
Air Corps,
G-1 American

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HEADQUARTERS
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION (OVERHEAD)
APO 394

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22 January 1946

File: 210.2

SUBJECT: Promotion of Officers Reverting to Inactive Status.

TO : All Officers, this Regiment.

The following cable is published for the information of all officers this Regiment:

1. HERE FOLLOWS AGWAR CABLE WX 88818: (SIGNED COMMANDING GENERAL MTOUSA CITE NAGAP) "PROMOTION OF OFFICERS BELOW GRADE OF COLONEL AND EXCLUDING REGULAR ARMY OFFICERS IS AUTHORIZED ON REVERTING TO INACTIVE STATUS UNDER FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

a. OFFICERS HAVING FIELD GRADE AS SECOND OR FIRST LIEUTENANT 18 MONTHS OR MORE, AS CAPTAIN OR MAJOR 24 MONTHS OR MORE, AND AS LIEUTENANT COLONEL 30 MONTHS OR MORE, WITH EFFICIENCY IN EX OF 40 OR HIGHER, WILL BE PROMOTED ONE GRADE ON FIRST DATE OF TERMINAL LEAVE. COMPUTATION OF TIME IN GRADE IS BASED ON 50 PERCENT INCREASE FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE.

b. OFFICERS HERETOFORE REVERTED TO INACTIVE STATUS AND ELIGIBLE UNDER FOREGOING PROVISIONS WILL BE PROMOTED IN RESERVE OR IN AUS, NGUS OFFICERS WILL BE GIVEN OPTION OF COMMISSION IN ORC OR COMMISSION IN AUS AND WILL BE INFORMED HIS SELECTION OF COMMISSION IN ORC WILL PROVIDE FOR AUTOMATIC TERMINATION HIS STATUS IN NGUS, FURTHER THAT SHOULD BE ELECT COMMISSION IN AUS SUCH COMMISSION IS TEMPORARY AND TERMINATES AUTOMATICALLY AT END OF EMERGENCY PLUS SIX MONTHS WITHOUT AFFECTING NGUS.

c. OFFICERS CURRENTLY ON TERMINAL LEAVE AND ELIGIBLE UNDER FOREGOING WILL BE PROMOTED PRIOR TO REVERTING TO INACTIVE STATUS. CANDIDATES FOR PROMOTION UNDER THIS POLICY MAY DECLINE TO ACCEPT PROMOTION AND CAPTAINS ELIGIBLE WHO DECLINE IN ORDER TO COLLECT MUSTERING OUT PAY WILL BE REPORTED TO TAG FOR PROMOTION ON DAY AFTER REVERTING TO INACTIVE STATUS.

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d. BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AUTHORITY TO EFFECT PROMOTIONS PRESCRIBED HEREUNDER IS DELEGATED TO THEATER AND OVERSEAS DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS IN CASES OF THOSE OFFICERS REVERTING INACTIVE STATUS WHILE SERVING OVERSEAS.

e. EFFICIENCY INDEX WILL BE BASED ON FORM 66-1 OR OTHER AVAILABLE AND COMPETENT RECORD, IF NO POSITIVE RECORD AVAILABLE ACCEPT CERTIFICATE OF INDIVIDUAL AND EFFECT PROMOTIONS. IN ANY CASE OF DOUBT AS TO ELIGIBILITY REFER COMPLETE DATA TO TAG FOR DECISION, FURNISH COPY OF ORDER IN CASE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL TO TAG OFFICERS BRANCH PROMOTION SECTION.

f. NO RETROACTIVE OR PREDATED PROMOTIONS ARE AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS DIRECTIVE. "

2. THE COMMANDING OFFICER, SEVENTH REPLACEMENT DEPOT, IS CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROCESSING AND SUBMITTING TO THIS HEADQUARTERS ALL APPLICATIONS FOR PROMOTION OF OFFICERS SEPARATED FROM SERVICE IN THIS THEATER IN THE FUTURE, INCLUDING THOSE CURRENTLY ON TERMINAL LEAVE.

3. OFFICERS HERETOFORE REVERTED TO INACTIVE STATUS AND ELIGIBLE FOR PROMOTION MAY SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS INCLUDING THEREIN ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION BY ABOVE MENTIONED CABLE, OFFICERS NOW ON TERMINAL LEAVE WILL SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE SEVENTH REPLACEMENT DEPOT, MAILING: COMMANDING OFFICER, SEVENTH REPLACEMENT DEPOT, APO 372, UNITED STATES ARMY.

The following MTOUSA cable C 50745 on the same subject is also quoted for the information of all officers:

WITH REFERENCE OUR RADIO FX 57060, HERE FOLLOWS PARTIAL AGWAR CABLE WCL 31537 FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND COMPLIANCE "WAR DEPARTMENT HAS AUTHORIZED THE AUTOMATIC ONE GRADE PROMOTION OF CERTAIN NATIONAL GUARD, RESERVE AND ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS AS THEY ENTER A TERMINAL LEAVE STATUS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING RELIEVED FROM ACTIVE DUTY, PROVIDED THEY HAVE SERVED A SPECIFIED LENGTH OF TIME IN GRADE AND HAVE A SPECIFIED MINIMUM EFFICIENCY INDEX. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT EFFICIENCY RATINGS PREVIOUSLY RECORDED AND INITIALED ON AN OFFICERS QUALIFICATION CARD WDAGO FORM 66-1, 66-2, 66-3 ARE BEING CHANGED IN

ORDER TO PERMIT THE OFFICERS RECORD TO REFLECT AN EFFICIENCY INDEX AT LEAST
EQUAL TO THE MINIMUM SPECIFIED FOR PROMOTION.

- a. THIS PRACTICE WILL CEASE.
- b. NO PERSON INCLUDING THE RATING OFFICER, WILL CHANGE AN EFFICIENCY
RATING ON THE OFFICERS QUALIFICATION CARD AFTER THE ENTRY HAS BEEN RECORDED AND
INITIALED."

BY ORDER OF COLONEL PARKIN:

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SHERIDAN CRUMLISH
2nd Lt CE
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1. Troopers agree to extension of review of above we at war office until 10 February provided following appts are nonimplemented W.E.F. 1 January 46.

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And further appointments as found possible during January.

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5 December 1945

SUBJECT: Promotion of Major RICHARD H. AYRE, 0173533, Inf.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

1. Attention is invited to the enclosed copy of the formal recommendation for promotion of Major RICHARD H. AYRE, 0173533, Inf, to Lieutenant Colonel, which, inadvertently, due to technical delays, was cleared by this Headquarters only four days prior to his agreed release date -- December first. It is realized that under such circumstances the recommendation for promotion cannot be given consideration by the Commanding General, LTCUSA. However, it is felt that this officer's superior ability and demonstrated performance, combined with his technical telecommunications background, would be a distinct asset as a lieutenant colonel in the Signal Corps Branch of the Officers' Reserve.

342 2. Major AYRE has served the Allied Commission and Allied Military Government in Italy since November 1943. His military experience as a telecommunications officer with the Commission extends from Palermo, Sicily, 1943, to Naples, Florence, Bologna, and Padova in 1945. On practically every assignment Major AYRE has had to step into a situation where local telecommunications were completely disrupted by the enemy and has with minimum delay restored service in the shortest practical time for the military authorities and later for the civil population.

3. For example, in Florence, where he was a member of the Advance Telecommunications Board, Major AYRE was, in addition to his duties as telecommunications officer in Tuscany Region, largely responsible for the completion of a 500 line automatic telephone exchange for the use of the Allied forces in Florence. This exchange was built in fifteen days from parts salvaged from the main city exchanges destroyed by the Germans. While in Florence, Major AYRE organized a special school for training personnel of signal units serving with Fifth Army in the use of German-type dial central office equipment. In Bologna, in addition to his duties as regional telecommunications officer, Emilia Region, Major AYRE was again a member of the Advance Telecommunications Board, and in the face of insuperable obstacles was able to obtain from the civilian telephone

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authorities assistance in furnishing telecommunication facilities for the Allied forces. Under Major AYRE's direction and at the request of the Chief Signal Officer, Fifth Army, the civilian network was restored to meet military requirements of Fifth Army at Modena and Verona. In Padova, as telecommunications officer of Venezia Region, Major AYRE carried out his normal duties in a superior manner. By personal reconnaissance he was instrumental in locating and obtaining for civilian use 55 truckloads and 20 railway carloads of telecommunication equipment of Italian origin which had been removed by the Germans. This material would have been otherwise lost or damaged.

4. In all his varied assignments, particularly in the telecommunications field, Major AYRE has continually displayed a high degree of executive ability and has contributed in a great measure to the restoration of civilian telecommunication facilities in Italy.

5. In view of Major AYRE's civilian background and demonstrated military performance in the telecommunications field, it is recommended that, upon release from the service, he be commissioned a lieutenant colonel in the Signal Corps Branch of the Officers' Reserve.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
Communications Sub-Commission NHS/ec

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24 November, 1945

SUBJECT: Promotion Major Richard H. Ayre.

TO : Chief Commissioner.

1. Maj Richard H. Ayre, O-123533, Inf. was recommended for promotion to Lieut. Col. on Sept. 7, 1945 but to date recommendation is still in the hands of G-1 (A) this Hqs. Other Officers have been promoted from Major to Lt. Col. in the Allied Commission with approximately the same length of time in grade as Major Ayre (promoted Major. May 17, 1944) and with equal efficiency records.

2. Major Ayre came to Palermo with the first group of Allied Officers in November 1943 from where he went to Naples in December 1943. He has rendered outstanding service as a Regional Telecommunications Officer having served at Bari, Florence, Bologna, and Padova. In every post Major Ayre has made an enviable record.

In Florence, where he was a member of the Advance Telecommunications Board, Major Ayre was, in addition to his duties as Telecommunications Officer in Toscana Region, largely responsible for the completion of a 500 line automatic telephone exchange for use by the Allied Forces in Florence. This exchange was built in 15 days from parts salvaged from the main City exchanges destroyed by the Germans.

In Bologna in addition to his duties as Regional Telecommunications Officer Emilia Region, Major Ayre was again a member of the Advance Telecommunications Board and in face of almost insuperable obstacles was able to obtain from the civil Telephone Authorities assistance in furnishing telecommunication

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facilities to the Allied Forces.

In Padova, as Telecommunications Officer, Venezia Region, Major Ayre not only carried out his normal duties in a superior manner but by personal reconnaissance was instrumental in locating and obtaining for civilian use 55 truckloads and 20 railway cars of telecommunication Equipment of Italian origin which had been removed by the Germans. This material would have otherwise been largely dissipated and damaged.

Major Ayre has displayed not only a high degree of executive ability, but a marked ability to obtain the co-operation of others and has contributed in great measure to the restoration of civil telecommunications facilities in Italy.

It is hoped that favourable action by K.T.O.U.S.A. can be taken on Major Ayres' promotion.

H. H. Scudder
H.H. SCUDDER,
Col. Sig. C.
Director.

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21 November 1945

SUBJECT: Promotion of Lt. Col. Guy I. WARREN, 0122747, SR

To : Commanding General, MPOUSA

1. I wish to bring to your attention the enclosed recommendation for promotion of Lt. Col. Guy I. WARREN, 0122747, SR, which was returned without action by first indorsement, Headquarters Command. While it is realized that these papers were not forwarded in strict compliance with paragraph 4b of MPOUSA Circular No 120 dated 14 October 1945, it is believed that this case should be given special consideration by the MPOUSA Promotion Board.

2. Since joining AC/AMG in November 1943, Lt. Col. WARREN has consistently performed his duties in a superior manner. He has occupied a position vacancy in a rank of a full colonel since September 1944. Inadvertently, his promotion, while long recognized as deserved, has been blocked by theaters freezes and circumstances which necessitated the urgent promotion of officers holding senior position in the Northern operational areas.

3. In original signing the so-called Class 'B' certificate, Lt. Col. WARREN agreed to stay in his present position as Deputy Commissioner, Naples Commune, and Liaison Officer, Southwest Italy, as long as the work was expected to last. At that time it was believed his office close on or about the first of December and, accordingly, he signed up until that date. Since the date is now indefinite, he is most worthy of promotion.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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MTUSA Circular 115 is being rescinded. Do not submit further recommendations
for promotion until receipt of new circular being published soon

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1. On the 13 August 45 the Chief Commissioner, in his letter 10/94/EST, subject Allotment of American Officer Grades - Allied Commission, addressed to General Lemnitzer, Acting Chief of Staff, MTOUSA, protested the distribution of officer grades as authorized in MTOUSA's letter of 30 July 45. The practical effect of the 30 July T/O was to completely block all promotions in grades above the rank of Captain.

2. On 24 August General Lemnitzer replied, file AG 221.02/500 COS-0, subject Allotment of American Officer Grades, authorizing a favorable allotment which would permit promotions to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel.

3. Accordingly, on the 8 September 45 the Commission sent forward to Headquarters Command recommendations for promotion of 14 majors to lieutenant colonel and 23 lieutenants to captain. These recommendations were forwarded in full compliance with all existing regulations and fully covered by vacancies existing at the time in accordance with the T/O as authorized in General Lemnitzer's letter of 24 August 45. Actually there were 17 vacancies for lieutenant colonel and 36 in the grade of captain. Hence, there was no reason to believe that these promotion recommendations would run into opposition as a result of the T/O position.

4. On 10 September this headquarters was notified that before any officers would be considered for promotion they would have to sign the certificate volunteering to remain on active service for the duration plus six months. Certificates were obtained from 9 majors and 12 lieutenants. These were subsequently forwarded to Headquarters Command, but not in time for consideration before the MTOUSA Board which met on the 11th. Accordingly, they were held over until the Board meeting of the 22nd. Meanwhile, on the 19 September, Colonel Fiske personally talked with Colonel Hyde, Assistant G-1, MTOUSA, and was given verbal assurance that the Commission's recommendations for field grade promotions would be given favorable consideration. The Board approved the promotion of 17 lieutenants to captain and disapproved all other recommendations. This headquarters has been informed that such disapproval was made in anticipation of a new T/O.

5. It will be observed that while such action is entirely the prerogative of the MTOUSA Promotion Board, it was directly contrary to primary purpose behind the T/O as approved by General Lemnitzer as a result of the Chief Commissioner's protest regarding blocking of field grade promotions.

CC 567 dtd 29 Sep 45

6. Thus, in view of such action, can the Commission continue to submit recommendations for the promotion of field grade officers against vacancies that exist under the current T/O and reasonably expect favorable action?

List Original & 1 cc taken by Col. Perkins to
Commission on 1 Oct.

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EXT: 301

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. There are no vacancies in grade of Major and none will be created by any pending promotions.

2. Colonel Poletti's statement that "I have recommended Captain Keim to A.C. scores of times" is not borne out by the record. There is only one recommendation from Colonel Poletti on record. It was received 25 March 1945. No vacancies have existed since that time.

3. The officer's letter of 3 September 1945 referring to "those bastards at HQ A.C." is hardly a sound commendation for promotion.

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel

Deputy Executive Commissioner

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Establishment Section
20 September 1945

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MEMORANDUM:

TO

: S.O. to Chief Commissioner

EXT: 301

1. Reference is made to letter, Agriculture Division, Lombardia Region, 3 September 1945, Subject: Promotion of James F. Keim, Captain, Spec. Res., and to 1st Indorsement, HQ., Lombardia Region, thereon.

2. This officer was originally recommended for promotion on 18 October 1944 by letter from the Director, Agriculture Sub-Commission, HQ., A.C. He was at that time assigned to Lazio-Umbria Region. The Promotion Board had met two days previously. Despite the absence of a formal recommendation, he was then considered for promotion. Of those officers considered at that time for promotion, some 13 were recommended to MTOUSA --- None were promoted.

3. This officer's recommendation was again considered at the meeting of the Promotion Board on 14 November 1945. No action was taken on the promotion of Captains to Major.

4. At the meeting of the Promotion Board on 1 December, Captain Keim was again considered, but not recommended for promotion. Of 60 Captains then recommended for promotion to Major, only 11 were junior to this officer. This officer's WDAGO Form 66-1 showed, as of 1 December 1944, the following entries:

5 Nov. 43 - 31 Dec. 43

Excellent

1 Jan. 44 - 30 June 44

Very Satisfactory

For the period 1 July 44 to 31 Dec. 44 he was rated "Superior".

5. At the meeting of the Promotion Board 15 February 1945, Captain Keim's promotion was again considered. Fourteen recommendations for promotions from Captain to Major were forwarded. No officer junior to Captain Keim was recommended.

6. Colonel Poletti's recommendation for Captain Keim's promotion was received on 25 March 1945.

7. There have been no vacancies in the grade of Major for the Promotion board to consider since its meeting of 15 February.

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8. Captain Keim was recommended for award of the Legion of Merit. The Awards and Decorations Board, HQ., A.C., reduced this to a recommendation for citation in General Orders, which was awarded per G.O. 25, Headquarters Command, A.F., 1 September 1945.

Establishment Section
11 September 1945

C. M. Parkin
C. M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Inf.,
Actg Vice President

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HEADQUARTERS

ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

LOMBARDIA REGION

AGRICULTURE DIVISION

APO 394

SEP 10 1945

3 September 1945. =

Subject: Promotion of James E. Keim
Capt. Spec. Res.

To: : Colonel Charles E. Poletti
Regional Commissioner Lombard Region

1. Reference your letter of some weeks ago written on my behalf addressed to Rear Admiral Stone. =
2. I am deeply grateful to you for your continued efforts on my behalf. = Furthermore I will always remember with pleasure and satisfaction the time I have spent serving under your command. =
3. The war has been won so it cannot be said that criticisms we may now make can be construed as helping the enemy. = First of all I wish it clearly understood that I think the organization of our Army, which made it possible for us to accomplish so much, is second to none. = I am indeed proud to be a part of it. = Nevertheless I firmly believe that I have been treated as an individual in a manner as to be most unjust and unfair. =
4. I received my commission in May 1943 and was called to active duty in June 1943. = I was sent to Fort Custer MGT. School for four weeks, then to the University of Mich.; was "alerted" 13 August and shipped overseas 24 August 1943. = I had volunteered for AMG. feeling that my work in Agriculture Ext. for the State of Penna over a period of 20 years qualified me for A.M.G. Service. = In that I have not been wrong as I have been able to put into practice many of the principles I learned during many years in Agriculture Ext. work in Penna. =
5. Arriving at Oran September 15 thence to Baizeon the Milit. Govt. School I was assigned at once in Agriculture to Region IV; then Lazio-Umbria-Molise Region. =
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the Army with its hay procurement program as well as advising them on their mule purchasing activities in King's Italy. =

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After being transferred to Region IV later known as Lazio-Umbria Region, I worked with Agriculture problems on a Regional level. = Among the accomplishment to which I can justly lay credit the following are listed;

- a) = a program of transferring livestock for restocking purposes from areas not seriously depleted to the Provinces of Rome, Frosinone and Littoria. = Hundreds of animals were moved under this plan which was adopted by the Ministry of Agriculture. =
- b) = a program for disposing to farmers, horses and mules no longer fit for military service or for lease to farmers. = All such horses and mules of the British American and Italian Armies were turned over to me for distribution in Lazio-Umbria Region. =
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I have now been 26 months in grade as Capt., a grade I accepted because I thought meritorious effort would be recognized. =

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So far to this date it has not been the case despite the fact that P.W.B. has used pictures of my work in Posters illustrating how AEG. has rehabilitated the livestock industry and despite the fact that news reels pictures were made of our bringing cattle in Italy from Sardinia. = Also despite the numerous recommendations by yourself and the Agriculture Sub Commission. =

10. I feel this injustice very deeply and I look forward to leaving the service with no little satisfaction. = Can I be blamed for feeling that, if the opportunity arises, I shall state the facts as I know them. = Promotions, honours and decorations should go to those who have performed the tasks assigned to them in a manner deserving recognition. =

James F Keim
Capt S.R.

JAMES F. KEIM
Capt. Spec. Res.
Regional Agriculture Officer

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3 Articles and 1 Poster illustrating
Agriculture Rehabilitation in Italy. =

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED MILITARY COMMISSION, BOMBARDIA REGION, APO 394
1ST. INF.
7 September 1946

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Chief Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Commission

I have recommended Captain Keim to AG scores of times. I can't add anything new. He certainly deserves promotion.

Charles Pollett
CHARLES POLLETT
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, LOMBARDIA REGION, APO 394
7 September 1945

TO: Chief Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Commission

I have recommended Kaptain Keim to AC scores of times. I can't add anything new. He certainly deserves promotion.

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CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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 My Dear Col.

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This letter I've enclosed states my feelings very plainly. If you will I'd appreciate your sending it forward with your endorsement. I'd might as well be real S.S. while I am at it. Therefore I propose to send a copy of this letter to my wife - with the Partner ask her to get copies of the magazine, and to go to see Senator Guffey. I'm tired of being kicked around by those bastards at H.Q. The war is over. So I'll let em have it."

James F. Keim
 Capt S.P.

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14 September 1945

Colonel Parkin:

Reference telephone conversation Admiral Stone had with Colonel Hyde, Assistant G-1 MTOUSA, at 1155 hours this morning. Colonel Hyde requests that on all promotion papers the critical score should be shown and further that the critical score on the promotion papers already in the hands of Headquarters Command should be passed on immediately to Major Getman.

L. W. STEARNS

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGO
SG to CC

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CO HEADQUARTERS COMMAND ALLIED FORCE (ATTENTION: MAJOR GETMAN).

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EIGHT SEPTEMBER FOUR FIVE PARAS TWO THREE FIRST LIEUTENANTS TO CAPTAINS AND
ONE FOUR MAJORS TO LIEUTENANT COLONELS PARAS PD CAPTAINS AUTHORIZED ONE SEVEN
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JAMES R REED CAPT INF
AUTO ADV 2675TH REGT
ALCON

NICHOLAS FLOMBING CWO USA
ASST ADV ALCON

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3 September 1945

SUBJECT: Officer Promotions.

TO : President of Promotion Board, Colonel Fluke. 55

1. In view of the strong representation which I personally made to MTOUSA on the 13th of August for revision of our Table of Organization to permit immediate officer promotions, I believe it is imperative that you send forward, without further delay, your final recommendations. This should be done by Wednesday, 5 September 1945.

2. In considering recommendations for promotion to full Colonel, to fill the vacancies that will be created by the departures of Colonels Poletti and Marshall, I sincerely recommend the promotion of Lieutenant Colonel Sender. This officer is performing his duties in a most superior manner, and as Director of the Communications Sub Commission should be a Colonel. Similarly, I would also like you to consider the promotion of Major Temple, who, as Deputy Director of Local Government Sub Commission, should be a Lieutenant Colonel.

/s/ Elmer W. Stone

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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1st Ind to ltr fr WD TAGO, file AGPO-P-A 210.2 (8 Aug 45), dtd 10 Aug 45 AUG 31 RECD
subj: Recommendations for Promotion.

AG 210.2/730 A-0 1st Ind DCK/ab

HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 29 August 1945

TO: All Concerned

1. Attention is invited to provisions of basic communication. War Department letter dated 25 May 1945, referred to in paragraph 1, basic communication, is attached hereto as Inclosure #1.
2. Effective immediately all recommendations for promotion of officers will contain statement required by War Department letter (Inclosure #1). In this connection particular attention is invited to provisions of paragraph 2 and 3, basic communication.
3. No action will be taken on any recommendation for promotion of an officer that does not contain proper statement as outlined above.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNEY:

C. W. Christenberry
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

1 Incl
Ltr WD TAGO, file AGPO-P
210.2 (25 May 45) dtd
25 May 45.

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington 25, D.C.

AGPO-P 210.2 (25 May 45)

25 May 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendations for Promotion

TO: Commanding General
Hague-Army Theater of Operations
APO 636, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

Effective immediately, in addition to the requirements of AR 605-12, dated 17 August 1944, as amended by Changes 1, dated 9 December 1944, the following statement will be incorporated in all recommendations for promotion, irrespective of grade:

"This officer is not under consideration for relief from active duty; is not a member of a unit scheduled for inactivation; and, if promoted, will continue to occupy the position for which recommended or a similar position commensurate with the higher grade."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

/s/ J. A. Grotenrath
Adjutant General

Inclosure #1
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IMMEDIATE ACTION

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28 August 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: President of Promotion Board, Colonel Fiske

1. In reference to the eight vacancies for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel that have been recently created by General Lemnitzer's re-allotment of American officer grades to the Commission, I would like to draw to your particular attention the superior work that Major THOMAS G. BERGIN, 0528710, NMB, is doing as Deputy Director of the Public Relations Office of the Commission. I accordingly recommend him without reservation for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel and especially urge that this officer's performance be given every consideration when the promotion board convenes.

2. Inasmuch as this will undoubtedly be the last opportunity that the Commission will have to promote its American officers, I wish to ~~carefully~~ review the final recommendations of the board.

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
APO 512

AG 221.02/500 005-0

24 August 1945

SUBJECT: Allotment of American Officer Grades.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394.

FILE 567/LL

1. In accordance with request in your letter of 13 August 1945, file 10/94/EST, a review of the allotment of grades and ratings to your command has been made.

2. Necessary action has been taken to amend your allotment as follows:

			Assigned Strength		Vacancies
Colonels	-	26	- 26	↓	
Lt Cols	-	60	- 52	-	8
Majors	-	100	- 138	-	
Cpts	-	175	- 153	-	22
Lts	-	171	- 160	-	
TOTAL		532	529		

3. While these figures do not meet your request, they do correspond to the current normal spread of grades specified by the War Department. This adjustment will allow a limited number of promotions in those most worthy cases.

3. It is realized that stagnating of promotions has an adverse effect on the morale of officers; however, this situation exists in all units in the theater. Current promotion policy precludes up-grading allotments to provide spaces for promotion, except in most exceptional cases, and where such up-grading is definitely justified in order to place the unit on a normal spread of grades corresponding to that authorized by the War Department.

L. L. LEMNITZER,
Major General, G.S.C.,
Acting Chief of Staff.

Original for action to:

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Col. Parlin

13 August 1945.

10/94/ST

Subject: Allotment of American Officer Grades - Allied Commission.

To: Major General L. L. Lemnitzer,
Acting Chief of Staff, MTOUSA.

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1. I refer to MTOUSA letter of 30 July 1945, AG 221.0/500 C-0, subject as above, addressed to the Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, AG, copy attached.

2. The distribution of officer grades set forth in this letter represents a sharp - and most disturbing - divergence from previous policy, and one upon which the Commission, contrary to past practice, unfortunately was not consulted. The activities of the Commission, which you appreciate, are not comparable to those of the normal military unit. Hence, the relative number of officers of the various grades required, so that the Commission's tasks may be efficiently performed, cannot be laid down on a basis parallel to that of the average regiment.

3. In order to arrive at a reasonable distribution of grades, within the present authorized strength, the following points appear pertinent:

a. The previous grade breakdown for American officers of the Commission, as laid down in T/O letters from MATOUSA and MTOUSA, maintained a consistent percentage level, as follows:

	30 June '44	23 Oct '44	(Contrast to) (30 July '45)
Colonels & Gen Offs	5.4%	4.8%	3.7%
Lt Colonels	13.0%	12.0%	8.5%
Majors	35.0%	34.0%	18.8%
Captains	32.0%	33.0%	33.0%
Lieutenants	14.1%	16.2%	36.0%
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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b. Following the placing of the Commission's American officer T/O on a "grade immaterial" basis, 21st Dec '44, the promotion policy of the Commission was based on the understanding that, despite changes in overall strength, the distribution of grades would remain similar to that previously allotted.

4. The cessation of American officer promotions, since April of this year, has not had a salutary effect upon the morale of American officer personnel of the Commission, especially since, on the British side, promotions have gone steadily on - some 47 promotions having been made since

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that time, 42 of which have been in the field grades.

5. In order that American officers who have for long period filled highly responsible and important positions may be given ranks consistent with the tasks they are performing, I consider it vital that action be taken to revise the current allotment. As the matter stands, it is now often necessary to place American officers in subordinate positions, with the result that the efficient maintenance of a balanced Commission policy may well be impaired.

6. Set forth below is a proposed revision of our present allotment. You will note that it is not inconsistent with the distribution of past allotments, and that it furnishes a far more realistic comparison with the present British war establishment:

	Proposed T/O		Present T/O		British T/O	
Colonels & Gen Off	27	5%	20	3.7%	37	4.1%
Lt Colonels	64	12%	45	8.5%	120	13.4%
Majors	180	34%	100	18.8%	324	36.2%
Captains	175	33%	175	33.0%	305	43.2%
Lieutenants	86	16%	192	36.0%	28	3.1%
Total	532	100%	532	100.0%	894	100.0%

7. I shall be grateful for your assistance in clearing up this situation which, I am sure you will agree, is not helpful in the maintenance of good morale of my American officers.

W. B. Stone

WILLY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

cc: 3 Estab. Sec.
1-Col. Fiske
2-Col. Parkin
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

8 August 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief Commissioner
SUBJECT: American Officers' Promotions.

1. The Establishment Section is redrafting a letter for your signature protesting the inequality of the new Table of Organization which was set up by HICUSA for the 2675 Regiment on 30 July 1945.

2. Briefly, the situation may be summarized as follows: on the 30th of July, HICUSA, File AG 221.02/500-30, assigned a new Table of Organization to the Regiment without any prior consultation with AC. This new Table of Organization reverses the concentration of high rank as compared to the company grades that has always been allowed to the Regiment as an AC/ANG organization. For example, both T/O's that were approved by HICUSA, 3 June 44 and 23 October 44, had 53% and 51% respectively, of the allotted grades concentrated in the field ranks (Major and higher) as contrasted with the new July 30th T/O which allows only 31% of the vacancies to the field grades. The effect of this reversal is to completely block all promotions in ranks above the grade of Captain. The promotion policy of the organization since inception has been based on a T/O in which the rank was concentrated in the higher grades.

3. Accordingly, to rectify this situation it is proposed that the July 30th T/O be revised to conform, percentage-wise, with the T/O's under which this organization has continually operated since inception. A brief table of comparison is presented below:

	3rd June 44 T/O		20 July 45 T/O		Proposed		Present Strength
Colonel	42	5.4%	20	3.7%	27	5.0%	26
Lt Col	100	13.0%	45	8.5%	64	12.0%	50
Major	268	35.0%	100	19.3%	160	34.0%	140
Capt	247	32.5%	175	33.0%	175	33.0%	153
1st Lieut	82	(14.1%)	192	36.0%	86	16.0%	155
2nd Lieut	28	()	-	-	-	-	3
Total	766	100.0%	532	100.0%	532	100.0%	529

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Major, ACD
Staff Officer to CC

cc Col Parker

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

AG 221.02/500 C-C

30 July 1945

SUBJECT: Allotment of Grades and Ratings.

TO : Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, AC, (Orhd)
Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force

1. Effective immediately, promotions of officers and enlisted personnel are authorized within your unit, subject to restrictions set forth in paragraph 2 and 3 below. These restrictions do not apply to second lieutenants and privates.

2. a. Based on the current authorized strength for your organization as compared to the currently assigned strength, you are hereby authorized the following grades and ratings from promotion purposes. Current allotment of personnel letters will be amended accordingly by this headquarters.

<u>Officers</u>		<u>Enlisted Grades</u>	
Colonel	30	1st Grade	20
Lt Colonel	45	2d Grade	50
Major	100	3d Grade	80
Captain	175	4th Grade	135
Lieut	192	5th Grade	250
	—	6th & 7th Grade	534
Total	532		1069

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*Includes General Officers

b. Promotions may be made only when a vacancy exists in the appropriate or specific grade. Any overages caused by current assignment must be absorbed by normal attrition.

c. Recommendations for promotion will include the above figures as the current authorized strength.

3. a. For purposes of promotion, a vacancy may be considered to exist when an officer or enlisted person has been designated for release by name, and orders have been issued setting release date. Any such individual selected for release by the unit or activity, or considered for release, will not be considered eligible

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b. Personnel assigned to units or activities that are under orders for discontinuance will not be considered eligible for promotion.

4. In exceptional cases where it is considered that personnel of units or activities are deserving of promotion because of the nature and manner of performance of their particular duties, and vacancies do not exist, recommendations may be submitted, together with full justification, for consideration by this headquarters.

5. Any previous instructions that are in conflict with the provisions of this letter are hereby rescinded.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNY:

/s/ C. W. Christenberry
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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/s/ Howard E Lee
HOWARD E LEE
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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
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AG 210.2/730 -0

29 July 1945

SUBJECT: Promotions

TO: All Concerned

1. Effective immediately, the current suspension of promotions in Category IV units is lifted, subject to the following restrictions:
2. Unit must have been specifically designated as Category IV, to remain in existence and on duty until 1 December 1945, or later.
3. Provided category of the unit is changed, inactivation date is changed to a date prior to 1 December 1945, or orders are issued for movement into a staging area for shipment to the United States, this authority is withdrawn.
4. Personnel selected for, or under consideration for release are not eligible for promotion; however, vacancies will be considered to exist for promotion purposes at such time as these personnel are actually under orders for release from the unit.
5. So much of the provisions of 1st Indorsement, this headquarters, file AG 210.2/730-P, dated 19 May 1945, to War Department letter, file AG 210.2 (8 May 45) OB-S-A-II, dated 10 May 1945, subject: "Promotions", not in conflict with the provisions of this letter, remain in effect.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCANNEY:

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C. W. Christenberry
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

11 July 1945.

From: Chief Commissioner.
To : Brigadier Maurice S. Lush, CB, CBE, MC,
Executive Commissioner.
Subject: Major John Anthony QUAYLE - Recommendation for pro-
motion.

1. I want to make an earnest recommendation to you, as senior British officer in the Allied Commission, that Major J. A. Quayle, my Staff Officer, should be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

2. Major Quayle has for thirteen months performed outstanding work in my office, work which is frequently of the most confidential nature and which requires the greatest tact and knowledge. A large part of his work inevitably is conducted with officers of senior rank, both at A.F.H.Q. and at this Headquarters. The officer who held his post under General Mason MacFarlane was a full Colonel and his predecessor in my office when I was General MacFarlane's Deputy was also a full Colonel.

3. I do not think it is going too far to say that Major Quayle's services to the Commission are quite outstanding and I strongly recommend his immediate promotion.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR

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Tony
QUAYLE

9 July 1945

Dear General McNarney:

As you well know, I have for the past year several times urged the promotion of Colonel Norman E. Fiske to be brigadier general. On March 1 last, you wrote me that you thought it would be several months before you could give favorable consideration. Several months have now elapsed and I sincerely trust you can now see your way clear to take favorable action in spite of the fact that in the meantime the military campaign in Italy has been concluded.

Rather, because of that fact, the military government load on the other hand is now at its maximum. In the next few months, the intricate and delicate task of administering disputed areas with dissident populations, pending ultimate disposal under concluded peace treaties, will tax to the utmost the energies and abilities of my officers. In this work I urgently require Fiske, who is familiar with every phase of military government and who is able to make balanced and mature judgments on the most perplexing political questions. I can assure you that Fiske's value, both to the Commission and to our Government, would be very greatly enhanced by his appointment to brigadier general.

In the Appennines and Po Valley offensives, he spent a large portion of the time with the tactical forces employed in those operations and was, as you are no doubt aware, of great assistance in planning and executing military government in the North of Italy. So effective was his work with Corps and Army that I understand a strong letter went forward from Army urging his advancement.

339 However, deserving as he is of promotion on past performance, I specially emphasize the need of increased rank for the job yet to be done. I hope very much that you will agree.

Sincerely yours,

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

51 General Joseph T. McNarney
Commanding General, MTOUSA
APO 512, U. S. Army

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9 July 1945

Subject: Officer Recommended for Promotion

To: Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army

- 1. Name: Norman E. Fiske
- 2. Serial number: 04741
- 3. Temporary rank: Colonel

4. Present duty and dates: Deputy Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission (Italy). 1 February 1944 to date.

5. His specialties, notable qualities and outstanding achievements: Colonel Fiske was appointed Director, Civil Affairs Branch, Allied Control Commission, in February 1944 and to additional duty as Deputy Executive Commissioner. He was peculiarly fitted for this assignment by virtue of long experience in Italy as Military Attache' and by long service on the War Department General Staff. As Director, Civil Affairs Branch, he was responsible for the organization of overall military government in Italy as well as for the setting up of regional control of the Italian administration. Throughout the Italian campaign he has represented U.S. interests in the administration of the Commission, comprising as it does twenty-one subcommissions of extremely varied activities and utilizing some fifteen hundred officers of all ranks and services. Colonel Fiske's work has been particularly concerned with Allied Military Government in the field and he has been responsible for the formation and implementation of policies affecting the entire area of occupied Italy.

334 6. Any further statement deemed necessary to complete the document: The ninety days which lie immediately ahead of us will be, in my considered opinion, the most critical ones in the life of the Allied Military Government and of the Commission. I therefore cannot too strongly reiterate my repeated recommendations over the past year that in the interest of the United States Colonel Fiske be promoted to the grade of brigadier general.

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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21 June 1945

Dear General:

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The sincerity of your letter of 12 June recommending the promotion of Captains Willis E. Pratt and Sam V. Noe is appreciated. I assure you that everything possible is being done to speed up the promotion of deserving officers and men.

As you know, promotions of all officers and enlisted personnel in the 2675th Regiment, AC, have been temporarily suspended in accordance with WD letter, File AG 210.2(8 May 45) On-S-A-H. subject: Promotions, dated 10 May 45, and MPOUSA first indorsement, AG 210.2/730-P, dated 19 May 45.

The readjustment of suspension, insofar as it affects the Commission, I personally took up with AFHQ as recently as 13 June. It was requested that the 2675th Regiment be designated as "Category One," which covers troops remaining on duty in this theater and is accordingly free from the promotion suspension. I have just now received a negative reply to this request, in which I am informed that the 2675th Regiment, AC, is considered a theater overhead unit and for that reason cannot, at least for the present, be placed in "Category One." Thus, American promotions must wait until the restriction is lifted on all overhead units.

However, despite this ruling, I shall continue on every possible occasion to emphasize the prime importance of promotion, at the earliest opportunity, of the deserving personnel of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Edgar E. Hume
Senior Civil Affairs Officer
Fifth Army

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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17 June 1945

G-5: 210.2-1

SUBJECT: Promotions.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394,
U.S. Army.

1. Reference your letter, file CC 567, subject: "Promotions", dated 13 June 45.
2. The 2675th Regt AC (Ovhd) is a theater overhead unit and, for that reason, will not be placed in a category.
3. Promotions of all overhead units including this headquarters are suspended at the present time.
4. It is felt that no exception can be made in the case of the 2675th Regt. and that promotions for that unit must wait until the restriction is lifted on all overhead units.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

J. Murrey Mitchell
J. MURREY MITCHELL,
Colonel, G.S.C.



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cc: Col. Parkin
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CC 567

13 June 1945

Subject: Promotions

To: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. In accordance with the provisions of War Department letter file AG 210.2 (8 May 45)CS-S-A-M, subject: Promotions, dated 10 May 1945 and MEVUSA 1st Ind. AG 210.2/730-P dated 19 May 1945 promotions of all officers and enlisted personnel not classified as Category I or II are temporarily suspended. It is understood that the 2675 Regiment, Allied Commission (OVHD) has not been designated as Category I.

2. With the cessation of hostilities in Italy in contrast to other units the work of the Allied Commission has not been reduced. It has in fact been increased. The responsibility of maintaining efficiently the Supreme Allied Commander's Civil Affairs commitment in Italy during this most trying period of readjustment between war and peace is more difficult than ever.

3. It is essential that the morale of the officers and enlisted men of the Commission be maintained at the highest possible level. This is most difficult when American promotions are suspended and British advancement continues uninterrupted. For example, since 12th May British promotions in the Commission have been made as follows: two to Colonel and eight to Lieutenant Colonel, with 21 promotions to Major and five to Captain not yet effective.

4. Accordingly it is desired that the 2675 Regiment, Allied Commission (OVHD) be placed in Category I.

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/s/ Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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cc: Chief Commissioner
Col. PARKIN

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Col. Pallett
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APC - 394

R/0107

1 June 1945

SUBJECT: Promotions

TO : Chief Commissioner
Attention: Admiral STONE
Headquarters, Allied Commission

1. There are two American officers whom I have been recommending for promotion for many months. They are both splendid officers. One is Captain Maurice F. Henfeld who served as Executive Officer in Regional Headquarters in Sicily, in Naples, and as my personal assistant in Rome, and is now Executive Officer of Lombardian Region.

2. The second is Captain J. F. Keim who is an agriculture officer and has been doing a swell job right along.

3. Very likely, you can be of assistance in obtaining the promotion of these two officers whose ranks are definitely out of line. Many thanks.

Charles Pallett
CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FIFTH ARMY
APO 464

12 June 1945

*Coats
+ signed
M. J. H. H. H. H.
cc sig.*

SUBJECT: Promotion of Captains Pratt and Noe

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394,
U. S. Army

1. It is desired to place on record with the Allied Commission, and through that Commission with MTOUSA, a strong recommendation of AMG Fifth Army that Captain Willis E. Pratt, 0521390 and Captain Sam V. Noe, 0521655 be promoted to the grade of major. Letters recommending both officers have already been sent in and the present one is by way of adding further information.

2. These officers have rendered outstandingly valuable service to the Allied cause in their direction of educational affairs while serving in various regions while they were administered by Fifth Army Allied Military Government. It is understood that promotions have been slowed up and are much less easy to obtain, but it is believed that these two officers' work has been such that they have earned it and to withhold it at this time would be to fail signally to give credit where credit is due. Both men have worked under the handicap of insufficient rank in relation to their age and experience in civil life. The least the service can do now is to give them this appropriate reward.

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Edgar E. Hume
EDGAR ERSKINE HUME
Brigadier General, GSC
Senior Civil Affairs Officer
Fifth Army

EEH:hml

cc: Col. Parkin
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25 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Promotion of Major Thomas E. Bergin.

TO : Acting Vice President, Establishments Section.

1. Will you please take up at your first opportunity the question of promoting Major Bergin to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel. This officer has been in grade twenty-two months, of which eighteen have been served overseas.

2. It is understood that at the present time there is a so-called "freeze" on in this theater. However, I would appreciate it if you would send forward his papers as soon as this situation is clarified.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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23 April 1945

SUBJECT: Promotion of Lt. Col. Arthur E. Sutherland, Jr.

TO : Brig. Gen. C. E. Saltzman, ^{Deputy} Chief of Staff, Hq 15th
Army Group.

I am directed by Admiral Stone to forward the attached
correspondence to you for you to note.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CG

1 Incl:
Ltr, Hq 2675th Regt A.C.
File 210.2, 20 Apr 45
(with 2 incls.)

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CC 0915ESTABLISHMENT SECTION
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION (REDACTED)
APO 394

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File: 210.2

21 April 1945

SUBJECT: Promotion of Officers

TO : Chief Commissioner, Headquarters, Allied Commission

1. Letter was received from the Commanding General, MTOUSA, dated 18 April 1945, concerning their policy for promotion of officers of the 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. They stated that based on the current distribution of officer grades in the Theater Overhead Allotment, your officer grades should not exceed the following:

Cols.	Lt.Cols.	Majors	Captains	1/Lts.	2nd Lts.	Total
29	61	105	162	106	69	532

The current strength of the 2675th Regiment is:

26	60	151	161	155	7	560
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2. From the above figures, the only vacancies remaining open for promotion are three (3) to Colonel or four (4) to Lieutenant Colonel.

3. Presently, there are three (3) recommendations for the promotion of Lieutenant Colonels to Colonels which have been forwarded to Commanding General, MTOUSA. Lieutenant Colonels Hamilton T. Walker, 0145320, Ord, and Arthur M. Sutherland, Jr., 0237530, CAO, have been forwarded; (Lieutenant Colonel Eugene R. McPhee, 0220462, Ord, had previously been recommended and his recommendation was returned with the letter but it is believed that his recommendation would be returned for consideration as it had previously been approved by the Promotion Board.

4. In reference to the vacancies for Majors to Lieutenant Colonels, four (4), a priority would be necessary as the Promotion Board had previously approved and forwarded eight (8) promotions.

5. Lieutenant Colonel Joseph D. Scholtz, 0521012, SR, has not been recommended for promotion and no recommendation is on file for action by the Promotion Board of ~~the headquarters~~ for this headquarters. Lt. Col. Scholtz was promoted to Lt. Col. on 7 October 1944. Officer is eligible for promotion under a current "MTOUSA Directive for Promotion of Officers". He ranks twenty-sixth out of sixty Lieutenant Colonels with the 2675th Regiment.

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Acting Vice President,
Establishment Section

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20 April 1945

SUBJECT: Promotion of Lt Col Arthur E. Sutherland, Jr.

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA

1. The attached papers concerning the promotion of Lt Col Arthur E. Sutherland, Jr., GAO, 0237530, are forwarded with the strong recommendation that they be considered favorably by your Headquarters at the earliest opportunity.
2. Colonel Sutherland's performance of duty, as Chief of Staff, AMG Fifth Army, has consistently been of the highest order, and the Commanding General, 15th Army Group, has expressed himself as anxious that favorable consideration be given to the promotion of this officer.
3. In view of the responsibilities of this officer's position, shortly to be increased by the commitments of Fifth Army to Military Government duties in Northwestern Italy, I strongly recommend that his promotion be considered urgently.

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HQ & Chief Commissioner	
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Date	Time
21 Apr	0840
Via	2675 Regt. Mr. Port
Initials	STG

To go out on this morning's courier 21/4/45 D.H.R.

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INFORMAL ROUTING

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

File:

Date 21 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Promotion of Lt Col Arthur E. Sutherland, Jr., O-237530.

Fill in each column, initial action, and draw a line across the sheet just below initials. Number each memo consecutively in first column. Use entire width of sheet for long memos.

No.	From	To	Date
1.	Actg VP Estab Sec	CHIEF COMMISSIONER Allied Commission.	1. The promotion papers of the above-mentioned officer were sent to MTOUSA via AFHQ, early this morning on the courier. 2. In effort to expedite the matter further, I contacted Col Ramsey, CO of HQ Command, AFHQ, at 0900 hours this day, and he will get his G-1 to act upon it immediately. 3. The next meeting of the MTOUSA Promotion Board is scheduled for the 27th of April. <i>C.M. Parkin</i> C.M. PARKIN, Colonel, Infantry, Actg Vice President.
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2 April 1945

Subject: Promotion - Lt. Col. Howard M. Baldrige, Air Corps

To: Commanding General, MTCUSA, APO 512

1. The attached recommendation for the promotion of Lt. Col. Howard M. Baldrige, Air Corps, is forwarded with the strong recommendation that it be considered by your Headquarters at the earliest opportunity.

2. This officer is now performing duties commensurate with the grade of a Brigadier General, U.S. Army. As Deputy Director of the Air Force Sub-Commission of this Commission, his promotion to the grade of Colonel is necessary in the interest of the United States.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEWY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Air Forces S/c
cc: Ex. Comm'r
Estab. Sec.
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JAG/hjp

19 March 1945

Dear Nelson:

Subsequent to our telephone conversation this morning I found that we have already gotten hold of a copy of the recommendation made to NATOUSA dated 24 November. We have therefore no need to resort to the devious method which we discussed on the phone, the Admiral's letter plus the enclosure going straight to General Gruenther.

I attach a copy of the Admiral's letter to the Chief of Staff, 15th Army Group.

/s/ J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CG

Colonel Nelson W. Monfort, G.S.C.
Civil Affairs Section
Hq 15th Army Group
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19 March 1945

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My dear General Gruenther,

Colonel Nelson W. Monfort during his assignment with the Allied Military Mission and later with the Allied Commission has always done a magnificent job.

On 1 October 1944, at the request of the Commander-in-Chief, I sent him to Hq. A. A. I. as my Deputy with the title of Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer. There he organized the Civil Affairs Section with such skill and tact that on 24 November 1944 I recommended him for promotion to the rank of Brigadier General. (27)

A copy of this recommendation, which was disallowed by MTOUSA "pending the demilitarization of the Allied Commission" is enclosed.

The demilitarization of the Allied Commission is, in the case of Colonel Monfort, no longer pertinent since he has subsequently been relieved from duty with the Allied Commission and assigned to Hq. 15th Army Group. On the other hand I cannot, for the same reason, resubmit a recommendation for his promotion. I think you should know the facts, however, and I am so advising you for any action you may care to take.

Sincerely,

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Major General A. M. Gruenther, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff, 15th Army Group,
APO 777, U.S. Army.

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
Office of the Commanding General
APO 512

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1 March 1945

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission,
APO 294, U. S. Army.

Dear Admiral Stone:

Reply to your letter of 16 February regarding promotion of Colonel Fiske was delayed until our February recommendations to the War Department had been completed. I regret that I have not yet been able to give favorable consideration to your recommendation for Colonel Fiske's promotion.

Frankly, with the severe limitations placed upon us by the War Department, and the proposed civilianization of the Allied Commission, I must of necessity consider your recommendation for Colonel Fiske's promotion in fairly low priority as compared to many other deserving cases in this Theater. It is not probable, therefore, that I shall be able to take any action in this case for the next several months. Meanwhile, your recommendation will, of course, remain on file here and will receive careful consideration when circumstances permit.

Sincerely,

/s/ JOSEPH T. McHANEY,
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

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26 February 1945.

From: Chief Commissioner.
 To : Chief of Naval Personnel.
 Via : (1) Senior U.S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy.
 (2) Commander, U.S. EIGHTH Fleet.
 Subject: Lieutenant John H. POLLARD, (S), USNR, 203649 - Recommendation for out-of-line promotion.

1. It is recommended that Lieutenant John H. Pollard, (S), USNR, be given immediate out-of-line promotion to the temporary rank of Lieutenant Commander while serving as Chief of the Sulphur Division of the Allied Commission (Italy). In this capacity, Lieutenant Pollard is responsible for all production, export, and allocation of sulphur in Italy and Sicily. In this position he has relieved a U.S. Army officer of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. No other U.S. officer holding the required qualifications is available in this theater to fill the position to which subject officer is assigned. The promotion is clearly necessary in order to assign greater authority and responsibility to subject officer.

2. Lieutenant Pollard's performance of duty as Chief of the Mining Section (Sicily) of the Allied Commission has been excellent since his assignment to this command on 15 August 1943. Consideration has been given not only to the performance of duty of this officer, but also to the nature of the duties performed and to be performed, his civilian capacity and experience as a specialist, and the potential value and future benefit to the Navy.

3. It is recommended that Lieutenant Pollard be given rank commensurate with his new assignment and more closely parallel to the seniority of Allied officers in similar positions and responsibilities.

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNRDISTR:

3 - Naval S/C (Lt. Hale)
 2 - Col. Denmore (Com. Sec.)
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UNITED STATES EIGHT FLEET

Serial: 1861

27 March 1945.

SECOND ENDORSEMENT to
Chief Commissioner
Hqtrs. Allied Commission
ltr dated 26 February 1945.

From: Commander United States EIGHTH Fleet.
To: The Chief of Naval Personnel
Subject: Lieutenant John H. POLLARD, (S), USN, (205649) -
Recommendation for promotion of.
Reference: (a) BuPers C.1. 25-45.
(b) ALNAV 103-44

1. Forwarded, recommending favorable consideration.
2. While the requirements of references (a) and (b) regarding the necessity for increased rank may not be entirely fulfilled in this case, it is to be noted that Lieutenant Pollard in performing important duties which bring him into intimate contact with officers of the U.S. Army and Allied Services, many of whom are serving in less important positions but with higher rank. I therefore concur in the remarks of the Chief Commissioner and feel that the recommended promotion is justified as a matter of prestige for the United States and for the U. S. Navy.

/s/ H. K. BENNETT.

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SENAUSLO, Italy.

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26 February 1945.

From: Chief Commissioner.
 To : Chief of Naval Personnel.
 Via : Commander, U.S. EIGHTH Fleet.
 Subject: Lieutenant John H. Pollard, (S), USNR, 205649 - Recommendation for out-of-line promotion.

1. It is recommended that Lieutenant John H. Pollard, (S), USNR, be given immediate out-of-line promotion to the temporary rank of Lieutenant Commander while serving as Chief of the Sulphur Division of the Allied Commission (Italy). In this capacity, Lieutenant Pollard is responsible for all production, export, and allocation of sulphur in Italy and Sicily. In this position he has relieved a U.S. Army officer of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. No other U.S. officer holding the required qualifications is available in this theater to fill the position to which subject officer is assigned. The promotion is clearly necessary in order to assign greater authority and responsibility to subject officer.

2. Lieutenant Pollard's performance of duty as Chief of the Mining Section (Sicily) of the Allied Commission has been excellent since his assignment to this command on 15 August 1943. Consideration has been given not only to the performance of duty of this officer, but also to the nature of the duties performed and to be performed, his civilian capacity and experience as a specialist, and the potential value and future benefit to the Navy.

3. It is recommended that Lieutenant Pollard be given rank commensurate with his new assignment and more closely parallel to the seniority of Allied officers in similar positions and responsibilities.

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR

Sent to Naval 5/c
 24 Feb 45 for
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cc: Col. Denmore, Econ. Sec.
 Lt. Pollard
 Naval 5/c
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Revised to Feb
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Lt-Gen Sir B. H. Robertson Et.,

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,

C M F.

LIV/GAO

22 Feb 45.

My dear Admiral,

In answer to your letter of 16 Feb 45, the situation with regard to Lush's promotion is as follows. Shortly after I came to this HQ in December, I received a telegram from the War Office asking if we were in agreement to the grant to Lush of the local rank of Major-General. This would have meant rank without pay. We replied to the effect that we recommended temporary rank, i.e., with pay.

We have heard nothing since. I have now sent a reminder to the War Office, asking them what they are doing about it. I fully agree with your observations regarding Lush, and I cannot understand why the War Office are being so dilatory about promoting him.

Yours sincerely,

Brian H. Robertson

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters,
Allied Commission.

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*Copies to Lush, Lush's
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16 February 1945.

Dear General McNarney:

Referring to my recent note expressing my appreciation for your cooperation in getting behind the promotions of American officers of this command, I still have one outstanding case in which I am particularly interested--Norman Fiske.

He is doing an outstanding job and his assignment merits the promotion, particularly in view of the higher rank of many British officers of the Commission.

I should be very grateful to you, therefore, if you could see your way clear to approve his case, if it has not already gone forward. General Lemnitzer is fully familiar with Fiske's position and work and, as the papers will show, has strongly recommended it.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Lieutenant General Joseph T. McNarney, U.S. Army,
Commanding General,
Mediterranean Theater of Operations, U.S. Army,
APO 512.

cc. COL. EDHE.
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cc. F. E. —
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16 February 1945.

I do not know what steps are currently being taken to implement General Mason MacFarlane's original recommendation that Lush should be promoted, but if it would be of any help in the matter I should like it to be known that I heartily endorse the recommendation and hope that something can be done at long last to settle the matter.

Lush has been a tireless worker, and without his help I could not have carried the load. He has given me all I could ask for in loyalty and support. He deserves this promotion. Notwithstanding the opposition to him in certain quarters (against which he was most warmly defended to the State Department by both Bob Murphy and Sam Reber), I am glad as his American commanding officer to recommend him most strongly for promotion and hope it will not be further delayed.

MILBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Lieutenant General Sir Brian H. Robertson St.,
KCVO, CB, CBE, DSO, MC,
Chief Administrative Officer,
Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512.

cc: Brig. Lush
Mr. Macmillan

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE OFFICE (US)
APO 394

GMP/jp
27 January 1945.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Rear Admiral ELLERY W. STONE, Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission. (2)

Reference your memorandum relative to the promotion of Lt Col Floyd Thomas.

1. Papers for Lieutenant Colonels to Colonels, were forwarded to MTOUSA on or about 5 December 1945, and all were returned with the notation to resubmit them after 1 January 1945.

2. Papers were resubmitted 1 January 1945 in the following priority:

Jenny
Bowman
Thornhill
Thomas
Snook
Mc Phee

3. As you already know, Jenny and Bowman were promoted, and the other promotion papers are still pending at MTOUSA. The promotion board at MTOUSA meets on the 7th, 17th and 27th of each month.

C M Parkin

C.M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry,
Executive Officer (US).

Copy was forwarded
to Lt. Col. Thomas
27 Jan 45, 1230 hrs.

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22 January 1945.

Dear General McNarney:

Thank you very much for putting through my U.S. Army promotions. Not only were they deserving to officers who have been out here a long time, but they have greatly helped the morale of all hands. I am most grateful for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Lieutenant General Joseph T. McNarney, U.S. Army,
Commanding General,
Mediterranean Theater of Operations, U.S. Army,
APO 512.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

FILE No.

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The Admiral told me the other evening
to call it to his attention this morning
if I had not heard about my promotion
in which case he would call Caserta
to see what could be done to expedite
this.

my answer is — I have received
no news.

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Done
by✓ M. LaSalle
for all

Col. Fiske
Disc me
Tel. 489081
Ext. 320

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Inter Office Memo

13 Dec. 44

SUBJECT: Promotion.
TO : Commodore Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner A.C.
FROM : Director, P.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

1. I have just been advised by Col. Fiske's office that the recommendation for my promotion had been returned from A.F.H.Q. with the notation that it was returned without action, due to a lack of a vacancy in the grade to which I was recommended.

2. I cannot help but feel that I have been treated most unfairly in the question of my promotion, particularly in view of the fact that I am the head of one of the most important Sub-Commissions which is doing an excellent job and also in view of my past training and accomplishments both military and civil.

3370 3. While I was in Washington and discussed the question of my promotion with the Adjutant General's office, I was advised that, should my promotion be denied because of a lack of vacancy in this theater, the Theater Commander could wire Washington asking for an exception to be made in a case that appeared as worthy as mine and that Washington would, no doubt, approve the making of such an exception. The Theater Commander could then make appropriate adjustments later on.

32 4. In view of the above I must ask that the Theater Commander be requested to wire Washington for such an exception from the rule in my particular case and that adjustments be made within the theater later on, so that I may receive the rank to which I have been entitled for over one year and which I must have, in order to properly carry out my functions.

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5. As previously pointed out, I have had a Colonel reporting to me for a long time, and recently an American Lt-Colonel, who is a Regional Engineer under my direction, was promoted to Colonel, and this without my knowledge. I do not understand how vacancies can exist in the rank for which I was recommended to be parcelled out to subordinate officers of this Sub-Commission, and when my case is submitted, the promotion is refused on, what appears to be the flimsy pretext, that no vacancy exists.

6. Furthermore, it should also be understood that the holding up of my promotion, according to American rules, is holding up the promotion of deserving British officers.

7. It must be obvious that there is something wrong with a system that permits such conditions to exist and it would seem high time that a prompt and appropriate adjustment be made.


L.A. JENNY,
Lt-Colonel, C.E.,
Director.

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P.S. I wish to emphasize one more point, and that is that I believe I am the oldest Director in point of service in the capacity of a Director of a Sub-Commission, having held this post since early in September 1943. I certainly am one of the very few Directors who has served as such for 15 months continuously. I also am the only Director of an important Sub-Commission who still is only a Lt.Colonel, a condition which certainly does not help my Sub-Commission, and consequently the A.C., nor does it help in my relations with others, including the Italians, before whom I must appear as not deserving a promotion. Furthermore, in point of large previous accomplishments and long years of broad training for the specialized task to which assigned here, I believe that I far outrank any other Director. The only one who may equal my record is Brigadier Parkinson, but that is why his government made him a Brigadier.

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Since A.C. did not reserve a vacancy for me, as it should have done, and since this appears to be a most unfair inequality, and an injustice towards me, it must be apparent to all that strong corrective measures should now be taken promptly.

W.S.

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UNITED STATES EIGHTH FLEET

11 JAN 1945

Serial: 154 (A)

From: Commander United States Eighth Fleet.
To : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission for Italy.
Subject: Lieutenant George H. WILLIS, SC(S), USNR, (179354) -
Recommendation for promotion of.
Reference: (a) Your ltr. dated 16 December 1944. (30)

1. The minimum time requirement for promotion to Lieutenant Commander from Lieutenant is eighteen (18) months.
2. Since Lieutenant Willis has been a Lieutenant for only fifteen (15) months, reference (a), which recommends favorable consideration for his promotion when the next selection board meets, is filed.
3. Fitness reports for officers of the rank of Lieutenant (junior grade) and above will be due for submission on 28 February. Remarks contained in reference (a) should properly be made in that report.

HEADQUARTERS
14 JAN 1945
A. C.H. O. Belanger
H. O. BELANGER
By Direction.

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HEADQUARTERS
14 JAN 1945
A. C.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

16 December 1944

FROM: Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission for Italy.

TO : The Chief of the Bureau of Naval Personnel,
Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

Via: (1) Commander, Eighth Fleet, and
(2) The Chief of the Bureau of Supplies and
Accounts, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Promotion Lieut. George H. Willis, SC-V (S)
USNR, 179354.

1. It is anticipated that the subject officer, Lieutenant George H. Willis, may be eligible for selection for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Commander, by action of a forthcoming Selection Board. He has held the rank of Lieutenant since 1st October 1943.

2. The subject officer's performance of duty for the Allied Commission has been excellent since his assignment to this command in October 1943. He has been nominated to proceed to the United States as a representative of the Finance Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission, because of his technical qualifications and his close relations with the Italian Central Bank.

3. It is recommended that Lieutenant G.H. Willis be favorably considered for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

17 December 1944

Reference: 13670/F

Subject : Promotion, George H. Willis, Lieutenant,
SC-V (S), USNR, 179354To : Ellery W. Stone, Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

1. Subject officer, about to proceed on temporary duty to the United States as head of a technical financial Mission, has been a member of this Sub-Commission since October 1943 and has performed his duties with excellent judgement, and with energy and initiative.

2. Advancement in grade would increase his usefulness to the Finance Sub-Commission and to the Allied Commission. I am informed that in view of his service in grade, he would be eligible for consideration by a Selection Board of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, sometime next year, provided that his record contained an appropriate recommendation. However, the character of his work with the Commission and with the Italian Government warrants promotion to a higher rank as early as possible.

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A. G. Grabbey

Colonel
Joint Director
Finance Sub-Commission

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CONFIDENTIAL.G-1B/16120/477/0.6th December 1944.

My dear Air Marshal:

I wish you would look into the question of the promotion of Group Captain C.E. Benson for me.

I recommended him for promotion to the rank of Air Commodore but letter No. CAP/8000/1/2.2 dated 22 November, 1944 from HQ. Mediterranean Allied Coastal Air Force has now been received telling me that it has not been approved.

I am anxious to have his case reconsidered because the appointment he holds is accepted within this Commission as being of sufficient importance to call for Brigadier's rank and, in fact, his opposite number in 5 Army is Brigadier-General Rime, AUS.

Benson has been with 8 Army throughout the whole of the Italian campaign and has done magnificently.

It is possible that the refusal is based on seniority, but the appointment calls for an officer with special qualifications and R.A.F. officers senior to Benson in his rank may not necessarily have his "flair" for this unusual type of work.

I press his case strongly because I know what he has done and is still doing: a further point, of course, is that he will be held against a Brigadier's appointment in our own War Establishment which should not throw the R.A.F. promotion roster out of balance.

I should be very glad for any help you can give me in this matter.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USAR
Chief Commissioner

Air Marshal Sir John Slessor, KCB, DSO, MC,
Headquarters,
Mediterranean Allied Air Force,
C. M. F.

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24 November 1944

201 - Monfort, Nelson W., Col., AUS, O-501537.

SUBJECT: Promotion to Rank of Brigadier General.

TO : Commanding General, MTOUSA, AFO 512.

1. It is strongly recommended that Colonel Nelson W. Monfort, O-501537, AUS, Headquarters, Allied Commission, be promoted to the rank of Brigadier General.

2. On 1 October 1944 Colonel Monfort was appointed Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer and assumed the functions and responsibilities as representative of the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, at Headquarters, Allied Armies Italy.

3. Colonel Monfort has, since September 1943, as a member of the Staff of the Allied Military Mission to Marshal Badoglio's Government, performed his duty in a most superior manner. He organized the rehabilitation of the Italian Government in the region of Apulia most effectively and efficiently under difficult and trying conditions. With the advent of the Allied Control Commission he continued on in the capacity of Executive Officer for the Region of King's Italy. In November 1943 he was selected by Lieutenant General Sir Noel Mason Mac Farlane as assistant to and advisor on Italian affairs to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission. In connection with the manner of performance of duty by Colonel Monfort on the latter assignment, General Mac Farlane made the following official statement:

"He has carried out, in a superior manner, the functions and responsibilities of his position. He has displayed initiative and sound judgment. He is industrious, intelligent and diplomatic, has excellent military bearing and is especially well qualified for the type of duty to which he is assigned."

4. In his present assignment as Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Headquarters, Allied Armies Italy, Colonel Monfort serves as consultant to the Commander-in-Chief, AAI, on all matters connected with civil affairs in the area under the jurisdiction of the Commanding General, AAI. He is charged with the administration of the immediate needs of 5 Army AMG, 8 Army AMG and Forward Regions in the area. In this capacity he has under his jurisdiction administratively several officers of equal rank, both American and British, including one Brigadier General. This officer is eminently qualified to occupy the position of Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer because of his military service, his intimate and expert knowledge of the Italian language and of the country, his acquaintance and standing with high Italian Government officials and his knowledge of the Commission's problems gained through his service with the Commission. He enjoys the complete confidence of his British and American superiors and has fully

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demonstrated his fitness for the duties and responsibilities of the grade of Brigadier General.

5. His splendid performance of duty makes his retention in his present assignment of great advantage to the United States. In order that American interests may be protected and that Colonel Monfort will have rank commensurate with his position, and in order to maintain a reasonable balance of rank and authority between the British and American assignments, it is in the interest of the United States that the promotion to rank of Brigadier General be made.

6. The relative rank of Colonel Monfort has been considered. His promotion to the rank of Brigadier General is definitely in the best interest of the service for the reason he is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the best fitted officer available in this command for the grade and position for which promotion is recommended.

7. It is requested that this matter be considered urgent as it is most essential from the Commission's position that the promotion be made.

ELDERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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AG 201-P-Monfort, Nelson W. (Off) 1st Ind.
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HQ LTCUSA, APO 512, 30 November 1944.

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

1. Returned without action.
2. No recommendation for promotion to General Officer grade will be made for officers serving with the Allied Commission, pending completion of the demilitarization program directed by the War Department and final determination of the military personnel to remain on duty with the Allied Commission and their duties and responsibilities.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

C. W. CHRISTENBERRY,
Colonel, AGD,
Acting Adjutant General.

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Col. Fiske

What can be done?

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LABOUR SUB COMMISSION

9 November 1944

TO: Commodore Stone.

My dear Stone,

As promised on Tuesday, I am passing this reminder to you in the hope that you will be able to assist in the granting of my last request.

As you are well aware, I hold Major Babcock and Captain Dorf in very high esteem and I would like to think their services had been recognized by the granting of a more appropriate rank.

In the saying of goodbye, I would like to express my very keen appreciation of the close cooperation that has ever been present in all our joint efforts.

Sincerely yours,

J. T. R. Bain

J. T. R. Bain
Colonel.

3.1.11 CC. Maj Babcock was recommended by us for promotion on 7 Nov. Capt Dorf will come up at next meeting of Promotion Board. 7

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Promotion for Officer

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Colonel Fiske

What is the status of Lt Col Jenny's promotion? He is doing an outstanding job, and I feel there is no longer justification for not equalizing his rank with that of other Directors of Sub-Commissions.

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ELLEN W. STONE
Commodore
Acting Chief Commissioner

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cc: C of S Section
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EWS/dfo

27 October 1944

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Dear Admiral:

Thank you very much for your letter of 16 October. I am grateful to you for your cooperation in taking prompt action after receipt of my letter recommending Lawler for a spot promotion.

Yours sincerely,

MURRAY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Rear Admiral Spencer S. Lewis, U.S. Navy
Chief of Staff, United States Eighth Fleet
Navy 723, c/o Fleet Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

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Lt. Comdr. Lawler
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UNITED STATES EIGHTH FLEET

*Thanks very much - the despatch undoubtedly
will help considerably J.R.*

16 October 1944

Dear Commodore:

Your letter of 26 September 1944, together with the letter from you to Commandant U.S. Coast Guard, via ComNavNAW, recommending Lieutenant Commander Joseph J. Lawler, U.S.C.G.R., for a spot promotion to the rank of Commander, was belatedly received by me on the 13th of October.

In view of the delay, the question was handled by despatch to Chief of Naval Operations with appropriate information addressees one of which was Chief Commissioner Allied Control Commission Italy. I am filing the letter to the Commandant of the Coast Guard here with a notation that the recommendation was made by despatch.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Spencer S. Lewis
SPENCER S. LEWIS,
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy,
Chief of Staff.

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Commodore Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Control Commission,
APO 394, U. S. Army.

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CONFIDENTIAL. I strongly recommend the promotion of Lieut Comdr JOSEPH J LAWLER U S Coast Guard Reserve to the rank of Commander for temporary service while serving in the capacity of Joint Director of the Finance SubCommission of the Allied Control Commission ITALY, position to which he is newly appointed. I consider this officer fully qualified for increased rank that it is commensurate with his new assignment and more closely parallels the seniority of Allied officers in similar positions of responsibility. US Army ROME pass to Chief Commissioner ACC ITALY.

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26 September 1944

Dear Admiral Lewis:

With reference to the enclosed recommendation for a spot promotion for Lieutenant Commander Joseph J. Lawler, U.S.C.G.R., I discussed this matter with Admiral Wessche when he was here recently. He told me that he would put the promotion through if I submitted it, and asked me to drop a line to Admiral Hewitt to say that he, Admiral Wessche, was in favor of the promotion and would be grateful for ComNAV's favorable endorsement.

Understanding that Admiral Hewitt is not readily available at this time, I am therefore taking the liberty of writing you which I am certain is in accord with Admiral Wessche's wishes.

Because the question of giving Lawler suitable rank is a matter of some urgency, I should be grateful, if you feel so inclined, if it could be forwarded by dispatch.

Sincerely,

HERBERT W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Encl.

3367 Rear Admiral Spencer L. Lewis, U.S.N.
c/o Commander, 8th Fleet (Adm)
Navy 728

cc- Cmdr Lawler

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26 September 1944

From : Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR, Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission

To : Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

Via : COMNAVNAV

Subject: Lieut. Commander Joseph J. Lawler, U.S.C.G.R. - Recommendation
for promotion of

1. It is recommended that Lieutenant Commander Joseph J. Lawler, U.S.C.G.R., be given immediate "out of line" promotion to the temporary rank of Commander, by virtue of his being assigned to duty as Joint Director of the Finance Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission (Italy). In this position, Lieut. Commander Lawler has relieved a U.S. Army officer of the rank of Colonel and is opposite number to a British Colonel. The position which Lieut. Commander Lawler now holds normally calls for the rank of a Captain in the Coast Guard. No other U.S. officer holding the required qualifications is available in this theatre to fill the position to which he is now assigned.

2. Lieut. Commander Lawler has served under my immediate observation for the past nine months. His performance of duty has been exceptional and outstanding. It is in the interest of the United States that he be given rank commensurate with his new assignment.

ELLERY W. STONE

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25 September 1944

Dear General Devers:

I am enclosing herewith copy of my recommendation for promotion to Brigadier General of Colonel Norman E. Fiske, together with a copy of General Leunitzer's indorsement thereon.

There is little that can be added to what is contained in the enclosed, and, as you will see, General Leunitzer, who has been familiar with the work of the Commission for a period of many months, is heartily in favor of Colonel Fiske's promotion.

We are entering upon some very critical phases of A.S.C. operation here and it would be a great help to me personally to increase the rank of Colonel Fiske in the senior U.S. Army position he holds, particularly in view of the rank of British officers both at Headquarters and in the field over whom he is being placed as my Deputy Chief of Staff.

I therefore very much hope that you may find it possible to forward my recommendation for Colonel Fiske's promotion at as an early date as possible.

Sincerely yours,

WILSON W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Lieutenant General Jacob Devers, U.S.A.
Commanding General, MATCUSA
APO 534

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26 SEP 1944

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Lieut. J. L. L.
Heavy Sub-Comm.

Attached was
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to you for retention.

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REMARKS:

This for left. Stone and

Lt. Cmdr. Samuels

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In reply address not the signer of this letter, but Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
Refer to No. Pers 3213 MW 136506

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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HQ ACC NO 394
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From: BuPers.
To: Acting Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission for Italy.
Subj: Lieut. Henry Joseph TASCA, D-V(S), USNR, recommendation for promotion of.
Refs: (a) Your ltr., dated 12 July 1944, with endorsement.
(b) BuPers Cir Ltr 95-44.

1. Your recommendation for the promotion of Lieutenant Tasca has been made a part of his official record in this Bureau. It will be available for consideration at such time as a Selection Board is convened to consider the promotion of officers of his rank and length of service, in accordance with the provisions of reference (b). It is anticipated that such a Board will be convened in the near future.

By direction of Chief of Naval Personnel.

[Signature]
J. A. WINDREY,
Comdr., U.S.N.,
Officer Performance Division.

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CC:
ComEIGHTH Fleet.

*Noted by [Signature]
Sub Commander*

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FILE UNDER NO. 210.2 - PROMOTION OF OFFICERS

**INDEX SHEET
SYNOPSIS**

Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 321-1 of 10 Sep 44 to Spofford.

Request AFHQ's approval Manpower & Reorganization ACC & recommendation Col Fiske promotion grade Brig Gen Vice President.

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FILE UNDER NO. 210.2 - PROMOTION OF OFFICERS

INDEX SHEET
SYNOPSIS

Ltr Capt Stone A/CO 321 of 29 Aug 44 to RC & MG Sect.

Request 2 copies of all American Officers assigned to AOC
2675th Regt & all American EM assigned to HQ CO 2675th Regt.

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INDEX SHEET SYNOPSIS

Ltr Capt Stone 7 Aug 44 to Col Spofford.

Recommendations for Legion of Merit Award - Col
Temperley.

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ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
APO 777, U.S. Army

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Rec'd 18 July 1944

By

17 July 1944.

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Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394, U.S. Army.

Dear Captain Stone,

The purpose of this letter is to bring you up to date in the case of the promotion of Major Henry H. Scudder, Signal Corps. As you recall you sent a letter to me accompanying the promotion recommendation in which you urged his promotion and indicated that you had made arrangements with Colonel Spofford to coordinate the matter with General Tully when the recommendation was forwarded from my headquarters to AFHQ.

In view of your letter and your desire to have Scudder promoted as quickly as possible, I approved the recommendation immediately and sent it on to AFHQ although I noted at the time he had not occupied the promotion vacancy for the required three months period. Since your letter indicated that necessary arrangements had been completed with Spofford and Tully, I felt that the three month position vacancy requirement would be waived at AFHQ.

Notwithstanding, the recommendation was returned to me almost immediately by NATOUSA. It was disapproved for the reason that the three month position vacancy requirement had not been fulfilled. Apparently Spofford and Tully were not able to throw their weight around sufficiently to overcome that requirement.

There was no alternative remaining for me but to hold the recommendation in my headquarters and, when the necessary three months period was completed, to forward it again. This I did yesterday and I hope we shall encounter no trouble this time. To offset any further difficulty, however, I have signalled both Tully and Spofford that Scudder's recommendation is now enroute to AFHQ on its second voyage and that they should arrange for the necessary escort to see it safely through.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

I hope that your new setup in Rome is functioning satisfactorily. It must be a relief to have everyone in one area for a change.

Regards,

L. L. Lemnitzer
L. L. LEMNITZER,

Major General, U.S. Army,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

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12th July 1944

FROM : Captain Ellery W. Stone, D-V (9) U.S.N.R.,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission for Italy.

TO : The Bureau of Naval Personnel,
Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

A 502
15 JUL 1944

Via: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces,
Northwest African Waters.

SUBJECT: Promotion Lieut. Henry J. Tasca
D-V (9) U.S.N.R., 138506

1. It is anticipated that the subject officer, Lieut. Henry J. Tasca will fall within the provisions of the ALNAV of July 1, 1944 or therabouts providing for the promotion of Lieutenants to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He has held the rank of Lieutenant since October 1, 1942.

2. The subject officer's performance of duty for the Allied Control Commission has been excellent.

3. It is recommended that Lieutenant H.J. Tasca be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

ELLERY W. STONE

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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12 July 1944

SUBJECT: Promotion, Henry J. Tasca, Lieutenant,
D-V (3) U.S.N.R. 136506

TO : Ellery W. Stone, Captain U.S.N.R.
Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. Subject officer has been a member of this Sub-Commission since September 1943 and has performed his duties with excellent judgement, energy and initiative.
2. Advancement in grade would increase his usefulness to the Finance Sub-Commission and to the Allied Control Commission. I am informed that, in view of his service in grade, he would be advanced on the next ALNAV if his record contained an appropriate recommendation.
3. Attached is such a recommendation for your signature.

E. W. Foley
Colonel,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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12 Jul 44

29 June 1944

To: Administrative Section
(Attention: Senior American Officer)

DSB 407
30 JUN 1944

Re attached promotion papers of Lt. Col. Carroll of Property Control. Since Lt. Col. Carroll does not hold rank higher than that of the senior American officer of the Administrative Section, recommendation with respect to promotion of Col. Carroll should be handled within the Administrative Section.

L. D. DEMSORE
Colonel, Sig C
PA to A/CC

Lt. Col. Charles Carroll
Property Control Division
HQ Rome Region, A.C.C.
MFO 394, U. S. Army

29 Jan 44

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Deputy Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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20 June 1944

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20 JUN 1944

Dear Colonel Albright:

I have been informed by the 2675th Regiment that you will sign the efficiency report for Densmore since a Naval officer's signature is not acceptable on Army efficiency reports.

Since Densmore has been working directly with me, perhaps you would like to have an indication as to the kind of an efficiency report I would give him. Enclosed is draft of report covering period Jan. 1 to June 30, 1944, for such use as you care to make of it.

The draft has been prepared in accordance with letter AG 201.61, Hq 2675th Regt, 2 June 1944, "Efficiency Reports".

Yours truly,

ALLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

Colonel J. J. Albright
Chief, Establishments Branch
Main Hq ACC

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20 June 44

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6 June 1944

MEMO TO: Colonel Albright

DSH 331
7 JUN 1944

Re Promotion - Major Henry R. Scudder.

In line with your conversation with Densmore, will you please attach to Scudder's promotion papers the enclosed letter to General Leunitzer. (4)

I realize that we must not push these promotions too fast. I talked to Colonel Spofford about this case and have sent him a copy of my letter to General Leunitzer.

Thank you.

ELDERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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7 JUN 1944
6 June 1944

Dear General Leunitzer:

Recommendation for promotion to rank of Lieutenant Colonel for Major Henry H. Scudder, Signal Corps (C-205393) was initiated by me since I had made arrangements with General Tully, Deputy CMO at AFHQ, to have Major Scudder transferred from the Signal Section AFHQ and assigned as Deputy Director, Communications Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission. He (Scudder) is now and has been since 13 April 1944 Deputy Director of that Sub-Commission but is junior in rank to two British Lieutenant Colonel members of the Sub-Commission. He is doing a superior job and is well qualified for promotion. Attached is copy of remarks made by me on the original recommendation.

Major Scudder has now been in grade over 13 months which meets with the practice being followed by the Fifth Army. Due to the fact that he has only been on duty with the Commission a short time and that he primarily demonstrated his qualifications and fitness for promotion while assigned to the Signal Section AFHQ, arrangements have been made that Colonel Spefford will coordinate the matter with General Tully at the time the recommendation is forwarded from your headquarters.

I am satisfied that the promotion is a proper one and due to the situation also feel that since the Director of the Communications Sub-Commission is a British Colonel, the American Deputy should at least have rank equal to the two British Lieutenant Colonels on the Sub-Commission.

Colonel Albright will attach this note to the recommendation in order that you will have it when you consider the matter. I urgently recommend favorable action. I am sorry to bother you with this but I feel it is rather important.

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Brigadier General L. L. Leunitzer, USA
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Allied Armies in Italy

cc: Colonel G. M. Spefford, G.S.C.
G-5, AFHQ

HENRY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Deputy Chief Commissioner

HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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15 April 1944

* 201-Scudder, Henry H., Major (O)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Promotion

TO : Executive Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U. S. Army,
c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

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1. Additional remarks:

(1) Major Scudder is Deputy Director of the Telecommunications Sub-Commission and at present is junior in rank to two Lieut. Colonels (B) who are assigned to the Sub-Commission. The position which he occupies requires that he hold the grade of Lt. Col.

(2) This officer served as a Captain (Btry Commander) in the Field Artillery during World War I and held a reserve commission until 13 Oct 1929.

(3) Major Scudder clearly demonstrated his qualifications and fitness in a superior degree for the next higher grade during the period 9 Aug 43 to 18 Mar 44 in the discharge of his duties as Asst. to L.I.C., Wire Div., Signal Section, A.F.H.Q., by performance of duties appropriate to the grade for which he is recommended. He assisted in the further organization, establishment and operation of such Wire Division under difficult conditions which required superior ability, initiative and sound judgment, all of which he displayed.

(4) This officer has an outstanding and distinguished civil communication background.

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24 May 1944

SUBJECT: Promotion, Lieut. John Harry Pollard, DV (S), U.S.N.R.
TO : Lt. Col. Carroll B. Carter, Executive, Mining Division,
Hq ACC, APO 394, U. S. Army

1. Reference is made to your letter (Mines - 201) of 18 May 44 relative to above subject.
2. Recently I had an investigation made with respect to the promotion status of all U.S. Naval officers on duty with ACC.
3. Effective 30 March 44, the Navy Department issued Circular Letter No. 95-44, subject "Temporary Promotions of Officers of the Regular Navy and Naval Reserve, Procedure for Effecting (Pers 3211-EM B, PL7-2/00, 30 March 1944).

4. Paragraph 4 of such Circular Letter provides:

"Lieutenants, Lieutenant Commanders, and Commanders

"(a) The promotion of lieutenants, lieutenant commanders, and commanders to the next higher respective ranks will be effected from lists of officers recommended for temporary promotion by selection boards or panels, convened approximately every 6 months. The desirable minimum continuous-active-service requirements in rank have been fixed as follows:

Lieutenant to lieutenant commander--eighteen (18) months
Lieutenant commander to commander, and commander to captain--
twenty-four (24) months

"(b) The determination of the specific active-duty requirement in rank for eligibility for selection will be made by the Chief of Naval Personnel, after which the names of all officers of a given rank meeting the requirements will be listed for submission to the appropriate board or panel for consideration. Normally, the needs of the service will govern the eligibility requirements.

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"(c) The promotion of lieutenants and lieutenant commanders to the next higher rank will be effected as soon as practicable after approval of the report of the selection board or panel. Promotions to the rank of captain, in the cases of those officers who are serving in captain's billets, will be effected as soon as practicable after approval of the report of the Board; the remaining officers whose names appear on the approved report will be promoted when they are detailed to captain's billets. The service will be advised of the promotion of officers to the rank of lieutenant commander by means of circular letter or Alnav, and of the promotions to the rank of commander by Alnav or circular letter. Promotions to the rank of captain will be authorized by individual letters or by dispatch in those instances where immediate notification is necessary."

5. The last block promotion list issued for the promotion of lieutenants included all lieutenants with date of rank up to July 1942. It is expected that a selection board will meet in June to consider lieutenants who made their grade subsequent to July 1942. Since Lieut. Pollard now has over 19 months continuous-active-service in rank, it is reasonable to believe that his name will appear in the selection board's June meeting list.

6. It is possible to obtain an out-of-line or "spot" promotion but considerable time is required to comply with the requirements. It is quite certain that the promotion will be made as indicated above prior to the time "spot" promotion could be processed. It will not be necessary for a specific recommendation for Lieut. Pollard's promotion to be initiated in this theater.

7. Your interest in Lieut. Pollard's promotion is appreciated. He is deserving of promotion.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Mining Division
APO 394

In reply
refer to:
Mines - 201

May 18, 1944

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Promotion Lt. J.H. Pollard, U.S.N.R.

TO : The Deputy Chief Commissioner, Hdq. A.C.C. APO 394.

1. It is desired that Lt. J.H. Pollard, USNR be promoted to the grade of Lt. Commander. Personal history record is attached.
2. Lt. Pollard is assigned to duty as the Chief, Mining Division, Region I, Sicily, A.C.C. He is under the technical direction of the Chief, Mining Division, Hdq. A.C.C. and under the administrative control of the Regional Commissioner, Region I, A.C.C.
3. Several unsuccessful attempts have been made to bring about this promotion by Region I, ACC Hdq.
4. The correct procedure for recommending and bringing about the promotion is not known, and it is respectfully requested that such information be furnished to this office. This request is made with the thought in mind that the Deputy Chief Commissioner is the senior U.S. Naval Officer on duty with A.C.C.
5. The Mining Division, A.C.C. has offices 80 and 81, Provincia Building, and telephone VAPOR 141 and 33.

For and in the absence the Chief, Mining Division:

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Carroll S. Carter
CARROLL S. CARTER,
Lt. Col. C.E.,
Executive, Mining Division.

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RECORD OF MILITARY AND NAVAL SERVICE
OF LIEUT. JOHN H. POLLARD U.S.N.R.

10 November 1943

- 1) Commissioned 2nd Lieut. O-2, U.S. Army September 1924.
Resigned commission September 1934.
- 2) Commissioned Lieut. DV (S) U.S.N.R. September 6, 1942.
Commenced active duty October 5, 1942.
- 3) Served as a Base administrative officer at USNATH,
Solomons Island, Md. October 5, 1942 to June 21, 1943 in the
following capacities successively:
 - A. First Lieutenant 1 month
 - B. Acting Executive Officer 1 month
 - C. Engineering and Repair Off. 3 months
 - D. Public Works Officer 4 months
- 4) Detached June 21, 1943 from USNATH Solomons and ordered
to report to Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African
Waters for duty with Allied Force Headquarters. This was at the
request of the General Staff, U.S. Army for assignment to the
Allied Military Government Occupied Territories as a mining
expert.
- 5) Served as Chief of Mining, AMEQT HQ, and Region I, HQ.
333 to present.
- 6) Date of birth November 11, 1903
- 7) Navy Jacket Number 20269 ✓

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File : Lt. John H. Pollard, U.S.N.R.
Subject : Personnel Record

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1. Personal data is as follows:

Born Orange, Texas Nov. 11, 1903

College Univ. of Texas, Austin, Texas

Degree B.S. in Mechanical Engineering 1926

Employment Record:

Employer	Location	Job	Period
Texas Gulf Sulphur Co.	Gulf, Texas	Field Engr	1926 - 27
Freeport Sulphur Co.	Freeport, Tex	Development Eng.	1927 - 28
Duval Texas Sulphur Co.	Benavides Tex	Chief Eng.	1928 - 1932
Jefferson Lake Oil Co.	Brath, La	Asst. Gen. Supt.	1933
Self	Corpus Christi Tex.	Expt. Sales	1934 - 35
Duval Texas Sul. Co.	Houston, Tex.	Asst. Mine Mgr.	1936 - 1942
Navy			1942 - date

Work in sulphur business has been varied, consisting
of

Power plant design and construction
Sulphur field operation
Exploration and prospecting
Scouting and land work including leasing
Management.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

APO 394, U. S. Army

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May 19 - 1944

Captain Ellery W. Stone
Deputy Chief Commissioner
Allied Central Commission

Dear Captain Stone:

Thanks ever so much for your nic
letter of May 17th. I am most grateful
to you and to my other "bosses"!

Yours sincerely,

Charlie Poletti

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On May 5th on behalf of General MacFarlane, Brigadier Lush and myself, I wrote a letter to Brigadier General L. L. Lemnitzer, Deputy Chief of General Staff, A.A.I., urging your promotion and pointing out relative facts contained in your memorandum of 10 April.

A reply has been received from General Lemnitzer to the effect that your recommendation has been approved at A.A.I. and forwarded to the CG, NATOUSA, with a strong intercession urging final approval.

Under present procedure at NATOUSA, your promotion should appear in orders to be published on May 17th. Copy of such orders should be in your hands May 23rd or 24th. I hope that the recommendation will receive final approval at NATOUSA and go through on schedule. In the event it should be disapproved, General Lemnitzer has indicated that he will immediately return it to Algiers for reconsideration.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USMA
Deputy Chief Commissioner

Lt. Col. Charles Poletti,
Regional Commissioner, Region III
APO 394, U. S. Army

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cc: Brigadier Lush

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THIS IS REPLY YOUR CABLE LUSH TO SPOFFORD OF 12 MAY. PARA 1. ALL APPOINTMENTS FORWARDED UNDER YOUR 15012/4/G-1 OF 19 MARCH NOW APPROVED AND PUBLISHED WITH EXCEPTION FORESTER, SHIELDS, KENNEDY AND DUNCAN FROM YOUR APPENDIX C. THESE NOW BEING PUBLISHED HERE. PARA 2. UNDERSTOOD AS HERE IS REFERRING YOUR SUBSEQUENT APPLICATION FOR PROMOTIONS TO MS AAI FOR ACTION IN VIEW OF FACT ALL INITIAL APPOINTMENTS NOW MADE. PARA 3. FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS MADE ON YOUR APPLICATION. A. SOME NAMES INCLUDED HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN SUBMITTED BY YOU FOR UPGRADING IN LETTER 19 MARCH CAUSING UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION. B. MANY NAMES WERE INCLUDED FOR DIFFERENT APPOINTMENTS AND DIFFERENT EFFECTIVE DATES TO THOSE IN YOUR LETTER 19 MARCH, BUT NO REQUEST MADE FOR CANCELLATION OF PREVIOUS REQUEST. C. IF APPROVAL GIVEN FOR OFFICERS WHO RETURNED UK APRIL TO BE UPGRADED, APPOINTMENT AND HIGHER RANK MUST BE RELINQUISHED WFF DATE OF DEPARTURE. THIS DOES NOT APPLY PROMOTIONS ALREADY AUTHORIZED WITH EXCEPTION FORESTER WHO SHOULD REVERT LT COL. D. VACANCIES ON (NOW?) WE DO NOT EXIST FOR ALL RECOMMENDATIONS IN RANK OF LT COL AND MAJOR AS ON DATE OF DEPARTURE. PARA 4. QUICKEST METHOD EFFECTING PROMOTIONS IS TO SUBMIT AMENDED ACCURATE APPLICATION TO MS AAI BEARING IN MIND OFFICERS OF OTHER SERVICES HELD AGAINST EQUIVALENT ARMY RANKS

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff
APO 777, U.S. Army

9 May 1944.

Dear Captain,

I have received your letter of 5 May regarding the promotion of Lieutenant Colonel Poletti together with the memorandum sent by Poletti to General MacFarlane.

The recommendation for Lieutenant Colonel Poletti's promotion had previously been received here via your Establishments Branch and 2675th Regiment, ACC. On 2 May I approved the recommendation and forwarded it to the Commanding General, North African Theater of Operations, with a strong indorsement urging its approval. I feel that everything that can be done has now been done here and all that remains is to await NATOUSA action which should be forthcoming in the near future. In the event that the recommendation is disapproved at NATOUSA, which I do not anticipate, I shall immediately return it to Algiers for reconsideration.

In this connection, and in view of the remarks contained in Lieutenant Colonel Poletti's memorandum, I desire to set the record straight as to why the previous recommendation for Lieutenant Colonel Poletti's promotion was not favorably considered when submitted several months ago. At that time Lieutenant Colonel Poletti did not have sufficient length of service in grade to comply with Theater promotion regulations. But, more important still, Lieutenant Colonel Poletti did not have sufficient time in grade to comply with the minimum requirement set by our Army Regulations. Hence, regardless of the type of work Lieutenant Colonel Poletti had been doing previous to entering the Army, or the circumstances connected therewith, his promotion at that time was impossible regardless of the Theater Commander's or my views in the matter.

I am extremely interested in getting Poletti promoted because he has done and is doing an outstanding job and deserves it. I feel that since the minimum requirement of our regulations has now been met, any local obstacles can and will be overcome.

Sincerely,
L. L. Lemnitzer
L. L. LEMNITZER,
Brigadier General, U.S. Army,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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Captain Ellery W. Stone,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394, U.S. Army.

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5 May 1944

I believe the case of the promotion of Lt. Col. Poletti has reached, or shortly will reach, your office and I should like to write you in personal support of his case. In this connection, Col. Poletti forwarded the attached memorandum to General MacFarlane which I think fairly represents his situation. Both the General and I would very much like to see him promoted and hope that either the strict requirement of service in grade be waived or that he be given credit for "constructive" service as assistant to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of War.

I am sure that from every point of view he is deserving of promotion and hope you will be able to put it through.

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ELBERT W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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Brigadier General L. L. Lennitzer, USA
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Allied Armies in Italy

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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21st April 1944.

Dear Captain Stone,

I spoke to you if you remember the other day about the promotion of Charles Poletti and I am enclosing a copy of his letter to me.

I fully agree that Lt. Col. Poletti deserves promotion and shall be grateful if you will support the recommendation.

I understand that General Lemnitz is taking care of this.

Maurice Lank.

Captain Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Rear H.Q.,
Allied Control Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, US ARMY

10 April 1944.

MEMORANDUM :

TO : Chief Commissioner - HQ ACC

1. In connection with the proposal to resubmit a recommendation for my promotion, may I point out certain facts which were not brought to the knowledge of the officer who denied the original recommendation.
2. Upon completion of my duties as Governor in Albany, New York, I began service in the War Department on January 4th, 1943. At the suggestion of Secretary of War Stimson, I did not go into uniform. He felt that I would be more useful to him as a civilian and therefore he appointed me as one of his two special assistants. In that capacity I worked directly with him and with the Assistant Secretary of War. Among my tasks was the drafting of the directive of the Combined Chiefs of Staff which outlines the guiding principles and policies pursued by Allied Military Government in Sicily and Italy.
3. On April 8th, I was commissioned in the Army so as to come to North Africa for the Sicilian invasion. It was proposed by the War Department I be commissioned as a full Colonel in the Civil Affairs Division of the War Department. Instead I expressed the desire of being commissioned a Lieutenant Colonel. Then it was pointed out to me that a promotion would come through on this side of the ocean in six months.
4. In North Africa I was assigned to the staff of General Patton to head his Civil Affairs Section. In that capacity I directed the work of all the civil affairs officers with the Seventh Army as Group Captain Benson did with the Eighth Army. In October I was appointed Regional Commissioner of Sicily and remained there until the middle of February when I was assigned to Region III as Regional Commissioner.
5. Under all the circumstances, and on the assumption that my work has been satisfactory, it does seem that the Army should give me credit for the months I served as Special Assistant to the Secretary of War.

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(Signed)

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Commissioner.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Secretary General

SUBJECT:

FILE No.

TO: Capt. Slaughter

21 April 1944

Major Doe asked that following extract from D.B. #85 of 20 April, this Hq, be brought to your attention:

"7. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROMOTIONS OF OFFICERS:

The following is extracted from PBS Daily Bulletin #110, dated 19 April 1944, for information and guidance of all concerned.

"In accordance with instructions contained in Radio L-14289, Hq SOS MATSUSA, dated 8 April 1944, all recommendations for promotions of officers will contain in the basic recommendation and first indorsement a statement that the officer is not included in an approved list for rotation to the United States."

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16th. April, 1944.

SUBJECT: Brigadier Lush - Granting
of local rank of Major-General.

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I am enclosing copy of my CC/C/62 of 17th. February on the above-mentioned subject which I am advised has never been received at your Headquarters.

I would be most grateful if you would cause the necessary action to be taken in this matter.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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Lieut-General J. Harding, CB, DSO,
CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF,
HEADQUARTERS, A.A.I..

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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x 201-Scauder, Henry H., Major (C)

15 ~~April~~ 1944

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Promotion

TO : Executive Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U. S. Army,
c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

i. The following named officer is recommended to the Commanding Officer,
2675th Regiment, MCC, for promotion to the next higher rank:

Scauder, Henry H. Major Sig. C. AUS 0-203393 Rear Hq ACC
(Name) (Rank, Branch, Component) (AUS) (Orgn)

a. Date of arrival in this Theater: 30 July 1943

b. Assignments (in order) since date of arrival in Theater to present
date:

Assignment	Location	From	Dates	To	Manner of Performance
Unassigned	Travelling	30 Jul 43	8 Aug 43		Not rated
Asst., Wire Div. Signal Sec., AFHQ	Algiers	9 Aug 43	31 Dec 43		Superior
Asst., Wire Div. Signal Sec., AFHQ	Algiers	1 Jan 44	18 Mar 44		Superior
Special Duty & Travel	Algiers	19 Mar 44	15 Apr 44		Not rated
Deputy Director Telecom Sub-Com. A.C.C.	Salerno	13 Apr 44	Date		Present assignment

* Reference Officer's Form No. 66-1

c. Date of entrance into active commissioned service: 13 April 1943

d. Rank held upon entrance into active duty as commissioned officer:
Major.

Date of present rank: 15 April 1943
Time in grade: 12 months

e. Authority and date of promotion to present grade: Letter appointment,
A.O. W.D., March 21, 1943. See also para 20, S.O. 91, W.D., April 13,
1943.

f. Total length of active commissioned service: 2 yrs, 9 mos, 11 days

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1. The following named officer is recommended to the Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, AOC, for promotion to the next higher rank:

Scudder, Henry H. Major Sig. C. AOC O-205393 Rear Bq AOC
(Name) (Rank, Branch, Component) (ASN) (Ltrgn)

a. Date of arrival in this Theater: 30 July 1943

b. Assignments (in order) since date of arrival in Theater to present date:

Assignment	Location	From	To	Dates	Manner of Performance
Unassigned	Travelling	30 Jul 43	6 Aug 43		Not rated
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d. Rank held upon entrance into active duty as commissioned officer: Major.

Date of present rank: 15 April 1943
Time in grade: 12 months

e. Authority and date of promotion to present grade: Letter appointment, A.C. W.D., March 31, 1943. See also para 20, S.O. 92, S.O., April 11, 1943.

f. Total length of active commissioned service: 2 yrs, 9 mos, 11 days

g. Officer's age is: 49.

h. Certification: I have satisfied myself that the officer herein recommended to be promoted, has achieved the desired results in raising the disciplinary standards of the unit, activity or staff section he controls. I will be glad to have this officer under my command in the grade for which recommended.

i. Additional remarks:

(1) Major Scudder is Deputy Director of the Telecommunications Sub-Commission and at present is junior in rank to the Lieut. Colonel (S) who are

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assigned to the Sub-Commission. The position which he occupies requires that he hold the grade of Lt. Col.

(2) This officer served as a Captain (Btry Commander) in the Field Artillery during World War I and held a reserve commission until 13 Oct 1929.

(3) Major Leudder clearly demonstrated his qualifications and fitness in a superior degree for the next higher grade during the period 9 Aug 43 to 18 Mar 44 in the discharge of his duties as Asst. to C.I.C., Wire Div., Signal Section, A.F.H.Q., by performance of duties appropriate to the grade for which he is recommended. He assisted in the further organization, establishment and operation of such Wire Division under difficult conditions which required superior ability, initiative and sound judgment, all of which he displayed.

(4) This officer has an outstanding and distinguished civil communication background.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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... is recommended. He assisted in the further organization, establishment and operation of such Fire Division under difficult conditions which required superior ability, initiative and sound judgment, all of which he displayed.

(4) This officer has an outstanding and distinguished civil communication background.

KIMMY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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Deputy Secretary Gen.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

25 March 1944.

ESTABLISHMENT MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER : 10)

PROMOTION OF OFFICERS

I. British Officers.

1. Recommendations for promotion of British officers will conform to the provisions of Establishment Memorandum No. 3 -- published as Executive Memorandum No. 19, 15 February 1944: M.S. MATTERS (BRITISH PERSONNEL)

II. American Officers.

1. The following procedure will be followed in recommending American officers for promotion:

a. Recommendations may be submitted at any time after the officer has served the required minimum time in grade and it is considered that the performance of duty by the officer recommended, has indicated that he is worthy of promotion. Since there is no set TC/MS, the requirement for three months in position of vacancy will be considered to be three months assignment to suitable positions in ACC/AMC, not necessarily three months on any one assignment.

b. Recommendations will be originated by the senior American officer in the Province, Region, Sub-Commission, or Branch in which the officer is serving. They will be forwarded through normal command channels to Headquarters A.C.C.

c. Recommendations will be submitted in triplicate and will follow the form shown in Appendix "I". These forms may be mimeographed or typed and all the information must be given and given in the same sequence as shown on the attached form. In case any item of information may not be available, that space will be left blank to be filled by Headquarters 2675th Regiment.

2. Recommendations for promotion will be forwarded as indicated below:

a. FOR OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO REGIONS: Recommendations will be submitted by the next superior American officer, to the Senior American officer at the Provincial Headquarters, who in turn will forward it to the senior American officer at Regional Headquarters, who will forward it to Headquarters ACC. Each superior echelon in turn will approve or disapprove, adding such remarks as may be pertinent. In cases where the Provincial or Regional Commissioners are not American, the Provincial or Regional Commissioner will express his con-

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b. FOR OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO SUB-COMMISSIONS: Recommendations will

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be originated by the senior American officer in the Sub-Commission and they will be forwarded through the Section Head, or, for independent Sub-Commissions, through the AC and his branches, to the Executive Commissioner. Where the senior officer of the Sub-Commission or the Section is a British officer, the Section Head will indicate his approval or disapproval by covering letter as indicated in "a" above.

c. For officers assigned to the Establishments Branch, or separate Staff Sections, recommendations will be processed through the Establishment Branch to the Executive Commissioner.

3. a. Heads of Sub-Commissions, whose officers have served alternately in Headquarters and in various Regions for short periods, may submit to Provincial or Regional Commissioners, a list of specialist officers whom they consider qualified for promotion, if the officers have been overlooked by the Commissioner due to the short period of service in their present assignment. When this is done, the Head of the Sub-Commission should cite the reasons which make him believe the officers are entitled to promotion, and should include the various assignments the officer has filled and the manner of performance.

b. Where only one American officer is assigned to a Province, Region, Sub-Commission, or Branch, the British officer who is superior to the American officer, will make recommendation to the next higher echelon by means of a letter citing the circumstances and giving so much of the information required in the promotion recommendation form as is available to him.

4. When the Executive Commissioner has acted upon the recommendation and the recommendation is approved by him, one copy of the form will be used by the Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, ACC, for preparation of the pertinent NATCUSA promotion form. In the event the Executive Commissioner disapproves the recommendation, the papers will be returned by Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, to the Region, Sub-Commission or Branch concerned, with the exception of one copy which will be placed in the Regimental 201 file of the officer concerned.

5. All recommendations for promotion submitted prior to 1 March 1944, will be disregarded. Therefore, new recommendation must now be submitted in compliance herewith.

6. All previous instructions in conflict herewith, are rescinded.

For the Executive Commissioner:

John J. Albright
JOHN J. ALBRIGHT,
Colonel, Infantry,
Establishment Officer.

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For the Executive Commissioner:

John J. Albright
JOHN J. ALBRIGHT,
Colonel, Infantry,
Establishment Officer.

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TO : Executive Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army,
c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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3. Date of arrival in this Theater _____

Assignments (in order) since date of arrival in Theater" to present date:

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_____ Date of entrance into active commissioned service _____

1. Rank held upon entrance into active duty as commissioned officer

Data of present rank _____
Time in grade _____

Authority and date of promotion to present grade

A. Total length of active commissioned service

2. Officer's age is _____.

h. Certificate: I have satisfied myself that the officer herein recommended to be promoted, has achieved the desired results in raising the disciplinary standards of the company he commands. I will be glad to have this of-

Regiment, AOC, for promotion to the next higher rank:

(Name)	(Rank, Branch, Component)	(ASN)	(Orgn)
a. Date of arrival in this Theater _____			
b. Assignments (in order) since date of arrival in Theater to present date:			
Assignment	Location	From	To
			Wayner of Performance

- c. Date of entrance into active commissioned service _____
- d. Rank held upon entrance into active duty as commissioned officer _____
Date of present rank _____
Time in grade _____
- e. Authority and date of promotion to present grade _____
- f. Total length of active commissioned service _____
- g. Officer's age is _____
- h. Certificate: I have satisfied myself that the officer herein recommended to be promoted, has achieved the desired results in raising the disciplinary standards in the unit, activity or staff section he controls. I will be glad to have this officer undertake command in the grade for which recommended.

i. Additional remarks:

(Signature)

(Rank & Title)

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HEADQUARTERS
2675TH REGIMENT
(Forward Echelon)
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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SUBJECT: Recommendations for Promotions of Officers.

TO : (See Distribution Below)

1. Notification has been received by this headquarters that Staff Memo, Headquarters NATOUA, Subject: "Suspension Of Promotions", dated 30 Dec 1943, has been rescinded.

2. In accordance with the new Regimental policy of processing all recommendations for promotion through this headquarters, it is announced that all recommendations submitted to this headquarters by subordinate units prior to the above date should be resubmitted in accordance with the following instructions.

a. Actual forwarding letter of recommendation for promotion will be processed only by this headquarters. Units will submit only the Basic Recommendation Form (See reverse side) which will be used by this headquarters for the processing of letter of recommendation.

b. Information contained in Basic Recommendation Form will be complete and accurate. All forms that are incomplete will be returned.

c. Basic Recommendation Form will be submitted to this headquarters in duplicate.

d. In any case where recommendation is disapproved either by this or higher headquarters, one copy of Basic Recommendation Form will be returned to originating unit marked disapproved.

3. For the information and guidance of all concerned, the following extract of Itr, AG 210.2/421 - O, Hq NATOUA, Subject: "Promotion Policy for Higher Headquarters and Headquarters Communication Zone", dated 23 Feb 1944, is published

"1. The average time in grade of officers in the combat elements of the Fifth Army is as follows:

2nd Lieutenant	- 13 months
1st Lieutenant	- 11 months
Captain	- 13 months
Major	- 12 months
Lieut. Colonel	- 15 months

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Headquarters MATOUSA, Subject: "Suspension Of Promotions," dated 30 Dec 1943, has been rescinded.

2. In accordance with the new Regimental policy of processing all recommendations for promotion through this headquarters, it is announced that all recommendations submitted to this headquarters by subordinate units prior to the above date should be resubmitted in accordance with the following instructions:

a. Actual forwarding letter of recommendation for promotion will be processed only by this headquarters. Units will submit only the Basic Recommendation Form (See reverse side) which will be used by this headquarters for the processing of letter of recommendation.

b. Information contained in Basic Recommendation Form will be complete and accurate. All forms that are incomplete will be returned.

c. Basic Recommendation Form will be submitted to this headquarters in duplicate.

d. In any case where recommendation is disapproved either by this or higher headquarters, one copy of Basic Recommendation Form will be returned to originating unit marked disapproved.

3. For the information and guidance of all concerned, the following extract of Ltr, AG 210.2/421 - C, Hq MATOUSA, Subject: "Promotion Policy for Higher Headquarters and Headquarters Communication Zone", dated 23 Feb 1944, is published

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4. It is the desire of the Regimental Commander that the above extract be used as one of the considerations for the submission of Basic Recommendations to this headquarters.

By order of Colonel PARKIN:

Frank Di Giacomo

FRANK DI GIACOMO,
Captain, Infantry,
Actg Asst Adjutant.

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Basic Recommendation Form

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2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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Date

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Promotion.

TO : Commanding Officer, Hq, 2675th Regt, ACC, APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. The following named officer is recommended to you for promotion:

(Name) _____ (Rank-Branch-Comp) _____ (ASN) _____ (Orgn) _____

2. Official status within orgn: (Title of Position) _____

*B. Length of time officer has occupied position vacancy _____

C. Manner of Performance of those duties: _____

D. Date of entrance into active commissioned service: _____

E. Rank held upon entrance into active duty as commissioned officer: _____
Date of Present Rank: _____

F. Authority and date of promotion to present grade: _____

G. Total length of active commissioned service: _____

H. Officer's age is: _____

I. Certificate: I have satisfied myself that the officer herein recommended to be promoted has achieved the desired results in raising the disciplinary standards in the unit, activity or staff section he controls. I will be glad to have this officer under my command in the grade for which recommended.

J. Additional remarks:

10 : Commanding Officer, Hq, 2675th Regt, ACC, APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. The following named officer is recommended to you for promotion:

(Name) _____ (Rank-Branch-Corp) _____ (ASH) _____ (Orgn) _____

2. Official status within orgn: (Title of Position) _____

*B. Length of time officer has occupied position vacancy _____

C. Manner of Performance of those duties: _____

d. Date of entrance into active commissioned service: _____

e. Rank held upon entrance into active duty as commissioned officer: _____
Date of Present Rank: _____

f. Authority and date of promotion to present grade: _____

g. Total length of active commissioned service: _____

h. Officer's age is: _____

i. Certificate: I have satisfied myself that the officer herein recommended to be promoted has achieved the desired results in raising the disciplinary standards in the unit, activity or staff section he controls. I will be glad to have this officer under my command in the grade for which recommended.

1. Additional remarks: _____

(Signature)

(Rank & Title)

* Must be in Position vacancy for
(3) three months or more.

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AG 201 - Denmore, L. B., Lt. Col.

2 March 1944

SUBJECT: Promotion of Officer

TO : Commanding General, Allied Control Commission, APC 394
(Attention: G-1, A.C.C.)

1. It is recommended that Lt. Col. Leonard D. Denmore, O-181447, Signal Corps, be promoted to the rank of Colonel.
2. Pertinent information with respect to this officer is shown on attached inclosure.
3. An indication of the manner in which Lt. Col. Denmore performed his duties in connection with recent Allied Military Government assignments is indicated in a personal commendation dated 10 September 1943 received by him from Lt. Col. J. F. A. Seitz, S.W.A., as follows:

"As Director of Civil Supplies and Resources (ASIXT Headquarters, Sicily), I wish to commend you on the superior quality of work you have done during the past five months as Chief of the Industry and Communications Branch of this Division. Your loyalty, meticulous attention to detail, intelligence, and zeal are directly responsible for the smooth running of these activities in Sicily. I, without reservation, recommend you as an able administrator in any job."

4. Lt. Col. Denmore has been my Chief Staff Officer and Personal Assistant since December 1, 1943, and as such has performed his duties in a most superior manner. He has during that period and in that position demonstrated his fitness and capacity for the duties and responsibilities of the grade for which he is recommended, by not only carrying out, in a most creditable manner, the functions and responsibilities of his position but in addition has, when the occasion required, displayed initiative and sound ability by properly assuming the responsibility of final action on important matters involving both the Allied Forces and the Italian Government. This officer has sound judgment, is most industrious, intelligent, and diplomatic, has excellent military bearing and is especially well qualified for the type of duty to which he is assigned. In making this recommendation, I have taken into consideration the rank involved, the officer's military record, and his outstanding qualifications and the nature of his duties which require him daily to work with officers and officials, both Allied and Italian, of extremely high rank and position.

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5. The relative rank of this officer has been considered and his promotion is definitely to the best interests of the service for the reason he is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the best fitted officer available in this command for the grade and position for which promotion is recommended.

6. I particularly desire to have this officer continue under my command in the grade for which I urgently recommend him.

ELBERT W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Deputy Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Information Sheet,
Lt Col L. D. Bensmore

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Lt. Col. L. D. Denmore

1. General:

- a. Name: Leonard D. Denmore
- b. ASN: O-181467
- c. Branch: Signal Corps
- d. Age: 47 1/2 yrs.
- e. Component: Reserve
- f. Date of entrance into active commissioned service: July 12, 1918
- g. Rank held upon entrance into active duty: 2nd Lt.
- h. Date of present rank: February 1, 1942
- i. Authority and date of promotion to present grade: Par. 33, Special Order #44, War Department, February 20, 1942.
- j. Total length of active commissioned service: 40 yrs.
- k. Present position: Chief Staff Officer and Personal Assistant to Deputy Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission

2. Military Background:

a. Pre-War:

- (1) Private Infantry, Nebraska National Guard 1913-1916
- (2) Pvt - Sgt, 8th U. S. Cavalry, 1917-1918
- (3) Graduated Field Artillery School - Sommer, France, 1918
- (4) 2nd Lt. 113th F.A. (INF) 1918-1919
- (5) 2nd Lt - Major, Reserve, 1923-1940

b. Present War:

- (1) Chief Intelligence Division - C. C. Sig O - W.D. - 1 year.

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- (2) Ex O - Signal Section, Hq USMC & Fourth Army - 2 months
- (3) Student - Advance Officers Course, Signal Corps School, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey - 3 months (graduate)
- (4) Student - School of Military Government, Charlottesville, Virginia - 4 months (graduate)
- (5) S.M.A.C. - 9th Inf. Div., Chief of Industry and Communications Branch, Chief of Transportation, Communications, Utilities and Public Works Division, AMBT, Sicily - May 24 to Nov. 31, 1943.
- (6) SAC, Communications Section, ACC, Dec. 1 1943 to Jan. 31 1944.
- (7) Chief Staff Officer and Personal Assistant to Deputy Chief Commissioner, ACC, since Feb. 1, 1944, present position.

3. Civil background:

- a. Lawyer
- b. Member Nebraska State Legislature (2 terms)
- c. Executive Officer & Examiner, Nebraska Public Service Commission
- d. General Manager, Virginia Tel. & Tel. Co.
- e. General Commercial Manager - Central Elect. & Tel. Co.

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