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A.C.M.F. ROUTINE ORDERS

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Part I—GENERAL STAFF

Nil.

A. F. HARDING,
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL,
GENERAL STAFF.

Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S BRANCHES**1. Introduction and Distribution of A.C.M.F. Routine Orders**

1. Routine Orders will be issued once weekly. They will be applicable to all British Units in ITALY, SARDINIA and SICILY.

2. Distribution will be down to individual units and will be made through the agency of APO on Saturdays.

3. Units failing to receive their copies by the following Friday will apply to No. 10, Publications Depot, C.M.F.

4. Such applications will embody a certificate stating that delivery had not been effected on the day stated.

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2. Censorship—Breach of Green Envelope privilege

1. Cases have been reported of green envelopes being handed to Italian photographers in order that films left for developing might be returned to the owner by post. The envelopes have been addressed to the owner of the films and the certificate, stating that the contents of the envelope relate to nothing but

private and family matters, signed by him and the unsealed envelope handed to the photographer. This is an abuse of the green envelope and is also likely to lead to breaches of security.

2. Under the Censorship Regulations all ranks are forbidden:—

(a) To hand to any civilian any

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envelope or other cover addressed to them and capable of being transmitted by post.

- (b) To notify their unit address to any civilian. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

3. H.Q. Districts will notify

approved photographers in their Districts that they are not permitted to accept green envelopes for transmission of films.

4. To be repeated in unit orders every three months.

(Applicable to all Troops in C.M.F. receiving Green Envelope issue.)

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3. Burial Returns.

In the case of formations and units of L. of C. Districts, Burial returns, A.F.S.W.3314, will be prepared in triplicate, and rendered as follows:—

(a) *First Copy*

To Adv. H.Q., G.H. and E. H.Q., A.C.M.F. (Adm. Ech.).

(b) *Second Copy*

To "A" Branch of Area or Sub-Area. Forwarded after noting to D.A.D.G.R. and E., c/o Adv. H.Q., G.H. and E.

(c) *Third Copy*

To respective 2nd Echelon or H.Q.s enumerated below:—

- (i) U.K. and any category not included in (ii) to (viii) — G.H.Q., O2E., B.N.A.F.

(ii) Canada: O i/c Cdn. Sec., G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon, C.M.F.

(iii) India: O i/c 2nd Echelon (Ind.), C.M.F.

(iv) New Zealand: O i/c 2nd Echelon, 2 N.Z.E.F., C.M.F.

(v) U.D.F. Adv. U.D.F. Adm. H.Q., C.M.F.

(vi) B.A.F. B.P.S.O., M.A.A.F., C.M.F.

(vii) Polish: Polish H.Q., C.M.F.

(viii) Allies: Respective Allied H.Q.

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4. A.F.S. in C.M.F.—Administration

1. GENERAL.

The A.F.S. is a voluntary service organised into ambulance units for employment by the U.K. Forces in replacement of normal British ambulance units. It is *not* part of the United States Forces. The status of A.F.S. personnel under the Army Act is that of Camp Followers.

2. ISSUES AND SERVICES TO A.F.S.

The following facilities will be provided at the expense of the W.D. where an A.F.S. unit is doing work

which would otherwise be done by British Army personnel:—

- (a) Accommodation for personnel and vehicles. Necessary issues of camp equipment and accommodation stores will be dealt with on loan.
- (b) Rations to British scales from W.D. sources.
- (c) Where it is impracticable to provide accommodation or rations in kind for A.F.S. personnel, cash allowances in lieu may be issued at the

- rates and for the conditions applicable to equivalent British Army personnel. Provision in kind, should, however, be made wherever possible. Where it is proposed to issue cash allowances, the H.Q. of the Command concerned will provide H.Q. A.C.M.F., with full details of the circumstances.
- (d) Mechanical maintenance of vehicles, including the supply of spare parts from W.D. sources wherever possible, or otherwise by requisition as purchase from stocks available locally.
 - (e) Petrol and lubricants from W.D. stores.
 - (f) Medical attendance and/or hospital treatment under the conditions of ACI 68 of 1941.
 - (g) Liability for third party risks and for accidental damage to or destruction of the ambulances, arising out of their employment on W.D. service.
 - (h) Repair of ambulances damaged as a result of military operations.
 - (i) Full scale issues and maintenance of personal clothing and equipment to the scales appropriate to the British Personnel they replace. This equipment will be dealt with initially as free issues, subject to liability for return to army stocks on conclusion of service. Articles required for the passage to U.S.A. on repatriation may be retained and the British Army Staff, Washington, will recover from the Head Office, A.F.S., New York, the cost of any items not surrendered on arrival in U.S.A. To facilitate this, H.Q. A.C.M.F. (Adm. Ech.) will submit details to A.F.H.Q. of lists of repatriated A.F.S. personnel

and the clothing and equipment for which they are accountable.

- (j) Provision to British Scales of telephone facilities under the same conditions as for the British Army, subject to availability of equipment.
- (k) Attached British Army personnel will be dealt with under normal regulations.

3. PASSAGES TO U.S.A.

(a) The cost of passages to U.S.A. for members of the A.F.S. on the expiration of their contracts, or when released on account of medical unfitness, will be borne by W.D. funds. Personnel who are discharged before their contract expires for reason of misconduct or who resigned before the end of their contract will not be entitled to free passage to U.S.A. Where passages in British ships are provided for non-entitled personnel, the cost will be recovered by British Army Staff, Washington, direct from A.F.S., N.Y. Travel by non-entitled personnel in American ships is permissible only by private arrangement between the member and the American authorities direct.

(b) Any member of the A.F.S., who, on the expiration of his contract, enlists into the British Army will, at the end of the war, be entitled to a passage to the U.S.A. at W.D. expense.

4. LIABILITY FOR DEATH OR INJURY.

No liability will be accepted by the W.D. for injury or other disability, whether fatal or otherwise, incurred by personnel of the A.F.S.

5. PAY.

No pay will be issued from W.D. sources, nor will any advance of pay be made, since the A.F.S. make their own arrangements in this connection.

(Applicable to all A.F.S. personnel, C.M.F.)

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