

CONFIDENTIAL - NATO

COPY NO. _____

NORTH ATLANTIC MILITARY COMMITTEE

COMITE MILITAIRE DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD

Standing Group

Groupe Permanent

SGM-413-55

23 June 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE NETHERLANDS MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE

SUBJECT: "C" Rate for Equipment

References: a. Letter from Netherlands Military Representative No. 3876-129/558 dated 1 June 1955.
b. MCM-16-54
c. S.G. 189/4 (FINAL)
d. SGM-754-54

1. In your letter, reference a, you have pointed out that when the attrition rates in Part II of AARC/GEN/3/34 were approved by the Military Representatives Committee, Rate "C" was excepted. The Standing Group was also directed by the Military Representatives Committee to commence a review of Army Attrition Rate "C" as set forth in that report.

2. It is the opinion of the Standing Group that it was the intention of the Military Representatives Committee to require a restudy only of Rate "C" for Ammunition and not Rate "C" for Equipment. The Standing Group recalls that there was never any controversy concerning Rate "C" for Equipment but that on the other hand there was considerable disagreement about Rate "C" for Ammunition.

3. The Standing Group believes that it was an administrative error when Part II of AARC/GEN/3/34 was approved with the exception of Rate "C", and that that approval should have indicated instead that the exception applied only to Rate "C" for Ammunition.

DISTR: A, B, C, F(6)

CONFIDENTIAL - NATO

- 1 -

SGM-413-55

4. The Standing Group has not restudied Rate "C" for Equipment except for gun barrels, whose rates are entirely dependent on the ammunition attrition rates. The revised rates for gun barrels will be published upon conclusion of the restudy of certain ammunition attrition rates requested by the Belgian Military Representative in reference d.

5. The Standing Group does not intend to pursue any other restudy of Rate "C" for Equipment unless specifically requested to do so by the Military Representatives Committee.

6. The Standing Group notes that in paragraph 2 of reference a, the Netherlands Military Representative agrees that Rate "C" should be used for purposes of reporting the levels of Equipment Reserves in the 1955 Annual Review.

7. In reply to a query by SACEUR, the Standing Group despatched a message on 1 October 1954 stating that "for future planning purposes not connected with the 1954 Annual Review, Rate "C" for Equipment, as published in Tables 1 to 6 in the Army Attrition Rates Committee Report, with the exception of gun barrels, will be used for the first 90 days of a war in Europe." It is regretted that wider distribution was not given to the reply to SACEUR's query.

8. It is presently planned by the Standing Group to propose to the Military Representatives Committee that the military planning factors contained in Enclosure "B" of reference b, be discontinued as an Annual Review document which is revised annually in connection with the Annual Review. The Standing Group's proposal is to reissue these military planning factors separately and to revise them only as and when necessary. Paragraph 7 b (1) (a) of that document which states that Rate "C" should be used for equipment, will be reproduced without change.

FOR THE STANDING GROUP:



R. A. PIGOT
Colonel, Royal Marines
Deputy Secretary