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**PARLIAMENTARY REGISTRATION**

**The Armed Forces Declaration Card**

(Army Form B2626, S1300B, R.A.F. Form 2040)



By Command of the Army Council,

*L. Darnley*

THE WAR OFFICE,  
1st April, 1944.

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Every person who wishes to be included in the new Register of voters must make a declaration, whether previously registered or not.

1. Section 10 of the Parliament (Elections and Meeting) Act, 1943, provides that every person appearing to be qualified to make a service declaration shall receive all reasonable instructions and assistance in the making of that declaration. It is accordingly desirable that these cards shall be filled up under the supervision of a commissioned officer, and the following instructions are issued for general guidance. The declaration must be attested by a commissioned officer other than the declarant.

2. Parts 1 and 3, and, if it is desired to appoint a proxy, Part 2 of the card are to be filled up. Nothing will be written on Part 4. All entries should be made in ink.

**Part 1.**

3. The space marked "Service" will be completed by inserting "R.N.", "Army," "R.A.F.", "W.R.N.S.", "A.T.S.", or "W.A.A.F.", as the case may be. Nursing Services will be included under the name of the Service (*i.e.*, R.N., Army or R.A.F.), with which they are serving. V.A.D. members employed under the Army Council will put "V.A.D. (Army)."

4. "Service No." includes the personal number, if any, of officers.

5. The date of birth should be inserted only in the case of persons who are under 21 years of age at the time of filling up the card. In all other cases the declarant should state only that he is 21 years of age or over.

Those under 21 years of age will be placed on the register when they attain that age.

6. A declarant is required to state the address at which he resides or, but for his service, would reside. This means that a declarant should as a rule give his home address; but if owing to special circumstances he is not in a position to give his home address it will be open to him to give an address at which he would be likely to be residing if he were not in the Forces, *e.g.*, the address of a relative or friend.

7. The FULL postal address of the HOUSE must be inserted. It will not be possible to register a person who gives only the name of a town or district.

8. Before an attesting officer signs a declaration he is required to satisfy himself that all particulars of identity which can be known to him are accurate, *e.g.*, he should check from the pay book or other official document that the declarant's number and his rank or rating are correct. Since an alien cannot vote, an attesting officer should not attest the declaration of a person whom he *knows* to be an alien, *i.e.*, a person who does not possess British nationality either alone or with any other nationality.

9. An attesting officer if in the Royal Navy will state his ship, if in the Army he will state his regiment or corps, but *not* his unit, and if in the Royal Air Force he will state his unit.

10. A declaration may be cancelled at any time by means of a fresh Armed Forces declaration card (A.F. B2626, S1300B, R.A.F. Form 2040) declaring to another address.

**Part 2.**

11. This part must be filled in by any declarant who desires to appoint a proxy, *i.e.*, a person who will be given a ballot paper in order that he or she may vote on behalf of the person making the appointment. A fresh appointment must be made each time the declarant makes a new declaration, because an appointment made



with an earlier declaration expires when that declaration is cancelled. A ballot paper can only be sent to an address in the United Kingdom and therefore a voter abroad cannot vote unless he has appointed a proxy.

12. If a person who has already been appointed proxy dies or becomes unable to act, another proxy may be appointed. For this purpose a fresh Armed Forces declaration card (A.F. B2626, S1300B, R.A.F. Form 2040) should be used, omitting the information as to age and postal address, and deleting the words "I hereby cancel any previous declaration made by me."

13. A proxy must be a British subject of 21 years of age or over.

14. Generally a person can only hold two proxy appointments. This limit does not apply if the person appointed is the father, mother, husband, wife, brother, sister, grandfather or grandmother of the person making the appointment. The relationship of the person appointed as proxy should be stated if it is one of the above. If not, put "none."

15. It is not essential that the declarant should name a person as second choice. It is however advisable for him to do so in case the person whom he selects as his first choice already holds for other people as many proxies as he is by law allowed to hold.

### Part 3.

16. The address on Part 3 must be inserted by the officer who is supervising the filling in of the card. Normally what is needed is the last two lines of the full postal address set out in Part 1, e.g., "Crewe, -Cheshire," "Tenby, Pembrokeshire," or "Larne, Co. Antrim," but all cards bearing a *Scottish* residential address, should bear *only* the word "Edinburgh" instead of a "Post Town" and "County" address.

Some towns obviously need no "County," e.g., Derby, Cambridge, etc. In these cases only the name of the town need be given. In the case of London and some other large towns, only the name of the town followed by the district numbers and/or initials is required, e.g., London, S.W.1, Birmingham, 15.

### General.

17. When cards have been completed they should be folded firmly along the perforated line, Parts 1 and 3 being outside, and transmitted through the normal postal channels.

### Mode of voting at home.

18. Persons on the Service Register who will be in the United Kingdom at the time of an election and who desire to vote by post at an election in the constituency will complete A.F. B2628, S1300C, R.A.F. Form 2574, which may be obtained from the unit orderly room or equivalent office; or in the case of personnel on leave or otherwise detached from their units, from electoral registration

officers ; and forward it to the appropriate electoral registration officer in order that he may be notified of the address to which ballot papers are to be sent. The submission of this form will automatically cancel the appointment of any proxy as respects that particular election.

19. Persons on the Service Register who have not sent in A.F. B2628, S1300C, R.A.F. Form 2574, may vote in person, but where a proxy has been appointed, only if the proxy has not already voted. The appointment of the proxy is then cancelled as respects that particular election.

20. In no circumstances will any special leave be granted solely for the purpose of voting in person.

#### **Appointment of proxies by Service voters at University elections.**

21. The Act provides that a member of the Forces who is entitled to vote at a University election may use Part 2 of the Armed Forces declaration card to appoint a proxy to vote for him at that election. Accordingly any person who states that he is a University elector and who desires to appoint a proxy for a University election should be issued with a second card for this purpose. In such cases the card will be completed as follows :—

22. Part 1 will be completed in the same manner as if the declarant were making a service declaration, except that instead of his full postal address he will insert the University constituency in which he is entitled to vote.

23. Part 2 will be completed without any variation.

24. Part 3 will be completed by the declarant, who will insert the name and postal address of the University for which he claims to be entitled to vote.

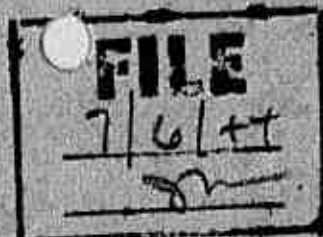
25. On completion, the declarant will transmit the card through the normal postal channels.





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VOTING BY PERSONNEL OF ARMED FORCES - INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS AND BALLOTING MATERIAL WITH REFERENCE TO NOVEMBER 1944 GENERAL ELECTION. -

1. The War Department has made and will make available, inside and outside the United States, at appropriate times:

a. Uniform information and instructions for use by commanders and "soldier voting" officers in informing soldiers with reference to voting in the November 1944 general election. Such information and instructions will be promulgated by the following means:

- (1) War Department publications. (For publications to date, other than with reference solely to primary elections, see Bulletin No. 5. and Circulars No. 128, No. 152, and No. 155, War Department, 1944. For use only inside the United States, see also Memorandum No. W600-44, War Department, 10 May 1944.)
- (2) Two instructional manuals for commanders and "soldier voting" officers: one for use outside the United States and one for use inside the United States.
- (3) Series of five or more informative posters, for use both outside and inside the United States.
- (4) Other material of any media for use in connection with soldier voting.

b. Certain balloting material, prepared and furnished by the United States War Ballot Commission:

- (1) Post card applications for State absentee ballots (see par. 2, sec. I, Cir. No. 128, WD, 1944). (State absentee ballots, with envelopes and voting instructions pertaining thereto, will be transmitted by the several States as mail direct to individual soldiers making applications therefor. In addition, some States intend to mail such balloting material, without the soldiers applying therefor, to military addresses of soldiers as compiled by said States.)
- (2) Official Federal war ballots and instructions for voting procedure, and official Federal inner and outer ballot envelopes.

2. It has come to the attention of the War Department that certain commanders and "soldier voting" officers, acting in their official capacities, have made contact with State or other election agencies, in order to obtain State balloting material or general information as to State election procedures for use in informing soldiers. Except as indicated in paragraph 3, or as otherwise authorized or directed by the War Department, military personnel acting in an official capacity will refrain from such contacts. As stated in paragraph 1, the War Department will make available all information, instructions, and balloting material necessary to commanders and "soldier voting" officers in carrying out their responsibilities with reference to the November 1944 general election.

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3. As provided in paragraph 2 a (4), section I, Circular No. 128, War Department, 1944, any individual member of the Army who is uncertain as to his eligibility to vote by State absentee ballot should himself, over his own signature, immediately inquire by letter to the Secretary of State of his State of voting residence as to what, if any, steps he must take to register, pay poll or other taxes, or meet other requirements in order to be eligible to vote under State law. As to the facts which any such soldier should include in his letter, see paragraph 24b (2), section I, Circular No. 166, War Department, 1944. Nothing in this circular shall be deemed to limit the right of any individual member of the Army to make any inquiry which he desires of officials or others in his home State as to the exercise of his voting privilege.

(A.G. 014.35 (8 May 44))

By orders of the Secretary of War:

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VOTING BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Section

Election--Primaries in certain States. . . . . I  
Amendment of Circular No. 119, War Department, 1944. . . . . II

I -- ELECTION--PRIMARIES IN CERTAIN STATES:

1. General.

a. This circular gives information concerning primaries in nineteen States during July (to the extent not already published) and during August, 1944.

b. (1) Information concerning primaries occurring in May, June, and early July was published in Circular No. 66 and Circular No. 119, War Department, 1944, as follows:

| May Primaries<br>(Circular No. 66) | June Primaries<br>(Circular No. 119) | Early July Primaries<br>(Circular No. 119) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Alabama                            | New Jersey                           | Idaho                                      |
| California                         | North Carolina                       | Iowa                                       |
| Florida                            | Ohio                                 | Maine                                      |
| Indiana                            | Oregon                               | New Mexico                                 |
| Maryland                           | South Dakota                         | North Dakota                               |
|                                    | West Virginia                        | Georgia                                    |
|                                    |                                      | Michigan                                   |
|                                    |                                      | Minnesota                                  |
|                                    |                                      | Mississippi (first)                        |
|                                    |                                      | Oklahoma                                   |
|                                    |                                      | Washington                                 |

(2) Information concerning other primaries and general elections will be furnished at appropriate later dates.

c. The information below, including paragraph 2ha and b, is published for the guidance of all members of the Army and "attached civilians", as defined in paragraph 1b(2), Section I, Circular No. 128, War Department, 1944, herein collectively called "soldiers", whose voting residence is in Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, or Wyoming, and will be specifically brought to the attention of soldiers from such States who desire to vote in their primaries.

2. Arizona primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Arizona may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Arizona law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Phoenix, Arizona, the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Such application should reach Phoenix on, or as soon as possible after, 18 May 1944.



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3. Arkansas primaries.--Soldiers having voting residence in Arkansas may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Arkansas law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Little Rock, Arkansas, the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Such applications should reach Little Rock; in the case of the first primary, on, or as soon as possible after, 6 May 1944; in the case of the second primary, on, or as soon as possible after, 1 August 1944. A separate application is required for each primary, unless the soldier writes on the first application that he desires it to be treated as an application for both primaries.

4. Delaware primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Delaware may vote in the primary only by appearing in person at the proper local election polling place. Delaware does not provide a State absentee ballot for the primary election.

5. Kansas primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Kansas may apply for State absentee ballots by mailing a special application form furnished by Kansas. Soldiers may request such a special application form by writing to the Secretary of State, Topeka, Kansas (or to the appropriate local election officials, if known), or by forwarding the post card referred to in paragraph 21 upon which the soldier has written that he wishes it treated as a request for an application for a State absentee ballot. Such request should be made at the earliest possible date.

6. Kentucky primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Kentucky may apply for State absentee ballots (covering Federal offices only) either in accordance with Kentucky law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Frankfort, Kentucky, the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Procedures to administer the new State law not yet having been set up by the State, no official information is available as to when applications should be made by soldiers or may be acted upon by the State. Such applications should, therefore, be made at the earliest possible date.

7. Massachusetts primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Massachusetts may vote in the primary only by appearing in person at the proper local election polling places. Massachusetts does not provide a State absentee ballot for soldiers in the primary.

8. Mississippi (second) primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Mississippi may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Mississippi law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Jackson, Mississippi, the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Such application should reach Jackson, on, or as soon as possible after, 8 July 1944. The first primary occurs on 4 July 1944. An application for the first primary suffices for the second primary, but see paragraph 21b(4).

9. Missouri primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Missouri may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Missouri law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Jefferson City, Missouri, the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Such applications should reach Jefferson City on, or as soon as possible after, 5 May 1944.



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10. Montana primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Montana may apply for State absentee ballots by mailing a special application form furnished by Montana. Soldiers may request such special application form by writing to the Secretary of State, Helena, Montana (or to the appropriate local election officials, if known), or by forwarding the post card referred to in paragraph 21 upon which the soldier has written that he wishes it treated as a request for an application for a State absentee ballot. Such request should be made at the earliest possible date.

11. New Hampshire primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in New Hampshire may vote in the primary only by appearing in person at the proper local election polling place. New Hampshire does not provide a State absentee ballot for soldiers in the primary.

12. New York primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in New York may vote in the primary only by appearing in person at the proper local election polling place. New York does not provide a State absentee ballot for soldiers in the primary.

13. South Carolina (first) primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in South Carolina may vote in the primary only by appearing in person at the proper local election polling place. South Carolina does not provide a State absentee ballot for soldiers in the primary.

14. Tennessee primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Tennessee may apply for State absentee ballot either in accordance with Tennessee law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Nashville, Tennessee, the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Such applications must reach Nashville: in the case of persons outside the United States, not later than 1 June 1944; in the case of persons inside the United States, not later than 10 July 1944.

15. Texas primaries.--Soldiers having voting residence in Texas may apply for State absentee ballots in accordance with Texas Law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Austin, Texas (or appropriate local election officials, if known), the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Such post cards must be accompanied by poll tax receipt or affidavit of its loss. Such applications should reach Austin: in case of the first primary, on, or as soon as possible after 2 July 1944; in the case of the second primary, on, or as soon as possible after, 6 August 1944. A separate application is required for each primary, unless the soldier writes on the first application that he desires it to be treated as an application for both primaries. Soldiers who are members of the Regular Army (that is, the permanent military establishment) on active duty are not eligible to vote in Texas.

16. Utah primaries.--Soldiers having voting residence in Utah may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Utah law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Salt Lake City, Utah, the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Such applications should reach Salt Lake City on, or as soon as possible after, 15 June 1944. One application will suffice for both the first and second primary.



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17. Vermont primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Vermont may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Vermont law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Montpelier, Vermont, the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Such applications should reach Montpelier on, or as soon as possible after, 19 June 1944.

18. Virginia primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Virginia may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Vermont law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Richmond, Virginia, the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Such applications should reach Richmond on, or as soon as possible after, 10 May 1944.

19. Wisconsin primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Wisconsin may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Wisconsin law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Madison, Wisconsin, the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Such applications should reach Madison on, or as soon as possible after, 12 July 1944.

20. Wyoming primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Wyoming may apply for State absentee ballots by mailing a special application form furnished by Wyoming. Soldiers may request such special application form by writing to the Secretary of State, Cheyenne, Wyoming (or to the appropriate local election officials, if known), or by forwarding the post card referred to in paragraph 21 upon which the soldier has written that he wishes it treated as a request for an application for state absentee ballot. Such request should be made at the earliest possible date.

21. Post card application for ballot.--Commanders of all echelons will assure themselves that the necessary quantities of post cards (W.D., A.C.O. Form No. 560) are made available to members of their commands having voting residence in the foregoing states. In regard to the continued use of W.D., A.C.O. Form No. 560, see Section II, Circular No. 128, War Department, 1944; Section I, Circular No. 152, War Department, 1944. In lieu of application by such post card, soldiers may apply for a ballot by letter, using the text set forth on the post card as described in paragraph 1, Section II, Circular No. 128, War Department, 1944. Full name, serial number, and complete military mail address must be clearly stated in card or letter. Applications should be distinctly marked and bear the appropriate air mail marking, as prescribed in Section I, Circular No. 155, War Department, 1944.

22. Publicity.--Organization commanders will bring the subject of these primaries to the attention of soldiers whose voting residence is in Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming, in time to permit the mailing of requests for ballot applications, the mailing of ballot applications, the return of ballot applications and of ballots to applicants, and the mailing of ballots by voters in time to be eligible to be counted.

23. Use of influence prohibited.--No commissioned, warrant, or noncommissioned officer shall attempt to influence any member of the armed forces to vote or not to vote for a particular candidate. See paragraph 4c AR 600-10 (C-4) paragraph 1d(4), Section I, Circular No. 128, War Department, 1944.



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## 24. Specific Information.--a. Dates.

| (1)                      | (2)          | (3)  | (4)   | (5)   |
|--------------------------|--------------|--|---|---|
| State                    | Primary date | Earliest date State will receive soldier's application for State absentee ballot | Earliest date State will mail absentee ballot to applying soldier | Date on or before which soldier's executed absentee ballots must be received back by appropriate officials within State in order to be eligible to be counted |
| Arizona.....             | 18 July...   | At any time...   | 18 May.....   | 18 July   |
| Arkansas(first)          | 25 July...   | At any time...   | 6 May.....  | 25 July.  |
| Arkansas(second)         | 8 August.    | At any time...   | 1 August..  | 8 August.   |
| Delaware.....            | Not fixed    | No provision for absentee serviceman voting in primary.                          |   |   |
| Kansas.....              | 1 August.    | 1 April.....   | 1 July....  | 31 July.  |
| Kentucky.....            | 5 August.    | **   | **  | **  |
| Massachusetts.           | 11 July      | No provision for absentee serviceman voting in primary.                          |   |   |
| Mississippi (second).... | 29 August.   | At any time...   | 8 July....  | 29 August.  |
| Missouri.....            | 1 August.    | At any time...   | 5 May.....  | 2 August.   |
| Montana.....             | 18 July...   | 19 June.....   | 30 June....   | 15 July....   |
| New Hampshire.           | 11 July...   | No provision for absentee serviceman voting in primary.                          |   |   |
| New York.....            | 1 August.    | No provision for absentee serviceman voting in primary.                          |   |   |
| South Carolina* (first)  | 29 August.   | No provision for absentee serviceman voting in primary. (At any time before)     |   |   |
| Tennessee.....           | 3 August.    | (1 June if outside U.S. At any time before 10 July if inside U.S.)               | 10-15 June  | 3 August.   |
| Texas (first)            | 22 July..    | At any time...   | 2 July....  | 19 July.  |
| Texas(second)            | 26 August.   | At any time...   | 6 August..  | 23 August.  |
| Utah (first).            | 11 July...   | At any time...   | 15 June....   | 11 July.  |
| Utah (Second)            | 15 August.   | At any time...   | 19 July....   | 15 August.  |
| Vermont.....             | 8 August.    | At any time...   | 19 June....   | 8 August.   |
| Virginia.....            | 1 August.    | At any time...   | 10 May.....   | 24 July.  |
| Wisconsin....            | 15 August.   | At any time...   | 12 July....   | 15 August.  |
| Wyoming.....             | 18 July...   | 1 July.....  | 3 July....  | 18 July.  |

\*See B(8) below.

\*\*As State has not set up any administrative procedures, information not now available.



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b. Instructions to soldiers having voting residence in above States.

(1) Under existing State law, a soldier must at least be 21 years old at the election date in order to vote.

(2) In certain States, it may be necessary for absentee voters to take steps in addition to filing a ballot application in order to receive a State absentee ballot. A soldier desiring to vote under State law who is uncertain as to his eligibility should immediately inquire by letter to the Secretary of State of the State of his voting residence as to what, if any, steps he must take to register, pay poll or other taxes, or meet other requirements in order to be eligible to vote under State law. In order to enable a satisfactory reply to be made, such letter should include substantially the following paragraph:

I am a citizen of the United States. The date of my birth was \_\_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_ years preceding the election in \_\_\_\_\_ my home residence has been in the State of \_\_\_\_\_. For \_\_\_\_\_ years preceding such election my home residence has been in the city, town or village of \_\_\_\_\_, in the county of \_\_\_\_\_ at (street and number, if any, or rural route) \_\_\_\_\_ My voting district to the best of my knowledge is \_\_\_\_\_ \*fill in month of election with respect to which inquiry is made.

(3) The applicant for a primary ballot must state in his application his party affiliation in order to receive a proper ballot.

(4) Although an applicant has previously filed with his State an application in connection with a prior election, a new application should be made for an election shown above. Even where not required, a new application is essential to provide a correct mailing address in case applicant's address has changed since prior application.

(5) In addition to signing the application, a soldier should legibly print his name and give his Army serial number.

(6) A soldier, upon receiving his absentee ballot, should immediately execute and return it.

(7) In making application to vote, soldiers outside the United States should have in mind the time interval between column 4 and column 5.

(8) This circular is prepared on the basis of State and Federal laws as they exist at its date of publication. It is understood that the State of South Carolina is holding or may hold legislative or party sessions which may result in some change in the facts as given.



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II -- AMENDMENT OF CIRCULAR NO. 119, WAR DEPARTMENT, 1944

Enactment of new State laws in Maine, North Dakota, and Oklahoma, and the rescission of Circular No. 321, War Department, 1942, (See Cir. No. 128, W.D., 1944) necessitate amendment of information previously provided concerning primary elections in these States. Paragraph 5, 10, 11, 13, and 17a, Circular No. 119, War Department, 1944 are according rescinded and the following substituted therefore:

5. Maine primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Maine may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Maine law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Augusta, Maine, the post card referred to in paragraph 13. Such applications should reach Augusta on, or as soon as possible after, 10 May 1944.

10. North Dakota primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in North Dakota may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with North Dakota law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Bismarck, North Dakota, the post card referred to in paragraph 13. Such applications should reach Bismarck on, or as soon as possible, after 27 April 1944.

11. Oklahoma primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Oklahoma may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Oklahoma law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the post card referred to in paragraph 13. Such applications should reach Oklahoma City on, or as soon as possible after, 15 May 1944.

13. Post card application for ballots.--Commanders of all echelons will assure themselves that the necessary quantities of post cards (W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 560) are made available to members of their commands having voting residence in the foregoing States. In regard to the continued use of W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 560, see Section II, Circular No. 128, War Department, 1944; Section I, Circular No. 152, War Department, 1944. In lieu of application by such post card, soldiers may apply for a ballot by letter, using the text set forth on the post card as described in paragraph 1, Section II, Circular No. 128, War Department, 1944. Full name, serial number, and complete military mail address must be clearly stated in card or letter. Applications should be distinctly marked and bear the appropriate air mail marking as prescribed in Section I, Circular No. 155, War Department, 1944.



W.D. Cir. No. 166 (cont'd)

## 17. Specific information.--a. Dates.

| (1)                 | (2)          | (3)   | (4)   | (5)  |
|---------------------|--------------|---|---|--|
| State               | Primary date | Earliest date State will receive soldier's application for State absentee ballot. | Earliest date State will mail absentee ballot to applying soldier | Date on or before which soldier's executed ballot must be received back by appropriate officials within State in order to be eligible to be counted. |
| Georgia....         | 4 July..     | Any time....  | 15 April....  | 4 July...  |
| Idaho.....          | 13 June..    | Any time....  | 1 June.....   | 13 June...   |
| Iowa.....           | 5 June..     | Any time....  | 11 April....  | 4 June....   |
| Maine.....          | 19 June..    | Any time....  | 10 May.....   | 19 June...   |
| Michigan...         | 11 July..    | Any time....  | 12 June.....  | 11 July...   |
| Minnesota..         | 10 July..    | Any time....  | 10 May.....   | 10 July...   |
| Mississippi (first) | 4 July..     | 4 May.....  | 4 May.....  | 4 July...  |
| New Mexico.         | 6 June..     | No provision for absentee voting in primary                                       |   |  |
| North Dakota        | 27 June..    | 18 April....  | 27 April....  | 27 June...   |
| Oklahoma....        | 11 July..    | Any time....  | 15 - 20 May   | 11 July...   |
| Washington.         | 11 July..    | Any time....  | 27 May.....   | Must be marked and mailed on or before 11 July and received by 5 August.   |

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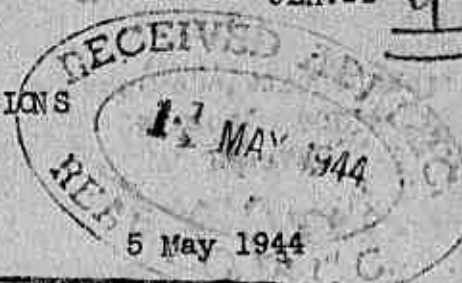
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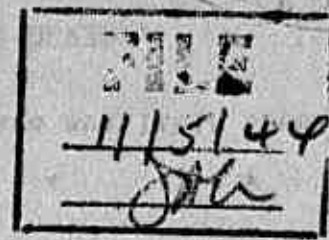
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SUBJECT: Voting by Personnel of Armed Forces

TO : All Concerned



1. War Department Circular Number 155, dated 20 April 1944, subject as above, is quoted in part for the information and guidance of all concerned:

"I - DISTINCTIVE MARKING OF BALLOTING MATERIAL

1. Distinctive marking of and air mail indicia upon ballot applications and ballot envelopes.

a. The Post Office Department and the military and naval postal agencies have recommended that, in order to enable expeditious postal segregation and handling, all ballot applications and ballot envelopes should be prominently marked in the uniform, distinctive manner described in b below and should bear in the upper right corner the appropriate air mail indicia described in c below.

b. The uniform distinctive marking is: two parallel horizontal red bars, each 1/4 inch wide, separated by 1/4 inch space within which is written in red in capital letters OFFICIAL ELECTION WAR BALLOT - VIA AIR MAIL, the top bar being 1 1/4 inches from the upper edge of the envelope or post card.

c. The appropriate air mail indicia are: the following words in red in capital letters in the upper right corner of the envelope or post card:

FREE OF POSTAGE  
INCLUDING AIR MAIL  
(WAR BALLOT)

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e. There are now in circulation several million post card applications in the old form (WD AGO Form No. 560), the continued use of which interchangeably with the new post card applications referred to above is authorized by Public Law 277. These old form post card applications do not bear the uniform distinctive marking described in b above or the appropriate air mail indicia described in c above. Furthermore, certain States have already sent out or are about to send out State absentee ballot envelopes which do not bear such uniform distinctive marking or such appropriate air mail indicia. In order to enable expeditious segregation and handling by postal authorities, military personnel using such old form post card applications (WD AGO Form No. 560) and

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State absentee ballot envelopes will place thereon such uniform distinctive marking and such appropriate air mail indicia, in a manner as nearly as possible conformable to the text of b and c above.

2. Amendment of Circular No. 128, War Department, 1944. -- Paragraph 3 b, Section I, Circular No. 128, War Department, 1944, is amended by adding subparagraphs (6) and (7) as follows:

(6) Instructing that soldiers who use old form post card applications (WD AGO Form No. 560) and State absentee ballot envelopes which lack the uniform distinctive marking and the air mail indicia described below --

(a) Print in capital letters in the upper right corner of the post card or envelope (using red color where possible):

FREE OF POSTAGE  
INCLUDING AIR MAIL  
(WAR BALLOT)

and strike out any different indicia there appearing.

(b) Draw two heavy parallel horizontal lines across the post card or envelope just above the first line of the address and print in capital letters between them OFFICIAL ELECTION WAR BALLOT - VIA AIR MAIL (using red color where possible).

(7) Instructing that soldiers who write letters in lieu of post card applications, unless the proper air mail postage is affixed, will write in the upper right corner of the envelope only the word FREE and will write in the distinctive marking between the parallel lines only the words OFFICIAL ELECTION WAR BALLOT, omitting the words VIA AIR MAIL. Public Law 277 provided free air mail postage only for post card applications and ballot envelopes. See paragraph 3 d."

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2. Ample copies of WD AGO Form No. 560 are available from SOS sources.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

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SUBJECT: Absentee Ballots

TO : All Concerned.

1. The following communication has been received from the War Department:

"Public Law 277 effective 1 April 1944 includes requirements that army so far as practicable or compatible with military operations:

Cooperate with appropriate State Officials and Agencies in transmitting balloting material to and from members of the Military and Naval Forces and of the ME Merchant Marine, and to and from members of the American Red Cross, the Society of Friends, the United Service Organizations, or the Womens Auxiliary Service Pilots who accompany or serve with the Armed Forces, making applications for state absentee ballots to their several states.

Take all reasonable measures to facilitate transmission, delivery and return of post cards, ballots, envelopes and instructions for voting procedure mailed to and by the persons mentioned above pursuant to the laws of the several states, whether transmitted by air or by regular mail.

Return by air state absentee ballots executed outside the UNITED STATES.

The law further provides that post card applications (including WD AGO form 560) and state absentee ballots and envelopes shall be transmitted free of postage including air mail.

Effective immediately all personnel engaged in handling army mail will expedite to the greatest extent possible the delivery of incoming state balloting material and the post-marking, handling and dispatch of outgoing post cards and ballot envelopes. Such mail will be postmarked immediately and dispatched by the most expeditious transportation available. So far as practicable and compatible with military operations, dispatch will be by air with the highest priority after courier air mail and WD essential official air mail. This instruction applies to WD AGO forms 560, letters identifiable as state ballot application in lieu of post cards, state ballot envelopes and envelopes identifiable as containing state balloting material.

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Distinctively marked application cards will be prepared by the War Ballot Commission and distinctively marked state ballot, envelopes are being recommended to the various states for distribution to voters. Pending distribution and use of such distinctively marked cards and envelopes it is desired you instruct all military personnel and attached civilians heretofore specified to write in the upper right hand corner of their ballot envelopes or application cards WD AGO form 560 the words "Free of postage including air mail (War Ballot)" and immediately above the list line of the address the words "Official Election War Ballot via Air Mail." All writing preferably to be in printed capital letters. Take all further practicable action necessary to insure segregation and expeditious dispatch of cards and envelopes specified.

On the 10th day of each month report by radio to the Adjutant General the aggregate poundage of balloting material (including application cards and ballot envelopes) transmitted from your Theater to UNITED STATES during the preceding month. On 10 May report will include poundage transmitted for last half April.

Bulletin number 5 WD dated 1 April 1944 quoting in full Public Law 277 and circular number 128 War Department dated 3 April 1944 supplying further details as to the administration of the law are being distributed."

2. It is desired that the above be brought to the attention of all United States personnel for their information and compliance.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

  
H. V. ROBERTS,  
Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

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