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ROTATION OF PERSONNEL, OVERSEAS
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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

AG 200 BPMSO

SUBJECT: Rotation.

TO : See Distribution.

5 September 1944

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1. The number and type of inquiries referred to this headquarters concerning rotation procedures indicates that some personnel of this command do not have an exact understanding of the system.

2. To correct this situation the following will be accomplished by all units:

- Unit and subordinate commanders will study Section XLX, Rotation of Personnel (as revised 23 July 1944), Circular 63, this headquarters, dated 23 May 1944, subject: Standing Orders, Instructions, Policies and Standard Operating Procedures, and the attachment to this letter entitled, "Rotation - How It Works".
- A brief explanation of rotation will be given to all troops during the week of 4 September 1944.
- The attachment entitled, "Rotation - How It Works", will be displayed on the bulletin boards of all companies or smaller units during the period 4 September 1944 to 16 September 1944.

By order of Colonel OXA:

D. W. Mastin
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Major, A.C.D.
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1 Incl: Rotation - How It Works

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ROTATION - HOW IT WORKS

1. How many men are eligible for rotation?

The monthly quota is $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of the assigned and attached strength of the command.

2. On what basis are men chosen for rotation?

The following four qualifications in this priority govern the main basis for selection of personnel for rotation.

- a. Length of continuous overseas service.
- b. Combat service.
- c. Wounded in action.
- d. Decorations.

3. Who is eligible for rotation?

- a. To be eligible for rotation an individual must have had six months combat service overseas, or twelve months of other service. Of P.B.S. personnel, only Chemical Smoke Generator Units, Anti-Aircraft Units, and Port Battalions who work under combat conditions will be considered combat service for the purposes of rotation.
- b. Personnel returned to the United States will be those who are the most deserving. No officer or enlisted man will be returned unless clearly qualified to hold present or higher grade.

4. What is the percentage breakdown for officers and enlisted men?

- a. Of the $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of personnel recommended, 10% will be officers and 90% will be enlisted men.

(1) The grades of officers and ratings of enlisted personnel will substantially conform to the following percentages:

<u>Officers - 10% of total.</u>		<u>Enlisted Men - 90% of total.</u>	
Colonels	1%	Master & First Sgts	1%
Lt. Colonels	3%	Technical Sergeants	1%
Majors	7%	Staff Sergeants	2%
Captains	20%	Technicians Third Grade	2%
First Lts.	27%	Sergeants	6%
Second Lts.	33%	Technicians Fourth Grade	6%
Warrant Officers	4%	Corporals	11%
		Technicians Fifth Grade	11%
		Privates First Class	23%
		Privates	37%
	<u>100%</u>		<u>100%</u>

5. By whom are men chosen for rotation?

- a. Unit commanders may nominate a maximum of 1% of their command for rotation each month. From the names of personnel submitted by the unit commander this Headquarters will recommend one half of this list to Headquarters SOS NATOUS..

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- b. Personnel nominated for rotation by unit commanders, but not included in recommendations to higher headquarters by Headquarters P.B.S. may be resubmitted in future recommendations, if desired.
- c. Any application initiated by an individual requesting to be returned to the United States under the rotation policy will be returned "disapproved" by the first headquarters receiving it.
- d. Unit and organizational commanders may afford individuals the opportunity to decline rotation prior to submission of recommendations to Headquarters P.B.S.

6. What happens to individuals once they have been chosen for rotation?

- a. Approximately the first of each month Headquarters SOS NATOUSA will forward authority to this Headquarters to issue orders on personnel approved for that month. Unit and organizational commanders will be notified by this Headquarters of any personnel disapproved by higher headquarters for any one month.
- b. Upon receipt of orders personnel affected will be transferred to the 7th Replacement Depot for transshipment to the United States with the least practicable delay, providing subject personnel are not being held for a rotation replacement.
- c. Upon arrival at the 7th Replacement Depot personnel will be afforded an opportunity to select a reception center located in the United States, from which he will be given, provided he so desires, leave of absence or furlough not to exceed twenty-one (21) days.

7. Is there provision for emergency rotation?

- a. Yes, there is provision for emergency rotation. Emergency rotation is granted only when the soldier's presence in the United States is essential to relieve a serious, undesirable situation which cannot be remedied by any other means. Emergency rotation is not granted for purely compassionate reasons. The care and protection of children or great financial loss are bases for emergency rotation.
- b. Recommendations for emergency rotation will comply with the provisions of par 7, Section XIX, Circular 63, Hq PPS, dated 23 May 1944.

8. Further reference.

Section XIX, Circular 63, this Headquarters, dated 23 May 1944.

By order of Colonel OAA:

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SUBJECT: Rotation of Personnel to the United States

TO : See Distribution.

1. Personnel recommended for rotation to Headquarters, SOS Division, by this Headquarters for the month of July as part of the August increment will be processed and released from parent organizations to reach 7th Replacement Depot not later than the 4th August 1944.
2. This pertains only to personnel that unit commanders have certified will not be held pending arrival of rotation replacements.
3. This covers personnel which appear in par. 1, ltr, this Headquarters, subject: "Rotation of Personnel to the United States", dated 23 July 1944.
4. Orders will be published, this date, by this Headquarters.

By order of Colonel OXX:

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WILLIAM T. COOPER,
1st Lt., Infantry,
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11 May 1944

SUBJECT: Rotation Vacancies.

TO : See Distribution.

1. It is believed that some units having personnel on 45-day detached service from the replacement depot, under the "on the job" training program provided by Circular 45, cs, SOS MATOUSA, may desire to utilize such personnel in filling present existing rotation vacancies.

2. This is permissible provided the individual desired as a replacement is in the same grade or rating as the rotated individual.

3. To accomplish such replacement, the unit will submit request to this Headquarters by letter, in triplicate, giving the following information:

a. As to the individual rotated:

1. Name.
2. Grade or rating.
3. Serial number.
4. Military Occupational Specialty and SSN.
5. Organizational assignment.
6. Monthly increment of rotation on the individual.

b. As to the replacement desired:

1. Name.
2. Grade or rating.
3. Serial number.
4. Military Occupational Specialty and SSN.
5. Proposed assignment.

4. Communications provided by Par 3, above, will be addressed to the attention of the Adjutant General, Headquarters, Peninsular Base Section.

By command of Major General HILSON:

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SUBJECT: Rotation of Personnel to the United States.

TO : See Distribution.

1. Desire information as to whether vacancies created by rotation of officers and enlisted men who have been nominated for rotation on list of this Headquarters for the month of April can be filled by limited assignment personnel.

2. This report will be made so as to arrive at this Headquarters, Attention: AG Section, not later than 7 May 1944.

By command of Major General WILSON:

William T. Cooper
WILLIAM T. COOPER,
1st Lieut., Inf.,
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SUBJECT: Rotation of Personnel to the United States.

TO : See Distribution.

1. Effective with the April rotation increment, recommendations for rotation from this Headquarters for field officers will be made by individual reports as now required for Colonels. In addition to information required by Appendix "B", Circular #221, Hqs MATOUSA, dated 12 November 1943, a description in detail of duties being performed by officer and a description of military qualifications will be included.

2. This information is required for all field officers previously recommended for rotation which have not as yet been recommended to Hqs SOS MATOUSA. All future recommendations for rotation of field officers will contain the information as called for in paragraph 1, above.

By command of Major General WILSON:

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SUBJECT: Rotation and Return of Military Personnel
as Individuals (Exclusive of Air Crew
Personnel) on duty outside Continental United
States.


TO : See Distribution.

1. In the past, units have failed to notify this Headquarters on the change of status of personnel listed on their rotation rosters. This has caused a considerable amount of unnecessary paper work. In the future, units will submit promptly to this Headquarters, any change of status on personnel recommended for rotation.

2. When individuals are recommended for return to the United States under provisions of paragraph 2b (4) unnumbered War Department Circular dated 28 June 1943, for emergency reasons, recommendation will be accompanied by Form Appendix "B" as required by Circular #221, Hqs. NATOUSA, dated 12 November 1943. Names and addresses of persons residing in the United States who have knowledge of the circumstances of the case and home address of the person recommended will be furnished in each instance. Letters from home and American Red Cross messages should be attached to basic letter recommending emergency rotation.

3. Units who have been authorized by Headquarters, NATOUSA to wear a bronze battle star, have in the past construed this to mean unit is eligible for rotation after six months of overseas service. Headquarters NATOUSA has stated no unit will become eligible under the six-month clause of the rotation policy solely because unit is authorized to wear a battle star.

By command of Brigadier General FENCE:


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