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Postal Regulations I
Sender's Composition Messages (SCM) II
Local Procurement Regulations - Policies, Procedures, Reports III

I -- POSTAL REGULATIONS

Circular Number 30, this headquarters, 1945, is amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 13e is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"e. When a patient is evacuated by a hospital to the United States MAP Forms 9 and 10 will be prepared at the hospital showing either a non-military forwarding address in the United States or that mail received subsequent to evacuation is to be returned to the sender."

2. Paragraph 15 is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"15. Patients will furnish the hospital forwarding instructions for their mail prior to evacuation to the United States. Mail arriving after evacuation of a patient will be processed in accordance with paragraph 19a."

3. Paragraph 17 is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"17. When mail is received in a unit for hospitalized personnel and a MAP Form No. 10 is on file showing that the individual is to be evacuated to the United States, it will be processed in accordance with paragraph 19a."

4. Section X is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"X -- INDIVIDUALS RETURNING TO UNITED STATES

18. Except for orders issued to return personnel to the United States for temporary duty of short duration, all orders issued in this Theater directing return of personnel as individuals (casuals) to the United States from their assigned units, as distinguished from replacement organizations or hospitals through which processed enroute, will include the following instructions:

a. Immediate notice will be given to emergency addressees, all correspondents, and publishers to discontinue mailing letters, parcels and publications until further advised as to the new address. WD AGO Form 971-1 (V-Mail notice to correspondents and publishers) may be used for this purpose. In the event it is known at the time this order is received that departure from the unit will be delayed the notice should not be sent until the departure date is known. The notice should be sent 15 days before departure date when possible.

b. Prior to departure from the assigned unit, the unit Mail Clerk and the 2628 Central Postal Directory Section, APO 698, will be furnished a non military forwarding address in the United States for each returned individual. Card Form MAP 11 (Available at any APO) will be used in furnishing the forwarding address to the 2628 Central Postal Directory Section.

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Hq MTOUSA Circular #80 (cont'd)

19. a. All personnel returning to the United States as individuals (casuals) except those returning for temporary duty of short duration, will furnish the unit mail clerk and the 2628 Central Postal Directory Section a non-military forwarding address in the United States. Either NAP Form 9 or 11 will be used for this purpose. Letter mail, other first class mail, and parcels received at the unit addressed to personnel who have departed for the United States will be indorsed "Returning to the US" and forwarded to the address furnished. If a forwarding address has not been furnished, mail will be indorsed "Returning to the US - no forwarding address" and returned to the sender through usual postal channels.

b. Mail of all classes received after departure of the individual for temporary duty of short duration, and who will return to this Theater, will be held pending return unless the addressee requests that mail be forwarded. When the addressee requests that mail be forwarded to the United States, a non-military forwarding address will be supplied.

20. The foregoing eliminates the special handling of mail for sick and wounded personnel returning to the United States for hospitalization and placing the handling of such mail on the same basis as mail for all other returnees."

II - SENDER'S COMPOSITION MESSAGES (SCM)

So much of paragraph 2a, Section II, Circular Number 78, this headquarters, 1945, as shows the rate for each additional word to "New York City - only" as being ".07 2/3" is amended to show the rate as being ".06 2/3".

III - LOCAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS - POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REPORTS

Paragraph 1 j, Section IV, Circular Number 77, this headquarters, 1945, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"j. Paragraph 4, MTOUSA letter, file AG 319.1/032 QM-O, dated 3 January 1945, subject: 'Periodic Reports (QM)'."

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNEY:

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I -- UNITED STATES MILITARY CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS

Circular Number 70, this headquarters, 1945, is amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 2, Section I, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:
"2. Unit censorship is discontinued, effective this date. It will be automatically reimposed on all individuals and units to be shipped direct from this theater to the Pacific-Far East area when such individuals and units are alerted for movement to a port of embarkation. Base censorship will continue in force."
2. Paragraph 1, Section II, is amended by adding the words:
"of the war against Japan and the military occupation of Germany and Austria".
3. Paragraph 5, Section II, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:
"5. Locations, identities, and movements of all individuals and units may be stated in letters, except when individuals or units to be shipped direct from this theater to the Pacific-Far East area are alerted for movement to a port of embarkation."

II - OFFENSES, CONFINEMENT AND COURTS-MARTIAL

Paragraph 4, Section I, Circular Number 9, this headquarters, 1945, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"4. Discontinuance of Allotments and Family Allowances (Class "F" Deduction) - At the expiration of 15 days absence request for discontinuance of allotments will be made in accordance with paragraph 22a (7) and 24b, AR 35-5520, 30 September 1944, with the exception of Family Allowances for enlisted men. In the case of Family Allowances, notification will be submitted to the Office of Dependency Benefits, immediately after the 15th day of absence (paragraphs 11d, e, 15f, and 36, AR 35-5540, 5 January 1944, as changed by Change 5, AR 35-5540, 7 April 1945)."

III - COUNTERMORTAR MEASURES

Training Memorandum Number 8, Headquarters MTOUSA, dated 22 October 1944, subject: "Countermortar Measures", is hereby rescinded. Current instructions regarding countermortar measures are contained in War Department Training Circular Number 7, dated 21 February 1945, subject, "Countermortar Organization and Technique", now in the process of distribution.

IV - IMPORTATION AND SALE OF COMMODITIES

Section II, Circular Number 55, this headquarters, 1944, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

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Hq MTOUSA Circular #76 (cont'd)

1. The importation of commodities into the Mediterranean Theater of Operations by members of the United States Armed Forces and persons accompanying or serving with such forces, for the purpose of sale or resale to or barter with the residents of countries within the theater, and the sale, resale, or barter of such commodities to or with residents of countries within the theater, is forbidden.

2. The term "importation" as used herein includes, but is not limited to, bringing, carrying, mailing, or otherwise transporting in any manner, or causing to be brought, carried, mailed or otherwise transported in any manner.

V -- GRATUITOUS ISSUES

Section I, Circular Number 91, this headquarters, 1944, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

1. Gratuitous issues of items listed in paragraph 4d (2), AR 30-2210, as amended, will be made only during periods when it is impracticable to provide Army Exchange sales facilities for these items. This policy applies to combat and non-combat conditions.

2. Gratuitous issues and sales of the items referred to above will not be made in the same area. Gratuitous issues will be discontinued in an area as early as it is possible for exchange facilities to provide those items for sale. In areas where gratuitous issues are being made, sales of items not included in the gratuitous issue list may be made if items are available.

3. Items gratuitously issued will be requested with ration requisitions in daily telegrams. Requests will indicate strengths authorized to receive the issue and will call only for those components that may be required, taking into consideration supplies on hand. Each request will constitute a certificate that no sales facilities for these items are available in the area or that troops requisitioning these supplies have no access to sales facilities.

4. Tactical and base section commanders will be responsible for enforcement of these instructions within their respective commands.

5. The instructions above apply to issues to United States troops only.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

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Date

FROM

TO

AWP

Deputy Ex. Commissioner

Staff Officer

Executive Officer (A)

Executive Officer (B)

G-1 (A)

G-1 (B)

G-4 (A)

G-4 (B)

Headquarters Commandant

Adjutant

FOR:

Comment

Draft of reply

Investigation and report

Answer

Signature

Approval/Disapproval

Your Information

Your File

Return, please

*I have sent copy of this cable
to Postal Off. thru Col Dragnoff
+ to Hq. Transport Officer for
their remarks.*

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MAY 132030B
IMMEDIATE

HQ VENEZIA REGION
HQ ALCON ATTENTION COL NE FISEE

IN CLEAR.

The American personnel of this Region have received no personal mail for past 2 weeks. The ROME courier has made 3 trips to this HQ but has failed each time to collect VENEZIA REGION mail from APO. Request an immediate investigation in order that this deplorable situation may be remedied. Signed PAGE.

5 - Bags went out 5/11/45
2 - " " " 5/14/45

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ACTION: Est Sec 2
INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner
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Brit Post Office
Hq Comdt
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PXII/ADM/1701
Date/Time of Origin: MAY

Message Centre No: E/695
Date/Time Recd: MAY 14 1130B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AMD VENEZIA REGION FROM LEVITT
TO: HQ ALOCM FOR PARKIN

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Request your HQ make arrangements to have our personal mail delivered. No mail received here in 2 weeks.

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ACTION: Ex O(A)
INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner
Ext Sec
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Hq Comdt
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APO # 394
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10 May 1945

SUBJECT: Mail Services.

TO : Commanding Officers of Companies "A", "B", "C", and "D",
2675th Regiment Allied Commission, APO # 394, U. S. Army.

1. It is the responsibility of each company commander to locate the APO which is most convenient in relation to his permanent station, preferably that APO which will remain in his area the longest, for the purpose of receiving and dispatching mail.

2. The Company Commander concerned should request such service by letter to the Postal Officer of the APO selected; a copy of this letter should be forwarded to this office (APO # 394) immediately. The Postal Officer of the APO selected will take the necessary steps to insure prompt dispatch to his APO of all mail for your unit.

3. The APO selected for dispatching and receiving of mail will not be used as a new address. The mailing address of all personnel assigned to 2675th Regiment Allied Commission is APO # 394.

Neil Farris

NEIL FARRIS,
1st Lt., AMB,
Postal Officer.

Copy to: Adjutant, 2675th Regiment.

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NUMBER 70)

7. May 1945

UNITED STATES MILITARY CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS

Section II, Circular Number 38 and Circular Number 46, both this headquarters, 1945, are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

I--- GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. These regulations apply to all personal and unofficial communications originating with personnel under US military control in this theater. They are based upon WD FM 30-28, dated 15 September 1944.
2. Unit censorship is discontinued, effective this date. It can be reinstituted within an army group at the discretion of the army group commander. Base censorship will continue in force.

II-- INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONNEL

1. All personnel are authorized and encouraged to communicate with relatives and friends with maximum freedom of subject matter consistent with military security requirements.
2. Visits to places of interest, including pictures and mention of persons, may be described in personal letters.
3. Accounts may be included of personal participation and experiences in battles and campaigns.
4. Current topics of general public interest may be discussed, but disparaging criticism of Allied governments and their military efforts will be avoided.
5. Locations of individuals and units in Italy, Sicily, Sardinia, and Corsica only, may be stated in letters unless the individuals or units have been alerted for movement to another Theater of Operations.
6. Information of value to the enemy, such as military instructions, plans, operations, movements, composition of units, order of battle, individual casualties prior to release by War Department, classified military equipment, sabotage methods and escape and evasion experiences will not be discussed in personal communications.
7. Letters and postcards, including those written in foreign languages by approval of unit commanders, will be posted only in US Army Postal channels. Those to be carried out of the theater for ultimate posting elsewhere will be submitted to the Base Censor for examination and stamping. Personnel will not post in APO channels, nor carry, any communication in behalf of civilian inhabitants or enemy prisoners of war in this theater, or otherwise act as intermediaries therefor.
8. Personnel may correspond with friends and relatives located on the mainland of Italy, but not with prisoners of war held by the US or her Allies.
9. Military return addresses will be used on all mails except those addressed to enemy or enemy-occupied countries. Mail to Allied prisoners in enemy hands will be sent through a friend or relative in the United States who will forward it using a domestic return address.

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Hq MTOUSA Circular #70 (Cont'd)

10. Inclosures in letters are permitted except: Official and classified documents or any material violating AR 380-5; captured enemy documents, or documents found in former enemy-occupied places; official documents of civil authorities in Allied or enemy territory; private diaries.

11. Material prepared for publication will be approved by unit commanders and forwarded in duplicate through Press and Radio Censorship Branch, AFHQ.

12. Privately owned cameras are authorized for all personnel. Amateur photographs may be transmitted, provided they contain no information prohibited by paragraphs 5 or 6 above. Official photographs intended as souvenirs may be carried or mailed out of the theater provided they are declassified by appropriate authority as specified in paragraph 15, AR 380-5, dated 15 March 1944, all identification data on margins is removed, and they are submitted to the Base Censor.

13. Black and white exposed film (still pictures) will be received by the Army Exchange Service from military personnel for processing at civilian laboratories approved by US Base Section Headquarters. After processing, film will be censored by the Base Censor and returned to personnel or mailed to an addressee designated by the owner. Where such service is not available, or its use entails undue delay, as in case of distant units, personnel may have film processed by commercial photo finishers investigated and authorized by US Base Section or British District or Sub-District Headquarters. In areas where no approved commercial photo finisher exists, unit intelligence officers may be requested to investigate and recommend one.

14. Color film and motion picture film in which cost of processing is included in the original cost of the film will be prepared for mailing in an outer wrapper addressed to the Base Censor. Color film and motion picture film in which cost of processing is not included in the original cost of film will be handled in the same manner except that a US postal money order, payable to film manufacturer, sufficient to cover cost of processing and mailing to addressee, will be included with the film as processed film of the above classes will not be returned to addressee in this theater by the processing agency. All film forwarded to the Base Censor for dispatch will have attached thereto, name and address of sender, as well as name and address of person in the US to whom the processed film will be sent.

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