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MUNITIONS ASSIGNMENTS BOARD

20 January 1944

**SUBJECT:** Promotion of Major William M. Martin, Jr., AUB,  
0-436983.  
**TO :** The Adjutant General

1. Major Martin, on duty as a member of the Executive Staff of the Munitions Assignments Board, represents this Board in its dealings with the Raw Materials Committee, the Combined Production and Resources Board, and other civilian war agencies concerned with the availability of raw materials and the production of finished munitions. He also maintains close contact with the higher echelons of the Army and Navy with regard to the international aspects of requirements and production possibilities of munitions. He is the U. S. Secretary of the Joint War Aid Committee-U.S. and Canada, and acts as liaison officer with the Chinese supply authorities in the U. S. In the performance of these duties, it is essential that he deal with high levels of authority.

2. Having been a member of the Executive Staff since April 1942, he is especially qualified for the assignment, the duties of which have, during the past year, increased in volume and responsibility. He is the best-fitted officer available for the position and the outstanding manner of performance of these duties, for a period in excess of three months, has demonstrated his qualifications for a higher grade.

3. Major Martin has held his present grade since 12 February 1943.

4. It is therefore, recommended that Major Martin be promoted to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel, Army of the United States, in order that he may have rank commensurate with the duties of the position he fills.

5. As there are no surplus officers of higher grade in the Executive Staff of the Munitions Assignments Board, it is requested that the present allotment of officers to the Munitions Assignments Board be revised to provide for this promotion.

For the Chairman, Munitions Assignments Board,



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