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Camp 126 Postal Voting By Armed Forces
opened May 28, 1945 - ^{closed} June 23, 1945
May - June 1945

GENERAL ELECTIONPOSTAL VOTING INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Nomination day for the General Election will be announced in the Press and on B.B.C.
2. Three days ~~before~~ ^{AFTER} Nomination day the local returning officer (individual responsible for compiling electoral roll in U.K.) will send to all those who filled up A.P.37639 correctly an envelope which will contain the following :-
 - (a) A Ballot paper.
 - (b) An envelope into which the marked ballot paper is put.
 - (c) A declaration of identity.
 - (d) A return envelope addressed to the returning officer.
 - (e) A copy of the candidates' election addresses.

There will be a definite polling day for U.K. M.M.I.A. This will be announced in orders and will probably be 24 hrs after the documents enumerated in para (2) are in voters hands.
3. The polling booth will be in Camp Commandants old office 3A Via Principe Amedeo.
4. On polling day voters will bring documents (a)(b)(c) & (d) to the polling booth where secrecy is assured. ^W They will mark their ballot paper, insert this in the envelope, and put this ballot envelope + correctly completed declaration of identity into the return envelope. This will be placed in a sealed ballot box provided.
5. What happens to your ballot paper? the Camp Comdt will clear the ballot box, the envelopes will be bundled together and bagged for immediate transmission to U.K.

Note :-

(a) Any query about procedure will be submitted to Camp Comdt. No information will be given or opinion offered, of a nature likely to influence the voter.

(b) Voting must be carried out as per above instructions as

and put this ballot envelope & contents of identity into the return envelope. This will be placed in a sealed ballot box provided.

6. What happens to your ballot paper? the Camp Comdt will clear the ballot box, the envelopes will be bundled together and bagged for immediate transmission to U.K.

Note :-

- (a) Any query about procedure will be submitted to Camp Comdt. No information will be given or opinion offered, of a nature likely to influence the voter.
- (b) Voting must be carried out as per above instructions as ordinary mail will cause delay and loss of the voting papers.
- (c) When you receive your documents, make up your mind and vote within 24 hrs.

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Field.
Date :- 23/6/45.


Capt Camp Commandant;
Military Mission Italian Army.

SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY VOTING BY ARMED FORCES.

To:-

AA & QMG.,

G-1(Br).,

Rome. Re: Allied Command:

Law Forces Sub Comm., A.C.,
(Military Mission Italian Army)
CMF.

Reference Camp/22/9

22nd June, 1945.

Reference your 68a dated 21st June, 1945, 41 Forms AF.B2639 have been completed and returned by this unit up to and including 19th June, 1945.

Field.
CCA.


Captain, Camp Commandant,
Military Mission Italian Army.

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 US ARMY

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Ref: 68A

19 Jun 45

Subject: Postal Voting ArrangementsTo: Distribution LIST "B"

1. Attention is directed to ACT 574/45 and GRO 635/45.
2. Steps will be taken forthwith to appoint formation and unit Postal Officers and deputies.
3. Special care will be taken to ensure that proper voting arrangements are made in Transit Camps, Hospitals etc vide paragraph 9 of GRO 635/45.
4. Adequate orders will be issued in all formation HQ and Units, so that all personnel are fully aware of the steps they have to take to record their votes and the facilities available to them.

DR/ag

D. Rose
D. ROSE
Staff Capt
for Lt-Col
AA & QMG

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 US ARMY

URGENT

Ref: 68A

21 Jun 45

Subject: Parliamentary Elections : Posting Voting

To: Distribution LIST "B" (less Serials 1 - 28)

Reference GRO 360/45 paragraph 4(c).

1. AFHQ have called for a return showing total number of AFsB 2639 despatched up to and including 19 Jun 45 (including figures given in previous return).
2. All units will without fail render a return to reach G-1(Br) this HQ not later than 24 June 1945.

Please treat as Most Urgent.

BVW/ag

B.V. Wood
B.V. WOOD
Staff Capt
for Lt-Col
AA & QMG

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY

URGENT

Ref: 68A.

7 Jun 45.

SUBJECT:- Parliamentary Elections: Postal Voting.

Distribution:- List "B" (British).

(1000 Serials 1-23).

Reference GRC 360/45, para 4(c).

1. AFHQ have called for a return showing total number of AFs B 2639 despatched up to and including 7 Jun 45.
2. All units will, without fail, render a return to reach G.1 (British) this HQ not later than 10 Jun 45. Please treat as MOST URGENT.

BVW/gg.

A.L. LOUDEN,
Maj,
for Lt Col,
AA & QMG.

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POSTAL VOTING BY ARMED FORCES.

Personnel who have completed AF.B2639

Sgt. Crosby
Borrett
Cpl. Danin
Cpl. White
Slade
Morgan
BQMS Adams
L/C Craddock
Camp Comdt.
Cpl. Peckett
Cpl. Mortimer
Crowe
Sgt. Mansfield
Jewell
Potter
Coulter
Beesley
Capt. Chaytor
L/C Trafford
Major Dobbs
Cpl. Hambleton
Appx. 20 Officers posted separately

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SUBJECT: POSTAL VOTING FOR ARMED FORCES.

To:-

AA & CMC., (G.1 British)
Regt. Area Allied Command

and Forces Sub Comm., A.C.,
(Military Mission Italian Army)
CMF.

Reference Camp/22/8
9th June, 1945.

Reference your 68A dated 7th June, 1945, 41 forms AN.B2639 have been despatched by this unit up to and including 7th June, 1945.

Field,
CCA.


Captain, Camp Commandant,
Military Mission Italian Army.

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HQ R E AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY.

3.9.45

Ref. 68A
4 June 45

Subject : Parliamentary Elections:
Postal Sorting Numbers.

Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission (LMIA)

1. Reference your recent query to ascertain which of the two postal sorting numbers allocated is correct.
2. AFHQ signal F86132 dated 2 June 45 in reply to this HQ's AG 2694 of 31 May (copy sent to you) reads as follows:-
" Tell LMIA to use one number exclusively and scrap the other(.) Cannot understand why posting delayed in view GRC 464/45."

B.V. WOOD,
Staff Captain,
for Lt. Col.
AA and QMG.

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POSTAL VOTING (.) MILITARY MISSION TO ITALIAN ARMY ALLOTTED

TWO POSTAL SORTING NUMBERS EASY SEVEN ZERO AND EASY SEVEN SIX (.)

REQUEST STATE URGENTLY WHICH IS CORRECT

PRIORITY

G-1 BRITISH.

Major DAAG (GSA)

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Home Postal Centre R.E.,

NOTTINGHAM.

Ref.: OC/53/45

Headquarters,

Officer Commanding,

POSTAL VOTING BY ARMED FORCES

1. An Army Council Instruction, and an Air Ministry Order, each with a leaflet, have been issued recently describing the scheme whereby the Armed Forces may vote by post in the event of a General Election taking place this year.

2. The action to be taken by each voter by post will include the completion of two address labels which will be enclosed in a signed declaration envelope addressed to the appropriate Electoral Registration Officer in the U.K. The address labels will bear a small panel enclosing the words "Postal Sorting No.". The number to be written in this panel at your Headquarters or in your unit before the labels are distributed to those entitled to vote by post is "E 70".

3. The form of address to be used on the labels will be as follows:—

- (i) Army or Air Force number (Other Ranks only).
- (ii) Rank.
- (iii) Name.
- (iv) Battery or Company (or other section of the unit), or name or number of the R.A.F. unit where this is allowed.
- (v) Army Unit or the words "Royal Air Force."
- (vi) Theatre, Command or Force, etc.
- (vii) Postal Sorting No. E 70 (to be shown in the panel provided).

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(ii) Rank.

(iii) Name.

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(v) Army Unit or the words "Royal Air Force."

(vi) Theatre, Command or Force, etc.

(vii) Postal Sorting No. 570 (to be shown in the panel provided).

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4. In view of the enormous load which will be thrown upon the Army Postal Services by this scheme, it is of vital importance that the above instructions are correctly observed. Will you, therefore, publish in Orders at the appropriate time, the correct address and "Postal Sorting No." and ensure accuracy by a check of each label by a responsible officer before posting. Headquarters and Unit designations should be written in full in the address.

5. It is important that all ranks who are posted to you after the initial distribution and completion of the declaration forms and labels and who have completed them whilst with a former unit, should be issued with a new declaration form and labels and be requested to complete them in accordance with the above instructions. Otherwise the actual ballot letters will have to be redirected and the consequent delay may invalidate the vote.

6. By agreement with the War Office and Air Ministry, a copy of this circular is being sent direct to every Army and R.A.F. Headquarters and unit overseas situated in the "Postal Voting Areas" to which Postal Sorting Numbers have been allotted. There is, therefore, no necessity for Headquarters to pass down the information.

D. ROSS,
Colonel.

HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY.

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref: 68A

12 Apr 45

Subject: Postal Voting Scheme : General
Parliamentary Elections

DISTRIBUTION 'B' (Pr)

1. The Representation of the People Act, 1945, provides for special arrangements being made to enable absent voters whose names are on the Service Register to vote by post at a General Election initiated between 1st and 31st December 1945. These arrangements cover not only the United Kingdom, but also specified overseas areas, called "postal voting areas". It is a feature of the scheme that, in relation to a voter overseas, an application to vote by post does not invalidate a proxy appointment already made on AFB 2626 or AFB 2644. The proxy will be allowed to vote, as well as the voter himself, the vote of the proxy being rejected at the count of the votes if a postal vote has been received from the voter concerned. If the postal vote is not received in time for the count, the vote of the proxy (if otherwise in order) will be accepted. Provisions to ensure the secrecy of the ballot are included in the Electoral Registration Regulations governing the procedure for rejecting duplicate proxy votes.
2. An eligible voter desiring to vote by post must apply for a ballot paper or AFB 2639 ("Service Postal Voters Application") attached to which is the accompanying return label AFB 2645. These forms will be supplied to units on basis of 100% ration strengths through RASC.
3. AFHQ GRO giving full details of the scheme and its application is in course of publication. DID's will issue the a/m Army Forms without indent on 23 Apr 45, but units will NOT distribute to personnel under Command until the GRO is received.

BVW/lv 3-45-13

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[Signature]
A.L. LOUDEN,
Major,
for Lt-Col,
AA & QMG

HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 US ARMY

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref: 68A

Subject: Postal Voting Scheme : Parliamentary Elections

14 Apr 45

DISTRIBUTION "D" (Br)

Further to this HQ 68A dated 12 Apr 45.

GRO referred to in para 3 of the a/q memo is GRO 360/45. Due to the postponement of issue of postal voting forms until postal sorting numbers are available RASC will not issue until ordered by AFHQ. Units will accordingly disregard the date "25 April 45" specified in para 2 of the GRO.

BVW/lv

A.L. Louden
A.L. LOUDEN,
Major,
for Lt-Col,
AA & QMG.

3-45-15

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HOME POSTAL CENTRE, R.E.,
NOTTINGHAM.

Ref: OC/53/4E

Headquarters
Officer Commanding,

POSTAL VOTING BY ARMED FORCES

1. An Army Council Instruction, and an Air Ministry Order, each with a leaflet, have been issued recently prescribing the scheme whereby the Armed Forces may vote by post in the event of a General Election taking place this year.

2. The action to be taken by each voter by post will include the completion of two address labels which will be enclosed in a signed declaration envelope addressed to the appropriate Electoral Registration Officer in the U.K. The address labels will bear a small panel enclosing the words "Postal Sorting No." The number to be written in this panel at your Headquarters or in your unit before the labels are distributed to those entitled to vote by post is

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3. The form of address to be used on the labels will be as follows:-

(i) Army or Air Force number (Other Rank only)

(ii) Rank

(iii) Name

(iv) Battery or Company (or other section of the unit,) or name or number of the R.A.F. unit where this is allowed.

(v) Army Unit or the words "Royal Air Force."

(vi) Theatre, Command or Force, etc.

(vii) Postal Sorting No.

(to be shown in the panel provided)

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4. In view of the enormous load which will be thrown upon the Army Postal Services by this scheme, it is of vital importance that the above instructions are carefully observed. Will you, therefore, publish in Orders at the

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- (ii) Rank
- (iii) Name
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- (v) Army Unit or the words "Royal Air Force."
- (vi) Theatre, Command or Force, etc.
- (vii) Postal Sorting No. (to be shown in the panel provided)

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4. In view of the enormous load which will be thrown upon the Army Postal Service by this scheme, it is of vital importance that the above instructions are correctly observed. Will you, therefore, publish in Orders at the appropriate time, the correct address and postal sorting no. and ensure accuracy by a check of each label by a responsible officer before posting. Headquarters and Unit designations should be written in full in the address.

5. It is important that all ranks who are posted to you after the initial distribution and completion of the declaration forms and labels and who have completed their enlistment with a former unit, should be issued with a new declaration form and labels and be requested to complete them in accordance with the above instructions. Conversely the actual ballot letters will have to be redirected and the consequent delay may invalidate the vote.

6. By agreement with the War Office and Air Ministry, a copy of this circular is being sent direct to every Army and R.A.F. Headquarters and unit overseas situated in the "Postal Voting Areas" to which postal sorting numbers have been allotted. There is, therefore, no necessity for Headquarters to pass down the information.

D. ROSS,

Colonel.

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NOTICE.

Subject :- Postal Voting.

All GIs wishing to complete A.F. 82639 (Application for Ballot Paper) will call at the Camp Office immediately and fill the form there and then.

Field.
Date :- 30/5/45.


Capt Camp Commandant;
Military Mission Italian Army.

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Subject :- Postal Voting

To :- M.M.I.A. Liaison Officer
H.Q. 54 Area
C.M.F.

Land Forces Sub Comm; A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
C.M.F.

Date :- 21st May 1945.
Reference : Camp/22/5.

Please note that form of address to be used on Postal Voting Address Labels will be as follows :-

- (1). Army or Air Force number (Other Ranks only)
- (2). Rank
- (3). Name
- (4). Battery or Company (or other section of the unit), or name or number of the R.A.F. unit where this is allowed.
- (5). Army Unit or the words "Royal Air Force"
- (6). Theatre, Command or Force, etc,
- (7). Postal Sorting No "E.76" (to be shown in the panel provided)

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Capt Camp Commandant;
Military Mission Italian Army.

HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY.

Ref: 68A.

17 May 45.

SUBJECT:- Postal Voting Scheme: Parliamentary Elections.

List "B" (British).

Further to this HQ letter of even reference dated 25 Apr 45.

1. AFS B 2639 are being received by APOs far too slowly.
2. Units will despatch all forms to reach APOs before 25 May 45.

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T. R. N. JONES,
Staff Captain,
for Lt Col,
AA & QMG.

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY.

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Ref: 68A.

25 Apr 45.

SUBJECT:- Postal Voting Scheme: Parliamentary Elections.Distribution:- List "B" (British).

Further to this HQ 68A dated 12 and 14 Apr 45.

1. Postal Sorting numbers are now in course of notification to units and issue of postal voting forms by RASC is proceeding.
 2. The date in para 2 of GRO 360/45 is amended to read 4 May 45.
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RV/403. RESTD. REF YOUR CAMP/22/7
VOTING FORMS RECIEVED FOR 3 M M I A
OUTSTATION. REQUEST YOU DESPATCH.

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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY SECTION VOTING.

To:-

Senior Liaison Officer,
10111,
No. 3 District.

Land Forces Sub Comd., A.C.,
(Military Mission Italian Army)
CME.

Reference Camp/22/7
28th May, 1945.

Reference your signal message in reply to our Camp/22/7, it is pointed out that the forms referred to should be received by you from the unit to which you are attached for cations, as these are a P.I.D. issue. For your information, however, units are under instructions not to release these forms until instructed to do so by P.I.D.

Field,
CCA.

[Signature]
Captain, Camp Commandant,
Military Mission Italian Army.

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