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AG 014.35/724 -0

5 December 1944

SUBJECT: Post Card Application for State Absentee Ballots.

TO : All Concerned.

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1. The War Department has stated that US WBC Form Number 1 (post card application for state absentee ballots) will be used in the 1945 elections.

2. It is desired that any surplus of this form on hand in units under your command be returned direct to the nearest base section.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

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9 DEC 1944
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R. H. Frese
R. H. FRESE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
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10 October 1944

AG 014.35

SUBJECT: Marking of Ballot Envelopes by Unit Censors.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regt, ACC (Ovhd),
APO 394, U.S. Army.
Commanding Officer, 2691st MMA Company (Ovhd),
APO 394, U.S. Army.
Commanding Officer, Florence Allied Area Command,
APO 534, U.S. Army.
Commanding Officer, Hq Co AAI (US Contingent)(Ovhd),
APO 777, U.S. Army.

Adjutant	<i>WJH</i>
Asst. Acs.	
Asst. Acs.	
Chief Clerk	<i>DK</i>

1. The following MATOUSA Radio dated 9 October 1944, Orig. No. FX 36527, is quoted for your information and strict compliance:

"NUMBER OF INSTANCES OF MARKING OF BALLOT ENVELOPES BY UNIT CENSORS IN VIOLATION OF WAR DEPARTMENT AND MATOUSA INSTRUCTIONS. IMMEDIATE AND FIRM ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ELIMINATE THIS PRACTICE BY ALL CONCERNED. WHERE APPROPRIATE, DISCIPLINARY ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN"

2. The above quoted radio will be brought to the attention of each American officer under your command, and firm action will be taken immediately to eliminate this practice.

By command of Major General LEMNITZER:

/s/ W. J. Harrington
W. J. HARRINGTON,
Captain, A. G. D.,
Soldier Voting Officer, AAI.

Reproduced, Hq 2675th Regt ACC (Ovhd)
14 October 1944, .

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HEADQUARTERS, 2675TH REGIMENT, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, (OVHD), APO 394,
U. S. Army.

TO: See Distribution.

For strict compliance.

By order of Colonel PARKIN:

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3 November 1944

SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 20.

TO : All Concerned.

Adjutant	<i>MP</i>
Asst. Acs.	
Asst Acs.	
Chief Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>

When a unit submits its complete report on the receipt and disposition of Federal Ballots to the appropriate agency or headquarters, in conformance with NATOUISA Soldier Voting Instructions 15 and 19, it has completed its responsibilities in respect to Soldier Voting in the November 1944 General Election. The provisions of War Department Pamphlet 21-11 (Manual for Soldier Voting) and NATOUISA Soldier Voting Instructions Numbers 1-19 consequently become inoperative at that time.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

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[Signature]
H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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APO 394

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Date 3 Nov. 1944

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Chief Staff Officer		Patriots Branch	
Secretary General		Security Branch	
Archivist		Establishments Branch	
Admin Section		Director	
Interior		Executive Officer (A)	✓
Public Safety		Executive Officer (B)	
Public Health		G-1 (A)	✓
Property Control		G-1 (B)	
Legal		G-4 (A)	
Education		G-4 (B)	
Monuments & Fine Arts		H.Q. Comdt	✓
Economic Section		Adjutant	✓
Agriculture		Message Center	
Commerce		Orders & Bulletins	
Finance		2675th Regt	20
Food		Political Section	
Industry		Navy	✓
Labor		Army	✓
Mining Division		Air	✓
Public Works & Utilities		Communications	
Requisition Division		Civil Censorship Group	
Shipping		W.M.D. & P.C.W.	
Transportation		Public Relations Branch	
R.C. & M.G. Section		U.N.R.F.A.	
P.A. to Executive Commissioner		ALL REGIONS	✓
Civil Affairs Branch		ANG 57 BATT	✓
Information Division			
Liaison Division			
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Italian Refugees Branch			

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NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
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6 October 1944

SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 19.

TO : All Concerned.

Reports on Federal Balloting Units I
Changes in Soldier Voting Poster Number 4 III

I ---- REPORTS ON FEDERAL BALLOTING UNITS

1. Paragraph 35, Soldier Voting Instruction Number 15, 1944, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"35. Reports

a. On 8 November 1944, the commanding officer of each company or similar unit which received Federal Balloting Units for distribution to individuals, will report to the headquarters or agency from which the balloting units were received:

- (1) The number of Federal Balloting Units received.
- (2) The number distributed to individuals.
- (3) The number executed by such individuals and turned over by the Soldier Voting Officer to the AFO for transmission.
- (4) The number destroyed, including all unused or spoiled units, and those not mailed because of death of voter after execution but before transmission.
- (5) A brief explanation will be made of any difference between the number received and the total of those reported as "executed" and "destroyed."

b. Each intermediate distributing agency between the company or similar unit, and the major commands listed in paragraph 9 above (Battalions, regiments, groups, divisions or similar commands), will receive and consolidate reports from units to which it issued federal balloting units, whether or not such units are under its command jurisdiction, including in the consolidation any federal balloting units issued by it to individuals or held in reserve and later destroyed. It will then forward this consolidated report to the headquarters or agency from which it received the federal balloting units, accounting for all such federal balloting units received. Reports will follow the same form as outlined in "a" above.

c. Each major command will submit a report by radio direct to Commanding General, COMZONE MATOUSA, to arrive not later than 14 November, consolidating the reports submitted to it pursuant to "a" and "b" above.

d. The Theater Distributing Agency will submit on 8 November 1944, to Commanding General COMZONE MATOUSA, a report showing the total number of Federal Balloting Units received by it from the Zone of the Interior, the total number distributed, listing the headquarters or units to which they were distributed and the number and dates of distribution to each, and the total number destroyed.

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Adj. Gen.	<i>MP</i>
Asst. Acs.	<i>dated 30 August</i>
Asst. Acs.	
Chief Clerk	<i>RF</i>

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e. Reports will be submitted to the agency or headquarters from which federal balloting units were received. If a unit, since distribution of federal balloting units, has been reassigned or reattached, or has moved to a location distant from such headquarters or agency, and does not have means of direct communication therewith, it will submit its report to the headquarters to which assigned or attached at the time of reporting, or to the nearest major command, indicating the headquarters from which federal balloting units were drawn, and requesting radio transmission of the report thereto.

f. In the case of the inactivation or disbandment of a unit, the headquarters which effects the action will insure that, prior to such inactivation or disbandment, the required reports are submitted.

g. Commanding Officers are responsible for seeing that reports are complete, covering all federal balloting units with which unit is charged. Incomplete reports will not be submitted. Processing, consolidation and forwarding of reports will be expedited, to insure that all information reaches the listed major commands in time to permit them to forward consolidated reports by 14 November. Where radio is employed, the precedence "priority" is authorized."

2. In view of communications problem, and the difficulty that may be encountered in consolidating required reports and forwarding them before 14 November, the major commands listed in paragraph 9, Soldier Voting Instruction Number 15, are authorized to direct units under their respective jurisdiction to destroy unused or spoiled federal balloting units on 1 November 1944, and to initiate the required reports on that date. If this is done, unit soldier voting officers must insure that all persons eligible to use the federal ballot have had the opportunity to do so.

3. The following example is presented as a guide to all units, agencies and headquarters reporting on the disposition of Federal Ballots:

a. The 10th Army received 32,000 ballots from the Theater Distributing Agency (2602 Publications Depot)

b. It disposed of this quantity as follows:

4000 to the 50th Div
4000 to the 51st Div
4000 to the 52nd Div
10000 to individual units attached directly to Army
22000 - Total Distributed
10000 - Kept in Army Reserve

c. When the 50th Division received its supply of 4000 ballots from Army, it disposed of them as follows:

500 to the 500th Regt
500 to the 501st Regt
500 to the 502nd Regt
500 to the 503rd Regt
1300 to individual units attached directly to Division
3300 - Total distributed
700 - Kept in Division Reserve

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d. When the 500th Regiment received its supply of 500 ballots from Division, it disposed of them as follows:

200 to Battalion X
200 to Battalion Y
50 to units attached directly to Regiment
450 - Total Distributed
50 - Kept in Regimental Reserve

e. When Battalion X received its supply of 200 ballots from Regiment, it disposed of them as follows:

50 to Co A
50 to Co B
50 to Co C
150 - Total Distributed
50 - Kept in Battalion Reserve

f. Pursuant to Paragraph 35a, NATOUA Soldier Voting Instruction Number 15, Co A on 8 November submits a report to Battalion X, as follows:

Received - 50
Distributed to personnel - 30
Executed by personnel - 30
Destroyed - 20 (including 10 left-over, 5 damaged by voters and replaced, 4 damaged in moving headquarters and 1 of a voter who was killed after filling out his ballot and before it was mailed.)

g. Battalion X receives similar reports from all of the units to which it made distribution of ballots (see e above) and consolidates them, as follows:

Received - 150 (This equals quantity distributed by Battalion X - see e above)
Distributed to personnel - 100
Executed by personnel - 100
Destroyed - 50

h. Battalion X then prepares and forwards a report to the 500th Regiment as follows:

Received - 200 (entire amount received by battalion from Regiment - see d above)
Distributed to personnel - 100 (Total of Amounts reported by reporting units)
Executed by Personnel - 100
Destroyed - 100 (Including 50 reported as destroyed by reporting units - see g above and 50 left over out of Battalion Reserve.)

i. The same consolidating and reporting procedure is followed at Regimental and divisional headquarters.

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j. On 14 November, after consolidating reports from all units to which it made distribution of bulk supplies of ballots, the 10th Army radios a report to Commanding General, COMZONE, NATOUSA as follows:

Received - 32,000 (see a above)

Distributed to personnel - 20,000 (Total of quantities reported by reporting units)

Executed by personnel - 20,000

Destroyed - 12,000 (including quantities reported by units as destroyed and left-over supply of Army reserve stock)

II --- CHANGES IN SOLDIER VOTING POSTER NUMBER 4

The following changes will be entered on all posted and reference copies of Soldier Voting Poster Number 4.

TEXAS:

President and Vice President: Add SMITH and ROMER, America First.

Representative, 18th District: Add McD BYBEE, Childress, Republican.

Representative, 6th District: Delete Charles W. BECK (deceased)
(No other Republican candidate at this time.)

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

H. V. Roberts

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

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HEADQUARTERS

30 SEP 1944

A. C. C.

26 September 1944

SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 18.

TO : All Concerned.

TO : All Concerned.

Notification of Censorship marking of ballot envelopes
or premature issuance of Federal Ballots.
Records of Delivery of Post Card Application.
Additions to WD Soldier Voting Foster Number 4.

MARKING OF BALLOT ENVELOPES

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Ass. Aoz.	
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Records of Deliveries
Additions to WD Soldier Voting Poster Number 17

I NOTIFICATION OF CENSORSHIP MARKING OF BALLOT ENVELOPES OR PREMATURE
ISSUANCE OF FEDERAL BALLOTS

... of unit censor will be in-

1. All officers acting in the capacity of unit censor will be instructed not to censor or mark in any way any ballot envelope. If any ballot envelope is stamped or marked in error, the following certification will be made on the envelope: "Not opened by Censor. Marked by Mistake" with initials of certifying officer. If a ballot envelope is despatched before certification is placed on erroneously marked envelope, as much of the following information as is available will be submitted immediately by wire to the appropriate Major Command (attention: Soldier Voting Officer): Name, rank, serial number and organization of both censor and voter; address and state of residence of voter; circumstances surrounding the incident. Similar data with full explanation will be made in any case where ballot envelope is opened for censorship.

2. Extreme care will be taken to prevent the deliveries of Federal Ballots to voters prior to 2 October. In case such delivery is erroneously made, as much of the following information as is available will be submitted immediately by wire to the appropriate Major Command (attention: Soldier Voting Officer): Name, rank, serial number, organization, home residence and voting district of voter; date ballot delivered to voter.

3. Information reported to Major Commands pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2, above, will be immediately transmitted by wire to CG, MATOUSA (Attention: Soldier Voting Officer).

II RECORDS OF DELIVERY OF POST CARD APPLICATIONS

1. Records of the distribution of post card applications for state absentee ballot (USWBC Form No. 1) maintained pursuant to Par. 9, NATC-BA Soldier Voting Instruction No. 2, 7 July 1944, will be retained by Companies and similar units until 1 December 1945 and then destroyed.

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dtd 26 September 1944.

III ADDITIONS TO WD SOLDIER VOTING POSTER NUMBER 4

The following additions (or deletions) will be made on all copies of
WD Soldier Voting Poster Number 4 on display or used for reference purposes:

a. CONNECTICUT: For President and Vice President:

Edward A Teichert and Arla A. Albaugh, Socialist Labor; and
Norman Thomas and Darlington Hoopes, Socialist.

For US Senator (Full Term)

Spencer Anderson, Bridgeport, Socialist.

For Representatives in Congress

Second District: Chase G. Woodhouse, New London, Democrat;
Third District: James P. Geelen, New Haven, Democrat;
Fourth District: Stanley W. Mayhew, Bridgeport, Socialist;
Representative at Large: John W. Ring, Waterbury, Socialist.

b. NEW MEXICO:

Thomas and Hoopes, Socialist, are not candidates for President
and Vice President from this state.

c. OREGON: For President and Vice President:

Norman Thomas and Darlington Hoopes, Independent; and
Claude A. Watson and Andrew Johnson, Independent.

d. TEXAS: For Representatives in Congress:

Seventh District: Tom Pickets, Palestine, Democrat;
Ninth District: Lewis Allen, Hallettsville, Republican;
J. J. Mansfield, Columbus, Democrat;
Tenth District: Arthur H. Bartelt, Austin, Republican;
Seventeenth District: Sam Russell, Stephenville, Democrat.

e. UTAH: For Representative from Congress

First District: B. H. Stringham, Vernal, Republican.

f. VERMONT:

Watson and Johnson (Prohibition) and Thomas and Hoopes (Socialist)
are not candidates for President and Vice President in this state.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

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2 August 1944

AG 014.35 BRAGO

Subject: Conferences of Soldier Voting Officers.

To : See Distribution.

Adjutant

Asst. Asst. *MP*

Asst. Asst. *MP*

1. All Soldier Voting Officers of PDS Units, assigned and attached, located south of the Garigliano River will attend a meeting at Madison Square Garden, Naples, at 1400 hours, Friday, 4 August 1944. In the event the duty appointed Soldier Voting Officer is unable to attend, the Unit Commander will be present.

2. Conferences with similar attendance will be held at Piccino at 1400 hours Saturday, 5 August 1944, at the Fort Commandant's office for all units in PDS Forward Area, and at the U.S. Army Rest Center, Rome, at 1000 hours, Saturday, 5 August 1944, for units in the Rome-Anzio-Nettuno Area.

3. There will be no exception to attendance at these meetings.

By order of Colonel CXX:



L. F. Nickel
L. F. NICKEL
Lt. Col., A.G.D.
Adjutant General

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OFFICIAL	ELECTION	WAR	BALLOT	INFORMATION
		SOLDIER VOTING		WD SOLDIER VOTING POSTER No. 1.
	IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL ARMY PERSONNEL (Including Certain "Attached Civilians")			
	GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 1944			
THIS IS THE FIRST POSTER This poster is the first in a series telling how you can vote at the November general election by State or Federal ballot. In most States, President and Vice President, Senator, Congressman, and State and local officers are voted on at the November general election. Watch for these posters. YOU CAN VOTE If you want to vote at the November general election, the Army will do its best to give you an opportunity. To vote, you must be 21 years old (18 for Georgia citizens) by November 7th and otherwise eligible. NOT COMPULSORY You will be given an opportunity to vote, if the military situation in your organization does not prevent. You do not have to vote unless you want to. You will not be told to vote or marched to the voting place. YOU MUST BE ELIGIBLE Being in the Army does not in itself entitle you to vote. To have an opportunity to vote by State ballot, you must be eligible under the law of your home State. To have an opportunity to vote by Federal ballot, requirements of both State and Federal law must be met. STATE LAWS MAY It is up to you to make sure that you are eligible to vote by State ballot under the laws of your home State. The next poster will give general information, by States, relative to voting by State ballot. If then in doubt, talk to your Soldier Voting Officer. He will tell you what facts to put in a letter (use V-mail overruns) to your home State officials in order to get the necessary information. FEDERAL BALLOT To vote a Federal ballot, you must get the ballot from your Soldier Voting Officer. He can give you a Federal ballot only if your home State has authorized the use of the Federal ballot and other requirements are met. Voting by Federal ballot will not take place before October. A later poster will give you the full information. VOTING Your commander will see that your vote is cast in secret and that you are not influenced to vote or not to vote for any particular candidate. It is your duty to guard the secrecy and independence of your own and of your comrades' votes. The War Department's policy is complete and strict impartiality. STATE VOTES PROHIBITED It is unlawful for any member of the Army to (1) conduct or (2) participate in a straw vote or poll on is office or his vote for political candidates. SOLDIER VOTING OFFICER There is a Soldier Voting Officer in your organization. Get the details				

Handwritten: 14 Nov 44

John P. A. J.

OFFICIAL ELECTION WAR BALLOT INFORMATION

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STATE LAWS VARY
 It is up to you to make sure that you are eligible to vote by State ballot under the laws of your home State. The next poster will give general information, by States, relative to voting by State ballot. If then in doubt, talk to your Soldier Voting Officer. He will tell you what facts to put in a letter (use V-Mail overseas) to your home State officials in order to get the necessary

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short for you to have changed your mind. The next poster will give the earliest date on which each State will send out its absentee ballots. These dates vary.

FEDERAL BALLOT

To vote a Federal ballot, you must get the ballot from your Soldier Voting Officer. He can give you a Federal ballot only if your home State has authorized the use of the Federal ballot and other requirements are met. Voting by Federal ballot will not take place before October. A later poster will give you the full information.

VOTING

Your commander will see that your vote is cast in secret and that you are not influenced to vote or not to vote for any particular candidate. It is your duty to guard the secrecy and independence of your own and of your comrades' votes. The War Department's policy is complete and strict impartiality.

STRAW VOTES PROHIBITED

It is unlawful for any member of the Army to (1) conduct or (2) participate in a straw vote or poll on its merits or his vote for political candidates.

SOLDIER VOTING OFFICER

There is a Soldier Voting Officer in your organization. Get the details from him.

War Department, 12 May 3838

"Attached civilians", under the Federal law, are persons serving with the American Red Cross, the Society of Friends, Women Air Force Service Pilots (Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots), and the United Service Organizations, attached to and serving with the armed forces. They are eligible to vote by Federal ballot only when serving outside the United States.

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you must be 21 years old (18 for Georgia citizens) by November 7th and otherwise eligible.

NOT COMPULSORY

You will be given an opportunity to vote, if the military situation in your organization does not prevent. You do not have to vote unless you want to. You will not be told to vote or marched to the voting place.

YOU MUST BE ELIGIBLE

Being in the Army does not in itself entitle you to vote. To have an opportunity to vote by State ballot, you must be eligible under the law of your home State. To have an opportunity to vote by Federal ballot, requirements of both State and Federal law must be met.

STATE LAWS VARY

It is up to you to make sure that you are eligible to vote by State ballot under the laws of your home State. The next poster will give general information, by States, relative to voting by State ballot. If then in doubt, talk to your Soldier Voting Officer. He will tell you what facts to put in a letter (use V-mail overseas) to your home State officials in order to get the necessary information.

STATE BALLOTS

To vote a State ballot, you must get the ballot from your State. Unless prevented by war conditions in your area, a post card will be delivered to you by the Army in time to use it in applying to your home State for a State ballot.

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Subject: Soldier Voting.

To : All assigned and attached units, P.B.S.



1. References:
Soldier Voting Instructions No. 1, 7 July 1944, Headquarters, NATOUA.
Soldier Voting Instructions No. 2, 7 July 1944, Headquarters, NATOUA.
Soldier Voting Instructions No. 3, 12 July 1944, Headquarters, NATOUA.
Soldier Voting Instructions No. 4, 11 July 1944, Headquarters, NATOUA.
W.D. Pamphlet No. 21-11, dated 5 June 1944, Manual for Soldier Voting Outside U.S.
All other publications, on this subject that may be issued, including the P.B.S.
Daily Bulletin, on matters pertaining to Soldier Voting.

2. The provisions of the afore-mentioned publications will be carefully studied by Soldier Voting Officers, and they will be complied with as written.

3. Posters No. 1 and No. 2 will be displayed and kept on display in as prominent a place as conditions permit.

4. The delivery of Post Card Application for State Ballot, (USMBC Form No. 1) will be made during the first week in August 1944. One card will be given to each soldier, officer, and civilian assigned or attached to the unit. Complete coverage of all personnel will be obtained prior to 15 August 1944. Records of individuals to whom cards were given will be kept as directed in paragraph 5, h, W. D. Pamphlet No. 21-11. In case an individual declines to receive a USMBC Form No. 1, application for state ballot, a similar record will be kept in such case. Both records will be kept for one year after 7 November 1944. Those individuals who join the unit at a later date will be given one of these cards if they have not previously received one, and will then take one or decline to receive it, as he so elects.

5. The attached civilians to whom this law applies are the American Red Cross, Society of Friends, and the U.S.O. (including USO Camp Shows, Inc.).

6. Soldier Voting Officers will not attempt to determine an individual's eligibility to vote. State election officials will determine this question when the ballot is received. Individuals in the following category cannot vote:

a. Under 21 years of age as of 7 November 1944 (except for citizens of Georgia substitute 18 years of age).

b. Anyone from the State of New Mexico, or the territories where there is no absentee voting ballot.

7. The right to vote is a privilege to be exercised at the free will of the person eligible to vote. No coercion of any kind will be used. Neither the applications nor ballots will be passed out to troops in any military formation.

8. Commissioned officers, warrant officers, and non-commissioned officers are forbidden to attempt to influence any soldier to vote.

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9. A poll of military personnel on any political question whatsoever is forbidden.

10. All actions required of military personnel in connection with soldier voting will be performed, unless they are incompatible with military operations. All actions are considered compatible with military operations, if the soldier is able to prepare, send and receive personal mail.

11. If for urgent reason instructions are not carried out at the time specified, they will be accomplished as soon afterwards as it is possible to do so.

12. Any individual who requests a USVRG Form No. 1 at any time will be provided this form at the time that he makes the request. Even if he receives one prior to the blanket delivery date, he will be given another one at this time, namely the first week in August 1944.

13. Applications for state ballot and the executed state ballot must be mailed by the individual himself. The Soldier Voting Officer must not under any circumstances perform this act, except for those disabled soldiers who are physically unable to act for themselves.

14. Soldier Voting Officers will see that the oath is executed properly before the soldier mails the application card or the state ballot.

15. In the case of application cards and state supplied ballots the oath must be administered by a commissioned officer or a non-commissioned officer not below the grade of sergeant. (Warrant officers and technicians are not eligible to administer oaths in this particular instance).

16. An individual who receives a state ballot should expedite the completion of it, have it acknowledged properly, and mail it without delay.

17. Voters must be provided with facilities to mark their ballot so that no one can see how they are voting. In taking oaths Officers and Non-commissioned Officers will take every precaution to avoid gaining knowledge of how the individual voted.

18. Any personnel attached to a unit will be treated as if they were members of the unit, as far as voting procedures are concerned.

19. Hospital commanders will administer soldier voting in respect to patients in the hospital. Each hospital will have its own Soldier Voting Officer.

20. Prisoners will be regarded in the same category as soldiers for voting purposes with the exception of general prisoners whose dismissal or discharge has been executed. These individuals are not included within the provisions of the soldier voting law.

21. An individual unable to write any vote. Specific detailed instructions are to be found in paragraph 27 d, Manual for Soldier Voting Outside the United States, W.D. Pamphlet No. 21-11.

22. Commanding Officers and Soldier Voting Officers will see that mail clerks comply with the provisions of Section VII, Manual for Soldier Voting Outside the United States, W.D. Pamphlet No. 21-11.

23. The most important duties of the Soldier Voting Officer is to assist military personnel and attached civilians at all times. The following points will be stressed:

- a. Give accurate information about state voting requirements and procedures. (Exhibit "A" of the Manual for Soldier Voting)
- b. Assist in the preparation of V-mail letters referred to in Soldier Voting Instructions No. 1, as they are requested.
- c. Provide Post Card Applications for state ballots, USWBC Form No. 1 for each individual during the first week in August 1944.
- d. Administer oaths, or arrange for the proper administration of oaths on application cards and ballots.
- e. Help interpret instructions and information accompanying state ballots when requested.
- f. Take necessary steps to insure that a responsible person is present to act in the absence of the unit soldier voting officer. Also take action to make certain that an official successor is properly designated in case of change of status of the unit soldier voting officer.

24. Post card applications for state ballot will not be censored or stamped by a censor. Mail clerks and postal employees will be informed of the provisions of Section VIII, W.D. Pamphlet No. 21-11, Manual for Soldier Voting Outside the United States.

25. The discussion of politics and political propaganda will be carefully excluded from all transactions of officers and non-commissioned officers with soldiers, as provided in Section IV, W.D. Pamphlet No. 21-11.

26. Strict compliance with all voting instructions is essential. Any dereliction of duty in this regard will be considered a serious offense and dealt with accordingly.

By order of Colonel OZA:

L. F. Mickel
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Lt. Col., A.G.D.
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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
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Subject: Soldier Voting.

To : See Distribution.

1. Military personnel and civilian members of A.R.C. Society of Friends, U.S.O. (including U.S.O. Camp shows, Inc.) residing in the following states, may require special action to obtain State Absentee Ballot, in order to vote in the November General Elections:

Alabama
Arkansas
Arizona
Connecticut
Georgia
Montana
New Jersey
South Carolina
Texas
West Virginia

2. States requiring unregistered voters to appear in person to be registered are not included.

3. Voters of remaining states may procure applications for ballots (Postcard USWEC Form No. 1) at a later date.

4. Voters of above named states who are uncertain of their status should see their Unit Soldier Voting Officer at once.

5. The name of the Unit Soldier Voting Officer should be added to this memorandum before posting or distribution by Unit Commanders.

Charles M. Anderson
CHARLES M. ANDERSON
Major, J.A.G.D.
RAAC Soldier Voting Officer

_____ has been designated

_____ Soldier Voting Officer.

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SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 17.
TO : All Concerned.

Adjutant	<i>[Signature]</i>
Asst. Acs.	
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Chief Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>

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Filling Out Post Card Application for State Absentee Ballot

1. The War Department has cabled that the following errors have occurred commonly in filling out the postcard application for State Absentee Ballot (USWBC Form #1):
 - a. On lines (3) and (4), incorrect or incomplete information. Military addresses are not acceptable on these lines.
 - b. Addressed to Secretary of State of a different state than voting residence.
 - c. Addressed to Secretary of State at voter's home town rather than state capital.
2. The War Department has directed that this be brought to the attention of members of all commands immediately and any individual who knows he submitted incomplete application be given an opportunity to forward another.
3. Posting of this notice in a convenient and conspicuous place together with a copy of the card properly filled out will constitute compliance with these instructions.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

R. H. Christie
R. H. CHRISTIE
Colonel, AGD, *AGD*
Acting Adjutant General.

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Chief Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>

SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 16 - Restrictions
dissemination of Political Argument or Propaganda.

TO : All Concerned.

1. MATOUSA Soldier Voting Instruction Number 3, dated 10 July 1944 is hereby rescinded.

2. The restrictions formerly imposed by Title V of the Federal Voting Law on the dissemination by Army personnel to members of the armed forces of information of a political nature have been drastically modified by the provisions of Public Law 416, dated 21 August 1944. The following instructions will henceforth apply:

a. There are no legal restrictions whatsoever upon the following:

- (1) Sales of any material at or through Army exchanges.
- (2) Purchase of any material by non-appropriated funds, such as "company funds" or other similar funds.
- (3) Subscriptions to publications by or for members of the armed forces, including subscriptions through Army exchanges.
- (4) Sending any letter, communication, magazine, newspaper or other literature by any individual, corporation, (other than a Government owned or Government-controlled corporation), or political committee to any member of the armed forces, addressed personally to such member, and paid for by him, or by the individual, corporation or committee sending the same.

b. In addition, the following literature and other material may be disseminated under Army sponsorship to members of the armed forces in this theater, regardless of political content:

(1) Books, magazines and newspapers of general circulation in the United States or in this theater; except that newspapers of general circulation in the United States will not be disseminated by the Army to members of the armed forces, except as provided in "a" above, without the prior approval of the Theater Commander

(2) Motion picture films, radio broadcasts and rebroadcasts, plays and entertainment material as generally presented to the public in the United States; except that no direct relaying or rebroadcasting of a "political address" will be made by the Army without the prior approval of the Information and Education Division, Army Service Forces, War Department.

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(3) Written material for use in education programs of the Army similar to written material generally provided for use in civilian educational programs in the United States.

(4) Books, magazines, motion pictures and other material furnished by the War Department.

c. The following restrictions apply to servicemen's publications and to motion pictures, radio programs, news services and educational and orientation courses originated by the Army:

(1) Coverage or presentation therein of news or information of public events and affairs and persons in public life must be impartial and nonpartisan.

(2) If in any issue or presentation space or time is allotted to editorials or columns supporting a political party which has a Presidential candidate in at least six States, an equal amount of space or time shall be allotted in the same issue or presentation to similar matter concerning each such other political party. (At this date, the above applies to the Democratic, Prohibition, Republican and Socialist parties).

d. Literature or other material paid for in whole or in part with Federal funds or sponsored by the Federal Government, and not covered by paragraphs a, b or c, above, will not be disseminated to members of the armed forces if, when considered in its entirety, it contains political propaganda obviously designed to affect the result of any Federal election, or obviously calculated to create bias for or against a particular candidate in any such election.

3. The restrictions referred to above will cease to be effective upon the expiration of 6 months after the termination of hostilities in the present war, as proclaimed by the President or declared by concurrent resolution of Congress.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

R. H. Christie
R. H. CHRISTIE,
Colonel, AGD *664*
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SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 15.

TO : All Concerned

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The Federal Ballot

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I. GENERAL

1. Attention of all commanding officers and their Soldier Voting Officers is directed to WD Pamphlet 31-11 (Manual for Soldier Voting). This latter provides detailed procedures to be followed in this theater in respect to voting by the Federal Ballot. Many of the provisions contained herein are derived directly from the Soldier Voting Law. Consequently, it is essential that all concerned comply exactly with these instructions.

2. Voting is not compulsory. The Army's policy in respect to the Federal Ballot, as in the case of applications for state ballots, is to make such ballots available to those who are eligible to use them and desire to do so. No officer or enlisted man will be influenced to vote if he does not desire to vote. Personnel will not be marched to vote (a specific provision of the law.) No officer, warrant officer or non-commissioned officer will attempt to influence any soldier as to his choice of candidates.

3. Exception from the provisions of the procedures prescribed herein, on the grounds that compliance is not compatible with military operations, is approved under the same circumstances as outlined in paragraph U, MATUSA Soldier Voting Instruction No 2, 7 July 1944.

II. FEDERAL BALLOTING MATERIAL

4. Material supplied by the War Department in connection with Federal balloting is as follows:

- Federal Balloting "Units" (consisting of the ballot itself and an inner and outer envelope)
- WD Soldier Voting Poster No 3 (Map of U.S. outlining Congressional Districts).

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ED Soldier Voting Poster No 4 (Lists of candidates in each state to be voted by Federal ballot. Because certain states have primaries at a late date, the lists on this poster will be incomplete. Supplementary data will be furnished by radio when information is received.)

ED Soldier Voting Poster No 5 (Graphic presentation of Federal balloting procedure.)

5. The display of Poster No 4 in "convenient and conspicuous place" is a statutory obligation under the Soldier Voting Law. Wherever possible Posters 3 and 5 will likewise be placed on display. Where facilities to post all of these posters simultaneously do not exist, the following procedure may be followed:

a. Poster No 3 will be retained as a reference guide by Soldier Voting Officers and the attention of all personnel will be called to the fact that this information, necessary to complete the Federal Ballot, is available upon request.

b. Poster No 5 may be posted for a brief period (2 - 3 days) and removed.

6. It is important that an extra copy of Poster No 4 and Poster No 3 (if the latter is posted) be retained by the Soldier Voting Officer in order that this essential information will be available to personnel of the unit in case the posted copies of these posters are destroyed.

7. Material which is posted will be displayed 2 - 10 October, inclusive. All posters should be retained by the Soldier Voting Officer for reference purposes until 7 November. ED Soldier Voting Posters Nos 1 and 2 may be removed from display on 1 October. Poster No 2 should be maintained by the Soldier Voting Officer for reference purposes until 7 November.

III. DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIAL

8. Federal Balloting "Units" and Posters Nos 3, 4 and 5 will be distributed in bulk to Major Commands simultaneously upon requisition to CG SCS MATOUSA, as outlined below. This material should reach the company or equivalent level no later than 25 September.

9. This material will be distributed in bulk to the following Major Commands:

Fifth Army	Replacement Command
Seventh Army	Headquarters Command AF (including Hq & Hq Co)
AAF/TO	INPDS
MAW/ATC	PCS
SCS MATOUSA	GTS
Home Allied Area Command	MES (To include EMS and ABS)
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10. The above commands will make distribution to all assigned and attached units. If a unit is assigned to one headquarters and attached to another, the headquarters to which the unit is attached for supply will be responsible for the distribution. When any unit is in doubt as to the supply of this material, it should get in touch with the Soldier Voting Officer of the base section within which it is geographically located.

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11. Each agency making bulk distribution of Federal Balloting "Units" down to company or equivalent level will obtain receipts for delivery of such units.

12. Each of the major commands designated in paragraph 9, above, will submit to the Commanding General, SCS MATOUSA, APC 750, to arrive not later than 8 September, a requisition in letter or cable form for all Federal Balloting material listed in paragraph 4, above, for all of the units to which it will make distribution. The basis for calculating requirements will be as follows:

a. Federal Balloting "Units"

- (1) At each company or similar unit - 1 per 5 individuals.
- (2) At regiment, group, separate battalion or separate headquarters - 1 per 10 individuals.
- (3) At each major command (see par 9) - Command reserve of 1 per 20 individuals.
- (4) Reserves prescribed in (2) and (3) above will be used to meet unforeseen shortages in subordinate commands to meet the requirement of newly assigned or attached units not previously supplied.
- (5) Commands with a high rate of personnel turnover (such as hospitals, replacement depots, ports, etc) will include in their requirements an additional quantity based on 1 per each 10 individuals estimated to join the unit during October.

b. Posters 3, 4 and 5

- (1) Each headquarters, down to and including company and equivalent headquarters to have 2 copies of each poster.
- (2) Each of the major commands listed in paragraph 9, above, to have a central reserve equivalent to approximately 1 per each 5000 individuals.

13. In submitting requisitions, major commands may request direct mailing to divisions, separate brigades, replacement depots, or units of similar size. Direct distribution will not be made to smaller units.

14. Distribution of Federal Balloting material within the theater will be by the most expeditious means available. This provision will be followed by major commands in order to assure the arrival of the material at the using level not later than 25 September. When packages are marked in accordance with paragraph 9, WD Pamphlet 21-11, they will be given priority service, in accordance with paragraph 6, WD Pamphlet 21-11.

REFERENCE:

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15. Units not receiving the required material by 25 September will initiate immediate action, through proper channels, to obtain it.

16. Federal ballots and envelopes will be distributed as "units", consisting of a ballot and an inner envelope, both enclosed in an outer envelope. In order to simplify accounting for these "units" (see Part VII of this Instruction), they will be kept intact and not broken up. If any part of a balloting "unit" is to be destroyed because of spoilage, the other parts will be destroyed simultaneously. The envelopes will be used for no other purpose than for transmitting Federal Ballots. When ballots remaining after the November election are destroyed, as provided herein, all parts of balloting units will be destroyed.

17. Federal Balloting "Units" will be protected against theft or loss in the same manner as classified papers.

IV - DELIVERY OF FEDERAL BALLOTS TO INDIVIDUALS

18. All military personnel and attached civilians (see paragraph 10, WD Pamphlet 21-11) who meet all of the following conditions are eligible to vote by Federal Ballot:

a. Will have become 21 years of age by 7 November 1944. (18 for Georgia citizens).

b. Comes from one of the following twenty States:

California	Michigan	Oregon
Connecticut	Nebraska	Rhode Island
Florida *	New Hampshire	Texas **
Georgia **	New Jersey	Utah
Maine	New Mexico	Vermont
Maryland	North Carolina	Washington
Massachusetts	Oklahoma	

(NOTES: * Florida authorizes use of Federal Ballot only by members of Armed Forces and the Merchant Marine.

** Georgia authorizes use only by members of Armed Forces.

*** Texas taxes payment of poll tax in voting by Federal Ballot.)

c. Will certify that he applied for a State absentee ballot prior to 1 September and as of 1 October had not received it.

19. Federal Ballots will be given by the Unit Soldier Voting Officer to personnel meeting the above requirements upon the oral request of such individuals and only after they advise the Soldier Voting Officer that they do meet these requirements. Such statements by individuals are sufficient and it is not necessary to check records to verify them. Records will be kept as to the individuals receiving these ballots, in accordance with paragraph 24, below.

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The provisions of paragraph 18 above, and a statement as to where ballots may be obtained will be brought to the attention of all personnel assigned or attached on 2 October and to all individuals subsequently joining units. Posting of such information continuously from 1 October to 7 November in a convenient and conspicuous place will constitute adequate notification to all concerned. No record requiring individuals to indicate receipt or lack of desire for a Federal Ballot will be kept. No Federal Ballots will be given to individuals before 2 October or after 7 November 1944. During the period 2 October - 7 November, a Federal Ballot will be given to any eligible individual at any time requested.

20. Personnel of the Navy, Coast Guard or Marines assigned or attached to Army units will be offered an opportunity to vote by Federal Ballot in the same manner as Army personnel, if their own Services have not done so.

V - UNIT ADMINISTRATION OF FEDERAL VOTING

21. It is the duty of Soldier Voting Officers of companies and similar units to assist personnel voting by Federal Ballot in interpreting ballot instructions, locating their congressional districts, determining the candidates for the offices included on the Federal Ballot, and attesting the voter's oath.

22. The information in the inclosed "How to Fill Out the Federal Ballot" will be conveyed to all those to whom a Federal Ballot is given. Local reproduction is authorized. The detailed nature of the instructions therein and in the succeeding paragraphs is necessitated by reason of specific provisions of the Law or War Department directives.

23. To vote the complete Federal Ballot, it is necessary for an individual to ascertain his correct congressional district (from Poster Number 3) in order to determine the candidates for Senator from his State and for Representative in Congress from his district or State (from Poster Number 4). The law provides, however, that failure to obtain the proper lists of candidates does not bar an individual from voting by Federal Ballot. Any eligible individual not able to ascertain the names of candidates for all offices (on which his State is holding an election) may vote on the office or offices for which he knows the name of the candidate or candidates for whom he wishes to vote. Failure to vote for certain offices on the Federal Ballot does not invalidate vote or votes actually made thereon.

24. Voters will be given an opportunity to vote the Federal Ballot in secret. The most practicable arrangements will be made for this purpose in each unit, depending on the circumstances prevailing. In all cases the independence of the vote and integrity of the ballot will be rigidly protected.

25. The exact procedure to be followed by the Soldier Voting Officer and the voter in executing the Federal Ballot is contained in paragraphs 4 - 12 of the inclosure to this letter. Soldier Voting Officers will refuse to accept any Ballot, after it has been executed by the voter, unless it is sealed within the inner envelope. Oaths may be administered by the same classes of military

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personnel provided in the case of the Postcard Application for state ballot - commissioned officers and non-commissioned officers of the grade of sergeant (warrant officers and technicians are not included). Federal ballots will not be mailed by the voter. When the Soldier Voting Officer has received the executed ballots from voters in his unit, he will separate them alphabetically by state or address and turn them over to the APO at which time the count will be verified in accordance with paragraph 34 c, below. Delivery will be made so as to insure arrival in the United States by 25 October.

26. To prevent ballots from being lost or coming into the possession of unauthorized persons, Soldier Voting Officers will advise voters to execute their Federal Ballots as quickly as possible after receiving them.

27. No Federal Ballots will be concealed or marked or stamped by any base or unit censor. Violation of this instruction may lead to serious consequences.

28. If a voter spoils his ballot and desires another, he will be given one. In this event, the entire balloting "unit" (ballot, inner envelope, outer envelope) of the spoiled ballot will be obtained by the Soldier Voting Officer and an entire new "unit" provided the voter. The spoiled ballot will be destroyed and recorded as "destroyed" immediately in accordance with paragraph 34 b (5) below. If a ballot is stuck together to an extent requiring damage in opening, it will not be used but destroyed.

29. Prisoners and hospital patients will be dealt with as prescribed in the case of postcard applications for state ballots (see paragraph 3, MATOUSA Soldier Voting Instruction No 6 and paragraph 37 c, WD Pamphlet 21-11). The execution of the Federal Ballot for voters unable to write will be in accordance with paragraph 37 d, WD Pamphlet 21-11.

30. If a state ballot arrives after a Federal Ballot has been mailed, the voter should be instructed to execute and mail the state ballot. If it arrives in the state in time to be accepted, it will be counted by the state in preference to the Federal Ballot. If the state ballot arrives after the voter has received a Federal Balloting "Unit" but before it has been mailed, the latter should be turned back to the Soldier Voting Officer. If it has been marked in any way, it should not be accepted by the Soldier Voting Officer until the ballot has been sealed inside the inner envelope. Such ballots will be destroyed and recorded as "destroyed" in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 34 b (5), below.

VI - HANDLING OF FEDERAL BALLOTS AS MAIL

31. In accordance with the provisions of WD Pamphlet 21-11 and MATOUSA Soldier Voting Instruction Number 4, Federal Ballots after they are mailed will be given expeditious handling by all concerned. Personnel of the Army Postal Service will be guided by the provisions of Postal Information Circular Number 21, MATOUSA Postal Division, 30 June 1944.

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32. In accordance with War Department instructions, Federal Ballot mail will be given air mail priority after Courier Mail by air and War Department Essential Air Mail.

VII - RECORDS AND REPORTS

33. The law requires that the Army report to the War Ballot Commission on the disposition of all Federal Ballots in its possession. Consequently, these ballots become accountable items in all commands and at all depots and storage places. Accurate records must be maintained and reports made on the disposition of Federal Ballots, and all unused Federal Balloting "Units" must be destroyed.

34. Records

a. The Theater Distributing Agency, each major command listed in paragraph 3, above, and headquarters or agencies designated by major commands to act as sub-distributing agencies will maintain the following records in respect to Federal Balloting "Units":

- (1) Dates and quantities of bulk stocks of Federal Balloting "Units" received.
- (2) Dates and quantities of distributions made from such bulk stocks, showing agencies or organizations to which distributed.
- (3) Dates and quantities of unused Federal Balloting "Units" destroyed in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 35 b and c, below.

b. Company and similar unit commanders will maintain the following records:

- (1) Number of Federal Balloting "Units" received.
- (2) Number of Federal Balloting "Units" distributed by the Soldier Voting Officer, together with the name of each individual receiving such ballot and date of receipt. If the person receiving a ballot is not a member of the unit, his or her organization will be indicated (thus: John Doe, American Red Cross; Richard Roe, Lt Coldr, USN; William Smith, Pfc, Co B, 905th Inf Regiment).
- (3) Number of Federal Ballots executed by personnel under their respective jurisdictions. (This figure may be less than the total under (2) above by reason of spoiled or destroyed ballots, etc.) A ballot is "executed" when the oath has been attested.
- (4) Number of executed Federal Balloting "Units" transmitted by the Soldier Voting Officer. (This figure may be less than the total under (3) above in the event of death of a voter)

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or destruction by enemy or military action or act of God intervening before such transmission.) A ballot is "transmitted" when the envelope containing it is turned over by the Soldier Voting Officer to an APO.

- (5) Number of unused and spoiled Federal Balloting "Units" destroyed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 35 a, below.

c. APO's will maintain records prescribed in MATOUSA Postal Information Circular Number 21. Attention of Unit Soldier Voting Officers is directed to the fact that when executed Federal Ballots are delivered to the APO by the Soldier Voting Officers, a count of such ballots will be jointly made by him and the Postal Officer to whom they are delivered. The record of this count will be initialed by both the Soldier Voting Officer and the Postal Officer.

d. The records prescribed above will be retained until 1 December 1945 and then destroyed.

35. Reports

a. On 3 November 1944, the commander of each company or similar unit will report to the headquarters of the appropriate command listed in paragraph 5, above, in such manner as directed by that command, the number of Federal Balloting "Units" received, and the number distributed to personnel, the number executed by such personnel (all of which were turned over to the APO) and the number destroyed, including all unused or spoiled Federal Balloting "Units" (and those not mailed as a result of the death of the voter) all of which will be destroyed before this report is forwarded. In case the quantities reported as "executed" and "destroyed" do not equal the quantities "received", a brief explanation will be made. In all cases, units will submit this report to the major command from which they received their supply of Federal Balloting "Units", regardless of command jurisdiction. The major commands supplying these units will have jurisdiction in respect to enforcing the provisions of Federal Ballot reporting.

b. On 3 November 1944, each headquarters acting as a sub-distributing agency, will report to the appropriate major command the number of blank Federal Balloting "Units" received, the number distributed to units, and the number destroyed including all unused and spoiled Federal Balloting "Units" which will be destroyed before this report is forwarded. In case the quantities reported as "distributed" and "destroyed" do not equal the quantities "received", a brief explanation will be made. The Theater Distributing Agency will submit a similar report to the Commanding General, SOS MATOUSA.

c. Each major command will submit by radio to reach the Commanding General, SOS MATOUSA, by 14 November, a consolidated report covering all reports to be submitted to it pursuant to paragraphs a and b, above, showing the number of Federal Balloting "Units" received by the command, the number distributed by

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Soldier Voting Officers to individuals within the command, the number executed (all of which have been turned over to the APO), and the number destroyed. In case the quantities reported as "destroyed" and "executed" do not equal the quantities received, a brief explanation will be made.

VIII - ACTION BY PORTS AND AIRPORTS

36. Members of the Merchant Marine - Members of the Merchant Marine serving on vessels (not of foreign flag registry) under the jurisdiction of this theater which are owned by the Army or bareboat chartered to the Army, crews of which are on Army employment rolls, will be offered an opportunity to vote by Federal Ballot in the same way as Members of the Army. The term "Members of the Merchant Marine" means United States citizens employed as officers or members of the crews of vessels documented under the laws of the United States including vessels owned by the Army and vessels of United States registry bareboat chartered to the Army. Members of other United States Armed Forces serving on all vessels under theater jurisdiction will be similarly covered.

37. Personnel in Transit to the United States - All personnel on army vessels, departing from an overseas station, whose contemplated arrival "inside the United States" may be after 1 October 1944, who are eligible to vote the Federal Ballot but have not done so prior to departure from overseas, will be afforded an opportunity to do so after 1 October 1944, while en route. Personnel included in this provision are:

- (1) Army Personnel
- (2) Attached civilians, as defined in paragraph 10, W Pamphlet 21-11
- (3) Personnel of other United States Armed Forces
- (4) Crew members permanently on duty on the vessel, including those covered in paragraph 36, above.

In order to accomplish this, action will be taken as follows:

- (1) By port commanders -- Port commanders will furnish troop commanders on transports and hospital ship commanders with copies of War Department Pamphlet Number 21-11 and of War Department Soldier Voting Posters Numbers 3, 4 and 5 and in addition sufficient Federal Balloting "Units" to provide one for each passenger or patient eligible to vote the Federal Ballot plus 10 percent to allow for spoilage or damage.
- (2) By transport and hospital ship commanders -- (a) Port commanders will arrange for hospital and transport ship commanders to designate a Soldier Voting Officer and take the necessary steps to insure that the provisions of War Department Pamphlet Number 21-11 and these instructions are complied with.

(b) Under direction of the transport or hospital ship commander, the Soldier Voting Officer will administer the provisions of War Department Pamphlet Number 21-11 and these instructions to all passenger or patient personnel on the ship eligible and desiring to vote the Federal Ballot.

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- (c) In order to identify each Federal Ballot executed on his ship "outside the United States" as having been voted "outside" (but mailed "inside") the United States, the ship Soldier Voting Officer will write on the face of the official outer envelope, to the right of the voter's return address, the words:

"Enclosed ballot executed on ship outside United States."

- (d) Upon arrival in the United States, the ship Soldier Voting Officer will turn over to the port Soldier Voting Officer all unused and spoiled Federal Balloting "Units" in his possession; place in the United States post office or branch thereof the executed Federal Ballots in his possession (he will not turn them over to the Port AIO); and submit direct to The Adjutant General (Attention: Operations Division, Washington 25, D.C.) the reports called for in paragraph 41b, War Department Pamphlet Number 21-11, except that in lieu of the report of number of units destroyed he will report the number of unused and spoiled units turned over to the Port Soldier Voting Officer.

38. Personnel in Transit from the United States:

a. Attention is directed to the responsibilities of Ports and Airports in respect to military personnel and "attached civilians" arriving overseas as prescribed in paragraph 38, War Department Pamphlet Number 21-11.

b. In respect to classes of personnel indicated in paragraph 36, above, on vessels crewed in the United States for permanent duty under the jurisdiction of this theater, the following provisions apply:

- (1) If the vessel arrives 1 October, or before, the Ship Voting Officer has been instructed by the War Department to report to the Port Soldier Voting Officer, who will make arrangements for the administration of Federal Balloting on such vessel in the most practicable manner. The provisions of paragraph 36, above, apply in respect to such vessels.
- (2) If the vessel arrives after 1 October, Federal Balloting will have been administered by the Ship Voting Officer. The latter will turn over unused Federal Ballots to the Port Soldier Voting Officer.

39. Records and Reports:

a. With respect to Federal Ballots distributed under provisions of paragraphs 36 and 38 b (1), above, (and paragraph 30a in respect to serial ports of debarkation), records and reports will be the same as prescribed for company and similar unit commanders in paragraphs 34 b and 35 c. Federal Balloting "Units" distributed in connection with paragraph 36 and 38 b (1),

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above, will be reported separately.

b. Federal Balloting "Units" distributed by Ports pursuant to paragraph 37, above, will be recorded and reported separately as "Turned over to Soldier Voting Officers of Army Vessels and en route to the United States". Names of vessels and quantities distributed to each vessel will be indicated.

c. With respect to paragraph 38, above, the number of Federal Balloting "Units" received from ship Soldier Voting Officers will be recorded and reported separately as "Received from Soldier Voting Officers of Vessels arriving from the United States." Names of vessels and quantities received from each vessel will be indicated.

d. Above reports will be made to the Commanding General, SOS MATOUSA, through appropriate channels, to arrive not later than 14 November 1944.

e. Records to be maintained and reports to be made by Port APO's are proscribed in MATOUSA Postal Information Circular Number 21. Executed ballots received from ship Voting Officers and transmitted by the APO pursuant to paragraph 38, above, will be reported separately in respect to (1) Army Personnel, (2) Merchant Marine and (3) Personnel of Armed Services other than the Army.

IX - SUPERVISORY SOLDIER VOTING OFFICERS

40. Soldier Voting Officers of units above the level of companies and their equivalent will check their subordinate units to assure receipt of and familiarity with these instructions, proper implementation of them, and arrival of Federal Balloting Materials in adequate time.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

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Instructions - "How to Fill Out the
Federal Ballot"

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HOW TO FILL OUT THE FEDERAL BALLOT

1. You are entitled to a Federal Ballot only if you applied for a state absentee ballot before 1 September and have not received it as of 1 October and if your voting residence is in one of the following states: California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington. If you come from Texas and could not vote by state ballot because you did not pay your poll tax, you may vote by Federal Ballot if you have applied for but not received a state ballot, as indicated above. Florida authorizes the Federal Ballot only for Members of the Armed Forces and the Merchant Marine; and Georgia only for Members of the Armed Forces.

2. If you vote by Federal Ballot, you will receive a Federal Balloting "Unit" consisting of the ballot itself and an inner envelope and an outer envelope.

3. When you actually fill out the ballot, ask the Soldier Voting Officer of your unit where you may do so in secret. You should cooperate with others to make sure that the secrecy and integrity of your vote and theirs is assured.

4. In filling out the ballot itself, the following instructions apply:

a. The first voting space to be filled in (on the inside of the folded ballot) is for "Electors of President and Vice President of the United States". There is space for writing in one name in the blank space. Write in the name of the candidate for President for whom you wish to vote. It is not necessary to vote for Vice President. A vote for a presidential candidate is automatically a vote for the corresponding Vice-Presidential candidate.

b. The second voting space is for United States Senator from your state. To find out the names of the candidates for this office, see the list of candidates (SD Soldier Voting Poster Number 4) posted in your organization or see the Soldier Voting Officer of your organization. Some states are not electing a Senator at this time. If this is the case, leave this space blank.

c. The next space is for "United States Senator, Unexpired term." You may find out if there are such candidates in your state and who they are from the above-mentioned poster or from your Soldier Voting Officer.

d. The next space is for "Representative in Congress for your District." To fill in this space you must know your congressional district and the candidate from that district.

(1) To find your district, consult the map of the United States showing boundaries of congressional districts (SD Soldier Voting Poster Number 3) posted in your organization, or see your Soldier Voting Officer. This is the way to locate your district on the map:

(a) Locate your state (if you have any trouble, see the "Key map" in the lower left hand corner of the big map).

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(b) Locate the county or city in which you live.

(c) The red number of the area bounded by the red lines in which your county or city is located is the number of your congressional district.

(d) If you come from a large city, you may find a reference letter (in red). Find the correspondingly lettered small map of that city around the edges of the big map. Your congressional district will be indicated there in the same way as on the big map.

(e) If you are from New Mexico or Vermont do not vote in this space, because these states are not districted and you vote in the next space.

(2) When you have found your congressional district, determine candidates for representative from that district from the poster with the list of candidates or by consulting your Soldier Voting Officer. Write in the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote.

c. The next space is for "Representative at Large in Congress". This is only to be filled in by voters from states with "Representatives at Large". These states, with the number of such representatives to be elected are as follows (list only includes those authorizing Federal Ballot):

Connecticut - 1, New Mexico - 2, Vermont - 1

The names of candidates for these offices can be determined from the poster with the list of candidates or from your Soldier Voting Officer.

f. If, for any reason, you are not able to find the names of candidates for all of the offices on the ballot (on which there is voting in your state), you may vote for any office or offices for which you do know the names of the candidates. Failure to vote for one or more offices on the ballot does not keep the ballot from being counted.

5. After filling out the ballot, place it in the inner (smaller) envelope and seal securely.

6. Fill all of the spaces on the front and back of the inner envelope.

a. On the front side -

(1) Under line (2), be sure to give the day, month and year of your birth.

(2) Under lines (3) and (4), the address given must be the same as that given on your application for state ballot.

(3) Check the appropriate space under line (5).

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- (4) If the space in line (6) is not checked, your ballot will not be valid.
- (5) Do not sign your oath at this time.
 - b. On the back side - the address given must be the same as on the front side.
7. Next, fill out the information required on the outer envelope. Be sure to PRINT clearly. Do not seal the outer envelope.
8. Next, go to the Soldier Voting Officer of your unit. In his presence sign your oath on the front of the inner envelope. The inner envelope, with the ballot inclosed, must be sealed before it is given to the Voting Officer.
9. The Soldier Voting Officer will then attest your oath at the bottom of the front of the inner envelope, and check the correctness of the manner in which the inner envelope is filled out.
10. He will then give you the inner envelope to seal inside the outer envelope.
11. Then give the sealed outer envelope (with the inner envelope and ballot inside) to the Soldier Voting Officer to be mailed.
12. If you spoil your ballot, give the entire unit (ballot and two envelopes) back to the Soldier Voting Officer who will give you another.

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SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 14
TO : All Concerned

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Chief Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>

27 August 1944

The following information has been received from the War Department:

1. The Navy has reported instances of ballot envelope flaps becoming firmly stuck to envelopes and also to ballots, requiring forcible separation for use in voting. Such separation might damage ballot or envelope to such extent as to prejudice the validity of ballot.
2. In the event federal or state ballot is received with envelope flap so firmly stuck to envelope or to ballot that forcible separation is required, voter will use means of separation which is least injurious to material. In order to show ballot was not tampered with subsequent to voting, voter will, after voting, write on back of any envelope evidencing such separation: "Envelope flap stuck when received, requiring forced opening before voting."
3. This statement must be signed by voter and by individual administering voter's oath. Envelope will be sealed or otherwise closed in the most practicable manner.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

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SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 13.

TO : All Concerned.

Soldier Voting Officers of commands above the company, squadron or battery level (or equivalent) will conduct continuing inspections of subordinate commands in respect to Soldier Voting in accordance with paragraph 2, MATOUSA Soldier Voting Instruction No 2, dated 7 July 1944. Such inspections will include the following points:

1. Has adequate provision been made to assure that scattered or transferred units are attached to a higher headquarters for the purpose of the administration of Soldier Voting? (Reference: Soldier Voting Instruction 5, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Soldier Voting Instruction No 6).
2. Has blanket delivery of postcard applications (USWDC Form No 1) been made and a proper record kept? (Reference paragraph 9, Soldier Voting Instruction No 2).
3. Are individuals joining the unit subsequent to the blanket delivery cards in the unit being currently checked to determine whether postcard applications have been offered them and, if not, are cards supplied to them if they desire them? (Reference: paragraph 6, Soldier Voting Instruction No 6).
4. Are units transferred from one command to another being checked by the latter in respect to all phases of the administration of Soldier Voting? (Reference: paragraph 2, Soldier Voting Instruction No 6).
5. Are hospitals and replacement depots checking all incoming personnel in connection with postcard applications? (Reference: paragraph 3, Soldier Voting Instruction No 6).
6. Does the unit Soldier Voting Officer understand that any person requesting a card at any time will be given one? (Reference: paragraph 7, Soldier Voting Instruction No 6).
7. Is the unit's supply of postcard applications sufficient, and if not has appropriate action been taken? (Reference: Part IV, Soldier Voting Instruction No 11).
8. Does the unit have all MATOUSA Soldier Voting Instructions issued to date and are their provisions properly understood?
9. Are Soldier Voting Officers of commands above the company (or equivalent) level conducting continuing inspections of subordinate units? (Reference: paragraph 2, Soldier Voting Instruction No 2).
10. Are the conditions under which the Federal ballot may be used correctly understood by the Soldier Voting Officer? (Reference: Part I, Soldier Voting Instruction No 11).
11. In respect to Part II, Soldier Voting Instruction No 11:

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(1) Are provisions understood and has a specific plan been made for such a check: (if inspection is prior to 31 August)?

(2) Were the instructions properly carried out (if inspection is after 31 August)?

12. Has a thorough check been made in respect to Red Cross and USO personnel? (Reference: Part III, Soldier Voting Instruction No 11).

13. Was the Army's policy on voting brought to the attention of all personnel of the command? (Reference: Part V, Soldier Voting Instruction No 11).

14. Has the Unit Soldier Voting Officer brought to the attention of all personnel of the command that assistance will be rendered by him in the interpretation of instructions and the execution of oaths in respect to State ballots? (Reference: Part I, Soldier Voting Instruction No 12).

15. Does the Soldier Voting Officer understand the provisions in respect to executing oaths on State ballots? (Reference: Part I, Soldier Voting Instruction No 12).

16. Has an alternate been appointed to render assistance and execute oaths on State ballots in the absence of the Unit Soldier Voting Officer? (Reference: Part I, Soldier Voting Instruction No 12).

17. Do hospital Soldier Voting Officers understand the procedure to be followed in connection with men unable to write? (Reference: Part I, Soldier Voting Instruction No 12).

18. Are Soldier Voting Officers advising men to execute their State ballots immediately upon receipt, if they desire to vote? (Reference: paragraph 31, W.D. Pamphlet 21-11).

19. Is the provision thoroughly understood that individuals themselves mail postcard applications and State ballots and not the Soldier Voting Officer? (Reference: paragraphs 30 k and 31 b, W.D. Pamphlet 21-11).

20. Has the Soldier Voting Officer instructed all officers censoring unit mail that censorship or placing a censor's mark on an application card or state ballot is strictly forbidden? (Part I, Soldier Voting Instruction No 12).

21. Are instructions in respect to political polls understood? (Reference: paragraph 25, W.D. Pamphlet 21-11).

22. Do unit mail clerks understand the provisions as to priority handling of balloting material? (Reference: Soldier Voting Instruction No 4).

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

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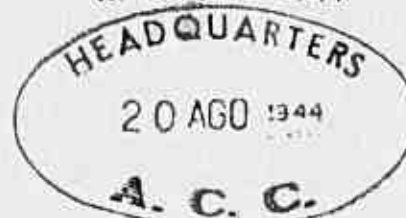
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SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 12.

TO : All Concerned.

State Ballots I
Checking Individuals Joining Units. II
Attachment of Units III

I --- STATE BALLOTS.

1. In the latter part of August and during September, state absentee ballot forms will be reaching personnel in increasing numbers. It is important that all Soldier Voting Officers of the theater understand their responsibilities in connection with the execution of state ballots by individuals of their respective commands. Particular attention is directed to paragraphs 31, 33 and 34 and Exhibit A of War Department Pamphlet 21-11 (Manual for Soldier Voting).

2. It is the responsibility of each unit Soldier Voting Officer to assist individuals in interpreting the instructions on state ballots correctly and in executing the oaths thereon. Steps will be taken in each unit to bring to the attention of all personnel that such assistance will be rendered upon request of individuals. An alternate to the Soldier Voting Officer will be designated and trained to render such assistance in the absence of the Soldier Voting Officer.

3. The following procedure will be followed in executing oaths on state ballots:

a. The state ballot will be checked to determine if specific instructions are included as to the administration of the oath. Such instructions will be followed implicitly.

b. If state ballot instructions provide that the oath may be administered by anyone authorized to administer such oaths, this will be interpreted, as far as the Army is concerned, as those so authorized under the 114th Article of War.

c. If the state ballot includes no instructions relative to the administration of oaths, they will be administered in accordance with the provisions for oaths on USWEC Form Number 1 - Postcard application for State Absentee Ballot (See Paragraph 30 in (1), WD Pamphlet 21-11).

4. In the case of any Voter who is unable to write for any reason, the following procedure will be followed:

a. Adhere to the prescribed method indicated in state ballot instructions.

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b. If no such instructions exist, follow the same procedure indicated for the Federal ballot in paragraph 37 d, War Department Pamphlet 21-11. Local reproduction of the affidavit prescribed therein is authorized.

5. Censorship of ballots (or applications for ballots) by base or unit censors is strictly forbidden. Such material will not be stamped or signed by censors. Failure to adhere to these instructions may result in serious consequences. Soldier Voting Officers of all units will assure immediately that all officers engaged in censoring unit mail are familiar with this provision.

II -- CHECKING INDIVIDUALS JOINING UNITS.

Paragraph 6, Soldier Voting Instruction Number 6, will become inoperative after 30 September 1944. After this date, it will not be necessary to check each individual when joining a unit as to whether a postcard application for state ballot has been supplied. However, cards will continue to be supplied to any individual at any time, upon request.

III - ATTACHMENT OF UNITS.

For the purpose of the administration of Soldier Voting, the following units are attached as indicated:

a. All units in Corsica of the 44th AAA Brigade and the 106th AAA Group to Northern Base Section.

b. All units of the 44th AAA Brigade in Sardinia to the Allied Garrison of Sardinia.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

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R. H. CHRISTIE,
Colonel, AGD,
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SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 11.

TO : All Concerned.

10 August 1944
HEADQUARTERS
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I ---- FEDERAL BALLOT

1. The following states have certified that they will accept the Federal Ballot:

California	Maryland	New Jersey	Rhode Island
Connecticut	Massachusetts	New Mexico	Texas
Florida	Michigan	North Carolina	Utah
Georgia	Nebraska	Oklahoma	Vermont
Maine	New Hampshire	Oregon	Washington

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Men from these states, of eligible voting age, may vote by Federal Ballot after 1 October if they will certify that they applied for a state ballot prior to 1 September but had not received it as of 1 October or later.

2. Complete instructions as to the administration of Federal balloting will be issued in the near future. No Federal ballots will be delivered to any individual until such instructions have been issued.

II --- 31 AUGUST CHECK OF CARD DISTRIBUTION

1. On 31 August the Soldier Voting Officer of each unit will check all Military personnel and "attached civilians" (see paragraph 10, W.D. Pamphlet 21-11, Manual for Soldier Voting) present at the unit, and post card applications (USITC Form 1) will be supplied to the following individuals, if they desire to vote:

a. Those who have not previously executed an application for state ballot, (either USITC Form 1 or an official state-supplied application).

b. Those who have been assigned to a new organization since executing an application for state ballot.

2. Such check may be made a few days prior to 31 August if more practicable. However, for the purpose of protecting the right to vote by Federal ballot of those individuals eligible to vote thereby, the prescribed check will not be delayed beyond 31 August.

3. Those receiving cards under the provisions of the preceding paragraphs will be advised to fill them out and mail them immediately if they desire to vote. Failure to mail the card before 1 September will disqualify an otherwise eligible voter from use of the Federal ballot. Instructions as to filling out the card and executing the oaths are the same as for the blanket delivery of cards in the first week of August (see Part II, Soldier Voting Instruction No. 8, HTOUSA, 26 July 44). No record need be kept of the delivery of cards to individuals under the above provisions.

4. Instructions previously issued in respect to the special handling of these applications by APO's and unit mail clerks apply to cards mailed as a result of action taken in accordance with the above.

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III -- RED CROSS AND USO

1. It has come to the attention of this headquarters that personnel of the Red Cross and USO have not in all cases been tendered a chance to vote under the provisions of the Soldier Voting Law.

2. This situation will be corrected by the following actions by Soldier Voting Officers of all units:

- An immediate check will be made of all such personnel attached to or serving with the units.
 - Soldier Voting Officers of Base Sections and Area Commands will include in their check, all such personnel physically located, temporarily or permanently, within the geographical limits of their command.
 - Postcard applications will be given to all such personnel who desire to vote and have not previously received cards.
 - The 31 August recheck, as prescribed in Part I, above, will include the Red Cross, USO and Society of Friends.
3. Instructions for filling out the card and executing the oath are the same as for military personnel.

IV --- REQUISITIONING FOR USFBC FORM NO. 1

1. All units will make an immediate check of Postcard applications (USFBC Form No. 1) to determine whether an ample supply is on hand in view of the following factors:

- Necessity for checking each individual joining the unit after blank distribution of cards within the unit, for the purpose of providing cards to those who desire but have not received one.
- Necessity for providing a card to any individual requesting one, at any time.
- Recheck of all personnel as prescribed in Part II of this Instruction.

2. Units and installations experiencing a high turnover of personnel, such as replacement depots, hospitals, etc., should estimate their requirements liberally in view of the necessity of checking all incoming personnel as to whether a card has been supplied previously.

3. Resulting estimated requirements will be immediately requisitioned through normal channels of publications distribution. Redistribution of overages and shortages within major commands should be made to the greatest extent possible. Not shortages can be filled from the central theater reserve of cards in the Publications Depot, Headquarters, IBC.

V ---- POLICY OF THE ARMY ON VOTING

The following will be brought to the attention of all military personnel in each command of this theater: In respect to voting in the election, the policy of the Army is to provide an opportunity to vote to any member of the Army who is eligible and desires to do so. No one has to vote unless he so desires. Records maintained in connection with the delivery of postcard applications for state ballot are solely for the purpose of assuring that all military personnel have an opportunity to get cards if they desire them. Rechecks of personnel to determine if they have been offered a card are likewise for this purpose only.

By command of Lieutenant General I DEVERS:

[Signature]
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SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 10.

TO : All Concerned.

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1. Attention is directed to Exhibit A, War Department Pamphlet No. 21-11, 5 June 1944 and War Department Soldier Voting Poster No. 2.

2. The Louisiana legislature having adjourned without action with respect to soldier voting, the data given in the above references as to Louisiana remain unchanged.

3. The New Mexico legislature has now provided a procedure for absentee voting by State ballot. Accordingly, the data given in the above references as to New Mexico are changed as follows:

a. To obtain State absentee ballot may soldier use postcard supplied by Army (USAGC Form No. 1) ?Yes

b. Earliest date State will receive soldier's application for State absentee ballotAt any time

c. Earliest date State will mail absentee ballot to soldier--1 August

d. Date on or before which soldier's executed State absentee ballot must be received back by appropriate officials within State in order to be eligible for counting.....6 November

e. Number of days between earliest date when State will mail State absentee ballot to soldier and date when ballot must be received back in State--98.

f. Must unregistered soldier take special steps in order to be registered (other than applying for and executing State absentee ballot) ?No.

g. Method of registration by unregistered soldiers (when registration is required).....By making application for or mailing an absentee ballot.

4. The South Dakota legislature has made changes in its law with respect to soldier voting. Accordingly, the data given in the above references as to South Dakota are changed as follows:

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- a. Earliest date State will receive soldier's application for State absentee ballot.....At any time.
- b. Earliest date State will mail absentee ballot to soldier.....27 August.
- c. Date on or before which soldier's executed State absentee ballot must be received back by appropriate officials within State in order to be eligible for counting.....7 November.
- d. Number of days between earliest date when State will mail State absentee ballot to soldier and date when ballot must be received back in State...73.

Other data given in the above references as to South Dakota remain unchanged.

5. All commanding officers will be responsible for bringing the foregoing instructions to the attention of those concerned and for making suitable corrections in War Department Soldier Voting Poster No. 2.

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Labor		Army	✓
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P.A. to Executive Commissioner		REG. 1 & 9	✓
Civil Affairs Branch		AMG 5 ARMY	✓
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File 7602

SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction No. 9

30 July 1944

TO : All Concerned.

1. The War Department has advised this theater as follows: "Members of U.S. Public Health Service detailed to War Department for duty and members of Coast and Geodetic Survey transferred to War Department are members of the armed forces within meaning of Public Law 277, 78th Congress".

2. Such classes of individuals will be accorded the privilege of voting under the provisions of this law in accordance with W.D. Manual 21-11 (Manual for Soldier Voting).

By command of Lieutenant General Devers:

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26 July 1944

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SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 8.

TO : All Concerned.

Distribution of Postcard Applications for State Absentee Ballots I
Instructions for Filling Out Postcard Application for State Absentee Ballot . II

I - DISTRIBUTION OF POSTCARD APPLICATIONS FOR STATE ABSENTEE BALLOTS

1. Units which have not received a sufficient supply of postcard applications for State absentee ballots (USWBC Form No 1) by 7 August may delay the blanket delivery of such applications until any date up to 15 August.

2. Immediate check should be made within the unit and at the distributing agency normally supplying the unit with publications in case of the non-arrival of these cards, in order to obtain distribution at the earliest possible date.

3. Where an adequate supply of USWBC Form No 1 cannot be obtained for delivery to individuals by 15 August, the provisions of WD pamphlet 21-11 (Manual for Soldier Voting) and NATOUSA Soldier Voting Instruction Number 7 relative to the use of WD AGO Form No 560 or a letter application will apply.

II - INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT POSTCARD APPLICATION FOR STATE ABSENTEE BALLOT

The following instructions with respect to the filling out of the postcard applications for State absentee ballots to be distributed by the Army commencing 1 August should be followed by all military personnel desiring to vote in the November general election:

1. General

- a. Read all instructions on card carefully.
- b. Print all information except your signature.

2. Address Side of Card

a. Write your name and full military address in the space provided in the upper left-hand corner. Be sure to include your APO number and the name of the city in which is located the postmaster in whose care your mail is sent.

b. Write the name of your State on the first and third lines in the space provided for the address to which the card is to be sent. On the second line write the name of the capitol of your state. If in doubt on this point, ask your Soldier Voting Officer.

3. Information Side of Card

- a. Write the name of your State in the blank space at the end of the first line.

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b. Put a check mark in the blank space after the words "armed forces" in the second line.

c. Insert the word "general" in the blank in the third sentence so that the line reads, "I hereby request an absentee ballot to vote in the coming general election".

d. In the blank space in the line numbered "(2)" write the day, month and year of your birth.

e. In connection with lines numbered "(3)" and "(4)", if you are in doubt as to which of two or more states or towns to claim as your voting residence, pick the one where you are best known, even though it may not be the place where you last lived before entering military service or where your family is now living. If the State or town selected as your residence is different from the place you lived just before entering military service, write in the first blanks in lines "(3)" and "(4)" only the number of years you lived in that State or town.

f. If you know the number of your voting district, write it in the blank space in line "(5)". If you do not know it, leave the space blank.

g. Line 6 is not to be filled in under any circumstance, inasmuch as this is a general, not primary, election.

h. Write your full military address in the space provided at the bottom of the card. Be sure to include your APO number and the name of the city in which is located the postmaster in whose care your mail is sent.

i. Print your name and serial number and then write your signature on the lines indicated.

j. After doing all of the above, take the card to your Soldier Voting Officer and have him fill in the lines concerning your oath. Then mail the postcard yourself, just as in the case of ordinary, personal mail. No postage is required.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

H. V. Roberts
H. V. ROBERTS,
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SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 7.

TO : All Concerned.

HEADQUARTERS
28 LUG 1944
A. C. C.

26 July 1944
J. G. P.

1. In the case of the non-arrival of postcard application forms for State absentee ballot (USWEC Form No. 1) in any unit by the date during the first week in August on which blanket delivery of such cards is to be made, the following action will be taken:

a. Bring the matter to the attention of the Soldier Voting Officer of the next higher echelon or to the headquarters to which the unit is attached for the purpose of the administration of Soldier Voting.

b. Check with the distributing agency from which the unit usually received supplies of this character.

c. If action in a and b does not result in a supply of USWEC Forms No. 1, WD AGO Form 560, if available in the unit or the distributing agency, may be used. In such cases, the following should be done:

- (1) Print in capital letters in the upper right hand corner of address side (in red, when possible) the words -

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and strike out the text printed in this location on the card.

- (2) Draw two heavy parallel horizontal lines across the postcard or envelope just above the first line of the address and print (using red, when possible) in capital letters, between the horizontal lines, the words -

OFFICIAL ELECTION WAR BALLOT
VIA AIR MAIL

d. In case neither USWEC Forms No. 1 or WD AGO Forms No. 560, are available, a letter may be used in the exact form as on the reverse side hereof. These should be sent V-mail to the Secretary of State of the applicant's home state. Local reproduction of these letters on V-Mail stationery is authorized.

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H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGO, 3809
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Secretary of State, State of _____.

1. I am in the Armed Forces. I hereby request an absentee ballot to vote in the coming general election.

2. I am a citizen of the United States.

3. The date of my birth was _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

4. For _____ years preceding this election my home residence has been in the state of _____

5. For _____ years preceding this election my home residence has been in (city, town or village) _____ in the county of _____, at (street and number, if any, or rural route) _____.

6. My voting district to the best of my knowledge is _____.

7. Please send the ballot to me at the following address _____

(Organization) (APO No.) (Postmaster)

(PRINT your name and serial number above)

(WRITE your usual signature above)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 1944.

Signature and rank of commissioned officer or non-commissioned officer not below the grade of sergeant who administers and attests this oath.

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23 July 1944

SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 6.

TO : All Concerned.

1. With reference to paragraph 4, MATOUSA Soldier Voting Instruction Number 5, 19 July 1944, the following Soldier Voting Officers have been designated for the base sections. These officers should be contacted by commanding officers of units physically located within the areas of the respective base sections which are not clearly under the supervision of a higher headquarters in respect to the administration of Soldier Voting:

<u>BASE SECTION</u>	<u>SOLDIER VOTING OFFICER</u>	<u>ORGANIZATIONAL LOCATION</u>
PBS	Lt Col. Charles H. Dobbs	Morale Services Division
ABS	Major Neil E. Saling	G-1
MBS	Colonel John T. Taylor	Morale Services Division
EBS	Major Emmet Kilpatrick	AG Section
NORBS	Captain Charles R. London	G-1
CBS	Major Herbert J. Slingo	Hq Comdt

2. Units transferred from the jurisdiction of one command to another, will be checked by the commander of the latter to determine whether the provisions of Soldier Voting have been administered in respect to the transferred units, and if not, appropriate action will be taken to be sure that all actions prescribed are executed.

3. Commanding officers of hospitals are responsible for the administration of soldier voting in respect to all patients in the hospital, including those not in the patient detachment, in the same way as prescribed for a unit commander for all personnel under his command.

4. With reference to paragraph 2, MATOUSA Soldier Voting Instruction Number 2, 7 July 1944, it is not necessary for intermediate commands to supervise Soldier Voting in subordinate units if such commands carry no administrative responsibility in respect to the subordinate units. This exception applies only where it is clearly understood by the next higher command carrying administrative responsibility. The Soldier Voting Officer of such higher command will be responsible for the direct staff supervision of soldier voting of the subordinate units. The intermediate command, however, will have a Soldier Voting Officer to execute the commander's responsibility on soldier voting in respect to personnel assigned or attached to its headquarters.

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5. With reference to paragraph 9, NATCUSA Soldier Voting Instruction Number 2, 7 July 1944, blanket delivery of postcard applications for State Absentee Ballot, as prescribed therein, will be made after 7 August if such delivery is not made prior to that date. Blanket delivery of cards to all individuals assigned or attached to units will not be omitted because, for some reason, such delivery has not been effected before the prescribed date.

6. An individual joining an organization, in assigned or attached status, after the blanket delivery of cards within the unit, will be checked to determine if he has received one, and if not, will be supplied with one and given the proper instructions.

7. Any individual requesting a card at any time will be supplied with one, even though he may previously have received one.

8. The following will be noted in respect to the back of the Postcard Application (USBC Form No. 1):

a. Military personnel should write in the word "general" in the appropriate blank space of the introductory sentence of the text if he is using the card to apply for a ballot for the November (general) election.

b. Information required by Line (5) on the back of the card is optional. Failure to fill in this line will not invalidate the application.

c. Line (6) on the back of the card will not be filled in when the card is being used as an application for a ballot for the November (general) election. This line may be marked out by units prior to delivery to individuals in connection with the November (general) election.

9. Word has been received from the War Department that New Mexico will permit voting by State absentee ballot. Appropriate correction will be made on copies of War Department Soldier Voting Poster Number 2 which are displayed. Notation will also be made in Exhibit A, War Department Pamphlet 21-11 (Manual for Soldier Voting).

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SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 5
TO : All Concerned

1. Appropriate base sections will contact the commanders of the following units to determine what assistance can be rendered in respect to soldier voting:

- a. Military Railway Service Units
- b. Aircraft Warning Units

2. Assistance rendered by base sections to such units will include distribution of balloting material, instruction in soldier voting procedure, and any other assistance as requested.

3. The Replacement Command will administer soldier voting in respect to the Invasion Training Center, Leadership and Battle Training Center, and Airborne Training Center.

4. Units not clearly under the supervision of a higher headquarters in respect to soldier voting will call upon base sections for advice and assistance, with approval of higher command headquarters, where appropriate.

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SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 4.

TO : All Concerned.



1. In respect to Soldier Voting in the 1944 General Election in November, this theater will receive stocks of bulk balloting material for distribution to personnel of the theater and will be responsible for the transmission of cards and ballots as individual mail to and from individual personnel. It is essential that all of this material and mail be given expeditious handling in accordance with the provisions of War Department Pamphlet 21-11, "Manual for Soldier Voting" with which all personnel engaged in the distribution of such material and mail handling should be familiar.

2. For the purpose of facilitating identification of balloting material cartons containing postcard applications for State absentee ballots will be marked "WAR BALLOT APPLICATION" in letters 3 inches high. Cartons containing Federal balloting units will be marked "OFFICIAL FEDERAL WAR BALLOT". Such cartons should be distributed as rapidly as possible and care must be taken to assure that cartons do not accumulate in distribution points, except as required for reserve stocks.

3. Instructions for Army Post Offices in respect to handling War Ballot Mail have been issued in Postal Information Circular Number 21, 30 June 1944. Instructions for unit mail clerks are contained in Section VII of WD Pamphlet 21-11, "Manual for Soldier Voting" which has been distributed down to the level of all companies and similar units. All personnel of Army Post Offices and Unit Mail Clerks will assure that such mail is dispatched within the theater in official mail pouches. Separate instructions have been issued to theater postal concentration centers in dispatching to the United States. For purposes of easy identification, individual pieces of mail are marked distinctively with two heavy red lines between which are inserted the words: "Official Election War Ballot - Via Air Mail" or, in the case of Federal ballots, "Official Federal War Ballot - Via Air Mail". The ballot envelopes of only a few of the states will fail to carry this or similar markings. Illustrations of the cards and envelopes to be used and of the "Distinctive Tag" to be affixed to mail pouches containing applications and ballots are contained in Exhibits E, D, E and H of War Department Pamphlet 21-11.

4. The law provides that executed postcard applications for State absentee ballots, blank State ballots sent from the states, and executed State absentee ballots and Federal ballots will be transmitted free of postage via air mail (This does not apply to personnel from Territories such as Alaska, etc.)

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SUBJECT: Voting Instruction No 3, Restrictions on Dissemination of
Political Argument or Propaganda.

TO : All Concerned.

1. The following instructions are issued for the guidance of commanders of all commands, installations, activities and units in this Theater in the interpretation of Title V of the Federal Voting Law and of War Department letter AG 014.35 (23 April 44) WD-MB-M, subject, "Restrictions in new 'Federal Voting Law' on dissemination to members of the armed forces of political argument or political propaganda", dated 27 April 1944, which establishes the policy of the War Department under the law.

2. Title V of the Federal Voting Law drastically restricts the right of Army personnel to disseminate to members of the armed forces, either directly or indirectly, information of a political nature. These restrictions apply not only to recognized electioneering material but also generally to books, magazines, newspapers, servicemen's publications, radio broadcasts, movies, speeches and other literature and material. The War Department has made it the responsibility of commanders at all levels to see that the prohibitions against dissemination of political argument and propaganda are not violated.

3. Title V of the Law is criminal in effect and involves penalties for violation of fine or imprisonment or both.

4. Title V of the Law prohibits, with certain exceptions, the dissemination to members of the armed forces by the Army or by individual members thereof of literature or material containing political argument or propaganda which is designed or calculated to affect the results of certain Federal elections and which is:

- a. Paid for in whole or in part with Federal Government funds (including unit and similar funds under Army control), or
- b. Sponsored by agencies or officers of the Federal Government (including the Army).

5. a. For the purposes of this circular literature or material is deemed as "calculated to affect the result" of a Federal election if it appears to be adapted to the purpose of affecting such result at the time and manner used, even though not originally intended to affect a Federal election or the vote or political opinion of a soldier.

b. "Dissemination" includes delivery, presentation, transmission, broadcast or other distribution whether by gift, sale, loan or otherwise. It includes sales at Army exchanges; showings of motion picture films, theatrical entertainments, or other forms of entertainment, whether or not paid for by soldiers; broadcasts and rebroadcasts; speeches; distribution of literature or material to soldiers for their individual use; and making literature and material available

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for use by soldiers at Army hospitals, libraries, service clubs, guest houses, day rooms, messes, and USO, Red Cross, and other volunteer agencies and welfare and recreational facilities operating under Army control.

6. A narrow or technical construction of the language of the law should never be used to justify the dissemination of political argument or propaganda. Reasonable doubt as to whether material is "paid for or sponsored by the Government," or is "designed or calculated to affect the result of an election" should in every case be resolved in favor of prohibition. It is the responsibility of commanders at all levels to prevent the dissemination of prohibited material.

7. Title V does not restrict the right of the individual soldier to purchase, see, hear and read in accordance with his personal wishes. Acting as an individual he is at liberty to subscribe to any newspaper or magazine or listen to any radio program he chooses, and Army exchanges are authorized to accept his subscriptions. The restriction against the dissemination of political argument or propaganda applies only to the Army and those acting for it.

8. It is not the purpose of Title V to shut off information and entertainment from the armed forces. Its purpose is to see to it that no information or entertainment which is Federally financed or sponsored and which might have the above mentioned political character, will be disseminated to soldiers except in conformity with the statutory provisions designed to prevent unfairness or partiality in any such dissemination.

9. Commanders will be governed by the following instructions in determining whether particular types of literature or material paid for with Government funds or sponsored by an agency or officer of the Government may properly be disseminated:

a. Books. The only books which may hereafter be disseminated under Army sponsorship to soldiers in this Theater are the following:

- (1) Books of general circulation in the United States purchased by or for the Army before 31 March 1944.
- (2) Books which have been furnished or approved for dissemination by the Morale Services Division or Special Services Division of the War Department. The War Department has taken steps to assure that an adequate supply of books without the prohibited material are available in the Theater.

b. Magazines and Newspapers of general circulation.

(1) The law permits the dissemination to soldiers of magazines and newspapers having a general circulation in the United States, but the list of such magazines and newspapers must be determined in accordance with the preference of the soldiers. The method determined by the Secretary of War for each type of publication is as follows:

(a) Magazines.-- The War Department is at the present time preparing a Preference List of magazines on the basis of scientific surveys. Pending completion of such list, until further notice only the following magazines which have been approved by the War Department will be disseminated under Army auspices to soldiers in this Theater:

Life
Esquire
Time
Saturday Evening Post

Reader's Digest
Pic
Newsweek
New Yorker

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Omnibook	National Geographic
Detective Story	Western Story
Country Gentleman	Flying
Popular Photography	Radio News
Inside Detective	Modern Screen
Popular Mechanics	Infantry Journal
Science News Letter	Sporting News
Overseas Comics	Overseas Digest

(b) Newspapers.-- Soldier preference for newspapers of general circulation in the United States will be determined by the taking of a sampling pool, under supervision of the Theater Morale Services Officer, of a substantial number of soldiers throughout the Theater. When the results of this pool are announced, only those newspapers approved for distribution by the Morale Services Officer on the basis of said pool, will be distributed under Army sponsorship to soldiers.

(2) Army exchanges are not prohibited from accepting individual subscriptions for magazines and newspapers provided delivery is to be made by person-to-person mail from the publisher or distributor to the soldier. Those requesting magazines or newspapers not on the approved lists should be advised of their right to enter individual subscriptions.

c. Motion picture films.-- The only motion pictures which may be exhibited under Army sponsorship to soldier are:

- (1) Commercial motion pictures selected by the Army Overseas Motion Picture Service,
- (2) Commercial newreels in the same text as shown to the general public, and
- (3) Other motion pictures furnished by the Morale Services Division and Special Services Division of the War Department or the Office of the Chief Signal Officer. This should assure the availability of practically all commercial films produced in the United States.

d. Servicemen's publications.

- (1) Servicemen's magazines and newspapers may contain impartial news coverage of public events and personages, but such coverage will be restricted to impartial statements of fact, without editorializing or indulging in political argument or propaganda, in a manner which will present both sides of politically controversial questions. Such magazines and newspapers will not contain editorial comment on political issues. Reprints of editorials, columns, or other argumentative matter supporting a political party or candidate for Federal office will not be used unless in the same issue an equal amount of space is allotted to similar matter concerning each such other political party or candidate. Commanders are responsible for assuring that material prepared by Morale Services Division of the War Department and furnished for use by any servicemen's publication is used strictly in accordance with this policy.

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- (2) No letters expressing the personal opinions of individuals on political matters shall be included in servicemen's publications, unless letters presenting both sides of such questions are published in the same issue.

e. Radio broadcasts and rebroadcasts.-- No broadcasts or rebroadcasts of political argument or propaganda and no recordings except of matters broadcast by Morale Services Division, will be made without the specific approval of the Morale Services Division of the War Department.

f. Other forms of dissemination.-- Entertainments, speeches, theatrical shows, and other media of dissemination will be carefully reviewed by commanders prior to presentation; except that entertainment material furnished by or through Special Services Division of the War Department may be considered to have been approved and need not be reviewed. The prohibition against dissemination of political argument or propaganda referred to herein shall apply to orientation and training material and talks.

g. Personal communications.-- The Law does not prevent the sending of any privately paid for letter, communication, magazine, newspaper, or other literature by any private individual or corporation or by any political organization to any member of the armed forces. Censors and all other persons concerned will not remove political material from mail sent to members of the armed forces unless it contains information which may be of value to the enemy in their prosecution of the war.

h. Cutting and editing of literature and material.-- Magazines, newspapers and books of general circulation in the United States and commercial motion pictures will be distributed and presented in the same form as normally distributed and presented to the general public. Literature and materials furnished by the War Department for use in orientation or education programs, for publication in magazines and servicemen's newspapers, or as authorized recordings of radio broadcasts, will not be cut edited, or added to, and will be distributed or presented in accordance with the instructions furnished for use.

i. Foreign Publications.-- There will be no distribution in this Theater to soldiers under Army sponsorship of foreign books or periodicals, except of a technical, non-political nature.

10. The term "soldier" as used in this circular includes all military personnel.

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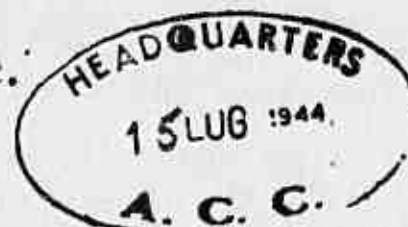
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SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 2.

TO : All Concerned.



1. The Congress of The United States has passed a Law (Public Law 277, 78th Congress) covering absentee voting by members of the Armed Forces. Previous information has been furnished by the War Department and by this headquarters in respect to this law, particularly insofar as primary elections are concerned. As the time for action in connection with the General Election (November) approaches, it is essential that prompt and adequate steps be taken throughout this theater to provide every person eligible and desiring to vote therein an opportunity to do so.

2. The Commander of each unit, down to and including companies and similar units, if he has not already done so, will appoint a Soldier Voting Officer, who will function as the Commander's Staff Officer in respect to Soldier Voting. The Soldier Voting Officer of a unit is responsible for executing the responsibilities specifically placed upon the Commander by law, War Department instructions and this headquarters. Soldier Voting Officers of higher echelons will render advice and assistance to Soldier Voting Officers of subordinate units and will inspect such units periodically with respect to the administration of Soldier Voting and adherence to provisions of the law and Army instructions.

3. Detailed instructions as to the administration of this law, applicable to all levels of command down to and including companies and similar units, are contained in War Department Pamphlet 21-11 "Manual for Soldier Voting", 5 June 1944. These manuals have been received in this theater and are in the course of distribution. Each Soldier Voting Officer, particularly in companies and similar units, should obtain copies of this manual and familiarize himself with it. If supplies of this manual are not available, immediate request should be made through normal channels to obtain them.

4. The administration of Soldier Voting in respect to all personnel in this theater will be the responsibility of the following commanders:

CG, Fifth Army
CG, Seventh Army
CG, AAF/ETO
CG, SOS MATOUSA
CG, MAFV, ATC
CG, Replacement Command
CG, Hq Command,
CG, US Contingent, Hq and Hq Co AAF (Ovhd)

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5. Each unit in the theater, including company or similar units, will submit a report, through normal channels, to the appropriate commander listed above giving the name, rank and serial number of the officer designated as Unit Soldier Voting Officer. This report should be forwarded not later than 20 July. Each of the Major Commanders listed above should forward this information to the Commanding General, NATOUSA, to arrive not later than 25 July. Soldier Voting Officers of divisions (or their equivalent) and larger units will be of field grade and will be prepared to devote their principal time to this duty. Soldier Voting Officers of the eight commands listed above will be assigned to this duty on a full time basis until further notice. All Soldier Voting Officers must be Commissioned Officers.

6. The attention of all commanders and their Soldier Voting Officers is directed to the necessity of administering Soldier Voting in an effective manner. Individual mistakes and administrative failures in connection with Soldier Voting can have the most serious repercussions because of the high degree of public and congressional attention which is focussed on this problem. The Secretary of War has directed that responsibility for administration of applicable provisions of the law and Army regulations is the direct responsibility of commanders at all levels.

7. In addition to the manuals mentioned in paragraph 3, the War Department is furnished balloting materials for use throughout the theater. This material should arrive at the level of companies and similar units before the dates indicated below:

Post Card Applications for State Ballot (USWBC Form No 1)	15 July
WD Soldier Voting Poster No 1	15 July
WD Soldier Voting Poster No 2	20 July
WD Soldier Voting Poster No 3	1 Sept
Federal Balloting Units	15 Sept
WD Soldier Voting Poster No 3	15 Sept
WD Soldier Voting Poster No 4	15 Sept

A check should be maintained by appropriate Soldier Voting Officers to ascertain whether the balloting material described above has arrived according to schedule. The dates indicated are the latest dates for arrival at the company or similar unit level. Failure of this material to arrive by such dates should be reported through the normal channels by which distribution is normally made and at the same time to the Soldier Voting Officer of the next higher unit.

8. The posters provided to all units in connection with Soldier Voting should be displayed as prominently as possible. The information contained in them is essential data needed by all those who wish to vote under the provisions of this law. It is realized that, in the case of some units engaged in active military operations, such display will not be possible, but such steps as may be practicable should be taken to bring the information contained in the posters to the attention of all concerned, at the earliest moment feasible. The Army-Navy Screen Magazine has developed a 7 minute movie short, included in Army-Navy

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Screen Magazine No 33, to give soldiers a general picture of how to vote under provisions of the law. Steps are being taken to assure its distribution throughout the theater as rapidly as possible.

9. The law requires that postcard applications for state ballot be delivered to all military personnel and certain attached civilians. Within this theater, the distribution will be made between 1 - 7 August. The exact day will be chosen by various unit commanders, but in no case will the blanket distribution of cards be made on a date after 7 August unless the military situation during this period has prevented distribution, in which case it should be made as soon as military operations permit. It is important that immediate action be taken if stocks of these cards are not in the hands of companies and similar units by 15 July. When cards are distributed, a suitable record thereof will be made in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 30h of War Department Pamphlet 21-11 (Manual for Soldier Voting). A certification will be made on this record by the Unit Soldier Voting Officer to the effect that cards have been distributed to all of the designated individuals.

10. It is essential that all ballots and application cards being carried as mail be given the most expeditious handling possible. All such material, except in the case of the ballots of a few individual states, will carry a distinctive marking as illustrated in "Manual for Soldier Voting," and thus be readily distinguishable from other mail for the purpose of giving priority handling. Instructions regarding special procedures to be followed by AFO's in handling balloting material as mail are contained in Postal Information Circular No 21, "War Ballot Instructions. Handling at Army Post Offices", 30 June 44. Instructions for unit mail clerks are contained in Section VII of "Manual for Soldier Voting." Unit mail personnel will familiarize themselves intimately with the details of these procedures.

11. The law requires that units and AFO's maintain certain records in respect to Federal Ballots. The basic procedure to be followed is outlined in Section VI of "Manual for Soldier Voting". The specific procedure prescribed for AFO's is contained in Post Information Circular No 21. Specific instructions for Unit Soldier Voting Officers will be issued in the near future.

12. An agreement between the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy provides that the Army will administer soldier voting in respect to personnel of the Navy, Marine, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine serving with units under Army command and vice versa. Unit Soldier Voting Officers will carefully follow this provision and in the case of any doubt regarding which service is responsible for administering soldier voting in respect to any class of personnel, local arrangements will be made with the appropriate commander of the service involved.

13. Most of the obligations placed upon the Army by the law are conditioned upon the actions being "compatible with military operations." Some mandatory instructions such as the display of posters, issuance of cards and delivery of Federal Ballots cannot be followed where active military operations prevent. The decision as to "military compatibility" necessarily belongs to the immediate commander who is charged with administering soldier voting within his unit. In arriving at this decision, commanders must not under any circumstances take advantage of this exception except where fully justified in so doing. In general, 3799
it is felt that steps involved in the administration of soldier voting can be

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accomplished if local conditions are such that soldiers are able to prepare, send and receive personal mail. When actions cannot be taken at the prescribed times because of military operation, they will be accomplished as soon as conditions permit, unless in the judgment of the commander concerned it is clearly too late to be of any practical value.

14. The law contains detailed and specific provisions in respect to the restriction of political argument and propaganda. Because of the complexity of this problem and its importance, a separate circular will be issued on this subject in the immediate future. Attention of all concerned is directed to the following provisions of the law:

a. No officer, warrant officer or non-commissioned officer shall attempt to influence any soldier in respect to any candidate or march a soldier to vote (See par 35 of "Manual for Soldier Voting").

b. No "pools" shall be taken as to political preferences or how votes were cast (See par 25 of "Manual for Soldier Voting"). This provision of the law is criminal in character and carries a penalty of fine or imprisonment or both.

c. No member of the Army may censor or remove from any communication to a soldier any political material or literature, unless it contains information of value to the enemy (See par 24 of "Manual for Soldier Voting").

15. The law applies only to members of the Armed Forces and certain attached civilians.

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By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

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SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 1.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Reference is made to Section I, War Department Circular Number 128, "Voting by Members of the Armed Forces", 3 April 1944, which directs the appointment of Unit Soldier Voting Officers. The specific responsibilities of Soldier Voting Officers and the procedures to be followed in soldier voting will be covered in a basic circular on this subject to be issued in the immediate future. The urgency of the matter contained in these instructions is such as to necessitate advance notice and immediate action.

2. In connection with voting by members of the Armed Forces in the General (November) Election, applications for state ballots in most states can be made by filling out an Army-supplied postcard (USWBC Form No 1) at the appropriate time. Full instructions will be issued in the immediate future concerning delivery of such cards to all appropriate individuals. Until such instructions are received, no such blanket delivery will be made and cards will be given only if specifically requested by individuals.

3. In respect to ten states, however, special action may be required by a soldier to protect his right to vote (if eligible). These circumstances are listed in Inclosure 1. All military personnel and certain attached civilians (see below) from these states should be advised of the necessity of taking the indicated action if these circumstances apply to them.

4. The action taken should be in the form of a letter to the Secretary of State of the writer's home state (a list of state capitols is included in Inclosure 1) containing the paragraphs indicated. Because of the fact that individuals to whom these instructions apply must take this additional action requiring, in most cases, extra communications to and from the states, immediate steps should be taken on this matter by all Soldier Voting Officers. Failure to do so will result in the invalidation of the voting rights of many individuals. V-mail or air mail should be used in communicating with the states concerned.

5. The provisions of these instructions include all members of the Army and Naval, Marine, or Coast Guard personnel attached to and serving with the Army, and the civilian members of the following organizations if they are attached to and serving with Army units: American Red Cross, Society of Friends, USO (including USO - Camp Shows, Inc).

6. Soldier Voting Officers in all commands, down to and including company and similar units, are responsible for advising all concerned as to these instructions and assisting them with the taking of any action indicated. Form letters containing the information included in Inclosure 2 may be reproduced locally where the volume justifies.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

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Ten States in Which Circumstances May Require Special Action to Obtain State Absentee Ballot
(In Addition to Executing Regular Postcard Application - USWEC Form No 1)*

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STATE	CAPITOL	If Soldier Is Not Sure of Being Registered to Vote, He Should Write Letter Containing Following Paragraphs (See Inclosure 2)	If Soldier Is Not Sure That His Poll Tax Is Paid Up For the November Election, He Should Write Letter Containing Following Paragraphs (See Inclosure 2)	All Soldiers From This State Should Write Letter Containing the Following Paragraphs (See Inclosure 2)
Alabama	Montgomery		1 - 2 - 6	
Arkansas	Little Rock		1 - 2 - 6	
Arizona	Phoenix	1 - 2 - 4		
Connecticut	Hartford	1 - 2 - 4		
Georgia	Atlanta	1 - 2 - 4		
Montana	Helena	1 - 2 - 4		
New Jersey	Trenton	1 - 2 - 5		
South Carolina**	Columbia	1 - 2 - 4	1 - 2 - 6	1 - 2 - 3
Texas	Austin		1 - 2 - 6	
West Virginia	Charleston	1 - 2 - 4		

* States are not included where unregistered soldiers would be required to appear in person to be registered, since no practical purpose would be served by soldiers from these states determining their registration status.

Mississippi is likewise not included since special state form to be filed by unregistered voters is due before 7 July.

** Where a soldier from this state is in more than one of the categories listed, only one letter should be written and the paragraphs appropriately combined.

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Paragraphs to be used in letters by soldiers from ten states in which circumstances may require special action to obtain State Absentee Ballot (See Inclosure 1).

Paragraph No 1:

(Give full name, grade, serial number, organization, and APO)

Paragraph No 2: (Substantially as follows)

"I am a citizen of the United States. The date of my birth was _____. For _____ years preceding the general election in November 1944 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 _____."

Paragraph No 3:

"It is requested that the proper application form for state absentee ballot for use in the November 1944 General Election be sent me air mail at the above address."

Paragraph No 4:

"Information is requested as to my registration status with respect to the November 1944 General Election. If any action is required on my part with respect to registration, please send me the proper application forms and instructions air mail to the above address."

Paragraph No 5:

"It is requested that my name be included in connection with the November 1944 General Election on the list of voters compiled by the Adjutant General of New Jersey".

Paragraph No 6:

"Information is requested air mail at the above address as to what action, if any, must be taken by me with respect to the payment of poll taxes to be eligible to vote by state absentee ballot."

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7 July 1944

SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 2.

TO : All Concerned.

1. The Congress of The United States has passed a Law (Public Law 277, 78th Congress) covering absentee voting by members of the Armed Forces. Previous information has been furnished by the War Department and by this headquarters in respect to this law, particularly insofar as primary elections are concerned. As the time for action in connection with the General Election (November) approaches, it is essential that prompt and adequate steps be taken throughout this theater to provide every person eligible and desiring to vote therein an opportunity to do so.

2. The Commander of each unit, down to and including companies and similar units, if he has not already done so, will appoint a Soldier Voting Officer, who will function as the Commander's Staff Officer in respect to Soldier Voting. The Soldier Voting Officer of a unit is responsible for executing the responsibilities specifically placed upon the Commander by law, War Department instructions and this headquarters. Soldier Voting Officers of higher echelons will render advice and assistance to Soldier Voting Officers of subordinate units and will inspect such units periodically with respect to the administration of Soldier Voting and adherence to provisions of the law and Army instructions.

3. Detailed instructions as to the administration of this law, applicable to all levels of command down to and including companies and similar units, are contained in War Department Pamphlet 21-11 "Manual for Soldier Voting", 5 June 1944. These manuals have been received in this theater and are in the course of distribution. Each Soldier Voting Officer, particularly in companies and similar units, should obtain copies of this manual and familiarize himself with it. If supplies of this manual are not available, immediate request should be made through normal channels to obtain them.

4. The administration of Soldier Voting in respect to all personnel in this theater will be the responsibility of the following commanders:

CG, Fifth Army
CG, Seventh Army
CG, AAF/MTD
CG, SOS NATOUSA
CG, NATW, ATC
CG, Replacement Command
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5. Each unit in the theater, including company or similar units, will submit a report, through normal channels, to the appropriate commander listed above giving the name, rank and serial number of the officer designated as Unit Soldier Voting Officer. This report should be forwarded not later than 20 July. Each of the Major Commanders listed above should forward this information to the Commanding General, NATOUSA, to arrive not later than 25 July. Soldier Voting Officers of divisions (or their equivalent) and larger units will be of field grade and will be prepared to devote their principal time to this duty. Soldier Voting Officers of the eight commands listed above will be assigned to this duty on a full time basis until further notice. All Soldier Voting Officers must be Commissioned Officers.

6. The attention of all commanders and their Soldier Voting Officers is directed to the necessity of administering Soldier Voting in an effective manner. Individual mistakes and administrative failures in connection with Soldier Voting can have the most serious repercussions because of the high degree of public and congressional attention which is focused on this problem. The Secretary of War has directed that responsibility for administration of applicable provisions of the law and Army regulations is the direct responsibility of commanders at all levels.

7. In addition to the manuals mentioned in paragraph 3, the War Department is furnished balloting materials for use throughout the theater. This material should arrive at the level of companies and similar units before the dates indicated below:

Post Card Applications for State Ballot (USWBC Form No 1)	15 July
WD Soldier Voting Poster No 1	15 July
WD Soldier Voting Poster No 2	20 July
WD Soldier Voting Poster No 3	1 Sept
Federal Balloting Units	15 Sept
WD Soldier Voting Poster No 3	15 Sept
WD Soldier Voting Poster No 4	15 Sept

A check should be maintained by appropriate Soldier Voting Officers to ascertain whether the balloting material described above has arrived according to schedule. The dates indicated are the latest dates for arrival at the company or similar unit level. Failure of this material to arrive by such dates should be reported through the normal channels by which distribution is normally made and at the same time to the Soldier Voting Officer of the next higher unit.

8. The posters provided to all units in connection with Soldier Voting should be displayed as prominently as possible. The information contained in them is essential data needed by all those who wish to vote under the provisions of this law. It is realized that, in the case of some units engaged in active military operations, such display will not be possible, but such steps as may be practicable should be taken to bring the information contained in the posters to the attention of all concerned, at the earliest moment feasible. The Army-Navy Screen Magazine has developed a 7 minute movie short, included in Army-Navy

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Screen Magazine No. 33, to give soldiers a general picture of how to vote under provisions of the law. Steps are being taken to assure its distribution throughout the Theater as rapidly as possible.

9. The law requires that postcard applications for state ballot be delivered to all military personnel and certain attached civilians. Within this theater, the distribution will be made between 1 - 7 August. The exact day will be chosen by various unit commanders, but in no case will the blanket distribution of cards be made on a date after 7 August unless the military situation during this period has prevented distribution, in which case it should be made as soon as military operations permit. It is important that immediate action be taken if stocks of these cards are not in the hands of companies and similar units by 15 July. Then cards are distributed, a suitable record thereof will be made in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 30 h of War Department Pamphlet 21-11 (Manual for Soldier Voting). A certification will be made on this record by the Unit Soldier Voting Officer to the effect that cards have been distributed to all of the designated individuals.

10. It is essential that all ballots and application cards being carried as mail be given the most expeditious handling possible. All such material, except in the case of the ballots of a few individual states, will carry a distinctive marking as illustrated in "Manual for Soldier Voting," and thus be readily distinguishable from other mail for the purpose of giving priority handling. Instructions regarding special procedures to be followed by AFO's in handling balloting material as mail are contained in Postal Information Circular No. 21, "War Ballot Instructions. Handling at Army Post Offices", 30 June 44. Instructions for unit mail clerks are contained in Section VII of "Manual for Soldier Voting." Unit mail personnel will familiarize themselves intimately with the details of these procedures.

11. The law requires that units and AFO's maintain certain records in respect to Federal Ballots. The basic procedure to be followed is outlined in Section VI of "Manual for Soldier Voting". The specific procedure prescribed for AFO's is contained in Post Information Circular No. 21. Specific instructions for Unit Soldier Voting Officers will be issued in the near future.

12. An agreement between the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy provides that the Army will administer soldier voting in respect to personnel of the Navy, Marine, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine serving with units under Army command and vice versa. Unit Soldier Voting Officers will carefully follow this provision and in the case of any doubt regarding which service is responsible for administering soldier voting in respect to any class of personnel, local arrangements will be made with the appropriate commander of the service involved.

13. Most of the obligations placed upon the Army by the law are conditioned upon the actions being "compatible with military operations." Some mandatory instructions such as the display of posters, issuance of cards and delivery of Federal Ballots cannot be followed where active military operations prevent. The decision as to "military compatibility" necessarily belongs to the immediate commander who is charged with administering soldier voting within his unit. In

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arriving at this decision, commanders must not under any circumstances take advantage of this exception except where fully justified in so doing. In general, it is felt that steps involved in the administration of soldier voting can be accomplished if local conditions are such that soldiers are able to prepare, send and receive personal mail. When actions cannot be taken at the prescribed times because of military operation, they will be accomplished as soon as conditions permit, unless in the judgment of the commander concerned it is clearly too late to be of any practical value.

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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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The Armed Forces Declaration Card

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

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.

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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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NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
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5 May 1944

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 such

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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:

J. L. Tarr
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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
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15 April 1944

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 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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