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WAR OFFICE, S.W.1.

5th August, 1953.

Dear Sir,

The annual conference of the Chief of the Imperial General Staff (Field-Marshal Sir John Harding) takes place this year at the Staff College, Camberley, from August 11th to 13th inclusive. As already announced, this exercise which is known as "FOR'ARD ON", will be concerned with the use in war of atomic weapons, and it will be attended by the Commanders-in-Chief of Home and Overseas Commands, the heads of Service Ministries, Senior Officers of the Royal Navy and R.A.F., Senior Officers of the Commonwealth countries and scientists with, in addition, General Gruenther, Supreme Allied Commander Europe; Field-Marshal Montgomery, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and Staff Officers from SHAPE.

The Exercise will be private, but the CIGS will meet Press representatives at tea and a Press Conference at The Staff College on the afternoon of Thursday, 13th August. There is a suitable train from Waterloo to Camberley at 2.24 p.m. If you intended to be represented, will you please advise Major Merrill, Public Relations Officer, Southern Command Headquarters, Salisbury, (Tel: Salisbury 6222, Ext 323) not later than 10 a.m. on August 10th. and he will have transport awaiting the arrival of the train at 3.21 p.m. If your representative is going to travel by road he should report to Major Merrill on arrival, as well as advising him in advance.

Photography: An opportunity will be given for photographs before and after the Press Conference (probably both indoors and out of doors) and photographers attending should notify Major Merrill as above.

Yours faithfully,

John McCulloch
(John McCulloch)
Chief Press Officer.

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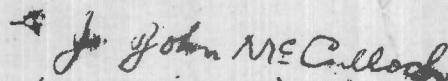
Reference C.I.G.S's Conference at Camberley and my letter to you of 5th August, will you kindly note the following changes:

Facilities for PHOTOGRAPHERS and CINE CAMERAMEN ONLY will be available at NOON on WEDNESDAY, 12th August, and NOT Thursday, 13th, as previously intimated. Photographers should report to Major Eric Merrill, Public Relations Officer, Southern Command, at THE STAFF COLLEGE, CAMBERLEY, not later than 11.45 a.m. on WEDNESDAY.

Arrangements for the Press Conference remain as stated for THURSDAY, 13th August, except that **Reps.** should **travel** on the train leaving Waterloo at 3.27 p.m. arriving at Camberley 4.40 p.m., where transport will be waiting.

Major Merrill should be advised by those attending not later than 10 a.m. on August 10th.

Yours faithfully,


(John McCulloch)
Chief Press Officer.

The Editor.

EXERCISE FORWARD ON
PHOTOGRAPH
FRONT ROW SEATING PLAN

Seat No.

1. ~~Lt-Gen Sir Harold Bedman~~
2. Gen Sir Richard N. Gale
3. Gen Sir Charles F. Keightley
4. Sir John D. Cockcroft
5. Col R.E.B. Long
6. Gen Rajendra Sinhji
7. Gen Sir Ouvry L. Roberts
8. Cdre F.J. Dean
9. ACM Sir Robert M. Foster
10. Sir Harold Parker
11. Lt-Gen G.G. Simonds
12. F-M Rt.Hon. Earl Alexander of Tunis
13. F-M Sir John Harding
~~Rt. Hon. A.H. Head~~
14. Gen A.M. Gruenther
15. Maj-Gen E.L..Sheehan
16. F-M The Viscount Montgomery of Alamein
17. V-Adm Sir John Eccles
18. Maj-Gen G.W. Gentry
19. Gen Sir Frank Simpson
~~Lt-Gen Sir Gordon MacMillan~~
20. Gen Mohd Ayub Khan
21. Brig S.F. Reid
22. Gen Sir Kenneth N. Crawford
23. Gen Sir Cameron G.G. Nicholson
24. Sir Frederick Brundrett
25. ~~Lt-Gen~~ Sir Dudley Ward

Exercise FOR'ARD ON.

The use in war of atomic weapons presents problems that are to the fore in the minds of the Services to-day. Field-Marshal Sir John Harding, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, is holding Exercise FOR'ARD ON at the Staff College, Camberley, in August at which some of these problems will be studied.

The exercise will be attended by Cs-in-C, of Home and Overseas Commands, senior officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, senior officers of the Commonwealth countries and scientists. In addition, General Gruenther, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, Field-Marshal Montgomery, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and staff officers from SHAPE have been invited to attend.

The following have received invitations to attend:-

Field-Marshal Rt. Hon. Earl Alexander of Tunis, Minister of Defence (will attend if in U.K. at time of the exercise); Vice Admiral J.A.S. Eccles, Flag Officer Air (Home) Representing First Sea Lord; Rt. Hon. A. H. Head, M.P., Secretary of State for War; Sir George W. Turner, Permanent Under-Secretary of State, War Office; Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Deputy Supreme Commander, SHAPE; Major-General W.H.A. Bishop, Principal Staff Officer, Commonwealth Relations; Group Captain K.J. Mellor, Chief of Target Analysis Division, J.I.B; Brigadier R.W. Ewbank, Secretary, Chiefs of Staff Committee; Major-General V.D. Thomas, Chief of Amphibious Warfare; Major-General G.W. Lathbury, Commandant, Staff College; Sir Harold Himsworth, Secretary, Medical Research Council; Dr. E.T. Paris, Chief Scientific Adviser, Home Office; Major-General P.N. White, Assistant Chief of Staff, (Org & Trg Div), SHAPE.

COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIESCANADA

Lt.-General G.G. Simonds, CGS, Canadian Army; Major-General S.F. Clark, QMG, Canadian Army.

AUSTRALIA

Major-General E.L. Sheehan, Australian Def Rep, London; Brigadier A.G. Wilson, Australian Army.

NEW ZEALAND

Major-General G. W. Gentry, CGS, New Zealand Army; Brigadier L.W. Thornton, Australian Army Liaison Officer.

SOUTH AFRICA

Commodore F.J. Dean, South African Mil Adviser London.

INDIA

Gen. Maharaj Shri Rajendra Sinhji, C-in-C Indian Army; Major-General J.N. Chaudhuri, Rep Indian Army.

PAKISTAN

General Mohd Ayub Khan, C-in-C, Pakistan Army.

CEYLON

Brigadier S.F. Reid, Ceylon Army Commander; Lt.-Colonel H.W.G. Wijeyekoon, Officer Commanding 1 C.L.I.

S. RHODESIA

Colonel R.E.B. Long, Chief of Staff, Rhodesian Forces.

/ALLIED

ALLIED OFFICERS

General A.M. Gruenther, Supreme Allied Commander EUROPE.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Sir Harold Parker, Permanent Secretary; Sir John D. Cockcroft, Chairman, Defence Research Policy Cttee and SA/Min of Defence; R.R. Powell, Esq., Deputy Secretary, Min of Defence; Sir Frederick Brundrett, Deputy Scientific Adviser.

ADMIRALTY

Rear Admiral A.R. Pedder, ACNS (Warfare); Capt. R. Casement, R.N., C.O., Rhine Sqn.; Major-General C.R. Hardy, C of S, Comd Gen RM; Major-General C.F. Phillips, Maj-Gen RM Portsmouth; Major-General R.F. Cornwall, Maj-Gen RM Plymouth;

AIR MINISTRY

Air Marshal S.C. Strafford, Inspector General RAF; Air Vice Marshal Sir Francis J.W. Mellersh, Commandant General RAF Regt; Air Marshal Sir John Baker, Vice Chief of the Air Staff; ACM Sir Robert M. Foster, C-in-C, 2 ATAF; AVM T.N. McEvoy, ACAS (Trg), Air Ministry; Air Cdre H.D. McGregor, AOC No. 2 Gp 2 ATAF; Air Cdre R.B. Lees, AOC No. 83 Gp 2 ATAF; Air Cdre J.B.M. Wallis, D.Adm.Plans Air Ministry; Air Marshal R.O. Jones, Controller Engrs & Equip. Air Ministry (Wed. 12th Aug only 0900 Hrs); Air Vice Marshal L.J.V. Bates, Director General of Equip, Air Ministry (Thur. 13th Aug. only 0900 Hrs.)

MINISTRY OF SUPPLY

General Sir Kenneth N. Crawford, Controller of Supplies (Munitions); Lt.-General Sir Frederick Morgan, Controller of Atomic Energy; Mr. S.S.C. Mitchell, Controller of Guided Weapons & Electronics; AVM W.A. Opie, Assistant Controller of Supplies (Air); Major-General H.M. Paterson, Director General of Artillery; Major-General H.R.B. Foote, Director General of Fighting Vehicles; Dr. Q.H. Wansborough-Jones, Chief Scientist, Ministry of Supply; Dr. W. Cawood, Principal Director of Scientific Research (Defence); Air Cdre H. Ford, Director of Armament Research and Development (Air); Capt. F.B. Lloyd, R.N. (Retd), P.S.O. to Controller of Atomic Energy; Dr. A.H. Davis, Deputy Chief Superintendent, AWRE, Fort Halstead;

OVERSEAS COMMANDS

General Sir Cameron G.G. Nicholson, C-in-C, MELEF; General Sir Charles F. Keightley, C-in-C, FARELF; General Sir Richard N. Gale, C-in-C, Northern Army Group; Lt.-General Sir Lashmar G. Whistler, GOC-in-C, West Africa; Major-General Sir T. John W. Winterton, GOC-in-C, BEAUFOR; Major-General R.E. Urquhart, GOC-in-C, BTA; Lt.-General Sir Francis W. Festing, GOC, BTE; Lt.-General Sir Terence S Airey, Comd British Forces Hong Kong; Major-General W.H. Stratton, Comd BJSM Washington; Lt.-General Sir Gordon H.A. MacMillan, The Governor & C-in-C, Gibraltar.

HOME COMMANDS

Lt.-General M.S. Chilton, GOC-in-C, AA Command; Lt.-General G.K. Bourne, GOC-in-C, Eastern Command; Lt.-General G.C. Evans, GOC-in-C, Northern Command; Lt.-General Sir Colin M. Barber, GOC-in-C, Scottish Command; Lt.-General Sir Ernest E. Down, GOC-in-C, Southern Command; Lt.-General Sir Charles F. Loewen, GOC-in-C, Western Command; General Sir Miles Dempsey, C-in-C, UKLF; Lt.-General Sir Jack D. Woodall, GOC-in-C, Northern Ireland District; General Sir Evelyn H. Barker, GOC-in-C (designate) East Anglia Command.

WAR OFFICE

Field-Marshal Sir John Harding, CIGS; Lt.-General Sir Euan A.B. Miller, MS; General Sir Brian Robertson, AG (designate); General Sir Ouvry L. Roberts, QMG; Lt.-General Sir Harold Redman, VCIGS; Lt.-General Sir Dudley Ward, DCIGS;

/Major-General

Major-General R.W. McLeod, DMO; Lt.-General Sir Colin B. Callander, DGMT;
Major-General R.C. Cottrell-Hill, DMT; Major-General W.A. Scott, DWD;
H.A. Sargeant, Esq., SA/AC; Major-General R.B.E.B. Cooke, DRAC; Major-General
K.F. Mack. Lewis, DRA; Major-General G.N. Tuck, E-in-C; Major-General W.O. Bowen,
D.Signals; Major-General F.R.G. Matthews, D.Infantry; Major-General G.S. Thompson,
DL/AW; Major-General B.C.H. Kimmins, DTA&C; Major-General A.D. Campbell, VAG;
Major-General C.E.A. Firth, DES; Lt.-General Sir Frederick Harris, DGAMS;
Brigadier A. Sachs, D.of Pathology; Major-General K. Bayley, DPA; Major-General
E.H.W. Cobb, DMP; Major-General C.D. Packard, VQMG; Major-General H. Bainbridge,
DQMG; Major-General W.H.D. Ritchie, DQ; Major-General C.G.B. Greaves, D.Mov;
Major-General D.C.T. Swan, DFW; Major-General H.C. Goodfellow, DST; Major-General
G.A.N. Swiney, DOS; Major-General S.W. Joslin, DME.

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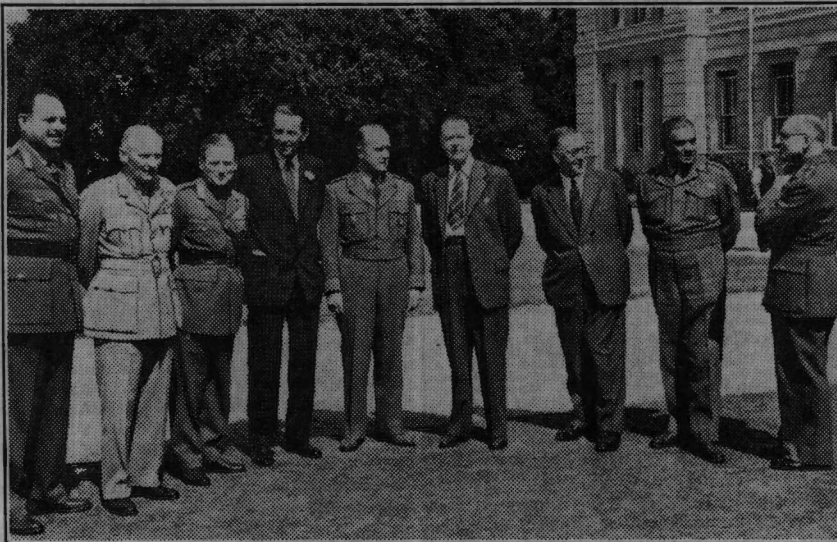
General Sir Frank E.W. Simpson, Commandant IDC; AVM L. Darvall, Commandant
JSSC; AVM L.F. Sinclair, Commandant SL/AW;

SHAPE

Colonel R.M.P. Carver, Org & Trg Division, SHAPE; Major-General J.R. Cochrane
C of S to C-in-C, AFCE.

NAG

Lt.-General Sir A. James H. Cassels, GOC 1 (GB) Corps; Major-General C.S.
Sugden, C of S, Northern Army Group.



A group photograph taken at the Staff College, Camberley, yesterday, when "Exercise For'ard On" was opened. Left to right: General Mohd Ayub Khan, C.-in-C., Pakistan Army; Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery; Field-Marshal Sir John Harding, C.I.G.S.; Mr. A. H. Head (Secretary of State for War); General A. M. Gruenther; Field-Marshal Lord Alexander; Sir John Cockcroft; General Rajendra Singhji, C.-in-C., Indian Army; Major-General G. W. Gentry (New Zealand Army).

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Miss Whittemore.