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MEMORANDUM

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The Secretary,  
Personnel Members Committee.

KR (Air) Article 15.01  
Amendment to Table of Release -

1 It has been discovered that the Table of Releases to KR (Air) Article 15.01 does not provide adequately for all types of releases.

2 Article 15.01 Item 1 (c) makes provision for the release of personnel for "Service Misconduct" and in this type of release the word "Misconduct" is annotated on the Certificate of Service which is issued on release. Releases for Service Misconduct are limited to those individuals who are found to be incorrigible and have demonstrated that the application of Service discipline has no salutary effect on their actions. On the other hand, there are a large number of personnel who are released by reason of their unsatisfactory conduct but their conduct is not such as to warrant release for "Service Misconduct". This type of individual deserves the notation "Services Terminated" on the Certificate of Service. However, the only release clauses under which "Services Terminated" is annotated on the Certificate of Service are the two clauses under Item 2 "Inefficiency". It is not considered that either of these clauses apply to the individual whose conduct after a brief period of service is found to be unsatisfactory. Moreover, the policy has been to release individuals who have homo-sexual tendencies in such a manner that their Certificates of Service bear the words "Services Terminated". It is considered that these individuals should be released on the basis of their unsatisfactory conduct.

3 Numerous cases have arisen where Reserve airmen, transferred by their employers from the city in which their Reserve Squadron is located to an area where there is no Reserve Squadron, do not desire to transfer to the Supplementary Reserve and request their release from the Service. In addition, there are cases where serving airmen apply for their release for the purpose of entering the ministry. The RCAF policy is to grant airmen who have been accepted for entry in the ministry a free, honourable release. It is considered that airmen in both these categories should be granted their release "On request".

4 KR (Air) 1943 contained a main heading under the release section entitled "Irregular Enlistments", comprised of four clauses under which the release of airmen who were enrolled irregularly was authorized. The present KR (Air) Article 15.01 Item 1 "Misconduct" makes provision for the release of personnel who make a false statement, other than as to age only, on enrolment. In many cases personnel are accepted for enrolment and it is discovered subsequently that they are unsuitable for military service. In all cases the personnel do not make a false statement on enrolment and in many cases the reason for their unsuitability is beyond their knowledge and control. A good example is the recruit who is enrolled and given a chest X-ray by a Mobile Recruiting Unit and it is discovered some days later that the results of the X-ray are unsatisfactory. There are many other cases where recruits unwittingly supply erroneous information on enrolment which necessitates their release. It is considered that recruits in this category should be Honourably Released and adequate provision therefor should be incorporated in the Table of Release.

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5 KR (Air) Vol. III Article 206.22 (4) provides for the payment of certain release benefits to officers who are released for the purpose of rehabilitation during the last year of their Short Service Commission, but KR (Air) Article 15.01 Item 5 (b)(vii) only provides for the release of Short Service Commission Officers on the completion of their fixed period of service.

6. In order to rectify the foregoing release inadequacies, it is recommended that the following amendments to the Table of Releases contained in KR (Air) Article 15.01 be approved:

Item	Reasons for Release	Cases in Which Applicable	To Whom Applicable	Approval Required		Notation on Certificate of Service.
				Officers	Airmen	
1.	UNDER ITEM 1 - MISCONDUCT, INSERT	(h) Unsatisfactory Conduct	Officers & Airmen	Governor-General	CAS or such other officer as he may designate	"Services terminated"
2.	UNDER ITEM 4 - VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT, DELETE:	(d) On request	Officers	Governor-General		"Honorably released"
	AND SUBSTITUTE:	(d) On request	Officers & airmen	Governor-General	CAS or such other officer as he may designate.	"Honorably released"
3.	UNDER ITEM 5 - COMPULSORY RETIREMENT TO PROMOTE ECONOMY & EFFICIENCY -					
(a)	INSERT NEW ITEM 5 (b)(i) AS FOLLOWS:	Having been enrolled irregularly	Officers & Airmen	Governor-General	CAS or such other officer as he may designate.	"Honorably released"
(b)	DELETE PRESENT ITEM 5 (b)(vi)	On completion of a fixed period of service.	Officers.	Governor-General		"Honorably released"
	AND SUBSTITUTE:	On completion, or during the final year of a fixed period of service.	Officers	Governor-General		"Honorably released"

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