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HOSPITALIZED PERSONNEL  
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HEADQUARTERS  
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 512

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AG 704.1/160 CAS-0

14 December 1944

SUBJECT: Reports on Hospitalized Personnel.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Wounded Progress Reports, MUSA Form 7, will be prepared in compliance with Allied Force Headquarters Circular Number 80 dated 4 December 1944, the period 16-31 December 1944. Effective 1 January 1945, the following procedure will be adopted by all United States Army hospitals in this theater as concerns the rendition of Seriously Ill and Progress reports on hospitalized patients. This directive supersedes all previous instructions issued on the subject.

2. All reports prepared in accordance with this directive will include United States Army and United States civilian personnel accompanying or serving with the Army of the United States, only.

3. Seriously Ill Reports, non-battle Casualty.

A Seriously Ill report will be submitted immediately when the condition of any "non-battle" patient becomes such that recovery is questionable and notification to next of kin is justified. Reports will include full name, rank, serial number, organization, identity of reporting hospital and date admitted, diagnosis in brief nontechnical terms, surrounding circumstances if injured accidentally and physical condition, i.e., "seriously" or "dangerously" ill. Reports will be classified "RESTRICTED" and rendered by radio if facilities permit, addressed to Commanding General, MUSA for Casualty Branch, AGO. Where radio facilities are not available, reports will be prepared on Messageform or Immediate Action letter and may be consolidated to contain any number of individual cases. These reports will NOT be submitted on battle casualties. The provisions of this paragraph apply to all hospitals.

4. In sane and Mental Patients Unable to Correspond.

A report will be immediately submitted on any non-battle patient, who, because of insanity or other mental condition, is unable to correspond. The report will contain full name, grade, serial number, organization, date admitted, diagnosis in brief nontechnical language and physical condition, i.e., "Satisfactory", "Making normal improvement" or "Good". Reports will be prepared on "RESTRICTED" Messageform or Immediate Action letter and may be consolidated to contain any number of individual cases. The provisions of this paragraph apply to all hospitals.

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5. Unidentified Patients.

Upon the admission of any patient who cannot be positively identified, fingerprints will be taken and forwarded immediately to this headquarters. Letter of transmittal will be prepared on "RESTRICTED" Messageform or Immediate Action letter and will include any partial identifying data available, sex, race, date admitted, diagnosis in brief nontechnical terms, surrounding circumstances, if any, whether battle or non-battle casualty and physical condition. The provisions of this paragraph apply to all hospitals.

6. Letters of Sympathy.

a. Within 48 hours after the admission of all seriously ill battle casualties, and within 48 hours following the submission of the Seriously Ill Report on all non-battle patients, to numbered general, station and/or other hospitals functioning as such, a letter will be written to next of kin, giving a brief diagnosis in simple, nontechnical language, physical condition and prognosis. The letter will express sympathy, describe the treatment being received and include any other information of a personal or sentimental nature which may be of comfort or interest to the family. Tact will be exercised and information or details which would tend to compromise the security of operations or unnecessarily distress the addressee will be omitted. No mention will be made reference the line of duty or misconduct status of patient.

b. Date of casualty will be given for all battle casualties and date of injury or initial admission to hospital for all non-battle. When the exact date is unknown, the expression "on or about" will be used. Place of casualty or hospitalization will be described in general terms as "North Italy", "North Africa", etc. The full name, rank, serial number and organization of each patient will be given.

c. Each letter will contain a statement substantially as follows: "Please do not write to the Commanding Officer of this hospital in response to this letter since it contains all information available at this time. You will receive further letters at monthly intervals as long as his condition is considered serious and, in addition, you may expect to receive progress reports by postal card every 15 days, if the military situation permits, which will inform you of any change in his condition. His correspondence address is now, "XXXX Hospital, APO XXX, c/o Postmaster New York, N. Y."

d. Letters will be prepared by hospital clerical personnel in the name of the commanding officer of the hospital for the signature of the appropriate chaplain and will be addressed to the person whose name, relationship and address is preferably supplied by the patient.

e. Letters will be individually styled. Mimeographed or printed forms will not be used. While it is normally expected that letters will be written to only one addressee, there is no objection to the preparation of more than one if the patient so requests and in those cases, for instance, where a wife and parent reside at widely separated points.



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f. Follow-up letters of sympathy will be written at 30 day intervals as long as the patient remains on the seriously ill list.

g. Letters will be double checked for accuracy, especially as concerns name and serial number of the patient and name and address of the addressee, to insure identification of the patient in the casualty files of this headquarters and prompt delivery of the letter to the addressee.

h. Letters will be submitted to this headquarters in triplicate. Signature is required on the original copy only. Each letter will be accompanied by an addressed envelope bearing on its face the authenticated indorsement in capital letters "WD ESSENTIAL OFFICIAL MAIL" and will have postage affixed at the rate of six (6) cents for each half ounce. Postage stamps will be procured through local Quartermaster supply channels.

i. Letters of sympathy will be prepared for hospitalized patients as outlined above in response to inquiries received direct from individuals and will be forwarded to this headquarters in triplicate, accompanied by stamped and addressed envelope, for check and dispatch. The basic letter of inquiry or a true copy thereof will be attached.

7. Reports of Progress.

a. Progress reports on all battle casualties, all non-battle patients reported to this headquarters on Seriously Ill Reports (Paragraphs 3 & 6 above), and all non-battle patients reported to this headquarters as Insane or Mental patients, unable to correspond (Paragraph 4 above), will be prepared by all numbered general, station and/or other hospitals functioning as such, on duplicate postal card, WD, AGO Form 234, copy attached. These cards will be prepared on battle casualties as long as such patients remain in the hospital and on non-battle casualties as long as they remain on the seriously ill list or are unable to correspond, and will be addressed to the person whose name, relationship and address is supplied by the patient.

b. Progress cards for seriously ill battle casualties will be submitted 7 days after dispatch of the letter of sympathy (Paragraph 6 above), and at 15 day intervals thereafter as long as the patient remains hospitalized. Progress cards for battle casualties not on the seriously ill list will be submitted within 48 hours after admission, if practicable, and again at 15 day intervals thereafter as long as the patient remains hospitalized.

c. Progress cards for non-battle patients reported on the seriously ill list (Paragraphs 3 & 6), will be submitted 7 days after dispatch of the initial Seriously Ill Report and every 15 days thereafter as long as the patient remains on the seriously ill list. Progress cards will be submitted immediately when such patients are removed from the seriously ill list after which no further reports are required. Progress cards for non-battle patients reported to this headquarters as Insane or Mental patients unable to correspond, will be submitted at 15 days intervals following dispatch of the initial report required by paragraph 4 above, and will continue as long as the patients remain in this category.

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Progress cards will be submitted immediately when such patients recover sufficiently to enable them to correspond after which no further reports are required.

d. Evacuation, field, convalescent, and other hospitals functioning as such, will submit progress cards upon admission of seriously ill battle and non-battle casualties only. Subsequent progress cards will be submitted on these patients at 15 day intervals, if retained for that period. Evacuation, field and convalescent hospitals will not submit progress cards upon admission of battle casualties not carried on the seriously ill list, but will submit progress cards on these patients if retained for a period of 15 days and again at the expiration of each 15 day period thereafter.

e. Where the condition of a patient as reported on WD AGO Form 234 is "seriously ill", "dangerously ill", or "unchanged", so much of the printed phrase "I am pleased to inform you", will be amended to read "I regret to inform you."

f. Progress cards, WD AGO Forms 234, may be signed by the Chaplain, Registrar or any other officer so designated by the commanding officer of the hospital. Signature is required on the original copy only. Cards will in all cases be prepared by typewriter. The patients name will be typed in this order: Last name, first name, middle initial, serial number and grade. A brief diagnosis in nontechnical terms will be entered in the space provided on each card.

g. Types of progress to be entered on WD AGO Form 234.

(1) Battle Casualties.

Making normal improvement  
Convalescing  
Seriously ill  
Dangerously ill

(2) Non-Battle Casualties.

Seriously ill  
Dangerously ill  
Removed from seriously ill list (Final report)

(3) Insane and Mental Patients.

Satisfactory  
Making normal improvement  
Good  
Unchanged  
Sufficiently recovered to correspond (Final report)

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h. Progress cards will not be submitted on battle casualties readmitted for original or old wounds unless the patient's condition is considered serious, at which time a letter of sympathy will be written explaining the readmission and reason therefor. (Paragraph 6 above). These letters will be followed by progress cards at 15 day intervals as long as the patient remains on the seriously ill list.

i. Progress cards will be submitted by all hospitals on all general officers and escaped prisoners of war regardless of condition or casualty classification.

j. Patients released to duty, evacuated, transferred or deceased will not be reported by progress card, WD AGO Form 234.

k. The preparation and daily dispatch of initial progress cards, WD AGO Forms 234, for those individuals reported on final Wounded Progress Reports, MATUSA Form 7, for the period ending 31 December 1944, may be spaced over the period 10 to 15 January 1945.

l. Each hospital will install a suspense card file system separated into 15 groups to equally control the preparation of daily progress card shipments and to insure that cards are submitted when appropriate without fail. Punch cards received from the Machine Records Unit (which will be prepared from daily A & D reports) may be used for this purpose if desired. The suspense file should be cleared daily by pulling dispositions from the A & D report. When a patient, for whom a physical progress suspense card is being maintained, is transferred to another hospital within this theater, the card will be placed in the Field Medical Jacket, Form 528, and forwarded to the new hospital along with other medical records.

m. WD AGO Forms 234 will be alphabetically arranged by surname when forwarded to this headquarters. Cards will be forwarded in duplicate, unseparated. A double checking system will be installed by each hospital to insure absolute accuracy of the data contained thereon, with particular emphasis placed upon names, serial numbers and street addresses. When it is found that a progress card has been submitted containing erroneous information, a corrected card marked as such, will be immediately submitted.

n. An initial distribution of Postal progress cards, Forms 234 will be made by this headquarters this date. Additional forms will be requisitioned in the manner prescribed for other WD AGO blank forms.

8. It is desired that each hospital group all of the reports prepared in accordance with this directive, except Seriously Ill radio reports, into one (1) consolidated daily shipment. This shipment will be securely sealed into one envelope or package labeled "CASUALTY REPORTS", addressed to "The Commanding General, MTOUSA, APO 912, United States Army, (Attention: Casualty Branch)", and



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will be forwarded direct from the hospital by the most expeditious means available. Air courier will be utilized wherever possible. No other extraneous reports or papers will be placed in these shipments.

9. A copy of these instructions will be furnished all new hospitals entering active operations in this theater by the army, air force or base action concerned.

10. Comments and/or recommendations on the above procedure are invited.

11. Detach, fill out and return the attached receipt (Incl #1).

By command of Lieutenant General McMEYER:

*C. W. Christensen*  
C. W. CHRISTENSEN,  
Colonel, AGD,  
Acting Adjutant General.

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Incl 1 - Receipt  
Incl 2 - WDAGO Form 234

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AG 704.1/160

SUBJECT: Reports on Hospitalized Personnel.

TO : Commanding General, APOUSA, APO 512, US Army.  
(ATTENTION: Casualty Branch, AGO)

Receipt is acknowledged of letter your headquarters, file and subject  
as above, dated \_\_\_\_ December 1944.

Comments and/or recommendations:

For the Commanding Officer:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Grade & designation)

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THIS COPY IS SENT TO  
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The Adjutant General's Office

W. D. A. G. O. Form 101  
November 1941

I must be written in non-technical  
language.

\* Enter present address as  
shown on most recent improvement  
card.

Very truly yours,

Signature

Name

Relationship

(Include name, Army serial number)

I am pleased to inform you that on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

your \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

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c. The infant's certificate of birth should be registered with the American Consul, and should be retained by the mother for future use in the United States.

d. Inability to comply with the above suggestions will not prevent return of the infant. Such difficulties may be adjusted upon return to the United States.

e. The infant may be admitted to the debarkation hospital pending the disposition of its mother.

By order of the Secretary of War:

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

AG 704.11/680 P-C 1st Ind.  
HEADQUARTERS MTCUSA, APO 512, US Army, 27 November 1944.

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TO: All Concerned.

1. Attention is directed to the basic communication and to Circulars 404 and 422, War Department, 1944.
2. The procedure presently employed in the disposition of pregnant military personnel will remain unchanged except for compliance with the provisions of paragraph 4a, basic communication.
3. Cases which come within the provisions of paragraph 4a (2) of this letter will be reported to this headquarters for disposition.
4. The 300th General Hospital will provide medical care for personnel who are retained overseas for delivery.
5. With reference to paragraph 7, the request by the mother for registration of birth and issuance of a passport for the child may be referred to the American Consul nearest to the 300th General Hospital.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

*[Signature]*  
C. W. CHRISTENSEN,  
Colonel, AGO,  
Acting Adjutant General.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington 25, D.C.

AG 704.11 (22 Sep 44)  
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20 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Procedure for disposition of pregnant military personnel in  
oversea commands.

TO : Commanding Generals:  
Army Ground Forces,  
Army Air Forces,  
Army Service Forces,  
All Service Commands,  
All Ports of Embarkation,  
Air Transport Command,  
Air Transport Command, Divisions,  
Commanders of all theaters, defense commands, departments, and  
bases overseas.

1. The purpose of this letter is to provide a procedure for disposition  
of pregnant military personnel in overseas commands.

2. Enlisted female military personnel will be discharged for pregnancy  
after certification by a medical officer, in accordance with the provisions  
of section III, AR 615-361. The disposition of officers for pregnancy will  
be in accordance with section III, Circular No. 404, War Department, 1944.

3. Authority to order return to the continental United States for dis-  
charge or relief from active duty is specifically delegated to the theater  
commander.

4. The diagnosis will be certified as early as possible in pregnancy.  
a. If, in the opinion of the medical officer, overseas transpor-  
tation is permissible, pregnant military personnel will be returned to the  
Continental United States for disposition by the first available means, ex-  
cept that ---

- (1) A woman who is more than 7 months pregnant will be retained  
overseas until after delivery.
- (2) A woman who has an established residence in an overseas  
command, or who has been married during her service in  
the overseas command to a man who has such residence, may  
be discharged overseas at the discretion of the theater  
commander, provided the consent of the Government of the  
country in which discharge is to be made is secured, and  
the laws of that country fulfilled.
  - (a) Discharge or relief from active duty will be effected  
by the appropriate theater commander without return to  
the continental United States.
  - (b) All rights to travel pay or mileage will be forfeited,  
but orders may be issued transferring the woman to the  
American military installation nearest the residence  
determined in accordance with a(2) above for purposes  
of discharge.

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b. While waiting for shipment or delivery, pregnant military personnel may continue regular duties, with the approval of the commanding officer, if in the opinion of the medical officer the physical condition permits. In other than exceptional cases, Women's Army Corps personnel will be assigned during such period only to detachment duties with a WAC detachment.

5. Disposition of pregnant military personnel retained overseas for delivery will be as follows:

a. A woman retained in service for delivery will be provided with medical care by the theater commander, if suitable facilities are available within his command. If such facilities are not available, transfer will be made to the nearest suitable military medical installation, or to a civilian hospital.

- (1) She will not be discharged or relieved from active duty prior to return to the continental United States.
- (2) She will be returned to the continental United States as soon after delivery as her physical condition permits, except that she may remain as a patient in proximity to her infant, if the latter is certified by a medical officer as unfit to travel. Under such circumstances, the infant will be treated as a dependent of military personnel.
- (3) In the event of miscarriage, she will be returned to duty as soon as her physical condition permits. The return to duty herein authorized is not to be interpreted as precluding subsequent administrative action by authorized procedures in cases wherein the commanding officer determines the individual is unsuited to the military service.

b. The disposition of a woman remaining overseas because of an established residence will be effected in that theater, in accordance with the War Department directives referred to in paragraph 2.

6. Personnel returning to the continental United States because of pregnancy, either before or after delivery, will be classified as patients and subject to the provisions of restricted War Department letter (AG 704.11 (3 June 44) OH-S-E-SPLMT-M), subject, "Procedure for Evacuation of Patients by Water or Air from Overseas Command."

a. They will be listed in the Embarkation Report under the provisions of section IV, paragraph 19a, and will be reported as "Class 5 cases".

b. They will be transferred to the nearest debarkation hospital, under the jurisdiction of either the Army Service Forces or the Army Air Forces, but will not be reported for transfer, in accordance with ASF Circular No. 284, 1944.

c. Disposition, under appropriate provisions of paragraph 2 above, will be effected at such debarkation hospitals, without transfer to a separation center. Coordination with the Air surgeon under the provisions of paragraph 5b, section I, Circular No. 316, War Department, 1943, is not required for this class of personnel.

7. Return of an infant with its mother, who is in the military service, is authorized.

a. Embarkation orders and passenger lists will indicate the name of the infant.

b. To facilitate the entry into the United States, it is advisable to have a passport for the child issued by a United States consul prior to sailing. Cases where one or both parents are aliens should be discussed with the United States consul to determine whether a passport or immigration visa is appropriate.



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UNITED STATES ARMY  
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| 5 August 1944 |

*MP*  
*Felix*

AG 704.1/032 CAS-0

SUBJECT: Reports on Insane and Mental Patients, United States Army.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Effective upon receipt of these instructions, it is desired that all hospitals in this command submit a written report to this headquarters, Attention: Casualty Branch, Office of the Adjutant General, listing all United States Army and non-military personnel accompanying or serving with the Army of the United States, who, because of insanity or other mental conditions, are unable to correspond with their families. The report will give full name, grade, army serial number (in the case of civilians the identification card number), organization, date admitted and progress symbol, i.e., MNI, CVL, RNS, SDI. (See Paragraph 3g, Section II, AFHQ Circular Number 80, dated 4 December 1943).

2. Subsequent initial reports for this type of patient will be prepared and submitted in the same manner as for seriously and dangerously ill non-battle casualties. (See Paragraphs 1 and 2, Section III, AFHQ Circular Number 80).

3. Following the initial report, progress reports will be rendered on these patients in the manner prescribed in Paragraph 2b and Paragraph 3, Section III, AFHQ Circular Number 80.

4. AFHQ Circular Number 80 will be amended accordingly.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVENS:



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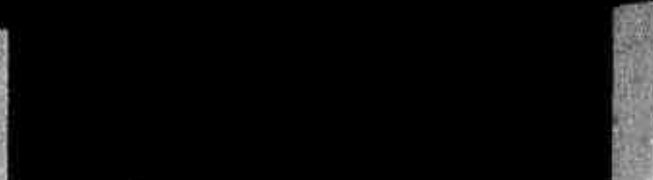
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 W. W. JEFFERSON  
 Director, Civilian War Relief  
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\* TYPE OF CASUALTY CODE:

KIA - Killed in Action  
DNW - Died of Wounds received in Action  
DOI - Died of Injuries received in Action  
SWA - Seriously Wounded in Action  
SIA - Seriously Injured in Action  
LIA - Lightly Wounded in Action (Hospitalized)  
LII - Lightly Injured in Action (Hospitalized)  
MIA - Missing in Action  
SIG - Seriously Gassed (Hospitalized)  
CAP - Captured by the Enemy  
EIT - Interned as result enemy action  
RTO - Returned to Duty from any previously reported casualty status.

on FLYING AND JUMP STATUS CODE:

A - Pilot, Co-pilot, Command Pilot  
B - Navigator  
C - Bombardier  
D - Observer  
E - Flight Surgeon  
F - Photographer  
G - Radio Operator/Gunner  
H - Engineer/Gunner  
I - Armorer/Gunner  
J - Paratroops on Jump Status  
K - Gunner  
L - All others on Flying Status  
Z - Not on Flying or Jump Status

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## AMERICAN RED CROSS

To: W. W. Jefferson, Director Red Cross Civilian War Relief

From: Harold V. Condict, Regional Supervisor  
Region V - Red Cross Civilian War Relief

Subject: Death of Robert L. Kultzem

Date: 5th August 1944

1. Attached hereto is narrative report as prepared in the field. Pages 1 and 2 were written 2nd Aug. P.M., and Page 3 Aug. 4th P.M. and Page 4 on 5th Aug. P.M. hence the tenses used.

2. The Devastation Area mentioned in Paragraph 1 had been outlined and discussed thoroughly with Col. F. Marshall, Regional Commissioner and Lt. Col. G. Marshall, Regional Public Health and Welfare Div. Region V and the assignment of Kultzem made after due deliberation and study of the urgency of relief and the necessity for a study, survey and report of the territory of which these ten communes were a part.

3. Lt. Col. Marshall Regional Public Health and Welfare Officer Region V has asked that his letter confirming the necessity of the survey and assignment of Kultzem be included as a part of this report. Difficulty of communication has made this impossible but copy of his letter will be supplied as soon as it is available.

4. Copies of this report are being supplied to ARC Headquarters Region V so that proper military notification of death may be supplied.

5. It is recommended to ARC headquarters that proper letters of appreciation and commendation for services rendered be forwarded to Maj. Chas. J. Birt, Regional Welfare Officer, Region V with copies to Col. F. Marshall, Regional Commissioner, Region V and Lt. Col. G. Marshall, Regional Health and Welfare Officer Region V and to the C.O. 40th Bomb Disposal Section, Royal Engineers stationed at Pescara with copies to Sgt. A. Foster, L. Cpl. F. Mond and L. Cpl. Deane. All of these men performed excellent service beyond their regular assigned duties and deserve commendation.

6. It is assumed that Headquarters office will make proper report of the accident to National Headquarters and the family and that Headquarters ARC Region V will make notification to the proper military authorities.

*H. Condict*  
Regional Supervisor  
Red Cross - Civilian War Relief  
Region V



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Form No. 11

## AMERICAN RED CROSS

REPORT ON ROBERT HULTZEN (referred to as "BOB")

**ASSIGNMENT** (July 30 - August 1, 1944)  
Saturday, July 29th Regional Supervisor Harold Condict requested Bob to meet Regional Supervisor Harold Condict at Albergo Grande; Aquila; (Regional Officer's billet) on Sunday afternoon. Bob kept the appointment at 4 P.M. and joined conference with Lt. Col. Marshall, Major Birt, Field Representative Joan Cooper and Regional Supervisor Harold Condict. Discussed devastated territory and Bob was asked to survey four or five devastated communes in Aquila Province and a like number in Chieti Province and have report ready Sunday P.M. August 6th. Major Birt and Regional Supervisor Harold Condict left for Chieti. Lt. Col. Marshall reports Bob had breakfast at the hotel, Monday, July 31st and left with bedroll and barracks bag.

**AMO OFFICERS AT SULMONA** (August 1st, 1944)  
Maj. W. J. MacCullum, CAO Sulmona District B  
Capt. John J. Keegan, CAO Pratola Area A  
Lieut. Henry R. Hambury CAO Sulmona Area B

At 7:30 P.M. August 1st, Capt. Ford Bader, Legal Officer of Aquila Province reported to Maj. Birt that officers at Sulmona had told him that a Red Cross man had been killed near Castel di Sangro by mine explosion. Field Representative Harold Condict phoned this report to Mr. Jefferson ARC Civilian War Relief, Rome. Maj. Birt and Regional Supervisor Harold Condict left for Sulmona. On arrival found Maj. MacCullum and Capt. Keegan making inventory of bed roll, brief case and barracks bag. They reported that four Italians had brought Bob's car to Sulmona at 9:00 P.M. July 31st with a statement that Bob had been killed in a mine field near Roccaraso. A messenger was sent by them to Aquila on Monday A.M. but transport broke down enroute and he returned. Officers subsequently requested Capt. Bader to report death. Four Italians remained meanwhile at hotel in Sulmona as no transport or gasoline was available for their return to Roccaraso.

**LIEUT. HENRY B. HAMBURY** (As told to Regional Supervisor Harold Condict August 1st, 1944 P.M.)  
The lieutenant reported that Bob had discussed July 31st his assignment with him; they jointly visited Peterano and parted to meet for supper at 6:00 P.M. at Castel di Sangro.

### NOTES ON THE REPORT OF THE ROCCARASO

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| 1. di Batista, Mariano | guide                            |
| 2. di Tolla, Mario     | guide                            |
| 3. Colecchi, Joe       | driver (speaks a little English) |
| 4. Liberato Ruggiero   | Mayor (Sindaco)                  |

Through interpreter Sindaco stated Bob had come to Roccaraso asking information about the town discussing same for about two hours. The guides had come up during the conversation. No. 2 mentioned that he had received head injury while cutting wheat and that three American or English soldiers were lying next to the wheat field having apparently set off a mine. Bob agreed to take the men to Castel di Sangro but first wanted to determine whether the soldiers were badly wounded or dead and

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asked to be taken first to the soldiers. He drove with the two guides approximately three miles south of Roccaraso and parked the car, walking West approximately 2 kilometres across the wheat field. Two dead soldiers were lying together with an American automatic rifle beside them and the third was a short distance away. Bob examined one and said, "English". The Italians were standing three or four feet back of him. He then examined the second body touching the right breast pocket of his coat. There was a flash and explosion and the two guides claim Bob took the entire blast in his midsection as he bent over. They were covered with blood and ran toward the car. They returned to within six feet to determine whether he was still alive and saw his midsection torn by the explosion and his clothing mauldering. They ran to the highway where they met No. 3 who was walking along the road and he advised them to report the accident to the Sindaco. No. 3 drove them to town and, after consultation, the four drove in Bob's car to Sulmona and reported:

Maj. Birt left Sulmona 10:30 P.M. August 1st for Pescara to arrange with Lt. Watson, Pescara, HQ Bomb Disposal Group (BDS) to come to Roccaraso to remove the body. Regional Supervisor Harold Condict returned to Aquila, phoned report to ARC headquarters, Rome. Arrangements are to be made for truck to go to Sulmona and thence with Lt. Watson to Roccaraso to get the body for return to Aquila. Maj. Birt and Regional Supervisor Harold Condict are to meet in Sulmona August 2nd A.M.

Baggage in Room 231 Albergo Grande - Aquila

Barracks bag, small ammunition box, typewriter, one 10 in 1 ration.

Copy of Signal Sent by Maj. McCollum

Hq. AMG Aquila

SUI. Yesterday Mr. R. L. Hultzen of the American Red Cross had lunch with me and described welfare work he had been sent on. At 2100 some Italians from Roccaraso arrived in Hultzen's vehicle and told me he had been killed by a mine while trying to identify three dead bodies (Polish). We have the kit and vehicle in here. Can some Engineers be sent in order to get at the four bodies.

W. J. McCollum  
Major

(Note: This signal had not been received at Aquila Aug. 3 A.M.)

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### REMOVAL OF THE BODY August 2nd

(Correction on distance and direction - Information as to direction as given by the Italians is incorrect. Roccaraso is 37.2 Km. southeast of Sulmona and the country road to the scene of the accident is a little south of due East and the distance to spot where car was parked approximately 5 kilometres from Roccaraso and distance walked approximately 5 kilometres southeast and the accident approximately 100 metres below spot where car was parked.)

Wednesday, August 2nd, Regional Supervisor Harold Condict bought crude Italian coffin in Aquila and drove in a weapons carrier to Sulmona arriving at approximately 10:30 A.M. Field Supervisor contacted four Italians of Roccaraso who had stayed at hotel in Sulmona. All AMG officers had gone to Aquila for a regular Provincial conference. Maj. Birt arrived at 11:30 A.M. with three British soldiers (Sgt. A. Foster, L. Cpl. F. Mond and L. Cpl. G. DeFeartson) of the 10th Bomb Disposal Section of the Royal Engineers stationed at Pescara. Field Representative Tom Ballantyne, A.R. C. accompanied Maj. Birt.

The party moved to Roccaraso, obtaining shovels and pick and two additional laborers thence Easterly to place where car was parked. The BDS group set up their equipment and took the lead on the mountain trail winding down to the valley. Because of the hills and depressions it was practically impossible to see the actual spot until the party was within 100 yards. At this point the mine detector picked up the first "S" mine and in the next hundred feet 5 more with only 3 small wires one inch long exposed above the surface of the ground.

The sergeant reported a ditch between the last discovered mine and the bodies and suggested a detour because of possible trip-wire mines. They found two more mines and then ran out of the mine field. After crossing the ditch the party doubled back and again ran into the mine field near the bodies. In the immediate vicinity of the bodies five more mines were discovered. The empty steel case of the mine that killed the three soldiers was found and under Bob's foot the empty case of the mine that killed him.

Bob had evidently examined one soldier and was looking at the second when he stepped back on the mine with the heel of his right shoe. The mine's first explosion came up close enough to tear his trousers at the hip and exploded about three inches above his collar shearing the top of his head off diagonally across to and including his eyes. His right arm was blown off at the elbow and he fell face forward across the soldiers. It is evident that death was instantaneous.

The party removed Bob's body placing same in the coffin which was carried back a quarter of a mile to the edge of the mine field where it was fastened on mule back for the trip out.

A grave was dug for the three British soldiers and cross placed above with the name of one identified soldier, "Mervyn Richards, Swansea, Army number 2616205 - Buried by American Red Cross - discovered by Bob Hultzen ARC who died here from mine explosion."



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It took the party over an hour to return up the mountain to the car. The body was brought back to Aquila, thence on August 3rd through Rome to Nettuno at Anzio Beachhead where Bob is buried in the American Cemetery Grave No. 5957 Plot 2R Row 53 Number 883189F.

The report which he wrote one hour before his death reads in part, "Mocchiaro - present population 300 - 1000 houses before Tedeschi mined - about 20 houses remaining - Heavily mined, still having casualties from mines (8). Estimated 4,000 mines untouched also booby traps in area."

His zeal and determination was to do a thorough job and it was in the study and survey of this area that he gave his life.

*W. Woodick*

American Red Cross - Civilian War Relief  
Regional Supervisor  
Region V

*Charles J. Felt*

CHAS. J. FELT  
Major, CIV, AUS

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SUBJECT : Postings  
TO : Hqts. ~~C.M.F.~~

21 June 1944

S/1458694 S/Sgt. KAVANAGH, P. - R.A.S.C.

The a/n M.C.O. was admitted to 48th Gen. Hosp on 15 June 44.

On discharge from hospital may this M.C.O. be returned to this formation, please. His name will be included on Part C of this week's AF W3009H.

*J. J. Albright*

JESSE J. ALBRIGHT,  
Colonel, Inf., *h.*  
Establishments Officer,  
For Chief Commissioner.

WJ/mf

Copy to:- Adjutant. */*

*N.P.*  
NICHOLAS P. FIORELLINO  
CWO U.S.A.  
Ass't Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS  
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 534

AG 704/338 - C

14 January 1944

SUBJECT: Hospitalized Personnel

TO : All concerned *Rescinded by Noteusa Cir. 54 - 1894*

1. The instructions in this letter are issued to correct difficulties being experienced in the transfer of individuals, and in the disposition of service records, when individuals are hospitalized and evacuated. These instructions supersede Section II and III, Circular No. 215, as amended by Section II, Circular No. 239, this headquarters, 1943, whenever in conflict therewith, and will be incorporated when these circulars are revised.

2. It is desired that the commanders of U. S. Army station, convalescent and general hospitals promptly transfer individuals to their detachments of patients as soon as it is obvious that the individual will be absent from his unit more than 30 days. It is NOT necessary to wait until the individual has actually been a patient in the hospital for 30 days before effecting the transfer.

3. To enable the hospital's administrative personnel to determine the proper disposition of patients, hospital commanders will require their medical personnel to estimate the length of expected hospitalization and the classification, A, B, or C, within 7 days after the individual's admission as a patient, and will require regular review of the condition of those patients who are not so transferred.

4. Individuals who are evacuated from the combat zone, or from Italy, Sardinia, Corsica, Sicily, or any other area outside of North Africa, to hospitals in North Africa will be transferred to the detachment of patients immediately upon their arrival. It is obvious in such cases that the individuals will be absent from their units more than 30 days. Furthermore, individuals are normally evacuated to North Africa only when prolonged hospitalization is likely.

5. Whenever a hospital commander transfers an individual to his detachment of patients, he will IMMEDIATELY notify the individual's unit commander of that fact by letter in which will be included the date and paragraph of the order, and a request that service records be transferred. If the service records are not received within a reasonable time, tracer requests will be transmitted by letter or by radio, if necessary. If the individual is transferred to another hospital, after the above action has been taken but before the records arrive, the hospital from which the individual was transferred will insure that copies of the transfer order and requests for records accompany the patient. This latter action will enable the commander of the hospital to which the individual is next assigned to follow up the procurement of the service records.

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6. The authority contained in paragraph 1, Section II, Circular No. 215, this headquarters, 1943, which authorizes organization commanders to transfer personnel of their organizations to the detachment of patients of hospitals whenever they have been, or are expected to be absent from their unit more than 30 days, is hereby withdrawn, also withdrawn is authority to transfer such personnel to "organization unknown". Hospitalized personnel will hereafter remain assigned to their units until they are returned to duty therewith or until hospital commanders effect their transfer to a detachment of patients. If an individual has been absent from his unit more than 30 days, and his unit commander has not received notice of his whereabouts, that fact and all the circumstances will be promptly reported to Adjutant General's office, this headquarters.

7. Attention is directed to the provisions of paragraph 1, Circular 42, this headquarters, 1943. Unit commanders will take full advantage of this service to keep in touch with the location of their hospitalized personnel.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

/s/ A. B. King  
A. B. KING  
Asst. Adjutant General.

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1 February 1944

SUBJECT: Assignment of Hospitalized Personnel.

TO : Forward Echelon, 2675th Regiment, Allied Control Commission,  
APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. Reference paragraph 1, Special Orders Number 19, current series, your headquarters.

2. Section II, Circular 215, NATOUSA, 1943, which authorizes unit commanders to transfer personnel of their organization to Detachment of Patients of hospitals when they have been or are expected to be absent for more than thirty days has been withdrawn by NATOUSA in letter, file: AG 704/338 - C, subject: "Hospitalized Personnel", NATOUSA, dated 14 January 1944 (attached), and according to letter stated, hospitalized personnel will remain assigned to units until hospital commanders make notification of transfer.

3. Compliance with subject letter is directed and all transfers affected on Special Orders, your headquarters, since 14 January 1944, which do not conform with this letter will be revoked.

By order of Colonel PARKIN:

*Morris E. Goldstein*  
MORRIS E. GOLDSTEIN  
1st Lt., Infantry  
Assistant Adjutant

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