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NATOUA Circular Number 47, 1944, is amended as follows:

I ----- TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO AND FROM U. S. TROOPS

Section I is rescinded, and the following substituted therefor:

"1. Authority to transmit funds by United States personnel from this theater is given under the following conditions:

a. By cable and/or by letter of credit, by individuals in North Africa, provided the rank of sender, designation of unit, and APO number, are not given, through banks in French North Africa designated by the French authorities as "accredited banks." In general, this includes all banks in French North Africa except B.N.C.I. and Banque Worms. There is a charge by the banks for this service.

b. By United States Treasury check, provided the check is drawn under the provisions of Army Regulations, and the indorsement thereon does not disclose any military information of value to the enemy. Such checks are marked: "Negotiable only in the United States."

c. By United States Postal money order. These money orders must carry no more than the signature of the individual or the custodian and the APO number.

d. By Personal Transfer Account Plan. (See NATOUA Circular Number 17, 1944.)

3206 2. a. U. S. Military and civilian personnel are prohibited from transmitting into or out of this theater by any means whatsoever funds for third parties. Finance Officers and Postal Officers will satisfy themselves that there is no third party interest in any funds presented for transfer by the P.T.A. System, or for the purchase of U. S. Treasury checks or U. S. Postal money orders.

b. The applicability of paragraph 2a is extended to prohibit payments by the personnel named, on behalf of relatives, friends, or other persons in the United States or any other areas, to residents of countries in this theater.

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c. Commanders of all echelons will bring these restrictions to the attention of all members of their commands periodically. Violations will result in disciplinary action against the offending parties."

II ---- CURRENCY CONTROL

Section III is rescinded, and the following substituted therefor:

"1. All members of the U. S. armed forces, and persons serving with such forces, including civilians and merchant seamen, excepting duly authorized U. S. Army Disbursing Officers as provided in paragraph 2 below, are forbidden to possess regular U. S. currency as distinguished from yellow seal U. S. currency, or regular British Sterling currency as distinguished from British Military Authority currency, in this theater, or dispose thereof otherwise than by exchange as provided in paragraph 2 below.

2. a. All personnel mentioned in paragraph 1 above were required by Section III, NATOUSA Circular Number 47, 1944, to exchange at the nearest Finance Office by 20 April 1944 all regular U. S. currency in their possession in excess of \$1.00 and all regular British Sterling currency for local currency. Possession by any such personnel at this time of regular U. S. currency in excess of \$1.00 or regular British Sterling currency constitutes a violation of these instructions.

b. Personnel described in paragraph 1 above, entering this theater under orders assigning them to permanent duty will exchange at the nearest Finance Office, within seven (7) days after entry, all regular U. S. currency in excess of \$1.00 and all regular British Sterling currency for local currency.

c. Personnel described in paragraph 1 above, except merchant seaman and duly authorized U. S. Army Disbursing Officers, entering the theater on temporary duty will exchange at the nearest Finance Office, within twenty-four (24) hours after entry, all regular U. S. currency in excess of \$1.00 and all regular British Sterling currency for local currency. If the period of temporary duty within the theater is of such short duration as to make exchange impracticable, such personnel will declare at the nearest Finance Office the total amount of regular U. S. currency and/or regular British Sterling currency in their possession, and obtain from the Finance Officer a certificate stating the amount held. This certificate will be authority for such personnel to have in their possession the amount of regular U. S. currency and/or regular Sterling currency for which issued.

d. Merchant seamen entering the theater on temporary duty will not be allowed outside of the dock area unless they have exchanged all regular U. S. currency in their possession in excess of \$1.00 and all regular British Sterling currency for local currency, and have a certificate to that effect. Army Finance Officers will, when converting local currency into regular U. S. currency for merchant seamen take up said certificate, and will exchange no greater amount than is stated thereon, except that Army Finance Officers will also convert local currency into regular U.S. currency up to the amount stated on certificates furnished by a War Shipping Administration Agent stating the amount of local currency advanced as pay to merchant seamen by such agent.

e. Finance Officers will examine, prior to exchange, one pound and ten shilling regular British Sterling currency notes, and one pound, ten shilling, five shilling, two shilling & pence, and one shilling, British Military Authority

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Currency notes for the metal thread. Notes without this thread and copper coin will not be exchanged by Finance Officers, since such currency and coin will not be redeemed by the British Paymaster. This authority to exchange regular British currency is restricted to notes of one pound and smaller denominations. British currency notes of denominations above one pound will not be exchanged.

f. Local currency is defined as follows:

(1) In French North and West Africa. Banque de l'Algerie currency, Banque de l'Algerie currency overprinted Tunisia, Banque d'Etat du Maroc currency, Banque de l'Afrique Occidentale currency, and Bank of France currency of five (5), ten (10), and twenty (20) franc denominations.

(2) In Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia. Allied Financial Agency Lire currency, and such Metropolitan Lire currency as may be authorized from time to time by Allied Financial Agency.

(3) In Corsica. Bank of France currency of five (5), ten (10), twenty (20), fifty (50), and one hundred (100) franc denominations; Banque de l'Algerie currency overprinted "TRESOR"; and one hundred (100) franc notes marked: "Republique Francaise Tresor Central."

(4) In Metropolitan France. Bank of France notes of all denominations and spearhead (supplemental franc) currency.

g. The circulation of the local currencies defined in paragraph 2f above will be restricted to the areas of issue. All personnel departing these areas for destinations within the theater will, prior to departure, exchange at the Finance Office all local currency for currency in use at said destination. In exceptional cases where that is not accomplished, exchange may be effected at said destination upon consummation of the certificate required by paragraph 4a (3) below. Such amounts exchanged for this personnel will bear a reasonable relation to the monthly pay of the individuals concerned. It will be the responsibility of the Commanding General, SOS, NATOUSA, to provide necessary exchange service to prevent local currencies being carried out of the areas of issue. Exchanges of local currencies for personnel departing this theater for the United States and other overseas areas will be accomplished in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 6 below.

h. The Commander of U. S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters, has published to his command a similar directive on currency control.

3. It will hereafter be the duty of the Commanding General, SOS, NATOUSA, to take such action as may be necessary to ascertain that no person upon arrival within the territorial limits of the Communications Zone, NATOUSA, by land, sea, or air, retains in his possession regular U. S. currency in excess of \$1.00 or regular British Sterling currency, and will, where such money is found in the possession of any such person, cause it to be exchanged for the currency described in paragraph 2f, above. Ports of Embarkation in the U. S. and British Isles have been requested to instruct commanding officers of troops aboard transports to have organization commanders collect all money from men in their commands, prior to debarkation in this theater, to be exchanged by said organization commanders at the Finance Office. This practice will facilitate the exchange of money. The Commanding General, SOS NATOUSA will provide necessary Finance Service for currency exchange, and where conditions warrant, Class "A" or Class "B" Agents will be used.

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4. a. All exchanges of currencies brought into this theater (see paragraph 2 above), all exchanges of intra-theater currencies, and all exchanges of local currency for personnel departing this theater (see paragraphs 5 and 6 below), will be made by Finance Officers only, and will be made in the manner set forth below. These requirements will be strictly adhered to:

(1) Individual officers will sign the certificate outlined below:

(2) Unit commanders, or commissioned officers acting for unit commanders, must make bulk exchange for personnel of their units.

(3) Currency presented for exchange must be accompanied by a certificate signed by the individual officer (as in (1) above), or signed by the unit commander or his representative (as in (2) above), reading as follows:

	Certificate No. _____
	Date _____
I hereby certify that the sum of _____ (amount and unit) in _____ (name of country) currency _____, which I request the Finance Officer, _____ to exchange for the equivalent in _____ (name of country and currency) _____ (equal to \$ in U. S. Currency), represents money belonging to me and/or personnel under my command; that same was obtained in a country in which it is legal tender, and at the rate of exchange established by United States authority; *that same was legitimately brought into the North African Theater of Operations, U. S. Army; *that same was obtained from legitimate sources in the North African theater of Operations. viz: _____ (name of country) _____.	
	_____ (Name, Rank, Serial No.)
	_____ COMMANDING UNIT
*Strike out inapplicable words in the case of arrival in or departure from theater.	

b. Postal Officers, Quartermaster Sales Officers, Army Exchange Service installations, American Red Cross installations, and any other agencies operating with the U. S. Army, will not make any currency exchanges, nor will they under any circumstances accept other than local currency of the area in which they are operating.

c. In the case of personnel departing the theater for any reason, a copy of the above described certificate will be indorsed by the Finance Officer, with the statement "Exchange requested on the within certificate made this date", and delivered to the individual officer or personnel officer concerned, or individual enlisted man when detached from his organization. This certificate will be preserved by such individual as authority for possession of the amount of funds stated thereon.

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Hq NATOUSA Circular #11 (cont'd)

d. In cases where officers and/or enlisted men are ordered outside the limits of this theater for the purpose of making purchases for officers and/or enlisted men's clubs, for the Army Exchange Service, or for any other Army uses, this fact, together with the amount of funds they have for this purpose, will be entered on the certificate described in paragraph 4b above, as a part of the Finance Officer's indorsement, as required by paragraph 4a above.

e. Only funds that have been received from a legitimate source will be exchanged by Finance Officers. In any case where Finance Officer is in doubt, investigation will be made through the local Provost Marshal. If the request for exchange is found to be legitimate, the Provost Marshal will indorse the certificate as follows:

"I certify that the statements made on this certificate have been investigated and have been found to be true. Approval is granted to make the exchange requested.

(Name, Rank, Serial No.)

(Organization)

If the request for exchange is not found to be legitimate, full particulars will immediately be reported to this headquarters.

5. Prior to the departure of casual personnel from this theater for other oversea areas, all local currency will be exchanged at the Finance Office, Port of Embarkation, for yellow seal U. S. currency in the manner prescribed in paragraph 4 above. Certificate shown in paragraph 6 will be executed. In the case of group movements from the theater to other oversea areas, request will be made to Fiscal Director, this headquarters, for the type currency to be used in making exchange. Exchange of currency for personnel returning to the United States will be as provided in paragraph 6 below.

6. The Exchange of currency for personnel returning to the United States will be accomplished at Finance Office at Port of Embarkation, prior to departure, in the manner prescribed in paragraph 4 above. If the departure is to another theater of operations, exchange may be made at the nearest Finance Office. In addition to the certificate required by paragraph 4 above, Finance Officers making such exchanges will furnish each individual a certificate in the following form:

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I CERTIFY that I have this date paid to _____ who is departing this theater for *the United States, *or another theater of operations, per paragraph _____, SO _____ Headquarters _____ the sum of \$ _____ in *regular U. S. currency, *Yellow seal U. S. currency, which represents exchange for *local currency or *yellow seal U. S. currency.

*Strike out words not applicable

(Name and Rank-Finance Officer)

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7. In the case of patients evacuated to the United States from hospitals, when practicable, the Commanding General, SOS, NATOUSA, will arrange for exchange of patients' funds into Treasury checks. The Commanding General, SOS, NATOUSA, will provide Finance service at the embarkation point, sufficiently in advance of evacuation of patients, to effect exchange into regular U.S. currency of any remaining local currency in the possession of patients.

8. No regular U. S. currency will be accepted by Finance Officers from local civilian sources. Regular U. S. currency will only be accepted from U.S. civilian personnel and military personnel who can clearly establish the source from which they receive it, such as newly arrived personnel. In doubtful cases, Finance Officers should take such steps as they deem necessary to protect their own interests, and the interest of the United States. Postal Officers, Sales Officers, and Army Exchange Service installations will not accept regular U. S. currency from any source.

9. Yellow seal U. S. currency, except as provided for in paragraphs 5 and 6 above, and U. S. coin, will be used only when authorization therefor is obtained from this headquarters.

10. The personnel referred to in paragraph 1 above are forbidden from entering into any transaction which will result in exchanging U. S. or foreign currencies, public or personal, for a third party or otherwise.

11. The personnel referred to in paragraph 1 above are forbidden from cashing U. S. Treasury checks at other than U. S. Army Finance Disbursing Offices. Personnel arriving in this theater in possession of U. S. Treasury checks will cash such checks at the Finance Office upon arrival at their assigned station. It is necessary to control the circulation of U. S. Treasury checks, since the circulation of such checks has the effect of regular U. S. currency being in circulation.

12. Commanders of all echelons will bring the provisions of this section to the attention of all members of their commands periodically. It is essential that a comprehensive understanding be had by all personnel in this theater of existing currency control measures. Violations of these restrictions will immediately be reported to this headquarters, and will result in severe disciplinary action against the offending parties."

III --- DRAWING AND INDORSING CHECKS PAYABLE IN THE UNITED STATES OR THE UNITED KINGDOM

Section IV, is amended by adding the following as paragraph 2a (3):

"2. a. (3) Company, regimental or similar fund checks cashed in accordance with the authority contained in Section IV, NATOUSA Circular Number 80, 1944."

IV ---- FORWARDING OF COLLECTION VOUCHERS

Section VIII is rescinded, and the following substituted therefor:

"1. There has been established in this theater a Central Fiscal Office for the auditing of accounts of Disbursing Officers in this theater."

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2. Officers turning over collections to an accountable Disbursing or Agent Officer, in complying with paragraph 2f (1), AR 35-780, will forward the copies of collection vouchers to:

Audit Branch,
Central Fiscal Office,
Headquarters, SOS, NATOUSA,
APO 750, U. S. Army,

instead of to the Army Audit Branch of General Accounting Office, New York."

V ----- RESCISSION OF CIRCULARS

NATOUSA Circular Number 74, and Section I, Number 83, 1943, and Section IX, Number 47, 1944, are rescinded.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

DAVID G. BARR,
Major General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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Offenses, Confinement and Courts-Martial I
Transmittal of Personnel Papers II
Transfers III

I --- OFFENSES, CONFINEMENT AND COURTS-MARTIAL

Paragraph g, NATOUSA Circular Number 66, 1944, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"7. Disposition of officers under approved sentence of dismissal and confinement or dismissal only.

a. When an officer exercising general court-martial jurisdiction has approved a sentence of dismissal and confinement in an officer's case and has transmitted the record of trial under Article of War 48 for action by the confirming authority, he is authorized to transfer the officer immediately to NATOUSA. Disciplinary Training Center. Where the approved sentence is one of dismissal only, and the convening authority has transmitted the record of trial under Article of War 48 for action by the confirming authority, the commanding officer concerned is authorized to transfer the officer immediately to Replacement Depot No. 7. In either case he will advise the commanding officer of the installation to which the officer is transferred, the reason for the transfer and inform this headquarters when such transfer has been made.

b. Upon arrival of such officer at NATOUSA Disciplinary Training Center, the commanding officer thereof will notify the commanding officer of the base section in whose area the installation is located or, upon the arrival of such officer at Replacement Depot No. 7, the commanding officer thereof will notify the Commanding Officer, Replacement Command, of the arrival of such officer.

3202 c. Upon notification having been received from the NATOUSA Disciplinary Training Center or Replacement Depot No. 7, the commanding officer of the base section or Replacement Command, as the case may be, will immediately notify the Theater Judge Advocate, Headquarters NATOUSA, APO 534, by letter direct, that the officer referred to in a above is at the installation concerned.

II -- TRANSMITTAL OF PERSONNEL PAPERS

Section V, NATOUSA Circular Number 93, 1944, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

1. Acknowledgment of receipt of service records, AGO Forms 66-1 and 66-2, and allied papers will be discontinued and such requests will not be made in letters of transmittal. This headquarters will no longer acknowledge receipt of the records referred to above.

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2. A simplified, mimeographed letter of transmittal is recommended for the convenient and time-saving use of all organizations. The form should require only insertion of relevant data as follows:

- a. Date of letter.
- b. Name and address of organization or installation to which forms are being forwarded.
- c. Number of each type of WD AGO and other forms being forwarded.
- d. The signature of the personnel officer.

The insertion of this data in longhand, with ink or indelible pencil, is acceptable.

3. The filing of record copies of letters of transmittal is to be discouraged except for units which do not maintain locator card files.

4. In units which maintain locator card files, a record and date of dispatch of letters of transmittal and the disposition of individuals may be entered upon the appropriate locator card.

5. Hospitals now using MD Form No. 51 may simplify their procedure in this respect by inserting the information required in paragraph 4 above on this form at the time of transfer.

III - TRANSFERS

Paragraph 7, Section II, NATOUSA Circular Number 98, 1944, is amended by the addition of the following:

"1. AMI, U.S. Contingent (Ovhd), except that requests for transfer into and out of the 2675th Regt. AGC and CIC detachments will be forwarded to this headquarters for final action."

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

DAVID G. BARR,
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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

NATOUSA Circular Number 26; Section II, Circular Number 38; Section II, Circular Number 44; Section II, Circular Number 52, 1944, are rescinded and the instructions below, together with War Department publications listed in Appendix "A", substituted therefor:

1. Authority to Award. a. Under the provisions of and subject to the limitations contained in paragraph 8, Section II, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Theater Commander hereby delegates his authority to award United States military decorations as follows:

- (1) To commanders of any force or command which is commanded by, or the appropriate command of, a Major General or higher: Silver Star, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal (see par 3, below).
- (2) To Commanding Generals of Fifth Army, Seventh Army, Army Air Forces, MTO and SOS NATOUSA: Distinguished Service Cross.
- (3) To commanders of any force or command of the Army Air Forces, MTO commanded by, or the appropriate command of, a Major General or higher: Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal.
- (4) (a) To the Commanding Generals of Fifth and Seventh Armies: Air Medal to Field Artillery liaison pilots and observers.
(b) The Theater Commander's authority to award the Distinguished Flying Cross to Field Artillery liaison pilots and observers may not be delegated.
- (5) Commanding Generals, Fifth Army, Seventh Army, and SOS NATOUSA may award the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Soldier's Medal, and Bronze Star Medal to members of the French Armed Forces and Italian Armed Forces under the circumstances set forth in paragraph 8c (3), AR 600-45, as amended. (For awards to British personnel, see paragraph 15, below).
- (6) Commanding General, Army Air Forces, MTO may award the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and Air Medal to members of the French Armed Forces and Italian Armed Forces under the circumstances set forth in paragraph 8c (3), AR 600-45, as amended. (For awards to British personnel, see paragraph 15, below.)
- (7) The authority to award the Purple Heart is contained in paragraph 8, Section II, AR 600-45, as amended. To expedite the award, it is further extended to include: commanders of combat

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teams, regiments, or similar units and of separate battalions; commanding officers of base sections; Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force; United States Army medical officers on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Force; and on the Theater Commander's staff; United States Army commanders of any hospital or medical installation including regimental, battalion, or similar organization dressing stations. (See paragraph 11a.)

b. Under the authority contained in Civilian Personnel Regulations 104, revised, 12 April 1944, the Theater Commander delegates his authority as follows:

- (1) The Commanding Generals, Fifth Army, Seventh Army, Army Air Forces, MTO and SOS NATOUSSA are authorized to award all civilian emblems described in CPR Number 104, revised 12 April 1944 (except Emblem for Exceptional Civilian Service), to qualified civilian employees of the War Department who are citizens of the United States.
- (2) The Commanding Generals, Fifth Army, Seventh Army, Army Air Forces, MTO and SOS NATOUSSA are authorized to award the Emblem for Civilian Service (CPR 104, paragraphs 1-3, a(1) and 1-4, a(1)) to civilian employees of the War Department, not citizens of the United States, who have had not less than one year of continuous service and whose performance of duty has been outstanding.
 - (a) All recommendations for awards to non-citizen civilian employees other than those noted in (2), above, will be forwarded through channels for approval by the Theater Commander. (Attached form, Appendix "D")
 - (b) All recommendations for the award of the Emblem of Exceptional Service to both citizens and non-citizens will be forwarded through channels to this headquarters for dispatch to the War Department.

2. Legion of Merit - To provide a more comprehensive and uniform basis for the submission of recommendations for the Legion of Merit, the following instructions will apply:

a. The provision of AR 600-45 that:

"The accomplishment of the duty for which the award is recommended should have been completed, or it should have progressed to an exceptional degree if the person rendering the service has been transferred to other duties prior to its full accomplishment."

is interpreted as follows: A recommendation for an award may be made regardless of the fact that the officer or enlisted man continues in the same position, if the accomplishment can properly be considered as completed in connection with one of the following phase lines:

- (1) The end of the Tunisian Campaign, 13 May 1943.
- (2) The end of the Sicilian Campaign, 17 August 1943.
- (3) The capture of the Volturno River line in the Italian Campaign, 13 October 1943.

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- (4) The fall of Rome in the Italian Campaign, 5 June 1944.
(Other phase lines will be announced from time to time.)

This will not be construed as authority to recommend a second or subsequent award of the Legion of Merit for duty performed while the officer or enlisted man occupies the T/O position in which he performed the duties on which the original award was based.

b. Unless otherwise directed, at least 50% of all recommendations will be for enlisted men.

c. An allotment of a certain number of awards will be granted by this headquarters each three months, first period ending 31 May 1944, to all major commands (i.e., higher headquarters, armies, air forces, base sections, etc) in this theater. Such commands will in turn divide their allotment among those units serving under them. Due care will be exercised to see that a proper balance is maintained between units. Prior to the start of a three months period each command will be advised by letter from this headquarters of the number of awards allotted for the period. This number will be based on the strength of a command at the time of the allotment, the number of Legion of Merit awards previously granted to members of the command, and its operational functions. The allotment granted will also eliminate the present disparity which exists in the number of awards granted personnel of higher headquarters and those granted lower units. It is the Theater Commander's desire that the number of awards to personnel of lower units be increased.

d. Once an allotment has been made by a command to a unit under it, it will not be changed by reason of reassignment or attachment of the unit to another command. However, units no longer under the headquarters which are granted their allotment will transmit their recommendations through their present headquarters to the headquarters which made the grant. Direct correspondence between headquarters is authorized in this connection.

e. Recommendations may be forwarded as soon as an allotment is received. It is strongly desired for administrative reasons that the recommendations be spread over the period. Higher commanders will take positive action to insure an even flow of recommendations to higher headquarters. Each recommendation will contain statement: "For allotment period ending _____ 1944."

f. The granting of an allotment to a command does not mean that each command is required to furnish the number involved or that all forwarded will be approved. If a unit does not use its total allotment in a particular period, the unused balance will be cancelled; it may not be transferred to another unit nor continued into the next allotment period. Unless each recommendation clearly shows the award to be justified, it will be returned disapproved and counted as part of the allotment. "Disapproved" recommendations will not be forwarded to this headquarters.

3. Bronze Star Medal. a. Letter, this headquarters, AG 200.6/417 A-0, dated 10 June 1944, subject: "Award of the Bronze Star Medal", is rescinded.

b. The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to any person, who, while serving on or after 7 December 1941, in any capacity in or with the Army of the United States, distinguishes or has distinguished himself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service in connection with military operations, not involving

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participation in aerial flight, against an enemy of the United States.

c. The Bronze Star Medal may be awarded for acts of gallantry or meritorious service either in actual combat or in direct support of combat operations. It provides a means for recognizing performance of duty beyond the ordinary but which is not sufficiently outstanding to warrant the award of a Silver Star or Legion of Merit. It should be used freely in the Infantry and other branches to recognize minor acts of heroism and courageous conduct in combat and with increasing restraint as the distance from the area of close combat increases, or as the conditions of combat decrease.

d. Announcement of the award will be made in general orders and include name, Army serial number, grade, arm or service, organization, date(s) and the geographical locality where the action occurred. Complete citations describing the actions for which the award is made will not be published in general orders. If it is so desired, the complete citation may be prepared for presentation to the individual and for recording in his 201 File with one additional copy for reading at the presentation ceremony.

e. In the case of posthumous awards or to personnel missing in action, or prisoners of war, the full citation will be prepared and forwarded to the War Department, along with the general orders announcing the award, for presentation to the next of kin.

4. Purple Heart - Awarded under the provisions of paragraph 16, AR 600-45, as amended. Borderline cases will be forwarded with all available information to higher headquarters for final decision.

5. Air Medal. a. Field Artillery liaison pilots and observers qualify for the award of the Air Medal only after completing the following pre-requisites:

- (1) Thirty-five (35) sorties.
- (2) Any single meritorious act while participating in aerial flight

b. Definition of "sorties" - A sortie is deemed to have taken place when a flight has been ordered which involves:

- (1) Adjustment of artillery fire on any enemy installation.
- (2) Surveillance of artillery fire on any enemy installation.
- (3) Registration of artillery fire in enemy territory.
- (4) Front line reconnaissance of at least one hour duration.
- (5) Any flight in which the airplane has been attacked by enemy aircraft.
- (6) Credit for only one sortie will be given regardless of any combination of the above missions which may be accomplished on any one flight.
- (7) Credit for sorties will be given only when every effort for the success of the mission has been made. Such credits will be specified and approved by the battalion, group, brigade, division, corps, or army artillery commander.

6. Awards to Wits - In addition to the provisions of War Department Circular Number 333, 1940, the following procedure is prescribed:

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a. A company, battalion (air force squadron or group), or similar unit which is cited by the commander of a division, or of a comparable organization, will be entitled to a battle streamer upon approval of the citation by the Theater Commander, Army Commander, or Commanding General, Army Air Forces, MTO. Such approved citations will automatically be confirmed by the War Department and published in War Department General Orders. Upon approval of the citation by the Army Commander or Commanding General, Army Air Forces, MTO, a request will be submitted to this headquarters to have citation published in War Department General Orders to which there will be attached two (2) official copies of the citation.

b. Any unit larger than a battalion, or group, which is cited by the commanding officer of the next higher unit, will become entitled to a streamer only when the citation is approved by the War Department and published in War Department General Orders. Two copies of the citations, together with supporting data, will be forwarded through channels to this headquarters for transmission to the War Department in exact compliance with paragraph 2d (2), Section IV, War Department Circular Number 333, 22 December 1943.

c. When a unit has been awarded a Distinguished Unit battle streamer, members of the unit are entitled to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge. Individuals who actually participated in the action for which the unit was cited may wear the badge permanently. Those who did not participate, and those who later became members of the organization, are entitled to wear the badge only during the time they are assigned as members of the organization.

7. Battle Participation Awards. a. A list of battles and campaigns in this theater recognized by the War Department has been published in War Department General Orders Numbers 75 and 83, 1943.

b. A list of units entitled to battle honors, together with the campaigns for which such awards are authorized, has been published in secret NATOUSSA letter, dated 23 December 1943, file AG 200.6/263 P-O, subject: "Battle Participation Awards", as amended by secret NATOUSSA letters published monthly. As units become entitled to battle honors by virtue of participation in operations, this list will be amended to include such units. Units omitted from any list published by this headquarters announcing battle honors, which are entitled to such honors under the provisions of AR 260-10 and as outlined herein, may be included by making application to this headquarters through channels.

c. Streamers to indicate service in this theater, which are attached to the staffs of colors or standards, will bear the names and dates of campaigns and battles for participation in which the unit is entitled to battle honors. (See AR 260-10, as amended).

d. This headquarters will authorize battle honors, after careful study of official reports, for certain units not entitled to such honors for any designated campaign, who qualify under any of the items "antisubmarine", "ground combat", or "air combat" now listed without reference to combat zones, time limitations, or units in the general orders and publication referred to in paragraphs a and b, above. These items are to cover actual participation in combat against the enemy in areas or at times which, by reasonable interpretation, are definitely distinct from and cannot be associated with any of the named battles or campaigns. Such special credit will be accorded a unit or an individual only once during the current war.

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e. Individuals who are eligible to wear the appropriate theater service ribbon, if qualified under the provisions stated below, may wear bronze service stars on the appropriate theater service ribbon to indicate battle participation. (See WD Circular 62, 1944 and WD Circular 195, 1944)

- (1) Provided the individual served honorably, and was present for duty, as a member of a unit, or attached to a unit at some time during the period in which the unit participated in battle and was awarded credit therefor under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 260-10; or
- (2) In cases of individuals not members of or attached to units, provided the individual served honorably under competent orders in the combat zone at some time between the limiting dates of the battle or campaign as established by War Department General Orders and was:
 - (a) Awarded a combat decoration.
 - (b) Furnished a certificate of a corps or higher commander that he actually participated in combat.
 - (c) Served at a normal post of duty (as contrasted to occupying the status of an inspector, observer or visitor serving on a temporary duty basis).

8. Combat and Expert Infantryman Badges. -- The following requirements are prescribed in addition to those outlined in War Department Circular Number 186, dated 11 May 1944.

a. Combat Infantryman Badge. -- To qualify for this badge under the provisions of paragraph 3b of War Department Circular Number 186, 1944, individuals assigned to Infantry regiments or lower units must satisfactorily perform duty in action against the enemy in one of the following, which are hereby announced as major operations as distinguished from campaigns announced in War Department General Orders Number 75 and 83, 1943:

- (1) Algeria - French Morocco.
 - (a) Combat zone - Algeria, French Morocco, and adjacent waters.
 - (b) Time limitation - 8 to 11 November 1942.
- (2) Tunisia.
 - (a) Combat zone - Tunisia and Algeria east of a north-south line through Constantine, and adjacent waters.
 - (b) Time limitation - 8 November 1942 (air), 17 November 1942 (ground) to 13 May 1943.

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(3) Sicily.

- (a) Combat zone - Sicily and adjacent waters.
- (b) Time limitation - 14 May 1943 (air), 9 July 1943 (ground) to 17 August 1943.

(4) Italy.

- (a) Combat zone - Italy (exclusive of Sicily and Sardinia), Corsica, and adjacent waters.
- (b) Time limitations - 18 August 1943 (air), 9 September 1943 (ground). Final date to be announced later.

b. Expert Infantryman Badge.— In addition to the method prescribed in War Department Circular Number 322, 1943, this badge may be awarded for satisfactory performance of duty in any action against the enemy not necessarily those listed above.

c. Eligibility.— It is emphasized that these awards are for Infantry personnel assigned to Infantry regiments or lower units, excepting only Medical Department and Chaplain Corps officers, warrant officers and enlisted men similarly assigned.

d. Former Members of Unit.— Action will be taken by units to determine whether any of their former members are entitled to either award. Regimental and similar commanders will have published in orders the names of former members, deemed to have qualified, and will mail two (2) copies to each recipient, through channels, for presentation.

9. Overseas Service Bars. a. Bars consisting of gold lace or bullion, $\frac{1}{4}$ " in width and $1\frac{3}{8}$ " in length, on a cloth background forming a border $\frac{1}{8}$ " around the bar, to be worn on the overcoat, service coat, or field jacket, are authorized for each six months period overseas, including Alaska, from 7 December 1942 until a date six months subsequent to termination of the war. Bars are also authorized for wear on the shirt. These will be made of golden, yellow cloth on a khaki background. Procurement of this device by commands is authorized through facilities available pending issuance through normal supply channels.

1198 b. The bar is to be centered on the outside half and parallel to the end of the left sleeve with the lower edge of the bar four inches above the end of the sleeve. Additional bars will be worn parallel to and above the first bar with $\frac{5}{16}$ " space between bars, this space being formed by the background. When the bar is worn on the service coat or overcoat with service stripes (enlisted men with three years honorable service) or with chevrons indicating World War I overseas service, the bar will be worn immediately above the uppermost stripe or chevron.

10. Recommendations. a. Recommendations for all awards which must be acted upon by the Theater Commander, together with supporting papers, will be forwarded so as to reach this headquarters in duplicate.

b. Particular emphasis should be placed on the recommendation, and the facts contained therein, with the accompanying citation being a concise summary of the recommendation.

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c. Each recommendation will indicate all previous awards made to the individual or unit, including designation of the headquarters and general order number announcing the award. If the recommendation is being resubmitted, that fact will be shown.

d. Recommendations will be submitted in a manner similar to that shown on the Model Form (Appendix "B") and forwarded through proper command channels. Each commander will personally sign the recommendation, indicating his recommended approval or disapproval. Grade and assignment at the time service was rendered, as well as the grade and assignment at the time recommendation is made, must be shown.

11. Publication in Orders. a. Paragraph 4, Section I, AR 600-45, directs that awards of decorations made by authorized commanders be announced in general orders of their commands. Such announcement will include name, army serial number, grade, arm or service, organization, date(s), and the general geographic locality where the action occurred for which the award is made. The home address, address at the time of entry into the service, or entry into the United States Military Academy will be shown. In cases of posthumous, missing in action, or prisoner of war awards, the full name, relationship, and address of the next of kin will be included in the general orders.

b. The above instructions are also applicable to the general orders announcing the award of the Purple Heart. (For suggested form see Appendix "C").

c. The commanding general of the command will establish pertinent policies concerning the type of information which should be omitted from the citation as published in general orders and furnished the individual. Copies of the general orders furnished this headquarters and the War Department will contain all of the information required in subparagraph a, above.

d. General orders will be classified RESTRICTED and in addition to the copies required by the War Department, one (1) copy of all general orders will be furnished this headquarters marked: Attention, Personnel Division, AG Section. The three (3) copies for the War Department will be forwarded promptly direct to The Adjutant General, Attention: Decorations and Awards Branch, Munitions Building Washington 25, D C.

e. The individual may be furnished official copies of the citation which will contain no more information than was published in the general orders. These official copies will not be classified. It is not necessary to prepare letter orders. A copy of the citation to the individual will suffice.

f. Medal numbers will not be published.

12. Presentation. a. As prompt recognition of services increases the value of awards, every effort will be made to expedite their presentation.

b. No request to present a decoration awarded to any individual posthumously, missing in action, or prisoner of war will be sent to The Adjutant General or other headquarters, and under no circumstances will medals be forwarded. The War Department will make presentation to the next of kin upon receipt of general orders announcing such awards.

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c. Should an individual to whom an award has been made, or for whom an award has been recommended to this headquarters, depart prior to presentation, a report will be forwarded this headquarters without delay setting forth all pertinent facts. A copy of the general orders announcing the award will be inclosed. If the recipient's new location is known and is within this theater, direct correspondence is authorized. No medal will be forwarded nor will any medal be engraved when it appears that the specific medal will not be presented.

13. Awards to be Noted in Records. a. Awards of decorations, dates, and places of presentation will be noted in the historical records of organizations and in the service records of enlisted men, and for all others on WD AGO Form No 66-1 (Officer's and Warrant Officer's Qualification Card), also where applicable in appropriate personnel files and efficiency records. This will include entries pertaining to eligibility of individuals to wear appropriate Service Medals, Bronze Battle Stars, Bronze Star for the American Defense Service Medal, Expert and Combat Infantryman Badges, Distinguished Unit Badge, and all other badges. Unit commanders will cause a periodic check to be made of such records to see that necessary entries are made for personnel now present in their organization.

b. The Purple Heart will be presented immediately after eligibility has been determined. In cases where the individual's personnel records are not available, entry of the award will be made on his Emergency Medical Tag or Report Card (WD MD Form No 52). The award will be announced in general orders and in addition to the distribution required in paragraph 11 above, one copy will be furnished the individual and the individual's unit commander.

14. Acceptance of Awards from Cobelligerent Nations. a. In accordance with paragraph 33b, Change 3, AR 600-45, dated 24 April 1944, offers by the governments of cobelligerent nations or the American republics of decorations, orders, medals, and emblems to United States Army personnel, except offers of immediate combat awards which may be concurred in by the senior field commander present, will be forwarded through channels to the Theater Commander for concurrence in their acceptance, containing the statement in paragraph c below.

b. Officers and enlisted men engaged in transactions involving the allocation of Lend Lease materials or credits will not be permitted to accept decorations from the nations with which they are dealing. This includes those individuals who participate in negotiations for Lend Lease allocations, or who make recommendations to any of the agencies authorized to act on such recommendations, or who are members of boards, rearmament committees, or other agencies charged with Lend Lease negotiations, recommendations for, or the allocations of Lend Lease materials. This prohibition does not apply to the acceptance of "immediate combat" awards, or to persons who are merely engaged in shipping or transporting Lend Lease materials.

c. Requests for authority to accept cobelligerent awards will be forwarded through command channels and contain the following statement: "I have not participated in negotiations for Lend Lease allocations, nor made any recommendations to any of the agencies authorized to act on such recommendations. I am not a member of any board, rearmament committee, or other agency charged with Lend Lease negotiations, recommendations for, or the allocation of Lend Lease materials."

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15. Awards to Military Personnel of Cobelligerent Nations. a. Recommendations for awards both combat and non-combat to British personnel, all grades, will be forwarded this headquarters for final decision. Recommendations for other than combat awards will not be presented to British commanders for concurrence except by this headquarters. All recommendations received for non-combat awards will be held at this headquarters for action of the Theater Commander at appropriate periods.

b. Immediate combat awards authorized for our allies may be made to all other cobelligerent military personnel provided the recipient is below the grade of Colonel, or its equivalent, and provided concurrence of the senior field commander present, of the recipient's forces, has been obtained. (This officer must be equal to or the equivalent of the rank of Brigadier General, United States Army).

c. Recommendations for the award of the Air Medal will not be initiated for British personnel.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

DAVID G. BARR,
Major General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

H. V. Roberts
H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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- Incl 1 - Appendix "A", List of WD Publications
- Incl 2 - Appendix "B", Model Form for Recommendation for Award
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- Incl 4 - Appendix "D", Model Form for Recommendation for Civilian Award

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SUBJECT

WD PUBLICATION

American Defense Service Medal

Cir 27, 1944
Cir 129, Sec I, 1944 (rescinds
Par 6a, Cir 27, 1944)

Animals, Awards to

Cir 26, Sec III, 1944

Battle Participation

AR 260-10 (w/14 changes)
AR 600-85
Cir 62, 1944
Cir 195, 1944 (rescinds Par 7
b & c(2), Cir 62, 1944)

Bronze Star Medal

Bull 3, Sec II, 1944

Campaign Medals

Cir 62, 1944
Cir 195, 1944 (rescinds Par b & c(2),
Cir 62, 1944)

Citations, Units

Cir 333, Sec IV, 1943
Bull 22, Sec I, 1943
Cir 26, Sec III, 1944

Commendation

AR 600-55

Decorations, General Provisions

AR 600-45 (w/4 changes)
AR 600-85
AR 600-90 (w/1 change)
Cir 180, Sec V, 1942
Cir 323, Sec III, 1942
Cir 6, Sec IV, 1943

Flags, Colors, Standards & Guidons

AR 260-10 (w/14 changes)
Cir 49, Sec V, 1944
Cir 226, 1944

Glider Badge

Cir 220, Sec IV, 1944

Good Conduct Medal

AR 600-68 (w/1 change)
Bull 6, Sec II, 1943
Cir 30, Sec II, 1944
Cir 103, 1944 (amends Par 7,
AR 600-68)

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Infantryman's Badge, Expert & Combat

Cir 322, 1943
Cir 14, 1944 (amends Par 2, Sec I,
& Par 10, Sec III, Cir 322, 1943)
Cir 186, 1944
Cir 213, 1944 (rescinds Par 5g,
Sec III, Cir 322)

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Lapel Button (Honorable Discharge)	Cir 79, Sec V, 1944 Cir 213, Sec II, 1944 (rescinds Par 8 & 10, Sec V, Cir 79 1944)
Legion of Merit	Bull 40, 1942
Medal for Merit	Bull 40, 1942 Bull 9, Sec II & III, 1943
Motor Vehicle, Driver & Mechanic Awards	Cir 248, Sec II, 1942 Cir 119, Sec I, 1943
Occupation of Germany Medal	Cir 359, Sec IV, 1942
Supply of Service Medals	AR 600-65 (w/1 change) AR 600-90 AR 600-85 (w/1 change) Cir 323, Sec III, 1942
Typhus Commission Medal	Cir 142, 1944
Uniform, Prescribed Wearing of	AR 600-35 (w/28 changes) AR 600-40 (w/30 changes)
WAC, Service Medal	Bull 17, Sec II, 1943
Good Conduct Medal	Cir 36, Sec II, 1944
Guidons	Cir 79, Sec V, 1944
Wound & War Service Chevrons	Cir 6, Sec IV, 1943 Cir 224, Sec I, 1943

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Date _____

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award.

TO :

1. Under the provisions of _____ it is recommended that NAME
ASN, GRADE, ARM OR SERVICE, ORGANIZATION
 (Including staff section if on duty with a headquarters), be awarded the _____
 (appropriate award - see reverse side) _____, for _____
 (appropriate remark - see reverse side) _____

2. Complete description of action: In case of service awards such as Legion of Merit, a complete description of service rendered in detail should be listed. In recommendation for other awards, a detailed and factual description of the incident is of utmost importance. Do not use general statements. The most common error in recommendations is that they do not contain enough detail.

3. In recommendations for combat decorations, specific information should be included as nearly as is reasonably possible, regarding each of the following (using operations, maps, narrative statement, or any other convenient form):

- Character of the terrain, of hostile observations, and of enemy fire.
- Visibility, time of day, and atmospheric conditions.
- Location of enemy.
- Morale, that of our forces and that of the enemy.
- Casualties sustained.
- Effect or results of deed in question, etc.

(Not applicable to Legion of Merit)

4. Statement as to personal knowledge of the initiating officer. If he has no personal knowledge of the incident or service rendered, two affidavits from eye-witnesses or persons having knowledge must be inclosed.

5. Each basic recommendation for the award of a decoration will show the exact status of the person who is being recommended at the time of rendition by him of the service upon which the recommendation is based. Grade and assignment at the time of this incident or at the time service was rendered as well as the grade and assignment at the time recommendation is made.

6. Statement that entire subsequent service of individual since performance of act cited has been honorable. In case of Distinguished Service Medal or Legion of Merit recommendation, statement that the individual has completed his service in the position, or that it was substantially complete at time he was transferred to other duty should be added.

7. List of previous awards to include general order number and headquarters of issue.

8. Proposed Citation, which will include: a. Name, ASN, Arm or Service, Grade, Organization, period of time (inclusive dates) of service rendered, and the general or specific locality or campaign.

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b. A condensation of the letter of recommendation including all pertinent facts upon which award is based. When an award is made, only the citation is published in orders; therefore, a resume of the act or service rendered must be in sufficient detail to justify the award.

c. The last sentence will include the individual's home town and state at time of enlistment, induction, entry into West Point, or present home address. (In cases of Posthumous, Missing in Action, or Prisoner of War awards, include name and relationship of nearest relative, house number, street or rural route, city and state.)

(Forward through proper command channels. Each _____ NAME
commander will personally sign the recommenda-
tion, indicating his recommended approval or dis- _____ GRADE & ORGANIZATION
approval)

COMMANDING OR OFFICIAL DESIGNATION

* * * * *

MEDAL OF HONOR: Conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life, above and beyond call of duty, in action involving actual conflict.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS: Extraordinary heroism in action.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL: Exceptionally meritorious service in duty of great responsibility.

LEGION OF MERIT (in four degrees): For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services.

- 1. Chief Commander
- 2. Commander
- 3. Officer
- 4. Legionnaire

LEGION OF MERIT (without degree): For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services.

SILVER STAR: Gallantry in action.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS: Heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flights.

SOLDIER'S MEDAL: Heroism not involving actual conflict.

BRONZE STAR: Heroic or meritorious achievement or service in action not involving participation in aerial flight.

PURPLE HEART: Wounded in action, or as a direct result of enemy action.

AIR MEDAL: Meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights.

MEDAL FOR MERIT (civilian award): Exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services or an exceptionally meritorious act in furtherance of the war effort.

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL: Demonstrated fidelity by faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency, and behavior deserving emulation completing one year's service as an En. of AUS, after 7 December 1941, or three years after 27 August 1940.

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NINTH ARMORED DIVISION
APO 259

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
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00 March 1944

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

GEORGE W. BROWN (00000000), Pvt, Inf, Company "A", 17th Infantry, Sicily, 15 August 1943. Entered service from Neary, New Jersey.

WILLIAM S. GREEN (00000000), Pvt, FA, Battery "B", 13th Armored Regiment, Tunisia, 13 May 1943. Entered service from Atlanta, Georgia.

JOHN L. SMITH, (00000000), Pfc, FA, Battery "A", 99th Field Artillery Battalion, Corsica, 14 November 1943. Entered service from New York, New York.

JEROME W. BROWN (00000000), Pfc, FA, Company "C", 307th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Italy, 15 December 1943. Entered service from Syracuse, New York.

JOHN J. DOE (00000000), Capt, FA, Service Battery, 21st Armored Field Artillery Battalion, Italy, 14 December 1943. Entered service from Norfolk, Va.

By command of Major General BUTLER:

HARRY B. BLACK,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

W. L. WALLACE,
Lt Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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(Name of submitting

organization)

(Date)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Civilian Award.

TO : _____

THROUGH: _____

1. Under the provisions of Civilian Personnel Regulations 104, 12 April 1944, it is recommended that _____ (full name), a civilian whose legal residence is _____ (address), now currently employed by _____ (command), in the position of _____ (job title or descriptive term indicating nature of duties) be awarded the Emblem for _____.

2. In support of the proposed award following additional personnel data for this individual is submitted:

- a. Country of birth _____.
- b. Country of citizenship _____.
- c. Current efficiency report rating is _____, or current rating on performance of assigned duty is _____.
- d. Date services commenced _____.
- **e. Services performed by _____ which are considered by the undersigned to merit the award indicated in paragraph 1, above, are outlined below:

3. It is certified by the undersigned that the above information is a true extract of official records, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, this individual's services have been honorable and that his loyalty to the Government of the United States and the Army of the United States is above question.

(signature)

**(Complete only for Emblem for Exceptional Civilian Service or Emblem for Meritorious Civilian Service)

NOTE: To be approved or disapproved by each commander in the chain of command prior to forwarding.

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SANITARY AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR THE CONTROL OF MALARIA

Section V, NATOUSA Circular Number 12, 1944, and all existing instructions conflicting with the following directive are rescinded. All instructions issued by United States Army commands will be revised to conform in detail with the following.

1. Theater Malaria Control Organization. a. An organization for malaria control has been established providing for certain specialized units to assist in the work of control of malaria. It is necessary that their duties be clearly defined so that the most efficient use will be made of them.

b. A malarialogist is on the staff of the Surgeon, NATOUSA. Under the Surgeon, he will technically supervise and coordinate the operations for malaria control. He will also act as a special advisor to the Surgeon on all matters pertaining to the control of malaria and mosquito-borne diseases.

c. Malarialogists are assigned to Headquarters NATOUSA and will be attached to the staff of commanders when necessary at each base section, air force, army, and task force. These assistants will, through the Surgeon, advise commanders in the development of malaria discipline in all troops and will prepare, initiate, and supervise organization and unit malaria control training programs. They will assist in planning and supervising survey and control measures. They will supervise and technically control the work of attached malaria survey and control units. They will, when necessary, arrange for and technically advise the malaria control program coming within the responsibility of the Corps of Engineers as set out in NATOUSA Circular 42, 1944. They will investigate malaria rates and malaria hazards of proposed camp sites and will furnish all pertinent information obtained to commanding officers concerned.

d. Malaria survey units and malaria control units will be assigned as needed to each base section, air force, army, and task force. These units will normally be assigned to area control work in the vicinity of troop concentrations but under special conditions may be used on special problems. They will function as follows, under the technical direction and supervision of the surgeon of the command to which assigned:

(1) Malaria survey units will:

- (a) Determine incidence, distribution, and biology of mosquito adults and larvae, in relation to malaria.
- (b) Survey, map, and recommend to commanders, measures for malaria control in specific areas for use by malaria

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control units and organization antimalaria details.

- (c) Maintain a check on effectiveness of control measures by routine collection of adults and larvae.
- (d) Where indicated, perform malaria parasite surveys among civilians and troops to determine incidence and species of parasites. They will act as consultants to Medical Department units in the identification of malaria parasites in blood smears.
- (e) Perform any special studies in regard to malaria or mosquito-borne disease required by the surgeon.
- (f) Through the surgeon, keep commanders informed on all matters relating to malaria control in their areas.
- (g) When and where indicated, assist in the supervision and performance of malaria control measures.
- (h) Demonstrate, advise, and aid in the training of unit antimalaria details.

(2) Malaria control units will:

- (a) Prepare detailed plans for malaria control measures.
- (b) Demonstrate, advise, and aid in the training of unit antimalaria details in approved methods of control.
- (c) Advise the commander on the use of labor, civilian and native, in malaria control work. They will also aid in the training and supervise the technical aspects of this work.
- (d) Initiate plans and advise commanders regarding the maintenance of control measures in areas between units, docks, airfields and similar areas used by troops of all units.
- (e) Through the surgeon, keep commanders informed on all matters relating to malaria control in their areas.

e. Personnel and units engaged in malaria control will be furnished supplies, equipment, additional transportation when required for malaria control work, shelter and meals by organizations to which they are attached, or by organization commanders in whose areas they are assigned for duty.

2. Troop Malaria Control Program. a. Commanding officers of all grades are responsible for malaria control in their organizations and in areas occupied by their commands.

b. The following general antimalaria measures will be made effective:

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- (1) All available information bearing on health in the area will be collected by base section, army, air force, and task force commanders and evaluated in order to determine the probable effect of these factors on the sickness rate of the troops. Special note will be made of the prevalence of malaria and other insect-borne diseases. Base section commanders will make such information available to all tactical units coming into their area. They will maintain sanitary and malaria control programs in camp sites or bivouac areas set aside for troop use, when these areas are not occupied by tactical units. Tactical commanders occupying such areas will base their sanitary and disease control measures on regulations and practices in force in the area.
- (2) When the nature of the tactical operation permits, the organization will have malaria survey and control units attached to it in accordance with the needs of the local situation.
- (3) Antimalaria details consisting of at least two enlisted men, including one non-commissioned officer, will be formed in each company, battery, or similar unit to assist unit commanders in the control of malaria. In non-medical units, these details will be made up of non-medical personnel. They will be specially selected by the commander and will be given immediate training in the use and minor maintenance of screening and bed nets; hand killing and spray killing adult mosquitoes; larvicidal oiling of puddles and minor collections of water; minor ditching; minor water tidiness around a company encampment; and individual measures of malaria control in rear areas and in combat. These antimalaria details will carry out ordinary antimalaria housekeeping measures, such as those listed above, in and immediately around the company encampment.
- (4) All military personnel now in the theater who have not had antimalaria instruction within six (6) months will receive at the earliest practicable date a basic four-hour program of formal instruction about malaria and its control. War Department Training Circular Number 108, dated 21 September 1943, outlines such a course of instruction. When facilities are available, training aids such as film number 8-953 and film strips 8-15, 8-12 will be used in connection with instructions. Medical Department personnel will be used to instruct troops in the technical aspects of this training.
- (5) From 15 April to 30 November, each individual will be provided with the following items of antimalaria supplies and equipment:

Bar, mosquito or sandfly
Repellent, mosquito, 2 oz bottle

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- (6) Where required, each organization will be issued the following:

Insecticide, Freon Aerosol - 1 lb dispenser, 15 per 100 men per month
 Sprayer, Knapsack type - 1 per each 100 men (when required)
 Sprayer, Knapsack, spare parts for - as required
 Paris green duster, hand rotary type - as required
 Paris green duster, spare parts for - as required
 Paris green, or other approved larvicides - lbs, as required
 Malariol (or Diesel oil No. 2) - 100 gal, US, per sprayer knapsack per month

- (7) Suppressive treatment - The application of the following malaria control measures is a command responsibility of all unit and organization commanders. Such modification as is necessitated by military operations must be temporary only.

- (a) Atabrine - Except in areas designated as non-malarious, all military personnel will take one (1) 0.1 gram tablet of atabrine per day for six (6) or seven (7) days a week, as advised by the medical officer of the command, as suppressive therapy to prevent the occurrence of clinical malaria. This will be done during the period from 1 May to 15 November.
- (b) Quinine - Individuals in malarious areas found to be truly sensitive to atabrine will take in lieu thereof 0.6 gram quinine sulphate per day.
- (c) Method of issue to troops - Atabrine or quinine will be issued with the ration. Troops scheduled for movement will be provided with sufficient atabrine for the entire trip plus seven (7) days. Medical supply officers will make available to the Quartermaster necessary tablets, based on the ration return, at the highest unit ration breakdown point for the force concerned. American troops attached to British units will be supplied through British channels.

c. Specific Antimalaria Measures for Military Personnel.

- (1) Unit commanders will be held responsible for the enforcement of antimalaria measures in their command. They will direct the attached medical officer to give regular and frequent instructions to personnel of the command on malaria control measures as well as other phases of hygiene and sanitation. The dates, number of hours, and subjects covered in all instructions will be reported in the Monthly Sanitary Report.

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- (2) The selection of camps and bivouac sites will be made so as to avoid if possible:
 - (a) Insanitary localities.
 - (b) Proximity to native villages or camps (at least one mile away).
 - (c) Areas known to have a heavy population of mosquitoes which may carry malaria.
- (3) Individual protective measures will be carried out as follows:
 - (a) The wearing of shorts and shirts without sleeves between the hours of sunset and sunrise is prohibited. Work details may, during daylight hours, work without shirts when so authorized by the officer in charge of the detail. All troops will wear their shirt sleeves rolled down from sunset to sunrise. In malarious areas leggings will be worn to protect ankles and legs from mosquito bites and from injuries leading to skin infections. In non-malarious areas, or where effective malaria control work has been done, exceptions may be made by the commanding officer upon advice of the surgeon.
 - (b) All personnel will be required to sleep under mosquito or sandfly nets except in non-malarious areas, which will be designated by commanding officers upon advice of the surgeon. Unit commanders or their representatives will instruct the troops in the proper use of sleeping nets, and frequent inspections will be made to insure that nets are efficiently used and kept in a good state of repair.
 - (c) In malarious areas the wearing of mosquito headnets and gloves at night by guards, or others engaged in night work, is usually impractical and is of little value in the prevention of malaria. Such troops will make use of standard Quartermaster mosquito repellent, and it will be applied to all exposed skin surfaces, in accordance with directions on the bottles, at intervals not greater than four (4) hours.
 - (d) In hyper-endemic malaria areas, insofar as possible, all military personnel will stay out of buildings or areas occupied by civilians between the hours of sunset and sunrise until effective malaria control measures are being carried out in the area, or buildings are effectively sprayed with an approved insecticidal spray at least once a week.

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(4) Anti-mosquito measures as follows will be put into effect:

- (a) Hand killing of mosquitoes will be done daily in each tent, hut, or building occupied by troops.
- (b) When indicated, each tent, hut, or sleeping place will be sprayed daily with insecticide to kill the mosquitoes.
- (c) When indicated, civilian habitations, and outbuildings near such habitations, within one mile radius of troop areas will be sprayed once a month with a 5% solution of DDT in kerosene or Diesel oil. If such is not available, spraying will be done once a week with aerosol insecticide or liquid insecticide such as flit. This is a most important measure and is especially applicable to newly occupied areas where antimalaria work has not been in effect. Civilian habitations are the main source of infected mosquitoes. Infected mosquitoes are concentrated in these areas and spray killing at proper intervals will to a large extent prevent their biting troops or spreading to other areas. This is a key measure.
- (d) Mosquito breeding places, inhabited by mosquito larvae within a one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) mile radius of the area occupied by troops, will be drained, filled, oiled, or treated with paris green by the unit antimalaria detail or area malaria control units. Especial attention will be directed to standing water in man-made excavations, wheel ruts, cans and other containers. It is the responsibility of the commanding officer to see that the program for the destruction or control of breeding places is carried out in accordance with established antimalaria control methods.

5. Liaison - United States Army Forces will maintain close liaison with the United States Naval Forces doing malaria control work in this theater, and a similar relationship will be maintained with British and French Forces.

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Handling Prisoners of War II
Discrepancies in Casualty Reports, Morning Reports and Allied Records . . . III

I -- PROMOTION OF OFFICERS

WACUSA Circular Number 39, 1944, is amended by the addition of paragraph 11, as follows:

"11. Promotion of Limited Assignment Second Lieutenants. - Second Lieutenants who have served a minimum of one year in grade, who have demonstrated their fitness for promotion, and who are classified limited assignment as a result of wounds or injuries received in actual combat may be recommended for promotion to the grade of first lieutenant without regard to vacancies in that grade."

II -- HANDLING PRISONERS OF WAR

1. Commanders of combat units and other units responsible for handling prisoners of war will insure that all personnel of such units have a thorough knowledge of the principles to be observed in relation to prisoners of war as set forth in FM 27-10, Rules of Land Warfare, particularly with respect to the Geneva Convention, Treaty Series 846 and 847.

2. Attention should be especially directed to the fact that the rights of prisoners of war as set forth by treaty are not theoretical but are binding on all US troops in the same manner as are the laws and Constitution of the United States. Violation of these rights by any US troops may result in retaliation by the enemy in the form of reprisal.

III -- DISCREPANCIES IN CASUALTY REPORTS, MORNING REPORTS, AND ALLIED RECORDS

1. A comparison of morning reports, casualty reports, service records, WD AGO Forms 51 (Reports of Investigation) and WD Forms 370 (Final Statement) shows that in numerous instances the casualty status, date of death, grade, and ASN are not in substantial accord on all of these reports and records. These are the basic documents by which all insurance, gratuities, pensions, claims and final pay accounts are computed and paid by the General Accounting Office to the beneficiary of the individual in question. When these records are presented for payment and conflicting remarks and statements are discovered, payment to the beneficiary is deferred and the War Department is called upon for correct data. Nothing at variance in these records can be justified and, as a result, unjust reflection and criticism is visited upon the War Department. Considerable correspondence is then necessary to effect a reconciliation of the records and justify payment. Many cases have occurred in which the individual's family has suffered extreme financial and mental hardship prior to the final settlement of pay accounts and insurance. Therefore, it is incumbent upon all

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commanders that extreme care be taken to insure accurate preparation of these records at the source to avoid such incidents and that they be promptly brought into agreement when a change in date or status occurs.

2. The basic casualty report will be the source record. All entries which are made on the records enumerated in paragraph 1 will be in agreement therewith prior to their submission to higher headquarters. When applicable, the WD AGO Form 51 (Report of Investigation) and/or WD Form 370 (Final Statement) will be prepared and checked against the casualty report, service record, and morning report to insure uniformity of entries, especially with reference to casualty status, date of death, grade, and ASN. In the event a corrected casualty report is subsequently made, all the above mentioned records will be amended accordingly.

3. Each subsequent headquarters in the channels of transmission of casualty reports will check and reconcile these reports against each other in conformity with paragraph 5c, NATOUSSA Circular Number 10, 1944. Any change of casualty status of an individual, which is discovered, will be reported through channels to the unit which initiated the report. Corrected casualty report will then be made by the regiment, group or comparable command and appropriate corrections made on the morning report, service record, and when applicable, on the final statement and/or report of investigation. In the event the service record, final statement, and report of investigation are not in the possession of the unit, notification will be made through the same channels as the original report, to the organization to which they were forwarded, to amend them accordingly. This circular will be cited as authority.

4. Any battle or non-battle casualty patient received in a hospital will be immediately picked up, carried and reported on the morning report in an "attached" status, until such time as he is either transferred to the detachment of patients in an "attached unassigned" status (see paragraph 4d and e, NATOUSSA Circular Number 54, 1944) or has been evacuated, returned to duty, etc. This may be accomplished by the medium of attaching a copy of the admission and disposition slip to the morning report, thus obviating the necessity of carrying "attached" personnel on the morning report by name. Issuance of orders for "attached" personnel is not necessary. The type of casualty, battle or non-battle, will also be shown on the admission and disposition slip, e.g. "Attached SNA", "Attached Malaria-slightly ill".

5. The abbreviated symbols authorized for use on NATOUSSA Form 6 will be used for all entries concerning battle casualties on morning reports, service records and casualty reports referred to in this circular.

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I -- DISCHARGE OF ENLISTED MEN

Paragraph 3, Section I, NATOUSA Circular Number 40, cs, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"3. Commanders who finally approve the discharge of an enlisted man will, at the time of approval, issue orders transferring the soldier to the appropriate personnel center. Personnel of units stationed in Italy will be transferred to Personnel Center Number 6, Peninsular Base Section, for transshipment. Other theater personnel (North Africa, Sicily, Sardinia, Corsica) will be transferred to Personnel Center Number 2, Mediterranean Base Section, for transshipment to the United States."

II -- EMPLOYMENT OF CIVILIANS IN OFFICER REST AREAS

Rest areas for officers will be staffed by enlisted personnel or prisoners of war insofar as possible. When it is necessary to employ civilians in such rest areas, a charge of not exceeding \$1.00 per officer per day will be made to meet operating expenses. Civilians so employed will not be paid from appropriated funds.

III -- PROMOTION OF OFFICERS

NATOUSA Circular Number 39, cs, is amended as follows:

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

3189 "3. Promotion in Army Air Forces - Pursuant to War Department letter, 26 October 1942, file AG 210.2 (10-22-42)FO-P-A, subject: "Decentralization of Promotion under Public Law 455, 77th Congress", to Air Force Commanders, authority is granted to the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, MTO, to promote Army Air Force officers to include the grade of colonel, AUS-AC, under the provisions of AR 605-12, 3 February 1944. The Commanding General, Army Air Forces, MTO, is authorized to further delegate this authority to the Commanding Generals of the Twelfth and Fifteenth Air Forces; Army Air Force Service Command, MTO; and Army Air Force Engineer Command, MTO, at his discretion."

b. Paragraph 6d is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"d. Recommendations for the promotion of army nurses, dietitians, and physical therapy aides, up to and including the relative grade of captain, will be shown on a separate list, alphabetically by grade, with an indication of the position to which they are being appointed or occupy. This list will be concurred in by the major command Surgeon prior to submission to this headquarters by the commanders indicated in subparagraph a, above. Recommendations for promotions to the relative grade of major or higher will be submitted individually, and at any time, through command channels."

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1. Instances have occurred in which live ammunition, fused in some cases, has been left on and in vehicles being transported within the theater. This practice is a definite hazard to personnel and property. Other instances have occurred in which vehicles have been transported without regard to the protection and security of on-vehicle and on-carriage parts and accessories.

2. Whenever any vehicle is evacuated to base section shops or depots, to other theaters, or to the United States, all ammunition will be removed from the vehicle. All machine guns, accessories such as tools, radios, radio tubes, fire control instruments, and spare parts of a delicate nature or which might be lost or damaged in transit will be removed, and adequately water-proofed and packed or crated before shipment is made. These items thus packed will be securely stowed in or on the vehicle; in no case will they be left loose or unprotected in the vehicle.

3. All vehicles evacuated as above will be accompanied by a certificate securely fastened to the vehicle in a conspicuous place and reading substantially as follows:

"I have personally inspected this vehicle (type _____ U.S.A. No _____) and certify that there is no live ammunition contained thereon or therein and that all tools, accessories, and spare parts of a delicate nature which might be damaged in transit have been adequately prepared against loss or damage in transit."

This certificate will be signed in duplicate by a responsible officer. The duplicate copy will accompany the shipping ticket covering the transaction. If a copy of the shipping ticket is used as a packing list to accompany the vehicle, the certificate referred to may be placed thereon.

4. Commanders of all tactical and service echelons will take such action as may be necessary to insure that the provisions of this circular are complied with.

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I -- PROHIBITED CORRESPONDENCE

Paragraph 10c (5), Circular Number 32, this headquarters, cs, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"(5) Allied troops on the Italian mainland will not correspond with local inhabitants on the Italian mainland."

II -- MAIL CENSORSHIP RELEASE - ANZIO

1. Allied troops who arrived in the ANZIO Bridgehead before 10 April 1944 may now mention participation in that operation, in letters home.

2. The restrictions referred to in paragraph 10a (8), Circular Number 32, this headquarters, cs, will be strictly observed in this connection.

III -- RABIES (HYDROPHOBIA)

1. Section III, Circular Number 12, and Section III, Circular Number 28, this headquarters, cs, are rescinded.

2. Because of the prevalence of rabies, the keeping of dogs, cats, and other pets which are allowed to stray about organization areas is forbidden. The provisions of paragraph 35d, AR 40-210, dated 15 September 1942, covering the quarantine of animals which have bitten military personnel and any animal suspected of being rabid will be followed.

3. In the absence of a veterinary officer, medical officers will confine and observe animals for a period of two weeks or until symptoms of rabies develop. If suspicious symptoms develop, the animal should be permitted to live until definite symptoms of rabies occur. It should then be killed, and decapitated and the head sent to the nearest Army Laboratory, Medical General Laboratory, or General Hospital Laboratory where the brain will be examined. If the head cannot be delivered immediately, it should be iced and delivered in the most expeditious manner possible.

4. Except in the case of bites around the face and neck, individuals who have been bitten, will be kept under observation in their organizations. In those cases who have been bitten around the head or neck it is not safe to delay treatment while observing the animal and such cases will be treated at once. In all other cases, treatment will be determined by the course of the responsible animal. If the suspected animal does not develop symptoms or signs of rabies immunization need not be carried out.

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5. Those patients who are to be treated, will be referred to the nearest United States Army hospital where the necessary treatment will be given on an out-patient status unless complications warrant other hospital treatment.

6. The material to be used for this treatment is Semple type or equal anti-rabies vaccine, N.S. 1, which is available through medical supply channels. The unit is a vial which contains sufficient vaccine for one injection. Fourteen injections given on successive days are required for prophylactic immunization as preventive treatment for rabies.

IV -- V-MAIL - AIR MAIL SERVICE

1. Effective 15 May 1944, V-mail letters mailed by members of the United States Armed Forces overseas which are prepaid with 6¢ in U S postage will be given air mail service in the United States after processing at the domestic V-mail stations. Such V-mail letters will be given preferential handling over ordinary V-mail and will be placed on special microfilm rolls for dispatch to the United States.

2. V-mail letters are separated in this theater and photographed for dispatch to the V-mail stations at New York City, Chicago, and San Francisco. V-mail microfilm rolls arriving at the three stations on the special rolls indicating that the original letters were prepaid at the air mail rate will be developed and the reproduced letters forwarded to destination in special air-mail V-mail envelopes by air.

3. This new service will be of advantage to all personnel who desire to write to addressees residing at a distance from the particular station through which the incoming rolls will be processed in the United States. The states served by each station are as follows:

<u>San Francisco</u>	<u>Chicago</u>	<u>New York</u>
Arizona	Alabama	Connecticut
California	Arkansas	Delaware
Colorado	Illinois	District of Columbia
Idaho	Indiana	Florida
Montana	Iowa	Georgia
Nevada	Kansas	Maine
New Mexico	Kentucky	Maryland
Oregon	Louisiana	Massachusetts
Utah	Michigan	New Hampshire
Washington	Minnesota	New Jersey
Wyoming	Mississippi	New York
	Missouri	North Carolina
	Nebraska	Pennsylvania
	North Dakota	Rhode Island
	Ohio	South Carolina
	Oklahoma	Vermont
	South Dakota	Virginia
	Tennessee	West Virginia
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4. It is desired that this information be brought to the attention of those concerned.

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USE OF NONPUNITIVE MEASURES AND OF DISCIPLINARY POWERS
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE 104TH ARTICLE OF WAR

1. Nonpunitive Measures - Reports submitted by Inspectors General of inspections made in this theater indicate that many unit and organization commanders are not familiar with the nonpunitive measures that a commanding officer is authorized and expected to use in order to further the efficiency of his command. The fact that admonition and reprimand are termed disciplinary punishments by the 104th Article of War does not deprive a commanding officer of the power he had prior to the enactment of that article to make use of administrative admonition and administrative reprimand, not as a penalty but as a purely corrective measure, more analogous to instructions than to punishment, in the strict line of his duty to create and maintain efficiency. Such corrective measures should not be made a matter of record either in the case of officers or enlisted personnel.

2. Disciplinary Powers under 104th Article of War. a. Further, reports of Inspectors General show that many unit and organization commanders are not thoroughly familiar with the disciplinary powers entrusted to them under the 104th Article of War.

b. With a view to clarifying the disciplinary powers of commanding officers under this article the following information is furnished:

- (1) General Comments - Only minor offenses may properly be disposed of under the 104th Article of War. The determination of whether an offense is or is not "minor" within the application of this article is primarily a question for decision of the officer administering the punishment. As a guide, however, the following passage from paragraph 105, MCM, 1928 is quoted:

"Whether or not an offense may be considered as 'minor' depends upon its nature, the time and place of its commission, and the person committing it. Generally speaking, the term includes derelictions not involving moral turpitude or any greater degree of criminality or seriousness than is involved in the average offense tried by summary court-martial."

- (2) Application to Enlisted Personnel

- (a) Military duty such as guard duty, drills, and the sounding of calls, will not be imposed as punishments (par 102, MCM, 1928). Kitchen police is not within the class of military duties, the imposition of which as punishment is prohibited by par 102, MCM, 1928.

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As ~~extra fatigue~~, it may be used as punishment under the 104th Article of War. (Sec 462 (4), Bull JAG, Aug 1942). Extra fatigue or hard labor without confinement imposed as punishment under the 104th Article of War should be performed at times which will not interfere with scheduled training or other duties. This means that the offending soldier must perform his extra fatigue or hard labor after duty hours and on Sundays and holidays within one week or less, depending on the number of days of extra fatigue or hard labor that have been imposed.

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- (b) Generally speaking, organization commanders may not impose for one and the same offense a combination of two or more punishments, each in the maximum amount authorized. If it is desired to adjudge two or more forms of punishment for the same offense, there must be an apportionment. However, the requirement of apportionment of punishment under the 104th Article of War, when two or more of the authorized punishments are imposed for the same offense, is applicable only to the imposition of the following forms of punishment; withholding of privileges, extra fatigue duty, restriction to certain specified limits and hard labor without confinement. The disciplinary punishments of admonition and reprimand may be imposed under this article without regard to the rule of apportionment and may be in addition to any other authorized punishment or punishments imposed against the offender (Sec 462 (4), Bull JAG, Jan-June, 1942).
 - (c) The right to impose punishment under the provisions of the 104th Article of War being a function of command, may not be delegated to a subordinate, but must be exercised personally by the organization commander who should sign each record of punishment imposed by him. In each case before punishment is adjudged, it is required that the organization commander notify the soldier of the nature of the offense with which he is charged, as clearly and concisely as possible, and inform him that he proposes to impose punishment under the 104th Article of War as to such offense unless trial by court-martial for the same is demanded. After punishment has been adjudged, the soldier will be notified of the punishment imposed as soon as practicable, and at the same time will be informed of his right of appeal to higher authority if he deems the punishment unjust or disproportionate to the offense. Punishment having been accomplished under Article of War 104, no record thereof will be made on the soldier's service record, nor in the case of the soldier's transfer will any record or transcript of company punishment be made and forwarded to the commanding officer of the command to which transfer has been made. Nevertheless, record

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of such punishment will be entered in the organization punishment record.

(d) Organization Punishment Record - The organization punishment record should contain a separate page for each soldier and should show the following data of a punishment administered under the 104th Article of War:

1. Offense committed, including time, date, and place.
2. Date punishment imposed under Article of War 104 and punishment given.
3. If appeal is taken, final action thereon (per 28, AR 345-125, as changed by Change No 3, 27 July 1939).

(e) Suggested punishments for imposition under the 104th Article of War as extra fatigue and hard labor without confinement:

1. Police of organization area.
2. Preparation of drainage ditches of uniform dimensions in organization area.
3. Digging latrine pits, cleaning latrines, showers, etc.
4. Washing vehicles.
5. Polishing brass (fire extinguishers, water spigots, etc.).
6. Cleaning and polishing heating stoves and cooking ranges.
7. Scrubbing mess tables, mess hall ceilings, walls and floors, and organization garbage cans.
8. Washing windows of buildings in the organization area.
9. Kitchen police.

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(3) Application to Commissioned Officers - In the case of officers, a company commander or any higher commander may impose punishment under the 104th Article of War upon officers of his command. In such a case, the notification as to the nature of the offense and information that the commander proposes to administer punishment under the 104th Article of War will be by written communication through proper channels, and the accused will be directed to acknowledge receipt thereof by indorsement and to include in such indorsement any demand for trial by court-martial he may wish to make. Notification of the punishment imposed, together with any reprimand or admonition administered as a part of such punishment, will be communicated to the accused by further indorsement on the communication carrying the original notification, etc, and the accused will be directed to acknowledge receipt by similar indorsement, and to include in his in-

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dorsement the date of such receipt and any appeal he may desire to make. The only appropriate punishments which may be imposed on officers under the 104th Article of War are reprimand, admonition, withholding of privileges for not exceeding one week, or restriction to certain specified limits for not exceeding one week. Also, in time of war or grave public emergency, if the officer to be punished is below the grade of Major and if the officer imposing the punishment is of the grade of Brigadier General or higher, a forfeiture of not more than one-half of such officer's monthly pay for one month may be imposed. The pay of Warrant Officers may not be forfeited under this provision. Reprimand or admonition may be imposed in addition to any one of the other punishments mentioned. If a commanding officer below the grade of Brigadier General believes that forfeiture of pay should be imposed upon an officer of his command, he may advise a general officer in the chain of command, through proper channels, of the facts in the case, together with his recommendations.

- (4) Promptness in Awarding Punishment Essential - Promptness in the administration of appropriate punishment adds to its effectiveness. There should be no unnecessary delay in carrying out punishment to be awarded under the 104th Article of War, because time is one of the most important aspects to be considered in awarding punishment under this Article of War and the use thereof as a disciplinary power of a commanding officer.

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PHYSICAL RECLASSIFICATION OF ENLISTED MEN

Section II, Circular Number 163, this headquarters, 1943, and all instructions and directives in conflict with the provisions of this circular are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

1. Assignment of Physically Handicapped Enlisted Men - It is imperative that each enlisted man be assigned to the position in which he can render maximum useful service. Some assignments require enlisted men of unusual strength, stamina, and physical ability, but even in combat units there are positions which can be filled by men who do not meet the physical standards for induction under MR 1-0. Therefore, surgeons and commanders will exercise extreme care in the physical classification, reclassification, and assignment of enlisted men. Each commander in this theater must make the best use of physically handicapped enlisted men within his command and will make continuous effort to qualify them for general service as expeditiously as possible. Commanders and surgeons of lower echelons will familiarize themselves with limiting defects of individuals within their organizations.

2. Reclassification of Enlisted Men from General or Limited Assignment

a. In this theater, enlisted men will be classified in limited assignment status in accordance with Section II, Circular Number 327, War Department, 1942, modified as follows:

(1) So much of paragraph 1a, Section II, above cited circular, as reads: "Such boards will be appointed by the post, camp, and station commander concerned" will be read: "Such boards will be appointed by the commanders of base sections and air service commands within whose geographical limits the field force unit is located, subject to the approval of the Commanding General, SOs NA-003A and AAF/ATO respectively." Thereafter, "post, camp, or station commander" will be read: "base section commanders and air service commanders."

(2) So much of paragraph 1b, Section II, above cited circular as reads, "and will authorize the field force commander to transfer limited service men who cannot be appropriately assigned within his command without delay to installations or units of the station complement where their qualifications may be utilized to the greatest advantage", will be read: "and will authorize the field force commander to transfer limited service enlisted men who cannot be appropriately assigned within the field force command

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to the replacement depot under base section control for reassignment."

b. In addition, enlisted men will be classified in limited assignment as a result of action by hospital disposition boards as prescribed in Circular Number 54, this headquarters, cs.

3. Procedure to Accomplish Reassignment of Limited Assignment Personnel

a. Subject to the approval of the Commanding Generals, SOS, NATOUSA or AAF/MTO, each base section and/or air service command will appoint boards of officers wherever necessary for the purpose of reclassifying enlisted personnel who have been classified in limited assignment. Each board will consist of three (3) medical officers of mature judgment, one of whom will be a psychiatrist, if available, and one line officer when such action is deemed essential.

b. Whenever an organization commander of a zone of communications or air service command installation considers such action appropriate, and at intervals not greater than six (6) months, each enlisted man who has been classified as limited assignment will be ordered to appear before one of these examining boards.

c. The individual will be given a thorough physical examination by the board. When the board considers such action advisable, it will endeavor to obtain a copy of the disposition board proceedings from the hospital which classified the soldier as "limited assignment". Upon completion of examination, enlisted man will be returned to his organization and the board will notify the organization commander concerned of its recommendation. However, if soldier is found physically qualified for general military duty, the board will recommend direct to the appointing authority that the individual be reassigned to general military duty, and the appointing authority will so assign him without delay.

4. Entry on Service Record and Qualification Card - In each case where an enlisted man is classified in limited assignment or when he is reclassified to general military service, appropriate entries will be made in the individual's Service Record, WD AGO Form 24, and Qualification Card, WD AGO Form 20.

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Mailing of Newspapers I
Personal Transfer Account II
Transfer of Enlisted Personnel III
Settlement of Final Pay Accounts IV

I -- MAILING OF NEWSPAPERS

Paragraph 11b(1), Circular Number 32, this headquarters, cs, is amended to include the following service newspapers which are approved for mailing:

Union Jack
Eighth Army News
Crusader
Parade
Maple Leaf
NZEF Times
APW (Polish)
Yank
Stars and Stripes (Weekly edition).

II -- PERSONAL TRANSFER ACCOUNT

All references in paragraph 11a and paragraph 12, Circular Number 17, this headquarters, cs, to Central Disbursing Office, NATOUSA, APO 534, U. S. Army, are amended to read Central Disbursing Office, Office of the Fiscal Officer, Headquarters, SOS, NATOUSA, APO 750, U. S. Army.

III -- TRANSFER OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL

1. The general policies and procedures established in AR 615-200 will be followed in this theater.

2. For the purpose of transfer of enlisted men, the following are designated as major commands:

Armies
Separate Divisions and Brigades
Air Forces
Zones of Communication
Military Railway Service.

3. Under authority contained in AR 615-200, authority is hereby delegated to the commanders of above designated major commands to take final action on transfers within their commands and to other major commands in the theater, provided both major commanders concur. In cases of any disapproval, the application will be returned direct to the originating headquarters.

4. Direct communication between commanders concerned is directed. Applications will be forwarded to interested subordinate commanders before being forwarded to major commanders for decision.

5. Orders will be issued by the commander having assignment jurisdiction.

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6. Major commanders are hereby authorized to redelegate authority granted herein to such subordinate commanders as deemed advisable.

7. All requests for transfers of individuals to and/or from organizations not under jurisdiction of major commanders included in paragraph 2, will be forwarded to this headquarters for final action.

IV -- SETTLEMENT OF FINAL PAY ACCOUNTS

Circular Number 41, this headquarters, cs, is amended as follows:

a. All references to the Chief Finance Officer, this headquarters, are amended to read Office of the Fiscal Officer, Headquarters, SOS, NATOUSSA, APO 750.

b. The last sentence of paragraph 1a(2) is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"In the event that personnel orders are not available, the Commanding Officer will submit, with the notification of death, a certificate substantially as follows: I certify that _____ held an aeronautical rating as _____; that during the period for which aviation pay is claimed, he was, by competent authority, required to participate regularly and frequently in aerial flights, and, in consequence of such orders, he did participate in regular and frequent aerial flights, while in a duty status sufficient to meet the requirements of Executive Order Number 9195, 7 July 1942."

c. Paragraph 2a(2) is rescinded and the following substituted therefor: "If the deceased enlisted person was on a flying status entitling him to flight pay, the following certificate will be entered on the Final Statement: I hereby certify that I have examined the claim of the enlisted person claiming aviation pay on this voucher; that, during the period for which aviation pay is claimed, he was, by competent authority, required to participate regularly and frequently in aerial flights; and, in consequence of such orders, he did participate in regular and frequent aerial flights, while in a duty status, sufficient to meet the requirements of Executive Order Number 9195, 7 July 1942."

d. Paragraph 9 is rescinded and the following substituted therefor: "9. All Transcript Statements of Account and Final Statements will be forwarded by letter of transmittal in sufficient number of copies to insure that two copies will reach the Office of the Fiscal Officer, Headquarters, SOS, NATOUSSA, APO 750. Subordinate headquarters will not withdraw copies of the letter of transmittal. Letters of transmittal will list the inclosures by name, including rank, serial number and status."

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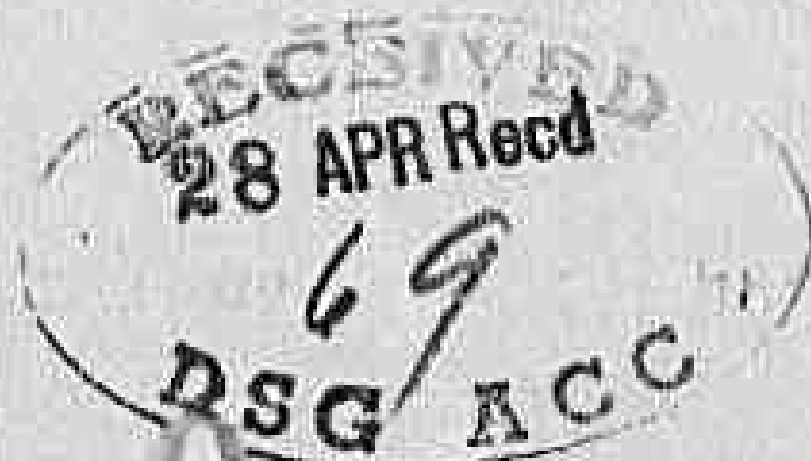
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Censorship Release - Garigliano-Anzio-Cassino I
Mail for American Red Cross Field Directors II
Distribution, Storage, and Issue of AGO Publications and WD Blank Forms . . III

I -- CENSORSHIP RELEASE - GARIGLIANO-ANZIO-CASSINO

1. All troops who took part in the following operations prior to 15 March 1944 may now mention in their letters home the fact of their personal participation therein:

Crossing of GARIGLIANO
ANZIO Bridgehead
CASSINO

2. The restrictions referred to in paragraph 10a (8), Circular Number 32, this headquarters, cs, will be strictly observed in this connection.

II -- MAIL FOR AMERICAN RED CROSS FIELD DIRECTORS

1. To enable chapters of the American Red Cross to communicate with their field directors at overseas stations concerning emergency welfare matters where only the unit and APO number of the soldier to whom the communication pertains are known, the addressing of such communications in the following manner has been authorized:

Field Director,
American Red Cross,
Co "F", 1360th Infantry,
APO 801, c/o Postmaster,
New York, New York.

2. If there is no field director stationed with the unit shown in the address, the unit mail clerk will return the communication to the battalion or regimental post office for delivery to the field director attached to that unit. If there is no field director attached to the battalion or regiment, the communication will be returned to the APO through which the unit is served, indorsed "No ARC Field Director this unit".

3. Postal officers will forward such communications to the nearest American Red Cross regional director or field office known to them. American Red Cross regional directors' offices or field offices are located at Bari and Naples, Italy; Cagliari, Sardinia; Ajaccio, Corsica; Palermo, Sicily; Bizerta, Tunisia; Algiers and Oran, Algeria; and Casablanca, French Morocco.

III -- DISTRIBUTION, STORAGE, AND ISSUE OF AGO PUBLICATIONS AND WD BLANK FORMS

Section II, Circular Number 7 and Section IV, Circular Number 22, this headquarters, cs, are hereby rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

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1. References:

- AR 310-100, dated 29 April 1941
- AR 310-105, dated 31 December 1942
- AR 310-200, dated 1 May 1943
- Sec III, War Department Circular Number 147, dated 28 June 1943
- Sec VIII, War Department Circular Number 177, dated 3 August 1943
- War Department Circular Number 190, dated 21 August 1943
- Sec I, War Department Circular Number 266, dated 23 October 1943
- Sec I, War Department Circular Number 267, dated 25 October 1943
- War Department Circular Number 272, dated 29 October 1943
- Sec II, War Department Circular Number 311, dated 26 November 1943

2. Responsibilities. a. Pursuant to the policy enunciated by the War Department, the responsibility and control within this theater for the storage, distribution, and supply of War Department publications and blank forms, hereinafter referred to as AGO publications and War Department blank forms, as listed in the War Department directives referred to above, are transferred from the several supply services concerned to the Adjutant General's Department. Subsequent War Department directives assigning responsibility for AGO publications and War Department blank forms to the Adjutant General's Department will become effective upon receipt in this theater.

b. The Commanding General, SOS, NATOUSSA is charged with the responsibility for the procurement, distribution, and issue of all AGO publications and War Department blank forms for which the Adjutant General's Department has been designated as the responsible agency. Requests for AGO publications and War Department blank forms will be submitted through prescribed channels to base section commanders for supply. Under no circumstances will unit requisitions be forwarded for supply to agencies outside this theater except through channels as indicated above.

c. The several supply services will retain the responsibility for the requirements of this theater for the procurement, storage, distribution and issue of all publications and blank forms not currently assigned to the Adjutant General's Department for supply.

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PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY

Circular Number 76; Section V, Circular Number 169; and Section III, Circular Number 203, this headquarters, 1943, are rescinded and the following provisions substituted therefor:

1. Purpose of these regulations. a. Paragraph 21, AR 35-6520 and paragraphs 564 and 565, FM 100-10 provide that no formal accounting for property is required except for money and property accounted for on a money basis, when an organization enters a theater of operations, and authorize the commanding general of the theater to prescribe a system of accounting for property. The accounting procedure prescribed herein will govern all units in this theater. While the primary purpose of this procedure is to relieve units of the burden of formal accounting for property, it is emphasized that even more strict attention and care must be given all equipment and supplies in this theater because of the procurement and shipping difficulties.

b. Safeguarding public property is a function of command. All commanders will thoroughly indoctrinate all members of their command with the principle that loss, damage, or destruction of equipment by neglect or carelessness or drawing rations or other supplies in excess of the quantities authorized is tantamount to giving aid and comfort to the enemy.

2. Interpretation of terms. - When used in these instructions, the following will govern:

a. Tables of Basic Allowances include in their meaning Tables of Equipment (T/E).

b. (1) In the application of these instructions to Army Air Forces units the term company or similar unit will be interpreted as applying to an Air Force squadron or detachment.

(2) The term Company Property Book will be held to include for Army Air Forces units squadron property book (AAF Form 106).

(3) Where the provisions of these instructions are in conflict with the provisions of Army Air Forces regulations governing distinctly Army Air Forces property, the Army Air Forces regulations will apply. This shall not apply to aircraft or property used in connection therewith, for which Field Artillery units are accountable.

c. The term "base section" means the Atlantic, Eastern, Island, Mediterranean, Northern, and Peninsular Base Sections, and any other separate

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base section or equivalent installations that may be established in this theater.

d. The term "combat zone" means the area, including the sea, outside the territorial limits of the base sections.

3. Property Responsibility of Commanders. a. War Department Circular Number 158, 1943, prescribes the responsibility of commanders for government property. To implement their responsibility for safeguarding property, responsible commanders are authorized to adopt for their units such portions of the procedure for property accounting, as are prescribed in War Department Circular Number 170, 1943, as changed by War Department Circular Number 39, 1944, as may be practical and necessary. Any accounting procedure adopted will be consistent with these instructions or any instructions issued under this authority.

b. All commanders will make frequent inspections and checks to insure that government property under this jurisdiction is safeguarded and accounted for to the highest degree consistent with the proper use thereof.

4. Unit Property Accountability. a. Each company will maintain a company property book utilizing GMC Form 424, Stock Record Account, or an improvised similar form. Where the company property book has been lost, the fact of loss will be reported as required by paragraph 6, below, and approved by an officer of field grade. The company property on hand will then be inventoried and certified to by a disinterested field officer to determine initial accountability. A separate Form 424 or substitute, will be prepared for each item authorized by T/BA, showing on each form:

- (1) Quantities authorized by T/BA, except items of individual clothing equipment issued to enlisted men.
- (2) Quantities on hand in serviceable condition.
- (3) Quantities of each item in excess of T/BA with authority therefor.
- (4) Quantity of each item on requisition.
- (5) Items accounted for by serial number.

b. A running inventory will be maintained in the company property book showing receipts, losses, and balances. No entries need be made of transactions that do not result in a change in balance; i.e., replacements, except for items accounted for by serial number. Replacement of authorized items will be made where loss, damage, or destruction of property:

- (1) Has been determined by a Report of Survey or Statement of Charges (see paragraph 7, below).
- (2) Does not involve fault or neglect, on approval of certificate required in paragraph 6, below.

5. Accounting for Property in Combat Zone. a. In the combat zone no formal accounting is required other than that considered essential by the Army Exchange Service. The officer receiving supplies other than Army Exchange

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supplies, will receipt therefor with notation showing the organization for which the supplies are required. To the fullest extent possible, consistent with battle conditions, supplies and equipment will be utilized with economy and care.

b. Insofar as practicable, the company property book (paragraph 4a) will be maintained. Certificates, I and I Reports, Reports of Survey, and Statements of Charges are not required where the loss, damage or destruction of property is due to enemy action or otherwise without fault or neglect but may be used at the discretion of individual commanders, except in those instances where Reports of Survey or Statements of Charges are required under the provisions of paragraph 7 hereof for property lost, damaged or destroyed as the result of fault or neglect. A simple notation in the property book, such as "Loss by enemy action" or other appropriate statement showing loss, signed by the responsible officer, will be sufficient to expend the property on the records.

c. Property of the Army Exchange Service will be subject to accountability at all times as prescribed in AR 210-65, dated 19 March 1943.

6. Losses Without Fault or Neglect. a. Property may be dropped on certificate of responsible officer where its loss, damage, or destruction is the result of enemy action or is without fault or neglect on part of the responsible officer. The certificate will be forwarded through intermediate commanders for their approval or disapproval and will show:

- (1) List of items and estimated value of each.
- (2) Statement of circumstances causing loss.
- (3) Recommendation for action, reasons therefor.
- (4) Signature, rank of officer, and unit involved.

b. Certificates may be approved by officers, indicated below, except in case of lost or damaged aircraft, according to the value of property involved.

<u>Approving Officer</u>	<u>Maximum Value</u>
Company Officer	\$ 500.00
Field Officer	5,000.00
Base Section Commanders	50,000.00
General Officer	50,000.00
CG, SOS, NATOUSSA	over 50,000.00

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c. The commanding officer of an Air Corps group or Air Corps depot; the Field Artillery officer of an army, corps or division; or the commanding officer of a Field Artillery brigade, group or battalion, may approve certificates for damage or loss of aircraft resulting from combat, enemy action or other cause not involving negligence or culpable liability.

d. If there appears any reason to question the absence of fault or neglect of the responsible officer, the certificates will be disapproved and a Board of Survey ordered.

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e. . . Certificates will be prepared in duplicate and proper approval obtained, one copy being retained by the responsible officer and one copy forwarded to the unit or other similar supply officer, who may use such copy as a credit voucher, when desired, in the jacket file of the unit concerned. Certificates will be checked from time to time by commanding officers of higher echelons to insure that responsible officers expend government property only under proper circumstances.

f. Certificates will be brief but will show:

- (1) Date.
- (2) Responsible organization and individual and circumstances involved.
- (3) Value, actual or estimated.
- (4) Signature of the certifying officer and his full name and rank, organization, and official capacity.
- (5) Signature of approving officer.

7. Losses, Damage or Destruction Resulting from Fault or Neglect. a. Statement of Charges (AR 345-300) will be prepared by commanding officers in proper cases. Any individual so charged may request a report of survey.

b. Reports of Survey (AR 35-6640) will be prepared only on direction of commanding officer when loss, damage or destruction of property has resulted from a probable negligence or culpability.

c. Reports of Survey will be prepared in triplicate on WD AGO Form 15 or an improvised substitute. They will be as brief as is consistent with accuracy and clarity. They will be transmitted in duplicate through command channels to the commander authorized to make final review (see f and g, below), the letter or indorsement of transmittal clearly indicating that one copy of the Report of Survey has been retained by the unit transmitting the same.

d. Surveying officers will be appointed by either General or Field officers in pertinent cases involving government property or subordinate personnel under their control.

e. Each Report of Survey will be reviewed by an officer of Field or higher grade, appointed by authority superior to that appointing the surveying officer.

f. Except as indicated in g, below, the reviewing officers may take final action as follows:

Field Officers	- Up to \$ 5,000.00
General Officers	- Up to 50,000.00
CG, SO3, NATOUSSA	- Over 50,000.00

g. Any report of survey holding an individual liable for more than \$100.00 will be reviewed by a General Officer; and if more than \$500.00, by the Commanding General, SO3, NATOUSSA.

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h. Commanding officers are responsible that individuals held pecuniarily liable by final reviewing authorities make proper payment to the nearest Finance Officer.

i. Surveying officers are responsible that the maximum reclamation or salvaged value is obtained from damaged property.

8. Supply Installation Accountability. a. All depots, supply points, and non-tactical supply installations will maintain simple, up-to-date records to show quantities of stocks on hand; and dates, sources, and disposition made of supplies which have been received or issued.

b. Debits will be posted to these records from shipping tickets, manifests, packing lists, tally in lists, or inventory overages. Credits will be posted from receipts signed by the supply officer receiving approved issues, from signed certificates (see paragraph 6b), from inventory shortages (supported by certificates as in paragraph 6b, above), Statement of Charges or from approved Reports of Survey.

c. Each supply installation will maintain inventory and audit sections to insure accuracy of its records; will make a complete physical inventory at periods to be specified by Commanding General, SCS, NATOUA and will post and adjust stock record balances according to overages and shortages disclosed by the inventories. The Finance Department will not audit supply installation stock records.

9. Sales Accountability. a. Accountability for sales of government property will be in strict accordance with AR 35-63dC and War Department Circular Number 245, 1943.

b. Sales of government property will be made only by properly appointed and bonded Quartermaster officers.

c. Base section commanders are responsible that the accounts of all sales officers in their sections are audited each month by the Finance Department.

d. Accountability for sales of Army Exchange Service property will be in strict accordance with AR 210-65 and base section commanders are responsible that the accounts of exchanges operating within their base sections are audited not less frequently than quarterly as prescribed by paragraph 26 of AR 210-65.

10. Editing and Certification of Requisitions. - The signature of an organization supply officer or that of a commanding officer of a separate non-divisional unit on a requisition will be accepted as a guarantee that the supplies are necessary and, when issued, will not produce an excess of any item, of authorized allowances of equipment. Neither a certificate to this effect nor the approval of an organization commander will be required.

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ROTATION OR RETURN OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AS INDIVIDUALS
ON DUTY OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES

Rotation I
Return II

Section III, Circular Number 174; Circular Number 221; and Section I, Circular Number 245, this headquarters, 1943, and all other instructions from this headquarters concerning rotation prior to this date, are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

I -- ROTATION

1. General - The provisions of this circular provide for the rotation or return of all military personnel assigned to the North African Theater of Operations, except General Officers, Army Air Forces air crew personnel, and Warrant Officers, Army Mine Planter Service. Instructions on the rotation or return of the Army Air Forces air crew personnel are contained in a separate directive to Army Air Forces, MTO. The return of General Officers and Warrant Officers, Army Mine Planter Service, will be requested in separate communication to this headquarters. In applying the provisions of War Department Circular Number 58, dated 9 February 1944, to this theater, the following will apply. All personnel not recommended to this headquarters prior to 15 April 1944 will be rotated under the provisions of this circular.

2. Definitions - Rotation is the exchange of personnel in this theater for replacements furnished from the United States as substitutes therefor in accordance with requisitions submitted by subordinate commanders. Rotation personnel is that which is replaced in grade and military occupational specialty (MOS) or specification serial number (SSN) by personnel requisitioned from the United States.

3. Purpose - The purpose of the rotation of personnel is to:

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a. Insure the efficiency and morale of a command by replacing those who do not require hospitalization, but whose morale or health has been adversely affected by prolonged periods of duty under severe conditions, and whose effectiveness cannot be restored by exchange within this theater.

b. Return to the Continental United States experienced personnel for use in training and in the formation of new units or for other purposes.

c. Return by replacement therefor, personnel considered deserving of such return.

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4. Quota - The Commanders of ARMIES; Headquarters, SOS, NATOUSA; Army Air Forces, MTO; Headquarters Command, Allied Force; and separate organizations who handle their administration direct with this headquarters are authorized to issue orders on the first day of each month rotating one-half of one percent ($1/2$ of 1%) of the personnel assigned and attached to their commands as of that date, (except Army Air Forces, MTO, in which case the 15th day of each month is applicable). Rotation personnel of organizations assigned to one command but attached to another will be included in the quota of the command to which attached. Of total personnel rotated from a command, 10% will be officers and 90% will be enlisted personnel. Further breakdown of percentages has been furnished to each major command by separate letter. Orders issued will send selected personnel who are in Italy to Personnel Center Number 6, Peninsular Base Section, for trans-shipment to the United States. Personnel Center Number 2 will be used for all other personnel. The following remark will be entered on the morning report for all rotation personnel relieved from a command for trans-shipment to the United States: "Relieved from assignment and transferred on rotation to Personnel Center Number _____ for trans-shipment to the United States." The service record and allied papers will be brought up to date prior to departure of such personnel.

5. Selection - a. Rotation personnel will be selected based upon the following qualifications in order of priority indicated: Length of continuous overseas service, combat service, wounded, and those individuals who have been decorated. Selected personnel may be taken from representative organizations, or restricted to certain designated units, or if circumstances warrant such action, confined to one organization. Control will be maintained by commanders indicated in paragraph 4, above. As a minimum, six (6) months' overseas service is mandatory for personnel with combat service and twelve (12) months for all others. Personnel returned to the United States will be those who are the most deserving. Individuals attached or assigned to SOS, AFHQ, and NATOUSA will not, for rotational purposes, be considered combat service. No officer or enlisted personnel will be returned unless clearly qualified to hold present or higher grade.

b. No personnel will be returned to the United States who are under disciplinary action or reclassification unless proceedings have been completed, and then only under exceptional circumstances, since it is the policy to absorb such personnel and reassign them within the theater. Promotions are not authorized for personnel after recommendation for rotation. Overstrength personnel or personnel attached for training from a personnel center may be utilized as rotation replacements when such personnel are in the same grade as existing vacancies. Promotions will not be made to fill vacancies. A report showing man's grade, MOS, Arm or Service, and color, will be made to this headquarters, attention AG Statistical, of all vacancies so filled at the same time as report called for in 6b, below, is submitted.

c. The following personnel will not be rotated:

- (1) Those who are habitual disciplinary cases.
- (2) Those convicted by a General or Special Court Martial for infractions of any of the Articles of War. (This class becomes eligible and may be rotated when such individuals have had at least twelve months of continuous overseas service,

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of which six months must have been accumulated continuous service from the date of violation, exclusive of the time required to be made good.)

6. Requisitions and Reports. a. The headquarters mentioned in paragraph 4, will make a monthly rotation personnel requisition report to this headquarters, attention AG Statistical Section (see separate letter mentioned in paragraph 4). TM 12-406, TM-407 will be used for classifying officers and AR 615-26 for enlisted men.

b. A report will be made by the headquarters mentioned in paragraph 4 on all personnel for whom orders have been issued authorizing their return to the United States. This report will be made so as to arrive at this headquarters, attention AG Statistical, within 15 days of issuance of order on rotated personnel for any monthly increment, as follows:

- (1) For Field Officers: A separate letter will be submitted for each such officer giving the following information: name, rank, ASN, arm or service, present duty in detail, military background and experience, description of civilian occupation, age, race, organization (parent and sub unit), limited or general assignment, whether qualified for promotion, manner of performance, date of present rank, and whether or not vacancy can be filled by limited assignment personnel. (Inclosure to Appendix "A").
- (2) For Officers below Field Grade including Warrant Officers, exclusive of Army Mine Planter Service. - See Appendix "A".
- (3) For Enlisted Personnel. - See Appendix "B". White and negro enlisted personnel will be listed separately.

7. Application by Individual - An application initiated by an individual requesting to be returned under the rotation policy will be returned "disapproved" by the first headquarters receiving it.

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b. When it is not possible because of overseas time requirement to return personnel as indicated above, the following will apply: A report will be made to this headquarters giving in detail the reasons necessitating such return, together with names and addresses of persons in the United States who have knowledge of the conditions presented as warranting such return. Personnel will not

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be returned to the United States for purely compassionate reasons. Their presence in the United States must accomplish results which are otherwise impossible. Consideration will be given for return where the care and protection of children are involved, or where the presence of the individual is needed for protection from financial loss. In all emergency rotation cases submitted to this headquarters, you will be advised as to whether or not replacement will be furnished.

9. Replacements - Upon receipt of requisition by this headquarters indicating qualifications and grade of individuals actually returned by commands indicated in paragraph 4, replacement will be furnished unit, insofar as possible, from general or limited assignment pools available in this theater. Rotation replacements received from the United States and for whom substitute replacement has been made will be made available to replacement pools.

II -- RETURN

1. Definition - "Returned personnel" is that which is returned to the United States for certain specific reasons and for whom no specific replacement is sent from the United States.

2. Conditions - Personnel is returned to the United States for:

a. Hospitalization. Personnel will be returned for hospitalization in accordance with current instructions.

b. Efficient distribution of most highly qualified and senior officers of arms and services. To effect an efficient distribution of the most highly qualified and senior officers, the War Department may direct reassignment to stations in other theaters or in the United States. If replacement of such personnel from the United States is required, a separate request will be made.

c. Disposing of officers definitely unqualified for duty in any capacity. An officer not qualified in every respect to perform efficiently the duties of his grade in his branch or one whose service has been unsatisfactory will not be sent to the United States under the provisions of Section II. Reassignment within the theater with or without demotion will be used to the maximum extent possible and in conjunction with reclassification proceedings when appropriate. Disciplinary cases must be handled locally. When it is determined that an officer must be returned to the United States for separation from the service, paragraph 13c (5), AR 605-360, will apply.

3. Recording - Entry will be made on the qualification card (WD AGO Forms Numbers 66-1, 66-2, 66-3) for officers and warrant officers, and in the service record under "Remarks Administrative" (WD AGO Form No. 24) for enlisted personnel, that the individual has been returned to the United States under the provisions of the appropriate paragraph of this circular.

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APO 464

SUBJECT: Rotation Personnel April Increment.

TO : Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO 534, U. S. Army.
Attention: A. G. Statistical.

P A C per , Circular Number , Hq NATOUS1, dated 1944, orders were issued transferring the Officer personnel listed below or attached hereto (Incl), to Personnel Center Number shipment to the United States. OFFICERS: 6 , ANC: 1 , WARRANT OFFICERS: 1 .

N A M E	A/S	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY		ORGANIZATION	
				DESCRIPTION	CODE	PARENT	
Harrison, Harry A.	Inf	Capt	O-169074	Sanitary Engineer	7860	Hq 39 Inf Div	Hq
McCarthy, John R.	FA	1st Lt	O-398654	Fwd Observer Arty	1189	"	
Johnson, James E.	Inf	2d Lt	O-435821	Combat Liaison Officer	1930	"	
Skolman, John B.	Inf	CWO	R-211012	Camouflage Officer	9511	376 Inf Regt	Co
Martell, Claire S.	ANC	2d Lt	N-725631	Nurse, Operating Room	3443	"	Co

3 Incls: Ltrs Field Officers
Ball, Arthur J.
Starland, James P.
MacFarland, Mason S. (see par 6b(1))

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SUBJECT: Rotation Personnel April Increment.

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Attention: A. G. Statistical.

P A C par , Circular Number , Hq NATOUSA, dated 1944, orders were transferring the enlisted personnel listed below or attached hereto, to Personnel Center Number 1 for shipment to the United States. *M/Sgt: 2 , T/Sgt: - , S/Sgt: 1 , T/3: 1, Sgt: 1, T/4:

N A M E	A/S	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY		ORGANIZATION
				DESCRIPTION	CODE	
Martin, John W.	Inf	M/Sgt	39876281	Mechanic, Hvy Arty	914	376 Inf Regt
Adams, Albert S.	SC	S/Sgt	32869127	Supply WCO	821	"
Bolton, Ronald J.	SC	1st/Sgt	86700834	1st Sergeant	585	12 Armd Sig Bn
Moren, Edwin C.	Ord	T/3	33000489	Clerk, typist	405	"
Conway, Earl F.	Cav	Sgt	32000432	Mess Sergeant	824	"
Sagen, Orin W.	Cav	Cpl	20073432	Tank Driver	736	"
Kirkman, Jack NMI	CWS	Pfc	22547832	Radio repairman	174	320 Inf Regt
Goodman, Ethel M.	WAC	Pvt	A-221378	Stenographer	502	662 WAC Hq Co
Sinclair, Wayne M.	Inf	Pvt	15346000	Light Machine Gunner	604	58 Inf Regt

Farley, Harold L.	CAC	Pfc	22547832	Automatic Rifleman	746	59 Inf Regt

*Includes 1st Sergeant

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MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY		ORGANIZATION		RACE	LIMITED OR GENERAL ASSIGNMENT	VACANCY CAN BE FILLED BY LIMITED ASGMT PERSONNEL
DESCRIPTION	CODE	PARENT	SUB			
Mechanic, Hvy Arty	914	376 Inf Regt	Co "D"	W	Gen	No
Supply NCO	821	"	Co "D"	W	Gen	No
1st Sergeant	585	12 Armd Sig Bn	Hq & Hq Co	W	Gen	No
Clerk, typist	405	"	"	W	Gen	No
Mess Sergeant	824	"	"	W	Gen	No
Tank Driver	736	"	"	W	Gen	No
Radio repairman	174	320 Inf Regt	Co "B"	W	---	--
Stenographer	502	662 WAC Hq Co	Co "B"	W	Gen	No
Light Machine Gunner	604	58 Inf Regt	Co "B"	W	Gen	No
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Automatic Rifleman	746	59 Inf Regt	Co "F"	Cld	Gen	No

For the Commanding General:

/s/
Captain, A. G. D.
Asst Adjutant General.

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I -- STOVES AND FUEL

Circular Number 222, this headquarters, 1943, is rescinded.

II -- IMPORTATION AND SALE OF COMMODITIES

1. The importation of commodities into the North African 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.

III -- POSTAL REGULATIONS

1. APO Numbers - Paragraph 2a, Circular Number 8, this headquarters, cs, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

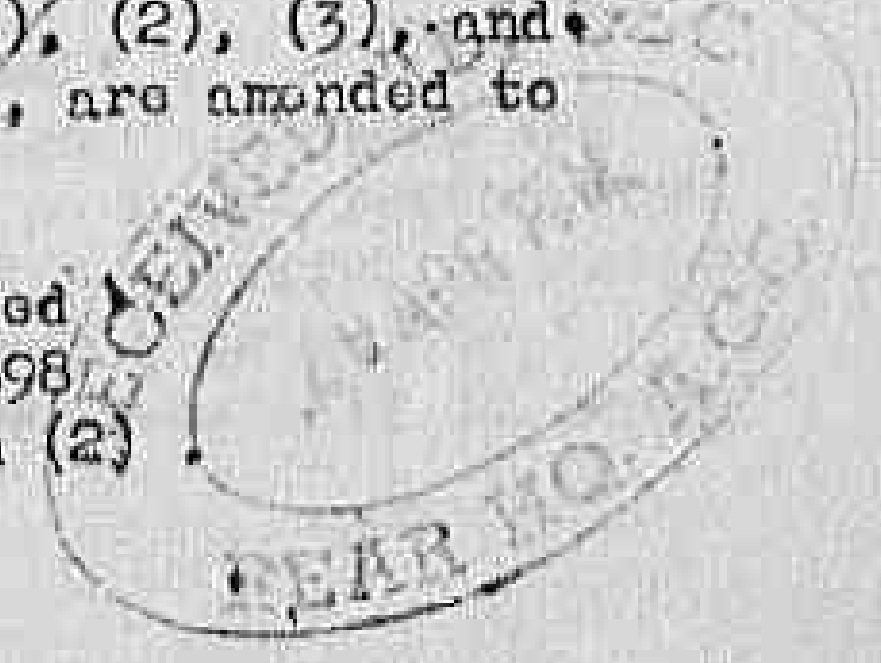
a. The APO number of the major headquarters (division, army, air force command, base section, etc) to which each unit in the theater is assigned will be used as the permanent APO number of the members of the unit. Replacement depots, hospitals and other organizations to which APO's are permanently assigned are excepted, and permanent personnel thereof will use the APO numbers permanently assigned such organizations. Members of postal organizations will use the APO number of the APO operated by their organization.

b. Corps are an exception to the foregoing, and only the personnel of the corps headquarters and headquarters company will use the APO number of the corps APO. Corps troops will use such APO number as may be assigned by the army commander.

2. Notification to Correspondents - Subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4), paragraph 5a, Circular Number 8, this headquarters, cs, are amended to read as follows:

- (1) Correspondents and publishers
- (2) APO to which mail was formerly addressed
- (3) 2628th Central Postal Directory, APO 698
- (4) Present address APO (if different from (2))

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3. Casualty Mail

a. When mail is received at organizations, or unopened mail is found in the effects of an individual who is accounted for as "killed in action", "accidentally killed", "died in hospital", "dead", "missing", "missing in action", "captured by the enemy", or "prisoner of war", a line will be drawn through the address and the mail delivered to the company commander or to an officer who has been designated to certify to the status of the addressee.

b. When the addressee is accounted for as "killed in action", "accidentally killed", "died in hospital", or "dead", the company commander or officer designated to certify to the status of the addressee will enter the following notation on each envelope or wrapper, certifying to the entry thereon by his signature, rank, and branch in the following form:

Deceased
John Doe
Captain, Infantry

c. When the addressee is accounted for as "missing", "missing in action", "captured by the enemy", or "prisoner of war", the certifying officer will enter the following notation on each envelope or wrapper, certifying to the entry thereon by his signature, rank, and branch in the following form:

Missing
John Doe
Captain, Infantry

d. After the required indorsements are placed on the mail matter, it will be returned to the APO for disposition.

e. When mail is received for a former member of an organization who was dropped as a casualty while the unit was serving in a previous theater of operation, the company commander or officer designated to certify to the status of the addressee will enter the appropriate notation on each envelope or wrapper as required by paragraph b or c, above. Such mail will then be forwarded, by the officer making the notation, under franked label direct to the Casualty Branch, Office of The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., for verification and disposition.

f. When mail is received for a former member of an organization who was accounted for as deceased while stationed within the continental limits of the United States, the company commander or other officer designated to certify to the status of the addressee will enter the appropriate notation on each envelope or wrapper as required by paragraph b or c, above. The mail will then be forwarded by the officer making the notation under franked label direct to the commanding officer of the post, camp, or station in the United States responsible for forwarding notification of death to The Adjutant General. In event such prepared package weighs in excess of four pounds, it must be indorsed "casualty mail" to avoid payment of postage when presented at the APO for mailing.

4. Personnel Returned to United States

a. Each piece of mail that is received by organizations addressed to former members who have returned to the United States by reason of transfer orders will be indorsed with the complete forwarding address whenever possible.

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In event a definite address (organization and APO, post, camp or station) cannot be furnished, each piece will be rubber stamped or indorsed:

Return to United States
Attention: Port Postal Officer
Port of Embarkation Army Post Office

b. Forwarding addresses will not be placed on mail for personnel returned to the United States for hospitalization. Such mail will be indorsed as indicated in paragraph a.

c. Mail for personnel returned to the United States which is supplied with a complete forwarding address, or indorsed as indicated in paragraph a, will be returned to the APO for disposition.

5. Service with Allied Occupied Countries

a. (1) United States military personnel in this theater may correspond with civilians in Sardinia, Sicily, and Allied occupied Italy except that United States military personnel stationed on the Italian mainland may not correspond with civilians on the Italian mainland.

(2) The service is limited to unregistered letters and post cards of a personal nature. Maximum weight is two ounces. No postage is required. The letters and cards must be marked "Free", and mail written by enlisted personnel must be unit censored. United States military personnel are not to deposit such mail in civil post offices.

b. Civilians in Sardinia, Sicily, and Allied occupied Italy may correspond with United States military personnel in this theater, except that civilians on the Italian mainland may not correspond with United States military personnel stationed on the Italian mainland. Such mail must be deposited in civil post offices and is limited to unregistered letters and post cards, maximum weight two ounces.

6. Service with Allied Countries - United States military personnel in this theater may correspond with civilians in Corsica under the same conditions as apply to communications between United States military personnel and civilians in North Africa. See paragraph 19, Circular Number 8, this headquarters, cs.

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NUMBER 54)

DISPOSITION OF HOSPITALIZED PERSONNEL
AND SUBMISSION OF PERSONNEL RECORDS

Disposition of Hospitalized Personnel I
Submission of Personnel Records II

Circular Number 215; Section II, Circular Number 239; Section III, Circular Number 247; all 1943; paragraph 21, Section V, Circular Number 10; Sections II and III, Circular Number 15; both cs, and letter, dated 14 January 1944, file AG 704/338 -O, subject, "Hospitalized Personnel", all this headquarters, and all previous instructions when in conflict herewith, are rescinded.

I -- DISPOSITION OF HOSPITALIZED PERSONNEL

1. It is apparent that a misunderstanding exists within this theater as to the proper procedure to be followed in processing personnel who are absent from their units because of hospitalization.

2. It is desired that the instructions contained in this circular be carefully studied and complied with, and that all concerned be made thoroughly familiar with its provisions. A standard procedure within this theater for personnel in this category will preclude considerable correspondence and will result in expeditious and orderly processing of patients.

3. The primary success of this procedure rests with the commanding officers of all general, station, and convalescent hospitals, or their equivalent. It is incumbent upon hospital commanders to see that all personnel of their commands comply with the instructions contained herein. They will make frequent inspections to insure such compliance.

4. Responsibility of Commanding Officers of General, Station, and Convalescent Hospitals, or their Equivalent.

3174 - a. Detachment of Patients - Each of the above-named hospitals will establish, as an integral part of their unit, a Detachment of Patients. Personnel transferred to such detachments will be carried as "attached unassigned" and are not chargeable against the T/O of the hospital.

b. Classification of Patients - Classification will be determined by hospital commanders as soon as possible after the admission of a patient. Every patient must be classified in the interval between admission and final release from hospital control.

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c. Classification Defined - Prior to release, individuals will be classified in one of the following groups:

- (1) Class A-1: Those fit for general military service at once.
- (2) Class A-2: Those fit for general military service after one (1) to six (6) weeks additional conditioning.
- (3) Class B: Those immediately fit for other than general military service.
- (4) Class C: Those not qualified for further duty or requiring a period of convalescence or hospitalization in Zone of Interior (US).
- (5) AIR CREW PERSONNEL - Members of Air Crews will be classified only as Class A (1 or 2) and Class C by hospital medical disposition boards (see paragraph 4g (2) and 5d for disposition and final action).
- (6) Classification will be entered on WD AGO Forms 20 and 24 and will appear on all orders subsequently issued.

d. Determination of Length of Hospitalization - Within seven (7) days after admission of a patient, hospital commanders will require their medical personnel to estimate the length of expected hospitalization and will require regular review of the condition of those who are not transferred to the detachment of patients. When it is apparent that the nature of wounds or illness will result in absence from the unit for more than thirty (30) days, personnel will immediately be transferred to the detachment of patients.

e. Transfer to Detachment of Patients - Personnel will be transferred to a detachment of patients as "attached unassigned" when determination has been made that the individual will be absent from his unit for more than thirty (30) days.

- (1) Transfer to detachment of patients will be made by special order substantially as follows, with appropriate changes in the case of officers and will show classification, if determined, of the individual concerned (A-1, A-2, B or C): "The following enlisted men, organizations, and classification indicated, are transferred in grade to Detachment of Patients, this hospital, effective this date. Service records and allied papers will be forwarded without delay. No funds involved. Auth: (Quote this circular)

T/Sgt John Smith 68413261 (Class B) Co "E" 43d Inf
S/Sgt Paul Doe 68423112 (Class C) Co "E" 83d Inf
etc."

- (2) The provisions of paragraph 4a apply to personnel of all components, viz: Air Force, Ground Force, Service Force, AND TO Airborne, Parachute, and Special Service Forces WITH CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS. Special instructions for Airborne, Parachute, Special Service Forces, and Air Force personnel are contained in subsequent paragraphs.
- (3) Individuals who are evacuated from a combat zone, Italy, Sardinia, Corsica, Sicily, or any other area outside of North Africa to a hospital in North Africa will be transferred to

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the Hospital's Detachment of Patients immediately upon arrival and a copy of the special order will be furnished to the hospital which evacuated the patient.

f. Records (Procedure and Disposition) - When an individual has been transferred to a detachment of patients, a copy of the special order (paragraph 4e (1) above), will be forwarded to the commanding officer of the individual's unit. The commanding officer will immediately forward personnel records to the hospital concerned. If the records are not received within a reasonable period, tracer request, either letter or radio, will be sent, and a copy of tracer furnished to the major commanders concerned, who will initiate action to insure compliance in subsequent cases.

- (1) In the event an individual is evacuated to another hospital prior to receipt of records, a copy of the order assigning him to detachment of patients and a copy of board proceedings, if applicable, will accompany him in order that the receiving hospital may be fully informed. When records are received, they will be forwarded on to the hospital to which the individual was transferred. Prompt action will be taken by the receiving hospital to transfer the individual to detachment of patients. A copy of this transfer order will be sent to the individual's unit and hospital from which transferred for information only. This order will not contain a request for records. The records will have been forwarded to the hospital which originally requested them.
- (2) Personnel from Airborne, Parachute, and Special Service Forces units will be transferred to detachments of patients in the same manner as other personnel, but in addition, will be attached to the Fifth Army Airborne Training Center. Notation of this attachment will be made in the service record, if available, and on the order transferring him to detachment of patients. Service records and allied papers will remain with personnel in this category. Hospital commanders will advise the individual's unit and the Fifth Army Airborne Training Center, APO 512, U. S. Army, when such transfer is effected, will include a copy of the special orders, and when applicable, request for service record and allied papers.
- (3) When service records of hospitalized personnel are received, they will be thoroughly checked to see that proper casualty status was entered by the former unit. Any subsequent administrative remark necessary, viz: partial payment, awards and decorations, etc, will be appropriately entered in the service record.

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g. Disposition of All Classes of Personnel - Upon completion of hospitalization, disposition will be made as follows:

(1) ARMY GROUND FORCES:

CLASS A-1 - Forwarded to the former unit through the nearest replacement installation, even if the unit has left this theater.

CLASS A-2 - Forwarded to the nearest replacement installation for conditioning for a period not to exceed six weeks before returning to their former unit, even if the unit has left this theater.

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CLASS B - Forwarded to the nearest replacement installation for reassignment.

CLASS C - To be evacuated to the Zone of Interior (U.S.) for further hospitalization, convalescence and/or discharge. If personnel records are available, they will be forwarded with the patient. The service record will be indorsed as follows:

"To: CO, U. S. Army Hospital

Soldier transferred to U.S. for further hospitalization and disposition."

- (a) Personnel may be evacuated to the Zone of the Interior (U.S.) prior to receipt of records. If this is done, hospital commanders will prepare a temporary service record which will be forwarded with the patient and indorsed as above. The patient's unit commander will then be informed of this action by letter. The unit commander will indorse the original service record as indicated above and forward it with allied papers direct to The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C. (See paragraph 5c).

(2) ARMY AIR FORCES:

CLASS A-1 - Forwarded to an Air Force replacement installation or to the replacement installation nearest the hospital from which released, for subsequent forwarding to an Air Force replacement installation.

CLASS A-2 - Forwarded to an Air Force replacement installation or to the replacement installation nearest the hospital from which released, for subsequent forwarding to an Air Force replacement installation for conditioning for a period not to exceed six weeks before return to their former unit.

CLASS B - Same as Class A-1 above.

CLASS C - Same as Class C Army Ground Forces personnel.

AIR CREW PERSONNEL - When air crew members have some condition or disability which may make a change of duty or status desirable, they will be returned on a duty status with a letter in a sealed envelope to their unit commanders, giving a summary of the medical findings, diagnosis, expected prognosis and any pertinent recommendations of the attending surgeon. (See paragraph 5d for action of unit commanders).

(3) ARMY SERVICE FORCES:

CLASS A-1 - Same as Class A-1 Army Ground Forces personnel.

CLASS A-2 - Same as Class A-2 Army Ground Forces personnel.

CLASS B - Forwarded to replacement installations who will reassign them to their former organizations provided they are physically fit for such reassignment. Otherwise reassignment will be effected to units in which the individual is fit to perform duty.

CLASS C - Same as Class C Army Ground Forces personnel.

(4) PARACHUTE, AIRBORNE AND SPECIAL SERVICE FORCES:

CLASS A-1 - Same as Class A-1 Army Ground Forces personnel.

CLASS A-2 - Same as Class A-2 Army Ground Forces personnel.

CLASS B - Transferred and shipped through replacement channels to Fifth Army Airborne Training Center for disposition.

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CLASS C - Personnel in this category will be evacuated to the Zone of Interior (US) in the same manner as other personnel, except as follows:

Prior to evacuation personnel will be transferred to the Parachute Replacement Regiment, Parachute School, Fort Benning, Georgia, and until departure will be carried as "attached unassigned" to the detachment of patients. Two (2) copies each of the transfer order will be furnished to the Commanding Officers, Parachute Replacement Regiment, Parachute School, Fort Benning, Georgia, Fifth Army Airborne Training Center, and the patient's original unit. Service records will be indorsed accordingly.

h. Miscellaneous Provisions:

- (1) Direct correspondence is authorized between Parachute, Airborne and Special Service Force units, hospital installations and the Fifth Army Airborne Training Center on matters pertaining to personnel of these units.
- (2) Parachute personnel, absent sick in line of duty due to injuries received in a parachute jump or training accident, are entitled to additional pay for a period not to exceed three (3) months. (C-1, AR 35-1495).
- (3) If determined, all orders issued and all service records indorsed by hospitals will show classification (A-1, A-2, B, or C) of patients. This procedure permits units who subsequently receive individuals to determine their status.
- (4) When it has been discovered that American personnel are hospitalized in other than American hospitals, the facts will be reported by those hospitals, or by anyone having knowledge thereof, to the commanding officer of the nearest American general, station, or convalescent hospital or its equivalent. The American hospital commander will immediately ascertain whether or not the patient can be safely transferred. However, regardless of whether the patient is transferred, he will be picked up on the records of the American hospital and administratively processed in the same manner as other patients. Personnel will be removed to American hospitals when progress has been sufficient to warrant transfer.
- (5) Care of Valuables of Hospital Patients.
 - (a) Carelessness upon the part of responsible officers in hospitals has resulted in instances of loss of money and valuables belonging to patients. Hospital commanders are responsible that due care is observed in safeguarding the money, valuables, clothing and other effects of patients admitted to hospitals.
 - (b) Paragraph 8, AR 40-590, as modified by paragraph 13, Circular Number 236, this headquarters, 1943, prescribes the method of care and disposition of patients' effects.
 - (c) Particular attention will be paid to the care and disposition of patients' money and other valuables. If, for any reason, money and other valuables are not returned to a patient upon discharge or transfer from hospital, disposition of these effects will be made as follows:

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1. When the patient is known to be located within a reasonable distance, the money and valuables will be returned by an officer or trusted messenger using available transportation. An itemized receipt will be obtained for the articles.
2. When the patient is located at some distance or his whereabouts is unknown, his money will be converted into a U.S. Postal money order payable to the patient. The U.S. Postal money order and other valuables, together with an itemized list of the articles and any pertinent information concerning the location of the patient will be transmitted by registered mail to the base section in which the hospital transmitting the effects is located. In the case of mobile hospitals operating in a forward area the effects will be sent to the nearest base section. The expenditure of hospital funds for U.S. Postal money orders and the registry of such mail is hereby authorized.
3. Under no circumstances will patients' money or valuables be transmitted by hospitals to the Central Service Records Branch or the Central Postal Directory Service.

5. Responsibilities of Commanding Officers of Patients Absent Sick in Hospitals:

a. Commanding Officers are responsible that sick, wounded or injured individuals are retained on the rolls of the organization until instructions are received from either a hospital or replacement installation that the individual has been transferred to their detachment of patients or unit. If such information is not received within thirty (30) days, report will be made to the army, division, or comparable commander, showing name, rank, serial number, organization and date of individual's departure from the organization. If determination cannot then be made, the report will be forwarded to this headquarters. Records will not be forwarded.

b. Upon receipt of information that transfer has been made, either to a hospital detachment of patients or a replacement installation, records will be forwarded promptly to that organization. The individual will then be dropped from the rolls.

c. When information has been received that a hospital has evacuated an individual to the Zone of Interior (US) who has not been dropped from the rolls, the unit commander will indorse the Service Record as shown in paragraph 4 g (1) and forward it, with allied papers to The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. and drop the individual from the rolls.

d. When air crew members are returned to their units in accordance with paragraph 4 g (2) above, the unit commander will, upon recommendation of the unit surgeon, bring such personnel, together with the pertinent information, before a designated Air Force Medical Disposition Board.

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6. Responsibilities of Base Section Commanders:

a. All base section commanders are responsible that hospitals operating in their respective areas comply with the provisions of Section I of this circular. To attain this end and to insure orderly processing of patients, base commanders will appoint an officer (preferably with personnel experience) to visit each general, station and convalescent hospital, or its equivalent, within his area. Such visits will be made at least every thirty (30) days. Reports will then be made to the Commanding General, SOS NATOUSA in instances of non-compliance with this circular, for such action as is necessary to insure future compliance.

b. Base section commanders will inform all hospitals within their area of the location and designation of replacement installations to which discharged patients are to be sent.

c. Base section commanders may delegate authority to hospital commanders within their area to issue travel and transfer orders for individuals being discharged from their hospitals.

7. Responsibility of Replacement Installation Commanders:

a. To return promptly to their units personnel classified by hospitals as Class A, even if their unit has left the theater.

b. Forward all Air Force personnel to Air Force replacement installations.

c. Forward Class A Parachute, Airborne, and Special Service Forces personnel to their units even if they have left the theater.

d. Forward Class B Parachute, Airborne, and Special Service Forces personnel to the Fifth Army Airborne Training Center, APO 512, U. S. Army.

e. Commanding officers of replacement installations are delegated authority to transfer Class A-2 and Class B personnel (other than Parachute, Airborne, and Special Service Forces) and such other personnel who will be absent from their units in excess of thirty (30) days to their installations provided they were not transferred to the detachment of patients prior to release from a hospital. These instructions are retroactive and will apply to all personnel in this category now in replacement installations. Transfer orders will include a reference to show the individual as Class A-2 or B when applicable. The individual's unit will then be notified of such transfer and records will be requested if applicable.

f. Report will be made to base section commanders on all individuals received from hospitals who were not transferred to detachment of patients prior to their release, provided, the individual was absent from his unit in excess of thirty (30) days prior to his release from a hospital. The name, rank, serial number, organization, hospital from which received, and circumstances will be reported. Base section commanders will investigate the reason for non-compliance with this circular and upon completion of investigation, will forward the report to the Commanding General, SOS NATOUSA. Direct correspondence is authorized between base section commanders on matters pertaining to these cases.

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3. Replacements for Hospitalized Personnel.

a. Application may be made to replace personnel absent due to hospitalization, without regard to estimated time of absence, and will be based on effective strength for combat units and Morning Report (within T/O) strength for all others. When an organization has received replacements and subsequently former members return from hospitals in such numbers as to create an overstrength in excess of 15 per cent, the overstrength will be reported to the army or comparable headquarters for reassignment within the command. If reassignment cannot be effected, report will be made to this headquarters.

b. For the purpose of this circular, effective strength is defined as assigned strength less the number of sick and wounded not dropped from unit rolls.

c. Combat units desiring return of limited assignment personnel who were former members of their organizations may make application to base sections for their return and will cite this circular as authority.

d. Personnel expected to be absent for more than thirty (30) days will not be dropped from the rolls until notification has been received from a hospital or replacement installation that transfer has been effected to their organization. When personnel have been absent sick in excess of thirty (30) days and no notification has been received from a hospital or replacement installation denoting transfer, action will be taken in accordance with paragraph 5a.

II - SUBMISSION OF PERSONNEL RECORDS

1. When personnel are separated from their units, for any of the reasons indicated below, every effort will be made to submit together, when possible, all personnel records, except Reports of Investigation (WD AGO Form 51) which will be forwarded separately, to Central Service Records Branch, this headquarters, through appropriate correspondence channels, within the time limit as shown hereunder. When this is impracticable, an explanation for the delay and expected date of submission will be forwarded.

ENLISTED MEN

a. DEATH, OTHER THAN BATTLE CASUALTY - Submit so as to arrive at this headquarters within 25 days from date of death.

Service Record (WD AGO Form 24) (AR 345-125)
 Soldier's Qualification Card (WD AGO Form 20) (AR 615-25)
 Report of Investigation (WD AGO Form 51) (AR 600-550)

When death occurs in such manner as to necessitate an investigation, this report will be completed with the least practicable delay and forwarded, in triplicate, to this headquarters by separate letter of transmittal, and will not be held up pending completion of Service Record and allied papers, nor forwarded directly to The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C. For instructions on preparation of this form, see letter, this headquarters, dated 10 February 1944, Subject: "Report of Investigation (WD AGO Form 51) File AG 353.5/397."

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b. KILLED IN ACTION - Submit so as to arrive at this headquarters within 25 days from date of death.

Service Record (WD AGO Form 24)
Soldier's Qualification Card (WD AGO Form 20)

c. MISSING IN ACTION - MISSING - Submit 30 days after date of casualty, to arrive at this headquarters as expeditiously as possible.

Service Record (WD AGO Form 24)
Soldier's Qualification Card (WD AGO Form 20)
Soldier's Deposit Book (WD FD Form 33) (AR 345-75 and WD Circular No. 71, 1944) if applicable.

d. CAPTURED BY THE ENEMY - INTERNED - Submit 30 days after date of casualty to arrive at this headquarters as expeditiously as possible.

Service Record (WD AGO Form 24)
Soldier's Qualification Card (WD AGO Form 20)
Soldier's Deposit Book (WD FD Form 33)

e. DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE, DISCHARGE NOT SUSPENDED

Service Record (WD AGO Form 24)
Soldier's Qualification Card (WD AGO Form 20)
Physical Examination Prior to Discharge (WD AGO Form 38)
(AR 40-100)
One (1) copy of General Courts-Martial Order

f. DISCHARGE TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENT AS OFFICER OR WARRANT OFFICER

Service Record (WD AGO Form 24)
Soldier's Qualification Card (WD AGO Form 20)
Physical Examination Prior to Discharge (WD AGO Form 38)

g. ANY OTHER REASON (EXCEPT HOSPITALIZED PERSONNEL)

Service Record (WD AGO Form 24)
Soldier's Qualification Card (WD AGO Form 20)
Soldier's Deposit Book (WD FD Form 33)
Individual Clothing and Equipment Record (WD AGO Form 32)
Any other pertinent papers.

Records in this category will be forwarded by individual letter of transmittal setting forth the reasons the records are being forwarded, together with all known information.

OFFICERS

h. DEATH - OTHER THAN BATTLE CASUALTY - Submit so as to arrive at this headquarters within 25 days from date of death.

Officer's and Warrant Officer's Qualification Card (WD AGO Form 66-1)
Report of Investigation (WD AGO Form 51) (See a, above)

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i. KILLED IN ACTION - Submit so as to arrive at this headquarters within 25 days from date of death,

Officer's and Warrant Officer's Qualification Card (WD AGO Form 66-1)

j. MISSING IN ACTION - MISSING - Submit 30 days after date of casualty to arrive at this headquarters as expeditiously as possible.

Officer's and Warrant Officer's Qualification Card (WD AGO Form 66-1)

k. CAPTURED BY THE ENEMY - INTERNED - Submit 30 days after date of casualty to arrive at this headquarters as expeditiously as possible.

Officer's and Warrant Officer's Qualification Card (WD AGO Form 66-1)

1. ANY OTHER REASON (EXCEPT HOSPITALIZED PERSONNEL)

Officer's and Warrant Officer's Qualification Card (WD AGO Form 66-1)

Other pertinent papers.

Records in this category will be forwarded by separate letter of transmittal setting forth the reason for forwarding records, together with all known information.

2. FINAL AND FORWARDING ENDORSEMENT IN SERVICE RECORD

a. When Service Records are being forwarded under the provisions of paragraph 1a, b, e and f, the final endorsement will be completed in the record.

b. The forwarding endorsement will be filled out in Service Records forwarded this headquarters under the provisions of paragraph 1c, d and g, above. However, the line following the word "To" will be filled in and indorsed to The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.

3. FINAL STATEMENT

When Final Statement is prepared, enter in Service Record under "Remarks-Financial" the name, rank and APO number of finance officer to whom it was submitted.

4. REMARKS, EXERCISES AND CITATIONS - Entries pertaining to medals, decorations, service ribbons and citations will be entered in the Service Record and on Form 20 or 66-1. The serial numbers of the medals presented will also be entered. Any such awards to which the individual is entitled, but has not received, will be designated. Particular attention is invited to the provisions for additional pay for enlisted men who receive the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross or Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, and Soldier's Medal. (AR 35-1500)

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5. A few common errors are shown hereunder:

a. SERVICE RECORD

- (1) Foreign Service information not noted on page 6.
- (2) Applicable entries not made in pages 9 and 10 to indicate action taken to discontinue allotments and insurance.
- (3) In census shown in paragraph 3, above, fact of submission of Final Statement, not entered under "Remarks-Financial" on page 13 or 14. Date of submission not shown.
- (4) Type, date and place of casualty not entered under "Remarks-Administrative" on page 15.
- (5) Unsatisfied indebtedness to the U.S. not set forth on the final indorsement.
- (6) Remark "Accrued Pay and Allowances" not entered under "Due Soldier" on page 23.
- (7) Authenticating officers do not comply with paragraph 1g, AR 345-125, which requires that all initials in the record be identified by showing the full name, rank and organization on page 24.

b. SOLDIER'S QUALIFICATION CARD

- (1) Date of separation, death or otherwise, not entered under "Remarks" and "Record of Current Service."

c. INVENTORY OF EFFECTS

- (1) No notation made on back of WD AGO Form 54 regarding the transaction involving money found among effects, for which treasury check has been obtained. Check symbol, amount, date and number not shown.
- (2) No notation made that effects have been shipped to the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, Kansas City, Missouri, or direct to persons legally entitled to them. (WD Circulars Nos. 195, 1943 and 118, 1944)

3169 6. LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE AND INQUIRY - (See Par 14, Cir No. 10, this Headquarters, as).

7. FORWARDING OF PERSONNEL PAPERS TO INDIVIDUALS IN KNOWN U.S. MILITARY HOSPITALS IN THIS THEATER - (See Par 55, Section I, above.)

8. PERSONNEL EVACUATED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FURTHER MEDICAL TREATMENT.

a. Every possible effort must be made by unit, medical, replacement installation, and port commanders to insure that personnel are not returned to the United States without their personnel records.

b. Whenever an enlisted man is returned to the United States for further hospitalization, his Service Record will be indorsed as follows:

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"To: CO, U.S. Army Hospital
Soldier transferred to the U.S. for further hospitalization
and disposition."

c. In the event an enlisted man is evacuated to the United States
and his personnel records do not accompany him, they will be indorsed when
received, as indicated in "b", above, and forwarded direct to The Adjutant
General, Washington, D.C. for disposition.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

DAVID G. BARR,
Major General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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Colonel, AGD,
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I - RESCISSION OF CIRCULAR

Section III, Circular Number 42, this headquarters, 1943, is rescinded.

II - AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Paragraph 10 G, Circular Number 26, this headquarters, cs, is rescinded.

III - EFM SERVICE

Paragraph 1, Circular Number 2, this headquarters, cs, is amended by the addition of the following:

"Effective 1 May 1944, EFM service is available to and from American Field Service personnel authorized use of United States APO facilities. Messages to members of the American Field Service will carry the abbreviation "AMFIELD" in the address after the name. "

IV - CENSORSHIP RELEASE - VESUVIUS

United States troops in this theater may relate in letters to their homes that they have witnessed the eruption of Vesuvius. Personal accounts will contain no direct statement or inference as to dates of observation, relative distance of writer's, or any other military unit. For example, statements such as: "near to", "far from", "last week", or "day before yesterday" are prohibited.

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1. Combat efficiency of antiaircraft units in their role must be maintained, and to accomplish this end, training equipment must necessarily be provided for these organizations.

2. All Ordnance training equipment now in the theater and peculiar to antiaircraft units will be authorized for use by antiaircraft organizations as directed by this headquarters.

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3. This type of materiel will not be considered as equipment in excess of T/O and E, but will be designated for a specific length of time per unit for such training as is directed.

4. Upon completion of the training program by any organization, this materiel will be rotated to other units as scheduled. Any materiel considered excess to needs of anti-aircraft organizations will be returned to the nearest US Ordnance depot.

VI - SHIPMENT OF NARCOTICS IN BAGGAGE FROM OVERSEAS

Inspections at the New York Port of Embarkation of unaccompanied baggage returned from this theater reveal that medical officers have been shipping prohibited narcotics to addresses in the United States in violation of the Federal Narcotics Act. Attention of all concerned is directed to War Department Memorandum W55-45-43 dated 19 October 1943, as amended by Change 1, dated 7 January 1944 and to Circular Number 30, this headquarters, cs, on the inspection and certification of baggage loaded on ships at overseas ports. It is desired that instructions contained in these directives be complied with.

VII - REGULATION CONCERNING PURCHASES IN NEUTRAL AREAS

1. All services desiring to make purchases in neutral areas, including purchases of commodities for resale to United States military personnel, will submit a written request for authorization to effect such purchases to this headquarters, giving full details as to commodities desired, method of payment, channels through which such purchase will be made, including names of suppliers, if known, and other relevant details.

2. No purchases will be effected, contracts entered into or negotiations for purchases conducted in such neutral areas without the prior approval of this headquarters.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

DAVID G. BARR
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APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

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Section IV, Circular Number 174, this headquarters, 1943, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

I - NON-COMBAT APPOINTMENTS

1. Authority has been granted to the Theater Commander to appoint as second lieutenants in the Army of the United States a limited number of warrant officers and enlisted men who are fully qualified therefor and have demonstrated that they are outstandingly of officer caliber.
2. In selecting individuals for appointment under this authority, particular consideration will be given to demonstrated ability and to prospective value to the service in future assignments and in higher grade. In general, these appointments will be limited to filling officer positions of a command nature or requiring special technical or professional skills as opposed to purely administrative positions. Consideration of recommendations for appointments to fill administrative positions will only be given in case a critical need exists for such appointments.
3. Appointments under this authority are subject to the following restrictions:
 - a. Individual must have served overseas at least six months immediately prior to appointment.
 - b. For appointment in any branch, individual must meet the standards for officer candidates prescribed for that branch in paragraph 8, AR 625-5, 26 November 1942, as amended, with such modification of wording as is obviously appropriate.
 - c. A definite table of organization or allotment vacancy must exist.
 - d. Individuals may not be appointed for assignment to the Medical Department or Corps of Chaplains.
 - e. Individuals appointed under this authority will not be eligible for return to the United States under rotation policy, other than for reasons of health, for a period of one year subsequent to the date of appointment.
4. Applicants for appointment will be required to appear before and be recommended by examining boards. Authority is hereby granted to commanders not below the grade of Brigadier General to appoint Board of Officers to determine the suitability of applicants for appointment in accordance with requirements set forth herein. Base Sections will be considered as commands appropriate to the grade of a General officer. Boards will consist of at least three experienced officers, at least two of whom will be of field grade and at least one

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will be of the arm or service, if any, for which applicant is a candidate.

5. Exceptionally deserving cases which do not meet the requirements set forth herein may be forwarded to this headquarters for consideration and submission to the War Department if warranted.

6. This authority does not provide for appointment of warrant officers or enlisted members of the Womens Army Corps. Recommendations for appointment of members of this Corps will be forwarded to this headquarters for consideration and submission to the War Department for decision if warranted.

7. The Theater Commander is not authorized to delegate this appointment authority. Accordingly, application papers of recommended candidates will be submitted to this headquarters through command channels for consideration and final action.

8. The quota of appointments allotted to the Theater Commander for the present calendar year is extremely limited. It is essential, therefore, that the number recommended for appointment be held to an absolute minimum; also that full consideration be given to the fact that the greater the number recommended and appointed during the early part of this year will of necessity curtail the number of deserving candidates that may be appointed during the remainder of the year. Selections made at the highest command headquarters must be the most outstanding candidates whose appointments will be of the greatest benefit to the service, and only the most deserving cases should be forwarded to this headquarters for consideration.

9. Each recommendation for appointment submitted to this headquarters will clearly indicate the position actually held by the applicant at time of recommendation, assignment desired and exact position to be filled if appointed.

10. Application Papers:

a. Application papers submitted to this headquarters will include the following for each applicant:

- (1) Personnel Placement Questionnaire (WD AGO Form 0850 and 0850-A)
- (2) Report of Physical Examination (WD AGO Form 63 or 64, as applicable)
- (3) Proceedings of Board of Officers
- (4) Three letters of recommendation.

11. Following appointment by this headquarters and immediately upon completion of appointment action, the following completed forms will be forwarded to this headquarters:

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- a. Oath of Office (WD AGO Form 0337-T).
- b. Report of Entry on Active Duty (Dup).

II - BATTLEFIELD APPOINTMENTS

The authority of the Theater Commander to make battle-field appointments may be delegated by him to appropriate field commanders. No field commander to whom such authority has been delegated by the Theater Commander may further delegate this authority. All battle-field appointments will conform to the following restrictions:

- 1. Appointment will be made in grade of second lieutenant only.
- 2. A position vacancy must exist within the brigade, wing, division or similar unit from which the individual is being recommended, or must be within an allotment made by this headquarters.
- 3. The individual appointed must have displayed outstanding qualities of leadership and the ability to command in actual combat.

III - ATTENDANCE AT OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOLS

- 1. Officer Candidate Schools are not conducted in this theater.
- 2. Except for selected Judge Advocate General and Women's Army Corps Candidates, and especially selected Line Chiefs, Crew Chiefs and Aircraft Inspectors accepted for Army Air Forces Officer Candidate School, no applicant for Officer Candidate School will be returned to the United States as a result of his application.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

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I -- MALARIA CONTROL1. References

- a. AR 40-270
- b. AR 40-205
- c. AR 40-210
- d. AR 100-80
- e. WD Circular Number 178, 1943
- f. WD Circular Number 223, 1943
- g. WD Circular Number 239, 1943
- h. FM 21-10
- i. FM 8-40
- j. WD TC 108, 1943



2. General - Malaria is a serious hazard to military operations. During 1943 United States troops in this theater lost approximately 630,000 man days because of this scourge. It is imperative that all concerned exert the most resolute and sustained efforts to eradicate this pest or to mitigate its effects. The following instructions cover field measures necessary for the control of malaria. The use of suppressive drugs (atabrin, etc.); hospitalization; and treatment of patients are covered by instructions published separately from time to time.

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3. Malaria Control is a Command Function - It is the responsibility of all unit and area commanders to initiate and enforce the necessary control measures within their units and/or areas (par 2b, AR 40-210; WD Cir No 223, 1943). Base section and similar area commanders carry out general coordinated anti-malarial control measures in their areas, but the prosecution of these general control programs does not relieve unit commanders in these areas from their responsibilities for their own units.

4. Base section and similar area commanders will cause timely surveys to be made before the beginning of the malaria season to determine the locations and extent of malarious areas within their commands. The limits of these areas will be marked by road signs on routes of ingress and egress. The areas will also be described in published instructions or memoranda to troop units. Whenever practicable, troops and military installations will be removed from malarious areas and unnecessary entry by military personnel will be prohibited for the duration of the malaria season.

5. Base section and similar area commanders will initiate and execute com-

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prehensive and coordinated campaigns directed toward the control of malaria in areas dangerous to troops. Broadly speaking these measures include the prevention of mosquito breeding (by oiling, spraying, cutting vegetation, minor drainage, etc.); provision of screening and other anti-malaria supplies to troops; and the execution of major engineering works where necessary to abate the menace. Funds are made available from time to time to base section and similar area commanders for the hire of civilian labor for anti-malarial work under military supervision. Whenever feasible the cooperation of local civil authorities is encouraged in combating malaria.

6. Unit commanders of all grades are responsible for the enforcement of precautions against malaria and in particular for the maintenance of malaria discipline within their units. This responsibility includes oiling, spraying, cutting vegetation, improvement of drainage, etc., within their unit areas. Where the magnitude of such work is beyond the capacity of units to perform, request for assistance should be made through channels to the responsible base section or similar area commander. Commanders of higher units will exercise continuous active supervision over subordinate units to insure effective and coordinated enforcement of anti-malaria measures.

7. Company and similar unit commanders are responsible for the individual instruction of personnel in their units in malaria control and discipline. In each company, battery or similar unit an anti-malaria detail will be organized consisting of at least two selected men, one of whom will be an M.C.O. In non-medical units this detail will be composed of non-medical personnel. The anti-malaria detail will carry out the ordinary anti-malaria housekeeping measures in and around the unit area (par 3b, WD Cir 223, 1943). These include the maintenance and repair of screening, bed nets, etc, killing mosquitoes by mechanical methods and by spraying, larvicidal oiling and spraying of water surfaces, minor ditching and drainage, and other control measures. Such measures as are practicable will be taken in combat as well as in rear areas.

8. United States Units in British Controlled Areas - The administrative responsibilities of the commanders of United States units in British controlled areas are covered in Administrative Memorandum Number 11 (Revised), AFHQ, dated 24 January 1943. Under the provisions of this memorandum, the responsibility for the general control measures outlined in paragraph 5, above, rests with the British unless these responsibilities are delegated to the United States unit commander for the area or areas occupied by his unit (par 4, Administrative Memo No. 11). In any case, however, the United States unit commander will coordinate with the British in the execution of anti-malarial measures. Supplies necessary for unit anti-malarial measures will be obtained from United States sources.

9. Duties of the Surgeon - The unit, base section, or area surgeon is responsible for the technical survey of the malaria problem and for the recommendation of necessary control measures to his commander. The surgeon exercises technical supervision over these measures (par 2a, AR 40-210; WD Cir No. 223, 1943; and WD Cir No. 178, 1943). In the case of the base section and similar area commands the surgeon directs the operations of sanitary squads engaged in spraying, oiling, cutting vegetation, etc. When he determines that the necessary control measures are beyond the capabilities of troop units he will report the fact to his commander with appropriate recommendations as to necessary engineering work of a major nature which may be required. When such major works are ordered to be executed they become matters of Engineer responsibility.

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10. Duties of the Engineer - The unit, base section, or similar area Engineer is responsible for the technical supervision and execution of such construction and maintenance (including screening) on real property as is required for effective control measures other than ordinary housekeeping by troop units or individuals (WD Cir No. 178, 1943). The execution of Engineer projects for the control of malaria (which are beyond capacity of troop units to perform) become an Engineer responsibility. The methods for fulfillment of this duty are matters of common knowledge to Engineers. They are discussed in WD Training Circular Number 108, 1943. They are briefly summarized as follows:

Proper selection of sites
Drainage
Grading and Filling
Screening and sealing of apertures
Repairs to buildings.

Engineer responsibility includes procurement and issue of certain specialized supplies for malaria control (WD Cir No. 178 and 239, 1943).

11. In addition to the execution of Engineer projects of an anti-malarial nature, Engineer officers engaged on military construction are responsible that such construction does not create a malaria menace or, if a malaria menace is unavoidably created, that it is kept to a minimum. Hazards may be unavoidably created by opening borrow pits in areas which cannot be drained. Such borrow pits should be removed as far as practicable from military installations. They should be smoothed off so that the stagnant pools are of minimum surface area and are readily accessible for treatment by oiling, etc. Spoil banks should be located where they do not interrupt drainage and should be shaped up to prevent the formation of small pools. The use of spoil partially to back fill borrow pits may sometimes be practicable.

12. Responsibility for Malaria Control Supplies - The responsibility for supply of malaria control items between the Services is as follows:

a. Engineer

Paris green, standard larvicide
Duster, insect, hand, rotary blower type
Paris green or powder, 5 to 10 pounds capacity
Spare parts for above duster
Sprayer, insect, knapsack type, 5-gallons capacity
Spare parts for above sprayer
Sprayer, insect, portable, gasoline engine driven,
for larvicide, with 4-50 ft. lengths of 3/8" oil
resistant hose and spray nozzle
Spare parts for above sprayer

b. Medical

Atabrin
Quinine
Plasmochin

c. Quartermaster

Bar, insect
Headnets, mosquito, M-1942
Gloves, mosquito, cotton

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Borax, powdered, 1 to 10 lb package (for insect breeding control)
Diesel Oil No. 2, or equal
Insecticide, aerosol, 1 lb dispenser
Repellent, insect (2 ounce bottle)
Insecticide, DDT

13. The Medical-Engineer Team - The duties of the Surgeon and the Engineer with respect to anti-malaria control are closely related. The best results will be obtained by judicious coordination of sanitary measures with engineering works. Since the abatement of the mosquito menace depends largely upon drainage, care must be taken to insure that improvements to drainage in one area do not increase the difficulty elsewhere. The Surgeon and the Engineer should therefore make joint surveys of the malaria problem whenever practicable and should prepare their plans in close collaboration with each other.

II -- PRECAUTIONS IN HANDLING DANGEROUS CARGO

The application of instructions pertaining to the handling of dangerous cargo as set forth in Administrative Memoranda 14 and 15, AFHQ, 1944, is extended to include this theater. Notification of consignment and movement of these stores will be by command channels.

III -- DISPOSITION OF RECORDS OF DISBANDED ORGANIZATIONS

When units in this theater are inactivated or disbanded, unit records will be disposed of as follows:

a. Prior to disbandment, the organization will segregate and box all records of a permanent nature, in accordance with AR 345-19, and will prepare an index, in triplicate, of all such records.

b. Boxed records, accompanied by one copy of above index, will be forwarded by the unit to the nearest base section by letter of transmittal quoting authority for disbandment.

c. The original and one copy of the index of records will be forwarded by the unit concerned to this headquarters by letter of transmittal, explaining the reason for such action, and stating the date and place of storage of such records.

IV -- UNIFORM FOR NURSES

Paragraph 1b, Section I, Circular Number 24, this headquarters, cs, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

b. For nurses, physical therapy aides, and hospital dietitians as prescribed in AR 600-37. In addition to the articles of uniform listed in AR 600-37, the wearing of the cap, garrison, olive drab, or beige, is authorized.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

OFFICIAL:

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SETTLEMENT OF FINAL PAY ACCOUNTS OF OFFICERS, ENLISTED MEN AND
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES -- DECEASED, MISSING, MISSING IN ACTION, IN-
TERRED OR CAPTURED

(See Circular No. 59 for amendments) (not filed here) msp
Circular Number 295, this headquarters, 1943, is hereby rescinded
and the following substituted therefor:

1. Upon the death of an officer, the following action will be taken:

a. Duty of Commanding Officer: - (1) Immediately upon the death of an officer, the Commanding Officer concerned will notify the Finance Disbursing Officer regularly paying the officer's account, giving the date of death and furnishing a certificate of non-indebtedness reading substantially as follows: "I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, _____ is not accountable nor responsible for public funds or property; that he is not indebted to the United States or any of its instrumentalities except as follows: _____". (Note: List in space provided any indebtedness or property accountability. In case of such indebtedness or accountability, Board of Officers Proceedings, if available should be inclosed. Care will be taken to state the number of field rations for which the officer is indebted). This notice will not be furnished unless the officer has been officially reported either on Battle Casualty Report or Letter Report of Death.

(2) If the deceased officer was on a flying status entitling him to flight pay, copies of his personnel orders and flight certificate should be furnished with the notification to the Finance Disbursing Officer. In the event that personnel orders and/or flight certificates are not available, the Commanding Officer will cause to be submitted, with the notification of death, a certificate in lieu thereof, stating that the orders and/or flight certificate are not available and the reasons why.

3163 (3) If the deceased officer was on parachute duty entitling him to parachute pay, certificate so stating, should be furnished.

(4) If the deceased officer was qualified as a diver, copies of orders covering each period of detail to diving duty, together with schedule of dives performed, will be furnished the Finance Disbursing Officer. Reference: AR 35-1485 and AR 775-50.

(5) Information of known unpaid credits, i.e., uniform allowance, per diem for travel, travel vouchers, etc., will be furnished the Finance Disbursing Officer.

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b. Duty of Disbursing Officer: - (1) Upon receipt of notification of the death of an officer, the Disbursing Officer will prepare Transcript Statement of Account, WD Form 380, covering last payment made in full to the officer. On the reverse side will be listed a record of all payments made during the last eight (8) months, if known, giving voucher references. In the event that such information is not available, such information that is known will be listed. Transcript Statement of Account, together with all supporting papers, i.e., certificate of non-indebtedness, personnel orders, flight certificates, signature card, etc., as well as all unpaid travel accounts, will be forwarded without delay by letter of transmittal to the Chief Finance Officer, this headquarters, for transmission via air pouch to The Fiscal Director, Army Service Forces, Washington 25, D. C. Attention: Receipts and Disbursements Division.

(2) In the event that the Disbursing Officer to whom the notification of the death of an officer is submitted did not pay the subject officer, he will ascertain the name of the Disbursing Officer who did make the last payment and, if in this theater, forward the notification by indorsement, giving whatever information he has to the Disbursing Officer. If the subject officer was last paid outside this theater, the Disbursing Officer receiving the notification of death will forward the notification and all pertinent and supporting papers by letter of transmittal to the last duty station of the subject officer, through the Chief Finance Officer, this headquarters.

(3) In issuing a Transcript Statement of Account, the following additional items will be stated thereon, where applicable, using the reverse of the form if necessary:

(a) Date and place of death.

(b) For an officer in flying status, the Disbursing Officer will note thereon the date to which flying pay was last paid.

(c) In the case of a warrant officer, the copy of his statement of service furnished under the provisions of paragraph 2b (2) (d) AR 15-1260 will be attached thereto.

(d) Notation of any debit or credit information including unpaid travel accounts or other data which might affect the current or final settlement of the individual's account.

(e) The number of years, months, and days of service to be credited for longevity purposes on the day the individual is reported deceased, will be shown.

2. Upon the death of an enlisted person, the following action will be taken:

a. Duty of Commanding Officer: - (1) Immediately upon the death of an enlisted person, the Commanding Officer concerned will cause the unit

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personnel officer to submit a Final Statement on each enlisted person, in triplicate, to the Disbursing Officer who regularly pays the unit. The Final Statement will be prepared from the Original Service Record, Temporary Service Record, or any other information available to the officer having custody of same. This Final Statement will not be furnished unless the enlisted person has been officially reported on either Battle Casualty Report or Letter Report of Death.

(2) If the deceased enlisted person was on a flying status entitling him to flight pay, copies of his personnel orders and flight certificate will be furnished.

(3) If the deceased enlisted person was on parachute duty entitling him to parachute pay, certificate so stating will be furnished the Disbursing Officer.

(4) If the deceased enlisted person was assigned to diving duty by orders of competent authority, such orders, together with schedule of dives performed, showing the date and number of dives and the total depth and period of each dive, will be furnished. The schedule will be certified by the Commanding Officer. Reference: AR 35-1485 and AR 775-50.

(5) Information affecting the rights of the individual to additional allowances such as monetary allowances in lieu of quarters because of dependents, per diem and travel vouchers will be furnished the Finance Disbursing Officer.

b. Duty of Disbursing Officer: - (1) Regular Army -- Upon the receipt of Final Statement of a deceased enlisted person of the Regular Army, an expenditure and corresponding collection will be made as prescribed in paragraph 13a AR 35-2480. In making distribution of the collections, any balance due an enlisted person of the Regular Army will be designated for deposit to the credit of "Miscellaneous Receipts - 215920 - Proceeds from Estates of Deceased Soldiers (includes unclaimed pay) (TF) (Name of soldier; give fiscal year in which death occurred)". Immediately after settlement, one copy of such a final statement, together with supporting papers will be forwarded by letter of transmittal through the Chief Finance Officer, this headquarters, to The Fiscal Director, Army Service Forces, Washington 25, D. C. Attention: Receipts and Disbursements Division.

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(2) Other than Regular Army -- (a) Upon receipt of Final Statement of a deceased person other than those of the Regular Army, when indebtedness to individuals under the 105th Article of War, Government instrumentalities or indebtedness to the Government is not involved, no expenditure or collection will be made and such final statement will not be computed or taken up in the account of the Disbursing Officer. Such Final Statement together with supporting papers will be forwarded by letter of transmittal through the Chief Finance Officer, this headquarters, to The Fiscal Director, Army Service Forces, Washington 25, D. C. Attention: Receipts and Disbursements Division.

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(b) Upon receipt of Final Statement of a deceased person other than those of the Regular Army, when indebtedness to individuals under the 105th Article of War, Government instrumentalities or indebtedness to the Government is involved and where it is necessary that a check be drawn in payment of the amount due, Disbursing Officers will effect settlement of Final Statements as provided in paragraph 18, AF 35-2430, 05. The balance remaining, if any, after authorized collections have been made in their order of precedence, will be left in the appropriation and a statement showing such amount withheld will be entered on the voucher by the Disbursing Officer. Such Final Statements will be forwarded by letter of transmittal through the Chief Finance Officer, this Headquarters, to The Fiscal Director, Army Service Forces, Washington 25, D. C. Attention: Receipts and Disbursements Division.

3. Upon the death of a civilian employee (Not local, native labor), the following action will be taken:

See AF 35-4040. Vouchers prepared in accordance with these regulations will be forwarded to the Finance Disbursing Officer regularly paying the deceased civilian employee. Finance Disbursing Officers will not compute the vouchers submitted to him but will forward such vouchers through the Chief Finance Officer, this Headquarters, to The Fiscal Director, Army Service Forces, Washington 25, D. C. Attention: Receipts and Disbursements Division.

4. The following action will be taken when an officer is reported "Missing", "Missing in Action", "Interned", or "Captured":

a. Duty of Commanding Officer: - The same action will be taken by the Commanding Officer as is prescribed in 1a above, giving the status of the officer as "Missing", "Missing in Action", "Interned", or "Captured", instead of "Deceased".

b. Duty of Disbursing Officer: - See 1b above. (Note: Transcript Statement of Account, WD Form 380, will be conspicuously marked "Missing", "Missing in Action", "Interned", or "Captured", instead of "Deceased".

5. The following action will be taken when an enlisted person is reported "Missing", "Missing in Action", "Interned", or "Captured":

a. Duty of Commanding Officer: - Immediately following determination of status of enlisted person reported "Missing", "Missing in Action", "Interned", or "Captured", one (1) copy of WD Form 370 (Final Statement) will be prepared and forwarded to the Finance Disbursing Officer regularly paying the enlisted person. Such statements will be identical in all respects to Final Statements issued in cases of death, except that the word "Final" will be deleted and status "Missing", "Missing in Action", "Interned", or "Captured" will be shown as the reason for preparation of such statement

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in lieu of "Discharged", "Retired", or "Died". The number of years, months and days of service to be credited for longevity pay purposes on the date the enlisted person was reported "Missing", "Missing in Action", "Interned", or "Captured" will be shown. Information affecting the rights of the individual to additional allowances such as flying pay, monetary allowance in lieu of quarters because of dependents, travel and per diem vouchers will be furnished the Finance Disbursing Officer. Soldiers' deposits, if any, will be listed as in case of deceased enlisted men but the soldiers' deposit book will not be forwarded with the Final Statement, but will accompany the service record. The Final Statement will not be furnished unless the enlisted person has been officially reported on a Battle Casualty Report.

b. Duty of Disbursing Officer: - Disbursing Officers to whom the original copy of WD Form 370 is submitted will not compute such Final Statement but will forward such forms by letter of transmittal to the Chief Finance Officer, this headquarters, for transmittal to The Fiscal Director, Army Service Forces, Washington 25, D. C. Attention: Receipts and Disbursements Division.

6. Change in Status.

a. Commanding Officers will, immediately upon the return of an officer and/or enlisted person to a duty status from a "Missing", "Missing in Action", "Interned", or "Captured" status give notice to the Finance Officer who prepared the Transcript Statement of Account in the case of an officer or to whom the Final Statement was submitted by the Personnel Officer in the case of an enlisted person, setting forth the date of return to duty and the status from which the officer and/or enlisted person returned. Immediately upon the determination that the status of an officer and/or enlisted person is changed from "Missing", "Missing in Action", "Interned", or "Captured" to "Deceased" notification will be given to the Finance Disbursing Officer, setting forth the date on which the status changed.

b. Finance Officers receiving the notices from Commanding Officers changing the status of an officer and/or enlisted person from a "Missing", "Missing in Action", "Interned", or "Captured" status, will immediately, by indorsement thereon, make request to The Fiscal Director, Army Service Forces, Washington 25, D. C. Attention: Receipts and Disbursements Division, through the Chief Finance Officer, this headquarters, that the Transcript Statement of Account and/or Final Statement be withdrawn and returned since the officer and/or enlisted person has returned to a duty status.

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7. Allotments:

a. See Circular Number 15, War Department, dated 12 January 1944, and Section I, Circular Number 16, this headquarters, as amended.

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b. Requests will not be submitted to this headquarters for radio notification to discontinue allotments and deductions of deceased personnel. Upon receipt of casualty reports from this headquarters, the War Department will notify the government agencies concerned. Discontinuance forms will be prepared for War Bond deductions only in cases of personnel being reported "Missing", "Missing in Action", "Interned", or "Captured".

8. Responsibilities:

a. Commanding Officers will be held responsible that every effort is made to expedite the required information and reports so that there will be as little delay as possible in the submission of these final papers to the Fiscal Director. A number of letters have been received which indicate that the provisions of circulars of this headquarters, as well as Army Regulations, are not being complied with.

b. Disbursing Officers will be held responsible for the immediate compliance with the provisions of this circular.

9. All Transcript Statements of Account and Final Statements will be forwarded by letter of transmittal in sufficient number of copies to insure that two copies will reach this headquarters. Subordinate headquarters will not withdraw copies of the letter of transmittal. Letters of transmittal will list the inclosures by name, including rank, serial number and status.

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I -- MARRIAGE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL

1. Circular Number 4, this headquarters, cs, is amended by delegating authority to the Commanding Generals of Armies; Army Air Forces, Mediterranean Theater of Operations; SOS, NATOUSA; and Commander, United States Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters, to grant final approval or disapproval of applications for permission to marry submitted by members of their commands. Other theater personnel will continue to submit applications, through channels, to this headquarters.

2. Particular attention is directed to the instructions set forth in paragraphs 2, 3, 4a, 5b, and 11 of the above mentioned circular. Waivers may be granted by commanders concerned only when circumstances render such action advisable. Extreme caution will be exercised to see that these instructions are rigidly adhered to and that all staff sections taking action on such applications are thoroughly familiar with the instructions contained in War Department letter, file AG 291.1(11 Sept 43)OB-S-SPCAL-M, subject: "Overseas Marriages of Military Personnel", dated 24 November 1943, and circular referred to above. No application will be approved until thorough investigation of the case has been made. Instructions regarding investigations of this type are being forwarded under separate cover to the commanders mentioned in paragraph 1, above.

3. A standard form of certificate referred to in Article II, paragraph 7, Circular Number 4, this headquarters, cs, is being forwarded under separate cover to the commanders referred to in paragraph 1. This certificate will be used in French North Africa. Until further instructions are issued for units outside of French North Africa, a letter of approval issued by the commanders concerned, showing the date after which marriage may be performed, will suffice in lieu of the certificate.

3150 II AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Circular Number 26, this headquarters, cs, is amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 1a(2) is amended to include: the Commanding General, SOS, NATOUSA.
2. Paragraph 1a(5) is amended to include: the Commanding Generals, Seventh Army and SOS, NATOUSA.
3. Paragraph 7e(2) is amended by adding thereto the following sentence:

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"This does not apply to visitors or casual inspectors who visit the combat zone for limited periods; it applies to individuals who served in the combat zone, i.e., whose normal post of duty during the period was in the combat zone described."

4. Appendix "A" is amended as follows:

a. Delete the following War Department publications:

AR 600-90, 26 June 1943 (w/1 Change) *7m 38*
Circular 44, 1942
Sec III, Circular 104, 1942
Sec III, Circular 359, 1942
Circular 1, 1943
Circular 156, 1943
Sec II, Circular 318, 1943

b. Add the following:

WD CIRCULARS	SECTION	DATE	SUBJECT
49	V	1944	Guidons for WAC Detachments
78	V	1944	Lapel button for honorable discharged personnel.

ARMY REGULATION	DATE
600-90	24 Feb 44

III -- PROTECTION OF EVIDENCE IN CASE OF DEATH

1. Whenever a member of the U. S. Army is found dead, or apparently dead, under suspicious circumstances, the senior member of the military forces present will assume charge and take such action as necessary to accomplish the following:

a. Immediately notify the nearest medical authorities, Military Police, civil police, or any other person that can render assistance.

b. Post a sentry to prevent unauthorized persons from entering the area pending the arrival of medical and investigating personnel.

2. If the medical officer finds the individual alive and deems it necessary to remove him, the area will be guarded until an investigator can photograph the scene and collect evidence. If the medical officer determines that the person is dead, the corpse will be left undisturbed until investigating personnel have examined and photographed the scene.

3. In all instances, report will be rendered immediately by the fastest means available to the nearest Provost Marshal's Office, so that a Criminal Investigator can be dispatched to the scene to begin the necessary investigation.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

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Absence Without Leave and Desertion I
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Section I, Circular Number 41; Section III, Circular Number 88; Section II, Circular Number 103; Section I, Circular Number 113; Section II, Circular Number 184; Circular Number 225; Section IV, Circular Number 234; Section I, Circular Number 235; and Section II, Circular Number 246, this headquarters, 1943, are hereby rescinded and the following substituted therefore:

I -- ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE AND DESERTION

I. Enlisted Personnel - Modification of AR 615-300, 30 January 1943, is made as follows:

a. Dropping from Rolls as an Absentee - An absentee who has not been dropped under the provisions of paragraph 3, below, will continue to be carried as an absentee for one month after which he will be dropped from his organization rolls as an absentee.

b. Dropping from Rolls as a Deserter - An enlisted man may be dropped from organization rolls as a deserter only when it is definitely determined that he absented himself without leave:

- (1) With the intention not to return.
- (2) To avoid hazardous duty.
- (3) To shirk important service.

3159 c. Records--The following records will be transmitted to this headquarters promptly after the individual has been dropped as an absentee or as a deserter:

- (1) Service Record, forwarded by next numbered indorsement.
- (2) Individual Clothing Record, showing clothing for which the absentee is still responsible.
- (3) Qualification Card. (WD AGO Form 20)

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- (4) Certified extract copy of Morning Report (WD AGO Form 44), showing change of status to AWOL or desertion.
- (5) Copies of each request for discontinuance of allotments and any acknowledgements thereof which have been received. (See paragraph e(1), below.)
- (6) Soldier's Deposit Book (WD Form Number 33).
- (7) Evidence bearing on the case.
- (8) List of law enforcement agencies informed of the absence.

d. Personal Effects - Public property will be turned in to the unit supply section and the enlisted man will be credited on the Clothing and Equipment Record. Personal effects will be listed and forwarded to the base section Quartermaster serving the area, where they will be retained for one (1) year unless he is returned to military control within that period. In the event he is returned to military control, the effects will be delivered to him. At the expiration of one (1) year, if the deserter has not returned to military control, the base Quartermaster will dispose of the personal effects as prescribed by AR 615-300.

e. Reports

- (1) Discontinuance of allotments - When an absentee has been absent for fifteen (15) days or when he is dropped from the rolls of his organization before the expiration of that period, requests will be submitted for the discontinuance of allotments.
- (2) Apprehension - See Section IV, AFHQ Circular Number 39, 1943.

f. Return to Military Control

- (1) The commander of any organization to which an absentee is returned to military control or to which he turns in will immediately report the name, grade, serial number and organization of the absentee to the provost marshal of the base section within which such organization is located and to the Adjutant General, this headquarters.
- (2) The provost marshal of the base section receiving the report referred to in (1), above, will collect the absentees immediately and turn them over to the provost marshal of the base section within or nearest to the area in which the absentee's unit is located.
- (3) The provost marshal of the base section receiving such absentees will be responsible that they are immediately returned to their organization for trial or other disposition.

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5. Trial - Absentees should normally be tried for AWOL rather than for desertion as the limitations on punishment for AWOL have been removed by Executive Order.

2. Officers a. At the expiration of thirty (30) days of absence of an officer or warrant officer without leave his immediate commanding officer will report all facts and forward all pertinent records through channels to this headquarters. The records will include:

- (1) WD AGO Form No. 88-1 (Officers' and Warrant Officers' Qualification Card).
- (2) Certified WD AGO Form No. 44 (Extract copy of Morning Report), showing date of change and change of status to AWOL.
- (3) Notice to Disbursing Officer - Copy of the action taken to comply with paragraph 4c, AR 605-300.
- (4) Evidence bearing on the case.
- (5) List of persons and agencies informed of absence.
- (6) Statement of charges.
- (7) Inventory.

b. Upon receipt of the foregoing report and records, this headquarters may relieve the officer concerned from the organization to which he is assigned and account for him as absent without leave, MATOUSA, unassigned, and at the expiration of three (3) months of absence report all facts and forward all pertinent records to The Adjutant General; or retain the officer in his assignment.

c. It will be the duty of all commanding officers to report immediately to this headquarters the apprehension or return to military control of any officer who has been relieved from assignment or who is absent without authorization.

II -- CONFINEMENT

3158 3. General and Garrison Prisoners

a. General

- (1) Confinement, except as a matter of temporary restraint, should not be resorted to for offenses other than capital and those under AW 93, until all other methods of making a disciplined soldier have failed. A soldier in confinement in this theater is in the same category, insofar as loss of effectiveness is concerned, as a soldier wounded by enemy action. Soldiers will be advised that action which leads to confinement is a

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contribution to the enemy cause, since it not only immobilizes the confined soldier as an effective, but also immobilizes other soldiers to guard and feed him.

- (2) Soldiers in confinement for even brief periods are necessarily removed from training with their units. Commanders exercising courts-martial jurisdiction are, therefore, directed to make full use of suspension of the confinement provisions of sentences.
- (3) Discipline is a matter of intelligent leadership. Commanding officers of units with any considerable number of soldiers ineffective by reason of confinement must be regarded as deficient in those qualities of leadership expected of a combat commander. The Inspector General will include in his reports of inspection information concerning the number of soldiers in confinement with analysis of causes.

b. Stockades for Garrison Prisoners

- (1) Stockades will be established as required by base sections, air force and army commanders within their area of control for the confinement of garrison prisoners and soldiers awaiting trial by court-martial.
- (2) Where a person subject to military law as charged with a capital offense and has not been brought to trial at the time his unit embarks for overseas service, one of the following procedures may be adopted:
 - (a) 1. If all of the material witnesses essential to the proof of the charge accompany such unit on overseas service, he may be taken with his unit.
 2. The prisoners may be turned over to the base section provost marshal of the base section from which the unit is to embark with a statement that all material witnesses accompany the unit. In this event, the base section commander will transport such a prisoner to the unit for trial after the unit has accomplished its mission and can conduct his trial.
 - (b) If the material witnesses essential to prove the charge are not moving with the unit and will be available in North Africa at the time of trial such prisoner will be turned over to the base section provost marshal provided charges and the names and expected testimony of all witnesses are turned over to such provost marshal at the time of delivery of such prisoner.

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- (3) Persons who have been tried and in whose cases the record of trial has either been forwarded for confirmation under Article of War 48 or for review under Article of War 50¹ and notice of action thereon has not been received prior to the embarkation of a unit for overseas service, will be turned over to the most convenient base section provost marshal for confinement if such prisoners are then in the custody of such units.
- (4) Any provost marshal receiving prisoners pursuant to the above authority will immediately report each case to this headquarters for instructions.

c. NATOUSSA Disciplinary Training Center for General Prisoners

- (1) The NATOUSSA Disciplinary Training Center at Casablanca, French Morocco, under the control of the Commanding General, Atlantic Base Section, will be designated as the place of confinement for general prisoners in whose cases the reviewing or confirming authority has directed that the execution of the dishonorable discharge be suspended. In those cases in which the execution of the dishonorable discharge has not been suspended and the Eastern Branch, United States Disciplinary Barracks, Greenhaven, New York, or a Federal penal institution has been designated as the place of confinement, the general court-martial order will also include the statement that: "The accused will be confined in NATOUSSA Disciplinary Training Center, Casablanca, French Morocco, pending further orders."
- (2) Commanders exercising general courts-martial jurisdiction will deliver all such general prisoners to this center. If this action is impracticable due to military requirements, the prisoners may be delivered to the nearest base section provost marshal for transshipment to the place of confinement.

d. The regulations for the NATOUSSA Disciplinary Training Center are as follows:

(1) Objective

- (a) The purpose of the Disciplinary Training Center shall be the disciplining and training of the individual prisoner undergoing sentence of confinement, to the end that each prisoner be restored to duty among his comrades a self-respecting, well-disciplined, better-trained soldier, more useful to the forces.

(2) Administration

- (a) The administration of the Disciplinary Training Center shall be conducted in accordance with AR 600-375 and 600-395 (so far as applicable) and War Department policies and the policies and directives from this headquarters.
- (b) In applying the provisions of AR 600-375 and 600-395, the commandant is the commanding officer. Full responsibility

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for the security, management and rehabilitation of all prisoners is vested in the commandant, who may supplement the regulations as he may deem appropriate provided such supplementary instructions are formulated in accordance with these regulations, with well established principles of security, discipline, cleanliness, efficiency and humanity.

(3) Procedure for admittance

(a) The records of the prisoner will be closed and the prisoner transferred as an attached unassigned casual to 6677th Disciplinary Training Company, quoting the General Court-Martial Orders as authority. Proper Morning Report entry will be made in accordance with AR 345-406. The Commanding General, Atlantic Base Section, will be notified of the time the prisoner will be sent to the Natick Disciplinary Training Center.

(b) The following papers will accompany the prisoner:

1. Two (2) copies of the general court-martial order.
2. Inventory of personal property.
3. List of clothing in possession on arrival.
4. MD Form 78 - Medical Syphilitic Register (when applicable).
5. WD AGO Form 33 - Individual Equipment Record.
6. Two (2) copies of WD AGO Form 35 - Individual Clothing Slip.
7. WD AGO Form 24 - Service Record (properly indexed).
8. Classification card.
9. Papers relating to allotment and insurance.

(c) T/BA clothing and individual equipment, including gas mask, less arms, will accompany prisoner.

(4) Classification

(a) Prisoners will be classified at time of commitment into two classes as follows:

1. General - Class D - general prisoners convicted of murder, manslaughter, arson, robbery, rape, sodomy, mayhem, and larceny of property of more than \$50.00 in value or of any of the offenses denounced in Articles of War 75-82, inclusive.
2. General - Class A - all other general prisoners. Each class of prisoners will be kept separated.

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(5) Disciplinary training companies

- (a) Upon commitment a prisoner will be assigned by name to a disciplinary training company according to his classification, for discipline and training.
- (b) Training and instruction - Disciplinary training companies will be trained, armed, and equipped as Infantry. The course of instruction will include, insofar as equipment and facilities permit, the subjects covered in MTP for Infantry (basic).
- (c) Hours of instruction and training - A minimum of thirty (30) hours per week will be devoted to training and instruction.
- (d) Prisoners will wear the service uniform while undergoing instruction and training.

(6) Employment - Prisoners serving confinement at the NATOUSA Disciplinary Training Center will ordinarily be assigned work necessary for the maintenance, operation, cleanliness and improvement of the training center only. They may be assigned other tasks provided there is no infringement on the number of training hours prescribed. Exceptions to this policy will be made only on the approval of the commanding general charged with the operation of the disciplinary training center.

(7) Restoration to duty

- (a) The primary purpose of confinement in NATOUSA Disciplinary Training Center under an unexecuted sentence to dishonorable discharge is to enable the soldier to be rehabilitated and returned to active combat duty. This course is necessary to conserve and employ available man-power to the fullest extent. The length of time a soldier should remain in confinement before he has reached that point in his rehabilitation at which he should be released therefrom must be determined by the Commanding General, Atlantic Base Section, the officer exercising general courts-martial jurisdiction over the soldier. When he acts to release a soldier, the basis upon which he acts is one of discretion, no matter for what period of time the soldier is sentenced to confinement. It is expected that he will give every careful consideration to each case before the soldier is returned to a duty status. In no case will the Commanding General, Atlantic Base Section, permit a soldier to remain in confinement for a period exceeding six (6) months without considering him for return to a duty status.
- (b) This restoration is accomplished by suspending the execution of the unexecuted portion of the sentence and assigning the soldier to a personnel center for further assignment.

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- (c) The sentence so suspended would normally remain suspended during the whole of the soldier's service. In order that the soldier's record may be completely cleared of the suspended sentence, company and similar unit commanders will, at the expiration of six (6) months from the time the soldier is restored to duty, recommend to the officer exercising general courts-martial jurisdiction over his unit that the suspended sentence be remitted, provided the soldier has demonstrated his fitness for complete restoration. As a reward for bravery or exceptional service a unit commander may, at any time after a general prisoner has been restored to duty under a suspended sentence, recommend that the sentence be remitted without regard to the six months' period.

- (8) Release from confinement - No prisoner will be released from confinement until his sentence has terminated or he is ordered restored to duty by proper authority upon the recommendation of the commandant.

c. Confinement of General Prisoners in the United States - Commanders exercising general courts-martial jurisdiction within this theater, where designating a disciplinary barracks in the United States as the place of confinement for general prisoners, will designate the "Eastern Branch, United States Disciplinary Barracks, Greenhaven, New York."

4. Arrests by Civil Police - Civil police and civil law enforcement agencies are authorized to arrest members of the allied forces for such offenses that would warrant their arrest were they civilians.

a. The persons so arrested will be delivered promptly to the appropriate military authority, British or American, with information of the circumstances causing the arrest.

b. Proper respect toward the civil police in the exercise of their duties will be observed by military personnel at all times.

III -- COURTS-MARTIAL

5. Instructions

a. General

- (1) A Manual for Courts-Martial, 1928, should be readily available for reference at all headquarters down to and including those of companies and detachments. (If not so available, requests therefor will be submitted to the nearest base section.)
- (2) The Manual for Courts-Martial, 1928, and these instructions should be consulted in the processing of court-martial charges. Appropriate forms contained in the appendices of the manual will be followed.

b. Article of War 104 - Not all offenses for which court-martial may be had should be so punished. The disciplinary powers vest in commanding

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officers by Article of War 104 should be exercised fully for the punishment of minor offenses (see Chapter XXIV, MCM, 1928). These powers can well be used to maintain discipline and reduce the number of courts-martial trials. Unit commanders should see that the authorized maximum punishments are not exceeded. Where it is necessary to punish an offender in excess of the punishment authorized by Article of War 104, courts-martial must be utilized.

c. Preparation of Charge Sheet

- (1) After the word "Pay", page 1 of the charge sheet, will be shown the total of accused's base pay plus pay for length of service plus pay for duty outside the continental limits of the United States (page 36, MCM, 1928; Circular 140, WD, 1942).
- (2) In the space following the word "Age", page 1 of the charge sheet, will be entered the age of the accused at the date of the commission of the alleged offense.
- (3) Above the words "Allotments to dependents", page 1 of the charge sheet, will be inserted the words "Class F deductions", followed by "None", "\$22", "\$27", or whatever amount of Class F deductions the accused actually has under the Service Men's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942 (Bulletin Number 29, WD, 1942, as amended by Bulletin Number 21, WD, 1943). The amount of Class E allotments, if any, will be shown after "Allotments to dependents" (Circular Number 225 and 288, WD, 1942; Circular Number 82, 270 and 310, WD, 1943).
- (4) Under "Data as to service", prior service will show the inclusive dates of enlistments, organizations from which discharged, manner of discharge (i.e., convenience of the Government, purchase, etc.), and the total prior service completed by years, months, and days, as shown by the accused's service record. In addition thereto, the place and date of current enlistment will be shown.
- (5) The charge sheet should never show the record of previous convictions. It should only state that "A certificate of previous convictions is attached."
- (6) If the accused is not under any restraint, this fact should be affirmatively shown.
- (7) Specifications will show the place--name of the town or camp, and country (Algeria, French Morocco, Sicily, Italy, etc)--where the offense took place, and the original and all copies of the charge sheet and allied papers will be marked
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d. Class F deductions under the Service Men's Dependents Allowance Act (see paragraph 5c (3), above) are to be deducted from "Pay" (see paragraph 5c (1), above) in computing an enlisted man's pay for the purpose of determining the maximum forfeitures that may be imposed by a court-martial (see paragraph 6, Circular Number 288, WD, 1942).

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e. Capital Offenses - Officers having authority to appoint special courts-martial do not have authority to refer charges that include a capital offense to a special court-martial for trial without the specific authority in each case of the officer exercising general courts-martial jurisdiction over their commands (AR 12, 13; par 14, page 10, MCM, 1928). At present the offenses denounced by the following Articles of War are capital offenses: 58, 59, 64, 66, 67, 75, 76, 77, 78, 81, 82, 86, 92 (par 14, page 10, MCM, 1928; Bulletin 6, WD, 1942). Charges including violation of any of these Articles of War should be transmitted to the officer exercising general courts-martial jurisdiction over the command, with appropriate recommendations and the required papers (see par 34 and 35a, MCM, 1928), for his action.

f. Summary courts-martial records will be disposed of according to the following regulations:

"* * * When trial is had by summary court-martial the original charge sheet will be completed as the record of trial. After recording his action on the sentence, the reviewing authority will deliver the original charge sheet and two copies thereof to the organization commander who will cause the essential data to be entered on the service record and, in due course, on the pay rolls. After the prescribed notation as to entry on the service record has been made on the record of trial, the organization commander will immediately forward one copy thereof, completed and certified as a true copy of the original to The Adjutant General. The remaining copy will be sent to the officer exercising immediate general court-martial jurisdiction over the command as required by paragraph 87c, Manual for Courts-Martial, U. S. Army, 1928. In cases of acquittal or disapproval of conviction the same procedure will be followed, except that no entries will be made of the trial on the service record." (Par 21b, AR 345-125, as changed).

Units not assigned or attached for administration to a command in this theater exercising general court-martial jurisdiction will forward to this headquarters such records as are required by the above paragraph to be sent to the officer exercising immediate general court-martial jurisdiction.

g. Special Court-Martial Records and Orders

- (1) Only the original of a special court-martial record is required (the accused is not entitled to a copy) and when it has been acted upon by the reviewing authority it should be disposed of as provided for in paragraph 87c, Manual for Courts-Martial, 1928. Units not assigned or attached for administration to a command in this theater exercising general court-martial jurisdiction will forward to this headquarters such records as are required by this paragraph to be sent to the officer exercising immediate general court-martial jurisdiction.
- (2) There is no prescribed distribution for special court-martial orders other than that one copy will accompany the record (par 87c, MCM, 1928), and three (3) copies for each accused will be sent to The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C. (par 17, AR 310-50, as changed). Further distribution is desirable in most circumstances to insure that the sentence will be properly

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executed. In this connection, attention is invited to the required distribution for General Court-Martial Orders (par 3d, AR 310-50, as changed) which should be used as a guide in determining what distribution of special court-martial orders is advisable. The copies of the special court-martial orders which accompany the record of trial and those sent to The Adjutant General should be unexpurgated copies, i.e., complete as to specifications and place of trial.

H. General Courts-Martial Records and Orders

- (1) All records of trial by general courts-martial after being acted upon by the convening authority will be sent direct to Branch Office of the Judge Advocate General, NATOUSA, APO 534, except when such records of trial contain an approved sentence respecting a general officer or dismissal of an officer or an approved death sentence imposed upon conviction of any crime or offense other than murder, rape, mutiny, desertion, or acting as a spy. The records of trial pertaining to cases coming within the above exception will, after approval by the convening authority, be sent to the Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO 534, and not to the Branch Office of the Judge Advocate General.
- (2) For distribution of general court-martial orders see par 3d, AR 310-50, as changed. In addition, two (2) copies of each order will be forwarded to this headquarters by the issuing unit.

6. Delays in Completing Trials by Courts-Martial - The greatest disciplinary effect is obtained by the prompt imposition of punishment, whether by a commanding officer under AW 104 or by virtue of a court-martial sentence. Delay in imposing punishment not only reduces its salutary effect but also, in case the offender is in confinement, unnecessarily continues him as a non-effective soldier. It is incumbent upon all commanding officers to make periodic checks of men in confinement to determine whether delays have occurred in completing trials and that immediate corrective action has either been taken or instituted.

7. Disposition of Officers under Approved Sentence of Dismissal a. When an officer exercising general court-martial jurisdiction has approved a sentence of dismissal in an officer's case and has transmitted the record of trial under Article of War 48 for action by the confirming authority, he is authorized to transfer the officer immediately to Personnel Center Number 1. He will advise the Commanding Officer, Personnel Center Number 1, of the reason for the transfer and inform this headquarters when such transfer has been made.

3154 b. Upon arrival of such officer at Personnel Center Number 1, the Commanding Officer thereof will notify the Commanding Officer, Atlantic Base Section, of the arrival of such officer.

c. Upon such notification having been received from Personnel Center Number 1, the Commanding Officer, Atlantic Base Section, will immediately notify the Theater Judge Advocate, Headquarters NATOUSA, APO 534, by letter direct, that the officer referred to in a above is at the Personnel Center.

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Illegal Disposition of Government Property I
Designation of Personnel Centers II

I -- ILLEGAL DISPOSITION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

1. The attention of all military personnel is directed to the provisions of Articles of War 84 and 94, which prohibit the sale, wrongful disposition, misappropriation or diversion to unauthorized persons of United States Government property. In this connection, particular attention is directed to the fact that abandonment, misappropriation, or bartering in any way, of Army rations, gasoline and oils, captured materiel, clothing and equipment, and Army Exchange supplies of all types fall under the provisions of these Articles and Army Regulations.
2. All military personnel who observe any act of abandonment, pilfering or illegal diversion of United States Government property will without delay apprehend the offender, obtain the name, grade, organization and serial number of the offender, obtaining similar information concerning witnesses, if any, and submit a detailed report of the incident to the appropriate commander having courts-martial jurisdiction; or, if apprehension is not possible all information available will be obtained and a similar detailed report of the incident will be made. The information obtained from offenders will be checked against their War Department identification cards and tags. Where there is any doubt as to the veracity of information given, the individual will be turned over to the Military Police. Negligence on the part of any United States military personnel in reporting crimes of this nature will be considered dereliction of duty and will be punished accordingly.
3. All commanders having courts-martial jurisdiction will issue such additional instructions as may be necessary to enforce compliance with the foregoing directives and will take strict disciplinary action in all such cases.
4. The foregoing will be read and explained to all military personnel, and kept posted on bulletin boards in all organizations.

3153 DESIGNATION OF PERSONNEL CENTERS

Section III, Circular Number 217 and Section I, Circular Number 242, this Headquarters, 1943, are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

1. Replacement depots, battalions and companies are units organized under a War Department table of organization whose normal function is the administration, supply and training of a pool of attached replacement personnel. Thus the status of personnel awaiting assignment at personnel centers is that they are assigned to the personnel center which is operated by and attached to the replacement unit.
2. a. The Casablanca replacement pool currently operated and administered by the 32d Replacement Battalion is designated "Personnel Center Number 1".

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- b. The Canastel replacement pool currently operated and administered by the 1st Replacement Depot is designated "Personnel Center Number 2".
 - c. The Lion Mountain replacement pool currently operated and administered by the 8th Replacement Depot is designated "Personnel Center Number 3".
 - d. The Algiers replacement pool currently operated and administered by the 388th Replacement Company is designated "Personnel Center Number 4".
 - e. The Bizerte replacement pool currently operated and administered by the 5th Replacement Battalion (less 383d Replacement Company) is designated "Personnel Center Number 5".
 - f. The Naples replacement pool currently operated and administered by the 7th Replacement Depot is designated as "Personnel Center Number 6".
 - g. The Army Air Forces, MTO replacement pools at Fondouk, Djedid, Casa-Blanca, Oren and Beri are designated "Personnel Centers 7A, 7B, 7C, and 7D", respectively.
 - h. The Palermo replacement pool currently operated and administered by the 383d Replacement Company is designated "Personnel Center Number 8".
 - i. The replacement pool currently operated and administered by the 3d Replacement Depot in support of the Fifth Army in Italy is designated "Personnel Center Number 9". All general assignment replacements shipped to Italy and all return-to-units personnel for Fifth Army units will be assigned and shipped to this personnel center.
3. The above designations are effective this date. Personnel centers designated above are based on location and are not subject to change when the replacement unit currently operating them is moved to a new location or is replaced by another unit. Additional personnel centers will be designated from time to time as necessity requires.
4. All orders and correspondence pertaining to the transferring or forwarding of replacements to or from the points designated above will indicate that the men are transferred or shipped to or from a specific personnel center.

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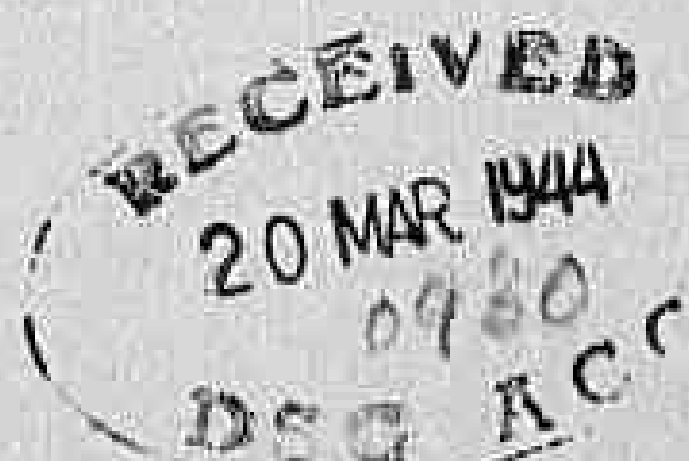
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ORDNANCE PROPERTY

Responsibility for Modification I
Reclamation Procedure II
Completeness of Major Assemblies Turned In III

Section I, Circular Number 202; Section IV, Circular Number 212; and Section II, Circular Number 245, this headquarters, 1943, are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

I -- RESPONSIBILITY FOR MODIFICATION

1. The responsibility for the modification of ordnance materiel residing in the Theater Commander under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 124, 1943, is hereby delegated to the Commanding General, SOS, NATOUSA.

2. a. Authority to make alterations or modifications which will affect the working parts of ordnance items and equipment, subject to the regulations set forth in War Department Circular Number 124, 1943, is hereby delegated to the Ordnance Officer, SOS, NATOUSA with the exception noted in paragraph b, below. In such cases, a complete report covering modifications made will be made immediately and direct to the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, and to this headquarters.

b. Any modification which affects either the Table of Basic Allowances or so modifies the major item that it cannot be readily employed for purposes originally designed or changes its tactical use or the manner in which so used will be submitted for approval to this headquarters, attention Chief Ordnance Officer, with a written request of the using arm and SOS recommendations. The publication and distribution of all work orders putting into effect modifications originating and approved in this theater as well as those directed by the Chief of Ordnance are responsibilities of the Commanding General, SOS, NATOUSA.

3152-- RECLAMATION PROCEDURE

3. As directed in War Department letter, AG 400.74 (18 Aug 43)OB-S-SPUPT-M, dated 19 August 1943, subject: "Policy Relating to the Return of Overseas Salvage, Including Scrap", all reclaimable ordnance property not repairable in this theater will be returned to the United States, consigned to the Chief of Ordnance, except as specifically directed by this headquarters.

4. Inspection of ordnance property will be made under the direction of the base section ordnance officer to determine items to be classified as reclaimable but unrepairable in this theater. In no circumstances will items classified as above be mixed or classified with salvage.

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5. Reclaimable ordnance property which requires packing to protect it from damage in transit will be properly boxed, crated, or otherwise secured. Each package will be marked "REPAIRABLE" and the general nature of the contents will be shown on the package - for example: "Director" or "Radial Engine". All such ordnance property will be shipped to the Commanding General, Port of Entry, for the Chief of Ordnance.

III -- COMPLETENESS OF MAJOR ASSEMBLIES TURNED IN

6. All major unit assemblies must be complete when turned in for repair. Serviceable sub-assemblies may be removed from major assemblies unit but, in such cases, will be replaced with unserviceable sub-assemblies. Accessories will not be removed. (A list of essential accessories is contained in War Department Circular Number 274, 1945.)

7. Commanders concerned will insure that ordnance major items and assemblies being returned for repair are prepared and packed carefully to prevent deterioration or damage in transit.

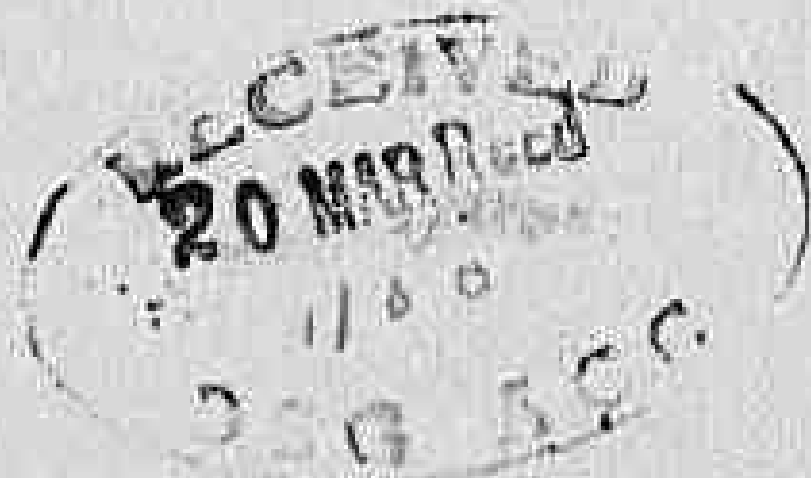
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BAGGAGE

Unclaimed and Surplus Baggage I
Return of Surplus Baggage to the United States II

Circular Number 25; Section II, Circular Number 75; Section IV, Circular Number 91; Sections II and III, Circular Number 185; and Section III, Circular Number 189 are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

I -- UNCLAIMED AND SURPLUS BAGGAGE

1. Baggage which cannot be dispatched promptly to its owner, other than personal effects of casualties, is classified as that belonging to personnel who have left the theater or as unclaimed. All such baggage will be dispatched by organizations to the Quartermaster of the nearest base section.

2. a. Each base section Quartermaster will prepare a monthly list of unclaimed baggage on hand and furnish copies to the Chief Quartermaster, AFHQ, to the Quartermaster, SOS, NATOUNA, to the Quartermaster of each other base section, and to the Army Air Force Service Command.

b. Thirty days after inclusion of each item on the second monthly list, unclaimed baggage will be sent through the appropriate port of embarkation to the Effects Quartermaster, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, Kansas City, Missouri. A statement of circumstances causing the return of such baggage and an inventory will be securely attached or inclosed.

c. Baggage stored in base sections, the location of which is known to the owners, will not be included in the above list.

3. Baggage of personnel who have left the theater without arranging for its forwarding will be marked plainly by the shipper with name, rank, serial number, and organization of owner, if known. The word "CASUAL" will be marked on all such baggage. Base section commanders will arrange to ship this baggage to destination to which owner was transferred.

4. Upon receipt of movement orders requiring the storage of surplus baggage, unit commanders will turn in such property at the location designated by the commander of the base section in which the unit is located. All such baggage will be marked clearly with name, rank, serial number and branch of service or unit of the owner. All items of government issue will be removed and placed in stock.

5. Personal effects of personnel reported as casualties will be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Circular Number 236, this headquarters, 1943.

II -- RETURN OF SURPLUS BAGGAGE TO THE UNITED STATES

(The following instructions are supplemental to those contained in War Department Memorandum Number W35-45-43, dated 19 October 1943, reproduced and distributed by this headquarters, 23 January 1944--including Change Number 1, 7 January 1944.)

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6. The baggage of officers and enlisted men which has been shipped overseas under competent orders and which is later declared to be excess by the Theater Commander may be returned at government expense to an address in the United States designated by the owner thereof. Such baggage will not be consigned to a government storage facility in the United States.

7. Baggage being returned will not contain any items falling within the following categories.

- a. Government owned property.
- b. Inflammable, explosive, or highly combustible matter.
- c. Military data or other considerable matter.

8. Wherever practicable, the owner of the baggage will execute the form required by AR 65-410. If not practicable, such form will be executed by an officer to be designated by the base section commander concerned. An added certificate will be accomplished where applicable, by the designated officer on behalf of the owner, authorizing the United States Port Officer to break locks on the baggage if deemed necessary for purposes of customs inspection.

9. Each parcel will be inspected prior to shipment by a commissioned officer who will remove all prohibited items as defined in paragraph 7, and who will cause all baggage originating in a louse-infected area to be disinfected. The inspecting officer will execute a certificate to the effect that the necessary inspection and disinfection have been accomplished.

10. Baggage being returned to the United States will be delivered to the nearest Quartermaster Class II or IV depot. Each parcel will be marked indelibly, showing its weight and the owner's name, rank, army serial number, and complete forwarding address.

11. Base section commanders who deliver such baggage to ports for onward dispatch will make certain that the baggage, Bureau of Customs forms, certificates, all available keys properly tagged for identification, and copies of orders authorizing shipment are turned over to the ship's Security Officer or Master for delivery to the Port Officer in the United States.

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Within the Theater I
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Section II, Circular Number 23; Section V, Circular Number 137; Section II, Circular Number 145; Section I, Circular Number 171, Section V, Circular Number 233; and Section III, Circular Number 246, all this headquarters, 1943, are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

I -- WITHIN THE THEATER

1. Per diem allowance for military personnel is not authorized on travel or temporary duty status within this theater, except that:

a. Upon receipt of requests, made in advance of the travel to be performed and showing that the above limitation would cause undue hardship, this headquarters may grant authority for a per diem allowance of not to exceed \$2.00.

b. Any headquarters having authority to issue travel orders for temporary duty at either Malta or Gibraltar is authorized to include per diem at not to exceed \$7.00 per day for not more than thirty (30) days for such duty.

2. Officers reporting from overseas will, upon arrival in this theater, be deemed to have reported for duty and no per diem is authorized except as provided above.

II -- OUTSIDE THE THEATER

3. a. Officers traveling outside this theater on official business may be authorized a per diem allowance not to exceed \$7.00 per day.

b. Officers, warrant officers, contract surgeons, aviation cadets, members of the Army Nurse Corps, and enlisted personnel traveling by air, under competent orders and on duty without troops to places outside this theater may be authorized a per diem allowance not to exceed \$7.00 per day.

c. This rate of per diem is authorized by Act of 26 June 1943 and will be payable during the fiscal year 1944 when prescribed in competent orders.

4. Paragraph 13, AR 35-4520, requires that where an enlisted man is on a per diem status (see paragraph 3b), and is furnished public quarters, subsistence,

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or both, one-fourth of the authorized per diem allowance will be deducted for each meal or lodging furnished. In such cases, no collection will be made from the enlisted men for payment to the organization fund, since such collection is accomplished by the deductions referred to herein, and the rations furnished are for inclusion in the ration account of the organization furnishing the meals as set forth in Section V, AR 345-400. Vouchers on which per diem is paid to enlisted men will include a sworn statement as to meals or lodgings furnished at government expense in order that appropriate deduction may be made in accordance with the cited paragraph. A negative statement will be required in the event no meals or lodgings were furnished.

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Allotments of Pay and Class "F" Pay Deductions	I
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I -- ALLOTMENTS OF PAY AND CLASS "F" PAY DEDUCTIONS

Section I, Circular Number 16, this headquarters, cs, is amended by the addition of the following:

"4. The preparation and submission of forms for discontinuance of allotments and deductions of deceased military personnel are no longer required, where casualty reports have been properly submitted. The forms referred to herein are:

- WD AGO Form 30 - Notification of Discontinuance of Allotment.
- WD AGO Form 30-7 - Request for Discontinuance of Class B Allotment - War Savings Bonds.
- WD AGO Form 641 - Report of Change of Status and Address (Class F Deduction for Family Allowance).

"5. Upon receipt of notice of death, the War Department will immediately inform all interested War Department agencies and all existing allotments and deductions will be automatically cancelled. (See par 13c (3), 07, AR 35-5520, dated 6 July 1943, and par 11c, AR 35-5540, 5 January 1944.)"

II -- UNIT FUNDS

Paragraph 6, Circular Number 21, this headquarters, cs, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"6. Finance officers are authorized to cash company, regimental, or similar funds checks for properly identified custodians of such funds. Attention of Finance officers cashing such checks is invited to Section II, Finance Bulletin Number 25, 4 March 1943, and Section I, Finance Bulletin Number 58, 3 June 1943, subject: "Safeguarding of Military Information". This authority is restricted to the cashing of checks drawn in United States dollars on institutions in the United States, and to foreign currency checks drawn by disbursing officers in their official capacities as authorized in paragraph 1, War Department Circular Number 120, 3 June 1943."

III -- RABIES (HYDROPHOBIA)

Section III, Circular Number 16, this headquarters, cs, is rescinded. Paragraphs 13 and 15, Circular Number 12, this headquarters, cs, are amended to read as follows:

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"13. If the diagnosis of rabies is made in the suspected animal, the person or persons bitten will be immunized against rabies. In Morocco, patients will be referred to the Dispensary, 50th Station Hospital, Casablanca; and in Algeria, to the Dispensary, Headquarters Command, Center District, Mediterranean Base Section, Petit Lycee, 5 Rue Hoche, Algiers. These dispensaries will arrange for treatment at the local Pasteur Institute.

"15. Patients will not be admitted to a hospital unless the wound itself requires hospitalization. In Algeria, patients outside of Algiers and coming from unit dispensaries will be put on detached service with Service Company, Center District, Mediterranean Base Section. In Morocco, patients outside of Casablanca will be put on detached service with Headquarters Company, Atlantic Base Section, in Casablanca. Upon completion of the treatment, patients will be returned to their organization."

IV -- LIQUID FUEL FOR SPACE HEATING

1. All liquid fuels drawn from British supply points will be requested on an approved requisition that shows the basis for which the supplies are required.
2. Kerosene requisitioned for stoves used for space heating will not exceed 2.5 pints per stove per day during March and April. Thereafter, until September 15, the allowance will not exceed 1 pint per stove per day. The foregoing will not include hospitals to whom unrestricted issues will be made.
3. Liquid fuels drawn for other purposes will show a definite basis computed on minimum essential requirements.

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AMMUNITION AND WEAPONS

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General I
Ammunition II
Weapons III

The following circulars, this headquarters, 1945, are rescinded and the provisions below substituted therefor:

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IV	185	II	243
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I -- GENERAL.

1. Reports.

a. Malfunctions Involving Weapons or Ammunition. - Whenever an accident occurs in combat or in training in which ammunition or weapons, the supply of which is an Ordnance Department responsibility, are involved, an immediate preliminary report will be made through technical channels to the Ordnance Officer, SOS, NATOUSA, by the most rapid means available, i.e., cable, radio, telephone, or teletype. It will include the facts called for in paragraph 30, Section VII, ~~AR 154-20~~, dated 22 January 1944. This preliminary report is not required in accidents involving small arms.

- (1) The preliminary report will be followed as soon as possible by a detailed written report to the Ordnance Officer, SOS, NATOUSA, in accordance with provisions of Section VII of the above mentioned Army Regulation. (In this connection, attention is invited to Section III, Circular Number 411, War Department, 1942.)

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- (2) The immediate transmittal of accurate and complete reports is of vital importance. All commanders concerned will insure that the above instructions are complied with.

II -- AMMUNITION

2. Abandoned Ammunition. a. Battlefield clearance of abandoned ammunition, both enemy and allied, entails considerable hazard. General safety precautions are essential to prevent loss of life and destruction of valuable material. The policies outlined in this circular will be followed as closely as possible by troops assigned the task of clearing battlefields of ammunition and explosives.

b. Following are general responsibilities of services for handling and storage of abandoned ammunition and explosives:

- (1) Engineers will clear mine fields and booby-traps except those booby-traps found in ammunition dumps and will destroy all unserviceable mines. Storage of serviceable mines is the responsibility of the Ordnance Department.
- (2) Chemical Warfare personnel will clear or destroy all Chemical Warfare ammunition items normally handled by that service. Storage of serviceable items will be in CWS operated dumps.
- (3) The Ordnance Department will collect and store all serviceable Class V items except those normally handled by CWS. Bomb disposal personnel will deal with all unexploded aircraft bombs and fuzes including chemical filled bombs and incendiaries and will clear all booby-traps found in ammunition dumps. Destruction of all unserviceable Class V items except as provided in (1) and (2), above, is the responsibility of the Ordnance Department and will be conducted under technical supervision of bomb disposal personnel.
- (4) Collaboration of all services in carrying out their functions is necessary for proper clearance.

c. The following general rules will be followed in the disposition of abandoned ammunition:

- (1) (a) Enemy mines which have been laid and lifted will be classed as unserviceable and destroyed by engineer personnel. If new types of enemy mines which can be disarmed are discovered in minefields, not more than ten (10) of each new type will be recovered and stacked separately. The exact location and a brief description will be reported promptly to the nearest engineer intelligence officer. This officer will inspect the mines at the earliest opportunity and take the necessary action to send them to the rear for intelligence purposes. If practicable, the main charge in all such mines will be removed prior to shipment.

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- (b) If new types of mines which cannot be disarmed are discovered in minefields, they will be destroyed in place after the preparation of as complete a description of the mine as time and occasion warrants. This description will be forwarded through Engineer Intelligence channels.
 - (c) All personnel concerned with the removal of enemy minefields will be on the alert to discover and report any new types of non-metallic mines developed by the enemy.
 - (2) United States and British mines which are considered serviceable will be rendered safe and placed in piles of approximately fifteen (15) mines at minimum distances of twenty (20) feet apart as convenient as possible to roads or paths in order that they may be readily located by collecting parties.
 - (3) Abandoned ammunition not in original containers will be destroyed.
 - (4) No enemy ammunition will be transported until it has been examined by the responsible service and certified safe by a qualified officer.
 - (5) Enemy ammunition will be stored in dumps at least one-fourth of a mile from any American dump. No mixed storage of enemy and American ammunition will be permitted.
 - (6) Any drums, containers, etc., believed to contain gas, smoke, or chemicals, will be left in place, and location reported to Chemical Warfare Officer. Chemical Warfare personnel will dispose of such items.
- d. All personnel taking possession of abandoned material must insure that the material is free from booby-traps or chemical contamination before any attempt is made to handle the material.
- e. Attention is directed to the following publications:
- (1) Ordnance Safety Manual, O.O. Form No. 7224 - Regulations covering handling and destruction of ammunition.
 - (2) "How to Clear Mines and Booby-Traps", Engineer Section, AFHQ.
 - (3) "Notes on German and Italian Igniters, Mines, Prepared Charges and Booby-Traps", No. 1, M.I. 13, War Office, January, 1943.
 - (4) Chemical Warfare Service Field Manual - Supply and Field Service FM 3-15, Chapter 8.
 - (5) Unexploded Bombs, Organization and Operation for Disposal, Field Manual 9-40.

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3. Bomb Reconnaissance of Unexploded Bombs. a. All incidents of unexploded bombs will be reconnoitered by trained personnel and reported to army, corps, divisional or separate command Ordnance officers for the purpose of disposal, each report to state the exact location, estimated size, type, and danger involved to important installations.

b. (1) Within each brigade, regiment, separate battalion and static installation, a bomb reconnaissance officer will be appointed to instruct officers and non-commissioned officers of lower echelons in bomb reconnaissance and to establish an adequate reporting system within each such unit.

(2) Within each company and platoon, a bomb reconnaissance officer or non-commissioned officer will be appointed to reconnoiter all unexploded bombs, institute necessary safety precautions and report incidents through channels.

c. Bomb disposal units attached or assigned to tactical or static units will be responsible for the training of the bomb reconnaissance officers specified in paragraph b (1), above, in the following:

- (1) The recognition of unexploded bombs and camouflages.
- (2) Proper evacuation distances for both buried and unburied bombs.
- (3) General safety rules.

d. The commanding officer of each bomb disposal unit, will submit a report on the progress of the training program outlined herein, bi-monthly, to the Commanding General, this headquarters, through command channels.

4. Basic Ammunition Loads. - Troop units which have drawn a basic ammunition load will retain this basic ammunition load or its equivalent in their possession and carry it when moved except that if the move is by sea, the movement orders will state what types and amounts shall be retained and the disposition of the balance of the basic load.

5. Suspended Ammunition Issues. a. The following listed ammunition items are suspended from issue, and will be withdrawn from service and returned to base section depots:

- (1) All rockets 2.36" AT, M6, of lot numbers DOD 1-23303-3, DOD 1-23303-35, and DOD 1-23303-39, due to prematures. These rockets will be modified to the M6A2 type and the suffix letter "A" added, at which time the suspension will be lifted.
- (2) Grenades, fragmentation No. 36M, with igniter showing black spots of bituminous exudation, or safety fuzes with hairy growth of bad discolorations.
- (3) All 60mm mortar ammunition with lot numbers 2-22579-108A-UCOP, KOF-44, and shall FE 49 A2, lot number 70 6-64, due to defective assembly.

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- (4) All 40mm American HE MK1 (Navy) ammunition assembled with MK21 or MK21 mod. 1 primers due to undependable primer and self-destroying tracer.

b. Base sections will report stocks on hand to the Commanding General, SOS, MATOUSA.

6. Salvage of Ammunition Components. a. The following listed items of ammunition and ammunition components will be returned to the nearest ammunition supply point:

- (1) Unfired rounds of artillery ammunition with cartridge cases damaged so as to be unusable.
- (2) Empty machine gun belts and metallic belt clips.
- (3) M-1 Rifle cartridge clips.
- (4) Magazines and drums for sub-machine guns.
- (5) Metal ammunition boxes, particularly 40mm ammunition boxes.
- (6) Metal cloverleaf bundle ends and tie rods.
- (7) Cartridge storage cases and cartridge cases.

b. Ammunition supply points receiving salvage will segregate fired ammunition from those rounds containing explosive, and clearly mark the packages before forwarding to the base ammunition depot.

c. No serviceable ammunition will be returned for salvage.

7. Reclamation Procedure for Fired Cartridge Cases. a. Above 20mm: These will be packed in fibre containers and in suitable boxes for return to the United States for the Chief of Ordnance, marked "Cartridge Cases Above 20mm". In the event that sufficient fibre containers are not available, they will be packed in such a way as to prevent damage in transit.

b. Under 20mm: These will be packed in suitable packing boxes for return to the United States for the Chief of Ordnance, marked "Small Arms Brass".

3146 - 8. Shipment of Captured Enemy Ammunition. - Shipment of limited quantities of captured ammunition to the United States (and within the theater prior to shipment to the United States) for intelligence, development or experimental purposes is subject to the following provisions:

a. Shipments will be made by the Commanding General, SOS, MATOUSA, or his authorized representative at the request of this headquarters. In addition, field representatives of this headquarters and senior special staff officers of the services concerned in the zone of combat are authorized to deliver to the nearest base section or other SOS, MATOUSA establishment for subsequent processing and shipment by that headquarters a maximum of five (5) specimens of new

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items not previously encountered. All requests for shipment of captured ammunition will be approved by the chief of the service concerned, this headquarters, and by (CENEC) AFHQ, before the Commanding General, SOS, MATOUSA, is requested to make shipments outside the theater.

b. The safety precautions for the handling of abandoned ammunition and explosives prescribed in paragraph 2, above, will be observed except that a maximum of five (5) samples of new items not previously encountered and which are not in original containers may be shipped, provided they are certified by a qualified officer as safe for shipment.

c. The Commanding General, SOS, MATOUSA, will prescribe the safety precautions, method of packing and shipping for each item concerned and will have each individual package certified by a competent officer as safe for shipment prior to loading for movement by common carrier.

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9. 90mm AA.

a. Change of Firing Instructions for Checking Length of Recoil-90mm AA. Reference is made to paragraph 11, page 9, Ordnance Field Service Technical Bulletin 1370-1, pertaining to adjusting the length of recoil for 90mm AA Recoil Mechanism M1 and M1A1.

- (1) Page 10, paragraph b, section III, said bulletin, states that after the throttling valve stop (A 14776) has been properly set according to available recoil data, the length of recoil should be checked by firing a round at 70° elevation.
- (2) Instructions will be issued immediately that the first check round be fired at 0° elevation and not at 70° elevation. This procedure is necessary because there is a possibility of obtaining excessive recoil at 70° elevation and causing considerable damage to the material.

b. Removal of Power Runners. Power runners may be removed from all 90mm AA Guns, M1 and M1A1, in this theater if so desired by the organization.

- (1) Power runners will not be removed from the 90mm AA Gun AA Gun T2M1 or M2.
- (2) Ordnance personnel will be solicited to assist in the removing of the power runners and accomplishing such adjustments as are necessary to place the piece in proper balance. Parts removed will be returned to stock through normal channels to Ordnance depots.

10. 57mm Gun M1.

c. Accidental Application of Hand Brakes on 57mm Gun M1 on Carriages, Gun, 57mm M1A1 and M1A2. - Because of the design and location of the hand brake lever on the 57mm gun carriage, it has been found that the brakes may become

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accidentally engaged when the weapon is towed through heavy underbrush.

- (1) The forward motion of the carriage through heavy growth produces a constant downward force on the hand brake operating lever. When further resistance by heavier components of the brush produces a force on the end of the hand brake operating lever sufficient to release the locking plunger, the downward force acting on the hand brake lever moves it to the on position and applies the brake.
- (2) A relocation of the hand brake levers on subject carriages is under consideration at the present time. Pending further action on this matter, organizations equipped with this material are instructed to take immediate precautions by prescribing frequent observation of the position of the hand brake lever when moving through brush, to avoid accidental application of brakes and resultant damage to the material.

b. Damaged Elevating Arcs on Gun Carriages. - Numerous instances have been noted by this headquarters wherein the bronze elevating arcs on the 57mm Gun Carriages and on the British 6-pounder Gun Carriages have been damaged by failure to adjust properly the cradle traveling locks. The heads of the pillow-block pins, which in the traveling position rest in the pillow-block pin sockets, are permitted to develop sufficient looseness so that, when the piece is towed, the motion between tipping and non-tipping parts of the carriage is transmitted directly to the elevating arc and worm. The strain so imposed on the elevating mechanism results in unnecessary wear and in early failure of the bronze elevating arc.

- (1) It is desired that all organizations equipped with the above weapons take immediate steps to check the adjustment of the cradle traveling locks and to correct the adjustment where necessary. Continuous checks will be made to insure that correct adjustment is maintained at all times.
- (2) The traveling locks are adjusted by means of jam nuts located on either side of the pillow-block housing and threaded to the pillow-block pins. The adjustment should be made so that the conical heads of the pillow-block pins seat firmly in the pillow-block pin sockets when the trails are locked in the traveling position. The adjustment should be checked by placing the piece in the traveling position and applying a force alternately upward and downward to the gun barrel near the muzzle end. If there is no perceptible movement between the tipping and non-tipping parts, the adjustment is satisfactory.

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11. 105mm Howitzers.

a. Damage by Retainer. - Commanders of units armed with 105mm Howitzers will instruct gun crews to examine the bore or fired cartridge case after each round is fired to insure that the retainer does not remain in the bore.

- (1) Howitzer tubes 105mm are failing at a high rate due to gouges and scars. Experience and preliminary investigations indicate

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that this condition is probably due to the propelling charge retainer coming loose from the cartridge case and lodging in the bore. The succeeding round apparently rides over the disk thereby causing damage. The gouges caused by this action, although not making a tube immediately unserviceable, will greatly reduce its life.

- (2) The retainer can be identified as a sheet metal disk approximately three inches in diameter which is normally secured to the primer housing in the base of the cartridge case by spring clip action.

b. 105mm Howitzer, Carriage, M3A1. - Relocation of the stops of the elevating rack of the 105mm Howitzer carriage M3A1 issued to airborne artillery and infantry cannon companies has been ordered by the Chief of Ordnance. The work will be completed at the earliest practicable date by Ordnance companies. This change will permit the Howitzer to be elevated to approximately 45°. Elevations up to 65° can be secured by digging in the trail or by raising the wheels. After a stop has been relocated, the following precautions will be observed by each unit affected.

- (1) The length of recoil should be observed when firing above 45° elevation. Recoil should not exceed thirty-two (32) inches or severe damage may result to the recoil mechanism.
- (2) At elevations above 45° the Howitzer may not completely return to battery, if cold, but can easily be pushed into battery by hand.
- (3) It will be necessary to dig a pit to provide clearance for the recoiling parts at elevation greater than 30°.
- (4) When firing at elevation above 50°, the breechblock may strike the handle on the elevating handwheel when the breech is opened. This condition may be avoided by turning the elevating handwheel one-half turn.
- (5) At elevations greater than 50°, the panoramic telescope cannot be used. Accurate elevations may be obtained by using the gunner's quadrant.
- (6) Zone 5 charge should not be used above 45° elevation. Zone 1, 2, 3, and 4 charges may be fired up to elevations of 65°.

12. Machine Gun, Cal. .50 M2.

a. Care. - Recent information received at this headquarters concerning excessive damage to Browning machine guns, caliber .50, M2, all types, has been traced to the fact that troops are assembling cocking lever pin A9303 into the bolt from the right-hand side. In some guns, due to a combination of tolerance, the gun can be fired in a partially locked position. When this occurs, very serious damages to the gun result.

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b. Effective immediately, all users of the subject gun under this command will exercise great care to insure that the cocking lever pin is assembled from the left-hand side as specified in related technical and training manuals.

13. Miscellaneous.

a. Damage to Inner Tube Bearing Rings on Height Finders M1 and M2. - Wear requiring fifth echelon overhaul of height finders is developing during overland transportation.

- (1) The height finder inner tube is supported by three sets of double roller bearings near each end of the outer tube. These rollers run in steel bearing ring races, press fitted on the inner tube. The instrument is very heavy and the constant bumping it gets while being transported by truck causes the roller bearings to make deep grooves across the ring race. This wear can be observed by ranging on a target and then using the fine elevation knob. If the field of view jumps roughly instead of moving smoothly, the bearing ring is probably in need of repair.
- (2) It has been found that this wear can be reduced substantially by using salvaged 300x16 jeep casings as a cushion for the carrying case on the truck. Four such casings are placed in a single line and the carrying case merely set on top and the porter bar roped or wired to one side of the truck.
- (3) It is desired that all antiaircraft organizations having height finders M1 or M2, mount the carrying cases as described in paragraph (2) above. This should help to eliminate a simple trouble which takes at least 200 man hours to correct.

b. Care of Artillery Gas Check Pads. - Consumption of gas check pads in this theater has been excessive. Gas check pads can be expected to last a minimum of 400 to 500 rounds if properly cleaned and carefully handled. Care must be exercised to prevent the pad becoming dented or scuffed. When removed from the obturator spindle, it should be wiped with a clean, oily rag. Gasoline or solvent, dry cleaning should never be used for cleaning. The gas check pad should not be soaked in oil as this will cause softness and deterioration.

c. Care of Fire Control Instruments. - Only authorized Ordnance maintenance personnel will disassemble watches, binoculars, or any other type of fire control instruments for adjustment or repair. Equipment of this type which has been submerged in water or is in need of repair should be delivered immediately to an Ordnance company so that necessary cleaning and repair may be made before rust or corrosion can set in to such an extent as to render the instrument unserviceable or unrepairable.

d. Artillery Gun Books.

- (1) It is the responsibility of artillery commanders to insure that gun books pertaining to artillery material within their command are maintained up-to-date in accordance with AR 45-30 and

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instructions contained on the flyleaf of the Artillery Gun Book 00, Form 5825. Combat statistics on artillery pieces are essential to the supply of adequate replacements and the improving of future designs.

- (2) The artillery gun book will always remain with the gun. Ordnance maintenance units, base shops, and depots have been directed to request that the gun book accompany the gun when it enters their shops. They are responsible for the proper entry of their work therein.
- (3) If the book is lost, a new gun book will be issued by the unit before transfer of the piece to any other organization. The organization transferring the piece should be able to enter more of the past history than the organization receiving the piece for the first time.
- (4) When a gun has been condemned, the authority for condemnation will be entered, signed, and dated by the condemning officer and the book forwarded to the Ordnance Officer, GSG, MATOUCA, for transmittal to the Chief of Ordnance. This includes guns condemned due to wear, accidents, or combat damage.
- (5) Additional instructions are contained on the flyleaf of each Artillery Gun Book 00, Form 5825, and will be rigidly adhered to.

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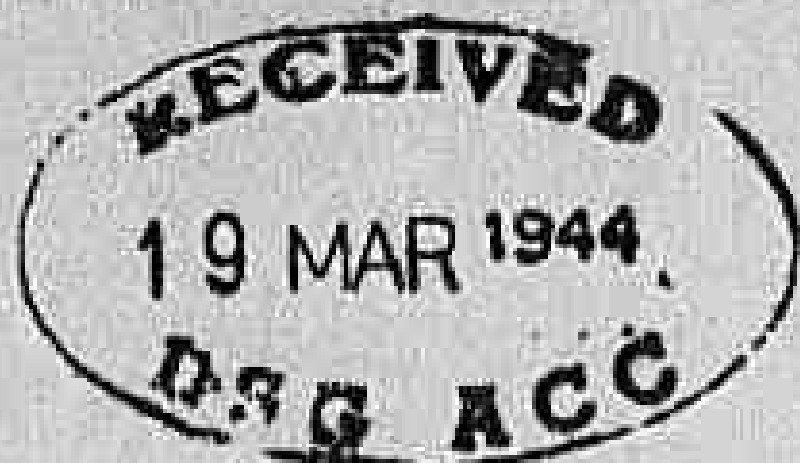
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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

The following circulars, this headquarters, 1943, are rescinded and the instructions below, together with War Department publications listed in Appendix "A", substituted therefor: Section I, Circular Number 60; Section III, Circular Number 103; Circular Number 126; Section II, Circular Number 152; Section III, Circular Number 216; Section I, Circular Number 243.

1. Authority to Award. a. Under the provisions of and subject to the limitations contained in paragraph 3, Section II, AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, the Theater Commander hereby delegates his authority to award United States military decorations as follows:

- (1) To Commanders of any force or command which is commanded by, or the appropriate command of, a Major General or higher: Silver Star, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal.
- (2) To Commanding Generals of Fifth Army, Seventh Army, and Army Air Forces, WFO: Distinguished Service Cross.
- (3) To Commanders of any force or command of the Army Air Forces, WFO commanded by, or the appropriate command of, a Major General or higher: Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal.
- (4) To the Commanding Generals of Fifth Army and Seventh Army: Air Medal to Field Artillery Liaison Pilots and Observers.
- (5) Commanding General, Fifth Army, may award the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Soldier's Medal, and Bronze Star Medal to members of the French Armed Forces under the circumstances set forth in paragraph 8c(3), AR 600-45.
- (6) Commanding General, Army Air Forces, WFO, may award the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal and Air Medal to members of the French Armed Forces under the circumstances set forth in paragraph 8c(3), AR 600-45.

b. Recommendations for awards both combat and non-combat to British personnel, all grades, will be forwarded to this headquarters for final decision.

c. The authority to award the Purple Heart is contained in paragraph 8, Section II, of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and to expedite the award it is further extended to include: commanders of combat teams, regiments, or similar

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units and of separate battalions; commanding officer of base sections; Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, Allied Force; United States Army medical officers on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces, and on the Theater Commander's staff; United States Army commanders of any hospital or medical installation, including regimental, battalion, or similar organization dressing stations. (See paragraph 10b).

2. Legion of Merit. - To provide a more comprehensive and uniform basis for the submission of recommendations for the Legion of Merit, the following instructions will apply:

a. The provision of AR 600-45 that:

"The accomplishment of the duty for which the award is recommended should have been completed, or it should have progressed to an exceptional degree if the person rendering the service has been transferred to other duties prior to its full accomplishment."

is interpreted as follows:

A recommendation for an award may be made regardless of the fact that the officer or enlisted man continues in the same position, if the accomplishment can properly be considered as completed in connection with one of the following phase lines:

The end of the Tunisian Campaign, May 13, 1943.
The end of the Sicilian Campaign, August 17, 1943.
The capture of the Volturno River line in the Italian Campaign, October 13, 1943.
(Other phase lines will be announced from time to time.)

This will not be construed as authority to recommend a second or subsequent award of the Legion of Merit for duty performed while the officer or enlisted man occupies the T/O position in which he performed the duties in which the original award was based.

b. Unless otherwise directed, at least 50% of all recommendations will be for enlisted men.

c. An allotment of a certain number of awards will be granted by this headquarters each three months, first period to end 31 May 1944, to all major commands (i.e. higher headquarters, armies, air forces, base sections, etc) in this theater. Such commands will in turn divide their allotment among those units serving under them. Due care will be exercised to see that a proper balance is maintained between units. Prior to the start of a three months period each command will be advised by letter from this headquarters of the number of awards allotted for the period. This number will be based on the strength of a command at the time of the allotment, the number of Legion of Merit awards previously granted to members of the command, and its operational functions. The allotment granted will also eliminate the present disparity which exists in the number of awards granted personnel of higher headquarters and those granted lower units. It is the Theater Commander's desire that the number of awards to personnel of lower units be increased.

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d. Once an allotment has been made by a command to a unit under it, it will not be changed by reason of reassignment or attachment of the unit to another command. However, units no longer under the headquarters which granted their allotment will transmit their recommendations through their present headquarters to the headquarters which made the grant. Direct correspondence between headquarters is authorized in this connection.

e. Recommendations may be forwarded as soon as an allotment is received, it being desirable for administrative reasons that the recommendations be spread over the period, and will contain a statement as to which allotment period they are for (i.e. For allotment period ending 31 May 1944).

f. The granting of an allotment to a command does not mean that each recommendation submitted to this headquarters as a part thereof will of necessity be approved, or that each command is required to furnish the number involved. If a unit does not fill its allotment in a particular period the unfilled part will be cancelled; it may not be transferred to another unit nor continued into the next allotment period. Unless each recommendation clearly shows the award to be justified, it will be returned disapproved and counted as part of the allotment. "Disapproved" recommendations will not be forwarded to this headquarters.

3. Bronze Star Medal. a. The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving on or after 7 December 1941, in any capacity in or with the Army of the United States, distinguishes or has distinguished himself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service in connection with military operations, not involving participation in aerial flight, against an enemy of the United States.

b. The Bronze Star Medal may be awarded for acts of gallantry or meritorious service either in actual combat or in direct support of combat operations. It provides a means for recognizing performance of duty beyond the ordinary but which is not sufficiently outstanding to warrant the award of a Silver Star or Legion of Merit. This medal should be used freely by the Infantry, with increasing restraint as the distance from the area of close combat increases, to recognize minor acts of heroism and courageous conduct in combat.

c. Awards will be announced in General Orders including name, Army serial number, grade, arm or service, organization, date(s), and the general geographic locality where action occurred for which the award is made only. Such orders are similar to those now used by the War Department in announcing award of Air Medals.

3142 4. Purple Heart. - Paragraph 16, AR 600-45, is construed to apply to one receiving a bona fide injury to any part of the body, sustained in action, directly resulting from an outside force (concussion, material or object set in motion), element (weather), or agent (fire, gas), in the face of the enemy, provided treatment by a medical officer is necessitated. Borderline cases will be forwarded to higher headquarters for final decision.

5. Air Medal. a. Field Artillery Liaison Pilots and Observers qualify for the award of the Air Medal only after completing the following prerequisites:

- (1) Thirty-five (35) sorties.
- (2) Any single meritorious act while participating in aerial flight.

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b. Definition of "sorties": A sortie is deemed to have taken place when a flight has been ordered which involves:

- (1) Adjustment of artillery fire on any enemy installation.
- (2) Surveillance of artillery fire on any enemy installation.
- (3) Registration of artillery fire in enemy territory.
- (4) Front line reconnaissance of at least one hour duration.
- (5) Any flight in which the airplane has been attacked by enemy aircraft.
- (6) Credit for only one sortie will be given regardless of any combination of the above missions which may be accomplished on any one flight.
- (7) Credit for sorties will be given only when every effort for the success of the mission has been made. Such credits will be specified and approved by the battalion, group, brigade, division, corps, or army artillery commanders.

6. Awards to Units. - In addition to the provisions of Circular Number 333, War Department, 1943, the following procedure is prescribed:

a. A company, battalion (air force squadron or group), or similar unit which is cited by the commander of a division, or of a comparable organization, will be entitled to a battle streamer upon approval of the citation by the Theater Commander, Army Commander, or Commanding General, Army Air Forces, MTO. Such approved citations will automatically be confirmed by the War Department and published in War Department General Orders. Upon approval of the citation by the Army Commander or Commanding General, Army Air Forces, MTO, a request will be submitted to this headquarters to have citation published in War Department orders to which there will be attached two (2) official copies of the citation.

b. Any unit larger than a battalion, or group, which is cited by the commanding officer of the next higher unit, will become entitled to a streamer only when the citation is approved by the War Department and published in War Department General Orders.

7. Battle Participation Awards. a. A list of battles and campaigns in this theater recognized by the War Department has been published in General Orders Numbers 75 and 83, War Department, 1943.

b. A list of units entitled to battle honors, together with the campaigns for which such awards are authorized, has been published in secret letter, this headquarters, dated 23 December 1943, file AG 200.6/233 P-O, subject: "Battle Participation Awards", as amended by secret letters this headquarters, dated 10 January 1944 and 17 February 1944, same file and subject. As units become entitled to battle honors by virtue of participation in operations, this list will be amended to include such units. Units omitted from any list published by this headquarters announcing battle honors, which are entitled to such honors under the provisions of AR 230-4 and as outlined herein, may be included by making application to this headquarters through channels.

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c. Streamers to indicate service in this theater, which are attached to the staffs of colors or standards, will bear the names and dates of campaigns or battles for participation in which the unit is entitled to battle honors. See Change 13, AR 200-10.

d. This headquarters will authorize battle honors, after careful study of official reports; for certain units not entitled to such honors for any designated campaign, who qualify under any of the items "antisubmarine", "ground combat" or "air combat" now listed without reference to combat zone, time limitations, or units in the general orders and publication referred to in paragraphs a and b, above. These items are to cover actual participation in combat against the enemy in areas or at times which, by reasonable interpretation, are definitely distinct from and cannot be associated with any of the named battles or campaigns.

e. Individuals who are eligible to wear the appropriate theater service ribbon may wear bronze service stars on the appropriate theater service ribbon to indicate battle participation (see Circular 32, WD, 1944).

- (1) Provided the individual served honorably, in the combat zone, as a member of a unit, or attached to a unit at some time during the period in which the unit participated in battle and was awarded credit therefor under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 200-10; or
- (2) In cases of individuals not members of or attached to units, provided the individual is awarded a combat decoration or served honorably under competent orders in the combat zone at some time between the limiting dates of the battle or campaign as established by War Department General Orders. (See Circular 32)

2. Combat and Expert Infantryman Badges. - The following requirements are prescribed in addition to those outlined in War Department Circular Number 289, dated 27 October 1943.

a. Combat Infantryman Badge. - To qualify for this badge under the provisions of paragraph 3a of War Department Circular Number 289, 1943, an individual whose basic branch is Infantry must satisfactorily perform duty in action against the enemy in one of the following, which are hereby announced as major operations as distinguished from campaigns announced in War Department General Orders Number 75 and 93, 1943.

3141 - (1) Algeria - French Morocco.

- (a) Combat Zone - Algeria, French Morocco, and adjacent waters.
- (b) Time Limitation - 8 to 11 November 1942.

(2) Tunisia.

- (a) Combat Zone - Tunisia and Algeria east of a north-south line through Constantine, and adjacent waters.

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(b) Time limitation - 8 November 1942 (air), 17 November 1942 (ground) to 15 May 1943.

(3) Sicily.

(a) Combat zone - Sicily and adjacent waters.

(b) Time limitation - 14 May 1943 (air), 9 July 1943 (ground) to 17 August 1943.

(4) Italy.

(a) Combat zone - Italy (exclusive of Sicily and Sardinia), Corsica, and adjacent waters.

(b) Time limitations - 18 August 1943 (air), 9 September 1943 (ground). Final date to be announced later.

b. Expert Infantryman Badge. - In addition to the method prescribed in War Department Circular Number 322, 1943, this badge may be awarded for satisfactory performance of duty in any action against the enemy not necessarily those listed above.

c. Eligibility. - It is emphasized that these awards are for Infantry personnel only, that they will not be awarded indiscriminately, and that they must be clearly earned.

d. Former Members of Unit. - Action will be taken by units to determine whether any of their former members are entitled to either award. Regimental and similar commanders will have published in orders the names of former members, deemed to have qualified, and will mail two (2) copies to each recipient, through channels, with the request that his present commander secure the necessary emblem and present it to him.

9. Recommendations. a. Recommendations for all awards which must be acted upon by the Theater Commander, together with supporting papers, will be forwarded so as to reach this headquarters in duplicate.

b. Particular emphasis should be placed on the recommendation, and the facts contained therein, with the accompanying citation being a concise summary of the recommendation.

c. Each recommendation will indicate all previous awards made to the individual or unit, including designation of the headquarters and general order number announcing the award. If the recommendation is being resubmitted, that fact will be shown.

d. Recommendations will be submitted in a manner similar to that shown on the Model Form, Appendix "B", and forwarded through proper command channels. Each commander will personally sign the recommendation, indicating his recommended approval or disapproval. Grade and assignment at the time service was rendered as well as the grade and assignment at the time recommendation is made must be shown.

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10. Publication in Orders. a. Paragraph 4, Section I, AR 600-15, directs that awards of decorations made by authorized commanders be announced in general orders of their commands. Such announcement will include name, army serial number, grade, arm or service, organization, date(s), and the general geographic locality where the action occurred for which the award is made. The home address, address at the time of entry into the service, or entry into the United States Military Academy will be shown. In cases of posthumous, missing in action or prisoner of war awards, the full name, relationship, and address of the next of kin will be included in the general orders.

b. The above instructions are also applicable to the general orders announcing the award of the Purple Heart. For suggested form see Appendix "C".

c. The Commanding General of the command will establish pertinent policies concerning the type of information which should be omitted from the citation as published in general orders and furnished the individual. Copies of the general orders furnished this headquarters and the War Department will contain all of the information required in subparagraph a, above.

d. General orders will be classified RESTRICTED, and in addition to the copies required by the War Department, one (1) copy of all general orders will be furnished this headquarters, marked: "Attention, Personnel Division, AG Section. The copies for the War Department will be forwarded promptly direct to The Adjutant General, Attention: Decorations and Awards Branch, Munitions Building, Washington 25, D. C.

e. The individual may be furnished official copies of the citation which will contain no more information than was published in the general orders. These official copies will not be classified. It is not necessary to prepare letter orders. A copy of the citation to the individual will suffice.

f. Medal numbers will not be published.

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g. Awards of decorations, other than the Purple Heart, to United States soldiers of Italian extraction will be reported to this headquarters by air mail.

h. Two copies of citations awarding decorations to members of the French forces will be forwarded to this headquarters by separate letter.

11. Presentation. a. As prompt recognition of services increases the value of awards, every effort will be made to expedite their presentation.

3149 b. No request to present a decoration awarded to any individual posthumously, missing in action, or prisoner of war will be sent to The Adjutant General or other headquarters, and under no circumstances will medals be forwarded. The War Department will make presentation to the next of kin upon receipt of general orders announcing such awards. No report of presentation is necessary.

c. Should an individual to whom an award has been made depart prior to presentation, a report will be forwarded without delay, setting forth all pertinent facts and requesting that presentation be made. A copy of the general orders announcing the award will be inclosed. If the recipient's new location is known and is within this theater, direct correspondence is authorized. No medal will be forwarded, nor will any medal be engraved, when it appears that that specific medal will not be presented.

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12. Awards to Be Noted in Records. a. Awards of decorations and dates and places of presentation will be noted in the historical records of organizations, and in the service record of enlisted men, and for all others on VD AGO Form No. 66-1 (Officer's and Warrant Officer's Qualification Card), in appropriate personnel files and efficiency records. This will include entries pertaining to eligibility of individuals to wear appropriate Service Medals, Bronze Battle Stars, Bronze Star for the American Defense Service Medal, Expert and Combat Infantryman Badges, Distinguished Unit Badge, and all other badges. Unit commanders will cause a check to be made of such records to see that necessary entries are made for those men now present in their organization who are entitled to one or more battle stars for service rendered while a member of that or another organization.

b. The Purple Heart will be presented immediately after eligibility has been determined. In cases where the individual's personnel records are not available, entry of the award will be made on his Emergency Medical Tag or Report Card (VD MD Form No. 52). The award will be announced in general orders and in addition to the distribution required in paragraph 11, above, one copy will be furnished the individual and the individual's unit commander.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

DAVID G. BARR,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:


H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

3 Incls:

- Incl. 1 - Appendix "A", List of AR's, VD Bulletins and Circulars.
- Incl. 2 - Appendix "B", Model form of Recommendation for Award.
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The following Army Regulations, War Department Bulletins and Circulars will govern in appropriate instances until amended or rescinded by the War Department:

AR	Date	Subject
260-10	20 Nov 1931 (w/14 changes)	Flags, Colors, Standards, and Guidon - Description and Use.
600-55	10 Nov 1941 (w/28 changes)	Prescribed Service Uniform.
600-40	28 Aug 1941 (w/30 changes)	Wearing of Service Uniform.
600-45	22 Sept 1943	Decorations.
600-55	30 June 1928	Commendation for Exceptionally Meritorious Conduct.
600-65	29 Nov 1928 (w/1 change)	Award and Supply of Service Medals, Except Initial Supply of Victory Medal.
600-68	4 May 1943	Good Conduct Medal.
600-65	26 July 1940	Purpose and Supply of Service Ribbons, Bronze Stars, Miniatures, Lapel Buttons.
600-90	26 June 1943 (w/1 change)	Manufacture, Sale, Possession, and Wearing of Decorations, Medals, Lapel Buttons, Bars, Badges, Service Ribbons, Insignia.

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WD Circulars	Section	Date	Subject
44	I	1942	American Defense Service Medal - Award and Supply.
104	III	1942	American Defense Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon.
160	V	1942	Award of Decorations.
248	II	1942	Motor Vehicle Driver and Mechanic Award.
323	III	1942	Sale and Wear of Insignia, Decorations, Medals and Badges.
359	III, IV	1942	American Defense Service Medal - Award and Supply; Army of Occupation of Germany Medal - Award and Supply.
1		1943	Compass Medals for Current War.
6	IV	1943	Medals, Ribbons, Distinctive Patches, Badges, Chevrons, and Appurtenances.
119	I	1943	Motor Vehicle Driver and Mechanic Award.
156	II	1943	Bronze Stars, American Defense Service Medal.
224	I	1943	Wound and War Service Chevron, Medals
269	I	1943	Combat Infantryman and Expert Infantryman Badges.
313	II	1943	Lapel Button for Honorably Discharged Military Personnel.
322		1943	Standards for Expert Infantryman Badge.
333	IV	1943	Instructions Governing Unit Citations and Awards.
14	II	1944	Badge - Standards for Expert Infantryman.
26	III	1944	Animal or Fowl in General Orders.
27		1944	American Defense Service Medal and Ribbon.
36	II	1944	Good Conduct Medal - Women's Army Corps.
62		1944	Campaign Medals for Current War.
140	V	1944	Guidon for WAC Detachments
74	V	1944	Lapel Button for Personnel

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<u>WD Bulletins</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
40		1942	Officers and enlisted men of armed forces of the U. S. authorized to accept decorations, etc., tendered them by governments of belligerent nations or other American republics and creation of decoration to be known as "Legion of Merit" and "Medal for Merit".
3186 6	II	1943	Amendment of Executive Order No. 3000, of 20 June 1941, establishing Good Conduct Medal.
9	II, III	1943	Medal for Merit, Establishment, Regulation: Governing Medal for Merit.
17	II	1943	Women's Army Corps Service Medal.
22	I	1943	Battle Honors.
3	II	1944	Bronze Star Medal.

<u>WD Letter</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
AG 200.6 (20 Oct 43) OB-I-A-MB-A	20 October 1943	Battle Participation Award

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Date _____

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award.

TO :

1. Under the provisions of _____ it is recommended that _____ NAME
ASN _____, GRADE _____, ARM OR SERVICE _____, ORGANIZATION _____
(Including staff section if on duty with a headquarters), be awarded the _____
(appropriate award - see reverse side) _____, for _____
(appropriate remark - see reverse side) _____.

2. Complete description of action: In case of service awards such as Legion of Merit, a complete description of service rendered in detail should be listed. In recommendation for other awards, a detailed and factual description of the incident is of utmost importance. Do not use general statements. The most common error in recommendations is that they do not contain enough detail.

3. In recommendations for combat decorations, specific information should be included as nearly as is reasonably possible, regarding each of the following (using operations, maps, narrative statement, or any other convenient form):

- Character of the terrain, of hostile observations, and of enemy fire.
- Visibility, time of day, and atmospheric conditions.
- Location of enemy.
- Morale, that of our forces and that of the enemy.
- Casualties sustained.
- Effect or results of deed in question, etc.

(Not applicable to Legion of Merit)

4. Statement as to personal knowledge of the initiating officer. If he has no personal knowledge of the incident or service rendered, two affidavits from eye-witnesses or persons having knowledge must be inclosed.

5. Each basic recommendation for the award of a decoration will show the exact status of the person who is being recommended at the time of rendition by him of the service upon which the recommendation is based. Grade and assignment at the time of this incident or at the time service was rendered as well as the grade and assignment at the time recommendation is made.

6. Statement that entire subsequent service of individual since performance of act cited has been honorable. In case of Distinguished Service Medal or Legion of Merit recommendation, statement that the individual has completed his service in the position, or that it was substantially complete at time he was transferred to other duty should be added.

7. List of previous awards to include general order number and headquarters of issue.

8. Proposed Citation, which will include: a. Name, ASN, Arm or Service, Grade, Organization, period of time (inclusive dates) of service rendered, and the general or specific locality or campaign.

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b. A condensation of the letter of recommendation including all pertinent facts upon which award is based. When an award is made, only the citation is published in orders; therefore, a resume of the act or service rendered must be in sufficient detail to justify the award.

c. The last sentence will include the individual's home town and state at time of enlistment, induction, entry into West Point, or present home address. (In cases of Posthumous, Missing in Action, or Prisoner of War awards, include name and relationship of nearest relative, house number, street or rural route, city and state.

(Forward through proper command channels. Each commander will personally sign the recommendation, indicating his recommended approval or disapproval)

NAME

GRADE & ORGANIZATION

COMMANDING OR OFFICIAL DESIGNATION

* * * * *

MEDAL OF HONOR: Conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life, above and beyond call of duty, in action involving actual conflict.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS: Extraordinary heroism in action.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL: Exceptionally meritorious service in duty of great responsibility.

LEGION OF MERIT (in four degrees): For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services.

1. Chief Commander
2. Commander
3. Officer
4. Legionnaire

LEGION OF MERIT (without degree): For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services.

SILVER STAR: Gallantry in action.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS: Heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flights.

SOLDIER'S MEDAL: Heroism not involving actual conflict.

BRONZE STAR: Heroic or meritorious achievement or service in action not involving participation in aerial flights.

PURPLE HEART: Wounded in action, or as a direct result of enemy action.

AIR MEDAL: Meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights.

MEDAL FOR MERIT (civilian award): Exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services or an exceptionally meritorious act in furtherance of the war effort.

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL: Demonstrated fidelity by faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency, and behavior deserving emulation completing one year's service as an EM of AUS, after 7 December 1941, or three years after 27 August 1940.

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AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

JOHN J. DOE (00000000), Capt, FA, Service Battery, 21st Armored Field Artillery Battalion, Italy, 14 December 1943. Entered service from Norfolk, Va.

GEORGE T. BROWN (00000000), Pvt, Inf, Company A, 17th Infantry, Sicily, 15 August 1943. Entered service from Newark, New Jersey.

WILLIAM S. GREEN (00000000), Pfc, FA, Battery B, 13th Armored Regiment, Tunisia, 13 May 1943. Entered service from Atlanta, Georgia.

JOHN L. SMITH (00000000), Pfc, FA, Battery A, 79th Field Artillery Battalion, Corsica, 14 November 1943. Entered service from New York, New York.

JEROME W. BROWN (00000000), Pfc, FA, Company C, 30th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Italy, 15 December 1943. Entered service from Syracuse, New York.

By command of Major General BUTLER:

OFFICIAL:

HENRY B. CLARK,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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W. L. WALLACE,
Lt Colonel, AGC,
Adjutant General.

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1 March 1944

Uniforms and Insignia I
Use of General Purpose Grease II

I -- UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA

Section III, Circular Number 85; Circular Number 109; Section I, Circular Number 117; Section II, Circular Number 146; and Section II, Circular Number 192, all this headquarters, 1943, are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

1. The wearing of the uniform in this theater will be governed as follows:

a. For officers, warrant officers, flight officers and enlisted men of the Army of the United States as prescribed in AR 600-35 and 600-40.

b. For nurses, physical therapy aides and hospital dieticians as prescribed in AR 600-37.

c. For officers and enlisted women of the Women's Army Corps as prescribed in AR 600-39.

d. For civilian employees having a status recognized by the War Department as part of the United States Armed Forces as prescribed in AR 600-35 and AR 600-40. The Commanding General, SOS, NATOUSA will furnish emblems, sleeve, combatant or non-combatant, in duplicate, to such civilian employees upon receipt of requisition submitted through normal supply channels.

2. The wearing of the following articles by members of the Army of the United States in this theater is prohibited:

a. Service hat (campaign hat).

3136 b. Cloth belt, officer's style, on service coats by enlisted men.

c. Service cap by enlisted men.

d. Miniature insignia except by general officers.

e. Civilian clothing, except when dressed for exercise, which does not include walking or riding.

f. Any articles of uniform of a foreign nation except in an emergency.

g. Combinations of various articles of the uniform other than as prescribed in appropriate Army Regulations.

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3. The type of uniform worn will be prescribed by the Commanding Generals, Fifth Army, Seventh Army, Army Air Forces, MTO, and SOS, NATOUSA for all troops under their commands.

4. The wearing of shoulder sleeve insignia in accordance with AR 600-40 by personnel of units assigned to this theater is authorized unless prohibited by this headquarters or Task Force commanders in operational procedures. Military personnel, while patients in hospitals or while awaiting reassignment in personnel centers, may wear the shoulder sleeve insignia of the unit to which last assigned.

II -- USE OF GENERAL PURPOSE GREASE

1. Present consumption and demand for General Purpose Grease No. 2 (USA Spec. 2-108) indicates that this wheel bearing lubricant is being used for purposes not officially authorized or required. Check in several areas reveals that General Purpose Grease No. 2 is being used for chassis lubrication where General Purpose Grease No. 1 is specified. This is contrary to the basic instructions contained in Field and Technical Manuals and War Department Lubrication Guides, and will be discontinued at once.

2. War Department Circular Number 211, dated 14 September 1943, lists the publications covering information on the lubrication of Ordnance materiel. General Purpose Grease No. 2 will be used only on those points for which the symbol WB 2 appears on the lubrication guide or diagram.

3. Any unusual conditions or inadequacy of present lubricants or specified methods will be reported to Commanding General, SOS, NATOUSA with complete details and recommendations.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

DAVID G. BARR,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:


R. W. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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26 February 1944

Reorganization and Redesignation of Units.....I
Off Duty Association of Officers and Enlisted Personnel.....II
Utilization of Women's Army Corps Personnel.....III

I - REORGANIZATION AND REDESIGNATION OF UNITS

Section II, Circular Number 204 and Section I, Circular Number 246, both this headquarters, 1943, are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

1. All units in this theater will reorganize immediately upon receipt of new T/O and E pertaining thereto and any subsequently published changes therefor, as they are received by the commanders concerned, without further directive from this headquarters. Exceptions to this policy are authorized pursuant to paragraph 2, letter The Adjutant General, file AG 320.2 (31 Jul 43) IE-A-M-C, 20 August 1943, Subject: "Utilization of Personnel". In exercising such exceptions, commanders authorizing same will report to this headquarters units not reorganized and reasons therefor, pursuant to above cited authority, and the approximate date that reorganization can and will be accomplished, if known. It will be the responsibility of the commander to whose command a unit affected by change in T/O is assigned to insure that reorganization or adoption of changes is executed.

2. All equipment not specifically authorized by the new T/O and E will be turned into the nearest base section depot immediately upon reorganization. This will include any equipment which may have been specifically authorized at any time in various headquarters in the United States, United Kingdom, this theater or any other theater of operations.

3. All personnel rendered excess by reorganization will be transferred to the nearest personnel center.

4. Notification of dates and places of reorganization, including specific T/O and E, with changes and date of T/O and E will be rendered to this headquarters immediately upon reorganization. Five (5) copies of the accomplishing orders will be forwarded this headquarters and ten (10) copies forwarded to the Commanding General, SCS MATOUSA.

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5. a. Upon reorganization, rosters will be forwarded as required by AR 345-900.

b. The appropriate date (see paragraph 18, AR 345-800) will be entered in the morning report of each unit concerned, in accordance with Section III, AR 345-400 as modified by letter this headquarters, AG 330.33/100-S, subject: "Adoption of New Morning Report", dated 29 July 1943.

II - OFF DUTY ASSOCIATION OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL

The customs of the service relative to off-duty association of officers and enlisted personnel apply equally to male and female personnel. See paragraph 2c, Circular Number 289, War Department, 1943, and paragraph 34, FM 21-50. Immediate commanders may make exceptions to this policy in cases of relatives or fiances/fiancées, in which cases specific letters of authorization shall be issued to, and carried by, the personnel concerned.

III - UTILIZATION OF WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS PERSONNEL

1. Circular Number 205, this headquarters, 1943, is rescinded.
2. Current instructions on this subject are contained in Circular Number 289, War Department, 1943.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

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