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PERSONNEL

- 1- Request screening Equipment for MMIA Sardinia
- 2- Receipt for PX cards

NOTE- Explanation of Figures shown in Parenthesis on other side.

- (1) Major Command - show major command to which unit requisitioning ration belongs, i.e., Fifth Army, 12th AFSC, HQ, NATOUS, etc.
- (2) Morning Report Strength - enter actual strength, assigned or attached and present for rations.
- (3) Rations requested, estimated feeding strength - This is the average number expected to be present for meals the next issue. If the number is greater than (2) above, explain reason. If additional rations are needed for travel or to cover a period longer than one day due to the inability to draw daily, so state
- (4) Analysis of rations consumed - enter on lines below, by classification, number of persons actually fed on previous day. Total should agree with column (2) of "Ration Record" form, Circular #115, 1944.
- (5) Additional Rations - only where authorized, show authority.
- (6) As authorized in paragraph 3e (2), Section II, Circular #116, 1944.
- (7) Native civilians: mess attendants, rest camps, others, see paragraphs 3 e, f, g, Section II, NATOUS Circular #116, 1944.

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Every unit drawing rations will submit a Daily Telegram and keep a copy on file.
2. When a unit is grouped with others for drawing rations, the Daily Telegram will be submitted in duplicate to the organization making the breakdown.
3. Organizations drawing for other units than themselves will attach the Daily Telegram of the other units to their own Daily Telegram for forwarding to the Issuing Quartermaster, who will consolidate and issue to the organization making the breakdown.
4. When, for any reason, it becomes necessary to radio or telegraph the reports to the Issuing Quartermaster, the signed daily telegram will be forwarded immediately marked "CONFIRMATION".
5. When rations are issued in advance for more than one day, the issue will be made on the estimated daily strength for that period. A running account will be kept by the Issuing Quartermaster until the daily credit is exhausted.
6. Issuing reports or railheads will make Tally-Outs or issue lists in duplicate for rations issued and take receipts therefor on both copies from individuals authorized to draw rations for the unit. Tallies will list the items, quantities issued and basis on issue. One copy will be returned to the unit and one copy retained at the ration point. Substitutions will be clearly indicated on both copies.

(5) As authorized in paragraph 3e, Section II, NATUSA Circular #116, 1944.

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6. Issuing Depots or railheads will make Tally-Outs or issue lists in duplicate for rations issued and take receipts therefor on both copies from individuals authorized to draw rations for the unit. Tallies will list the items, quantities issued and basis on issue. One copy will be returned to the unit and one copy retained at the ration point. Substitutions will be clearly indicated on both copies. In addition, where units do not desire issue of certain items, both copies will be so noted and initialed by the individual signing for the rations and also by the checker.

7. Issue points will maintain daily recapitulations of daily telegrams in order that up-to-date records will be available for examination by authorized inspectors.

Issue points may refuse to honor daily telegrams that are improperly submitted or not completed in all respects. The information contained on the reverse hereof forms the basis for ordering rations for this theater. All concerned will insure that lines (9) to (24) inclusive are accomplished in detail and does not include under lines (9) and (10) any personnel other than U.S. Army officers, nurses, Physical therapy aides, hospital dietitians, MAJ officers, flight officers, warrant officers and enlisted personnel including NAs.

8. Units will notify ration breakdown points items not desired.

SECRET

DAILY TELEGRAM FOR RATIONS

NOTE: Figures in parenthesis refer to explanatory notes on back

1. TO: \_\_\_\_\_ STATION \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ 1944  
(Depot or Railhead) (Or Grid Coordinate)

2. Basis for rations to be drawn on DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ 1944

|                    | Unit<br>Designation | Major<br>Command (1) | Morning<br>Report<br>Strength (2) | Rations   |                                       |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
|                    |                     |                      |                                   | Requested | Estimated<br>Feeding<br>Strength (3)* |
| 3. DRAWING UNIT    | _____               | _____                | _____                             | _____     | _____                                 |
| 4. ATTACHED UNITS: | _____               | _____                | _____                             | _____     | _____                                 |
| 5. _____           | _____               | _____                | _____                             | _____     | _____                                 |
| 6. _____           | _____               | _____                | _____                             | _____     | _____                                 |
|                    |                     |                      | TOTAL:                            | _____     | _____                                 |

7. AVERAGE MESS ATTENDANCE FOR RATIONS CONSUMED YESTERDAY (4)

5. U.S. ARMY RATIONS:
- 9. U.S. Army
  - 10. U.S. Army Additional (5)
  - 11. U.S. Navy, Coastguard, Merchant Marine
  - 12. British, Army, Navy, or R.A.F.
  - 13. Brazilian Military
  - 14. French, Military
  - 15. U.S. Civilians (includes A.R., correspondents, etc.)
  - 16. Civilian Cooks, Waiters & Mess attendants (6)
  - 17. Others authorized - (explain)
  - 18. TOTAL U.S. ARMY RATIONS:

19. SPECIAL RATIONS (Not standard U.S. Army Rations)
- 20. Italian Service Units
  - 21. French Rations
  - 22. Moslem Rations
  - 23. Prisoners of War
  - 24. Native Civilian (7)
  - 25. Civilian Midshift Meal
- GRAND TOTAL (Equals Rations Consumed Yesterday)

26. ANIMAL RATIONS: Desired on this Telegram:

27. Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Mule: \_\_\_\_\_ Don: \_\_\_\_\_

28. BREAKDOWN OF RATION REQUESTED OF THIS TELEGRAM:

29. Type "B" \_\_\_\_\_

7. AVERAGE MESS ATTENDANCE FOR RATIONS CONSUMED YESTERDAY (4)

|     |                                                     |  |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------|--|
| 8.  | U.S. ARMY RATIONS:                                  |  |
| 9.  | U.S. Army                                           |  |
| 10. | U.S. Army Additional (5)                            |  |
| 11. | U.S. Navy, Coastguard, Merchant Marine              |  |
| 12. | British, Army, Navy, or R.F.                        |  |
| 13. | Brazilian Military                                  |  |
| 14. | French, Military                                    |  |
| 15. | U.S. Civilians (Includes ARJ, correspondents, etc.) |  |
| 16. | Civilian Cooks, Waiters & Mess Attendants (6)       |  |
| 17. | Others authorized - (explain)                       |  |
| 18. | TOTAL U.S. ARMY RATIONS:                            |  |
| 19. | SPECIAL RATIONS (Not standard U.S. Army Rations)    |  |
| 20. | Italian Service Units                               |  |
| 21. | French Rations                                      |  |
| 22. | Moslem Rations                                      |  |
| 23. | Prisoners of War                                    |  |
| 24. | Native Civilian (7)                                 |  |
|     | GRAND TOTAL (Equals Rations Consumed Yesterday)     |  |
| 25. | Civilian Midshift Meal                              |  |

|     |                                           |  |
|-----|-------------------------------------------|--|
| 26. | ANIMAL RATIONS: Desired on this Telegram: |  |
| 27. | Horse: Mule: Dog:                         |  |

|     |                                                 |      |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------|------|
| 28. | BREAKDOWN OF RATION REQUESTED ON THIS TELEGRAM: | 4428 |
| 29. | Type "B"                                        |      |
| 30. | Type "C"                                        |      |
| 31. | Type "D"                                        |      |
| 32. | Type "K"                                        |      |
| 33. | Type 10/1                                       |      |
| 34. | Italian Service Unit                            |      |
| 35. | French                                          |      |
| 36. | Moslem                                          |      |
| 37. | Prisoners of War                                |      |
| 38. | Native Civilian                                 |      |
|     | TOTAL                                           |      |
| 39. | Civilian Midshift Meal                          |      |

I certify that the above rations are authorized and correctly computed in accordance with MATOUA Circular #116 1944.

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R E S T R I C T E D

ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA  
LPO 534

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14 October 1944

SUBJECT: Sale of War Savings Bonds.

TO : War Bond Officer, All Units, Allied Garrison of Sardinia.

1. The following letter from Headquarters, CO ZONE, NATOUSA, dated 7 October is repeated hereon for the information and compliance of all concerned:

1. The value of saving through investment in War Savings Bonds by Class B allotments should be stressed again and again to all military personnel. Emphasize that \$3.00 invested in War Bonds now will return \$4.00. Stress one time pay deductions. Volume of funds transmitted to the United States under PT. plan indicates that one time pay deductions can become a fertile field for War Bond sales.

2. Although no percentage of investment has been established by military personnel, there should be at least 90% participation and subscription of approximately 10% of the total payroll. During the month of August, 1944, enlisted personnel, this Theater, invested 4.76% of their pay; officers invested 4.57% during this period.

By order of Colonel HARDING:

*Paul W. Hulse*  
PAUL W. HULSE  
CWO., D.S.A.  
Adjutant.

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2691 MMIA COMPANY (OVHD)  
APO 394 U.S. Army

12 October 1944

SUBJECT: Changes in Soldier Voting Poster Number 4.

TO: All Soldier Voting Officer's, 2691 MMIA Company  
(OVHD).

"The following changes will be entered on all posted and  
reference copies of Soldier Voting Poster Number 4.

TEXAS

President and Vice President: Add SMITH and ROMER,  
America First.

Representative, 18th District: Add McD BYBEE, Childress,  
Republican.

Representative, 6th District: Delete Charles W. BECK  
(deceased) (No other Republican candidate at this time.)"

*Peter W. Rodino Jr.*  
PETER W. RODINO JR.,  
2nd Lieutenant, A.U.S.,  
Hqs. Commandant.

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0930  
17 Oct 44  
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2691 MMIA COMPANY (OVHD)  
APO 394 U. S. ARMY

13 October 1944

SUBJECT: Soldier Voting.

TO : All Soldier Voting officers,  
2691 MMIA Company (OVHD).

1. According to information received by War Department from Mississippi Secretary of State, on Mississippi State Ballot Groups of electors are as follows:

First Group Democratic, Second Group Republican and Third Group Independent Republican. Congressional Candidates are as follows: First Name Democratic, Second Name Republican.

2. Above information should be brought to attention of all concerned.

PETER W. RODINO, JR.,  
2nd Lieutenant, AUS,  
Hqs. Commandant.

Rec'd  
0930  
17 Oct 44  
C.

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File. Misc. (Ballots)

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ALLIED GARRISON OF S. RDINIA  
APO 534

12 October 1944

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IC : All concerned.

1. Cable IX 46693 from CG, CG ZONE, N. TOUS, dated 11 October 1944 is reported for information of all concerned.

Information received by War Department from Mississippi Secretary of State is that on the Mississippi State Ballots, the groups of electors are as follows:

- (A) 1st Group - Democratic
- 2nd Group - Republican
- 3rd Group - Independent Republican

(B) For the Congressional Candidate the first name is Democratic and the second name is Republican.

By order of Colonel HARDING:

*Paul A. Hulse*  
PAUL A. HULSE  
CWO., U.S.A.  
Adjutant.

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R E S T R I C T E D

Rec'd  
1330  
15 Oct 44  
(P)

Hte: Miss. (Ballots)

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY  
(U.S. Contingent) (Ovhd) APO 777  
U.S. Army

AG 014.35

WJH/ap  
10 October 1944

SUBJECT: Marking of Ballot Envelopes by Unit Censors.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regt, ACC(Ovhd),  
APO 394, U.S. Army.  
Commanding Officer, 2691st MIA Company (Ovhd),  
APO 394, U.S. Army.  
Commanding Officer, Florence Allied Area Command,  
APO 534, U.S. Army.  
Commanding Officer, Hq Co AAI (US Contingent) (Ovhd),  
APO 777, U.S. Army.

1. The following NATOUSA Radio dated 9 October 1944,  
Orig. No. FX 36527, is quoted for your information and strict  
compliance:

"NUMBER OF INSTANCES OF MARKING OF BALLOT  
ENVELOPES BY UNIT CENSORS IN VIOLATION OF  
WAR DEPARTMENT AND NATOUSA INSTRUCTIONS.  
IMMEDIATE AND FIRM ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN  
TO ELIMINATE THIS PRACTICE BY ALL CONCERNED.  
WHERE APPROPRIATE, DISCIPLINARY ACTION  
SHOULD BE TAKEN"

2. The above quoted radio will be brought to the at-  
tention of each American officer under your command, and firm  
action will be taken immediately to eliminate this practice.

By command of Major General LEMNITZER:

*W. J. Harrington*  
W. J. HARRINGTON,  
Captain, A. G. D.,  
Soldier Voting Officer, AAI.

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*File: Ballots*

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2691 MMIA COMPANY (OVHD)  
APO 394 U.S. ARMY

11 October 1944

SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction

TO: Soldier Voting Officers 2691 MMIA Co. (OVHD.)

1. It has been directed by Higher Headquarters that particular attention be made of Section 1, paragraph 1 and 2, MATOUSA letter file AG 014.35/038 A-O, subject, Soldier Voting Instruction No. 18, 26 September 1944.

2. Pursuant to instructions contained in the aforementioned letter, this office should be notified immediately of any erroneous deliveries of Federal Ballots, or erroneous markings of Federal Ballot by Censor or other personnel. In turn, this Headquarters will make proper report to Major Commands.

PWR:ri

*Peter W. Rodino Jr.*  
PETER W. RODINO JR.,  
2nd Lieutenant, A.U.S.,  
Hqs Commandant.

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0830  
17 Oct 44  
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File: Ballots

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Sept 24 '44

1. The horse is always at the disposition of Maj Foosett.
2. Call the base an hour or so before using the horse so we can get him ready for the time you want and will tell us.

Col Borda

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*Pers. File*

P R O M E M O R I A

per il Tenente F I L I P P I

- 1.- Informare il Maggiore Fosset che 1 cavallo è sempre a sua disposizione.-
- 2.- Occorre che il Maggiore Fosset telefoni con qualche ora di anticipo alla Base ogni qualvolta desidera servirsi del cavallo, indicando l'ora.
- 3.- Ciò allo scopo di poter dare tempestive disposizioni alla scuderia perchè il cavallo possa essere preparato insellato per l'ora voluta.-

P.M. 50, li 24/9/1944

Col. Matteo Borda



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Col. Brady

## SPECCHI NUMERICI DEL

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distinta per classi, gradi e categorie, indisponibile per

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2691 MMIA COMPANY (OVHD)  
APO 394 U.S. Army

PWR/ps  
22 September 44

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Soldier Voting Officer, 2691 MMIA Co. (Ovhd), U.S. Army

Enclosed herein are Official Election War Ballot Posters, which are to be used in accordance with instructions contained in Soldier Voting Instructions, No. #15, Hdqrs., MATOUSA, dtd. 30 Aug. 1944.

For the Voting Officer:

*Peter W. Rodino, Jr.*  
PETER W. RODINO, JR.  
2nd. Lt., AUS  
Hqs Commandant

Incl.  
3. Posters

Rec'd  
0815  
27 Sept 44  
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5 Hqs. msc. (Ballot Posters)

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2691 MMIA COMPANY (OVHD)  
APO 394 U S ARMY

1 September 1944

SUBJECT: Travel Orders

TO : Men Concerned

You will proceed from Rome to Sardinia for duty. Travel by military aircraft is authorized. Rations in kind will be furnished for six days.

| <u>RANK</u> | <u>NAME</u>          | <u>ASN</u> |
|-------------|----------------------|------------|
| S/Sgt       | Zimmerman, Richard O | 12098789   |
| T/5         | Pugliese, Samuel A   | 32918221   |
| Pvt         | Wilder, Robert J. Jr | 35707723   |
| Pvt         | Latona, Phillip J    | 35320161   |

CLAYTON P. KERR  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

CPK/mg

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2691 MMIA COMPANY (OVHD)  
APO 394 U.S. Army

PWR/1h  
14 September 1944

SUBJECT: Designation of Soldier Voting Officer.

TO: Major George L. Fossett, Sardinia.

1. You are hereby appointed Soldier Voting Officer for personnel of 2691 MMIA Company (Ovhd) at your station.
2. Attention invited to instructions attached hereto.

For the Commanding Officer:

*Peter W. Rodino Jr.*  
PETER W. RODINO JR.,  
2nd Lieutenant, A.U.S.,  
Hqs. Commandant.

Recd 19 Sept 44  
0800  
DJS

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2691 MMIA COMPANY (OVHD)  
APO 394 U.S. ARMY

PWR/lh  
13 September 1944

SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instructions.

TO: Soldier Voting Officer, MMIA, Sardinia.

1. Letter Headquarters NATOUSA, file AG 014.35/038 A-0, Subject: "Soldier Voting Instructions Number 15", dated 30 August 1944 directs that the following extracted information be brought to the attention of all military personnel.

\* \* \* \* \*

All military personnel and attached civilians who meet all of the following conditions are eligible to vote by Federal Ballot:

- a. Will have become 21 years of age by 7 November 1944. (18 for Georgia citizens).
- b. Comes from one of the following twenty states:

|               |                |              |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| California    | Michigan       | Oregon       |
| Connecticut   | Nebraska       | Rhode Island |
| Florida *     | New Hampshire  | Texas ***    |
| Georgia **    | New Jersey     | Utah         |
| Maine         | New Mexico     | Vermont      |
| Maryland      | North Carolina | Washington   |
| Massachusetts | Oklahoma       |              |

(NOTES:

- \* Florida authorizes use of Federal Ballot only by members of Armed Forces and the Merchant Marine.
- \*\* Georgia authorizes use only by members of Armed Forces.
- \*\*\* Texas waves payment of poll tax in voting by Federal Ballot.)

- c. Will certify that he applied for a State absentee ballot prior to 1 September and as of 1 October had not received it.

2. The above information should be posted in a conspicuous place continuously from 1 October to 7 November in order to constitute adequate notification to all concerned.

3. A Federal ballot will be given to personnel meeting the above requirements upon oral request of such individuals

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(Ltr. 2691 MMIA Co. (Ovhd), Subj: "Soldier Voting Instructions", dated 13 Sept. '44 - Cont'd)

and only after they advise Soldier Voting Officer that they do meet these requirements. A check of records to verify statement is not recommended and is discouraged. However a record of Federal ballot units received with name and date of receipt is required, together with number distributed, the number executed, the number executed and transmitted by the Soldier Voting Officer, and the number of Federal ballots in units destroyed (unused and spoiled). Such records will be retained until 1 December 1944 then destroyed.

4. This headquarters will furnish Federal ballot units as required. It is advised that message signal be sent to this headquarters stating number of Ballots desired as soon as oral requests are made to Soldier Voting Officer. No Federal Ballots will be issued before 2 October or after 7 November. However during period 2 October to 7 November, a Federal ballot will be given to any eligible individual requesting same.

5. Information on "How To Fill Out the Federal Ballot" is contained in letter Headquarters NATOUSA, file AG 014.35/038 A-0, Subject: "Soldier Voting Instruction Number 15", dated 30 August 1944 and "Check List For Federal Ballot Inspections" from Headquarters NATOUSA, dated 9 September 1944 copies of which are enclosed.

6. Voting Posters will also be sent as soon as same are made available to us.

7. No officer or enlisted man will be influenced to vote if he does not desire to do so.

8. It is the duty of the Soldier Voting Officer to:  
a. furnish whatever aid or information is requested by personnel desiring to vote. b. to see that state absentee ballots and Federal ballots are not censored and are expedited c. to give proper instructions to personnel in execution of ballots.

9. Oaths on ballots should be attested by a commissioned officer or a sergeant (not a technician) in order to make them valid. This applies to state absentee ballots as well. (i.e., the signature of the voter must be affixed in the presence of the Commissioned or non-commissioned officer who in turn affixes his signature.

10. For further information your attention is invited to the inclosures.

*Peter W. Rodino Jr.*  
PETER W. RODINO JR.,  
2nd Lieutenant, A.U.S.,  
Hqs. Commandant.

2 Incls:  
Copy "Soldier Voting Instructions Number 15".  
Ballot Check List.

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RESTRICTED  
HEADQUARTERS  
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 534

AD OVA 35/008 A-0 30 August 1944

SUBJECT: Soldier Voting Instruction Number 15.  
TO : All Concerned.

The Federal Ballot

|                                                      | SECTION |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| General . . . . .                                    | I       |
| Federal Balloting Material . . . . .                 | II      |
| Distribution of Material . . . . .                   | III     |
| Delivery of Federal Ballots to Individuals . . . . . | IV      |
| Unit Administration of Federal Balloting . . . . .   | V       |
| Handling of Federal Ballots as Mail . . . . .        | VI      |
| Records and Reports . . . . .                        | VII     |
| Action by Ports and Airports . . . . .               | VIII    |
| Supervisory Soldier Voting Officers . . . . .        | IX      |

I. GENERAL

1. Attention of all commanding officers and their Soldier Voting Officers is directed to WD Pamphlet 21-11 (Manual for Soldier Voting). This letter provides detailed procedures to be followed in this theater in respect to voting by the Federal Ballot. Many of the provisions contained herein are derived directly from the Soldier Voting Law. Consequently, it is essential that all concerned comply explicitly with these instructions.

2. Voting is not compulsory. The Army's policy in respect to the Federal Ballot, as in the case of applications for state ballots, is to make such ballots available to those who are eligible to use them and desire to do so. No officer or enlisted man will be influenced to vote if he does not desire to vote. Personnel will not be marched to vote (a specific provision of the law.) No officer, warrant officer or non-commissioned officer will attempt to influence any soldier as to his choice of candidates.

3. Exception from the provisions of the procedures prescribed herein, on the grounds that compliance is not compatible with military operations, is approved under the same circumstances as outlined in paragraph 13, MATUSA Soldier Voting Instruction No 2, 7 July 1944.

II. FEDERAL BALLOTING MATERIAL

4. Material supplied by the War Department in connection with Federal Balloting is as follows:

- Federal Balloting "Units" (consisting of the ballot itself and an inner and outer envelope)
- WD Soldier Voting Poster No 3 (Map of U.S. outlining Congressional Districts).

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Ltr, Hq MATOUSSA, AG 014.35/038 A-0  
dated 30 August 1944 (Cont'd)

WD Soldier Voting Poster No 4 (Lists of candidates in each state to be voted by Federal ballot. Because certain states have primaries at a late date, the lists on this poster will be incomplete. Supplementary data will be furnished by radio when information is received.)

WD Soldier Voting Poster No 5 (Graphic presentation of Federal balloting procedure.)

5. The display of Poster No 4 in "convenient and conspicuous place" is a statutory obligation under the Soldier Voting Law. Wherever possible Posters 3 and 5 will likewise be placed on display. Where facilities to post all of these posters simultaneously do not exist, the following procedure may be followed:

a. Poster No 3 will be retained as a reference guide by Soldier Voting Officers and the attention of all personnel will be called to the fact that this information, necessary to complete the Federal Ballot, is available upon request.

b. Poster No 5 may be posted for a brief period (2 - 3 days) and removed.

6. It is important that an extra copy of Poster No 4 and Poster No 3 (if the latter is posted) be retained by the Soldier Voting Officer in order that this essential information will be available to personnel of the unit in case the posted copies of these posters are destroyed.

7. Material which is posted will be displayed 2 - 10 October, inclusive. All posters should be retained by the Soldier Voting Officer for reference purposes until 7 November. WD Soldier Voting Posters Nos 1 and 2 may be removed from display on 1 October. Poster No 2 should be maintained by the Soldier Voting Officer for reference purposes until 7 November.

**III. DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIAL**

8. Federal Balloting "Units" and Posters Nos 3, 4 and 5 will be distributed in bulk to Major Commands simultaneously upon requisition to CG SOS MATOUSSA, as outlined below. This material should reach the company or equivalent level no later than 25 September.

9. This material will be distributed in bulk to the following Major Commands:

|                           |                                                |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Fifth Army                | Replacement Command                            |
| Seventh Army              | Headquarters Command AF (including Hq & Hq Co) |
| AAF/TU                    | MONS                                           |
| NAFH/ATC                  | PBS                                            |
| SOS MATOUSSA              | CRS                                            |
| Home Allied Area Command  | ICS (to include EWS and ARS)                   |
| AAI (US Contingent) (OWS) |                                                |

10. The above commands will make distribution to all assigned and attached units. If a unit is assigned to one headquarters and attached to another, the headquarters to which the unit is attached for supply will be responsible for the distribution. When any unit is in doubt as to the supply of this material, it should get in touch with the Soldier Voting Officer of the base section within which it is geographically located.

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11. Each agency making bulk distribution of Federal Balloting "Units" down to company or equivalent level will obtain receipts for delivery of such units.

12. Each of the major commands designated in paragraph 9, above, will submit to the Commanding General, SOS MATOUSA, APO 750, to arrive not later than 8 September, a requisition in letter or cable form for all Federal Balloting material listed in paragraph 4, above, for all of the units to which it will make distribution. The basis for calculating requirements will be as follows:

a. Federal Balloting "Units"

- (1) At each company or similar unit - 1 per 5 individuals.
- (2) At regiment, group, separate battalion or separate headquarters - 1 per 10 individuals.
- (3) At each major command (see par 9) - Command reserve of 1 per 20 individuals.
- (4) Reserves prescribed in (2) and (3) above will be used to meet unforeseen shortages in subordinate commands to meet the requirement of newly assigned or attached units not previously supplied.
- (5) Commands with a high rate of personnel turnover (such as hospitals, replacement depots, ports, etc) will include in their requirements an additional quantity based on 1 for each 10 individuals estimated to join the unit during October.

b. Posters 3, 4 and 5

- (1) Each headquarters, down to and including company and equivalent headquarters to have 2 copies of each poster.
- (2) Each of the major commands listed in paragraph 9, above, to have a central reserve equivalent to approximately 1 per each 5000 individuals.

13. In submitting requisitions, major commands may request direct mailing to divisions, separate brigades, replacement depots, or units of similar size. Direct distribution will not be made to smaller units.

14. Distribution of Federal Balloting material within the theater will be by the most expeditious means available. This provision will be followed by major commands in order to assure the arrival of the material at the using level not later than 25 September. When packages are marked in accordance with paragraph 9, WD Pamphlet 21-11, they will be given priority service, in accordance with paragraph 6, WD Pamphlet 21-11.

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15. Units not receiving the required material by 25 September will initiate immediate action, through proper channels, to obtain it.

16. Federal ballots and envelopes will be distributed as "units", consisting of a ballot and an inner envelope, both enclosed in an outer envelope. In order to simplify accounting for these "units" (see Part VII of this Instruction), they will be kept intact and not broken up. If any part of a balloting "unit" is to be destroyed because of spoilage, the other parts will be destroyed simultaneously. The envelopes will be used for no other purpose than for transmitting Federal Ballots. When ballots remaining after the November election are destroyed, as provided herein, all parts of balloting units will be destroyed.

17. Federal balloting "units" will be protected against theft or loss in the same manner as classified papers.

IV - DELIVERY OF FEDERAL BALLOTS TO INDIVIDUALS

18. All military personnel and attached civilians (see paragraph 10, WD Pamphlet 21-11) who meet all of the following conditions are eligible to vote by Federal Ballot:

a. Will have become 21 years of age by 7 November 1944. (15 for Georgia citizens).

b. Comes from one of the following twenty States:

|               |                |              |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| California    | Michigan       | Oregon       |
| Connecticut   | Nebraska       | Rhode Island |
| Florida *     | New Hampshire  | Texas ***    |
| Georgia **    | New Jersey     | Utah         |
| Maine         | New Mexico     | Vermont      |
| Maryland      | North Carolina | Washington   |
| Massachusetts | Oklahoma       |              |

(NOTES: \* Florida authorizes use of Federal Ballot only by members of Armed Forces and the Merchant Marine.

\*\* Georgia authorizes use only by members of Armed Forces.

\*\*\* Texas requires payment of poll tax in voting by Federal Ballot.)

c. Will certify that he applied for a State absentee ballot prior to 1 September and as of 1 October had not received it.

19. Federal Ballots will be given by the Unit Soldier Voting Officer to personnel meeting the above requirements upon the oral request of such individuals and only after they advise the Soldier Voting Officer that they do meet these requirements. Such statements by individuals are sufficient and it is not necessary to check records to verify them. Records will be kept as to the individuals receiving these ballots, in accordance with paragraph 34 b, below.

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The provisions of paragraph 18 above, and a statement as to where ballots may be obtained will be brought to the attention of all personnel assigned or attached on 2 October and to all individuals subsequently joining units. Posting of such information continuously from 1 October to 7 November in a convenient and conspicuous place will constitute adequate notification to all concerned. No record requiring individuals to indicate receipt or lack of desire for a Federal Ballot will be kept. No Federal Ballots will be given to individuals before 2 October or after 7 November 1944. During the period 2 October - 7 November, a Federal Ballot will be given to any eligible individual at any time requested.

20. Personnel of the Navy, Coast Guard or Marines assigned or attached to Army units will be offered an opportunity to vote by Federal Ballot in the same manner as Army personnel, if their own Services have not done so.

V - UNIT ADMINISTRATION OF FEDERAL BALLOTING

21. It is the duty of Soldier Voting Officers of companies and similar units to assist personnel voting by Federal Ballot in interpreting ballot instructions, locating their congressional districts, determining the candidates for the offices included on the Federal Ballot, and attesting the voter's oath.

22. The information in the inclosed "How to Fill Out the Federal Ballot" will be conveyed to all those to whom a Federal Ballot is given. Local reproduction is authorized. The detailed nature of the instructions therein and in the succeeding paragraphs is necessitated by reason of specific provisions of the Law or War Department Directives.

23. To vote the complete Federal Ballot, it is necessary for an individual to ascertain his correct congressional district (from Poster Number 3) in order to determine the candidates for Senator from his State and for Representative in Congress from his district or State (from Poster Number 4). The law provides, however, that failure to obtain the proper lists of candidates does not bar an individual from voting by Federal Ballot. Any eligible individual not able to ascertain the names of candidates for all offices (on which his State is holding an election) may vote on the office or offices for which he knows the name of the candidate or candidates for whom he wishes to vote. Failure to vote for certain offices on the Federal Ballot does not invalidate vote or votes actually made thereon.

24. Voters will be given an opportunity to vote the Federal Ballot in secret. The most practicable arrangements will be made for this purpose in each unit, depending on the circumstances prevailing. In all cases the independence of the vote and integrity of the ballot will be rigidly protected.

25. The exact procedure to be followed by the Soldier Voting Officer and the voter in executing the Federal Ballot is contained in paragraphs 4 - 12 of the inclosure to this letter. Soldier Voting Officers will refuse to accept any ballot, after it has been executed by the voter, unless it is sealed with the 44 3 inner envelope. Oaths may be administered by the same classes of military

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personnel provided in the case of the Postcard Application for state ballot - commissioned officers and non-commissioned officers of the grade of sergeant (except officers and technicians are not included). Federal ballots will not be mailed by the voter. When the Soldier Voting Officer has received the executed ballots from voters in his unit, he will separate them alphabetically by state of address and turn them over to the APO at which time the count will be verified in accordance with paragraph 34 c, below. Delivery will be made so as to insure arrival in the United States by 25 October.

26. To prevent ballots from being lost or coming into the possession of unauthorized persons, Soldier Voting Officers will advise voters to execute their Federal Ballots as quickly as possible after receiving them.

27. No Federal Ballots will be censored or marked or stamped by any base or unit censor. Violation of this instruction may lead to serious consequences.

28. If a voter spoils his ballot and desires another, he will be given one. In this event, the entire balloting "unit" (ballot, inner envelope, outer envelope) of the spoiled ballot will be obtained by the Soldier Voting Officer and an entire new "unit" provided the voter. The spoiled ballot will be destroyed and recorded as "destroyed" immediately in accordance with paragraph 34 b (5) below. If a ballot is stuck together to an extent requiring damage in opening, it will not be used but destroyed.

29. Prisoners and hospital patients will be dealt with as prescribed in the case of postcard applications for state ballots (see paragraph 3, MATOUSA Soldier Voting Instruction No 6 and paragraph 27 c, WD Pamphlet 21-11). The execution of the Federal Ballot for voters unable to write will be in accordance with paragraph 27 d, WD Pamphlet 21-11.

30. If a state ballot arrives after a Federal Ballot has been mailed, the voter should be instructed to execute and mail the state ballot. If it arrives in the state in time to be accepted, it will be counted by the state in preference to the Federal Ballot. If the state ballot arrives after the voter has received a Federal Balloting "Unit" but before it has been mailed, the latter should be turned back to the Soldier Voting Officer. If it has been marked in any way, it should not be accepted by the Soldier Voting Officer until the ballot has been sealed inside the inner envelope. Such ballots will be destroyed and recorded as "destroyed" in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 34 b (5), below.

VI - HANDLING OF FEDERAL BALLOTS AS MAIL

31. In accordance with the provisions of WD Pamphlet 21-11 and MATOUSA Soldier Voting Instruction Number 4, Federal Ballots after they are mailed will be given expeditious handling by all concerned. Personnel of the Army Postal Service will be guided by the provisions of Postal Information Circular Number 21, MATOUSA Postal Division, 30 June 1944.

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32. In accordance with War Department instructions, Federal Ballot mail will be given air mail priority after Courier Mail by air and War Department Essential Air Mail.

VII - RECORDS AND REPORTS

33. The law requires that the Army report to the War Ballot Commission on the disposition of all Federal Ballots in its possession. Consequently, these ballots become accountable items in all commands and at all depots and storage places. Accurate records must be maintained and reports made on the disposition of Federal Ballots, and all unused Federal Balloting "Units" must be destroyed.

34. Records

a. The Theater Distributing Agency, each major command listed in paragraph 9, above, and headquarters or agencies designated by major commands to act as sub-distributing agencies will maintain the following records in respect to Federal Balloting "Units":

- (1) Dates and quantities of bulk stocks of Federal Balloting "Units" received.
- (2) Dates and quantities of distributions made from such bulk stocks, showing agencies or organizations to which distributed.
- (3) Dates and quantities of unused Federal Balloting "Units" destroyed in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 35 b and c, below.

b. Company and similar unit commanders will maintain the following records:

- (1) Number of Federal Balloting "Units" received.
- (2) Number of Federal Balloting "Units" distributed by the Soldier Voting Officer, together with the name of each individual receiving such ballot and date of receipt. If the person receiving a ballot is not a member of the unit, his or her organization will be indicated (thus: John Doe, American Red Cross; Richard Roe, Lt Coldr, USN; William Smith, Pfc, Co E, 985th Inf Regiment).
- (3) Number of Federal Ballots executed by personnel under their respective jurisdictions. (This figure may be less than the total under (2) above by reason of spoiled or destroyed ballots, etc.) A ballot is "executed" when the oath has been attested.
- (4) Number of executed Federal Balloting "Units" transmitted by the Soldier Voting Officer. (This figure may be 14472 the total under (3) above in the event of death of a voter

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or destruction by enemy or military action or act of God intervening before such transmission.) A ballot is "transmitted" when the envelope containing it is turned over by the Soldier Voting Officer to an APO.

- (5) Number of unused and spoiled Federal Balloting "Units" destroyed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 35 a, below.

c. APO's will maintain records prescribed in MATOUSA Postal Information Circular Number 21. Attention of Unit Soldier Voting Officers is directed to the fact that when executed Federal Ballots are delivered to the APO by the Soldier Voting Officers, a count of such ballots will be jointly made by him and the Postal Officer to whom they are delivered. The record of this count will be initialed by both the Soldier Voting Officer and the Postal Officer.

d. The records prescribed above will be retained until 1 December 1945 and then destroyed.

35. Reports

a. On 3 November 1944, the commander of each company or similar unit will report to the headquarters of the appropriate command listed in paragraph 9, above, in such manner as directed by that command, the number of Federal Balloting "Units" received, and the number distributed to personnel, the number executed by such personnel (all of which were turned over to the APO) and the number destroyed, including all unused or spoiled Federal Balloting "Units" (and those not mailed as a result of the death of the voter) all of which will be destroyed before this report is forwarded. In case the quantities reported as "executed" and "destroyed" do not equal the quantities "received", a brief explanation will be made. In all cases, units will submit this report to the major command from which they received their supply of Federal Balloting "Units", regardless of command jurisdiction. The major commands supplying these units will have jurisdiction in respect to enforcing the provisions of Federal Ballot reporting.

b. On 8 November 1944, each headquarters acting as a sub-distributing agency, will report to the appropriate major command the number of blank Federal Balloting "Units" received, the number distributed to units, and the number destroyed including all unused and spoiled Federal Balloting "Units" which will be destroyed before this report is forwarded. In case the quantities reported as "distributed" and "destroyed" do not equal the quantities "received", a brief explanation will be made. The Theater Distributing Agency will submit a similar report to the Commanding General, SOS MATOUSA.

c. Each major command will submit by radio to reach the Commanding General, SOS MATOUSA, by 14 November, a consolidated report covering all reports to be submitted to it pursuant to paragraphs a and b, above, showing the number of Federal Balloting "Units" received by the command, the number distributed by

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Soldier Voting Officers to individuals within the command, the number executed (all of which have been turned over to the APC), and the number destroyed. In case the quantities reported as "destroyed" and "executed" do not equal the quantities received, a brief explanation will be made.

VIII - ACTION BY PORTS AND AIRPORTS

36. Members of the Merchant Marine - Members of the Merchant Marine serving on vessels (not of foreign flag registry) under the jurisdiction of this theater which are owned by the Army or bareboat chartered to the Army, crews of which are on Army employment rolls, will be offered an opportunity to vote by Federal Ballot in the same way as Members of the Army. The term "Members of the Merchant Marine" means United States citizens employed as officers or members of the crews of vessels documented under the laws of the United States including vessels owned by the Army and vessels of United States registry bareboat chartered to the Army. Members of other United States Armed Forces serving on all vessels under theater jurisdiction will be similarly covered.

37. Personnel in Transit to the United States - All personnel on army vessels, departing from an overseas station, whose contemplated arrival "inside the United States" may be after 1 October 1944, who are eligible to vote the Federal Ballot but have not done so prior to departure from overseas, will be offered an opportunity to do so after 1 October 1944 while en route. Personnel included in this provision are:

- (1) Army Personnel
- (2) Attached civilians, as defined in paragraph 10, WD Pamphlet 21-11
- (3) Personnel of other United States Armed Forces
- (4) Crew members permanently on duty on the vessel, including those covered in paragraph 36, above.

In order to accomplish this, action will be taken as follows:

- (1) By port commanders -- Port commanders will furnish troop commanders on transports and hospital ship commanders with copies of War Department Pamphlet Number 21-11 and of War Department Soldier Voting Posters Numbers 3, 4 and 5 and in addition sufficient Federal Balloting "Units" to provide one for each passenger or patient eligible to vote the Federal Ballot plus 10 percent to allow for spoilage or damage.
- (2) By transport and hospital ship commanders -- (a) Port commanders will arrange for hospital and transport ship commanders to designate a Soldier Voting Officer and take the necessary steps to insure that the provisions of War Department Pamphlet Number 21-11 and these instructions are complied with.  
  
(b) Under direction of the transport or hospital ship commander, the Soldier Voting Officer will administer the provisions of War Department Pamphlet Number 21-11 and these instructions for all passenger or patient personnel on the ship eligible and desiring to vote the Federal Ballot.

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- (c) In order to identify each Federal Ballot executed on his ship "outside the United States" as having been voted "outside" (but mailed "inside") the United States, the ship Soldier Voting Officer will write on the face of the official outer envelope, to the right of the voter's return address, the words:

"Enclosed ballot executed on ship outside United States."

- (d) Upon arrival in the United States, the ship Soldier Voting Officer will turn over to the port Soldier Voting Officer all unused and spoiled Federal Balloting "Units" in his possession; place in the United States post office or branch thereof the executed Federal Ballots in his possession (he will not turn them over to the Port APO); and submit direct to The Adjutant General (Attention: Operations Division, Washington 25, D.C.) the reports called for in paragraph 41b, War Department Pamphlet Number 21-11, except that in lieu of the report of number of units destroyed he will report the number of unused and spoiled units turned over to the Port Soldier Voting Officer.

38. Personnel in Transit from the United States:

a. Attention is directed to the responsibilities of Ports and Airports in respect to military personnel and "attached civilians" arriving overseas as prescribed in paragraph 38, War Department Pamphlet Number 21-11.

b. In respect to classes of personnel indicated in paragraph 36, above, on vessels crewed in the United States for permanent duty under the jurisdiction of this theater, the following provisions apply:

- (1) If the vessel arrives 1 October, or before, the Ship Voting Officer has been instructed by the War Department to report to the Port Soldier Voting Officer, who will make arrangements for the administration of Federal Balloting on such vessel in the most practicable manner. The provisions of paragraph 36, above, apply in respect to such vessels.
- (2) If the vessel arrives after 1 October, Federal Balloting will have been administered by the Ship Voting Officer. The latter will turn over unused Federal Ballots to the Port Soldier Voting Officer.

39. Records and Reports:

a. With respect to Federal Ballots distributed under provisions of paragraphs 36 and 38 b (1), above, (and paragraph 38a in respect to aerial ports of debarkation), records and reports will be the same as prescribed for company and similar unit commanders in paragraphs 34 b and 35 a. Federal Balloting "Units" distributed in connection with paragraphs 36 and 38 b (1),

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above, will be reported separately.

b. Federal Balloting "Units" distributed by Ports pursuant to paragraph 37, above, will be recorded and reported separately as "Turned over to Soldier Voting Officers of Army Vessels and on route to the United States". Names of vessels and quantities distributed to each vessel will be indicated.

c. With respect to paragraph 38, above, the number of Federal Balloting "Units" received from ship Soldier Voting Officers will be recorded and reported separately as "Received from Soldier Voting Officers of Vessels arriving from the United States." Names of vessels and quantities received from each vessel will be indicated.

d. Above reports will be made to the Commanding General, SOS MATOUSA, through appropriate channels, to arrive not later than 14 November 1944.

e. Records to be maintained and reports to be made by Port APO's are prescribed in MATOUSA Postal Information Circular Number 21. Executed ballots received from ship Voting Officers and transmitted by the APO pursuant to paragraph 38, above, will be reported separately in respect to (1) Army Personnel, (2) Merchant Marine and (3) Personnel of Armed Services other than the Army.

IX - SUPERVISORY SOLDIER VOTING OFFICERS

40. Soldier Voting Officers of units above the level of companies and their equivalent will check their subordinate units to assure receipt of and familiarity with these instructions, proper implementation of them, and arrival of Federal Balloting Materials in adequate time.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

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HOW TO FILL OUT THE FEDERAL BALLOT

1. You are entitled to a Federal Ballot only if you applied for a state absentee ballot before 1 September and have not received it as of 1 October and if your voting residence is in one of the following states: California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington. If you come from Texas and could not vote by state ballot because you did not pay your poll tax, you may vote by Federal Ballot if you have applied for but not received a state ballot, as indicated above. Florida authorizes the Federal Ballot only for Members of the Armed Forces and the Merchant Marine; and Georgia only for Members of the Armed Forces.
2. If you vote by Federal Ballot, you will receive a Federal Balloting "Unit" consisting of the ballot itself and an inner envelope and an outer envelope.
3. When you actually fill out the ballot, ask the Soldier Voting Officer of your unit where you may do so in secret. You should cooperate with others to make sure that the secrecy and integrity of your vote and theirs is assured.
4. In filling out the ballot itself, the following instructions apply:
  - a. The first voting space to be filled in (on the inside of the folded ballot) is for "Electors of President and Vice President of the United States". There is space for writing in one name in the blank space. Write in the name of the candidate for President for whom you wish to vote. It is not necessary to vote for Vice President. A vote for a presidential candidate is automatically a vote for the corresponding Vice-Presidential candidate.
  - b. The second voting space is for United States Senator from your state. To find out the names of the candidates for this office, see the list of candidates (D Soldier Voting Poster Number 4) posted in your organization or see the Soldier Voting Officer of your organization. Some states are not electing a Senator at this time. If this is the case, leave this space blank.
  - c. The next space is for "United States Senator, Unexpired term." You may find out if there are such candidates in your state and who they are from the above-mentioned poster or from your Soldier Voting Officer.
  - d. The next space is for "Representative in Congress for your District" To fill in this space you must know your congressional district and the candidate from that district.
    - (1) To find your district, consult the map of the United States showing boundaries of congressional districts (D Soldier Voting Poster Number 3) posted in your organization, or see your Soldier Voting Officer. This is the way to locate your district on the map:
      - (a) Locate your state (if you have any trouble, see the "Key map" in the lower left hand corner of the big map).

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- (b) Locate the county or city in which you live.
  - (c) The red number of the area bounded by the red lines in which your county or city is located is the number of your congressional district.
  - (d) If you come from a large city, you may find a referenced letter (in red). Find the correspondingly lettered small map of that city around the edges of the big map. Your congressional district will be indicated there in the same way as on the big map.
  - (e) If you are from New Mexico or Vermont do not vote in this space, because these states are not districted and you vote in the next space.
- (2) When you have found your congressional district, determine candidates for representative from that district from the Poster with the list of candidates or by consulting your Soldier Voting Officer. Write in the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote.

c. The next space is for "Representative at Large in Congress". This is only to be filled in by voters from states with "Representatives at Large". These states, with the number of such representatives to be elected are as follows (list only includes those authorizing Federal Ballot):

Connecticut - 1, New Mexico - 2, Vermont - 1

The names of candidates for these offices can be determined from the poster with the list of candidates or from your Soldier Voting Officer.

f. If, for any reason, you are not able to find the names of candidates for all of the offices on the ballot (on which there is voting in your state), you may vote for any office or offices for which you do know the names of the candidates. Failure to vote for one or more offices on the ballot does not keep the ballot from being counted.

5. After filling out the ballot, place it in the inner (smaller) envelope and seal securely.

6. Fill all of the spaces on the front and back of the inner envelope.

a. On the front side -

- (1) Under line (2), be sure to give the day, month and year of your birth.
- (2) Under lines (3) and (4), the address given must be the same as that given on your application for state ballot. **4409**
- (3) Check the appropriate space under line (5).

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(4) If the space in line (6) is not checked, your ballot will not be valid.

(5) Do not sign your oath at this time.

b. On the back side - the address given must be the same as on the front side.

7. Next, fill out the information required on the outer envelope. Be sure to PRINT clearly. Do not seal the outer envelope.

8. Next, go to the Soldier Voting Officer of your unit. In his presence sign your oath on the front of the inner envelope. The inner envelope, with the ballot inclosed, must be sealed before it is given to the Voting Officer.

9. The Soldier Voting Officer will then attest your oath at the bottom of the front of the inner envelope, and check the correctness of the manner in which the inner envelope is filled out.

10. He will then give you the inner envelope to seal inside the outer envelope.

11. Then give the sealed outer envelope (with the inner envelope and ballot inside) to the Soldier Voting Officer to be mailed.

12. If you spoil your ballot, give the entire unit (ballot and two envelopes) back to the Soldier Voting Officer who will give you another.

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NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
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CHECK LIST FOR FEDERAL BALLOT INSPECTIONS

1. Inspections conducted pursuant to Soldier Voting Instruction No. 13 Headquarters, MATCUSA, can be discontinued as of 25 September 1944.
2. In lieu thereof, continuing inspections of subordinate commands should be conducted by Soldier Voting Officers of commands above the company or similar unit level, in respect to the Federal Ballot. Such inspections should be conducted between 25 September 1944 and 15 October 1944. The mission of these inspections should be to check the understanding of and compliance with instructions contained in MATCUSA Soldier Voting Instruction No. 15.
3. Inspections during the period 25 September to 1 October to include the following points:
  - a. Receipt of Soldier Voting Instruction No. 15.
  - b. Receipt of all balloting Material outlined in paragraph 4, Soldier Voting Instruction No. 15.
  - c. Review of the following paragraphs of Soldier Voting Instruction No. 15:
    - (1) In respect to companies and similar units 2, 5, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 30, 34b and 35a.
    - (2) In respect to stockades and other installations with prisoners - 28.
    - (3) In respect to Hospitals - 29.
    - (4) In respect to Ports - 36, 37, 38, and 39.
    - (5) In respect to Aerial ports of Debarcation - 36a.
4. Inspections during the period 1 - 15 October to include the following points (References in parenthesis below relate to paragraphs of Soldier Voting Instruction No. 15):
  - a. In respect to companies and similar units -
    - (1) Is it understood that there is no compulsion to vote?  
(Ref: paragraph 2).
    - (2) Is it understood that no one will be marched to vote?  
(Ref: paragraph 2).

(3) What steps have been taken to make sure that there is no attempt by an officer, warrant officer or non commissioned officer to influence illegally any military personnel as to his choice of candidates? (Ref: paragraph 2).

(4) Has a sufficient supply of Federal Balloting material been received? (Ref: paragraph 4).

(5) Is poster No. 4 on display? (Ref: paragraph 5).

(6) Is poster No. 3 posted or available for reference purpose? (Ref: paragraph 5).

(7) Are extra copies of posters 3 and 4 available? (Ref: paragraph 6).

(8) Are Federal Balloting "units" being kept intact? (Ref: paragraph 16).

(9) Are Federal Balloting "units" being properly protected against theft and loss? (Ref: paragraph 17).

(10) Have the eligibility provisions in respect to the Federal Ballot been posted or otherwise brought to the attention of all concerned? (Ref: paragraph 18).

(11) Have Military personnel been notified as where Federal Balloting "units" can be obtained? (Ref: paragraph 19).

(12) Is the Soldier Voting officer attempting unnecessarily to check voters statements as to eligibility to receive a Federal Ballot? (Ref: paragraph 19).

(13) Are records indicating individuals receipt or lack of desire for a Federal Ballot being kept? (They should not be) (Ref: paragraph 19).

(14) Is it understood that a Federal Ballot will be given to any person at any time between 1 October and 7 November, on request? (Ref: paragraph 19).

(15) Have personnel of other Armed services and of the Red Cross and USO been given an opportunity to vote by Federal Ballot, where appropriate? (Ref: paragraph 20).

(16) Is the Soldier Voting officer helping men in executing their Federal Ballots? (Ref: paragraph 21). Is there an alternate to render this assistance in the absence of the Soldier Voting Officer?

(17) Are instructions on filling out Federal Ballots provided to voters? (Ref: paragraph 22).

(18) Have practicable arrangements been made to provide for voting in secret? (Ref: paragraph 24).

(19) Is the Soldier Voting officer making sure that he does not accept from voters ballots which are in unsealed inner envelope? (Ref: paragraph 25).

(20) Are the oaths being attested by a commissioned officer or a sergeant (not technician)? (Ref: paragraph 25).

(21) Is the Soldier Voting officer making sure to mail executed Federal Ballots themselves? (Ref: paragraph 25). And verifying the count with the APC? (Ref: paragraph 34c).

(22) Are the censorship provisions understood? (Ref: paragraph 27).

(23) Does the Soldier Voting officer know what should be done if a voter spoils his Federal Ballot? (Ref: paragraph 28).

(24) Does the Soldier Voting officer know what should be done if a state ballot arrives before the Federal Ballot is mailed? After it is mailed? (Ref: paragraph 30).

(25) Are proper records being kept on Federal Ballots? (Ref: paragraph 34b).

b. In respect to stockades and other installations with prisoners -

(1) Points 1 - 25 above.

(2) Are prisoners being given an opportunity to vote by Federal Ballot under the provisions of paragraph 37c, WD Pamphlet 21-11? (Ref: paragraph 29).

c. In respect to hospitals -

(1) Points 1 - 25 above.

(2) Are the provisions in respect to voters unable to write understood? (Ref: paragraph 29).

d. In respect to Ports -

(1) Points 1 - 25 in respect to permanent personnel.

(2) Are members of the Merchant Marine on Army Vessels under theater jurisdiction being covered? (Ref: paragraphs 36 and 38b(2)).

(3) Are proper arrangements being made in respect to transports and hospital ships which will arrive in the United States after 1 October? (Ref: paragraph 37).

(4) Are records on Federal ballots being properly maintained? (Ref: paragraph 39).

e. In respect to Aerial Ports of debarkation -

(1) Points 1 - 25 above in respect to permanent personnel.

(2) Are personnel arriving from the United States after 1 October being covered? (Ref: paragraph 38a).

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Sardinia Detachment  
2691 M.M.I.A. Co. (OVHD)  
APO 394 U.S. Army

18 September 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : All Concerned

Receipt is acknowledged for the following ration cards issued  
this date to the following named Officer and Enlisted Men of this organization:

| <u>NAME</u>                                   | <u>RANK</u> | <u>SERIAL NO.</u> | <u>RATION CARD NO.</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| <i>George L. Fossett</i><br>George L. Fossett | Major       | O-281339          | 5340                   |
| Richard O. Zimmerman                          | S/Sgt       | 12098789          | 5341                   |
| Samuel A. Pugliese                            | Tec 5       | 32918221          | 5342                   |
| Phillip J. Latona                             | Pvt         | 35320161          | 5343                   |
| Robert J. Wilder Jr                           | Pvt         | 35707723          | 5344                   |

*Richard O. Zimmerman*  
*Samuel A. Pugliese*  
*Phillip J. Latona*  
*Robert J. Wilder Jr*

*Richard Zimmerman*  
RICHARD ZIMMERMAN  
S/Sgt. MMIA Co. (OVHD)  
Chief Clerk

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Headquarters A.A.I.  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Army Sub Commission

17 September 1944

SUBJECT: Request for Supplies

TO : Supply Officer, 310 Engineer Supply Depot

1. Request the following supplies be furnished this organization as soon as possible:

60 feet screening wire 44 inches wide  
or its equivalent  
5 lbs. nails, 4 pennies  
2 lbs. nails, 8 pennies

GEORGE L. FOSSETT  
Major, C.E.

GLF/sp

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