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The Adjutant General's Office
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12 July 1944

SUBJECT: Censorship of Red Cross Business Communications.

TO : * * * * *
The Commanding Generals,
Theaters of Operations;
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1. The proper operation of elements of the American Red Cross attached to the military service in commands outside the continental limits of the United States requires that their business communications contain certain classified military information. For this reason, that organization has been accorded the use of official Army channels of communication, such as the Army Courier Service. Although such communications are subject to military censorship, they are generally transmitted without such censorship and, in many instances, without proper classification.

2. In order to maintain the security of classified military information, and to prevent the unauthorized disclosure thereof, all Red Cross business communications, except those transmitted by electrical means through the facilities of the Signal Corps, will be examined, prior to transmission, by base censorship personnel in the theater of operations, defense command, department, separate base command or similar command in which such communications originate. The following procedure will govern the examination of such communications.

a. Postal communications. - (1) Classified military information not essential to the efficient operation of American Red Cross activities will be excluded.

(2) If, after action prescribed in paragraph 2a (1) is taken, it is still necessary to classify such a communication, it will be classified and prepared for dispatch in accordance with the pertinent provisions of AR 380-5. All communications so classified will bear the notation required in paragraph 23b of the above cited Army Regulation. The lower left hand corner of the cover of such classified communications will bear the statement "Certified Official Red Cross Mail", and will be stamped with a United States Army base examiner stamp. In addition, this statement and the stamp impression will appear on the inner cover when a CONFIDENTIAL or higher classification necessitates transmission in a double cover.

(3) The provisions of paragraphs 2a (1) & (2) will also be applicable to any Red Cross business communications transmitted outside of normal postal channels.

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b. Electrical communications through commercial facilities.

(1) Classified military information not essential to the efficient operation of American Red Cross activities will be excluded.

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(2) If, after the action prescribed in paragraph 2b (1) is taken, it is still necessary to classify such a communication, the message will be turned over to the Signal Corps with a recommendation that it be encoded and dispatched through official Army channels.

(3) It is the responsibility of the Signal Corps to take action similar to that prescribed in paragraphs 2b (1) and (2) on communications originally submitted to that organization for transmission.

3. The personal communications of those American Red Cross personnel who are subject to military law under the provisions of Article of War 2, and such of their business communications as are transmitted outside of official Army channels, will continue, as heretofore, to be subject to full military censorship.

By order of the Secretary of War:

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

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HEADQUARTERS MATOUSA, APO 534, 1 August 1944.

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TO: All Concerned.

In compliance with the provisions of basic communication, all Red Cross business communications which have not been passed by Base Censor will be forwarded to Base Censorship Detachments for examination before final dispatch or forwarding.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

A. C. Hahn
A. C. HAHN,
Colonel, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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12 June 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Suspects.

TO : * * * * *
The Commanding Generals,
Theaters of Operations;
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1. All interrogations of persons under investigation for subversion or disaffection will be conducted in such a manner as to avoid compromise of sources of information. Often disclosure of information to a suspect will indicate clearly to him its probable source. Especial care will be exercised to protect the identity of informants of other intelligence agencies.

2. It is desired that inquiries by counterintelligence personnel into union activities of individuals and the programs and policies of unions be avoided to the greatest extent consistent with development of information concerning subversive activities. Extreme care will be exercised to distinguish between union activities and affiliations and subversive actions and connections, constantly bearing in mind that unionism is an entirely proper sphere of activity.

3. When it is necessary to interrogate any individual who is known to have union affiliations, the inquiry will be conducted by experienced personnel capable of making the above-stated distinction.

4. You are directed to provide such supervision and instructions as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this letter.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J. A. Ullo

REPRODUCED, HQ NTCUSA, 27 June 1944,

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

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2 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Policy on Listing Adverse Information

TO : The Commanding Generals

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Theaters of Operations;

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1. In a certain counterintelligence investigative report the statement that "Subject is opposed to all forms of minority oppression, be it racial, economic or cultural" was characterized as "adverse information". It is desired that all personnel under your command conducting counterintelligence or security intelligence investigations be instructed that such information is not adverse and that they should guide themselves accordingly in the future performance of their official investigative duties.

2. Careful supervision will be conducted to assure that this directive is complied with.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ Robert H. Dunlop
/t/ ROBERT H. DUNLOP
Brigadier General,
Acting The Adjutant General

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APPOINTMENTS FROM ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES TO UNITED STATES
MILITARY ACADEMY AND PREPARATORY TRAINING FOR UNITED STATES
MILITARY ACADEMY AND OTHER SERVICE ACADEMIES

Section
Appointments to United States Military Academy from among enlisted men of
Army of the United States..... I
Service academy preparatory training..... II

I -- APPOINTMENTS TO UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY FROM AMONG ENLISTED MEN
OF ARMY OF UNITED STATES.

1. General.- Enlisted men of the Army of the United States who possess the qualifications prescribed in paragraph 3 and who make application in writing for appointment and United States Military Academy preparatory training are eligible for selection as candidates for the United States Military Academy within quotas to be allocated by the War Department in a separate communication to the commanding general of each service command and theater of operations. Enlisted men who are selected as candidates by commanding generals of service commands and of theaters of operations must submit a transcript of their educational record but cannot qualify on such record in lieu of the regular mental examination which they must undergo in order to qualify under the terms of their appointments. It is contemplated that the next regular West Point entrance examination on 6 March 1945 will be conducted at each of the educational institutions designated for United States Military Academy preparatory training. See Section II.

2. Responsibility. - In accordance with the general instructions contained in this circular, and under such detailed procedures as they may prescribe, commanding generals of service commands and of theaters of operations are responsible for the selection of all those candidates within the geographic boundaries of their commands, who make application in writing to their headquarters, without regard to the jurisdiction of troops. To insure the selection of enlisted men of the highest type, personal supervision of the selection process by appropriate commanding generals is enjoined. Direct correspondence between commanding generals of service commands or theaters of operations and commanding officers of troops not under their jurisdiction is authorized in carrying out the provisions of this circular.

3. Qualifications. - Selection of candidates will be confined to enlisted men who possess all of the following qualifications:

- a. Citizenship. - The candidate must be a citizen of the United States. 20 16
- b. Age. - The candidate must have reached his 19th but not his 22d birthday on 2 July 1945, the date of admission to the United States Military Academy.

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c. Marital status.- The candidate must be unmarried and must never have been married.

d. Army General Classification Test.- The candidate must have attained an Army General Classification Test score of 135 or higher.

e. Previous education.- The candidate must have graduated from high school or achieved the equivalent education. It is desirable but not mandatory that the high school education or its equivalent include high school algebra and plane geometry.

f. Character.- The candidate must have excellent character.

g. Capacity for leadership.- The candidate must be considered to possess the capacity for leadership required for an officer of the Army. The record of the applicant's military training and any subsequent performance in campaign or battle will be carefully explored in judging his ability to lead others. Where opportunities for demonstration of such ability have been limited, consideration will be given to the judgment of the applicant's immediate superiors as to his latent capabilities and to his record as a student, an athlete, or an employee prior to entering the military service.

h. Service.- The candidate must have completed 1 full year of active enlisted service as of 2 July 1945, the date of admission to the United States Military Academy, and be in an active enlisted status on that date. Prior enlisted service may be considered in determining an applicant's eligibility.

i. Desire for service.- The candidate must at the time of the interview prescribed in paragraph 4a express a strong desire to participate in the United States Military Academy preparatory program, to enter the United States Military Academy, and to become a commissioned officer of the Regular Army.

j. Physical qualifications.- The candidate must meet the physical requirements for entrance to the United States Military Academy, as outlined in AR 40-100 and AR 40-105, as amended. An enlisted man who possesses all of the foregoing qualifications will be physically examined and report thereof will be recorded in duplicate on WD, AGO Form No. 0164. The number of enlisted men selected from the Army of the United States as candidates for the United States Military Academy, who did not meet the required physical standards in the past year, is entirely without justification. However, enlisted men whose physical qualifications are doubtful or who may have correctible defects may be recommended for selection. If such enlisted men are selected by the appropriate commanding general, the reports of physical examinations which will be forwarded to The Adjutant General, Attention United States Military Academy Section, as prescribed in paragraph 4c, will be reviewed and final determination made as to their physical qualifications.

4. Selection procedures.- a. Interview.- The selection procedures prescribed by the commanding general of the service command or theater of operations will provide that each applicant under consideration be carefully interviewed with respect to his antecedent history, ideals, ambitions, and general attitude toward the military service. During the interview the

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candidate will be advised that if he is admitted to the United States Military Academy he will be discharged as an enlisted man to take his oath as a cadet, and that such action obligates him to serve for a period of 8 years, unless sooner discharged by competent authority.

b. Verification of qualifications.-Officers who are authorized by commanding generals to recommend enlisted men for selection as candidates for the United States Military Academy will be specifically charged by the appropriate commanding generals with responsibility to insure that all candidates recommended by them are fully qualified under the provisions of paragraph 3. Candidates who have doubtful physical qualifications or correctible physical defects are excepted from the provisions of this paragraph as indicated in paragraph 3j.

c. Reports.-Not later than 15 July 1944, commanding generals of service commands and of theaters of operations will report the name, grade, Army serial number, age, organization, and station of each selected candidate to The Adjutant General by TWX or radio, Attention SPXPRM. The written application and report of physical examination will be forwarded via air mail through channels to The Adjutant General, Attention United States Military Academy Section.

d. Instruction to candidate.-A selected candidate, whose name has been reported to The Adjutant General in accordance with c above, will be instructed to procure immediately a certified copy of his birth certificate showing date of filing and to forward it direct to The Adjutant General, Attention United States Military Academy Section, indicating in his letter of transmittal that it is being filed in support of his application for admission to the United States Military Academy. The selected candidate will be advised that his failure to provide The Adjutant General with a certified copy of his birth certificate may preclude his admission.

5. Selected overseas.-Enlisted men who are serving in overseas theaters of operations at the time of their selection as candidates for the United States Military Academy will be returned in grade to the continental United States under instructions issued by The Adjutant General so as to arrive not later than 1 September 1944 but not earlier than 15 August 1944.

6. Enlisted men to be informed.-The provisions of this section will be brought to the attention of all enlisted men without delay.

II - SERVICE ACADEMY PREPARATORY TRAINING.-

1. Rescission of previous instructions.-Effective 17 June 1944, Memorandum No. W600-67-43, 13 August 1943, including C 1, 11 September 1943, C 2, 21 September 1943, C 3, 23 December 1943, and C4, 10 March 1944 is rescinded. .

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2. Appointment of Army personnel to other service academies.-

a. Stationed in United States.-An officer, warrant officer, or enlisted man of the Army who holds a letter of appointment to one of the other service academies (Navy or Coast Guard), and who successfully passes the physical examination proscribed for entrance to the academy concerned, will

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not be transferred to stations outside the continental limits of the United States.

b. Stationed overseas.- A qualified officer, warrant officer, or enlisted man of the Army who holds an appointment of the type referred to in a above, who is on duty outside the continental United States, and who requests discharge from the Army to permit enlistment in the appropriate service, will be returned to the continental United States by the commanding general of the theater of operation concerned at the earliest practicable date for discharge and enlistment within 15 days in the service corresponding to his appointment.

c. Discharge.-Enlisted men within the purview of a above who apply for discharge from the Army to permit enlistment within 15 days in the appropriate service, or who are returned to the continental United States under b above after having made such application, will be discharged by their commanding officers under the provisions of section X, AR 615-360, and this circular. Applications for discharge submitted by officers and warrant officers within the purview of a above, or by those who are returned to the continental United States under b above, will be forwarded to The Adjutant General who will direct discharge from the Army to permit enlistment in the appropriate service within 15 days.

3. United States Military Academy preparatory training, general.- United States Military Academy preparatory training for qualified officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men of the services who make application in writing therefor will be conducted under the direction of the Commanding General, Army Service Forces, at Army Specialized Training units designated by the War Department. When practicable, qualified candidates will be transferred to a United States Military Academy preparatory unit by The Adjutant General in such time as to arrive at the unit not later than 4 September 1944, but not earlier than 1 September 1944. However, qualified candidates who receive appointments at such time as will not permit their reporting during the period indicated will be transferred to a United States Military Academy preparatory training unit by The Adjutant General as soon as practicable after report of physical examination on WD, AGO Form No. 0164 is received.

4. United States Military Academy preparatory training for members of other services.- Members of another service (Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard) holding appointments to the United States Military Academy, who are discharged from such services for the purpose of receiving United States Military Academy preparatory training, will be enlisted in the seventh grade, Army of the United States, at any United States Army recruiting station. Applications for such enlistments must be made within 15 days of date of discharge from the former services. Immediately upon enlistment of such candidates, report of physical examination on WD, AGO Form No. 0164, and application for United States Military Academy preparatory training, will be forwarded by air mail to The Adjutant General, Attention United States Military Academy Section, and report of enlistment will be made to The Adjutant General, by radiogram or telegram, Attention Enlisted Branch, by name and Army serial number.

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5. United States Military Academy preparatory training for Army personnel.-a. Eligibility.-Officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men on active duty in the Army are eligible to receive United States Military Academy preparatory training at a civilian educational institution designated by the War Department, provided that they-

- (1) Make application in writing therefor, and
- (2) Hold a letter of appointment issued by the War Department with a view to admission to the United States Military Academy on the next regular date of admission, which is the first weekday in July of each year, and
- (3) Have been physically examined at their stations in accordance with AR 40-100 and AR 40-105, are physically qualified for admission to the United States Military Academy, and the results recorded on WD, AGO Form No. 0164.

b. Applications.-Applications submitted by officers, warrant officers and enlisted men will be examined personally by commanding officers to determine whether the applicants have been found to be physically qualified for admission to the United States Military Academy. Under no circumstances will an application be forwarded approved if it has been determined that the applicant is not physically qualified. If the applicant's physical qualifications are doubtful or if there are correctible defects, a report of the circumstances will be attached to Form No. 0164 when it is forwarded to The Adjutant General. If an applicant who has been found physically disqualified is a congressional nominee, the application will be forwarded disapproved, in order that the Congressman may be notified by The Adjutant General. Written applications which are approved (or disapproved in case of congressional nominees) by commanding officers will be forwarded, with Form No. 0164, by air mail through channels to The Adjutant General, Attention United States Military Academy Section. To expedite transfer to the appropriate Army Specialized Training unit, commanding officers will notify The Adjutant General by radio or telegram, Attention SPXPRM, of each application approved and forwarded, indicating name, grade, and Army serial number.

c. Transfers.-Officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men whose applications are approved by The Adjutant General will be transferred at the proper time to the appropriate Army Specialized Training unit, in attached unassigned status, in accordance with the following:

- (1) Officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men, other than aviation cadets, will be transferred in grade.
- (2) An aviation cadet will be transferred in the enlisted grade held prior to appointment as aviation cadet.

6. Retention of candidates.-Each officer, warrant officer, and enlisted man who holds a letter of appointment to the United States Military Academy, regardless of the nature of appointment, whose organization is under orders to leave the territorial limits of a command or theater, will be retained in that command or theater until ordered by The Adjutant General to proceed to a

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selected institution. A report will be made to The Adjutant General, Attention United States Military Academy Section, in the case of each candidate so retained.

7. Military personnel to be notified:—The provisions of this section will be brought to the attention of all officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men holding appointments to a service academy.

(AG 351.11 (13 May 44).)

By order of the Secretary of War:

OFFICIAL:

ROBERT H. DUNLOP,
Brigadier General,
Acting The Adjutant General.

G. C. MARSHALL,
Chief of Staff.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
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VOTING BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

	Section
Election--Primaries in certain States.	I
Amendment of Circular No. 119, War Department, 1944.	II

I -- ELECTION--PRIMARIES IN CERTAIN STATES.--

1. General

a. This circular gives information concerning primaries in nineteen States during July (to the extent not already published) and during August, 1944.

b. (1) Information concerning primaries occurring in May, June, and early July was published in Circular No. 66 and Circular No. 119, War Department, 1944, as follows:

May Primaries (Circular No. 66)		June Primaries (Circular No. 119)	Early July Primaries (Circular No. 119)
Alabama	New Jersey	Idaho	Georgia
California	North Carolina	Iowa	Michigan
Florida	Ohio	Maine	Minnesota
Indiana	Oregon	New Mexico	Mississippi (first)
Maryland	South Dakota	North Dakota	Oklahoma
	West Virginia		Washington

(2) Information concerning other primary and general elections will be furnished at appropriate later dates.

c. The information below, including paragraph 24a and b, is published for the guidance of all members of the Army and "attached civilians," as defined in paragraph 1b(2), section I, Circular No. 128, War Department, 1944, herein collectively called "soldiers," whose voting residence is in Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, or Wyoming, and will be specifically brought to the attention of soldiers from such States who desire to vote in their primaries.

2. Arizona primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Arizona may ²⁰⁴³ apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Arizona law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Phoenix, Arizona, the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Such applications should reach Phoenix on, or as soon as possible after, 18 May 1944.

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3. Arkansas primaries.--Soldiers having voting residence in Arkansas may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Arkansas law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Little Rock, Arkansas, the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Such applications should reach Little Rock: in the case of the first primary, on, or as soon as possible after, 6 May 1944; in the case of the second primary, on, or as soon as possible after, 1 August 1944. A separate application is required for each primary, unless the soldier writes on the first application that he desires it to be treated as an application for both primaries.

4. Delaware primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Delaware may vote in the primary only by appearing in person at the proper local election polling place. Delaware does not provide a State absentee ballot for the primary election.

5. Kansas primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Kansas may apply for State absentee ballots by mailing a special application form furnished by Kansas. Soldiers may request such a special application form by writing to the Secretary of State, Topeka, Kansas (or to the appropriate local election officials, if known), or by forwarding the post card referred to in paragraph 21 upon which the soldier has written that he wishes it treated as a request for an application for a State absentee ballot. Such request should be made at the earliest possible date.

6. Kentucky primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Kentucky may apply for State absentee ballots (covering Federal offices only) either in accordance with Kentucky law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Frankfort, Kentucky, the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Procedures to administer the new State law not yet having been set up by the State, no official information is available as to when applications should be made by soldiers or may be acted upon by the State. Such applications should, therefore, be made at the earliest possible date.

7. Massachusetts primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Massachusetts may vote in the primary only by appearing in person at the proper local election polling place. Massachusetts does not provide a State absentee ballot for soldiers in the primary.

8. Mississippi (second) primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Mississippi may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Mississippi law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Jackson, Mississippi, the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Such applications should reach Jackson, on, or as soon as possible after, 8 July 1944. The first primary occurs on 4 July 1944. An application for the first primary suffices for the second primary, but see paragraph 24b(4).

9. Missouri primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Missouri may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Missouri law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Jefferson City, Missouri, the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Such applications should reach Jefferson City on, or as soon as possible after, 5 May 1944.

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10. Montana primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Montana may apply for State absentee ballots by mailing a special application form furnished by Montana. Soldiers may request such special application form by writing to the Secretary of State, Helena, Montana (or to the appropriate local election officials, if known), or by forwarding the post card referred to in paragraph 21 upon which the soldier has written that he wishes it treated as a request for an application for a State absentee ballot. Such request should be made at the earliest possible date.

11. New Hampshire primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in New Hampshire may vote in the primary only by appearing in person at the proper local election polling place. New Hampshire does not provide a State absentee ballot for soldiers in the primary.

12. New York primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in New York may vote in the primary only by appearing in person at the proper local election polling place. New York does not provide a State absentee ballot for soldiers in the primary.

13. South Carolina (first) primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in South Carolina may vote in the primary only by appearing in person at the proper local election polling place. South Carolina does not provide a State absentee ballot for soldiers in the primary.

14. Tennessee primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Tennessee may apply for State absentee ballot either in accordance with Tennessee law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Nashville, Tennessee, the post cards referred to in paragraph 21. Such applications must reach Nashville: in the case of persons outside the United States, not later than 1 June 1944; in the case of persons inside the United States, not later than 10 July 1944.

15. Texas primaries.--Soldiers having voting residence in Texas may apply for State absentee ballots in accordance with Texas law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Austin, Texas (or appropriate local election officials, if known), the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Such post card must be accompanied by poll tax receipt or affidavit of its loss. Such applications should reach Austin: in case of the first primary, on, or as soon as possible after 2 July 1944; in the case of the second primary, on, or as soon as possible after, 6 August 1944. A separate application is required for each primary, unless the soldier writes on the first application that he desires it to be treated as an application for both primaries. Soldiers who are members of the Regular Army (that is, the permanent military establishment) on active duty are not eligible to vote in Texas.

16. Utah primaries.--Soldiers having voting residence in Utah may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Utah law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Salt Lake City, Utah, the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Such applications should reach Salt Lake City on, or as soon as possible after, 15 June 1944. One application will suffice for both the first and second primary.

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17. Vermont primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Vermont may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Vermont law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Montpelier, Vermont, the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Such applications should reach Montpelier on, or as soon as possible after, 19 June 1944.

18. Virginia primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Virginia may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Virginia law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Richmond, Virginia, the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Such applications should reach Richmond on, or as soon as possible after, 10 May 1944.

19. Wisconsin primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Wisconsin may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Wisconsin law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Madison, Wisconsin, the post card referred to in paragraph 21. Such applications should reach Madison on, or as soon as possible after, 12 July 1944.

20. Wyoming primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Wyoming may apply for State absentee ballots by mailing a special application form furnished by Wyoming. Soldiers may request such special application form by writing to the Secretary of State, Cheyenne, Wyoming (or to the appropriate local electric officials, if known), or by forwarding the post card referred to in paragraph 21 upon which the soldier has written that he wishes it treated as a request for an application for State absentee ballot. Such request should be made at the earliest possible date.

21. Post card application for ballot.--Commanders of all echelons will assure themselves that the necessary quantities of post cards (W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 560) are made available to members of their commands having voting residence in the foregoing states. In regard to the continued use of W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 560, see section II, Circular No. 123, War Department, 1944; section I, Circular No. 152, War Department, 1944. In lieu of application by such post card, soldiers may apply for a ballot by letter, using the text set forth on the post card as described in paragraph 1, section II, Circular No. 123, War Department, 1944. Full name, serial number, and complete military mail address must be clearly stated in card or letter. Applications should be distinctly marked and bear the appropriate air mail marking, as prescribed in Section I, Circular No. 155, War Department, 1944.

22. Publicity.--Organization commanders will bring the subject of these primaries to the attention of soldiers whose voting residence is in Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming, in time to permit the mailing of requests for ballot applications, the mailing of ballot applications, the return of ballot applications and of ballots to applicants, and the mailing of ballots by voters in time to be eligible to be counted.

23. Use of influence prohibited.--No commissioned, warrant, or noncommissioned officer shall attempt to influence any member of the armed forces to vote or not to vote for a particular candidate. See paragraph 4c AR 600-10 (C-4) paragraph 1d(4), Section I, Circular No. 128, War Department, 1944.

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24. Specific Information.--a. Dates.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
State	Primary date	Earliest date State will receive soldier's application for State absentee ballot	Earliest date State will mail absentee ballot to applying soldier	Date on or before which soldier's executed absentee ballot must be received back by appropriate officials within State in order to be eligible to be counted
Arizona.....	13 July...	At any time...	13 May.....	18 July.
Arkansas(first)	25 July...	At any time...	6 May.....	25 July.
Arkansas(second)	8 August.	At any time...	1 August..	8 August.
Delaware.....	Not fixed	No provision for	absentee serviceman	voting in primary..
Kansas.....	1 August.	1 April.....	1 July....	31 July.
Kentucky.....	5 August.	**	**	**
Massachusetts.	11 July	No provision for	absentee serviceman	voting in primary
Mississippi				
(second)...	29 August.	At any time...	8 July....	29 August.
Missouri.....	1 August.	At any time...	5 May.....	2 August.
Montana.....	18 July...	19 June.....	30 June....	18 July.
New Hampshire.	11 July...	No provision for	absentee serviceman	voting in primary
New York	1 August.	No provision for	absentee serviceman	voting in primary
South Carolina*				
(first)	29 August.	No provision for	absentee serviceman	voting in primary
		(At any time before)		
Tennessee.....	3 August	(1 June if outside	10-15 June	3 August.
		(U.S. At any time)	
		(before 10 July if)	
		(inside U.S.)	
Texas (first)	22 July..	At any time...	2 July....	19 July.
Texas (second)	26 August.	At any time...	6 August..	23 August.
Utah (first)...	11 July...	At any time...	15 June....	11 July.
Utah (second).	15 August.	At any time...	19 July....	15 August.
Vermont.....	8 August.	At any time...	19 June....	8 August.
Virginia.....	1 August.	At any time...	10 May.....	24 July.
Wisconsin.....	15 August.	At any time...	12 July....	15 August.
Wyoming.	18 July...	1 July.....	3 July....	18 July

*See B(3) below

**This State has not set up any administrative procedures, information not now available.

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b. Instructions to soldiers having voting residence in above States.

(1) Under existing State law, a soldier must be at least 21 years old at the election date in order to vote.

(2) In certain States, it may be necessary for absentee voters to take steps in addition to filing a ballot application in order to receive a State absentee ballot. A soldier desiring to vote under State law who is uncertain as to his eligibility should immediately inquire by letter to the Secretary of State of the State of his voting residence as to what, if any, steps he must take to register, pay poll or other taxes, or meet other requirements in order to be eligible to vote under State law. In order to enable a satisfactory reply to be made, such letter should include substantially the following paragraph:

I am a citizen of the United States. The date of my birth was _____ For _____ years preceding the election in _____ 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 _____
*Fill in month of election with respect to which inquiry is made.

(3) The applicant for a primary ballot must state in his application his party affiliation in order to receive a proper ballot.

(4) Although an applicant has previously filed with his State an application in connection with a prior election, a new application should be made for an election shown above. Even where not required, a new application is essential to provide a correct mailing address in case applicant's address has changed since prior application.

(5) In addition to signing the application, a soldier should legibly print his name and give his army serial number.

(6) A soldier, upon receiving his absentee ballot, should immediately execute and return it.

(7) In making application to vote, soldiers outside the United States should have in mind the time interval between column 4 and column 5.

(8) This circular is prepared on the basis of State and Federal laws as they exist at its date of publication. It is understood that the State of South Carolina is holding or may hold legislative or party sessions which may result in some change in the facts as given.

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II -- AMENDMENT OF CIRCULAR NO. 119, WAR DEPARTMENT, 1944

Enactment of new State laws in Maine, North Dakota, and Oklahoma, and the rescission of Circular No. 321, War Department, 1942 (See Cir. No. 128, W.D., 1944) necessitate amendment of information previously provided concerning primary elections in these States. Paragraphs 5, 10, 11, 13, and 17a, Circular No. 119, War Department, 1944 are according rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

5. Maine primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Maine may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Maine law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Augusta, Maine, the post card referred to in paragraph 13. Such applications should reach Augusta on, or as soon as possible after, 10 May 1944.

10. North Dakota primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in North Dakota may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with North Dakota law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Bismarck, North Dakota, the post card referred to in paragraph 13. Such applications should reach Bismarck on, or as soon as possible, after 27 April 1944.

11. Oklahoma primary.--Soldiers having voting residence in Oklahoma may apply for State absentee ballots either in accordance with Oklahoma law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the post card referred to in paragraph 13. Such applications should reach Oklahoma City on, or as soon as possible after, 15 May 1944.

13. Post card application for ballot.--Commanders of all echelons will assure themselves that the necessary quantities of post cards (W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 560) are made available to members of their commands having voting residence in the foregoing States. In regard to the continued use of W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 560, see section II, Circular No. 128, War Department, 1944; Section I, Circular No. 152, War Department, 1944. In lieu of application by such post card, soldiers may apply for a ballot by letter, using the text set forth on the post card as described in paragraph 1, section II, Circular No. 128, War Department, 1944. Full name, serial number, and complete military mail address must be clearly stated in card or letter. Applications should be distinctly marked and bear the appropriate air mail marking as prescribed in section I, Circular No. 155, War Department, 1944.

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17. Specific information.--a. Dates.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
State	Primary date	Earliest date State will receive soldier's application for State absentee ballot.	Earliest date State will mail absentee ballot to applying soldier	Date on or before which soldier's executed ballot must be received back by appropriate officials within State in order to be eligible to be counted
Georgia....	4 July..	Any time....	15 April....	4 July...
Idaho.....	13 June..	Any time....	1 June.....	13 June...
Iowa.....	5 June..	Any time....	11 April....	4 June...
Maine.....	19 June..	Any time....	10 May.....	19 June...
Michigan...	11 July..	Any time....	12 June.....	11 July...
Minnesota..	10 July..	Any time....	10 May.....	10 July...
Mississippi (first)	4 July..	4 May.....	4 May.....	4 July...
New Mexico.	6 June..	No provision for absentee voting in primary		
North Dakota	27 June..	18 April....	27 April....	27 June...
Oklahoma...	11 July..	Any time....	15 - 20 May	11 July...
Washington.	11 July..	Any time....	27 May.....	Must be marked and mailed on or before 11 July and received by 5 August.

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VOTING BY PERSONNEL OF ARMED FORCES

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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 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide, separated by $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch space within which is written in red in capital letters OFFICIAL ELECTION WAR BALLOT--VIA AIR MAIL, the top bar being $1\frac{1}{4}$ 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:

PAID OF POSTAGE
INCLUDING AIR MAIL
(WAR BALLOT)

d. The United States War Ballot Commission has--

(1) Advised the War Department that all post card applications and all Federal ballot envelopes hereafter prepared by the Commission will bear such uniform distinctive marking and such appropriate air mail indicia;

(2) Transmitted to the Secretary of State of each State the foregoing recommendations for consideration by the several States in preparing their State absentee ballot envelopes.

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 a 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 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 3b, 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

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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 provides free air mail postage only for post card applications and ballot envelopes. See paragraph 3d.

II -- CITIZENS OF HAWAII, ALASKA, AND PUERTO RICO.--

1. Public Law 277, 73rd Congress (the new Federal voting law), and Public Law 712, 77th Congress (the "Ramsay Act") which it amends, make no provision in regard to voting by members of the armed forces or others who are citizens of the Territory of Hawaii, the Territory of Alaska, or the Government of Puerto Rico. See Bulletin No. 5, War Department, 1944, and sections I and II, Circular No. 128, War Department, 1944.

2. In order to carry out the War Department's policy to assist and encourage soldiers to vote in elections in which they are eligible, so far as may be practicable and compatible with military operations, commanders of all echelons will provide to soldiers and "attached civilians" (as defined in par. 1b, sec. I, Cir. 128, WD, 1944), who are citizens of Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico, desiring to vote in territorial elections by territorial absentee ballot, opportunities and assistance similar to that provided to citizens of the several States desiring to vote in State elections by State absentee ballot, to the extent permitted by law. The provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3, section I, Circular No. 128, War Department, 1944, will be applied accordingly for the benefit of soldiers and "attached civilians" who are citizens of the Territories, subject to such modification as may be required by the fact of territorial, rather than State, citizenship. Territorial citizens are not legally entitled to vote by the Federal ballot provided by Title III of Public Law 277 (see par. 1c (1), sec. I, Cir. No. 128, WD, 1944).

3. Commanders of all echelons will instruct soldiers and "attached civilians" (as defined) who are citizens of Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico, desiring to vote in territorial elections by territorial absentee ballot:

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a. To make the necessary modifications in the printed texts of the post card applications described in section II, Circular No. 123, War Department, 1944, to render them suitable for use by Territorial, rather than State, citizens.

b. In using the old form post card application (WD, AGO Form No. 560) and Territorial ballot envelopes which lack the uniform distinctive marking and the air mail indicia described in paragraphs 1b and c, section I, or in using letters in lieu of post card applications, to--

- (1) Place thereon the uniform distinctive marking described in paragraph 1b, section I, omitting, however, the words VIA AIR MAIL between the heavy parallel horizontal bars, unless the proper air mail postage is affixed;
- (2) Write in the upper right corner only the word FREE unless the proper air mail postage is affixed, in which latter case, to write immediately below the stamps only the words

VIA AIR MAIL
(TER BALLOT)

Public Law 277 does not provide free air mail postage for balloting material of the Territories. Under existing law, air mail postage must therefore be affixed by the individual voter or by or through arrangement of the Territorial Government.

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VOTING BY MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES

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I--VOTING BY PERSONNEL OF ARMED FORCES.-- 1. New Federal voting law.-- a. Public Law 277, effective 1 April 1944, amends the existing Federal voting law, the "Ramsay Act" (Public Law 712, 77th Cong.), by repealing sections 3 to 15, inclusive, which provided for the use by soldiers of "official war ballots" in voting for Federal offices, and by making new and different provisions for voting by soldiers and certain civilians. For text of Public Law 277, see Bulletin No. 5, War Department, 1944. For text of sections 1 and 2, Ramsay Act, see Bulletin No. 48, War Department, 1942.

b. Definitions of terms used in this circular:

- (1) "Soldier" means a member of the Army of the United States.
- (2) "Attached civilian" means a member of the American Red Cross, the Society of Friends, the United Service Organizations, or the Women Air Force Service Pilots (Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots), who accompanies or serves with the Army; but does not include members of the Merchant Marine, to certain of whom Public Law 277 also applies.
- (3) "United States" includes only the territorial limits of the several States and the District of Columbia.
- (4) "Commission" means the United States War Ballot Commission established by Public Law 277, which is composed of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Administrator of War Shipping Administration.

c. Public Law 277 provides for voting both by supplementary Federal ballots and also by State absentee ballots.

- (1) Supplementary Federal ballots may be used only in the general election in November and are not available for any other election in 1944. Certain restrictions upon the use of Federal ballots by soldiers and attached civilians will not be known until the Commission shall have obtained prior to 15 July 1944 certifications from the Governors of the several States affecting such use. At an appropriate later time, an additional circular will be published dealing with the use of Federal ballots, and giving additional instructions as to the use of State absentee ballots in the November 1944 general election.
- (2) State absentee ballots may be used (in accordance with State laws) in primary, special, and general elections. Public law 277 does not restrict the right of a soldier or an attached civilian to vote in accordance with the law of the State of his voting residence. The general information in d below as to

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voting by State absentee ballots supplements the specific information as to the 1944 primaries and elections in particular States contained in Circulars No. 33 (April primaries and election), No. 66 (May primaries), No. 119 (June-July primaries), War Department, 1944. See section V.

- d. (1) Public Law 277 requires the Army so far as practicable or compatible with military operations to--
 - (a) Deliver to each soldier and to each attached civilian a post card for use (to the extent permitted by State law) in making application for a State absentee ballot for the general election in November, 1944, and in making application for registration under State balloting law; such delivery to be made outside the United States not later than 15 August 1944 and within the United States not later than 15 September 1944.
 - (b) Make available to soldiers and attached civilians at appropriate times post cards for use (to the extent permitted by State law) in making application for State absentee ballots for primary, special, and other general elections, and in making application for registration under State balloting law.
 - (c) Make available to soldiers and attached civilians information received from the Commission as to the dates of primary, special, and general elections.
 - (d) Cooperate with appropriate State officers and agencies in transmitting to and from soldiers and attached civilians, making applications therefor to their several States, State absentee ballots and related envelopes provided by the States for the use of such applicants, and to cooperate in the execution by such applicants of oaths in connection with such ballots.
 - (e) Take all reasonable measures to facilitate transmission, delivery, and return of post cards, ballots, envelopes, and instructions for voting procedure, mailed to and by soldiers and attached civilians pursuant to the laws of the several States, whether transmitted by air or by regular mail.
 - (f) Return by air State absentee ballots executed outside the United States.
- (2) The post card prescribed by Public Law 277 is shown in paragraph 1, section II, below. The Army may continue to make available, and soldiers and attached civilians may continue to use, the post card provided under the Ramsay Act (V. D., A.G.O. Form No. 560, shown in paragraph 2, section II, below), until the Army's existing supply thereof shall be exhausted.
- (3) Public Law 277 authorizes commissioned officers and noncommissioned officers not below the grade of sergeant to administer and attest oaths on post card applications and in connection with State absentee ballots. See paragraph 2a(2) (d) below.
- (4) Public Law 277 provides that no commissioned, warrant, or non-commissioned officer shall "attempt to influence any member of the armed forces to vote or not to vote for any particular candidate," or shall "require any member of the armed forces to march to any polling place or place of voting;" but that "free discussion regarding political issues or candidates for public office" is not prohibited.

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- (5) Public Law 277 provides that post card applications, State absentee ballots and envelopes, and Federal ballots and envelopes shall be transmitted free of postage, including air mail postage, in the United States mails. See paragraph 3d below. Paragraph 4, section I, Circular No. 96, and paragraphs 3b(4) and 5a, section II, Circular No. 238, War Department, 1942, concerning free air mail privileges of soldiers, are amended to conform herewith.

2. Procedure for obtaining and voting a State absentee ballot.--a. A soldier or attached civilian who desires to vote by State absentee ballot at a primary, special, or general election and who is unable to vote thereat in person should proceed in either of the following ways:

- (1) Make application for a State absentee ballot in the manner prescribed by the law of the State of his voting residence, which may or may not differ from (2) below.
- (2) Make application for a State absentee ballot by use of a post card, as follows:
 - (a) Apply to the commanding officer for a post card.
 - (b) If the post card received is the new form (par. 1, sec. II), fill it in and take his oath before a commissioned officer or non-commissioned officer not below the grade of sergeant, as provided on the card. If the post card received is the old form (par. 2, sec. II), fill it in, printing his name and serial number in addition to his usual signature and writing on the card his party affiliation in case of application for a primary ballot, and have his signature certified by a commissioned officer, as provided on the card. Instead of application by post card, the soldier or attached civilian may apply for such ballot by letter, using the text of the post card shown in paragraph 1, section II. Full name, serial number, and complete military mail address must be clearly stated in card or letter.
 - (c) Mail the post card (air mail postage free) or letter to the Secretary of State at the State Capitol of his State of voting residence.
 - (d) Upon receipt of the State absentee ballot, immediately execute it in accordance with the instructions received therewith. His voter's oath may be taken and attested by an officer or (where permitted by State law as indicated on the ballot or instructions received therewith) by a warrant or noncommissioned officer.
 - (e) Mail the executed ballot (and oath, if on a separate paper) in the envelope received therewith, air mail postage free, to the addressee shown on such envelope or named in the instructions.
- (3) Certain States require the following additional step to obtain a State absentee ballot. Upon receipt of the post card or other informal application, the State sends a special application form, which must be executed by the applicant in accordance with the instructions received therewith, and returned to the State. The State will thereafter send the State absentee ballot, which must be executed and disposed of as in (2) (d) and (e) above.
- (4) Certain States require other steps, in addition to filing a ballot application, in order to receive a State absentee ballot. A soldier or attached civilian who is uncertain as to his eligibility to vote by State absentee ballot should immediately inquire by letter to the Secretary of State of his State of voting residence as to what, if any,

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steps he must take to register, pay poll or other taxes, or meet other requirements in order to be eligible to vote under State law. It is not the duty of the commanding or any other officer to determine who is eligible to vote by State absentee ballot in any election.

b. Specific instructions as to when and how to obtain the absentee ballot of a particular State and as to the required voting age in such State are or will be contained in other circulars dealing with the 1944 primary and election in each State. See paragraph 1c(2) above.

3. Responsibilities of commanders.--a. All soldiers will be given opportunity to vote in any election in which they are eligible to participate, provided that such voting does not interfere with their military duties.

b. In order to assist all soldiers and attached civilians desiring to vote by State absentee ballot, commanders of all echelons are charged with responsibility for--

- (1) Giving full and complete publicity to the general voting information in this circular;
- (2) Bringing specifically to the attention of soldiers and attached civilians having voting residence in particular States, other circulars giving specific information as to 1944 primaries and elections in such States (see pars. 1c(2) and 2b above);
- (3) Making post cards (either form) available to all soldiers and attached civilians desiring them for use in primary, special, and general elections (other than the November 1944 general election, as to which see par. 1d(1) (a) above);
- (4) Assisting, through officers and (where authorized by State law) warrant and noncommissioned officers, in certifying signatures on old-form post cards and in attesting oaths on new-form post cards or in connection with State absentee ballots, whenever requested;
- (5) Instructing that soldiers clearly state in post card or other ballot applications full name (in addition to usual signature), serial number, and complete military mail address.

c. The commanding officer of each post, camp, station, company, or similar organization will designate a suitable officer to supervise the execution of the commander's responsibilities, in regard to voting, under this circular and related circulars. Such "Soldier Voting" officer will be charged by the commander with administering the Federal balloting procedure in respect to the general election in November (see par. 1c(1) above).

d. Postal officers will maintain close and continuous liaison with "Soldier Voting" officers designated under c above. All personnel engaged in handling Army mail will expedite to the greatest extent possible the delivery of incoming State balloting material and the postmarking, handling, and dispatching of outgoing post cards and ballot envelopes. Such mail will be postmarked immediately and dispatched by the most expeditious transportation available. Post cards, letters identifiable as State ballot applications in lieu of post cards, State ballot envelopes, and envelopes identifiable as containing State balloting material will, so far as practicable and compatible with military operations, be transmitted by air.

4. Rescission of prior circulars.--Section IV, Circular No. 155; section IV, Circular No. 263; Circular No. 321, as amended by section I, Circular No. 324, War Department, 1942; and section V, Circular No. 156, War Department, 1943, concerning voting under preexisting law, are rescinded.

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II--FORM OF POST CARD FOR USE IN APPLYING FOR STATE ABSENTEE BALLOT:--

1. The form of post card provided by Public Law 277, effective 1 April 1944 (see Bull. 5, V. D., 1944), is as follows:

a. Upon one side of the post card the following will be printed:
Secretary of State or other appropriate official within the State of _____

I am in the armed forces (); in the merchant marine (); or in the American Red Cross (), the Society of Friends (), the Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots (), or the United Service Organizations (), and attached to and serving with the armed forces. I hereby request an absentee ballot to vote in the coming _____
(primary, general, or special) election.

- (1) I am a citizen of the United States.
(2) The date of my birth was _____
(3) For _____ years preceding this election my home residence has been in the State of _____
(4) For _____ years preceding this 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) _____
(5) My voting district to the best of my knowledge is _____
(6) My choice of party PRIMARY ballot is _____
(Fill in only in case of primary ballot)

Please send the ballot to me at the following address:

(PRINT your name and serial number plainly above)

(WRITE your usual signature above)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 19____
(Commissioned officer, noncommissioned officer not below the grade of sergeant, or petty officer, or other person authorized to administer and attest this oath, writes here his name and grade or title)

b. Upon the other side of the post card the following will be printed:

FREE OF POSTAGE
INCLUDING AIR MAIL
(War Ballot)

Secretary of State of _____

(City)

(State)

2. The form of post card provided by Public Law 712, 77th Congress, approved 16 September 1942 (V.D., A.G.O. Form No. 560), for use interchangeably with the form set forth in paragraph 1, is as follows:

a. Upon one side of the post card the following will be printed:

(Date)

Secretary of State of _____

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Being on active duty in the armed forces of the United States and desiring to vote in the coming election, I hereby apply for an official war ballot.

My home address is _____, in the city, town, or
(Number and street)

village of _____, in the county of _____,
in the State of _____, and my voting district or pre-
cinct to the best of my knowledge is _____

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I desire that the ballot be sent to me at the following address _____

(Signed)

Signature certified by:

(To be signed by any commissioned officer)

b. Upon the other side of the post card the following will be printed:

FREE

(Official War Ballot)

SECRETARY OF STATE OF _____

(City)

(State)

III - POLLS, BALLOTS, OR STRAW VOTES.--

1. Section I, Circular No. 41, War Department, 1943, is rescinded.

2. a. Public Law 277, effective 1 April 1944, provides that no person within or without the armed forces of the United States shall poll any member of such forces, either within or without the United States, either before or after he shall have executed any State or Federal ballot, with reference to his choice of or his vote for any candidate for any of the offices authorized to be voted for by the use of the aforesaid ballot, nor state, publish, or release any result of any purported poll taken from or among the members or release any result of any purported poll taken from or among the members of the armed forces of the United States or including within it the statement of choice for or of votes cast by any member of the armed forces of the United States or any of the offices authorized to be voted for by the use of the aforesaid ballot. See Bulletin No. 5, War Department, 1944.

b. The term "poll," as used in this section, means any request for information, either verbal or written, which by its language or form of expression requires or implies the necessity of an answer, where the request is made with the intent of compiling the result of the answers obtained, either for the personal use of the person making the request, or for the purpose of reporting the same to any other person, persons, political party, unincorporated association or corporation, or for the purpose of publishing the same orally, by radio, or in written or printed form.

c. No other poll, ballot, or straw vote or opinion research will be permitted among members of the armed forces, unless authorized by the War Department. See section VII, Circular No. 14, War Department, 1944.

IV--RESTRICTION ON DISSEMINATION TO MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES OF POLITICAL ARGUMENT OR POLITICAL PROPAGANDA.--

1. Public Law 277, effective 1 April 1944 (see Bull. No. 5, WD, 1944) provides that no member or employee of the Army will deliver or cause to be delivered

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- to persons in the armed forces of the United States any general communication, Government magazine, Government newspaper, motion picture film, or other literature or material, or make, or cause to be made, any broadcast to the armed forces of the United States, paid for in whole or in part with Government funds, or sponsored by the Government, or any officer, agency, or department thereof, including the Army and Navy, containing political argument or political propaganda of any kind designed or calculated to affect the result of any election for President, Vice President, Presidential elector, Member of the Senate, or Member of the House of Representatives, except as provided in a to e, inclusive, below:
 - a. A political address may be rebroadcast over Government-controlled radio stations, provided that equal time must, if requested, be given for such purposes to representatives of each political party which has a candidate for President in at least six States in the current Presidential election.
 - b. Magazines and newspapers of general circulation in the United States, for which preference by members of the Army has been established through a method determined by the Secretary of War, may be distributed to members of the Army.
 - c. Books of general circulation in the United States may be distributed to members of the armed forces, but any such books hereafter purchased by the Army shall not contain political argument or political propaganda of any kind designed or calculated to affect the result of any election for the Federal offices mentioned above.
 - d. Motion picture films, radio broadcasts or rebroadcasts, and servicemen's magazines or newspapers, sponsored or paid for by the Government may be presented or distributed to members of the armed forces, if they are non-partisan and nonpolitical; but the impartial coverage or presentation, as news or information, of public events and persons in public life is not curtailed or prohibited. If in any such presentation or issue time or space is allotted to editorials, columns, or other argumentative matter supporting a political party which has a candidate for President in at least six States in the current Presidential election, an equal amount of time or space shall be allotted in the same issue or presentation to similar matter concerning each such other political party.
 - e. Any individual, corporation, other than a Government-owned or Government-controlled corporation, or political committee may send any letter, communication, magazine, newspaper, or other literature to any member of the armed forces, which is addressed personally to him and paid for by him or by the individual, corporation, or committee sending the same.

2. No member or employee of the Army, acting as censor or otherwise, shall remove from any letter or communication addressed to an individual member of the armed forces, political literature or political arguments or other matter sent to such individual member of the armed forces by any individual, corporation, or political committee, unless such literature or other matter contains information which may be of value to the enemy in their prosecution of the war.

V--AMENDMENT OF CIRCULARS NOS. 33, 66, AND 119, WAR DEPARTMENT, 1944.--

1. Public Law 277, effective 1 April 1944, repeals the Ramsay Act procedure for voting by "official war ballot."

a. Section I, Circular No. 33, War Department, 1944, is accordingly amended as follows:

- (1) Paragraphs 2 and 4 are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

2. Illinois primary.-- a. Soldiers having voting residence in Illinois may apply for State absentee ballots (covering Federal, State and local offices) by mailing a special application form furnished by Illinois. Soldiers may request such special form by writing to the County Clerk of the county in which they have

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voting residence, or by forwarding to the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, the post card referred to in paragraph 6 upon which the soldier has written that he wishes it treated as a request for application for State absentee ballot. Such request should be made at the earliest possible date.

b. Soldiers whose applications for "official war ballots" have been received by State officials prior to 1 April 1944 need not file further application in order to receive State absentee ballots. Any "official war ballot" already executed and returned by a soldier to Illinois will be counted in accordance with the decision of local election officials.

4. Pennsylvania primary.--a. Soldiers having voting residence in Pennsylvania may apply for ballots (State absentee ballots covering Federal, State, and local offices) either in accordance with Pennsylvania law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the post card referred to in paragraph 6. Such applications should reach Harrisburg on, or as soon as possible after, 6 March 1944.

b. Soldiers who have already applied for "official war ballots" need not file further application in order to receive State absentee ballots. Any "official war ballot" already executed and returned by a soldier to Pennsylvania will be treated as a State absentee ballot.

(2) Paragraph 9a is amended by deleting column 3.

(3) The term "soldier" as used in paragraphs 1 to 5, inclusive, and paragraphs 7 and 9, and the term "members of their commands" as used in paragraph 6, include "attached civilians" as defined in paragraph 1b(2), section I, of this circular.

b. Circular No. 66, War Department, 1944, is accordingly amended as follows:

(1) Paragraphs 4, 6, and 7 are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

4. Florida primary.--a. Soldiers having voting residence in Florida may apply for ballots (State absentee ballots covering Federal, State, and local offices) either in accordance with Florida law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Tallahassee, Florida, the post card referred to in paragraph 13. Such applications should reach Tallahassee on, or as soon as possible after, 18 March 1944. One application will suffice for both the first and the run-off primary.

b. Soldiers who have already applied for "official war ballots" need not file further application in order to receive State absentee ballots. Any "official war ballot," already executed and returned by a soldier to Florida, will be treated as a State absentee ballot.

6. Maryland primary.--a. Soldiers having voting residence in Maryland may apply for ballots (State absentee ballots covering Federal offices only, as no other offices will be voted on) either in accordance with Maryland law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Annapolis, Maryland, the post card referred to in paragraph 13. Such applications should reach Annapolis on, or as soon as possible after, 7 April 1944.

b. Soldiers who have already applied for "official war ballots" need not file further application in order to receive State absentee ballots. Any "official war ballot" already executed and returned by a soldier to Maryland will be treated as a State absentee ballot.

7. New Jersey primary.--a. Soldiers having voting residence in New Jersey may apply for ballots (State absentee ballots covering Federal, State and local offices) either in accordance with New Jersey law or by mailing to the Secretary of State, Trenton, New Jersey, the post card referred to in paragraph 13. Such

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applications should reach Trenton on, or as soon as possible after, 21 April 1944.

b. Soldiers who have already applied for "official war ballots" need not file further application in order to receive State absentee ballots. Any "official war ballot" already executed and returned by a soldier to New Jersey will be treated as a State absentee ballot.

(2) Paragraph 17a is amended by deleting column 3.

(3) The term "soldier" as used in paragraphs 1 to 12, inclusive, and paragraphs 14 and 17, and the term "members of their commands" as used in paragraph 13, include "attached civilians" as defined in paragraph 1b(2), section I, of this circular.

c. Circular No. 119, War Department, 1944, is accordingly amended as follows:

The term "soldier" as used in paragraphs 1 to 12, inclusive, and paragraphs 14 and 17, and the term "members of their commands" as used in paragraph 13, include "attached civilians" as defined in paragraph 1b(2), section I, of this circular.

(AG O44.35 (1 Apr 44).)

By order of the Secretary of War:

G. C. MARSHALL,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

ROBERT H. DUNLOP,
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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON

SPQRD 414.3
(Mess Equipment)

9 March 1944

SUBJECT: Chemically Treated Kitchen and Mess Equipment.

TO: Commanding Generals and Commanding Officers, All Theaters,
Commands and Separate Bases.

1. Certain chemicals have been used on kitchen utensils and mess equipment as a rust preventative. To preclude the use of this treated equipment before the chemicals are thoroughly removed, it is requested that all concerned be informed and steps be taken to insure that such equipment be carefully and thoroughly cleaned with hot, soapy water before use.

For The Quartermaster General:

/s/ H. Feldman
/t/ H. FELDMAN,
Brigadier General, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

AG 414.3/403 D-O 1st Ind
HEADQUARTERS WATCOM A, APO 534, 1 April 1944.

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TO: All Concerned.

For necessary action.

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AG 320.3 (16 Sep 43)
OE-I-WDCCT-M

21 September 1943.

SUBJECT: Special Service Officers in Tables of Organization
of Regiments

TO : Commanding Generals,
Army Ground Forces
Army Air Forces
Army Service Forces

1. Reference is made to memorandum of the Chief of Staff, U. S. Army, dated 3 September 1943, file "DCSA 330.14 (3 Sept 43), no subject.

2. In order to effectuate the necessary changes in tables of organization of regiments and equivalent organizations the following instructions will govern:

a. Groups and Headquarters Division Artillery will be considered as equivalent to regiments.

b. One special service officer, branch immaterial, in the grade of 1st Lieutenant will be included in each regiment or equivalent unit as assistant S-1 with notation under the "Remarks" column - "Assistant S-1, athletic and recreation officer". Where there is no S-1 provided by table of organization, this officer will be included as an assistant to the officer provided in c. below.

c. One special service officer, branch immaterial, in the grade of captain will be included in each regiment or equivalent unit as assistant S-3 with notation under the "Remarks" column - "Assistant S-3, orientation officer".

d. One special service officer, branch immaterial, in the grade of captain will be included in the headquarters of the Armored Division, in addition to the four special service officers presently provided, with notation under the "Remarks" column - "Divisional orientation officer".

e. (1) Allotments for post, camps and stations having a troop population of 2,000 or more not included in table of organization units (AR 310-60) will include not less than two (2) special service officers, branch immaterial. One will be designated as athletic and recreation officer and be in grade of not less than 1st lieutenant. The other will be designated as orientation officer and be in the grade of not less than captain. In case the number of troops is too large for the efficient functioning of these officers, the number may be increased, with commensurate distribution of ranks, as considered appropriate by the responsible commander controlling the allotment to the particular activity concerned.

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AG 320.3 (16 Sep 43)
OB-I-DGCT-M

21 September 1943

SUBJECT: Special Service Officers in Tables of Organization
of Regiments.

TO : Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area
Commanding Generals,
Eastern, Central, Southern and Western
Defense Commands.
Caribbean and Alaska Defense Commands
European Theater of Operations
North African Theater of Operations
South Pacific Area
U. S. Army Forces in South Atlantic
U. S. Army Forces in Central Pacific Area
U. S. Army Forces in China-Burma-India
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India.
U. S. Army Forces in the Middle East.

1. Reference is made to memorandum of the Chief of Staff, U. S. Army, dated 3 September 1943, file WDOSA 330.14 (3 Sep 43), no subject.

2. Pending publication of changes in tables of organization, you are authorized to provide special service officers for units and installations under your control in accordance with the attached copy of letter, this office, AG 320.3 (16 Sep 43) OB-I-DGCT-M, 21 September 1943, subject as above. This authority will not be used for promotion of officers. Requisitions may be submitted for additional officers for table of organization units if you do not have properly qualified officers available. There may be some delay in filling these requisitions with qualified officers. Requests for increase in allotments of officers for this purpose will be submitted to the War Department with justification therefor.

By order of the Secretary of War:

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(ltr 21 Sept 1943)

/s/ D. T. SAPP

Adjutant General.

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AG 320.3 (19 Oct 43)
OE-I-VDGCT-M

22 October 1943

SUBJECT: Special Service Officers in ~~Tables~~ of Organization of Regiments.

TO : Commander-in-Chief,
Southwest Pacific Area.
Commanding Generals,
Eastern, Central, Southern and
Western Defense Commands.
Caribbean and Alaska Defense Commands
European Theater of Operations
North African Theater of Operations
South Pacific Area
US Army Forces in South Atlantic
USAF, Central Pacific Area.
USAF, in China-Burma-India, Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India
USAF in the Middle East.

Subparagraphs 2 h and a of inclosure to letter, office of The Adjutant General, AG 320.3 (16 Sep 43) OE-I-VDGCT-M, 21 September 1943, subject as above, as amended by letter, AG 320.3 (1 Oct 43) OE-I-VDGCT-M, 8 October 1943, same subject, are further amended to read as follows:

- "h. (1) One special service officer, branch immaterial, in the grade of 1st lieutenant will be included in each regiment or equivalent unit (except Army Air Forces group) as assistant S-1 with notation under the "Remarks" column - "Assistant S-1, athletic and recreation officer." Where there is no S-1 provided by table of organization, this officer will be included as an assistant to the officer provided in g (1) below.
- (2) For Army Air Forces groups this officer will be a captain or 1st lieutenant and included in the "Personnel Section."
- "a. (1) One special service officer, branch immaterial, in the grade of captain will be included in each regiment or equivalent unit (except Army Air Forces group) as assistant S-3 with notation under the "Remarks" column - "Assistant S-3, orientation officer."
- (2) For Army Air Forces groups this officer will be a captain or 1st lieutenant and included in the "Personnel Section."
- (3) Of the two officers provided in h (2) and a (2) above, as captain or 1st lieutenant, only one may be a captain.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ D. T. Sapp
Adjutant General.

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AG 000.73 (13 Jan 44)OB-S-B

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20 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Responsibility for Violation of Military Censorship Regulations.

TO: Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area;
Commanding Generals,
Theaters of Operations,
Departments,
Eastern, Western and Caribbean Defense Commands;
Base Commands;
Commanding Officers,
Base Commands,

1. The responsibility for observance of military censorship regulations is that of each individual whose communications are governed thereby. Submission of such communications to a military censor does not lessen that responsibility.

2. It is the responsibility of each military censor, whether in a unit or in a base censorship detachment, to insure that each communication passed by him contains no violations of military censorship regulations. If a communication containing such violations is passed without exclusion of all censorable material, the military censor releasing the communication and the sender thereof will both be considered responsible for those violations.

3. Paragraph 10d, War Department Training Circular 15, 1943, entitled Military Censorship; and paragraph 40, War Department Training Circular 66, 1943, entitled Unit Censorship, are hereby amended to read as follows:

"The sender of a communication will be held ultimately responsible for any violation of military censorship regulations contained therein. A unit or base censor who passes a communication containing any violation of military censorship regulations will be held equally responsible with the sender thereof for that violation".

By order of the Secretary of War:

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Washington 25, D. C.

MEMORANDUM)
No. 755-45-43)
Changes No. 1)

7 January 1944.

RETURN OF BAGGAGE AND PERSONNEL EFFECTS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM OVERSEAS

Paragraphs 5a and 6a(1) Memorandum No. 755-45-43, 19 October 1943, subject as above, are amended to read as follows:

a. Inspection.

- (1) Oversea commanders will cause all baggage shipped to the United States by agencies or individuals under their command to be examined by a commissioned officer prior to loading on board ship.
- (2) Inspecting officers will withdraw--
 - (a) All Government property except--
 1. That authorized by movement orders.
 2. That issued to an individual, the return of which is authorized by competent authority, and such Government issue property as the individual has purchased from the Government out of personal funds.
 - (b) All other items the shipment of which is prohibited.
 - (c) Captured military trophies, except those items specifically authorized by the theater commander for which a certificate in duplicate signed by the individual's unit commander is inclosed. (See Memorandum No. 7570-3-43, 22 July 1943, subject, "Retention of Captured Material Trophies by Military Personnel.")
 - (d) Documents, papers, and photographs unless passed by a military censor, and undeveloped exposed film. (See TC 15, WD, 1943.)
- (3) In order that Government issue property as outlined in a(2) (a) 2 above may be readily identified by inspecting officers and customs officials, a certificate will be prepared and placed in the container by the interested officer or an affidavit in the case of enlisted personnel essentially as follows:

"I certify that the following items of Government issue are my personal property or were issued to me, and are authorized for this shipment by competent authority."

- (4) All property, including Government issue, withdrawn by inspecting officers at any time, will be inventoried and a certificate listing each item with a brief description thereof will be prepared, signed by the inspecting officer and placed in the baggage from which the property has been withdrawn.

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- (5) Clothing and textile items originating in areas where louse-borne typhus fever exists will be properly disinfested in accordance with paragraph 24, SGO Circular Letter 33, 2 February 1943, subject, "Treatment and Control of Certain Tropical Diseases." (See AR 40-209, and 615-250.).
 - (6) The importation into the United States of insects, certain fruit and vegetables, and other plant materials which may present a plant quarantine problem is prohibited by Memorandum No. W340-15-43, 23 February 1943, subject, "Cooperation with Plant Quarantine Program."
 - (7) After baggage has been inspected as prescribed above, hold or unaccompanied baggage will not be returned to the custody of the owner prior to loading aboard ship.
- 6a. (1) All baggage shipped by military personnel from overseas to the port commander for forwarding to specific addresses in the United States will be opened and examined under the supervision of a commissioned officer to be designated by the port commander. An inventory of each parcel will be prepared in duplicate indicating the name of the owner, his Army serial number and grade, and address of consignee. All Government issue property, except that listed in paragraph 5a(2) (a) 1 and 2 and such other items the shipment of which is prohibited, will be withdrawn, suitable notation being made on the inventory. The inventory officer will certify as to the correctness of the inventory.

(AG 524 (5 Jan 44))

By order of the Secretary of War:

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

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AG 293 (24 Nov 43)
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7 January 1944

SUBJECT: Dissemination of information.

TO : Commanding Generals: All theaters of operation.

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1. It has come to the attention of the War Department that in some cases of letters of condolence written by commanding officers and chaplains serving in active theaters of operations, grave locations are being given.

2. Information concerning grave locations, disposition of remains and effects, and other related matters will be furnished to relatives and friends by The Quartermaster General only, when military security permits. In this connection, attention is invited to paragraphs 5, 6, and 7, Circular No. 206, War Department, 1943, which are quoted below:

5. Notification of death to relatives and friends will be given by The Adjutant General, who will also inform the family that location of burial will be received from The Quartermaster General, when military security permits information to be revealed.

6. Notification to relatives and friends concerning grave location, disposal of remains and effects, and other related matters not charged to The Adjutant General will be given by The Quartermaster General after clearance with the Director of Intelligence, Army Service Forces.

7. Photographing of temporary graves is prohibited.

3. It is desired that necessary instructions be issued to insure compliance with the foregoing. In letters of condolence, relatives and friends should be advised to communicate direct with The Quartermaster General for information desired concerning grave locations, disposition of remains and effects, and other related matters.

By order of the Secretary of War:

EDWARD F. WITSELL,
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Acting The Adjutant General.

AG 293/316 CM-O 1st Ind.
HEADQUARTERS NATOUSA, APO 534. 7 January 1944.

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TO: All Concerned.
For compliance.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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MEMORANDUM)
No. W600-67-43)
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23 December 1943.

OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS OF RESERVE COMPONENTS AND ENLISTED MEN
WHO HAVE BEEN NOMINATED AS CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE U.S.
MILITARY ACADEMY, U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY, OR U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY

Paragraph 2 and 4b, Memorandum No. W600-67-43, 13 August 1943, subject
as above, are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

2. Officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men on active duty in the
Army who hold appointments to the United States Military Academy will be
transferred upon their written requests to the Army Specialized Training
unit at one of the institutions at which a special preparatory course is
to be conducted under the direction of the Commanding General, Army Service
Forces.

4, b. These eligible officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men who
desire this training may submit requests to their immediate commanding officer
for transfer to one of the institutions named. These commanding officers will
inform The Adjutant General by radiogram or telegram, reference SPXPRN, of each
request received in order that transfer to the proper institutions may be
expedited. The written application will be forwarded through channels to The
Adjutant General (Attention: USMA Section). It is desired that candidates
report at the proper institution not earlier than 26 August and not later than
1 September 1943. However, candidates who receive appointments after the
latter date will be transferred by The Adjutant General as soon as practicable.
Transfers to the appropriate Army Specialized Training unit in an attached
unassigned status will be accomplished as follows:

- (1) Officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men, other than
aviation cadets, will be transferred in grade.
- (2) An aviation cadet will be transferred in the enlisted grade
held prior to appointment as aviation cadet.

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AG 400 (7 Dec 43) OB-S-E-M

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14 December 1943

SUBJECT: Supply Training.

TO: The Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area:
The Commanding Generals,
Theaters of Operations,
Defense Commands,
Departments,
Base Commands.
The Commanding Officers,
Base Commands.

1. The War Department is seriously concerned over the wastage of supplies resulting from lack of supply discipline present among our troops, and is initiating remedial action within the continental United States to bring home to all troops in training the importance of this subject. Troops subsequently arriving in your areas should, as a result, show improved supply discipline and "supply consciousness".

2. In view of the above, your cooperation is requested in initiating whatever steps may be deemed necessary to decrease wastage of critical items and to develop increased supply discipline.

3. The need for this training is ever present and especially so now since every effort must be made to conserve raw materials, manpower, and shipping space to the end that the present war may be brought to a successful conclusion at the earliest practicable moment.

By order of Secretary of War.

/s/ A E O'Leary
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, APO 782, 9 January 1944.

To: See Distribution:

Wastage of supplies must be stopped by the intelligent
and active effort of every individual to:

- a. Personally economize.
- b. Prevent theft, damage, and unauthorized sale.

By Command of Brigadier General PENCE:

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