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MARRIAGES  
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AG 291.1 BPACG

SUBJECT: Policy on Applications for Marriage.

TO : All Concerned.

1. GENERAL POLICY:

Applications for marriage by military personnel will, in general, be disapproved, unless accompanied by evidence of a long engagement or courtship. Special consideration will be given in cases of pregnancy wherein a member of the ANC, WAC, or ARC is involved, and in other cases where the circumstances appear to justify an exception to the general rule:

2. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:

a. In cases of long engagement or courtship, the following statements will be submitted:

- (1) A statement indicating the length of time of engagement or courtship, or other proof that a hasty marriage had not been contemplated.
- (2) A statement of occupation and earnings of the male member prior to induction into the military service. This information will be taken from WD AGO Form 66-1 on officers and WD AGO Form 20 on enlisted men. This information is desired as an indication as to whether a man could support a family after the war. The man's education and his military record should also be considered.

b. In cases involving proposed marriages between military personnel and civilians, the following evidence will be submitted:

- (1) Written proof that long standing friendship exists between both families concerned.
- (2) A statement of occupation and earnings of the male member as in Paragraph 2a (2) above.
- (3) CIC Report on the civilian concerned.

By order of Colonel CXX:

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Lt. Col., A.G.D.  
Adjutant General

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2675th INFANTRY  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
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SUBJECT: Marriage of Military Personnel.

TO : All Unit Commanders.

1. It is apparent from the number of marriage applications received at this headquarters that difficulty is being experienced in the correct preparation of the application. The attached model has been prepared as a reference and guide.

2. All officers, WO, and EM of this command, contemplating marriage in this theatre will submit applications in triplicate, 90 days before the contemplated marriage date. This application will contain the following information necessary for the preparation of required marriage certificates.

- (1) Affidavit (Prepared according to the attached model and in accordance with the provisions of Circular #4, Hq NATOUSA, dated 4 January 1944).
- (2) Parents letter of consent (if applicant is under 21).
- (3) Reports of Serological tests of both parties.
- (4) Letter of acquiescence in duplicate.
- (5) For individuals on duty outside French North and West Africa, a statement that applicant will comply with laws of country in which marriage is contemplated.

By order of Colonel PARKIN:

*Morris K. Goldstein*  
MORRIS K. GOLDSTEIN  
1st Lieut., Infantry  
Assistant Adjutant

2 Incl:

- 1 Model marriage application, this hq.
- 1 Copy, Circular #4, Hq NATOUSA, dated 4 January 1944.

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COMPANY "A"  
2675TH REGIMENT  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
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A F F I D A V I T

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authority for administering oaths in cases of this character, one John (NMI) Doe 31346689 Pvt  
Name ASN Rank  
who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

1. I, the undersigned request permission to marry.
2. In compliance with Circular #4, Hq MATOUUSA, dated 11 January 1944, the following information is submitted.

|                                                                                       |                     |                    |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| (1) Name of applicant                                                                 | <u>John</u>         | <u>(NMI)</u>       | <u>Doe</u>     |
|                                                                                       | <u>First</u>        | <u>Middle</u>      | <u>Last</u>    |
| Name of other party                                                                   | <u>Maria</u>        | <u>Anna</u>        | <u>Serra</u>   |
|                                                                                       | <u>First</u>        | <u>Middle</u>      | <u>Last</u>    |
| (2) Address of applicant                                                              | <u>Co "A"</u>       | <u>2675th Regt</u> | <u>394</u>     |
|                                                                                       | <u>Co</u>           | <u>ACC, (Prov)</u> | <u>APO</u>     |
| Address of other party                                                                | <u>22 Via Croce</u> | <u>Napoli</u>      | <u>Italia</u>  |
|                                                                                       | <u>St</u>           | <u>City</u>        | <u>Country</u> |
| (3) Nationality of applicant                                                          | <u>American</u>     |                    |                |
| Nationality of other party                                                            | <u>Italian</u>      |                    |                |
| (4) Place of birth of applicant                                                       | <u>9 E 14th St</u>  | <u>New York</u>    | <u>N.Y.</u>    |
|                                                                                       | <u>St</u>           | <u>City</u>        | <u>State</u>   |
| Date of birth of applicant                                                            | <u>25</u>           | <u>October</u>     | <u>1923</u>    |
|                                                                                       | <u>Day</u>          | <u>Mo</u>          | <u>Year</u>    |
| (5) Rank <u>Pvt</u> ASN <u>31346689</u> Assignment of applicant <u>Company "A"</u>    |                     |                    |                |
| <u>2675th Regiment, Allied Control Commission, (Prov)</u>                             | <u>394</u>          |                    |                |
| <u>Regt</u>                                                                           | <u>APO</u>          |                    |                |
| (6) Applicant's fathers name <u>William</u> <u>(NMI)</u> <u>Doe</u> Living <u>X</u>   |                     |                    |                |
|                                                                                       | <u>First</u>        | <u>Middle</u>      | <u>Last</u>    |
| Applicant's mothers maiden name <u>Mary</u> <u>Edith</u> <u>Smith</u> Living <u>X</u> |                     |                    |                |
|                                                                                       | <u>First</u>        | <u>Middle</u>      | <u>Last</u>    |
|                                                                                       | <u>2675th Regt</u>  |                    |                |
| (7) a. Domicile of applicant <u>Company "A"</u> <u>ACC, (Prov)</u> <u>394</u>         |                     |                    |                |
|                                                                                       | <u>Co</u>           | <u>Regt</u>        | <u>APO</u>     |
| b. Domicile of other party <u>22 Via Croce</u> <u>Napoli</u> <u>Italia</u>            |                     |                    |                |
|                                                                                       | <u>St</u>           | <u>City</u>        | <u>Country</u> |

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## MODEL, (Cont'd)

c. Residence in U.S. of applicant     9 E 14th     New York     N.Y.  
                                                      St                  City              State

|                             |                           |                       |                         |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| d. Residence of other party | <u>22 Via Croce</u><br>St | <u>Napoli</u><br>City | <u>Italy</u><br>Country |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|

(8) Previous marriages of applicant, if any None  
How terminated \_\_\_\_\_

Previous marriages of other party, if any None  
How terminated \_\_\_\_\_

(9) If either party was divorced, give full details concerning the divorce No

If either party is a widow or widower, give full details concerning the first marriage and date of death of first husband or wife.

(10) If either party is a naturalized citizen of the U.S., give place and date of completion of naturalization                     No                    

(11) Civilian occupation of applicant Clerk U. S. Steel Mill

3. Where one of the above mentioned parties is not a citizen of the U.S. the following information must be given.

|              |                          |         |                     |        |          |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------|--------|----------|
| Fathers name | <u>Paolo Carlo Serra</u> | Address | <u>22 Via Croce</u> | Living | <u>X</u> |
| Mothers name | <u>Maria Lucia Serra</u> | Address | <u>22 Via Croce</u> | Dead   | <u>X</u> |
|              |                          |         |                     | Living | <u>X</u> |
|              |                          |         |                     | Dead   |          |

|              |                          |         |                     |        |          |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------|--------|----------|
| Mothers name | <u>Maria Lucia Serra</u> | Address | <u>22 Via Croce</u> | Living | <u>X</u> |
|              |                          |         |                     | Dead   |          |

If either parent is deceased give the date and place of death No  
at  
Day Mo Year St City Country

(1) Fathers occupation Bricklayer .  
 Mothers occupation Housewife .  
 (If deceased state last occupation)

Mothers occupation Housewife

(If deceased state last occupation)

(Signed) JOHN (BRI) DOE  
(Name)  
(Rank) Pvt. 31346580 (ASN)

(Rank) Pvt. 3134658<sup>0</sup> (ASN)

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 19th day of February, 1944 at  
Naples, Italy .

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) R. V. ROE.  
(Rank) 1st Lt., AGO.  
(Title) Adjutant.

(Rank) 1st Lt., AGD.

(Title) Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 134

CIRCULAR )  
NUMBER 4 )

4 January 1944

MARRIAGE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL

General Provisions.....I  
Special Provisions for French North and West Africa.....II  
Special Provisions Outside of French North and West Africa.....III

Section I, Circular Number 71, Section V, Circular Number 105 and Section IV, Circular Number 162, all this headquarters, 1943, are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Section I, War Department Circular Number 506, 1942, provides that "No military personnel on duty in any foreign country or possession may marry without the approval of the commanding officer of the United States army forces stationed in such foreign country or possession."

2. a. Any officer of the United States army forces, member of the Army Nurse Corps, warrant officer or enlisted man or member of the Womens Army Corps who contemplates marriage in this theater will submit in duplicate an application for permission to marry to the Theater Commander through channels, at least ninety (90) days prior to the contemplated marriage date. The application will be in the form of an affidavit and contain the following information which is necessary for the preparation of the required certificate.

- (1) The full Christian and surnames of the parties.
- (2) The present address of each of the parties.
- (3) The nationality of each of the parties.
- (4) The place and date of birth of the officer, member of the Army Nurse Corps, warrant officer or enlisted man or member of the Womens Army Corps.
- (5) The rank, serial number and present assignment.
- (6) The full names of his or her father and the full maiden name of his or her mother, stating whether they are living or dead.
- (7) The domicile of the parties and their residence in the United States.
- (8) The fact whether he or she was ever married before, and if so, manner of termination of such previous marriage.
- (9) If divorced, full details concerning the divorce; if a widow or widower, full details concerning the first marriage and date of death of first husband or wife.
- (10) If naturalized, place and date of completion of naturalization.

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- (11) The previous occupation of the applicant in the United States.
- (12) The affidavit will be sworn to before one of the persons designated in AW 114, MCH, 1928, as amended.

b. In addition to the foregoing affidavit, if the applicant is under the age of twenty-one years, a letter signed by both parents or by one, if one parent is dead, consenting to the proposed marriage, is necessary.

c. The application will be accompanied by reports of serological tests for syphilis for each party, performed by United States Army medical officers.

d. Each application will be accompanied by a letter, in duplicate, written by the other party in his or her own language acquiescing to the proposed marriage.

e. Where one of the parties to the proposed marriage is not a citizen of the United States, there will also be included in the affidavit, the following information:

- (1) Name and address of each parent of the non-citizen prospective bride or groom or, if deceased, so state, and give the date and place of death.
- (2) Present occupation of each parent, if living, or last occupation if deceased.

3. No application will be given consideration and no certificate of approval of the proposed marriage will be granted until paragraph 2 hereof has been fully complied with, unless the Theater Commander shall, in any given case deem it advisable to waive any of the requirements therein set forth.

4. a. No Application to marry will receive favorable consideration if it appears that such marriage would bring discredit to the military service.

b. Approvals of applications in this headquarters will ordinarily specify dates ninety (90) days in advance, after which the marriage may take place.

5. a. Any person granted permission to marry must understand that:

- (1) The wife or husband, as the case may be, will not become a citizen of the United States by virtue of the marriage but may be exempted from immigration quotas, thereby obtaining speedier naturalization.
- (2) The spouse will not be entitled to commissary or post exchange privileges, or to government quarters, medical or dental services; nor will transportation of person or effects be authorized within or without the theater.

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- (3) The spouse will be entitled to allotments, insurance and other benefits authorized by the laws of the United States for the wives of military personnel; however, dependency allowances will cease to be paid six months following the termination of the present war.
- (4) No special living arrangements or privileges will be granted as result of marriage in this theater.
- (5) So long as the war continues, military personnel are subject to transfer and change of station in accordance with the exigencies of the service. It is manifest that family considerations cannot and will not be taken into account when transfers are made, either within a theater or from one theater to another, or to the United States.

b. The commanding officer making the first indorsement on each application to marry will include a statement that the applicant has read and understands the provisions of this circular and of War Department Letter, File AG 291.1 (11 Sept 43) OB-S-SPGAL-M, Subject: "Overseas Marriages of Military Personnel", dated 24 November 1943.

6. Military personnel of the United States forces in this theater marrying contrary to the provisions of this circular will be tried by court-martial for violation of the 96th Article of War.

## II - SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR FRANCE NORTH AND WEST AFRICA

7. The French authorities have published an ordinance which recites: "Article I - Members of the United States Forces, including members of the Women's Army Corps, are eligible to marry in the territories governed by the French civil and military commander-in-chief, notwithstanding the existence of the provisions of the decree of 12 November 1938, upon presentation of the certificate referred to in Article II hereof."

"Article II - A certificate by the Commander of the United States Forces, or a person designated by him, showing the military and civil status, domicile and, in accordance with United States law, the eligibility of the person to be married will be accepted in lieu of copies of birth certificates or the notary affidavit set forth in 70 and following articles of the Civil Code, as well as the "Certificat de Coutume" stating that the domiciliary matrimonial requirements are in order."

"Article III - The above regulations are the law."

8. The original of the written approval of marriage granted as herein provided, when presented to the officer of civil status, will permit that official to waive the requirements of French law, except as to publication of banns which may be waived by the Attorney for the Republic in the district where the marriage is to be celebrated. A true copy of said certificate of approval will be filed with the service or other appropriate record of the individual and remain a permanent part thereof.

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9. The proposed wife or husband, if not covered by the ordinance quoted above, must comply with the laws of France with reference to marriage. The French law requires as a preliminary to the celebration of marriage (1) the consent of his parents if he is under the age of 21 years; (2) a birth certificate and indorsed thereon the parental consent, if the person is under 21 years of age; (3) or in lieu of the certificate of birth a certificate of identity procured from a Justice of the Peace, which certificate must be approved by the Tribunal of First Instance of the place where the marriage is to be celebrated; and (4) wait ten days during which banns are published.

III - SPECIAL PROVISIONS OUTSIDE FRENCH NORTH AND WEST AFRICA

10. All applications for permission to marry within this theater but outside of French North and West Africa will be submitted to this headquarters, under the provisions of Section I.

11. Applications so submitted will contain, in addition to the information required by Section I, a statement to the effect that the applicant can and will comply with all laws relating to marriage in effect in the country in which the marriage is to be celebrated.

(AG 291.1/328 M-O)

By command of General EISENHOWER:

E. L. FORD,  
Brigadier General, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ H. V. Roberts  
H. V. ROBERTS  
Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

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