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MARRIAGES OF MILITARY PERSONNEL
APR. - OCT. 1944

HQ HOME ALLIED ARMY COMMAND
APO NO. 754, US ARMY

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Ref: 73A

28 Oct 44

Subject: Marriages

Let "a" (British)

Asst. Aol.	Asst. Aol.	Chief Clerk

1. GOC 3 District has expressed concern at the number of applications which are being put forward for marriages with Italian girls, and wishes all possible means to be taken to discourage them. He wishes officers commanding units, before forwarding such applications, to satisfy themselves that the applicants are fully aware, both of their responsibilities and of the disadvantages inherent in these marriages.
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3. It is desirable that the matter be brought early to the notice of the chaplain of the appropriate denomination of the soldier concerned, and that his aid be enlisted before the application is formally considered by the CO.
4. It is in any case essential that applicants shall sooner or later be interviewed by the chaplain of their own denomination, and in all cases submitted to this HQ, a certificate will be forwarded that this has been done.

It is understood to be the policy of the Roman Catholic Church that no priest shall perform the marriage ceremony between a British soldier and an Italian girl without the formal permission of the competent military HQ, and further, that any parish priest, on being informed of any intention to marry in such circumstances, is charged to bring the matter to the notice of the nearest CP (RC).
5. Attention should be particularly directed to the following points:-

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 - (b) Acquaintanceship in Italy must almost invariably be superficial and of brief duration. Marriages on such slight foundations must be a very hazardous venture. A large number of Italian families are filled with the idea that the standard of life in Great Britain is very high, and that the British soldier is a very good match. They are prepared to go to great lengths to secure a British soldier as a husband for their daughters. Men have found themselves hustled from a passing infatuation into a hasty marriage.

- (c) In the great majority of cases there is the difference of religion, which is a greater obstacle in the way of a happy marriage than is commonly realised by the average British soldier. This is an aspect on which the chaplain will be best fitted to advise, and it is an aspect which is of profound importance.
- (d) It is important to remember the differences in living conditions between the Italian people and our own. Such things as different styles in cooking may seem trivial, but are apt in time to become real difficulties in the way of a happy married life.
- (e) It is the duty of any man contemplating marriage to consider the security he has to offer his wife, and to reflect on the change in his conditions, which may follow his return to civil life at the close of hostilities.
6. After these considerations have been laid before the applicant and he has been given time for reflection, if he is still of the same mind, the usual investigations as laid down in GPO 162/44 will be instituted. As C units will satisfy themselves that both parties are free to marry. Army records are not always reliable in this respect and cases have been known of men recorded as single who are in fact married. At least one case is known of a man, who subsequently turned out to have a wife in England, going through a form of marriage with an Italian girl. Evidence must be produced from the Police or a JP or Minister of Religion.
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APO 394

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21 Sept 44.

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SUBJECT : Marriages.
TO : Regional Legal Officers (thru:Regional Commissioners)
Regions 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 & 12.
Southern, Liguria and Piemonte Regions.

1. The attached copies of War Office letter, 110/General/7024 (AG 3B) of 31 July, received through AFHQ, relating to the giving of advice on questions of the solemnization of marriage by legal officers in ACC/AMG to members of H.M. Forces, are forwarded for information and necessary action. Copies of the above mentioned letter should be distributed to all legal officers in your Region.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

Richard H. Wilmer
RICHARD H. WILMER,
Colonel, CAC,
Chief Legal Officer.

Enclos. : Copy letter.

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THE WAR OFFICE
London, S.W.1.

110/General/7024 (A.G.S.B.)

31st July, 1944

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that in a Command abroad in which the most detailed orders have been published regarding the solemnisation of marriages under S.22 of the Foreign Marriages Act of 1892, a difficult legal situation seems to have been created for the parties to a marriage who acted upon the mistaken advice given to them by a legal advisor to the Allied Military Government in the Command in question, on the steps to be taken to ensure the solemnisation of a valid marriage.

I am to request you to ensure that when the marriage of a member of H.M. Forces is in question the legal advisor of an Allied Military Government should, unless they have been specially authorised by you to do so, in future refrain from advising on the nature of the ceremony or on the conditions in which it should take place except perhaps in the case in which a ceremony under the local law is required, and has been duly authorized by the military authorities.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) 7227

The Commander in Chief Middle East.
The Commander in Chief 21 Army Group.
The Commander in Chief 11 Army Group.
The Commander in Chief A.A.I.
The Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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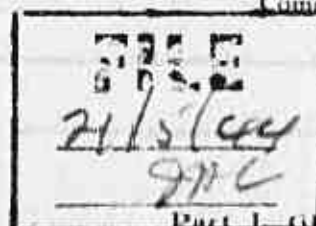
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AAI ROUTINE ORDERS

By General The Hon. Sir HAROLD R. L. G. ALEXANDER
GCB, CSI, DSO, MC.

Commander-in-Chief Allied Armies in ITALY

Serial No. 8



See Par
84
28 Apr. 44

77. War Diaries—Indian Army

1. Paras 2 and 3 of AAI RO 6 of 1944 are not applicable to Indian troops

2. Units and Formations of the Indian Army will prepare war diaries in triplicate as prescribed in ME Form 100 (amended). Army Form C 2419 will not be used, but the use of Army Form C 2418 will continue.

3. Original and duplicate copies will be forwarded to Adv O2E (Ind) CMF by the 15th of the month following that to which it refers. The

triplicate copy will be forwarded, as directed, by the 15th of the following month. Three weeks should be allowed to elapse between the despatch of the original and duplicate and the despatch of the triplicate, in order to ensure that all copies are not in transit at the same time.

(Applicable to Indian troops only)

(10703/G(ops))

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

Part II—ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERALS' BRANCHES

78. Postings and Transfers—Officers

1. A number of postings and movements of officers to and from Indian Formations and Units are taking place on instructions issued by HQ Formations without Adv O2E (Ind) CMF being informed.

2. A copy of all orders, involving

the posting of an officer to or from an Indian Formation or Unit will be sent to Adv O2E (Ind) CMF, to enable them to keep their records accurate and up-to-date.

(Applicable to Indian Formations and Units)

(G024/A0)

79. Smallpox—Vaccination against

1. Smallpox is prevalent in Italy.
2. Attention is directed to GRO 275 of 1944.

(3066/X(O))

80. Malaria

GENERAL

1. The following detailed instructions are issued in amplification of GRO 276 of 1944 in connection with the prevention of Malaria.

2. In the case of static establishments, Units, etc., DDMS District will be responsible for defining malarious areas and "net free" areas.

MEPACRINE

3. The suppressive treatment referred to in para 3 (f) of the above-quoted GRO will also apply to

(a) All reinforcements on arrival in the theatre.

(b) All troops in transit or on convoy duties.

(c) All personnel proceeding to forward areas and likely to remain there for 10 days or more.

In the case of (b) and (c) sufficient supplies of Mepacrine tablets will be taken to cover the period of the journey or stay.

MOSQUITO OR BUSH NETS

4. Nets will be placed in position properly tucked in and byonacs fastened one hour before dusk.

5. Where operations permit, nets will be left down each morning and inspected by an officer daily. Similar inspections will be carried out at night to ensure that nets are being used in the correct manner.

6. Bunkets and tents will be sprayed with anti-mosquito spray at dusk and after sunrise.

7. Positions occupied at night, e.g., gunpits, will be sprayed every two hours.

CLOTHING AND REPELLANTS

8. All ranks, wherever located, will wear long trousers and turned down sleeves in the evening from an hour before dusk and in the morning until one hour after sunrise.

9. Officers and men who do not anticipate returning to their quarters until after dusk will either change into long trousers before leaving, or will take long trousers with them. Similar action will be taken in the case of troops in transit by road or rail and transport drivers. COs will issue specific orders to this effect.

10. Every officer and man in a malarious area during the period from one hour before dusk until sunrise, will carry mosquito repellent with him in either ointment or liquid form. It will be applied to all exposed parts of the body one hour before dusk and repeated every two hours in the case of Anti-Mosquito Cream and every four hours in the case of liquid repellent (or more frequently in highly malarious areas as directed by ADMS), until the mosquito net, bush net or bivouac is used.

11. All ranks in malarious areas when called out at night will apply ointment or repellent as quickly as possible.

12. Women's Services located in malarious areas will apply liquid repellent to the legs beneath the stockings in addition to the face and hands. Long trousers should be worn at night if available.

PRECAUTIONS—DISCIPLINE

13. Any Unit which fails to observe anti-malaria precautions or has an abnormally high malaria rate will have shorts KD withdrawn from the normal scale of summer clothing.

14. HQ of Armies, Independent Formations or Districts will be responsible for taking action on para 13 above, and all cases of such withdrawals will be reported to HQ AMI.

(3066/7/AMOI)

81. Dress—Summer Clothing

1. Summer clothing will be taken into use after 25 Apr 44 at discretion of Formation and District Commanders.

2. From one hour before dusk until one hour after sunrise, long trousers will be worn and sleeves will be worn rolled down to the wrist.

3. Shirts and bush shirts with sleeves cut short will not be worn at any time by officers or other ranks. WD clothing that has been treated in this way will have the sleeves extended, or will be replaced at the expense of the holder.

4. Officers on duty with troops will wear hoxelops with short putties, or anklets web, and boots when shorts KD are worn. When not on duty with troops they may wear stockings and shoes.

5. Officers in possession of jackets KD may wear them when not on duty with troops, but no officer will be required to purchase a jacket KD.

6. Owing to the difficulty of obtaining medal ribbons and means of attachment, it will not be compulsory to wear medal ribbons on bush shirts, but the C in C wishes them to be worn as far as possible.

7. Bush shirts will be worn outside trousers or shorts, with belts. If

cloth belts are not available, bush shirts may be worn tucked inside the trousers or shorts at the discretion of COs.

8. Gorget patches will be worn on bush shirts by officers of the rank of Colonel and above.

9. Worsted badges of rank when available will be worn by officers on bush shirts. When not available badges of rank of other materials may be worn.

10. Orders as to the wearing of distinguishing signs will be issued later.

(5016/AMPSI)

82. FOCsM—Sentences—Orders under Sec 58 and Sec 64 Army Act

1. Attention is drawn to the provisions of Sec 58 and Sec 64 Army Act. As a general rule it is intended that all soldiers convicted by Court-Martial should not be transferred to the UK to serve their sentences.

2. Where a sentence of penal servitude has been awarded, the Confirming Officer's minute should read:—

"Confirmed. First two years to be served in a military prison. For special reasons not to be transferred to UK."

3. In cases in which a court has awarded a sentence of imprisonment or detention in excess of twelve months, the court should underwrite the sentence awarded and:—

"For special reasons not to be transferred to the UK."

If the court fail to make this order, the Confirming Officer should then do so.

(Applicable to British troops only)

(5069/AMPSI)

83. Summary Trials of Officers under Sec 47 Army Act—Documents

1. Reference King's Regulations 1940, para 1717, and "Unit Guide to Documentation in a Theatre of War (Overseas), 1942," Sec 5.

2. The following documents are required for onward transmission to the Under-Secretary of State, War Office, in respect of each summary trial of an officer under Sec 47 Army Act, when a punishment has been awarded:—

(a) Form 1 or 2 (original).

(b) Original Charge Sheet.

(c) Certified true copy (in duplicate) of AF B 122, which should bear thereon a statement showing the period which the officer has passed in arrest. Where there was no period spent in arrest, this must be stated.

(d) Certified true copy, in duplicate, of consent of accused to dispense with the attendance of witnesses, if applicable.

(e) Original summary or abstract of evidence, unless the only award is severe reprimand or reprimand.

3. Formations and Units will ensure that the documents set out above are complete in every respect before forwarding them through the usual channels to "A" Branch, HQ AAI.

(Applicable to Officers of the British Army)

(5078/1/AFPS)

84. Marriage Regulations—ITALY and SICILY

Reference GRO 162 of 1944.

1. Where Form "C" is required under the terms of para 4(b) of GRO 162, the Brigade or Area Com-

mander will forward Form "C" through the usual channels to "A" Branch HQ AAI in order that enquiries may be made as to whether there are any security objections to the marriage and that it is not otherwise undesirable for the marriage to take place. The necessary enquiries will then be made through Provost and Allied Control Commission.

2. This order does not apply to No 1 District where the enquiries will be arranged by HQ No 1 District direct through Provost and Allied Control Commission in SICILY.

(Applicable to British troops only)

(5035/AFPS)

85. Welfare—Repairs to Wireless Sets

1. Messrs. E. NAPOLITANO, Via Casavita, NAPLES, have been appointed official repairers of Welfare Wireless Sets.

2. This firm is also engaged in buying all procurable sets on behalf of the Welfare Service. No set will, therefore, be bought or requisitioned from this firm without the prior concurrence of the DD Welfare, HQ AAI.

(5049/AFPS)

86. Transport—Control of

1. Load-carrying vehicles of all units operating in rear of Eighth Army boundary and 5 Corps rear boundary will carry Work Tickets (AF G 3518) at all times unless covered by a Convoy Note. AF 412 will be carried also.

2. All Work Tickets will give specific details for each journey. Column 2 of the Work Ticket will show the actual details of the service performed and such items as "Camp

Details" or "Company Duties" will not be used.

3. Work Tickets will not be signed by any individual below the rank of Sergeant, or NCO IC Section of an RASC Unit. They will be examined weekly, under Unit arrangements, by an officer, who will sign a certificate to the effect that they are satisfactory.

4. Instructions will be issued at all PTs that POL will only be issued to drivers of load-carrying vehicles who produce a properly completed Work Ticket or special pass (see para 5). Details of POL issued will be entered on the reverse of the Work Ticket by the petrol issuer. Such entries will be transferred to AB 412.

5. All load-carrying vehicles passing out of the Eighth Army or 5 Corps areas, as referred to in para 1, will be in possession of a special pass authorising them to do so, stating route to be taken, destination, and, where possible, date of return. This pass will be signed by the CO of the Unit, the Adjutant or a Grade II Staff Officer.

(5014/A/PS)

87. EFT Issues for Transit Establishments

AAI RO 31 of 1944 is amended as follows:

Para 1. Schedule A, B and C Items

DELETE three lines from "These may be drawn . . . to end of sub-para, and

SUBSTITUTE the following—

"These may be drawn for all personnel who—

(i) have been resident in the hotel, camp, etc., for a full week, or

(ii) in the case of Transit Camps have arrived during the previous week ex Convalescent Depots, Hospitals, or other medical installations, or ex Ship.

For purposes of indenting, Transit Camps may base their demands on the average daily figures for the previous week."

(2049/Q2)

88. LMG Bren Mountings

Bren Motley and straddle mountings of all types will be handed in to Salvage. (Authority: War Office letter 57/AMN/3789(Inf), dated 31 Jul 43.)

(3412/Q(AE))

89. Vickers MMG Barrels

1. All barrels which have completed their useful or safe life with Mk VIII Z ammunition will be stamped with the figure "7" by Unit armourers before return to Ordnance. This will be in addition to the instructions contained in ACI 1459/42, to which attention is drawn, which lays down that—

(a) Part worn Mk VIII Z barrels handed over from one Unit to another will have the total number of rounds fired stamped on the top right surface of the trunnion block by the Unit armourer before being handed over.

(b) Barrels which have fired ammunition other than Mk VIII Z will be similarly stamped with the figure "7" on the top left surface of the trunnion block.

(c) Part worn barrels whose history is not known will be similarly stamped with the figure "7" by Ordnance and will not be issued to Units which are on a Mk VIII Z basis.

2. In view of the importance of records being kept of the number of rounds fired per barrel, barrel log books will shortly be produced, which will provide Units with a simple and readily available means of keeping a record of the number of rounds fired together with details of periodic gauging with .306 in plug gauges. Books will be issued as soon as available without indent.

(3412/1/QAE)

90. Census of Warlike Stores (less Ammunition)

1. Attention is directed to GHO 192 of 1944, which clearly gives despatch instructions for Census Forms and Casualty Returns.

2. These forms are not required by Q(AE) HQ AAI.

(3582/QAE)

B. H. ROBERTSON,
MAJOR GENERAL
CAO.

NOTICES

Property Recovered

Reference AAI RO, Serial No 5
Notices

Delete last two words of line 3, column 2, and substitute "506 Indep Mob Pro Coy."

Lost Property

Dodge 15 cwt truck, WD No Z 4978056, in NAPLES, containing kit.

Will the finder, or anyone who knows anything about the vehicle's present whereabouts, report full particulars to HQ 78 Div.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Washington 25, D. C.

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AGPE-A-A 291.1 (5 May 44)

29 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Policy Governing Certain Marital Status of Officers, Warrant Officers or Enlisted Men.

TO : Commanding Generals
Theaters of Operations

1. In cases where allegations are presented that an officer, warrant officer or enlisted man is responsible for pregnancy, or that he is the father of an illegitimate child, the following statements will be required:

a. The prospective mother or the mother of the child must submit a written statement giving the pertinent facts, including a statement as to whether or not she desires to marry the officer, warrant officer or enlisted man concerned.

b. A doctor's certificate must be furnished stating whether or not pregnancy exists in cases of alleged pregnancy, or a copy of birth certificate of the child furnished, if born.

c. The officer, warrant officer or enlisted man concerned will be given the opportunity to submit a statement in writing admitting or denying paternity, together with his willingness or refusal to marry the prospective mother or the mother.

2. If the officer, warrant officer or enlisted man denies responsibility for pregnancy or for paternity, no action will be taken until claimant has obtained action in civil court.

3. An officer, warrant officer or enlisted man who acknowledges the responsibility for the pregnancy of a woman residing in the United States, or that he is the father of an illegitimate child and desires to marry the woman in question, will, if he is serving overseas, be returned to the United States and granted leave or furlough for the purpose of marriage, provided there is no military reason to the contrary. If serving within the continental United States, an officer, warrant officer or enlisted man will be granted leave or furlough for the purpose of marriage, under existing authority.

4. War Department letter of 18 July 1939, AG 341 (7-7-39) Eni, subject as above, is rescinded.

5. It is desired that the policy enunciated above be disseminated to each subordinate commanders as considered necessary.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Reproduced by Hq NATO'SA, 8 July 1944

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/s/ J. A. ULIO
J. A. ULIO,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

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AG 291.1 BPAGO

4 July 1944

SUBJECT: Policy on Applications for Marriage.

TO : All Concerned.

1. GENERAL POLICY:

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

2. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:

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

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

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

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

By order of Colonel OAX:

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AG 291.1 BSGAP-0

2 April 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Marriage Applications.

TO : Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, APO 732.
Commanding Officer, Atlantic Base Section, APO 759.
Eastern Base Section, APO 753.
Island Base Section, APO 550.
Mediterranean Base Section, APO 600.
Northern Base Section, APO 386.
Adriatic Depot, APO 388.

All endorsements to applications for permission to marry, directed to this headquarters through channels will be signed by the commanders in the chain of command, and not by the Adjutant General, Adjutant, or other officers authorized to sign papers for the commander.

By command of Major General LARSEN:

/s/ J. C. Haulding
J. C. HAULDING
Captain, A.S.N.
Asst. Adjutant General.

Reproduced, Sq Peninsular Base Section,
APO 732, 14 April 1944. *HW*

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