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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

AG 250 EFJAG

Subject: Violation of the 86th Article of War.

To : Commanding Officers, All Units Assigned or Attached
Peninsular Base Section.

1. General court-martial records submitted for my action reveal an inordinate number of cases for violations of the 86th Article of War in three particulars, namely:

- a. Abandoning post before being regularly relieved,
- b. Drunk on post, and
- c. Asleep on post.

Offenses of this nature can and will be reduced to a bare minimum by supervision, education, and inspection.

2. A violation of the 86th Article of War is, in time of war, a capital offense, the maximum punishment for which may be death. One who offends against that Article of War has committed an equally a dishonorable and shameful military offense as though he had misbehaved before the enemy. I expect and demand the faithful, alert, and diligent performance by sentinels of their duties, and this applies with equal force to the officers, non-commissioned officers, and acting non-commissioned officers who are responsible for such sentinels being detailed for, and posted for guard duty. The court-martial records disclose a laxity with respect to the performance of guard duties which will not be tolerated.

3. Many accused individuals present the excuse that they were drunk when posted, and that, had they been properly inspected, they would not have been posted. To permit a soldier to be on guard duty when intoxicated is a military offense, and a superior officer, non-commissioned or acting non-commissioned officer who knowingly permits it will himself be court-martialed. Sentinels will be instructed that once they are detailed for guard duty and assigned that duty, such duty is continuous until they are properly relieved, and whether actually on sentinal post or not, they are expected to hold themselves physically fit (sober), and in readiness, in order to meet any emergency. Drunkenness is not, and never has been, a defense for a violation of this Article of War. Every effort will be made to make it unpopular to offer drunkenness as an excuse, even in mitigation or extenuation of the offense.

4. Commanding officers are directed to insure that ALL personnel of their respective commands thoroughly familiarize themselves with the provisions of Basic Field Manual 26-5, "Interior Guard Duty", insofar as the provisions of that Field Manual pertain to their respective functions and duties.

5. General Orders for guard duty are hereby specifically made applicable to all guards of all units under the jurisdiction of this Base Section. Commanding officers will take immediate steps to convey this directive by the most expedient means to their troops, and, effective 1 May 1944, NO pass will be is-

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given to any soldier unless and until he has memorized the General Orders, and has proved that he knows them by reciting the Orders to an officer or non-commissioned officer of the company or detachment. All Special Orders with respect to any and all sentinel posts will be reduced to writing, published by the commanding officer to his unit, and copies thereof will be continuously posted on each sentry post (these orders will be protected from the elements). Special Orders will include the bounds and description of the particular post, exactly what property is to be guarded, what personnel is to be allowed ingress and egress, the term of the tour of duty, and specific prohibitions against permitting anyone to carry away or steal Government property, abandoning post and drinking on post. Included therein will also be a provision with respect to the proper manner of obtaining relief, if and when required. If deemed necessary, the General and Special Orders will be read and reread to each sentinel, and the latter required to acknowledge that fact, together with his understanding thereof, in writing over his signature. Ignorance by sentinels of General and Special Orders will not be considered an excuse for dereliction of duty.

6. No matter how informally the guard procedure is conducted in any particular unit, large or small, the commanding officer thereof will take the necessary steps to see that his guards are given a thorough inspection before they assume sentinel duties to insure that they are thoroughly familiar with their duties as sentinels and that they are in proper uniform and that their arms and ammunition are in order, and that thereafter, in addition to the required inspections enumerated in FM 26-5 supra, the sentinels are inspected periodically, every half-hour if deemed necessary, to insure the prompt and efficient discharge of their duties.

7. A great proportion of loss of Government property due to theft and pilferage is due to the neglect of a thorough performance of duty on the part of sentinels and failure on the part of responsible officers to properly instruct the guards.

8. In addition to the officer of the day and the commander of the guard, which is prescribed by paragraphs 13 and 14, chapter 2, Field Manual 26-5, each Defense Sector, Regimental and Separate Battalion Commander will detail a field officer of the week. It will be his duty to make periodical checks by night and by day, of the officers of the day and officers of the guard and sentinels in all the posts of his area to insure a high performance of guard duty by all concerned.

9. In the event of a violation of the 26th Article of War, no pre-trial investigating officer's report (required by Article of War 70, and Paragraph 35, Manual for Courts-Martial, U. S. Army, 1928) will be considered adequate unless it contains evidence to show that the matters set forth in these instructions have received proper attention.

10. It should not be necessary to point out in a special letter to the commanding officers of units in this Page Section the fundamentals of guard duty and the protection of Government property, which are laid down in the basic field manuals; however, I am convinced that the performance of guard duty is so lax that this means is necessary to accomplish the desired results and the high standards which are demanded.

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SUBJECT:- Discipline.

H.Q. 94 Sub Area,
Phone: 2261.
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Rear H.Q. A.C.C.

I have been thinking over the question of discipline which we discussed at my Conference this week and how best to spot the offending units. The most important things we are out to tighten up are V.D., road discipline, saluting and turnout.

I am convinced that the only practical method is to get all officers interested and make them note the unit (not the man) when they see an example of bad road discipline, saluting or turnout. V.D. I can deal with through Medical channels.

Will you therefore instruct all officers under your command that they report in writing to "A" Branch this H.Q., the time, place and unit, with a brief note of the offence.

The last thing I want to do is dictate in any way to Formation and Unit Commanders how they run their commands in regard to discipline or anything else, but discipline has got to be tightened up somehow and a check kept on units.

Officers of course must be beyond reproach themselves and set a good example in road discipline, saluting and turnout.

(SIGNED) R. MOULD GRAM,
Colonel,
Comd 94 Sub Area.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
(U.S. Contingent) (Prov) APO 777
U.S. Army

MAY 1944

AG 353

SUBJECT: Sightseeing.

TO : Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company, Allied Armies in Italy (US Contingent) (Prov), APO 777, U.S. Army.
Commanding Officer, 2650th Signal Radio Relay Station Company, APO 777, U.S. Army.
Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment AGC (Prov), APO 394, U.S. Army.
Commanding Officer, 662nd Military Police Detachment, APO 777, U.S. Army.

1. The American desire for sightseeing has in some cases interfered with operational activities.
2. The following is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

"Cases have recently occurred of members of the US Forces visiting EIGHTH Army area for the purpose of sightseeing. It would be appreciated if you would issue orders, or republish existing orders, forbidding this practice, which you will agree is undesirable."

3. Necessary steps will be taken by each commander to insure compliance with this directive.

By command of Brigadier General LEMNITZER:

/s/ Frank W. Roberts
FRANK W. ROBERTS,
Lieut. Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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(3 May 44)

HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGT, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, (PROV), APO 394,
U. S. Army, 2 May 1944.

TO: All Units, this Regiment.

For compliance.

By order of Colonel PARKIE:

Morris K. Goldstein
MORRIS K. GOLDSTEIN,
1st Lt., Infantry,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(PROVISIONAL)
APO 394

14 April 1944

File: 250.

SUBJECT: Throwing of Articles from Moving Vehicles.

TO : All Unit Commanders, this Regiment.

1. Section III, Circular #48, Headquarters NATOUSA, dated 6 April 1944, is quoted for your information and necessary action:

"1. The practice of throwing cigarettes, candies, and other gifts from moving vehicles of United States convoys has resulted in many people, especially little children, lining the route and running into the road to retrieve gifts thrown to them.

2. A number of cases of children being seriously injured or killed have been attributed to this practice.

3. Unit commanders will issue the necessary instructions to prevent the practice of troops throwing articles from moving vehicles."

2. Unit commanders of this Regiment will insure that drivers and other occupants of vehicles are given the necessary instructions."

3. A report stating the corrective action disseminated throughout your command will be made to this headquarters by 30 April 1944.

By order of Colonel PARKIN:

MORRIS K. GOLDSTEIN,
1st Lt., Infantry,
Adjutant.

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until 25 Apr

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report submitted
on 24 Apr. 1944
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by Capt. Boachino

To Capt
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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 534

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AG 250.1/163 C/S-0

31 March 1944

SUBJECT: Disciplinary Jurisdiction

TO : All Concerned

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The maintenance of discipline within the territorial limits of the Zone of Communication, exclusive of Air Corps stations and installations, is the responsibility of the Commanding General, SOS M.TOUER. He will issue such instructions as necessary in accordance with the intent of letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 4 September 1943. Effective upon the publication of superseding instructions by the Commanding General, SOS M.TOUER, the letter indicated in the foregoing sentence is rescinded.

By command of Lieutenant General LEVERS:

J. L. LHR
J. L. LHR
Colonel, AGP
Asst Adjutant General

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